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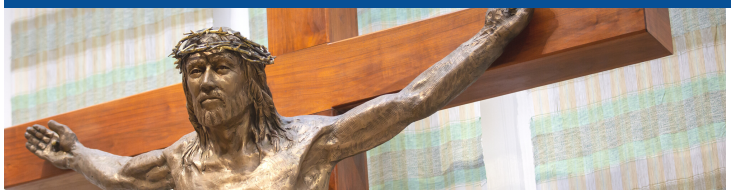
PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE
Monday: 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
Weekday: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday & 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 or Thursday for an appt.



MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, January 21 - January 29

Saturday, January 28 3:00pm
† Mary Therese Carroll
† Josephine Detwiler
† Jim Miceli

Sunday, January 29 10:30am
† Tom Ronan
† Anthony Anello
† Mary Crocker

Monday, January 30 8:30am
Communion Service

Tuesday, January 31 8:30am
† Jessica Maloney (Mullendore)
† Virginia McMenamy
† Michael Yechout

Thursday, February 2 8:30am
† Erle Zans

Saturday, February 4 3:00pm
† Jessica Maloney (Mullendore)
† Mary & Joseph Pallo
† Marguerite Seller

Sunday, February 5 10:30am
† Candelaria Villar
† Francisco Villar
† Rhonda Boyer

† denotes deceased

READINGS
JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 5

Sunday — 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday — Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska
Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday — *St. John Bosco, Priest*
Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday — *St. Ansgar*
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday — The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday — St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday — Saint Paul Miki and Companions
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday — *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

FROM OUR FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Don't carry cash or check? No worries!

Other Options available:

- **Envelopes: If you can't attend Mass in person, please mail or drop off your envelopes to the Parish Office**
- **Online Giving (Vanco): It's never been easier and more convenient to give electronically. Online giving is available for parishioners, making donations simple and secure. Visit or website or contact LeAnn at the Finance Office (816-353-2184 or llakin@nativityofmary.org) to set up giving through automatic deposit.**
- **VENMO: @Nativity-Church-Independence**

Your Giving Matters
Thank you!

New Parishioner Information

Please print your name and address
Below to receive registration information.
Please drop in collection basket or mail.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Jan 28
2:00pm Baptism
2:30pm Confession
3:00pm Mass
4:00pm Neocatechumenal Way Meditation

Sunday, Jan 29
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JAN 29-FEB 4
10:30am Choir Sings at Mass &
Kickoff to Catholic Schools Week

Monday, Jan 30
8:30 Communion Service
3:00 Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way Session

Tuesday, Jan 31
8:30am Daily Mass
6:30pm RCIA

Wednesday, Feb 1
DAY OF GIVING
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb 2
8:30am School Mass
6:00-8:00pm Adoration
6:00pm Altar Society

Friday, Feb 3
6:30am VIP Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
10:00am School Adoration
St. Blaise

Saturday, Feb 4
9:00-11:00am Ministry Council Discernment
3:00pm Choir Sings at Mass
4:00pm Blessing of Throats after Mass
4:00pm Neocatechumenal Way Meditation

Sunday, Feb 5
11:30am Blessing of Thoats after Mass

Monday, Feb 6
8:30am Communion Service
6:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm Neocatechumenal Way Session

Tuesday, Feb 7
8:30am Daily Mass

Parish Ministry Council Nominations!

WE NEED YOU TO NOMINATE 3 PEOPLE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE LEADING OUR COMMUNITY. YOU MAY NOMINATE YOURSELF. DISCERNMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MINISTRY CENTER BASEMENT SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4 AT 9:00AM.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS GOSPEL ORIENTED, COMMITTED TO NATIVITY, A GOOD LISTENER, AND WORKS WELL WITH OTHERS? THAT'S WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR!

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR NOMINATIONS EITHER INTO THE OFFERING BASKET OR TO MARK BISHOP AT MARKBISHOP@COMCAST.NET.

Parish Ministry Council

Sunday, Mar 26

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Please Pray For

God is at work, even when things don't make sense.

Please pray for those on our prayer list.

