



Nativity of Mary Church and School

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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

Sacraments for the Sick
Rev. Bob Stone, 816.353.2184, ext. 404

Pastoral visits to the Homebound and Hospitals

Paula Cassity, 816.356.4467

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

YOU SHALL LOVE
THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND WITH ALL
YOUR STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30

Thirty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

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October 31, 2021

OCTOBER 31, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

3:00 PM + John & Evelyn Cummings
+ Mary Kay Seller
+ Lupita Tamayo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30AM + Fransico Canderra Villar
+ Jerry & Gloria Fournier

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:30 AM Communion Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:30 AM + No Service

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:30 AM +Nativity of Mary Parish

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

3:00 PM + John Kramer
+ Helena Nowak

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30AM + Miguel Angel Espejel Montero
+ James Lee Edwards
+ All Souls in Purgatory

NATIVITY OF MARY CONTRIBUTION REPORT OCTOBER 16TH AND OCTOBER 17TH, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 10,008.60
Plate	\$ 534.00
Church Debt	\$ 190.00
Pisces Fund	\$ 95.00
Utility Fund	\$ —
EFT	\$ 200.00
Credit Card	\$ 545.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,866.32
Poor Box	\$ —
Total	\$ 14,438.92

**Tuition/Registration Fees
21-22** **\$ 8,280.22**

WEEKLY READINGS OCT 31ST–NOV 7TH

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6;
1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom
5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-
40,

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-
2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps
27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk
15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4;
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps
145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-
15

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-
10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk
12:38-44 [41-44]

OFFER YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

A moment to reflect and pray

ERIC PARVIN
GARY GORDEY
KRISTIANA FAHEY
MIKEY EATON
VIVIAN SMALL
KAREN DELUCCIE
MARGARET AULT
SHARON DUSCHALL
CHERYL SWINNEY
MARY ANN TOUZINSKY
CAROL BYRD WEAVER
NICHOLAS FRANCO
SUSIE SMITH
JEAN KOZLOWSKI
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Nativity of Mary Theatre presents



November 5-6, 2021

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Maria Milazzo | STAGE DIRECTOR: Katia Milazzo

PERFORMANCES BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL THIS YEAR!

FRI NOV 5 - 6:30pm | SAT NOV 6 - 1:30pm | SAT NOV 6 - 6:30pm

NATIVITY OF MARY THEATRE

located in the Parish Hall

10021 E 36th Terrace, Independence, MO. 64052 - Use 40 HWY entrance

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Adult General Admission - \$10
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may be purchased under
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Family Viewing (2-5) - \$25
Viewing Party (8+) - \$50**


Email any questions to Maria Milazzo at mmilazzo@nativityofmary.org



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OCTOBER 31, 2021 — NOVEMBER 20, 2021 CALENDAR

Sunday 31	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
10:30 AM Mass	8:30 AM Communion Service	8:30 AM Mass 6:30 PM All Souls Prayer Service	6 PM Adoration	8:30 AM Mass 6 PM Altar Society Meeting	10 AM School Adoration 6:30 PM Annie Jr Musical 	1:30 PM Annie Jr Musical 2:30 PM Confession 3:00 PM Mass 6:30 PM Annie Jr Musical
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:30 AM Mass	8:30 AM Communion Service	8:30 AM Mass 6 PM Parish Ministry Council Meeting	7 - 9 PM Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM Mass Veteran's Day Program Following Mass		2:30 PM Confession 3:00 PM Mass
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:30 AM Mass	8:30 AM Communion Service	8:30 AM Mass 6 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting	7 - 9 PM Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM Mass		9 AM - 3 PM Holiday Mart 2:30 PM Confession 3:00 PM Mass

November 2021

2	All Souls Day Prayer and Remembrance Service	6:30 PM
3	Adoration	6:00 PM
5	Annie - School Musical Performances	6:30 PM
6	Annie - School Musical Performance	1:30 & 6:30 PM
7	Parish Council, Finance, Welcome Ministers, & Church Staff Blessing	10:30 Mass
11	Veteran's Day Commemoration Mass	8:30 AM
14	Youth Ministers, RCIA Ministers Blessing	10:30 Mass
20-21	Holiday Mart	9 AM - 3PM
20-21	Music Ministers Blessing	Both Masses
25	Thanksgiving Day Mass	9 AM
28	Advent Begins	

INTERIM REPORT TO THE PARISH

	7/1/20 to 6/30/21 Actual Amount	7/1/21 to 6/30/22 Budget Amount
OPERATING INCOME		
Contribution Income	\$ 520,475.76	\$ 548,000.00
Development Income/Fund Raising	35,540.08	35,000.00
Operational	10,110.11	1,100.00
School Income	816,383.95	832,863.00
Ministry & Program Fee Income	8,860.11	6,000.00
Other	9,222.51	10,000.00
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 1,400,592.52	\$ 1,432,963.00

Ordinary Expenses		
Personnel	\$ 1,087,213.69	\$ 1,208,085.92
Facilities	143,929.34	187,640.00
General/Operational	312,599.56	331,555.00
Prayer & Worship	17,669.50	21,700.00
Religious Education	561.92	1,480.00
Pastoral Ministry	3,935.00	6,000.00
Debt Payments	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES	\$ 1,585,909.01	\$ 1,776,460.92

NET INCOME (EXPENSE)	(185,316.49)	\$ (343,497.92)
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Debt History	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	Decrease
Debt Loan (0%)	312,984.40	311,237.90	1,746.50
MO DOR Loan	85,953.50	67,700.00	18,253.50
Unpaid Diocesan Assessments	539,117.71	539,117.71	0.00
Total Parish Debt	938,055.61	918,055.61	20,000.00

The Financial Statements are prepared using cash basis accounting per Diocesan guidelines.

