Nativity of Mary Church and School

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"My attitude must be Christ's." - Philippians 2:5

Parish Staff

Rev. Robert Stone, Pastor
Melissa Clancy, Business Manager
Paula Cassity, Administrative Assistant
Maria Milazzo, Music Ministry & Liturgist
Becky Winbinger, Youth Group
Mary Jo Nafus, Secretary

School Staff

Mrs. Mary Parrish, Principal
Carmen Wolfgeher, Secretary

New Parishioners

If you are new to our parish and would like more information please contact the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care

Sacraments for the Sick.
Rev. Bob Stone, 353-2184, ext. 404

Pastoral visits to the Homebound and Hospitals.
Paula Cassity, 353-2184, ext. 401

Emergency Assistance

Contact St. Mary's Food Pantry and Clothes Closet - 252-8649

Youth Ministry

Becky Winbinger, 353-2184, ext. 408

Sacrament Preparation

Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Adult Initiation (RCIA), and Matrimony
Contact the parish office for information

Parish Ministry Council

Marilyn Mineart - 509-1277/minmar23@att.net

Diocesan Victim's Advocate

Kathleen Chastain
816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org

Ombudsman

Jenifer Valenti,
816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net

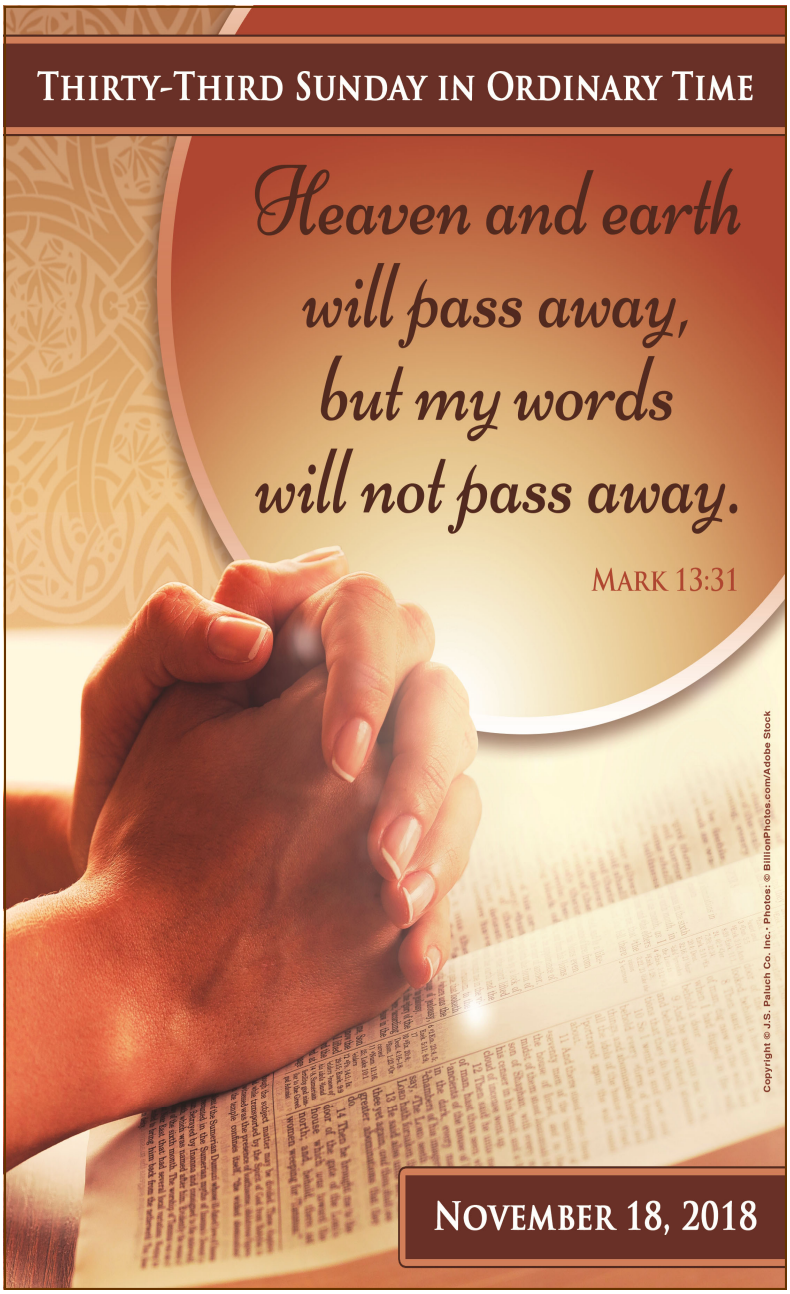
Visit us at https://www.facebook.com/nativityofmaryparish/