Judy Allen
Margaret Ault
Rich Carroll
Wilma Christensen
Christopher Clark
Esther Cunningham
Matt Currivan
Steve Drexel
Lucy Franco
Karen Frazier
Mary Goebel
Jean Harrer
Vicky Hohlbaugh
Lea Kanies
Bernie Kanies
John Maddux
Judy McCandless
Pat McElligott
Delores McMurray
Debbie Meade
Marilyn Mineart
Larry Nauser
Julian Palmer
Ruth Perez
Lorrene Peterson
Terry Phillips
Frank Pinon
Bernie Schulte
Jim Sevart
Rex Sibert
Norm Steffen
Mary Ann Touzinsky
Patricia Whitley

Send additional requests to: lwatson@nativityofmary.org

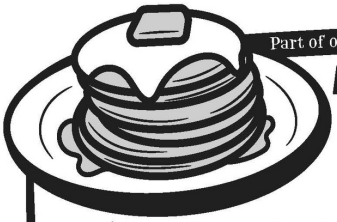
ST. BLAISE!

The annual blessing of the throats is a traditional sign of the Christian struggle against illness. With faith, we follow the lead of the Church in asking for St. Blaise's protection.

Our sympathy and prayers for strength, comfort extend to the family of **George J. Cunnningham** who passed away January 10.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL



Part of our Catholic School's Week Celebration

VIP

(Very Important People in our lives)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join us Friday, February 3 from 6:30am-8am

for a pancake breakfast brought to you by the PTO and prepared by Chris Cakes!

$5 SINGLE

$20 FAMILY (4 or more, which includes guardians and siblings)

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES!! YOUR MEAL ALSO INCLUDES SAUSAGE, JUICE AND FREE WILL OFFERING FOR ESPRESSO DRINKS, CHAI TEA AND HOT CHOCOLATE (PROVIDED BY ESPRESSO AH LA CART)

Note: you can bring your own gluten-free batter for chris cakes to fix for you, BUT please note, they will be cooked on the same grill as the other pancakes.

Meet the Staff

Susie Addison

School Secretary and Office Mgr

It all began when Principal Mike VanBibber hired her 25 years ago. Susie enjoys coaching Volleyball and Girls on the Run, is a member of the Athletic Committee and has a blast helping with Catholic Schools Week activities. Susie's Birthday is July 8 and when asked what she would like to ask Jesus if she had a chance: "I would like to invite Him to an appreciation lunch, thank Him and let Him use my cell phone and perhaps take a "selfie" with him.

saddison@nativityofmary.org

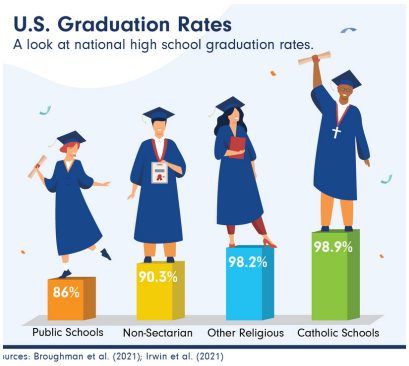
Summer is Susie's favorite season, she likes to travel to places that are warm and surrounded by lots of water. Some of her favorites: the 4th of July, Motown music, oldies, Elvis, Wheel of Fortune Actors Kevin Costner, Don Knotts, Reese Witherspoon & Betty White. She would like to learn how to ride a motorcycle, tap dance and the sport of Curling.

Susie grew up with four siblings, has two children of her own - both attended Nativity, and two grandchildren. Susie's joyful childhood memories include camping on the weekends, Swim Team, snow days and neighborhood kickball. The things she values most in others are honesty, humor and kindness.

Susie says she has been so blessed to have spent the last 25 years working alongside many incredible school families, students and teachers.

Mother's Refuge Diaper Drive

Nativity of Mary's Kindergarten Class is collecting Diapers, Baby Wipes, Clorox Wipes, and Paper Towels during January!



