

**Nativity of Our  
Lord Catholic  
Church**

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**WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE:**

Sunday 9:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

# NATIVITY NEWS



**February 22, 2026**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

"MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON  
BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY  
WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF  
THE MOUTH OF GOD."

*Matthew 4:4*



## *REFLECTION FROM FR. DAVID*

### **First Sunday in Lent**

First of all, I want to wish St. Elizabeth's well as they prepare to make their move from McDougal to a new home on McClellan (that they will share with Nativity). It is a move that makes sense; the old church campus is in need of massive investments which are beyond the realistic scope of what the congregation is capable of doing. The new place is a beautiful, well-kept building which will provide a great place to pray and a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with the pantry ministry that Nativity has been running. After 140 years on McDougal moving is difficult, but it offers St. Elizabeth Congregation the opportunity for a bright future. May God bless both congregations.

Today is the first Sunday of Lent, and the gospel tells us about the temptations of Jesus. Jesus was preparing himself to be the Messiah. What would that mean for him? Was he to be a warrior-like David? No. Was he to be a prosperous builder like Solomon? No. Was he to be a Donald Trump *Making Israel Great Again*? No. Jesus, after 40 days of fasting and prayer, came to the realization that he was called to be a humble servant of God attentive to the needs of the people. He knew from Genesis that the original sin was to seek his own will rather than trusting in the directions given by God. Jesus listened to the directions of his Father and the Holy Spirit and accomplished that work of saving humanity. We also are called to listen and do what God is asking us to do.

My goal for lent: take care of my body by following the directions of my doctor; taking care of my mind by reading that teaches me new ideas and insights; taking care of my soul by doing more faith sharing and openness in prayer to discerning what God wants me to do.

Get your Lenten goals together!

Fr. David Preuss OFM Cap.

**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**

**First Sunday of 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

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading**

Genesis 12:1-4

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

**Second Reading:**

2 Timothy 1:8-10

**Gospel Reading:**

Matthew 17:1-9

**EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

On this first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel tells us Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Jesus had fasted forty days and forty nights and was hungry. The devil presents three temptations: 1) to use His power to satisfy His hunger; 2) to put God's promise of protection to the test; and 3) he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. After this third temptation, Jesus said, ***"Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."*** Then the devil left him and behold, angels came and ministered to Him." Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness. The devil uses the Bible to tempt Jesus. Jesus uses the Bible to overcome temptation! Are you surprised the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted? How can you use God's Word to recognize and resist future temptations and those that may come to derail your Lenten journey commitments?

Reference: **Matthew 4:1-11**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH SOUP SUPPER**

**6:00PM**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup>: Nativity**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>: St. Raymond**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### PANTRY NEEDS

We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week we need soup, soup, (yes, twice. Food Bank has been out) and individual snacks (crackers with peanut butter, cookies, bars (cereal, granola, etc..)

Did you know, we need 140 cans per week just to prepack if everything was used the week before.

### BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. CHARLES RETURNS!

Beginning Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>: St. Augustine/St. Monica, Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>: St. Charles

### 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](http://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.**

### Religious Education Classes

Starting in March -Religious Education Classes will be held every Saturday from 12:15 PM to 1:00 PM. We invite all young people to grow in faith, understanding, and community.

### Liturgical Dance Program

Join us every Saturday for our Liturgical Dance Ministry:

- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM — Youth Session
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM — Adult Session

All are welcome to participate as we praise God through movement and worship. Please see Joseph Taylor for more information on both programs.



## 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/](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

### First Sunday in Lent February 22, 2026

Joan Fischer (Nancy & Tony)

Carol Frattini (Nativity Family)

Vince & Rose Merlo & Pete & Effie Mondalek  
(Family)

### Second Sunday in Lent March 1, 2026

Nate Standing (Lenore Mondalek & Carol Frattini)

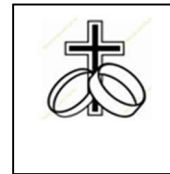
Tom Mudloff (Family)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

02-24: Terrell Halthon

02-25: Christine Pentrack

02-29: Carol Frattini



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**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.*