Mass Schedule

Monday:	8:30 a.m. Communion Service
Weekday:	8:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday
Saturday:	4:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day:	8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. or by Appointment



November 18, 2018 - The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov. 17 - Vigil of 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:00PM	+ Maxine Breunig
Sunday, Nov. 18 - The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00AM	+ John Kramer
10:30AM	+ Pete Quiroga
Monday, November 19	
8:30AM	**COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tuesday, November 20	
8:30AM	+ Harold Knipp
Wed., Nov. 21-Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
8:30AM	+ Patricia Stone
Thursday, November 22 - St. Cecilia	
8:30AM	+ Zachery Weiland
Fri., Nov. 23 - St. Clement I & St. Columban	
8:30AM	For our parish and school
Sat. Nov. 24 - Vigil of the Feast of Christ the King	
4:00PM	Deceased members of the Madrid Family
Sunday, Nov. 25 - The Feast of Christ the King	
8:00AM	+ Mike Pott
10:30AM	+ Caterina DiGaetano

Gluten-free hosts are available. Talk to Fr. Bob before Mass.

Please pray for:

Vern/Margaret Ault	Barbara Garrett	Carlos Pinon
Shannon Casey	Joey Gray	Alyssa Schell
Steve Christensen	Marla Herbst	Mary Kay Seller
John Clarke	Cynthia/Dennis Jones	Patrick Singleton
Shelly Clemons	Debbie Haney Kubiak	Bernice/Norm Steffen
Jean Covey	Jack McEnroe	Zeniada Torres
Bob DeSchepper	Anna McNeil	John Tuccillo
Roni Durkee	Jim Miceli	Carol Byrd Weaver
Mary Enyart	Arnold Muzquiz	Daniel Wheeler
Ally/Shannon Fowler	Cheryl Owen	Gerard Wickey
Garry/Emily Gagnon	Juan/Mary Perez	Ayden Wright

Readings of the Week - Nov. 19 - 25, 2018

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day--Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Music Outline

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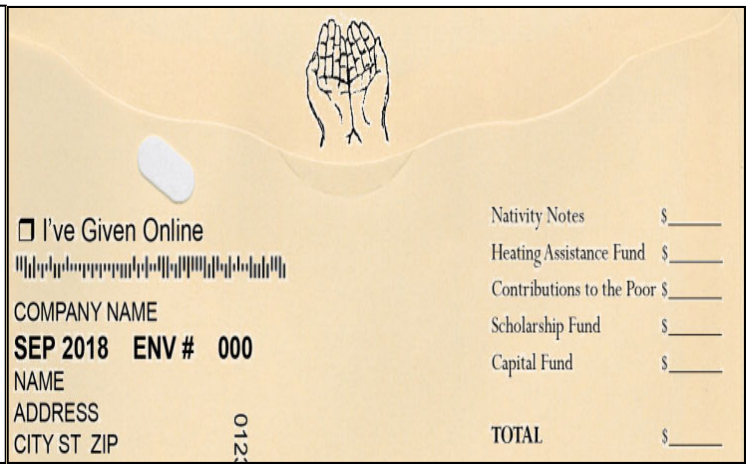
Readings may be found beginning on G #1189
Gathering: G #812, A Place at the Table
Gloria: G #322
Psalm: SS #54, Psalm 16: You Are My Inheritance
Offertory: G #911, Many and Great
Mass Setting: G #211-16, *Mass of Joy and Peace*
Communion: G #631, We Give You Thanks
Song of Praise: G #758, I Send You Out

Immaculate Conception 2018 - Holyday

You may be wondering whether December 8th (the Feast of the Immaculate Conception) is a Holy Day of obligation this year since it falls on a Saturday. See the following answer from Fr. Paul Turner, Director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese. "Mary is patron of our country under the title of the Immaculate Conception. So even though in the United States the obligation is usually lifted from Holy Days that fall on Saturday, it will not be on December 8, 2018. Catholics will be expected to participate at Mass on Friday night the 7th or Saturday morning the 8th and then return to participate again at Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Advent." Nativity of Mary will celebrate a Mass for the Holyday on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Please note that the 8:30 a.m. Mass on December 7th is not the Holyday Mass.

