



Nativity of Mary Church and School

Parish

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816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekscj.org
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Principal: Dr. Lisa Lauck
School Tours/Registration Info: Susie Addison

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

Emergency Assistance

St Bernadette Food Pantry 816.356.3700, ext. 228

Parish Ministry Council

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

I am the
Alpha
and the
Omega,
says the Lord God, the
one who is and was and
who is to come,
the Almighty.

Revelation 1:8

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 21, 2021**

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

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NOVEMBER 21ST, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

3:00 PM + Jack & Jo Studer
+ Mary Kay Seller

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 CHRIST THE KING

10:30AM + Zackery Michael
+ John Kramer
+ Linda Perez

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:30 AM Communion Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:30 AM +Elmer Albert

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 THANKSGIVING MASS

9 AM + Virginia McMenamy
+ Caterina DiGaetano
+ John & Lottie Cianciolo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

3:00 PM + Reinaldo Mijares

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30AM +Danny & Jody Kliefoth

NATIVITY OF MARY CONTRIBUTION REPORT OCTOBER 30TH AND OCTOBER 31ST, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 4,988.00
Plate	\$ 538.00
Church Debt	\$ 475.00
Pisces Fund	\$ 230.00
Utility Fund	\$ _____
EFT	\$ _____
Credit Card	\$ _____
Online Giving	\$ 2,062.28
Poor Box	\$ _____
Total	\$ 8,293.28

OFFER YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

A moment to reflect and pray

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LEA AND BERNIE KANIES
STEVE AND WILMA CHRISTENSEN

WEEKLY READINGS NOVEMBER 21ST-28TH

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

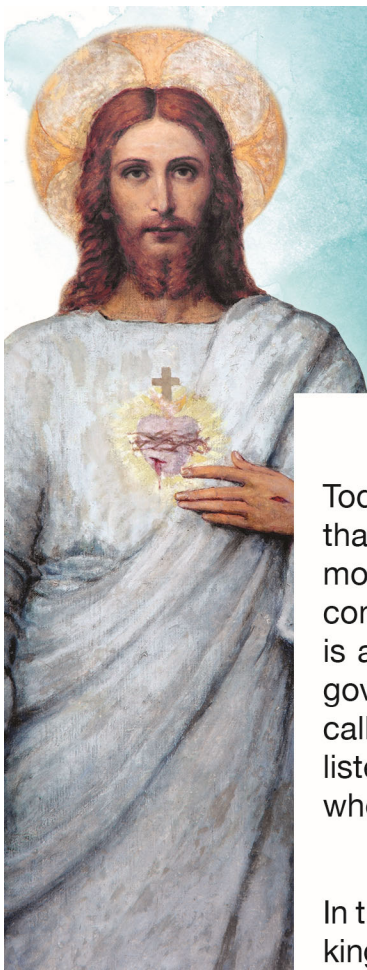
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28, Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead and
ruler of the kings of the earth.
To him be glory and power
forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5, 6

A KING LIKE NO OTHER

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. It is likely that when we think of a king, the image that comes to mind is of pomp, ceremony, and civic authority. Jesus is a king like no other. He is not bound by the constraints of time or place. His authority is everlasting. He is the one “who is and who was and who is to come.” Jesus does not rule as earthly kings govern. Jesus reigns in humble obedience to the will of God the Father and calls us to do the same. It is by following the truth of Christ’s command and listening to his voice of love that we are made into a kingdom, serving the One whose dominion is everlasting.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

In the waters of Baptism, we were drawn into Christ, who is priest, prophet, and king and called to be “alter Christus,” “other Christs.” Christ who is priest sanctifies the everyday stuff of life, building a bridge between God and humanity. Christ who is prophet proclaims God’s love and mercy in a world that desperately needs it. Christ who is king rules the universe in loving, sacrificial service. We who are baptized into Christ are called to bring God’s love into our hearts, homes, places of work, and the wider world. We are called to show and share God’s love to others, especially those who most need the care, compassion, and forgiveness that is at the heart of Christ’s eternal message. We are called to give of ourselves beyond what might seem reasonable, in imitation of our Lord and king who gave himself on the cross and who reigns forever.

CALLED TO LISTEN AND SERVE

Jesus said to Pilate, “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Jesus spoke to the disciples and his voice reaches through the ages in the words of sacred scripture and the tradition of the Church. In prayer, participation in the liturgy, and learning from the saints and the teachings of the Church, we grow in belonging to the truth of Christ’s love. We hear and follow Jesus’ command to wash others’ feet, to love as he loves, to serve as he serves. And while it is certainly our duty to do so, there is more to our service than merely fulfilling the instructions of another. We fulfill Christ’s command as a grateful response to the incredible love of God for us. How will you listen to and serve the Lord? How will you make Jesus the king of your heart and life?

TODAY’S READINGS

Daniel 7:13–14
Psalm 93:1, 1–2, 5
Revelation 1:5–8
John 18:33b–37

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

November 21, 2021



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARIA!

Maria Gabriella Milazzo is currently the Director of Music and Liturgy at Nativity of Mary Church and School in Independence, Mo and has been since 2016.

Maria is also an Alumni from Nativity - Class of 2006! She graduated from Westminster Choir College with her BM in Vocal Performance in 2014. In May 2018, she graduated with her M. M. in Vocal Performance from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Maria is currently studying at St. John's University in Minnesota for her Masters in Divinity. As the Director of Music and Liturgy, she meets with families for weddings, funerals, Quinceañeras and serves on the Marketing Committee for the school. She directs the Children's and Parish Choirs and puts on events for our parish every year. Maria and her sister Katia started the Musical Theatre Program six years ago for the school and puts on fantastic productions with the students. Apart from Nativity, Maria recently joined the One Call Institute team, which is dedicated to the engagement, empowerment, and ongoing support of young liturgical musicians. She also cantors for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Another fun fact about Maria is that she and her family brought back the tradition of doing a St. Joseph Table and Spaghetti dinner at Nativity of Mary! We love and appreciate Maria for all she does for our parish and school families!



