Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE*:*

Sunday 9:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

NATIVITY NEWS

October 18, 2026

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY

29th Sunday

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A shows that God is at work in every place. He used Cyrus, a ruler who did not know Him, to help His people. This tells us that no leader or nation stands outside God's plan. The psalm calls all lands to praise the Lord, who made the world and rules with justice.

In the Gospel, Jesus is tested with a question about taxes. He answers with calm wisdom. We are to fulfill our duties in society yet never forget that our lives belong to God. Faith should shape our choices, our loyalty, and the way we treat others each day.

Key Theme: God rules over every power

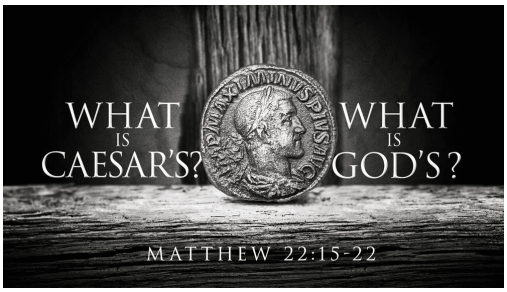
Focus: Trust and faithful living

Summary: God works through all people and nations. Faith, love, and hope shape how we live. Our hearts belong to God.

Challenge: Fulfill your duties with honesty and sincerity. Trust God above every earthly power.

Action Step: Complete one daily responsibility faithfully and offer it to God.

Verse to Remember: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21)



On behalf of the Nativity Alumni, thank you Nativity, Fr. Francis, Anne, Joseph, Kim and the many workers who made our Homecoming Mass and bountiful luncheon a great celebration. It was wonderful visiting with our former classmates and school friends. And it is always heartening to go back to our roots. Thank you for your welcoming hospitality.

DETROIT LOWER EASTSIDE FAMILY OF PARISHES MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

29th Sunday

First Reading
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6:6-10

Responsorial Psalm
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading:
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 22:15-21

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

30th Sunday

First Reading
Exodus 22:20-26

Responsorial Psalm
I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading:
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 22:34-40

NATIVITY CHURCH SUPER RAFFLE

Cost: $30.00 for one year of drawings
52 Weeks for 156 chances to win
DRAWINGS EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT
January 6th through December 29th, 2027

Based on Michigan Wednesday Evening Daily 3 Drawing
Prizes:
Number Straight: $100.00 One Number Up or Down: $25.00
(Example: Winning Number is 123 you win $100: If you have 122 or 124, you win $25.00)

Straight, No Boxing--Bonus Numbers Excluded--Numbers randomly assigned.

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.

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE
BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. The disciples of the Pharisees and Herodians are sent to entrap Jesus with a question about the payment of taxes. They said to Jesus, ***"Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"*** (If He said that taxes *should* be paid, He could be accused of denying the sovereignty of God over Israel (making Himself unpopular with the Jewish people). If He said that taxes *should not* be paid, He made Himself an enemy of Rome.) Perceiving their malice, Jesus said, ***"Why are you testing me you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax."*** He asked, ***"Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's."*** Jesus said ***"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."*** Have you been questioned by someone with the intent to entrap and challenge your faith as a Christian? For us today, what does the saying: "Pay Caesar what belongs to Caesar and God what belongs to God" mean?
Reference: **Matthew 22:15-21**

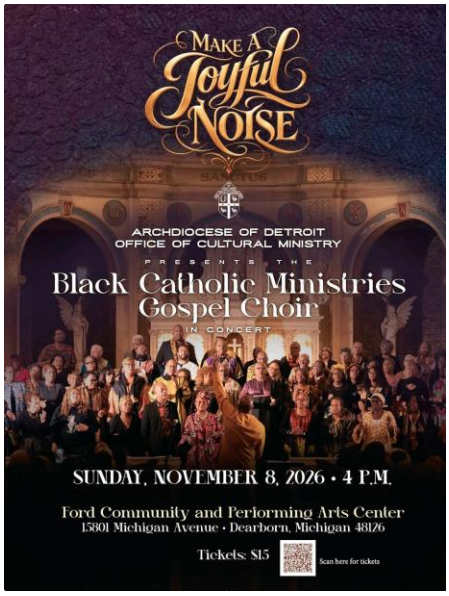
WHAT'S HAPPENING

PANTRY NEEDS

Your support for the pantry makes a huge difference each week. We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we are asking for Peanut Butter (both sizes), Spaghetti Sauce and Side Dishes. Once again, we thank you for all that you do to help us.

Grow in your understanding of Scripture, deepen your faith, and enjoy fellowship in a welcoming environment with Fr. Charles' Bible Study. It is Monday at St. Augustine/St Monica, Wednesday at St. Charles, and Friday at St. Raymond's. All at 6:00 PM. Just pick the night you want to go. Also, Deacon John hosts a Prayer Group on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. They meet at Nativity's parish house at 8:30 AM.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th after Mass!



WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brandon Adams, Judy Bartnik, Jim Benigni, Judy Brooks, Frank Candela, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Fran Carnaghi, Brian Cavanaugh, Erin Cronin, Kingsley Croul, Terri DeHem, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Neidra & Mia Halthon, Jackie Hoskins, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, Rosy Krembel, Clarence Lewis, Olga Ludwick, Deborah Marshall, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Melvin & Theresa McCoy, Jennifer Mondalek, Richard Morecki, Allan Patterson, Helen & Keith Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Phil Scamihorn, Josephine Schime, 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, Mia Halthon-Jones' mother-in-law, Victoria, Jerry & 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

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2026

Deacon John Wright (Nativity Family)

Chico Mondalek & Roz King (Family)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 2026

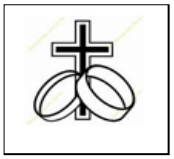
Al Mudloff (Family)

Bill Dietz (Jim & Cookie Kulchy)

The Samir Danou Family (Nativity Family)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

10/18: Justin Scott
10/23: Alesia Adams



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, Pastor/Administrator
Fr. Charles Nwamadi, SSJ, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Justus Ihemawulotu, SSJ, Parochial Vicar
Fr. David Preuss, Priest Support
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.