

**Nativity of Our
Lord Catholic
Church**

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**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE:**

Sunday 9:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

NATIVITY NEWS



April 12, 2026

Second SUNDAY of
EASTER



REFLECTION FROM DEACON JUSTUS

LESSONS FROM THE PASSION

Not long ago we read the passion narrative according to Matthew on Palm Sunday, although we are in Easter season, it suffices to mention that lessons from the passion never die. At the heart of the passion narrative is the “story of betrayal and abandonment”. This is the story of many of us in our world today, where we feel betrayed by people we once called “friends, families, caregivers, ride-and-die, sweethearts etc. We have felt or are feeling abandoned by our parish community, the Church, mentors, teachers etc. Sometimes also we feel betrayed and abandoned by our political leaders, representatives and the country we have sacrificed so much for. Those moments we feel betrayed and abandoned present our own passion and reflect our own share in the passion of Christ. Invariably we are “another Christ” that has been betrayed and abandoned by people and places we once found love and peace, and just like Christ we cry out “why have you abandoned me?”

The question of *why have you abandoned me* will be answered satisfactorily not by those who have abandoned and betrayed us but by God himself who truly never abandons us. The question we are left to ponder on is this: “at those moments of betrayal and abandonment, have we also betrayed and abandoned God by not recognizing his presence around us?” We usually betray and abandon God, then turn around to blame God. My prayer is that God may give us the spiritual insight to recognize his presence around us as we navigate through the darkness of our lives and be greeted with the light of his love and peace at the end of the tunnel. Amen

Justus Ihemawulotu SSJ

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

Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading
Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading:
1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Reading:
John 20:19-31

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading
Acts 2:14, 22-33

Responsorial Psalm
Lord, you will show us the path of life..

Second Reading:
1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Reading:
Luke 24:13-35

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, prior to His Assentation to His Father, the risen Jesus appears to His closest friends for the first time after they had abandoned him in his hour of need. It must have been a dreaded moment for them. Yet Jesus' first words twice were, 'Peace be with you.' No rebuke, no reproach, just 'Peace!' He showed them His wounds, the unmistakable signs. While feeling they had failed as his disciples and were hiding behind locked doors, He entrusted them with the same mission He had received from His Father: "As the Father sent me, I also send you." He then **breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."** Jesus greets His disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thomas, one of the twelve was not present and did not believe their report of Jesus' appearance. A week later when they all were together, Jesus appeared again and offered Thomas the proof for him to believe. **Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus replied, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."** We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen. We are also disciples commissioned to continue the work of Jesus. Do you ever let fear or failure hold you back? How have you experienced the empowerment of the Holy Spirit? What value has Thomas' witness for you?

Reference: **John 20:19-31**

Nativity Men's Weekend Retreat

May 1-3, 2026 at St. Paul Retreat Center

Theme: Navigating Turbulent Waters

See details in Church by Mary's Altar

To register visit: <https://stpaulretreat.org/>

See Hermenia Adams if you have questions

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PANTRY NEEDS

We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week we need Soup, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles. Once again, we thank you for all that you do to help us.

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. CHARLES!

Now that it is staying light longer, lets really try to support this program.

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



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

REGISTRATION FOR PARISH LISTENING SESSIONS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church
5900 McClellan
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DATES & TIMES
April 27 & April 29
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

What is a Parish Listening Session?

Each parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit will hold two listening sessions open to the public in the spring of 2026. These listening sessions are intended to gather feedback from parishioners about potential pastorate models — or groupings of parishes led by a pastor — involving their parish. Feedback during these listening sessions will be shared with the Core Planning Team and with Archbishop Weisenburger for his discernment.

Your voice matters. Come share your thoughts, experiences, and hopes for our parish community.

To Register or For More Information Call:
(313) 922-0033

All Parishioners and Community Members



YOUR VOICE MATTERS - ALL ARE WELCOME

<https://restructuring.aod.org/faqs-about-listening-sessions>

[Parish Listening Session Registration](#)

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

Second Sunday of Easter April 12, 2026

Judy Danielak (The Nativity Family)

Rita Kelly (Lenore Mondalek)

Glennis Deisinger (Family)

Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026

Lois Heike (Patty Adams & Norma Danzie)

Bill Dietz (Nancy & Tony)

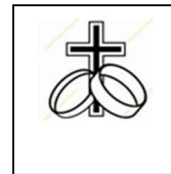
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

04-12: Anjane Kennedy

04-13: Michele Johnston, Jodie Kulchy Barnes, and
Charlie Gillespie

04-15: Charisse Hurt

04-17: Diane Ferschneider



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. 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.