

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

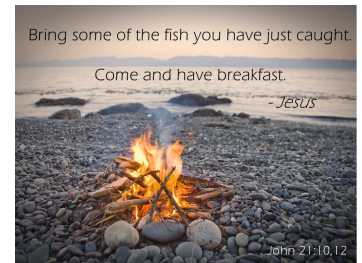
Sunday 9:30 AM

Thursday 9:00AM



HE IS RISEN! ALLEUIA

**May 4, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY
Of EASTER**



Anne Doesn't Have The Answers

As I write this, I was thinking and hoping that the next article I wrote (I think it has been about 9 years) would be about my retirement. But no I'm not retiring; I'm writing this so maybe some people who were thinking, "I'm not going to the meeting on Saturday, May 10th" will change their minds and come to it.

About four years ago, the Family of Parish structure began. At the time we had concerns as to how this would work and what would it mean for us. Our fears were eased by Br. Ray and Fr. Dan and we didn't see a lot of change.

Now four years later we have seen and been through a lot of change. Br. Ray was transferred, Fr. Dan died, and we have a new team of priests. But we aren't the only ones who have endured the changes. Think of our priest team or as they are called Priests-in-Solidum. Four of the five priests have been Pastors of Parishes, now they are part of a team, no longer able to make a decision themselves about the parishes. Decisions are brought to the team. They no longer have the luxury of ministering to one flock, they now minister to five. They struggle to get to know their flocks. The change for them is difficult too. Our priests and Deacon John love our parishes and do what is necessary to ensure our needs are taken care of. They are never more than a phone call away.

Now, due to the Archdiocese's restructuring plan, more changes are coming. The Archdiocese has instructed us to come up with a plan of viability for the family. Maybe they are doing it this way so they don't look like the bad guy, maybe they really want us to have a say, who knows. All I know is that we, as part of the family, can't sit back, we need to help, and we need to have our voices heard. We can no longer stand alone!

I'm asking you to please attend the meeting on May 10th, "Enduring Faith: Looking into the Future", a meeting to discuss Growth and a Vision for our Future. Come to listen, come to ask your questions, and come to show that Nativity is a pillar in this family, willing to work together and that it's going to fight for our family.

I know our Saturdays are busy, I'm personally hoping I miss power washing our home in Lexington to attend the meeting. I know many will want to start planting their flowers, but remember we still can get frost till the middle of May so they can wait a week. Whatever reason you have for not coming, please reconsider and come.

Let us be like Jesus' disciples and go out to tend and feed the sheep!

**DETROIT LOWER EASTSIDE FAMILY OF
PARISHES WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Sacred Heart: Saturday 5:00PM

Nativity of Our Lord: Sunday, 9:30 AM, live streamed

Sacred Heart: Sunday, 8:00AM & 10:00AM

St. Augustine and St. Monica: Sunday, 10:00AM

St. Charles Borromeo: Sunday, 11:30AM

St. Elizabeth: Sunday, 12:00PM

Love has triumphed over hatred, light over darkness and truth over falsehood. Forgiveness has triumphed over revenge. Evil has not disappeared from history; it will remain until the end, but it no longer has the upper hand; it no longer has power over those who accept the grace of this day."

Pope Francis in his Easter 2025 Address

**THIS WEEK'S
SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading:

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Responsorial Psalm

*I will praise you Lord for
you have rescued me.*

Second Reading:

Revelation 5:11-14 4:7-10

Gospel Reading:

John 21:1-19

**NEXT WEEK'S
SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading:

Acts 13:14,43-52

Responsorial Psalm

*We are his people, the
sheep of his flock*

Second Reading:

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

Gospel Reading:

John 20:27-30

**DETROIT LOWER EASTSIDE FAMILY OF
PARISHES WEEK DAY MASSES**

Sacred Heart: Tuesday 5:00PM

St. Augustine and St. Monica:
Wednesday, 9:00AM

Nativity of Our Lord:
Thursday, 8:00AM Holy Hour, 9:00AM Mass

St. Charles Borromeo: Friday, 11:00AM

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.

**EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE
BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

On this third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel tells of the third appearance of Jesus post-resurrection to seven disciples while out fishing with Peter. They had caught nothing all night. At dawn, from the shore, Jesus spoke to them (not recognizing Him). "Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So, the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When they came ashore, they saw a fire with fish on it and bread, and Jesus told them to bring some fish they had caught. "Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast" After the meal, Jesus speaks with Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter due to his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of his three denials. Asking Simon Peter three times, "Do you love me?" and responding yes, each time He tells him: "Feed my lambs; Tend my sheep; Feed my sheep." Peter is forgiven. Having been restored, he is sent on mission and is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so He also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice. Jesus asks us today, "**Do you love Me?**" How do you answer this question with confidence? How does your journey and mission proclaim your love for God? How else does this Gospel speak to you?

Reference: [John 21:1-19](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

THIS SATURDAY!

Detroit Lower Eastside Family of Parishes

Family Meeting

Enduring Our Faith

Saturday, May 10, 2025

The Solanus Casey Center Chapel

1:00-4:00PM

Please attend to help us make a plan for **OUR** future!

Food Pantry

We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week, we need Cereal, Pork & Beans, and Snacks.

If you would like to support the pantry without shopping, a check made out to Gleaners Food Bank would be greatly appreciated. Please include Nativity Pantry 1116 in the memo line. Mail checks to Nativity and we will take them to Gleaners to be sure they are properly credited to our account. Many thanks for your generosity!

2025 Father Singer Memorial Scholarships

The submission period for applications for this year's scholarship began March 17, 2025 and ends June 2, 2025. Application forms can be obtained by downloading and printing from the About Us/Our Work section of the Nativity website: Nativitydetroit.org

BRICK PAVERS

We are submitting an order for Brick Pavers in early June. Order forms can be emailed to you and are on the table by Mary's altar.

Each 4X8" paver sells for \$100 and has space for three lines of dedication, fourteen characters per line. The net proceeds from all brick sales will be used as part of our fundraising to support Nativity Parish. Please pass the word of the Commemorative pavers to all who have been a blessed part of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, be it present, past or future!



WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Frank Accavitti, Jr., Brandon Adams,, Judy Bartnik, Judy Brooks, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Aaron Cole, Erin Cronin, Kingsley Croul, Teri DeHem, John Deisinger, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Rosa Gracey, Neidra & Mia Halthon, Jackie Hoskins, 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, 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/



Online Giving

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

MASS Intentions

Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2024

Jeannie Scherlinck (Friends)

Brenda Banks
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Roz King (Family)

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025

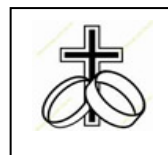
The Women of Nativity

Don & Mary Crawford (Family)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

5-05: Adrian Gabriel

5-06: Sara Johnston, John Urso & Harry Wimble



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5-05: Kathy & Jerry Alderman

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

PARISH DIRECTORY

Fr. Christopher Talbot, Moderator- Priest in Solidum
Fr. David Preuss, Priest in Solidum
Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum
Fr. Frances Asomkase, SSJ, Priest in Solidum
Fr. Ifiok Wisdom Umanah, SSJ, Priest in Solidum

Deacon John Wright
Joseph Taylor, Pastoral Minister Coordinator
Anne Crowe, Parish Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams	Norma Danzie
Mashauna Adams	Willie Lewis
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.*