

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



January 12, 2025



A REFLECTION FROM FRAN

Two weeks ago when I wrote the weekly Reflection, Mary and Joseph had found twelve-year-old Jesus learning and preaching in the temple in Jerusalem. The family returned to Nazareth where they lived in a small village with extended family and friends and neighbors. Presumably Jesus spent the next eighteen years doing what young people do as they grow up and become adult members of their families and participants in their communities. We can certainly imagine that Jesus studied, made friends, learned the trade of carpentry from his father, attended the Temple, helped at home and learned the values and customs of his family. We can also assume that Jesus developed great communication and leadership skills during this time of growing into adulthood, but there is nothing in Scripture to indicate that Jesus was viewed as extraordinary in Nazareth. He was not a celebrity or superstar. I like to think that if his friends were asked about what kind of person He was, they would say He was a really good person: kind, and caring, the kind of person you want to spend time with and who you can depend on if you need anything.

When God the Father sent his son, Jesus, to our earth to demonstrate how much He loves us, He sent Him as a baby who was fully God and fully human. Being fully human, with all that it implies, was a brand new experience for Jesus. Like us, he had everything to learn on His journey to adulthood. Psychologists tell us that twenty-eight is now the age when adolescence is officially over and adulthood begins. It takes that many years for us to mature into adults presuming that we have had good support systems in the growing up process. Jesus had the same learning curve each of us had when we were born, but He had the added complication of integrating His humanity with His divinity. It is impossible for me to imagine the complexity for Jesus because there was no precedent for Him to rely on and there was no way He could be fully human without experiencing the range of human emotions, the successes and failures, and the joys and sorrows of life we experience. Jesus' adult life is a testimonial to the success of his efforts to embrace being God while at the same time being fully human.

This weekend we remember the Baptism of Jesus. On this occasion, God proclaims, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Among other things, this is the proud Father God and Holy Spirit praising Jesus for His hard work integrating His divinity and humanity so that we can see and hear and believe Jesus when He tells us about the good news of His Father's love for us.

Fr. Luis Espinol, S.J. says that Jesus is the definitive smile for humankind. Isn't that a great image! Jesus, we thank you for being willing to become human like us. We thank you for loving us as you do, and we thank you for the hope you give us as 'our smile.'

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Sunday, The Baptism of the Lord, January 12th: 9:30 AM
Mass live streamed.

Monday, January 13th: 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside
Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's
reading. Please email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com or
Hermenia Adams @Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the
Zoom link].

Tuesday, January 14th: Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM.

Wednesday, January 15th: SS. A/M 8 AM Holy Hour and 9
AM Mass, Presider: Fr. Chris Talbot,
[Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott
@ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link].

Thursday, January 16th: 8:00 AM Holy Hour 9:00AM
Mass. (In the Rectory).

Friday, January 17th: [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the
rectory].

Saturday, January 18th: [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass].

Sunday, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 19th:
9:30 AM Mass live streamed.

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 the church
and drop it in the collection basket.

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or
religious education programs? Contact Joseph Taylor at
the Parish House at 313-922-0033.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm

O bless the Lord, my soul.

Second Reading:

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel Reading:

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm

*Proclaim his marvelous
deeds to all the nations.*

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel Reading:

John 2:1-11

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of our Lord. In today's Gospel, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought He might be the Messiah. "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. "After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus' identity was revealed after His baptism. How does our identity change through our baptism? Jesus was praying when heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. How have you experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire that Jesus made available?

Reference: [Luke 3:15-16, 21-22](#)

COMMON PRAYER

The **Sisters of Mercy** living at the former St. Suzanne Parish Rectory invite you to prepare for the **inauguration** of the 47th President of the United States of America, in the shadow of **Martin Luther King, Jr.'s holiday**, by joining fellow citizens in a **common prayer for our country and its peoples**. Please extend the invitation to friends and family.

Sunday, January 19, 2025
4:00 p.m.

St. Suzanne Our Lady Gate of Heaven Church
19321 West Chicago*
Detroit, Michigan

*USE CHURCH PARKING LOT OFF WESTWOOD STREET,
ENTER BY EITHER OF THE TWO SIDE DOORS.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

HELP NEEDED

January 12th, is the official end of the Christmas Season. Unfortunately that means the Christmas Decorations come down. Any help after Mass will be greatly appreciated.

Food Pantry

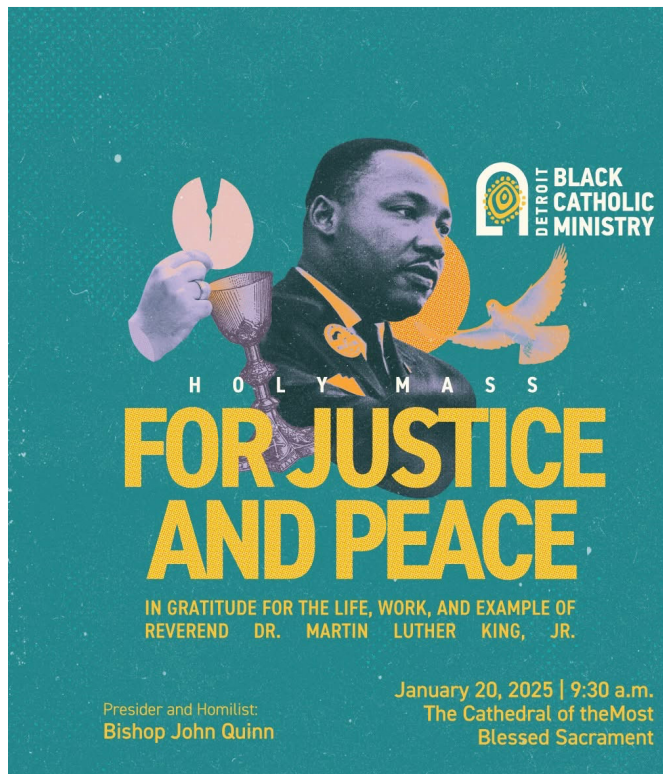
We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week, we need Cereal, Tuna fish, and Pork & Beans. Many thanks for your generosity!

SUPER RAFFLE

It is not too late to get a Super Raffle ticket. There are 51 drawings left. We still have just fewer than 300 tickets to sell.

Printed 2024 Contribution Statements

If you would like to receive a contribution statement for taxes, please sign up on the sheet on the music stand in front of church. Only those who sign-up will receive a statement.



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.)**



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. Amen

On the Rise Bakery Cafe

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/



[DONATE HERE](#) or go to the giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

MASS Intentions

Baptism of the Lord

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Trudy Shiemke (The Nativity Family)

Fr. Dan Trapp (The Nativity Family)

Frank Wieckowski (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Anthony & Dorothy Krowicki (Kathy Mette)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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JoAnn Novara Liuzzo (Jim & Cookie Kulchy)

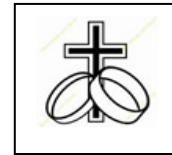
Roger Pitts (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Tom Benigni (Class of '64)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

01-12: Jarel Adams

01-13: Geoff Shahady and Delores Susko



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Fr. Christopher Talbot, Moderator- Priest in Solidum

Fr. David Preuss, Priest in Solidum

Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum

Deacon John Wright

Joseph Taylor, Pastoral Minister Coordinator

Anne Crowe, Parish Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams

Mashauna Adams

Sr. Ellen Burkhardt

Jerry Burns

Tish Colett

Maura Corrigan

Linda Cunningham

Norma Danzie

Willie Lewis

Chris McLaughlin

Kim Milligan

Mark Miller

Sharon Mudloff

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.