Did You Know…

We have changed envelope companies. Envelopes will still be mailed bi-monthly. You will receive the new envelopes soon for the months of December and January. With the new company we have decided to include just one envelope for Nativity Notes, Heating Assistance, Contributions to the Poor, Scholarship Fund and Capital Fund. All these will be listed on the one envelope and you just put the amount you would like to give next to each one and then write one check for all of them.



The Nativity Band Program would like to thank Paula Diehl for the $50 donation in memory of Clyde Van Dyke.

CAMP FIRE QUILT RAFFLE

Campfire girls will be raffling off another BEAUTIFUL homemade quilt made by Mary Smith starting in November and the raffle drawing will be held January 7th. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased from any of the campfire girls or after the weekend Masses in November and November 30th at the school play!

This our only and biggest fundraiser of the year and we thank you in advance for all your support!!

NATIVITY OF MARY CONTRIBUTION REPORT
11/3/2018 & 11/4/2018

Envelopes	$	14,319.00
Plate	$	767.19
Church Debt	$	717.00
Pisces Fund	$	277.00
Utility Fund	$	142.00
EFT	$	920.00
Credit Card	$	-
Online Giving	$	576.72
Poor Box	$	297.00
Total	$	18,015.91
All Saints Day	$	676.00
Tuition/Registration Fees 18-19	$	12,387.78

Nativity of Mary Altar Society Raffle

Stop in the narthex to see the Nativity Set the Altar Society is raffling off on December 2nd. Raffle tickets are available for $1.00 a ticket or 6 for $5.00. Need not be present to win.

THANKSGIVING DAY

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Nov. 22nd	9:00 AM Mass
Cantor	Mike Van Bibber
Accompanist	Chris Rupprecht
Lectors	Marilyn Fellows Anita Burks
Eucharistic Ministers	Rosa Milazzo Ed Seufert Judy Seufert Michelle Hix Loretta Van Bibber Sandy DeSchepper
Ushers	Ed Bruehl Ron Galvan Marilyn Mineart Bob Murphy
Servers	Ben Winbinger Katie Winbinger

NOVEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 8, 2018 CALENDAR

Sunday 18	Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24
8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass Available 8:00AM	8:30AM Communion Serv.	8:30AM Mass 9AM - Quilters 7PM - RCIA	8:30AM Mass	9:00AM Mass Ministry Center Closed	8:30AM Mass Ministry Center Closed	3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass
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NOVEMBER 24TH & 25TH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 24th & 25th	4:00 PM Mass	8:00 AM Mass	10:30 AM Mass
Cantor	Jim Fleming	Deena Owen	Maria Milazzo
Accompanist	Michelle Camacho	Chris Rupprecht	Susan Walker
Lectors	Lyda Steiert Joe Foley	Bridgette Kahmann Marilyn Fellows	Wilma Christensen Brian DeMarea
Eucharistic Ministers	Marilyn Mineart Loretta Bates Joe Arnone Theresa Walter Sara Breunig Lisa Dec Volunteer	Laura Rosenberg Jeff Rosenburg Margaret Ruiz Larry Lamb Bob DeSchepper Susie Kenney	Rosa Milazzo Helen Austin Sam Locascio Diane Locascio Becky Adkins Robert Steiert Volunteer
Ushers	Teresa Zaner Loretta Polzin Grace Arnone Danny Barnes	Rich West Larry Nauser Nancy Ronan Volunteer	Janet Duffey Donnie Duffey Mike Monley Mark Bishop
Servers	Volunteer Volunteer	Bella Rosenberg Sam Rosenberg	Matt Lakin Grant Beck

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
November 29, 30 & December 1, 2018

Nativity of Mary Theatre presents Aladdin, Jr. the end of November! Tickets may be reserved in advance through a cast member or be emailing Maria Milazzo at mmilazzo@nativityofmary.org.

Tickets will also be available at the door. Admission is as follows: $5/adult, $3/HS & College students, FREE/ Middle School students.

Directed by Maria & Katia Milazzo, this show promises more music, dancing, and excitement than ever before. You will NOT want to miss this magic carpet ride!

