

NATIVITY *of* OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 11:00am

Sunday: Catholic Argos Mass resumes 8/20/23

Daily Mass: Monday ~ Friday 8:30am

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 2:00pm ~ 3:30pm or by appointment

Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am ~ 5:00pm

Friday: 9:00am ~ 1:00pm

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O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your command and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control; the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

*Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of
Lafayette, LA following Hurricane Audrey in 1957*





Deacon's Blog

Flashes of Grace:

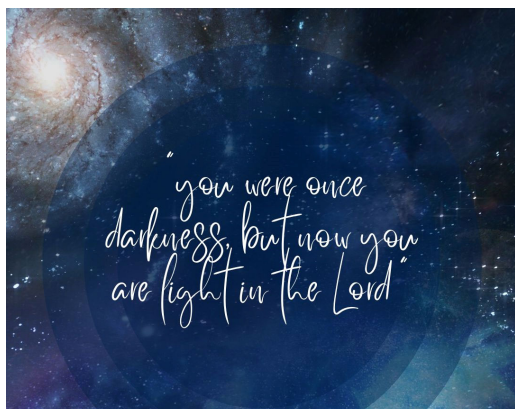
"The Dismals Canyon in northwestern Alabama attracts a number of tourists each year. Many in May and June when the gnat larvae hatch and become glowworms. At night, these glowworms cast a brilliant blue luminescence, and thousands of them together create a breathtaking light."¹

"When people of faith share their spiritual journeys, it is not uncommon that they will relate a profound faith experience (transfiguration) sometime in their past. They will speak of an experience of God in prayer or a graced moment in which God intervened in their lives. These 'flashes of grace' have a powerful influence on them. Such graces strengthen their faith, and when times of trial come, these graces help to sustain them. Witnessing the radiant divinity of Christ (transfiguration) was a powerful 'flash of grace' that helped sustain the Apostles."²

"When we get discouraged, thinking our life testimony is just one little dot in a midnight culture of pitch black, we are not alone. Together, as God guides us, we make a difference and glow a brilliant luminescence 'you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord'. " (Ephesians 5:8)

¹ Our Daily Bread, June, July, August 2023, Monday, August 7, A Thousand Dots of Light, Kenneth Peterson

² Living Faith, Daily Catholic Devotions, July, August, September 2023, Flashes of Grace, Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti



Healing Mass

Nativity of Our Lord will be offering a Healing Mass on August 8 at 6:00pm. We invite all those who are in need of prayer, anointing and healing to attend this special celebration.

The ministry of healing is among the central works of the Church, as it was for Jesus himself. As Pope Benedict XVI remarked, "Healing is an essential dimension of the apostolic mission and of Christian faith in general...(It is) a religion of healing". During Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Jesus, our Divine Physician heals body, mind and spirit.

There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration before the Mass begins.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00-5:45pm

Mass 6:00pm



I'm sure many have seen the portrait of St. Cecilia adorning the wall behind the piano. Many may not know her history. Below is a brief summary of her life.

Although details of her life may be unknown to us, Saint Cecilia was one of the most revered early virgin martyrs of Rome, as evidenced by her name appearing in the Roman Canon of the Mass. According to a late 5th-century legend, she was a noble Roman, who, as a child, had vowed her virginity to God. When she was married against her will to the future Saint Valerian, then a pagan, she told him that an angel of God wished her to remain a virgin. He promised to respect this wish if he were allowed to see the angel. She replied that he would if he were baptized. On his return from baptism he found Cecilia talking to the angel. She then converted his brother Tiburtius, who also saw the angel. Both men were martyred before she was. She distributed her possessions to the poor, which enraged the prefect Almachius, who ordered her to be burned. When the flames did not harm her, she was beheaded.

Cecilia was buried in the catacomb of St. Callistus, near Rome. At the beginning of the 9th century, Pope Paschal I discovered her incorrupt relics in the catacomb of St. Praetextatus and had them moved to Rome, to a basilica in Trastevere that now bears her name. According to tradition, as she was dying she sang to God. It is also written that as the musicians played at her wedding she "sang in her heart to the Lord".

St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians.

Heartfelt thanks to the anonymous donor who purchased the icon that now adorns our church.



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Father Hank's Pick of the Week

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of August 06, 2023



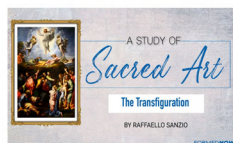
Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.



Clare and Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.



The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.

