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New Parishioners

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

Pastoral Care

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Paula Cassity, 816.356.4467

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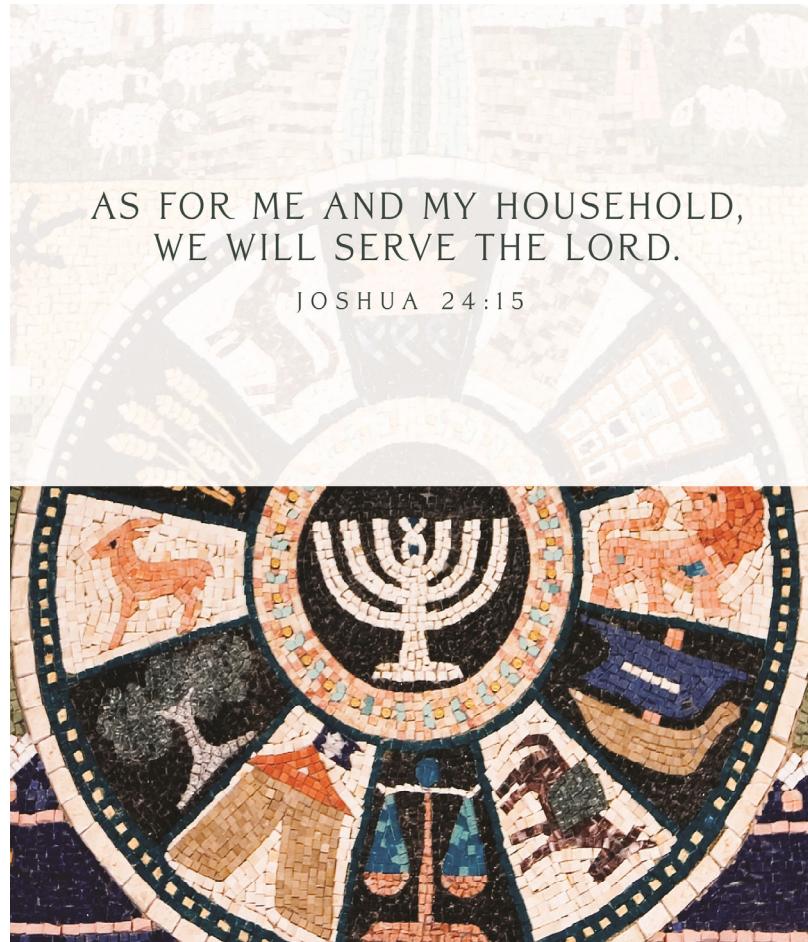
Carol Morris 816.721.3409
carol@kcfsi.com

Mass Schedule

Monday: 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
Weekday: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Saturday: 3:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: 8:30 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 2:30 p.m.
Or contact Fr. Bob Tuesday through Friday for an appointment



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

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

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AUGUST 22, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

3:00 PM + Mary and Al Flowers
+ Robert Komasinski

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30AM + Angelo Di Gaetano
+ Antonio Milazzo

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

8:30 AM Communion Service

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

8:30 AM +Gary Enyart

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

8:30 AM + Virginia McMenamy

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

3:00 PM + Dan Baker
+ Linda Barrett

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30AM + Jack and Jo Studer
+ Jay Collins
+ Salvatore Milazzo

NATIVITY OF MARY CONTRIBUTION REPORT
AUGUST 7TH AND AUGUST 8TH, 2021

WEEKLY READINGS AUGUST 23 - AUGUST 29

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

A MOMENT TO REFLECT
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Envelopes	\$	9,208.00
Plate	\$	438.00
Church Debt	\$	590.00
Pisces Fund	\$	50.00
Utility Fund	\$	_____
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Online Giving	\$	1,890.86
Poor Box	\$	50.00
Total	\$	12,226.86
Tuition/Registration Fees 21-22	\$	17,434.33