SCRIP GIFT CARDS ARE BACK!

Help raise money for Nativity school by purchasing gift cards for items you are already buying every day. Order gift cards for many major brands through our SCRIP Gift Card program and Nativity will receive a percentage of each sale from the brands purchased. No cost to you! Orders will be placed monthly. Orders for October are due Oct. 12th by noon. You can order online or turn in an order form with payment to the school office. Show the QR code to your camera.

Nativity of Mary and St. Bernadette Catholic Churches

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent

*Sunday,
December 5, 2021
4:00 pm
at Nativity of Mary
Church*

experience God's healing through forgiveness

ENVISION THE FUTURE

One of our greatest hopes for the future is that the Church in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph will grow and thrive. As part of the Diocese's long-term vision, all the parishes in our deanery have become involved in a process to plan for the future. There have been site visits, meetings with parish leaders, and studies of area and parish data. A report on the findings with possibilities for the future has been compiled.

On Dec. 1st at 7pm in the Ministry Center Basement, the initial report will be presented and parishioners will have an opportunity to help shape a future plan. Please join us for this "Envisioning Our Future" event.

Please register so we can provide a safe-distancing gathering. Contact the Parish Office or Mike/Cindy Mosbauer at mtmhouse@sbcglobal.net to let us know if you plan to attend.

Review the "Key Findings and Observations Report" which is available on the diocesan website at: <https://kcsj catholic.org/i-ii-xi-keyfindings/> Password: D3mograph!c\$1211 prior to the event. Help us shape the future of Nativity of Mary.

DECEMBER 1ST
7 PM
IN THE MINISTRY CENTER BASEMENT



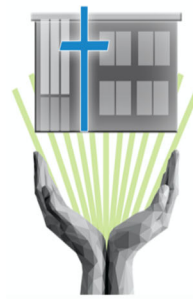
MERRY
CHRISTMAS



We will be collecting 2022 Calendars to be donated at Christmas time to local nursing homes. Nursing homes and their residents have been very receptive to this project and have come to look forward to receiving.

Please leave your donations of new calendars, note pads, stickers and greeting cards in the church kitchen prior to Dec 22nd. In past years we have collected and delivered several hundred calendars.

Thank you for your generosity in the past and in this coming season.



forward in faith

SECURING OUR FUTURE

Capital campaign update:

Fr. Bob and the committee overseeing the replacement of the windows are seeking more current estimates for replacing the windows. The current estimates are over 2 years old and as you know, the cost of labor and materials have increased. We will keep you posted. If we have a successful campaign, we may be able to replace the windows this coming summer. Please keep the campaign and our school community in your prayers.

If you have any questions, send them to Bill@SPandR.consulting. Bill is the consultant helping us with the campaign.



Altar Society Nativity Raffle

The Altar Society is having their annual Nativity Set raffle. Members of the Altar Society are selling raffle tickets after all masses through December 5th. The Nativity set is on display in the back of church.

Drawing will be held on December 5th at the Altar Society's brunch at V's.

If you have any questions contact

Mary Vitt at 816-520-1575 or

Mary Ann McClure 816-739-3763

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We will be purchasing flowers to decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like to help defray the cost you can make a contribution in your name or in memory of a loved one. There are envelopes for Christmas flowers in your envelope packet or you can fill in the information below, drop it in the collection basket or bring it by the Ministry Center. All Names of those who donated in their name or in the name of a loved one will be listed in the bulletin Christmas weekend. Please return by December 17th.

Your Name _____

In Memory or Honor of _____

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.

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Giving Tree

28 SUNDAY 2021

We are participating in the Christmas store at the Seton Center. The ornaments are in the back of church in the Narthex. Please take an ornament and return it to the Narthex by November 28th. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 11, 2021 CALENDAR

Sunday 21	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27
10:30 AM Mass	8:30 AM Communion Service	8:30 AM Mass		9 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> 		2:30 PM Confession 3 PM Mass
				Parish Office Closed		
28	2	30	1	2	3	4
10:30 AM Mass	8:30 AM Communion Service	8:30 AM Mass	6 PM Adoration  7 PM Envision Our Future Meeting	8:30 AM Mass 6pm Altar Society Meeting		2:30 PM Confession 3:00 PM Mass
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:30 AM Mass 4 PM Penance Service	8:30 AM Communion Service 11 AM Over 55 Luncheon 7 PM Book Club	8:30 AM Mass	8:30 AM Immaculate Conception Mass 7 - 9 PM Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration		2:30 PM Confession 3:00 PM Mass Commitment Weekend

*Ministers
needed!*

NATIVITY of MARY SAFETY PATROL

Nativity of Mary Church and School is a welcoming and inviting community; we receive with open arms both new and old faces who appear on our campus to seek information or assistance regarding our wonderful parish or school. However, we have become increasingly aware after recent incidents in our parking areas that while it's our mission to welcome existing and potentially new members of our faith and school community to our campus, it's equally important to maintain the safety and security of our parish. To that end, we are piloting an extension of the Minister of Hospitality program which will be referred to as "Safety Patrol". Volunteers will be a visible, active, moving presence in our parking areas and around the outside perimeter of our campus during regularly scheduled weekend Masses, and upon request during special events. By no means is this ministry limited to current Hospitality Ministers and current ministers are not obligated to participate in this ministry. We are, however, in need of ministers for this ministry!

*Interested in signing up
or learning more?*

Contact Maria Milazzo at mmilazzo@nativityofmary.org
or in the Parish Office at 816.353.2184

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