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, Directory of Music & Liturgy
Becky Winbinger, Youth Minister
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

Danny Barnes, 816-507-5171, dfbarnes@gmail.com

Diocesan Victim's Advocate

Kathleen Chastain
816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org

Ombudsman

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

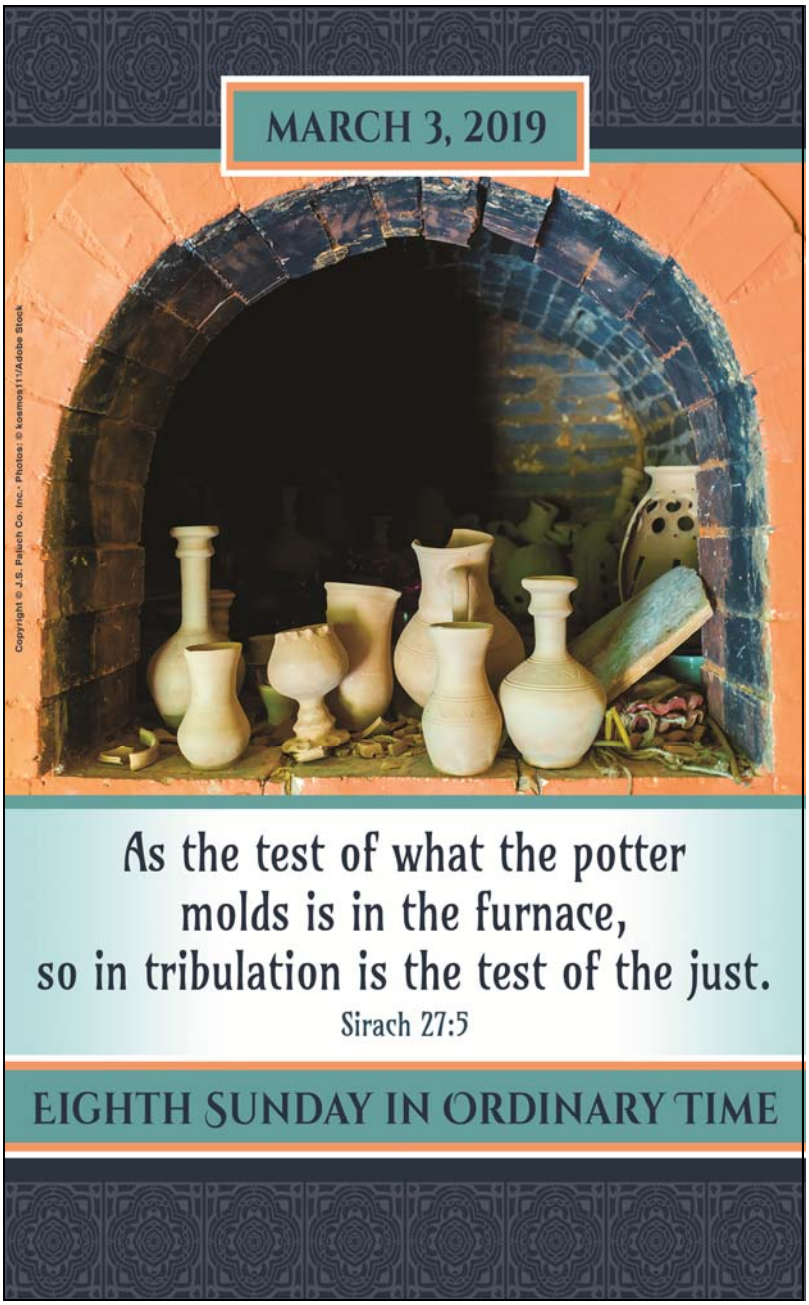
Visit us at https://www.facebook.com/nativityofmaryparish/

