NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday 9:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

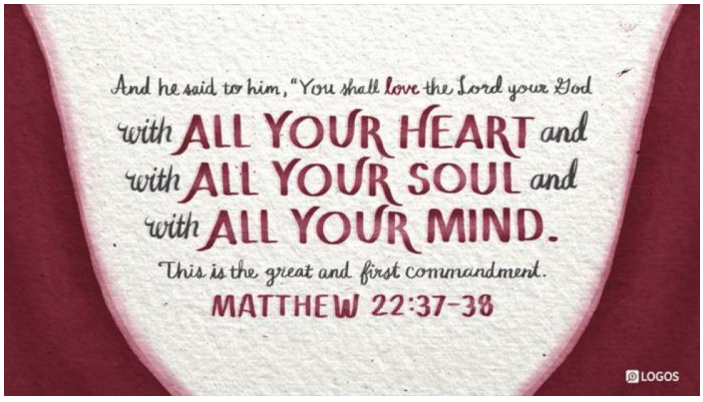
October 25, 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. David Reflects

What does God want of you and me? He tells us directly today: To love God with all our heart and mind and soul; and to love our neighbor as our self. This is simple in concept but very difficult to live in practice. Human nature tends to do what is comfortable, pleasurable, and easy. Self-sacrifice demands us to have the grace that comes through prayer. Living a Christian life in this world requires us to have a substantial level of virtue.

So, our real world gives us the challenge of an East side of Detroit that has lost more than 9/10th of its Catholic population since the 1950s. To support the hundreds of thousands of Catholics, there were 53 parishes here and over 150 priests. With the 17 parishes that managed to stay open until 2025, there are less than 4000 parishioners showing up on Sundays as a total for the 17 parishes. There are only three diocesan priests presently serving on the east side and two of the three are in their upper 70s and retiring next year. Considering all of this we are in a desperate situation and fortunately God heard our prayer and sent us three very good Josephites. Now the number of parishes left open east of Woodward is likely to be only 7 to 9 depending on the plan selected, but the real question is not how many parish sites we have open but how we can make them "power houses" that become real centers of Catholic worship and community service. In the end, it will not be the places that are presently the biggest that will survive into the next century; no, it is the congregations that are out there living the message of Jesus to love God and neighbor. Fr. David



TODAY'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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

All Saints

First Reading:
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Second Reading:
1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 5:1-12

WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or religious education programs?
Contact Joseph Taylor at the Parish House at 313-922-0033.

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.

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKEND MASSES

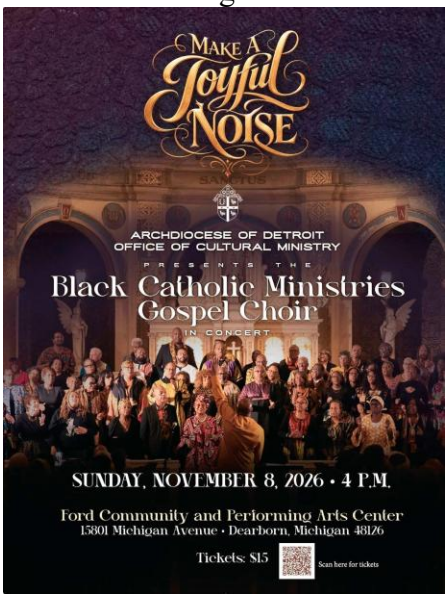
Nativity of Our Lord: Sunday, 9:30AM, live streamed.

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

See Kim Milligan for tickets!



Evangelization Committee
Bible Question of the Week

This week's Gospel follows closely behind last week's reading. Jesus continues to be tested by the religious authorities of that time to discredit Him among the people. In today's Gospel, the Pharisees gathered and a scholar of the law asked Him, ***"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"*** The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, in excess of six hundred. The ranking order of the importance and adherence was often debated among the teachers of the Law. ***Jesus answered, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."*** What is the relationship between the first and the second commandment? Why is it that the love of God and the love of neighbor constitute the sum of the law and the prophets (see: 1 John 4:20-21)? Who does Jesus say are our neighbors? Who do you recognize as your neighbors? How are you challenged by these commandments and how do you handle?
References: Mt 22:34-40; 1 John 4:20-21

WHAT'S HAPPENING

We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week we need Spaghetti Sauce, Pork & Beans and Side Dishes. Again, we thank you for all you do to help us.

ONGOING EVENTS

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
6:00pm
Bible study with Fr. Charles
Monday: St. Augustine/St. Monica Parish House
Wednesday: St. Charles Social Hall (basement)
Friday: St. Raymond

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 8th: Remembering our Deceased Loved Ones
November 8th: Alumni Bringing Gifts for Christmas program. Help needed after Mass.

November 14th: St. Elizabeth's 140th Anniversary Dinner Dance at 6:00PM at Nativity of Our Lord. Tickets $25.00.

November 29th: Start setting up Christmas Program after Mass.

December 20th: St. Elizabeth "Checkbook Spaghetti Dinner" In Loving Memory of Fr. John Markham 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.)**

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10-25: Akira Buford
10-27: Rosy Krembel and Tony Novara
10-28: Lisa Canty
10-29: Amia Davis
10-31: Joe Sergent Sr.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jordan Adams	11-01	Major Ragland	11-10	Tyra Thompson	11-20
Sol May	11-01	Chris McLaughlin	11-12	Loretta Peralta	11-22
Danny Wois	11-01	Jim Kulchy	11-16	Christine Snypes	11-24
Tish Colett	11-03	Maureen Campernel	11-19	Arias Clark	11-28
Rashid Buford, Jr.	11-06	Frances Carnaghi	11-19	Karen Scamihorn	11-29
Diane Impastato	11-07			Selena Houston	11-30

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

11-7: Gary & Tish Collett 11-10: Jim & Cookie Kulchy

MASS Intentions

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 2026

Al Mudloff (Family)

Bill Dietz (Jim & Cookie Kulchy)

The Samir Danou Family
(Nativity Family)

All Saints
November 1, 2026

Donald Bezel III (Family)

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

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.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This year we will pack the gifts for the families and have some families shop in our Christmas Program.
We know for sure volunteers will be needed from November 29-December 19. We may need help picking up food and gifts from other churches that do food drives or have us on their Giving Trees. Dates aren't known at this time, but if that is something you are willing to help with, please let Anne know by calling or emailing the office.
There will be day and evening shifts.
As in the last few years, donations of cash and gift cards to Amazon, Walmart, or Visa are also needed. These allow us to purchase gifts that have not been donated or given as gifts, especially for the teens as we know how difficult it is to shop for them. Tags for gift donations will be out in mid-November to take advantage of the Thanksgiving sales.