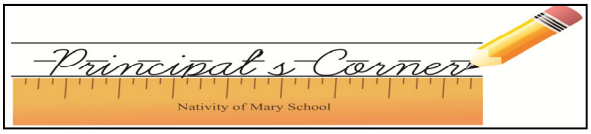
ALADDIN, JR. ~ PRESCHOOL PERFORMANCE
Thursday, November 10th, 10:00 a.m.

Nativity Parishioners, do you have a preschool-aged grandchild in your life you would like to come see our production of Aladdin, Jr.?! We are have a special performance on Wednesday, November 28th at 10am for area preschools and would love for your to bring your little ones!

Email Maria Milazzo at mmilazzo@nativityofmary.org today to reserve your tickets for this very special performance! Seats are limited and you won't want to miss this fabulous production!

Please continue to recycle your junk mail, office papers, newspapers, etc. Our recycle bins are located in the church parking lot just off of 36th Terrace.

Please save pop tabs, boxtops and Best Choice barcodes for our school. You can drop them off at the school or church.

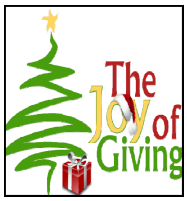


THE 33RD ANNUAL MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT
BENEFITTING COMMUNITY SERVICES LEAGUE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018 - 2:30 P.M.
COMMUNITY OF CHRIST AUDITORIUM
1001 WEST WALNUT STREET
INDEPEDENCE, MO 64050

The Concert Features:
Independence School District
Nativity of Mary Fourth Grade Students
Truman High School Concert Choir
Young MAIsterSingers
Children from the Music Arts Institute
Spirit of Independence Band

Conductor: Christine Tatum
Master of Ceremonies: Dick Wilson
Organist: Kevin Kissinger
"Mac" from the Kansas City Mavericks
"Special" Guest

Admission is free. A donation offering will be taken up during the concert.



OUR DEAR LORD SHUT-INS

Each year the Middle School students prepare 150 containers for the needy residents of inner-city nursing homes. This is the only Christmas gift these residents receive. Please help us fill the containers. We will need the following travel/trial size items:

Lotion	Chocolate Peppermint Patties
Soap	Bite Size Chocolate Candy
Shampoo	Wrapped Hard Candy
Powder	Cheese Crackers
Deodorant	Peanut Butter Crackers
Conditioner	5-stick Pack of Gum
Pocket Kleenex	Sugar Free Candy
	Sugar Free Gum

This year we will need one size fits all gloves. Also cash contributions would be greatly appreciated in order to purchase some of these items and craft supplies. We will accept your donations now through December 7th. Thank you for your help and kindness.

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Today's readings anticipate the end of the Church year. They speak of finality, the end of the world, and Jesus' role in our ultimate salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus describes "those days" of complete darkness--no light from sun, moon, or stars. The prophet Daniel also speaks in grim terms, foretelling of those who will suffer in "everlasting horror and disgrace." Conversely, Daniel mentions the wise people God will set aside for glory, those who will "shine like stars forever." It is tempting to worry about the gathering darkness and fret over our fate, but today's psalm urges us to be confident. "You will show me the path to life," the psalm proclaims. "You will not abandon my soul to the netherworld." Truly, God guides us. Jesus sacrificed his life to save us, our reading from Hebrews reminds us. Joined to Christ, we ask God to perfect us in holiness.

Words of Darkness

We may feel uneasy about the end of the world for many reasons, especially considering the dramatic language that today's scriptures use to describe the last days. Rarely do our Sunday readings provoke us with descriptions of "tribulation" that is "unsurpassed in distress;" of the awakened dead who wallow in "everlasting horror and disgrace;" and of darkened heavens where "the stars will be falling from the sky." The end of the world unsettles us for another, more basic reason, too: we do not know when it is coming. The unknown can frighten us. Horror movies rely on that tendency to terrify moviegoers. Mystery and suspense thrillers fill us with anxiety while we await a resolution. We could rest easier and plan ahead, we like to think, if only we knew exactly when this final ordeal will beset humanity.

Words of Everlasting Life

"Heaven and earth will pass away," Jesus assures us in today's Gospel, "but my words will not pass away." Foreboding words about the end of the world may distress us, but Jesus' words bring us glory. Word-made-flesh, Jesus walked and talked among us. We have inherited his gospel. Jesus gave us the words of everlasting life so that we can look forward to his second coming with faith, hope, and love.