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



March 3, 2019 - The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary TIme

Mass Intentions

Sat., Mar. 2 - Vigil of the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:00PM	+ Vern Ault & Pierson Phillips
Sunday, Mar. 3 - The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00AM	+ Karen Kleihauer
10:30AM	+ Mary King & John Gragg
Monday, March 4 - St. Casimir	
8:30AM	Communion Service
Tuesday, March 5	
8:30AM	+ Agnes Schaefer
Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday	
8:30AM	+ Pierson Phillips
6:30PM	+ William Riley
Thursday, March 7 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity	
8:30AM	+ Frances Lipoma
Friday, March 8 - St. John of God	
8:30AM	+ Francisco & Candelaria Villar & Family
Sat. Mar. 9 - Vigil of the 9th Sunday of Ordinary Time	
4:00PM	+Karen Kleihauer & In honor of St. Christopher
Sunday, Mar. 10 - The 9th Sunday of Ordinary Time	
8:00AM	+ Tom Pott
10:30AM	+ Pete Quiroga

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

Please pray for:

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

Weekly Readings - March 4 - 10 , 2019

Monday:	Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Music Outline (Mar 2/3)

Readings may be found beginning on G #1115

*Please note - WA stand for Worship Aide

Gathering: WA #24, Akwaaba! Welcome!
Gloria: G #322
Psalm: G #1115, Psalm 92: Lord, it is good
Offertory: SS #278, Christ in Me Arise
Mass Setting: G #375-388, Mass of the Angels & Saints
Communion: SS #131, I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Song of Praise: WA #6, Laudate Si, Mi Signore, Verse 1 & 5

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.

Did You Know…

Plastic bags cannot be put in the recycle bin. Plastic bags are not recyclable. When our recycle company finds plastic bags in our bin we are charged a fee for this. Please remove your items from the plastic bag and take the plastic bag home with you.

Lector Training at St. Mark's Parish

For anyone interested in becoming a lector, the Diocese is offering a Lector Training on March 13th, 5 -- 9 pm, at St. Mark's Parish in Independence.

This is a training for clear, accurate reading for liturgical functions. If you are already a reader in your parish, this serves as a good refresher as well. Please contact Maria Milazzo before registering. You may register at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/13Mark
Password: hailmaryjmj.

Extra Lenten Penance Opportunity
Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Fr. Bob is offering this in addition to the Communal Lenten Penance Service which will be held on Sunday, April 14th, 2:00 p.m. To get an idea if anyone would like to take advantage of this opportunity we are asking people to anonymously let us know by calling the office or putting a check mark on the sheet on the kiosk in back of church.

NATIVITY OF MARY CONTRIBUTION REPORT
2/16/2019 & 2/17/2019

Envelopes	$	7,352.00
Plate	$	484.00
Church Debt	$	742.00
Pisces Fund	$	317.00
Utility Fund	$	25.00
EFT	$	-
Credit Card	$	250.00
Online Giving	$	173.86
Poor Box	$	150.00
Total	$	9,493.86
Tuition/Registration Fees 18-19	$	1,313.00
Catholic Charities 2nd Collection	$	630.25

One Call Institute

This year, Maria Milazzo will take 5 of our young music ministers, Naomi Gonterman, Faustina Jackson, Isabel Wiegman, Vincent Wiegman, and Cyril Smitka to this week-long program to form their ministry as liturgical musicians where they can become leaders in our parish as they have been in our school.

The fee for the program is $600 each. This includes housing, meals, tuition, and materials. If you would like to see more youth participation in our church and specifically in our music ministry, please consider sponsoring a student or donating any amount to support their formation! Donations may be brought to the parish office, dropped in the collection basket, or given directly to Maria Milazzo. Please make sure the envelope is clearly marked One Call Institute. Checks made payable to Nativity of Mary. Thank you for your support!

ONE CALL TESTAMENT BY NAOMI GONTERMAN

I want to attend One Call Institute this year because it is a great influence on the youth of our parish. One Call has impacted my life by introducing me to new faith filled people, teaching me how to use music to preach the word of the Lord, and bringing new and different ways of expressing our faith through song. Thank you for all of your help from last year and this year to make this wonderful experience possible.

FISH FRY FUNDRAISER - BOY SCOUT TROOP 178
FRIDAY NIGHTS FROM 5:00 - 7:30 P.M.
MARCH 22ND, 29TH, AND APRIL 5TH, 12TH

Menu – Fried Battered Cod, Catfish, Boiled Shrimp, Baked Tilapia, Fish Tacos

Sides include - French fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw, mac & cheese, green beans, & corn

Cost – $10 adult regular one entree meal; $13 adult combo meal; $5 children

Desserts and beer available for donation.
Carry out available.

