

# NATIVITY NEWS

## Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,  
Detroit, MI 48213

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

#### **Nativity:**

Sunday 9:30 AM

#### **St. Charles:**

Sunday 11:30 AM



**December 24, 2024**

**Christmas Eve**

**December 25, 2024**

**Christmas Day**



*"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

December 18, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I make my final preparations to celebrate the birth of Christ the Lord this year, I remember that every year the celebration of Christmas provides us with a new opportunity to give over our whole selves to the joy of God's love for us. He wants nothing more deeply than to enter into the center of our lives and to give us the peace, love and joy that can only come from Him. Only in Him will we ever find the true fulfillment that every one of us searches for, and yet so often we hesitate, hold back and refrain from giving ourselves to Him. Why? The biggest reason is because we are afraid, and that is the irony. We are afraid to give ourselves to the very person who comes to take away our fear.

That's why he came as the humble Christ Child, Pure, Innocent, Nonthreatening, Radiant, Attractive. He came in a lowly manger to proclaim that there is nothing to fear. He came for all of us. He came for You.

So why not start again right now, or maybe for the first time ever, giving your life to Jesus the Lord who loves and saves you. It is ok to bring with you all your difficult questions and doubts. Jesus wants to help you answer and overcome them all. Moreover, He is the only one with the power to do so. Therefore, let's not worry about our past mistakes. Instead, let's trust in God's love and mercy, and open ourselves up to the treasures God has waiting for us in a personal relationship with him. Our entire Catholic faith and practice provides ways for us to encounter God and His Love for us. This Christmas, I encourage you to embrace more fully your Catholic faith and open your heart to make a home for Jesus that you may find your true and eternal home in Him.

May God Bless you and all your loved ones this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

Peace and Love in Christ,

Fr. Chris

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Christmas Eve**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 9:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Today is born Our Savior,  
Christ the Lord.*

**Second Reading:**

Titus 2:11-14

*Gospel Acclamation*

**Gospel Reading:**

*Luke 2:1-14*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Christmas Day**

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 62:6-12

**Responsorial Psalm**

*A light will shine on us this  
day: the Lord is born for  
us.*

**Second Reading:**

Titus 3:4-7

*Gospel Acclamation*

**Gospel Reading:**

Luke 2:15-20

**WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!**



*How Do I Join Nativity Parish?*

If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the Parish Office at 313-922-0033 or complete a registration form available in the back of church and drop it in the collection basket.

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or religious education programs?

Contact Joni Scott Director of Formation at the Parish House at 313-922-0033.



**WHAT'S HAPPENING**  
**NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

**There is no Holy Hour or Thursday Mass this week or January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.**

The chapel within St Bonaventure happily welcomes all for weekday Mass, especially when we aren't having one.

7:30AM Daily Mass

**FAMILY OF PARISHES**  
**Schedule For New Years**

**New Years Eve**

9:00PM Sacred Heart

11:00PM St. Charles

**New Years Day: The Solemnity of Mary**

9:00AM Sacred Heart

10:00AM St. Augustine/St. Monica

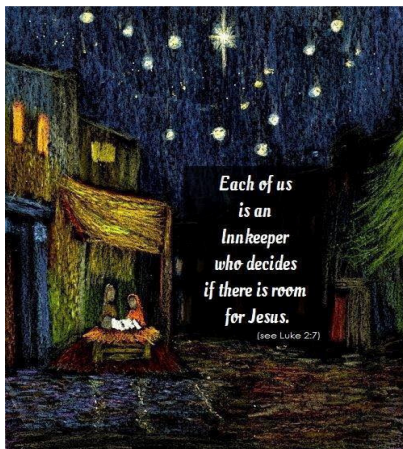
***The Parish Office is closed until January 6<sup>th</sup>. Phone messages will be checked daily, so please leave a message if you need something.***

**SUPER RAFFLE**

If you mail in forms for tickets and your envelope is post marked by December 31<sup>st</sup> you will be in the first drawing which is January 1<sup>st</sup>. We still have over 300 tickets to sell. So, it's not too late.

***Offertory Envelopes, 2025:*** Please pick up your envelopes on the way out today.

If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive them, we can provide them for you. If you give electronically, we can assign an envelope number to you without a physical set. Please do not use envelopes if you make your contribution online. If you have questions, please contact Anne, in the office, (313) 922-0033.



**WE PRAY FOR GOD'S**  
**HEALING FOR**

Mary Jane Accavitti, Frank Accavitti, Jr., Brandon Adams, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Michele Bezel, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Aaron Cole, Erin Cronin, Teri DeHem, John Deisinger, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Clarence Lewis, Olga Ludwick, Deborah Marshall, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Melvin & Theresa McCoy, Jennifer Mondalek, Richard Morecki, Gail Northcutt, Allan Patterson, Helen & Keith Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Phil Scamihorn, Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim Singer, Sheila Starke, John Stuart, Marianne Szymanski, Jim Turnbull, Sr. Jolene, Barron Scott's mom, Vicky, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, the Benigni and Chida Families, the Gracey Family, and Mia Halthon-Jones' mother-in-law, Victoria, and all those who need our prayers. **(Please notify Anne Crowe at the Parish Office when a name should be removed from this list.)**



**A PRAYER FOR HEALING**

*Lord, you are the source of health and healing. In you there is calm and true peace. In pain, anxiety or fear, teach us to yield ourselves to your care knowing that your love and power surround us to give us health and strength through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*

**On the Rise Bakery Cafe**

**NEW LOCATION**

At the Solanus Casey Center

1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9:30AM to 4:00PM

**GLUTEN FREE TREATS AVAILABLE ALSO**

**REMINDERS:**

The Live-stream 9:30 Sunday Mass is on the Parish Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit>  
Sunday Mass can also be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@NativityofOurLord-cm8we>  
Church Library: Feel free to take and use books and other resources available in the back of the church.  
Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcome. The jug is located in the front of the church.  
Parish Website: <https://www.nativitydetroit.org>  
Parish Instagram Page: [https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch\\_detroit/](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/)



**DONATE HERE** or go to the giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

*MASS Intentions*

**Christmas Eve 5:00PM**  
The Nativity Family

**Christmas Day 9:30AM**  
Peace on Earth

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

- 12-24:** Nikki Woodfork
- 12-25:** Anthony Sierengowski
- 12-26:** Martel Stephens
- 12-30:** Ned Impastato and Dolores Kein



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

- 12-27:** John & Gail Urso,
- 12-29:** Wendy & Michael Kent,
- 12-30:** Karl & Roseanne Schwartz

**If you are a registered member of the parish and your birthday or anniversary isn't listed, please let us know.**

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Hermenia Adams

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Mashauna Adams

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Sr. Ellen Burkhardt

Chris McLaughlin

Jerry Burns

Kim Milligan

Tish Colett

Mark Miller

Maura Corrigan

Sharon Mudloff

Linda Cunningham

Charvala Wheeler

**Nativity's Mission Statement**

*Nativity is a diverse and inclusive Catholic Faith Community on Detroit's Eastside dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and sharing God's love through a commitment to social justice, and service to the neighborhood, the community, and each other.*