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NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

SAVE THE DATE

FALL FESTIVAL

October 15th

WE ARE ACCEPTING NEW VENDORS

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Stewardship of Treasure

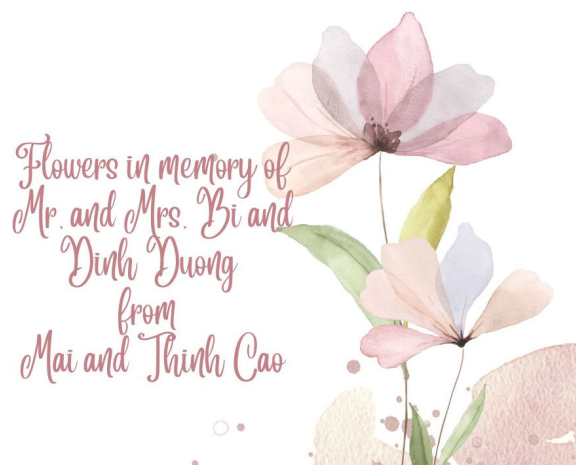
July 29/30

Offertory

ACTUAL	\$ 10,982.63
BUDGETED	\$ 15,032.00

Building

ACTUAL	\$2,768.00
BUDGETED	\$ 613.00



CSA

7/28/23

Goal \$64,786.00

Pledged \$93,622.61

Given \$79,523.54

of parishioners participating 225



CCM Mass resumes
August 20
at 4:30pm.

Week at a Glance

Monday, August 7

5:30-6:30pm First Monday Confession

6:00pm Spanish Rosary

6:30pm Exodus Men's Group

6:30pm Grupo de Hombres en Espanol

Tuesday, August 8

9:00am Tuesday Morning Craft Group

6:00pm Healing Mass (preceded by Confession 5:00-5:45pm)

Wednesday, August 9

9:30am Lectio's "The Eucharist"

Thursday, August 10

9:00am Altar Care Committee

6:45pm Prayer Group

Friday, August 11

Office closes at 1:00pm

Eucharistic Discipleship

THE FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY

September 16

Holy Name of Jesus
Parish, Niceville*Forming those who form others.*

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) we read, "The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life.' . . . In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: 'Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking'" (1324, 1327).

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Mass
- 6 Presentations
- Small group discussions
- Personal reflection
- \$15 fee

Register at:

ptdiocese.org/youth

Mark E. Ginter, Ph.D.

Catechetical Institute
Franciscan Center for
Evangelization and Renewal
Franciscan University of Steubenville



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Parish Ministries

Altar Servers

Parish Office, 477-3221

Bereavement Ministry

Jim Guttman, jmguttman2@gmail.com

Burse Club

Charismatic Prayer Group

Jeff Comeau, 476-9139

Exodus 90 Men's Group

Brad Dale, 850-572-0037

Greeters/Ushers

Parish Office, 477-3221

Homebound Ministry

Deacon John Jacobs, 850-477-3221

Music Ministry

music@nativityofourlordcc.org

Parish Pastoral Council

John Barberi

Charlie Code

Brad Dale

Sandra de la Cruz

Raul Gonzalez-Diaz

Gary Lee

Chyloe Morgan

Maritza Arancibia

Parish Finance Council

John Willem, Chairperson

Steve Schroll, Secretary

Steve Peranich

Greg Newchurch

Lectors

Parish Office, 477-3221

Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus

George Kasztelan, Grand Knight

850-982-2619

Nativity Council of Catholic Women

Barbara Nawrot, President, 210-749-6024

presnativityccw@gmail.com

St. Vincent De Paul

Helpline, 850-377-9829

Parish Reaching Out

Catholic Argos

www.catholicargos.com

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month

9:00am ~ 12:00pm in the church

First Monday Confession

5:30pm ~ 6:30pm in the church

First Saturday Bilingual Mass

9:30am followed by rosary

Online Giving

go to: www.nativityofourlordcc.org and click e-giving"

Faith Formation

Religious Education

faith@nativityofourlordcc.org

Sunday: 9:30-10:45am 1st ~ 9th grade

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sunday: 9:30 ~ 10:45am

Catholic Campus Ministries (UWF)

Fr. Raymond Herard, 850-477-3221

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Contact the parish office

Sacraments

If you are in need of receiving one of the Sacraments, please call the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

**WILL BEGIN
AFTER MASS ON
AUGUST 5TH**



Faith Formation is more than a subject to be taught- It is an invitation to a way of life.

~Joe Paprocki

As we start another year of Faith Formation, please know that the priests, staff, and volunteers of Nativity of Our Lord are committed to the Safe Environment program. Everyone who works with children or vulnerable adults is background checked, fingerprinted, and completes courses in Safe Environment as prescribed by the Diocese.

We take this responsibility seriously and are required to be mandatory reporters of any behavior that seems inappropriate.