MARCH 3 - 23, 2019 CALENDAR

Sunday 3	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Saturday 9
8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass	8:30AM Communion Serv.	8:30AM Mass 9AM - Quilters 6PM - PTO Mtg. 7PM - RCIA	8:30AM Mass 6:30PM Mass Ash Wednesday 7:30PM - Choir	8:30AM Mass 7PM - Altar Society Meeting	8:30AM Mass 2:15PM Stations Of the Cross 7PM Confirmation	3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass PTO Auction
10 8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass 9AM - Choir 12PM - NCYC Meeting	**11** 8:30AM Communion Serv. Noon - 2PM Over 55 LUNCHEON 7PM - Book Club	**12** 8:30AM Mass 9AM - Quilters 7PM - RCIA 7PM - Ministry Council Meeting	**13** 8:30AM Mass 11AM - Jammin' with Jesus 6PM - Bible Study 7PM - Choir	**14** 8:30AM Mass 2:15PM Stations Of the Cross 6:30PM - Liturgy Committee Mtg.	**15** 8:30AM Mass 7PM - Stations of the Cross	**16** 3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass 5PM St. Joseph Table
17 8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass St. Joseph Table following the 10:30am Mass	**18** 8:30AM Communion Serv. School - Spring Break Week	**19** 8:30AM Mass 9AM - Quilters 7PM - RCIA	**20** 8:30AM Communion Serv. 4:30PM - Parish Finance Council 6:00PM Bible Study	**21** 8:30AM Communion Serv.	**22** 8:30AM Communion Serv. 4PM - Fish Fry 7PM - Stations of the Cross	**23** 3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass

MARCH 9TH & 10TH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Mar. 9 & 10	4:00 PM Mass	8:00 AM Mass	10:30 AM Mass
Cantor	Maria Milazzo	Nancy Nauser	Anita Burks
Accompanist	JoAnn Ishmael	Michelle Proen	Susan Walker
Lectors	Grace Arnone Joe Foley	Brian DeMarea Nancy Ronan	Barbara Garrett Sam Locascio
Eucharistic Ministers	Loretta Van Bibber Ed Krawczyk Loretta Krawczyk Sara Breunig Sherri Eaton Becky Winbinger Carol Deveney	Larry Nauser Pat Clark Mike Fetters Sandy DeSchepper Lisa Dec Carol Morris	Rosa Milazzo Larry Lamb Mary Singer Ray Singer Susie Kenney Mary Vitt Volunteer
Ushers	Marilyn Mineart Bernie Schulte Julian Huff Sue Reiser	Mary Ann McClure Charlie Bellman Ron Galvan Henry Giraldo	Donnie Duffey Janet Duffey Bob Murphy Mike Monley
Servers	Lucy Barnes Anna Barnes	Zack McClain Volunteer	Matt Lakin Grant Beck

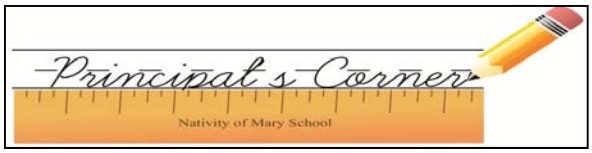
ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6th	6:30 PM Mass
Cantor	Kathy Bishop
Accompanist	Susan Walker
Lectors	Donna Arnone Patsy Lorimer
Eucharistic Ministers	Rosa Milazzo Carol Deveney Ed Krawczyk Loretta Krawczyk Sarah Gonterman Joe Arnone Carol Morris
Ushers	Nancy Ronan Ed Bruehl Grace Arnone Larry Morris
Servers	Meekin Becker Henry Becker

The Nativity of Mary School Auction is the largest school fundraiser that raises money for our school scholarships so all students can benefit from a faith-based education. Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 5:00 pm marks the annual PTO auction at Nativity of Mary. Tickets are $35 for individuals, $60 for couples, and $300 for a reserved table of 8. Ticket includes admission, dinner, dessert, drinks (including beer, wine, and specialty drinks), and your auction bid-booklet. Tickets will be $40 each at the door, so see the ticket link on our website to buy your tickets online in advance and save: www.nativityofmary.org. Table reservations are limited. Please contact Aleah at aleahslp@gmail.com to reserve a table. If you are interested in making a donation, see our school homepage for basket ideas, our Amazon wish list, and general info. We hope you will join us in celebrating our great school and community!

