



The Weekly Nativity Newscast

August 15, 2019

Upcoming Dates

August 16 -- No School -- Festival

August 16 & 17

- ❖ Augustravaganza Festival, 4 p.m. to midnight

August 19

- ❖ PFO Logo/Spirit Wear order ends
- ❖ Musical Instrument Trial, 1:30

August 20

- ❖ Picture Day K-8 & 3/y/o PK

August 22

- ❖ All School Mass, 8:30, gym
- ❖ 8th grade Retreat with Fr. Eric
- ❖ PFO Meeting @ 6:30, PC

September 2

- ❖ Labor Day, No School

September 6

- ❖ First Friday, Spirit Wear Day
- ❖ 8th grade Trip to CYO Camp

September 19

- ❖ PFO Meeting @ 6:30, PC

October 2

- ❖ Picture Retakes & 4/y/o PK

October 10

- ❖ Variety Show @ 6:30
- ❖ PK 3/y/o Conferences

October 11

- ❖ Walk-a-thon
- ❖ End of Quarter 1

October 14-18 Fall Break

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From the Desk of the Social Worker:

I am excited to be back at Nativity for a wonderful new school year! I am available to help your children learn healthy ways to cope with problems. I am also available to speak with parents about any concerns you may have.

As a reminder, I will need your permission to see any student in grades Pre-K through 5th, but students in the middle school may self-refer. I always let students know that in some situations I will need to contact a parent to ensure their well-being. If a student has an emergency I may see them without parental consent, but I will contact you when indicated.

I will be at Nativity again on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. Please feel free to call or email me (rsublette@nativityindy.org) if you have any questions or concerns!

Rose Mary Sublette, LCSW

PFO Logo/Spirit Wear Sale Ends Monday

The PFO Logo/Spirit Wear sale ends **Monday, August 19th**. Click the link <https://nativity.hightowergraphics.com> for school uniform logo shirts and sweatshirts, as well as our new spirit wear options. Size charts are noted with each individual item.

Items are due to arrive before our first Spirit Wear Day on **Friday, September 6th**. Please contact Erinn Laffoon 317-374-4222 or erinnlaffoon@hotmail.com with any questions.

The next chance to order logo/spirit wear will be in November.

Bring Your Best Smile On Tuesday

Tuesday is Picture Day! Students can wear their Sunday best for their school picture on **Tuesday, August 20th**. Parents may order with the paper form sent home or online at www.inter-state.com/order using order code 42490ZA. All students will have photos taken.



Parish Mass Time Changes Due to Festival

Due to the festival, the following changes to the Mass schedule have been made.

Saturday, August 17th – Vigil Mass for Sunday, **4:00 p.m.**, Holy Family Chapel. Note, this is a time change from the usual 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 18th – Regular Mass schedule, 7:15, 8:30, and 11:00 a.m.

No Classes Tomorrow

It is finally here, the best church festival in town --Augustavaganza! Due to the set up in the parking lots and fields, **school will be closed Friday, August 16th.**

Musical Monday

Representatives from Paige's Music will bring musical instruments to Nativity on Monday afternoon for students in 5th grade to try. Our band director, Mr. Joel Humberd from Roncalli, will assist our students in finding their favorite instrument. If you have a Middle School student who is interested in trying a new instrument, please contact Mr. Humberd (jhumberd@roncalli.org) or the office.

August Service Project

The second graders in 2A and 2B are in charge of the service project for August! We are collecting money for the Missionary Childhood Association. This is the group that Sister Loretto talked about last year. The donations help provide children with proper clothing, food and bedding. Each classroom will have a container for donations, and a lovely second grade poster that has been hand crafted by second graders! Please encourage your child to do chores at home and donate their money to the missions. We will be collecting until the beginning of September.

PFO Flower Sale Begins Today

The ever-popular PFO Fall Plant Sale has begun! Gorgeous mums, asters, and ornamentals are now available to order in many colors from Heidenreich's Greenhouse. Place your order at <https://nativityflowersale.wufoo.com/forms/nativity-pfo-fall-mum-and-plant-sale-2019/>

Online ordering is available until the end of the day on **Tuesday, September 3rd**. Payment by cash or check is due when you pick up your order on **Monday, September 16th from 3 to 5 p.m.** at the south entrance of the Nativity parish center.

If you have any questions or need to make special arrangements to pick up your order, please contact Holly Dexter at holly.dexter@gmail.com or call/text to 317-474-9946.