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Nativity of Mary Catholic Schools Week

January 29 - February 3

Sunday, January 29th at 10:30 am Mass is Kick Off to Catholic Schools Week!
Visit our Book Fair in the Media Center before & after Mass

Catholic Schools
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Day of Giving

February 1, 2023 12:00 am - 11:59 pm

Each year we're so grateful for the generosity of our community in helping us financially support various projects for the improvement of our school. This year, your gift will be put toward purchasing window decals and curtains for our new school windows.
Help us reach our goal of $10,000!

Online donations may be made at www.nativityofmary.org.
Giving link will be found on the homepage of our website.
Cash & Check donations also accepted in the school & parish offices.
Thank you for your support of Catholic education! Help us spread the word!

Our sympathy and prayers for strength, comfort and peace extend to the family of

Patricia Seufert

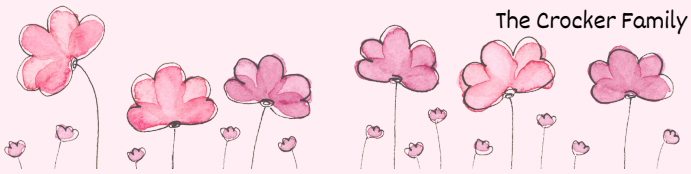
who passed away January 12.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card
Or sat quietly in a chair
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

Thanks to Father Bob Stone who led us through this journey, to Rich Carroll and Sheil Funeral Home for their comfort and support, to all those who took part in the service and last but not least, the Altar Society for our great meal. Our cup runneth over.

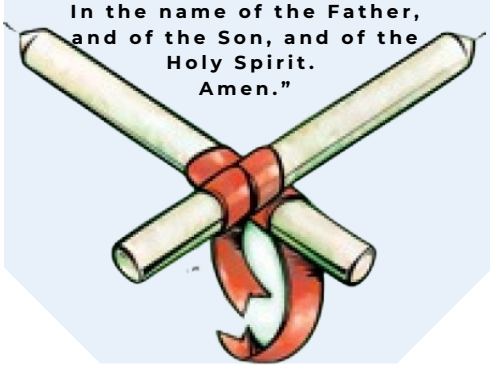
The Crocker Family



Fr. Bob will blessing after both weekend Masses Feb 4/5.

"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."



Number of Schools

There are 5,938 Catholic schools in the United States; 4,765 are elementary/middle schools and 1,173 are secondary schools.

Sources: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2021-2022: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).

BOOK FAIR

JAN 29-FEB 3

Thank you to Dante who is committed to helping keep Nativity Grounds tidy for his service hours with St. Michael the Archangel High School.

Nativity of Mary Catholic Church & School

St. Joseph Table 2023

March 18 and 19

Donations Needed!

We are looking forward to the St. Joseph Table in March and are beginning preparations! We are in need of fruit, vegetables, bread, wine, flowers, decorations, and desserts for the table and dinner. If you or someone you know is able to donate any of these items, please contact Maria Milazzo at mmilazzo@nativityofmary.org. We are currently also in need of monetary donations. These donations will be used to buy materials and food needed. Money may be sent in to the School or Parish offices or dropped into the offertory basket in envelopes clearly marked "St. Joseph Table." Thank you for your consideration & generosity!

All proceeds of the Table this year will benefit the ministries of Catholic Charities who assists people in need all throughout our Diocese.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Table in any way, please contact Maria! More information to come!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

Day: Wednesday

Date: February 1

Time: 6:30-8:30PM

Parish: Visitation

Address: 5141 Main
KCMO 64112

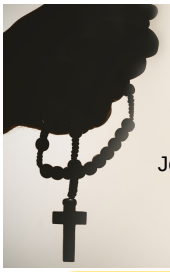
Deacon Doug Warrens, Associate Director of the Office of Divine Worship, Presenter

To sign up, contact Maria at the Ministry Center Office.
(816) 353-2184
mmilazzo@nativityofmary.org
Thank you!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

TO FILE YOUR TAXES

Tax day is Tuesday April 18.
Please Contact Laurie Jo in the Ministry Center Office for your year-end tax statement at 816-353-2184 or lwatson@nativityofmary.org



BISHOP JOHNSTON'S PRAYER INTENTIONS JANUARY 2023

For Veterans and their families who continue to suffer from injuries and the lingering impacts from war.

