

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday 9:30 AM

Thursday 9:00AM



March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of
Lent



REFLECTION FROM FR. FRANCIS

ARE YOU READY FOR RENEWAL?

Everything in life needs to be serviced and/or renewed. That applies to both animate and inanimate things. Soil maintenance, for example, is necessary for healthy productivity. Through weed control, by which weeds are removed and prevented from stealing nutrients and water from the soil, the soil becomes more nutritious and more productive. The same can be said of motor vehicles. Regular maintenance and servicing prolong the life of the car and make it safer.

Similarly, living things must undergo renewal to maintain a healthy, productive, and sustainable lifespan. It is a fact of nature that, for instance, snakes shed or slough their outer layer. That paves the way for both growth and the removal of external parasites. The life cycles of many other animals somewhat follows a similar process. But as we know, on top of the ladder of living things is the human person.

Because of the unique nature of human beings, our renewal is not only bodily. It is bodily and spiritual, material and immaterial, physical and metaphysical. Physically or materially, we seek medical attention for the servicing or renewal of our bodily components. Spiritually, our renewal occurs in the spirit through spirituality, that which transcends our physicality. While both physical and spiritual renewal are essential, the spiritual is of greater importance. It is the spiritual that sustains the physical when the going gets tough. The true strength of every human being comes from within, not without. True power, which is inner strength that produces fortitude, discipline, integrity, perseverance, character, and self-control, is an inner product, not an external force. The spiritual component, thus, needs profound renewal from time to time. That is why Lent is meaningful and important for Catholics.

Lent is a time of renewal for every Catholic-Christian believer. It is a time to be refilled. It is a time when we empty ourselves of the baggage we have been carrying all year round. Like snakes, peel off our dark spots of sins. Like cars, we let the Lord service us and change our oil for smoother trips ahead. Like the soil, we allow Jesus to remove the weeds of jealousy, resentment, anger, greed, hatred, selfishness, etc., from our lives. Yes, Lent is a "time of grace." But we must come to the Lord with open and sincere hearts to receive grace.

At Lent, the words of the Lord, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:4) echo more loudly and persistently in our hearts. Jesus calls us to be his disciples, not because we are perfect. Being a disciple of Christ does not render us flawless. Instead, it offers us an opportunity to be renewed, to trust in the grace of the Lord regardless of our sins, and thus, carry out our missions for the glory of God and the betterment of humanity. The renewal needed for this happens best during Lent. Are you ready for renewal?

DETROIT LOWER EASTSIDE FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Nativity of Our Lord: Sunday, 9:30AM
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@ Nativity
St. Jude: Saturday, 4:00PM, Sunday, 10:30AM
St. Raymond: Saturday, 4:00PM, Sunday, 10:30AM

**Evangelization Committee
Bible Question of the Week**

The Gospel today is an account of Jesus' Transfiguration. *"Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him."* Jesus' divine glory is revealed to Peter, James, and John, with Moses and Elijah appearing, symbolizing the Law and Prophets. While Peter suggested they make tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah, God's voice from a cloud said, *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."* This event offers a glimpse of future glory, and affirms Jesus' identity as the Messiah, and foreshadowing of the coming Kingdom. It's a foretaste of the resurrection and confirms Jesus' mission. How does this spiritual event speak to you? What thoughts do you have about Jesus' conversation with Moses and Elijah? Do you believe God still uses spiritual visions? Why or why not?

Reference: [Matthew 17:1-9](#)

TODAY'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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

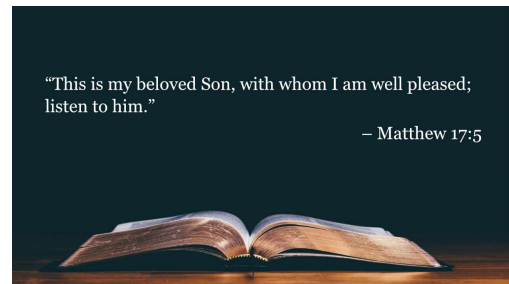
Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading:
1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Responsorial Psalm
The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.,.

Second Reading:
Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Reading:
John 9:1-41



Fish Fry

2/27, 3/13, 3/27

12 - 4:30 PM

**ST AUGUSTINE AND ST MONICA
FUNDRAISER**

4151 Seminole St Detroit 48214

Catfish or Perch Dinners \$15 Fish, Fries or
Mac-n-cheese, Cole Slaw, Bread and
condiments \$15 To place your order please call
Lisa: 313 682 8139 per dinner

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PANTRY NEEDS

We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week we need vegetables, spaghetti noodles, and Spaghetti Sauce.

Did you know, we need 60-80 cans/jars of Spaghetti Sauce per week just to prepack if everything was used the week before.

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. CHARLES

Beginning Monday, St. Augustine/St. Monica, Wednesday, St. Charles at 6:00PM, Friday, St. Raymond at 5:00pm during Lent.

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.

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.**)



A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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 surrounds us to give us health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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>

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

John Deisinger	3-01	Mark Miller	3-10	James Turnbull	3-23
Sr. Barbara Bouchard	3-05	Sierra Jones	3-11	Gail Urso	3-24
Jimmy Duddy	3-05	Evelyn Bledsoe	3-13	Sarah Awan	3-26
Eric Dombrowski	3-06	Airyana Robinson	3-13	Judy Dupre	3-26
Willie Clay	3-07	Jessica Awan	3-19	Rosanne Schwartz	3-27
Gail Osborne	3-07	Debra Marshall	3-19	Sr. Beverly Pettke	3-31
				Nancy Silveri	3-31

MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 3-21: Jim & Ruth Duddy and 3-25: Danny & Shivaun Wois

Second Sunday in Lent March 1, 2026

Nate Standing (Lenore Mondalek &
Carol Frattini)

Tom Mudloff (Family)



Third Sunday in Lent March 8, 2026

Andrea Kathleen Moore
(Nancy & Tony)

Robert Kohloff (Anne Crowe)

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

Deacon Justus Ihemawuloto

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.