PFO Meeting Thursday

New PFO president Molly Perry and vice president Erinn Laffoon look forward to working with you in the new school year. You are invited to bring your great ideas, meet other parents, and get involved by attending Parent Faculty Organization meetings. Meetings will be held in the Parish Center at **6:30 p.m. on Thursdays** on the following dates: **August 22nd, September 19th, October 3rd, November 21st, January 16th, March 19th, and April 16th.**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is Starting Soon!

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Have you been coming to Mass with your Catholic spouse or child and have questions about the Catholic Church? If so Nativity offers an opportunity to come together in a small group environment and learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions will be held on **Tuesday evenings at 7 pm, beginning September 10**. They will focus on the teaching and experience of the Church while preparing individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Season. For more information please contact Fr. Eric at freric@nativityindy.org or fill out the form located at <https://www.nativityindy.org/rcia>.

First Reconciliation and First Communion Registration

Registration is now open for children who plan to be prepared for First Reconciliation and First Communion during the 2019-2020 school year. Typically, Catholic children receive these sacraments during second grade. Preparation includes classroom instruction either at Nativity School or in the parish Religious Education program, as well as family sessions for all children and parents prior to each sacrament. A full schedule of sessions will be forthcoming. The date for First Reconciliation is still being determined, but First Communion has been set for **Sunday, April 26, 2020**. For now, if your child plans to receive these sacraments this school year, please register at www.NativityIndy.org/faith. If you have questions, please contact the Parish Office at 317-357-1200 or tmartin@nativityindy.org.

Accelerated Reader News

Congratulations to Callie Elrod for being our first Accelerated Reader Millionaire for this school year! Callie earned a whole week out of uniform! Thank you for being a Reader Leader!

We are doing millionaire prizes differently this year. Instead of millionaires attending a special breakfast, middle school students will get to be out of uniform for a week! 3-5th grade millionaires will be able to select from a list of prizes, such as eating lunch at the picnic tables with a few friends or sitting in Ms. Bianchini's chair in class. K-2nd grade students will eat lunch with Ms. Bianchini once they reach Junior Reader Leader status. If they read a million words, they will select from the 3-5th grade prizes. All Reader Leaders will have their pictures hung in the hallway outside the library in addition to having their name in the newsletter and being recognized during morning announcements.

To have your child take a quiz, please visit <https://hosted278.renlearn.com/117570/>. If your child needs assistance logging in, please contact Jill Geisendorff at jgeisendorff@nativityindy.org. Thank you for encouraging your child to read!

Free/Reduced Lunch Program

We are now accepting applications for the free and reduced lunch program for the 2019-20 school year. Since we participate in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program, we can offer free or reduced priced meals to those who qualify. If your family receives benefits from the state in the form of SNAP, TANF or Medicaid, you are eligible for free lunch without filling out an application and should have received a letter via U.S. mail last week explaining the benefit.

Children who received free or reduced meal benefits during the previous school year are eligible for free and reduced meals up to 30 operating days into the next school year. The carryover begins on the first operating day of school or until a new eligibility determination is made. You must submit a new application during the 30 day carryover period or your benefit will change to paid on the 31st operating day.

If you need to fill out an application, there is an application and instructions attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Lee at (317) 357-1459 or dlee@nativityindy.org.

Attention All Girls Interested In Girl Scouts

A registration event for Franklin Township has been set for this **Saturday, August 17th from 3 to 4 p.m.** at the Franklin Road Library. Camping themed crafts, games, and snacks will be provided. Please bring any questions you have. Computers will be available to get signed up to start your fun adventure in Girl Scouts!

Please contact Becky Kabat at rmstakes@hotmail.com with any questions or if you would like to participate but cannot make this event.

Kick Off Events for Cub Scout Pack 462

Nativity's Cub Scout Pack 462 will be have having a Parent Information Night on **Tuesday August 20th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. There will be an activity available for children that are looking to join while the parents can get information from the pack leadership. On **Monday August 19th** the Boy Scouts of America will be presenting the program at the school during lunch to generate interest with the children.

The Cub Scouts will also be having their **2019 Kickoff BBQ Saturday August 24th at 4:30 in Shelter 5 at Southeastway Park.** There will be fun activities and dinner for all.

Nativity Football Apparel Sale

Nativity football apparel is here! So excited to announce we are trying something new for football apparel sales. We will be taking orders online!