Join us to pray the Rosary before Daily Mass on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:10am

Thank you everyone for your donations during the "Calendar for Nursing Homes" collection. This was our 10th year for this endeavor. All calendars and other donations have been delivered and gratefully received.

All are invited to bring in their palms anytime before Thursday Feb 16 and place them in the basket found in the gathering space. They will be burned after Mass on the 16th to prepare for Ash Wednesday.

Safe Environment

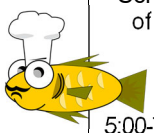
The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

- Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
- Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- 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.

For more info, contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator at true.francis@diocesekcsj.org/816.392.0011.

February 2023

CHECK OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR THE MOST RECENT UPDATES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4th Sunday in OT **29** 10:30am Mass-Choir Sings	**30** 8:30am Communion Service 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm NeoCat Way	**31** 8:30am Daily Mass 6:30pm RCIA	**1** CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK *Day of Giving* 7:00pm ♪♪ Choir Rehearsal	**2** 8:30am School Mass 6:00pm - 8:00pm Adoration 6:00pm Altar Society	**3** 	**4** 9:00-11:00am PMC Discernment 2:30pm Confession 3:00pm Mass-Choir Sings 4:00pm Blessing of Throats NeoCatechumenal
5 5th Sunday in OT 10:30am Mass 11:30am Blessing of Throats	**6** 8:30am Communion Service 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm NeoCat Way	**7** 8:30am Daily Mass	**8** 7:00pm ♪♪ Choir Rehearsal	**9** 8:30am School Mass	**10** 10:00am School Adoration	**11** 2:30pm Confession 3:00pm Mass 4:00pm NeoCatechumenal Way Meditation
12 6th Sunday in OT 10:30am Mass-Choir Sings	**13** 8:30am Communion Svc. 12:00pm Over 55 Lunch 3:00pm Youth Choir Rehear. 6:00pm Book Club Boy Scouts 7:00 NeoCat Way	**14** Valentines Day 8:30am Daily Mass 6:00pm Ministry Council 6:30pm RCIA	**15** 4:30pm Finance Council 7:00pm ♪♪ Choir Rehearsal	**16** 8:30am School Mass Burning of Palms 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:30 Liturgy Committee	**17** 	**18** 2:30pm Confession 3:00pm-Choir Sings Mass 4:00pm NeoCatechumenal Way Meditation
19 7th Sunday in OT 10:30am Mass	**20** President's Day (NO School) 8:30am Communion Service 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm NeoCat Way	**21** 8:30am Daily Mass 6:30pm RCIA	**22** Ash Wednesday 8:30am Ash Wed Mass 7:00pm ♪♪ Choir Rehearsal	**23** 	**24** 2:15pm School Stations of the Cross 5:00-7:30pm Fish Dinner	**25** Friday After Ash Wed 2:30pm Confession 3:00pm Mass 4:00pm NeoCatechumenal Way Meditation
26 1st Sunday of Lent 10:30am Mass-Choir Sings 12:00pm Holy Land Launch Mtg	**27** 8:30am Communion Svc 3:00pm Youth Choir Rehear. 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm NeoCat Way	**28** 8:30am Daily Mass 6:30pm RCIA	**1** 7:00pm ♪♪ Choir Rehearsal	**2** 8:30am School Mass 6:00pm - 8:00pm Adoration 6:00pm Altar Society	**3** 10:00am School Adoration 2:15pm School Stations of the Cross	**4** 1:00pm Wedding 2:30pm Confession 3:00pm Mass-Choir Sings 4:00pm NeoCatechumenal Way Meditation

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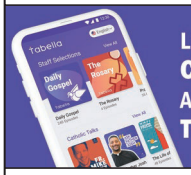

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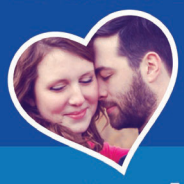

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