Karen Langer	Cathy Heegan	Larry Nauser
Anna McNeil	Dottie Dierkes	Nicholas Franco
Juan and Mary Perez	Olivia Sims	Carol Deveney
Susie Smith	Judy Allen	Michael Monley
Jean Kozlowski	Steve Christensen	Esther Cunningham
	Lea and Bernie Kanies	
	Bernice and Norm Steffen	
	Pat Baker	
Marlene Irwin	Eric Parvin	Margaret Ault
Cynthia Jones	Ross DiCapo	Sharon Duschall
Dennis Jones	Kristiana Fahey	Cheryl Swinney
Danny Piñon	Mikey Eaton	Mary Ann Touzinsky
Frank Piñon	Chance Small	Carol Byrd Weaver
	Linda Woods	

AUGUST 22, 2021



AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD,
WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.

JOSHUA 24:15

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WHOM SHOULD WE FOLLOW?

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse in John. After Jesus' continued insistence that he is the Bread of Life come down from heaven, and that his words are "Spirit and life," most of his disciples drift away. The Twelve, however, affirm their faith in Jesus, whom Simon Peter professes to "have the words of eternal life." In the first reading, Joshua and the Israelites are preparing to enter the Promised Land, and Joshua asks the people to decide which god they will follow, the LORD their God, or the gods of neighboring peoples. The Responsorial Psalm features Psalm 34, the "taste and see" psalm, that reflects the kinds of struggles the Israelites faced during their sojourn in the wilderness. In the second reading, Paul gives counsel for maintaining domestic peace and happiness.

CROSSROADS IN LIFE, THEN AND NOW

Sometimes in life we find ourselves at a crossroads, faced with an existential choice that will alter the course of our life. We are aware, at these moments, just how significant our choice will be and that there will be no going back.

In both the first reading and the Gospel we see such moments calling people to make such choices. Which god will the Israelites follow? Joshua, their leader after Moses, knows that the area around the Promised Land is occupied by other peoples, with other gods. Perhaps remembering how, after Moses had gone up Mount Sinai, the Israelites set up a golden calf to worship, Joshua worries that they may again be susceptible to such attractions. He is asking them for a commitment, and proclaims, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

CAN WE STAY WITH JESUS?

The people who were frenetically following Jesus, crossing the lake twice to pursue him, eating the bread he miraculously provided, are now puzzled by Jesus proclaiming himself as "the bread of life," and they are incredulous. They can go with him no farther, so they gradually drift away. The Twelve, however, stay with Jesus. What else could they do? Who else offers such a profound vision of human life? Peter expresses it well: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Not all of our life's crossroads involve our faith, but some do. Perhaps there is someone in your parish who chose to become Catholic and is now alienated from their family; someone who is unhappy with a new pastor and wondering about looking for a different parish; someone who was especially distressed by the clergy sex abuse and prayed long and hard before deciding that she needed her parish to get through it. There may be many in your parish facing such choices, and they need our support and our prayers. In the meantime, we can hope that someday they will again experience Jesus as the Holy One of God, offering them words of eternal life.

TODAY'S READINGS

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21
Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]
John 6:60-69

AUGUST 22, 2021 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 CALENDAR

Sunday 22 10:30 AM Mass	Monday 23 8:30 AM Communion service	Tuesday 24 8:30 AM Mass	Wednesday 25 7– 9 PM Choir Rehearsal	Thursday 26 8:30 AM Mass	Friday 27	Saturday 28 2:30 PM Confession 3:00 PM Mass
29 10:30 AM Mass	30 8:30 AM Communion service	31 8:30 AM Mass	September 1 6 - 8 PM Adoration  7 - 9 PM Choir Rehearsal in Parish Hall	2 8:30 AM Mass 6 PM Altar Society	3 School Early Release 12:10PM	4 2:30 PM Confession 3:00 PM Mass
5 10:30 AM Mass	6 8:30 AM Communion service	7 8:30 AM Mass 6 PM Ministry Council Meeting	8 7 - 9 PM Choir Rehearsal 7 PM Feast Day Concert 	9 8:30 AM Mass	10	11 2:30 PM Confession 3:00 PM Mass Feast Day Weekend



Nativity Notes



Full, active, and conscious participation in the Liturgy through sung prayer!