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONVERENCE

Come join us to find out about the NCYC gathering to be held in Indianapolis this November. Participants are invited to encounter Christ, experience church, and be empowered for discipleship. This is open to all youth in grades 9 - 12 for the 2019-2020 school term. We will meet in the Ministry Center Basement on March 10th at Noon. Come fine out about the fun!



The boiler room at Nativity is a space that not a lot of people see when they are in our building. This space is important to our faculty because it is where all of our food and kitchen equipment is stored. This room has not had an overhaul in many years. The following people and families donated four full days to get this space cleaned, organized and painted, and we are beyond GRATEFUL for their selfless donation of time and energy. We would like to personally thank:

Michael Monaco
Henry Family
Johnson Family
Anthony Glorioso
Thomason Family
Redmond Family
Brandy Warren
William McIntyre

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

Nativity students K-8 are learning about computer science through PLTW and Code.org! Our students are learning problem-solving skills, to think critically and creatively, to communicate and collaborate with others, and to persevere when something does not work the first time. It was amazing to watch kindergartners use the design process - ask, explore, model, evaluate and explain to achieve their goal. Preparing our students for the future with STREAM activities!

March 3, 2019 - The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept--that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit.

Words and Fruit

What do these two things have in common? In Luke's Gospel today, Jesus uses the image of a fruit tree to explain the importance of speaking with care. If the tree is healthy (that is, good), we expect to enjoy tasty fruit, but no one would pick the fruit of a tree that appears to be diseased. Good fruit is like good words that indicate one's spiritual growth and maturity--a person whose heart and words are filled with goodness. We will be known as good or evil by the qualities--of mercy and compassion, or pride and selfishness--that come from our hearts and enter the world through our mouth. We hear similar advice from the book of Sirach in our first reading. Just as the fruit will indicate whether or not the tree from which it came was healthy, so too do our words indicate what we think, how we view the world and our neighbors. Words are important, indeed.

Actions and Victory

But what about our actions? These surely are also signs of goodness or the opposite, aren't they? Today's psalm sings about the just ones who will be like trees flourishing in the house of the Lord, bearing fruit throughout their lives. Justice implies action--mercy, compassion, love. In the second reading, Paul advises the Corinthians to devote themselves to the work of the Lord, that their labors would not be in vain, because the reward of acting with integrity is victory over sin and death. The person of justice and integrity acts and speaks from a new heart, made possible by Jesus sacrifice. Do actions speak louder than words? Maybe between this Gospel and last week's, when Jesus told us to love our enemies, Jesus is showing us that both are vital and essential aspects of following the life of discipleship. May our fruit always reflect the sweetness of living a good life.

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Treasures from Our Tradition

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and clear the air by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

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ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

$35
INDIVIDUAL

$60
COUPLE

$300
RESERVED TABLE FOR 8*

Tickets will be $40 each at the door. Buy in advance & save! Each ticket price includes admission, dinner, dessert, beverages and your auction-bid booklet.

*Table reservations are limited. Reserve yours online at nativityofmary.org or contact Aleah Brost 816-645-7256 or aleahslp@gmail.com.The school office WILL NOT be taking table reservations.

DRINKS ARE INCLUDED!
(YES, THAT INCLUDES BEER, WINE AND A SIGNATURE DRINK TOO!)

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019
5:00 PM
NATIVITY of MARY PARISH HALL

ORDER ONLINE**
CHECK OUT THE LINK ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE
NATIVITYOFMARY.ORG

Get your tickets in advance and save!
TICKETS WILL BE $40 EACH AT THE DOOR
A Nativity Representative will be available
after all Masses for the next two weekends selling tickets!

DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED
Our Representatives will also be collecting donations after these Masses too!