

# 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 19, 2025  
2nd Second in  
Ordinary Time



## A CUP OF JOE

The readings this Sunday are about unity and marriage. In the first reading, Isaiah predicts that God will bring salvation to Jerusalem. He compares and visualizes it as a wedding between God and the people of Jerusalem. In the Gospel, Jesus is present at a wedding in the city of Cana and the wedding party runs out of wine. Jesus is then requested by his mother to make more. A good theme to focus on would be unity and love. *So what does being united with God do for us?* One thing is it can bring forth a deep appreciation and understanding that we are truly loved and made in his image. Love heals and binds us to a purpose. Without it, we can find ourselves looking for love in the wrong places, sometimes falling to addiction and even death. God's love unites us to something good and purposeful. We sometimes see God's love abundantly expressed at weddings. Weddings are one of our church's most powerful sacraments in which two people are united despite their faults and differences for their common good.

Christ wants to love and unify us in a profound transformative way that would build his kingdom up with the gifts Paul referred to in the second reading. Paul tells the community of Corinth that each of them is endowed by the Holy Spirit with distinctive gifts and those gifts are to be used to bring unity and guide us to salvation. In the book of Isaiah, the salvation and the unity of Jerusalem are foreseen to come and are compared to a wedding between God and them after they had been forced to depart from their homeland. God is their faithful partner and offers his bride, Israel, restoration after departure. We can see that in our church today. God is united with us as a bride and a groom and just as said he would restore Israel, he restores us at our baptism.

We all have something to offer when Christ restores us. We are all endowed by the Holy Spirit, and because of that, we have gifts that will benefit the people of God. All our spiritual gifts give witness to the power and glory of the power of God. For that reason, we are united to God as in a marriage and bound to one another using the gifts he gave us to bring us to the heart of Christ.

*Prayer: Christ Jesus, who gave yourself for the good of all, we come before you as brothers and sisters but we are divided and at times, even hostile—tearing one another down. We approach the altar unworthily and ask for your forgiveness. Move us, instead, towards reconciliation, and a commitment to build your kingdom for the good of all. Heal us, restore us, unite your divided family, Lord. Through the power of the Eucharist, overcome our divisions. Give us sincere hearts that make us open, not closed, willing to encounter, and ready to listen. In your broken body given for all, may we find unity and peace in you. Amen.*

*Inspired by the reflections of Pope Benedict XV*

## FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

**Sunday, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 19<sup>th</sup>:**  
9:30 AM Mass live streamed.

**Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>:** 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's reading. Please email Joni Scott @ [jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) or Hermenia Adams @Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link].

**Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>:** Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM.

**Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 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](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link].

**Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 8:00 AM Holy Hour 9:00AM Mass. (In the Rectory).

**Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>:** [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory].

**Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>:** [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass].

**Sunday, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 26<sup>th</sup>:**  
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

**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

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### First Reading:

Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10

#### Responsorial Psalm

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

#### Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

#### Gospel Reading:

Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

## EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Today's Gospel tells of Jesus changing water into wine – the first of seven signs that John offers as proof of Jesus' identity as the Son of God. In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity. The wedding at Cana has symbolic significance. In the Bible, matrimony is the image used to signify the relationship between God and His people. Ephesians 5:18 draws an analogy for the symbolism of the Holy Spirit as wine. In the Gospels, Jesus describes the new work of God, conveyed by the ministry of the Spirit, as new wine coming into old vessels. Turning water into wine sends the profound message that Jesus has the power to change the very nature of things—to transform not just the state of liquids, but the state of lives. Wine represents the joy, prosperity, and boldness brought about by the Holy Spirit. This scripture offers much to meditate on beyond the miracle. Consider the empty water jugs that typically would have already been filled with water. What might you need to empty yourself of to be filled with and continually transformed by the Holy Spirit? What else is this Gospel saying to you? Reference: [John 2:1-11](http://John 2:1-11)



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

Thank you to Jerry Burns, Wendy Kent, Jerry & Kathy Alderman, Bill Brooks and the whole crew that took care of taking down the Christmas decorations. It was amazing how fast it got done. And again, the church looked absolutely beautiful during the Christmas season.

### *Food Pantry*

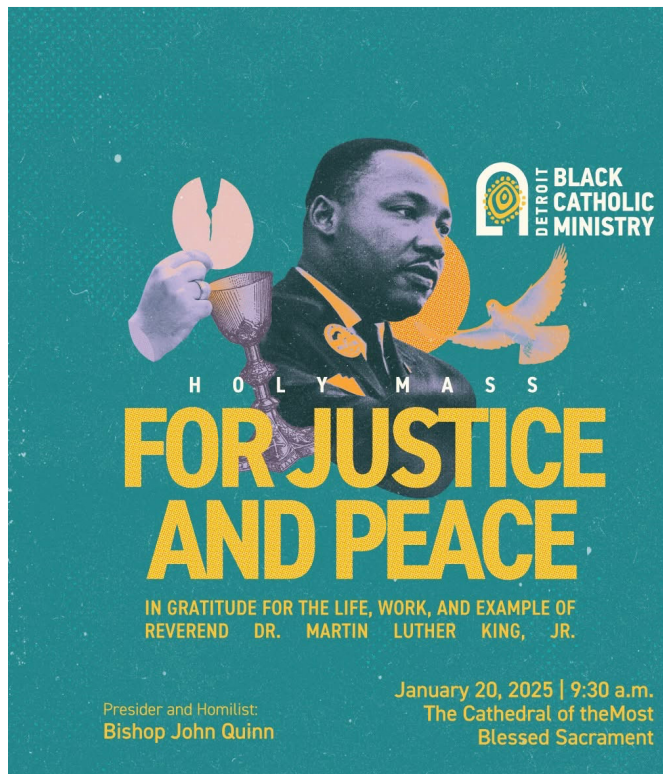
We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week, we need Peanut Butter (regular and family size), fruit and noodles. Many thanks for your generosity!

### **SUPER RAFFLE**

It is not too late to get a Super Raffle ticket. There are 50 drawings left. We still have 200 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 the 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>

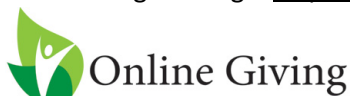
Sunday Mass can also be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@NativityofOurLord-cm8we>

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/](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/)



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

## MASS Intentions

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025

JoAnn Novara Liuzzo (Jim & Cookie Kulchy)

Roger Pitts (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Tom Benigni (Nativity Class of '64)

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025

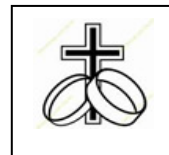
Fr. Dan Trapp (The Nativity Family)

Dr. Devon Hoover (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Rita Dessert (Jim & Cookie Kulchy)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

ARE WE MISSING YOU? PLEASE LET US KNOW IN THE OFFICE IF YOUR BIRTHDAY WAS MISSED.



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

### PARISH DIRECTORY

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Email: [nativityol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nativityol@sbcglobal.net)

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.*