Scriptural Prayer and Reflection with Music

This Sunday's sung prayers and music selections are directly from the readings. In the first reading, Joshua directs all of the people to serve the LORD, the one and only God. He does this by addressing the people and reminding them of all the good works God has done for them. The people recognized this and recalled God's saving works in liberating their ancestors from slavery in Egypt. They realize it is only right to serve the Lord. We go forth from our Eucharistic celebration this weekend singing "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, we will serve the Lord, we will serve the Lord!" We sing our praises because we cannot merely speak about it. What does it look like for you and your family to serve the Lord?

In the responsorial psalm, we revisit Psalm 34 from two weeks ago: "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." We sing the same text from the psalm in the communion hymn, bringing to light that in the Eucharist we physically taste the goodness of the Lord. We then see the goodness of the Lord both in the Eucharist and in our day-to-day encounters. How will you be Christ to another this coming week?

And in the Gospel reading, Jesus reminds his disciples that the words he speaks are Spirit and life. These words are also heard in Psalm 19. There is a beautiful setting by Bob Hurd that you will hear during the Preparation of the Gifts. It says, "Your words, Lord, are Spirit, Spirit and life." How are the words you hear in the Scriptures this weekend Spirit and life for you? How does the music help bring forth the meaning of the Scriptures?

-Maria Milazzo



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Andres Contreras

who was recently Baptized

We welcome them into the community of
Nativity of Mary Parish.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 1
6:00 - 8:00 PM



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THE NARTHEX

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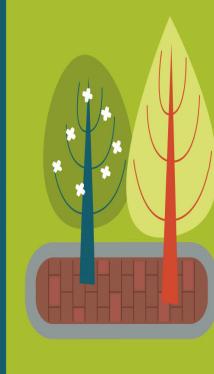
NATIVITY OF MARY
PARISH SECRETARY

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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, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500, 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 the Victim Advocate at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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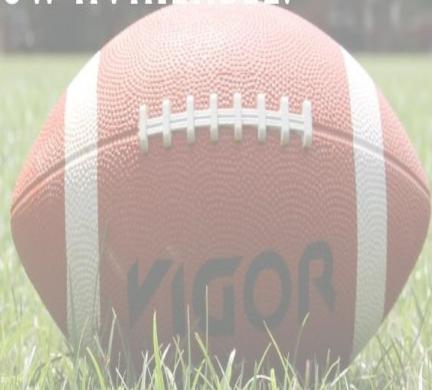


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If you have questions, please contact Becky at beckywinbinger@nativityofmary.org

Thinking of Exploring the Catholic Church?

If you have been thinking you want to explore the Catholic Church and its teaching contact Becky Winbinger at beckywinbinger@nativityofmary.org or call 816 353 2184 with questions. Sessions begin in September.



SIP SIP and PLAY



NATIVITY'S 3RD ANNUAL WINE, SPIRITS, AND BREW WALK

SATURDAY, SEPT 18TH
6 - 9 PM

MORE INFO TO COME!

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

83rd Feast Day

Celebration

Kick off to the Year of Celebration & Commemoration

September 8, 2021

* 7 pm in church **Wednesday**

"All Are Welcome, All Belong" Music Ministry Concert

Reception to follow

Free will donations to the Nativity Notes are graciously accepted

September 11-12, 2021

Saturday * 3 pm in church

Eucharistic Celebration

Cookies & juice after Mass hosted by
the Parish Council

* 8:00 - 11:00 am in the Parish Hall

Complimentary Chris Cakes Breakfast

Sponsored by the Parish Council

* 10:30 am in church
Eucharistic Celebration

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