Please contact Fr. Bob Stone with any questions you may have.



Fall Into Giving Tree
We are participating in the Christmas store at the Seton Center. The leaves are in the back of church in the Narthex. Please take a leaf and return it to the Narthex by November 28th. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Nativity of Mary, St. Mark's & St. Bernadette Parishes host

All Souls Day Prayer Service

Nativity of Mary Catholic Church
Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm

This prayer service will remember & honor all parishioners who have passed away since All Souls Day, 2020. Families of the deceased will receive personal invitations in the mail. For any parishioners who have close, immediate family members who have been buried somewhere other than Nativity and St. Bernadette this past year, you may submit your loved one's name to Maria Milazzo at mmilazzo@nativityofmary.org or by phone at 816.353.2184 to be included in the litany of souls. If you will be in attendance at the prayer service, please RSVP to Maria by Tuesday, October 26th. All are invited to bring pictures of their loved ones that will be used on the altar of remembrance. A light reception will follow the service.



Our campaign Commitment Weekend, December 11-12, is fast approaching, and the campaign teams have been working hard to make sure parishioners have all the information you need to make your 3-year financial commitment to replace our school windows and pay down part of our parish debt.



The first of two short campaign informational meetings are taking place after the Masses this weekend. The second and last informational meetings will be after the Masses on November 13 and 14. These are important meetings, and we ask that parishioners attend one of the meetings.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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 Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org 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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.



Grand RE-OPENING

NIGHTHAWKS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2021

YOU are invited to join us after mass from 11:30-12:30 for a "Cookies at the Concession Stand" reception and tour of our newly refurbished Nighthawk Athletic Facility and Library-Media Center!

Don't Miss It!



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Holiday MART

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► SATURDAY **NOVEMBER 20, 2021** 9AM to 3PM ◀

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COME SHOP FROM A VARIETY OF VENDORS

The NATIVITY CAFE

xxxxx Enjoy breakfast and lunch food items as well as drinks for purchase. xxxxxx

11AM to 1PM *Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Clause*



**YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.**

Mark 12:30

THE CORE OF GOD'S COVENANT

In today's First Reading, from Deuteronomy, we hear the great summary of the very core of God's covenant with Israel, its title taken from its opening word, the *Shema* ("Hear!"). The *Shema* is at once a doctrinal summary of Israel's faith and the personal/corporate prayer of Israel's sons and daughters. To this day, devout Jews inscribe the *Shema* on parchment and enclose it in the *mezuzah* that adorns the doorways of so many Jewish homes. The residents kiss the *mezuzah*, and thus the Word of God, upon entering their homes and when going forth from them into a world that often acknowledges neither God nor the covenant. Recited several times daily, Deuteronomy's "formula" comes alive as a vivid reminder to devout Jews that their personal relationship with God is both source and safeguard of their public identity as members of God's chosen people.

EDITING THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Today's Gospel shows Jesus as fully part of Israel's covenant tradition: he responds to the scribe's question by proclaiming Deuteronomy's *Shema* which both of them would have revered and recited since childhood: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). But note the "editorial changes" both Jesus and the scribe make to the *Shema*. To Deuteronomy's heart, the Biblical seat of the will and affections, and soul, the deepest part of the human person, and strength, encompassing both physical ability and material treasure, Jesus adds "with all your mind," a phrase the scribe changes to "with all your understanding" (Mark 12:30, 33). Perhaps Mark, the author of today's Gospel, wanted to consecrate to the kingdom's service the philosophical reflection and intellectual exploration so valued by the Greco-Roman world—and our world—in which the Gospel would be preached.

KNOWING AND DOING

Jesus makes a further change to Israel's *Shema*: to the Deuteronomy text Jesus adds Leviticus 19:18: "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." For Jesus, these commandments cannot be separated. The scribe, delighted at Jesus' answer, goes on to indicate that he has grasped one of the central tenets of Jesus' kingdom: ritual worship and practical charity toward one's neighbor are twin expressions of love for God. This insight places the scribe "not far from the kingdom of God," says Jesus (Mark 12:34). But is "not far" close enough? For the scribe, as for the rich would-be disciple from a few Sundays ago, as for each of us, it is one thing to know what we ought to do and quite another actually to do it. So, then: what about us? How do we live out, in daily practice, the covenant whose words we know so well, but whose deeds we so often find a challenge?

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 31:7-9
Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28b-34

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