

**Nativity of Our
Lord Catholic
Church**

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**WORSHIP
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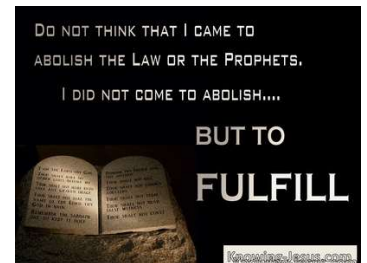
Sunday 9:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

NATIVITY NEWS



February 15, 2026
6th Sunday of the Year



WELCOME DEACON JUSTUS

On December 12, 2025 Josephite seminarian Justus Ihemawulotu was ordained to the transitional diaconate. Deacon Justus has been assigned to our family of parishes. We look forward to getting to know you and watching you grow in this final step to becoming a priest. You are now officially part of the Nativity Family!

Please see attachment in the email to learn more Deacon Justus.

It is wonderful that not only our Archbishop, but also our Order of Priests, don't keep quiet about the injustices happening. You can learn more about the Josephites at: josephites.org

Statement from the Josephites

After prayerful discernment, and in the hope that public discourse and a public apology would be forthcoming, we were met with deafening silence. We can no longer keep silent. This is yet another example of the persistent and sinful dehumanization of Black people in public life.

The posting of racist imagery portraying President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama as monkeys is morally reprehensible, deeply offensive, and unmistakably racist. Such imagery is rooted in a violent and degrading history of anti-Black racism and has no place in public discourse, especially from those who wield influence and power.

This act is unchristian and stands in direct contradiction to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which affirms the sacred dignity of every human person made in the image and likeness of God. Racism is not merely a social failing; it is a sin that wounds the Body of Christ and corrodes the moral fabric of our society.

We call for an immediate and unequivocal public apology and a sincere acknowledgment of the harm caused. Silence, deflection, or dismissal only deepen the wound and further undermine the moral responsibility demanded of leadership.

The Josephites remain steadfast in rejecting all forms of racism and dehumanization, and we urge all people of good will to choose repentance, accountability, and the way of love, justice, and truth revealed in Christ.

Saint Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart



DETROIT LOWER EASTSIDE FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

Our Lady Queen of Heaven: Sunday, 9:00AM

Sacred Heart: Saturday, 5:00PM, Sunday, 8:00AM & 10:00AM

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

St. Charles Borromeo: Sunday, 11:30AM

St. Elizabeth: Sunday, 12:00PM

St. Jude: Saturday, 4:00PM, Sunday, 10:30AM

St. Raymond: Saturday, 4:00PM, Sunday, 10:30AM

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

Sixth Sunday

First Reading
Sirach 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm
Blessed are those who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 5:17-37

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Sunday in Lent

First Reading
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm
Be merciful. O Lord, for we have sinned.

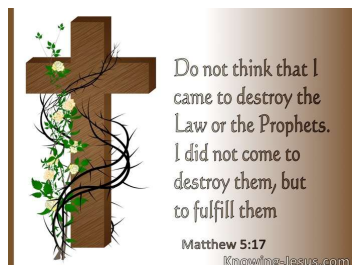
Second Reading:
Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 4:1-11

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In today's Gospel Jesus continues to teach His disciples about the kingdom of heaven. It follows the sermon on the beatitudes and their call to be the salt of the earth and light of the world. Today, Jesus explains that He did not come to abolish the Old Testament Law but to fulfill it by revealing its deeper, inner meaning, emphasizing heart-level righteousness over mere outward action. He sets a higher standard for His kingdom where internal purity and integrity involves living out God's wisdom with love and complete trust in Him, not legalistic rules. The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. Jewish followers who had always been faithful to the Law needed to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom He brings made. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God. You are encouraged to read this Gospel again and consider the following questions: How does it speak to you? Are there areas that challenge you in your Christian journey? If so, how will you respond?

Reference: [Matthew 5:17-37](#)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH SOUP SUPPER

6:00PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th: St. Charles

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27th: Nativity

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PANTRY NEEDS

We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week we need soup, noodles, individual snacks (crackers with peanut butter, cookies, bars (cereal, granola, etc..))

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES FEBRUARY 18th

St. Augustine/St. Monica: 9:00AM
Nativity: 12:00PM
Sacred Heart: 12:00PM
St. Elizabeth: 2:00PM
Sacred Heart: 5:00PM
St. Charles: 6:00PM
St. Raymond: 6:00PM

Sign ups to bring soup, crackers and cheese, drink, etc..
for the Stations of the Cross Soup Suppers are by
Mary's Altar.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Time to check your certification

You can recertify by an online class or in person. Flyer
attached to email for a class at Sacred Heart
This is every three years so most will need to recertify.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Register online at virtusonline.org to create/sign-in
your account. When you sign into your account, you
will be prompted to accept the **Code of Conduct** and
complete the **background check authorization**
form. If you need assistance please contact me at the
parish, (313) 922-0033, and leave a message or
voicemail.

**You are not allowed to serve in your role or
ministry until you complete the requirements.**



WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Laura Accavitti, Brandon Adams, Judy Bartnik, Judy Brooks, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Fran Carnaghi, Brian Cavanaugh, 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, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, the Benigni and Chida Families, the Gracey Family, Mia Halthon-Jones' mother-in-law, Victoria, Wilma Wilmer, 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 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
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

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15, 2026**

Nate Standing (Cookie & Jim Kulchy)

Helen Randall (Nativity Family)

**First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026**

Joan Fischer (Nancy & Tony)

Carol Frattini (Nativity Family)

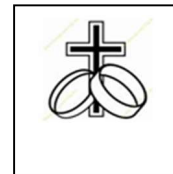
Vince & Rose Merlo (Family)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

02-16: Jerry Susko

02-17: Ewan Dombroski

02-21: Sharon Estes & Adrian Gabriel



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

2-17: Sharon & John Estes

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

PARISH DIRECTORY

Fr. Frances Asomkase, SSJ, Moderator-Priest in Solidum

Fr. David Preuss, Priest in Solidum

Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum

Fr. Charles Nwamadi, SSJ, 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.