Prayer Petitions:

Adriana Ayala, John Bartoszewicz, Daisy Bayona, Nada Bijelic, Dot Boroden, Deb Bush, Tony Butera, Dan Carapellucci, Candy Connolly, Kathy Goodwin, Ray Goodwin, Isabelle Greehy, Cecilia Guenther, Virginia Habel, Kay Hazuga, Don Hirth, Jim Hudson, Bill and Sandy Kambic, Frank and Ginny Kelly, Brin Kloster, Akema Kurokawa, Dick Lacasse, Molly Lacasse, Johanna Lae, Pat LeBlanc, Tharon LeBlanc, Waltraud Melzer, Roger Merritt, Fr. Mooney, James Rigney, Christopher Roan, Cheryl Robertson, Linda Seidl, Vete Senkus, Josephine Jean Simpson, Ann Sloan, Bert and Marlene Smith, Anecia Solano, Lee Steffensmeier, Angie Stokes, Thayer Family, Glenda Thompson, Amanda Trippi, Roxanna Watson, Daniel Watz, Bill Webster

Please call the parish office to add someone to the Prayer List.

Pray, too, for members of our Armed Forces and those in senior living facilities.

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 7

† Roy Tyre †

Requested by Eliana Tyre

Tuesday, August 8

Special Intention

Temme Colo Family

Requested by Peggy and Leonard Temme

Wednesday, August 9

† Mr. and Mrs. Thanh and Thu Cao †

Requested by Mai and Thinh Cao

Thursday, August 10

Special Intention

Gideon Parker

Requested by Ruth Root

Friday, August 11

Special Intention

Norman Wilde and Maria Teresa Gomez

Requested by John Robrecht

Saturday, August 12

† Arlie D. Cornish †

Requested by Nativity Priests and Staff

Sunday, August 13, 8:00am

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Sandra Brewer †

Requested by Nativity Priests and Staff

Sunday, August 13, 11:00am

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Parishioners of Nativity of Our Lord

WINE PULL



We're having a wine pull at the Fall Festival!

Bottles of wine are donated by local wine shops and parishioners as a fundraiser to our Sacramental Wine Fund. Donate a bottle of wine with a minimum value of \$20. Guests then purchase a ticket for \$15 for a chance to pull a numbered cork that corresponds to a bottle of wine. Each bottle is wrapped in a burlap bag so guests don't know which wine they're getting (wines will be categorized red or white). Donations can be dropped off at the parish office.

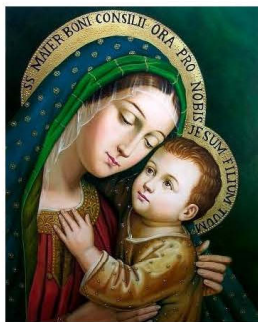
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CHRIS REITER, 850-529-1563



"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ..." these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our Salvation. Please join us as we dig down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and the Apostolic teaching.

The series is on Wednesday, **9 August 2023**, in the Parish Hall from 0930 to 1130 and will continue on **16, 23 and 30 August**. Please sign up in the Narthex to receive a study guide for this series.

[This series will run again in the evenings at 6:30 to 8:30 beginning **29 August 2023, 5, 19, 26 September and 3 October 2023.**]



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Annual Membership Drive

August 26 & 27th

(After Mass)

Tables will be set up in the Narthex for you to join or renew your membership (\$15.00).
Cash or checks are acceptable.

We invite all women over 18 to join this group of dynamic women and grow in service, fellowship and spirituality!

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FALL FESTIVAL

LOCAL VENDORS

CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES

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SUNDAY
OCTOBER 15TH
NOON

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- DO YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND YOUR FAITH BETTER?
- ARE YOU FROM ANOTHER FAITH, BAPTIZED OR NOT?
- ARE YOU BAPTIZED CATHOLIC, YET HAVE NOT RECEIVED ALL THE SACRAMENTS?

RCIA CLASS

THURSDAY NIGHTS

STARTING AUGUST

17TH @6:00PM

REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE.

REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE AT
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OR
REGISTER ON LINE
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A relationship of faith and commitment exists between the Catholic Church and its members and the public, whether they are children, young people, adults or elderly. Sexual abuse is this context, or any other relationship, is a matter of grave concern. Knowledge of such abuse requires a special response in order to facilitate the healing process and assure the safety of the community. With this in mind, The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators, experienced and trained counselors. These coordinators are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon or other church personnel. VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATORS: Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area: Dr. Lewis Makarowski, PhD, P.A. (850)477-7181. Tallahassee/Panama City area: James Gagnon, MSW LCSW (850)877-0205. For Spanish speakers - en Espanol: Deacon Santiago Molina, (850)627-2350. Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: (850)435-3536.