

**Nativity of Our  
Lord Catholic  
Church**

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**WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE:**

Sunday 9:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

# NATIVITY NEWS



**March 8, 2026**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**



## *REFLECTION FROM FR. RICHARD*

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Eastside Family,

The *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola is a book of prayer “exercises” meant to lead one in graces—shaping one’s life, one’s relationship with Our Lord, and to claim in freedom a life choice (or a way of renewal) fitting for God’s path of holiness in each person. The common beginning exercise is called the “**First Principle and Foundation.**” It offers a vision of our creation, our purpose in life, our gift of freedom, and the key holy desire before us each day. Below are two versions: the **first**, a traditional translation and, the **second**, a more free translation. God bless.

Fr. Richard

### **FIRST PRINCIPLE AND FOUNDATION**

Man is created to praise, reverence, and serve God our Lord, and by this means to save his soul.

The other things on the face of the earth are created for man to help him in attaining the end for which he is created. Hence, man is to make use of them in as far as they help him in the attainment of his end, and he must rid himself of them in as far as they prove a hindrance to him.

Therefore, we must make ourselves indifferent to all created things, as far as we are allowed free choice and are not under any prohibition. Consequently, as far as we are concerned, we should not prefer health to sickness, riches to poverty, honor to dishonor, a long life to a short life. The same holds from all other things.

Our one desire and choice should be what is more conducive to the end for which we are created.

### **FIRST PRINCIPLE AND FOUNDATION**

God loves and creates us, and wants to share life with us forever. Our love response takes shape in our praise and honor and service of the God of our life.

All the things in this world are also created because of God’s love and they become a context of gifts, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily.

As a result, we show reverence for all the gifts of creation and collaborate with God in using them so that by being good stewards we develop as loving persons in our care for God’s world and its development. But if we abuse any of these gifts of creation or, on the contrary, take them as the center of our lives, we break our relationship with God and hinder our growth as loving persons.

In everyday life, then, we must hold ourselves in balance before all created gifts insofar as we have a choice and are not bound by some responsibility. We should not fix our desires on health or sickness, wealth or poverty, success or failure, a long life or a short one. For everything has the potential of calling forth in us a more loving response to our life forever with God.

Our only desire and our one choice should be this: I want and I choose what better leads to God’s deepening life in me.

**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**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading:**

Exodus 17:3-7

**Responsorial Psalm**

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

**Second Reading:**

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

**Gospel Reading:**

John 4:5-42

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Fourth 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

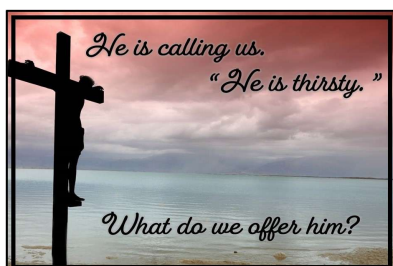
**Gospel Reading:**

John 9:1-41

**EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Our Gospel today is an account of a lengthy dialogue between Jesus and a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Some things that makes this a remarkable exchange are: 1) Jesus an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public; 2) the hostility between Jews and Samaritans should have prevented it; 3) she was probably an outcast in that she went to draw water at noon rather than in the morning with other women; and 4) Jesus asks to share her drinking vessel, an act that makes him unclean according to Jewish law. During the conversation, she perceives Jesus is a prophet when He reveals personal details of her past and present relationships with men. Eventually she said to Him, *"I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything."* Jesus said to her, *"I am he, the one speaking with you."* He clearly identifies Himself. Many more Samaritans of that town came to believe in Him when she testified, *"He told me everything I have done."* Many more came to believe after spending two days with Jesus. They said to the women, *"We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."* How do feel when you realize nothing about you is hidden from God? How do the following statements from the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan women speak to you: 1) *"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."* 2) *But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."*

Reference: John 4:5-42



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH SOUP SUPPER**

**6:00PM**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13<sup>th</sup>: Sacred Heart**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>: St. Augustine/St. Monica**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### PANTRY NEEDS

We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week we need Tuna, Fruit, and Eatser Candy. Did you know, we need 125 cans of tuna per week just to prepack if everything was used the week before.

### BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. CHARLES RETURNS!

Monday, St. Augustine/St. Monica, Wednesday, St. Charles, at 6:00PM. On Friday, St. Raymond at 5:00 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](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

Religious Education Classes are 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

### Third Sunday in Lent March 8, 2026

Andrea Kathleen Moore  
(Nancy & Tony)

Robert Kohloff (Family)

### Third Sunday in Lent March 15, 2026

Donna Hodell (The Nativity Family)

Barbara Gabreil & Pearl Lee  
(Lenore Mondalek & Carol Frattini)

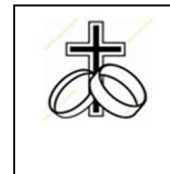
Dorothy Scamihorn (Family)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

03-10: Mark Miller

03-11: Sierra Jones

03-13: Evelyn Bledsoe & Airyana Robinson



## 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

Deacon Justus Ihemawuloto

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.*