Just click on the link below and you will be directed to our online spirit store. The store will be open until **Friday, August 23rd**. Orders will not be accepted after that date. Orders will be delivered to the school and sent home with your student. If your child doesn't go to Nativity, your order will be delivered to your coach. <https://squareup.com/store/gdi-nativitystore> Please contact Raechel Kill with any questions at 317-496-4871 or Rk91273@yahoo.com

Augustravaganza Updates

This Friday and Saturday, August 16th and 17th with 2 fun activities on **Thursday August 15th!!**

Desserts for Catered Dinners - We are now accepting dessert donations for our catered dinners. Home-baked or store bought! Pies, cakes, cupcakes, brownies, or any other favorite sweet treat accepted. Please note if your dessert contains nuts or nut products. Drop off at the Parish Center thru Wed during office hours or anytime Thurs/Fri/Sat.

Raffle News - Turn in raffle tickets at the raffle booth at the festival for your chance at \$3500 or other great prizes!

Volunteers - If you haven't got the message yet, we still have lots of spots for volunteers! Please support the festival with your time. [LINK HERE](#)

5K/1 mile fun run/walk - Weather is looking like a great morning for a walk with your friends supporting a great cause! Come join us! We are excited for our 10th 5K/1 mile walk/run Saturday morning to benefit Nativity's Mission in Kentucky. Details on registration website [HERE](#). Non-perishable items accepted race morning.

Beer Tasting Competition sponsored by Mashcraft will be held Thursday, Aug 15th at 6:30PM. Pizza from the New Bethel Ordinary and salad will also be provided. \$25 at the door. 21 and over only please.

Bingo - Don't forget to join all the fun in Bingo!! Friday & Saturday in the Parish Center 6:30-11. 21 and over only please.

Cupcakes & Canvas will also be held Thursday, Aug 15th at 6:30 PM. Registration is live now on [THIS LINK](#) or on the Nativity festival website or the festival FB event. The sea turtle was the winning design! See the festival website or FB for the picture.

BABY CRAWL! Who's our fastest Tiny Titan? We'll find out Saturday night at the festival 6:45 in the Parish Center. No registration or costs involved. Just show up ready to go! No walkers allowed 😊

Sponsorship- We do accept sponsorships up until the festival. Although some benefits may no longer apply, please contact us if your business or one you patronize would still like to sponsor. More info on the Nativity festival website. Thanks to our 2019 sponsors so far listed [HERE](#).

Donations - We are especially in need of glassware this year! Clean out your cabinets and grab any old glasses or vases, etc. (no mugs or plastics). We are also currently accepting 2 liters, Hot Wheel cars (or similar), and "happy meal" type kids' prizes. Leave on bench in Parish Center. We have enough stuffed animals now, thank you!!

Charcoal Sunday list - Last call on supplies! Standard Size paper plates, 10oz paper bowls, napkins, and plastic silverware. We do NOT need charcoal!!!

A BIG THANKS to everyone for your support so far!

*Follow us on Facebook at Augustravaganza to stay up to date with all festival happenings!!

Ideas for College Scholarship Money

The following is an excerpt from a letter from Mr. Bruce Scifres, head of the Catholic Youth Organization. "From time to time at CYO we are contacted by different groups who have some pretty neat opportunities for families across the Archdiocese. As my wife Jackie and I have three children who are now college graduates, and our fourth is preparing to start her senior year at Purdue University, we fully understand the tremendous financial grind that paying for college can be for families.

In the attachment, there is information about some pretty neat ways that families can generate revenue in the way of college scholarship money for their children. As I have met with representatives from the Strategies For College/Sage Group, I have been impressed by the opportunities they have available, including ways that a family can earn college scholarship money for their children at no financial cost to them."

"CYO is not getting any financial benefit from this, we are just trying to forward information to our families that might prove to be very beneficial to them. At the very least, it is worth taking a look at for families who have children who might one day be attending college."

Attachments: Free & Reduced Lunch Strategies for College

Nativity Catholic School Mission Statement

Nativity Catholic School, a ministry of Nativity Catholic Church, will LEAD through:

Love rooted in Christ;

Education focused on academic excellence and service to others;

Achievement through personal effort and perseverance; and

Development of mind, body and spirit.

Vision

By inspiring greatness, all children of Nativity Catholic School will realize their worth and reach their fullest God given potential.

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