While we wait, the Lord accompanies us in word and sacrament. If we begin to feel anxious, Jesus is with us. We can turn to his words in the Bible and experience his closeness. If we are overwhelmed by our shortcomings and sins, we can participate in the liturgy and feel the intimacy of Jesus in the Eucharist and in one another. The world will end, certainly. But Jesus, the Word of God, has already conquered death. Jesus invites us be unafraid. Over and over again in the Gospels, Jesus says not to fear, offering instead his deep and lasting peace.

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Treasures from Our Tradition

November is a month of remembrance for the dead, and cemeteries have long been a focus for prayer. Our tradition holds great respect for bodily remains, since the body was created and redeemed by God, was once the "dwelling place of the Holy Spirit," and has a destiny of life with God in glory. The funeral practices of the early church contrasted greatly with those of the pagans, who had a great dread of the dead body. The ancient Christian funeral liturgy ended with the relatives and friends giving a final kiss to the body. It expressed affection and showed their faith that the grave would not be the last word. This kiss horrified pagans, who thought that any contact with the dead was degrading.

Every year on their loved one's "birthday to life," the Christians would return to the place of their burial to mark their profound communion with those whose lives were hidden in Christ. Typically, they buried the dead with their faces turned toward the east, symbolizing the rising of the Sun of Justice, Christ, at the end of days. They were attracted to the catacombs or burial grounds just as we are today. They would often celebrate the Eucharist at the tomb. Before long, as soon as Christians were allowed to build places for worship, they relocated cemeteries from beyond the city walls to surround the church. This was not so much because the church made the ground holy, but because the bodies of the saints hallowed the ground on which the church was built, a subtle but beautiful difference.

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Take the High School Placement Test (HSPT)
At St. Teresa's Academy
December 8th, 2018 or January 12, 2019
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (test begins at 8:15 a.m.)

Eighth grade girls are invited to take the HSPT at St. Teresa's Academy. For our convenience, two test dates are offered. You may choose to take the HSPT on either December 8 or January12. Test takers should check-in at 8:00 a.m. at the Windmoor Center (lace-wrapped building). All students applying for admission into the freshman class are required to take this test. Stay after the test for pizza!

To register, please visit the St. Teresa's Academy website at www.stastars.org/admissions/apply, and fill out the online application (HSPT registration is part of the application).

St. Teresa's Academy is a Catholic, college preparatory high school sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and committed to excellence in the education of young women. The Academy seeks a diverse student community and admits students without regard to race, color, national, or ethnic origin. Contact Becky Flores, Admissions Directory, at 816-501.0035 or bflores@stteresasacademy.org with questions.

THANKS

One act of thanksgiving when things go wrong with us
is worth one thousand thank-yous
when things are agreeable to our inclination.

--St. John of Ávila

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or **JeniferValenti@att.net**, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or **chastain@diocesekcsj.org** for more information.

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE"
PEER-TO-PEER GRIEF SUPPORT

This is a *Beginning Experience* grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope!

Upcoming date and location:
Church of the Ascension, St. Mark Room
9510 W 127th St., Overland Park, KS

Sessions will be from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Contact Donna at 816-305-3760 for information and registration.

St. Mary's Food Pantry

St. Mary's Food Pantry is always in need of donations for our clients. However, they are overstocked with canned vegetables to last for years, so they are asking for help in collecting the following food items for their pantry. . .

Creamed Soups
Tuna
Oatmeal Packages
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned Meats
Canned Fruits
Mac & Cheese
Jelly
Tune Helper
Boxes of Oatmeal
Ramen Noodles
Pasta Sides
Pork and Beans
Canned Chicken
Pasta Sauce
Manual Can Opener

There is a barrel in the back of church where you can drop off your food items. If you have cash donations you can mail them directly to St. Mary's or give them to an usher and we will be sure to get them to St. Mary's for you.

Also, if you are interested in volunteering to help out at St. Mary's Outreach please call 252-8649. We can always use an extra pair of hands.

Please continue collecting the UPC labels off of Best Choice Products. You can drop them off in the Hospitality room in back of church, mail them to St. Mary's or take them by St. Mary's Outreach Wednesday or Thursday between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.