



NATIVITY of MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

ROOTED IN FAITH | GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE | SERVING OTHERS

PARISH

Pastor: Rev. Robert Stone
Deacon: Joe Arnone 816.616.4914
Deacon: Justin McMenamy, Retired 816.254.1528
Pastoral Associate, Music & Liturgy: Maria Milazzo
Finance/HR Administrator: LeAnn Lakin
Secretary/Admin Assistant/SEC: Laurie Jo Watson
Director of RCIA: Debbie Page

SCHOOL

Principal: Stephanie Hollo
Secretary/Tours/Registration: Susie Addison

DIOCESAN CONTACTS

Victim's Advocate: Whitney True-Francis
816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekscj.org
Ombudsman: Joe Crayon 816.812.2500

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

PASTORAL CARE & SACRAMENTAL PREP

Anointing of the Sick, Baptisms, Confirmations,
First Holy Communion, Weddings, Funerals
Please call the office for details 816.353.2184

PASTORAL VISITS

HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALS
Paula Cassity 816.356.4467

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

ST. BERNADETTE FOOD PANTRY 816.356.3700

PARISH MINISTRY COUNCIL

Mark Bishop 816.550.1729
markbishop@comcast.net

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Fri 9:00 a.m. – 12:00pm

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.



CHURCH

816.353.2184
FAX 816.358.4155

10017 E 36th Terrace
Independence MO 64052

SCHOOL

816.353.0284
FAX 816.356.0286

10021 E 36th Terrace
Independence MO 64052

www.nativityofmary.org





MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 4 - MARCH 12

Saturday, March 4 3:00pm

† Mary and Joseph Pallo
† Amelia "Molly" Guzman

Sunday, March 5 10:30am

† Mary Younger
† Larry Nauser

Monday, March 6 8:30am

Communion Service

Tuesday, March 7 8:30am

† Royal Dale Spellbrink

Thursday, March 9 8:30am

† Parishioners of Nativity of Mary,
Living and Deceased

Saturday, March 11 3:00pm

† Mary and Joseph Pallo
† Marie Yechout
† George Cunningham

Sunday, March 12 10:30am

† Larry Nauser

† denotes deceased

New Parishioner Information

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

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

READINGS MARCH 5 - MARCH 12

Sunday — 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday — St. Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday — Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday — St. John of God, Religious

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday — St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday — St. Dominic Savio

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday — Blessed Angela Salawa

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday — 3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Upcoming 2nd Collections

Easter Flowers	March 2023
Catholic Relief Services	March 19
Holy Land (Good Friday)	April 7
Ascension Thursday (Holyday)	May 18
Tomorrow's Priests: Vocation Fund	May 21
Peter's Pence	May 28
Communications	June 18
Assumption Thursday (Holyday)	Aug 15
Diocesan Life & Justice	Aug 20
Church in Latin America	Sept 17
Mission Sunday	Oct 22
All Saints (Holyday)	Nov 1
Christmas Flowers	Dec 4
Religious Retirement	Dec 10

Your Giving Matters
Thank you!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Mar 4

1:00pm Wedding (*Echlin/Schmitz*)
3:00pm Baptisms at Mass and Choir Sings
6:00pm PTO Trivia Night & Auction

Monday, Mar 6

3:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm NeoCatechumenal Way Catechesis

Tuesday, Mar 7

6:30pm RCIA

Wednesday, Mar 8

7:00pm Lenten Taize Prayer Service
8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Mar 9

4:30pm Liturgy Committee
7:00pm NeoCatechumenal Way Catechesis

Friday, Mar 10 *No School*

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar 11

2:00pm Baptism
3:00pm Mass: 1st Scrutiny for RCIA

Sunday, Mar 12 *Daylight Savings begins*

10:30am Choir Sings at Mass
11:30am First Sacraments Preparation Class

Monday, Mar 13

12:00pm Over 55 Luncheon
6:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm Book Club
7:00pm NeoCatechumenal Way Catechesis

Tuesday, Mar 14

6:00pm Ministry Council
6:00pm PTO Meeting
6:30pm RCIA Class

Wednesday, Mar 15

4:30pm Finance Council
5:30pm Lenten Soup & Stories
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Mar 16

10:00am Parish Staff Meeting
7:00pm NeoCatechumenal Way Catechesis

Friday, Mar 17 *Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Ryan Edenburn, Marines
Patrick Hix, Navy
Anthony Lawrence, Army Reserves
Dylan Palmer, Marines

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

Mary Burns

Rich Carroll

Wilma Christensen

Christopher Clark

Esther Cunningham

Matt Currivan

Steve Drexel

Mikey Eaton

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

Julian Palmer

Ruth Perez

Lorrene Peterson

Terry Phillips

Frank Pinon

Jim Severt

Rex Sibert

Norm Steffen

Ann Taylor

Mary Ann Touzinsky

Jennifer Webb

Patricia Whitley

Send additional requests to:
lwatson@nativityofmary.org

**Stations
of the Cross
7:00pm**

Every
Friday
during Lent

Lent Taize Prayer

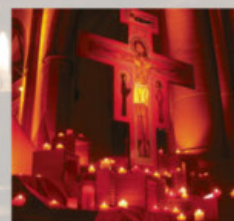
A Service of Prayer, Song and Contemplation

**Nativity of Mary Church
Wednesday, March 8, 2023**

7:00 - 8:00 pm

in-person and livestreamed

Taize Prayer is sung, ecumenical community prayer. It originated at a monastic community in France and has spread to numerous spots around the world. The prayer service will use chant melodies and simple sung prayers with moments of silence in a meditative atmosphere to allow the finger of God to touch one's soul. Take this as an opportunity to pray in the presence of God with your community this Lenten season.





NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL



**Support Nativity of Mary PTO
with your trash!**

*Thank you for your
support of Catholic
Education!*

ONLY \$12

Blue - 55 gallons
16 bags/roll

White - 15 gallons
65 bags/roll

Yellow - 39 gallons
25 bags/roll

**MO is a School-Choice State
Scholarships Now Available**

Call 816-353-0284



kknisley@nativityofmary.org



Meet the Staff Kelvin Knisley

**Middle School Math Teacher
7th Grade Homeroom**

Kelvin is in his 2nd year of teaching Math at Nativity of Mary. His favorite project so far is when the students had a field trip to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist campus where they helped put mulch down for the outdoors Stations of the Cross.

Kelvin's favorite childhood memory was playing outside in the neighborhood all day. His birthday is April 28, and something most people don't know about Kelvin is that he is a National Judo Champion. In fact, Kelvin Knisley is a U.S. Masters National Judo Champion, AAU National Judo Champion, and International Judo Gold Medal Winner. Those titles represent dedication and hard work!

His favorite holiday is the 4th of July and his favorite animal is the dolphin.

For anyone interested, Kelvin's Classroom wish list is to someday have a better Smartboard. - Thank you!

We Love Gardening

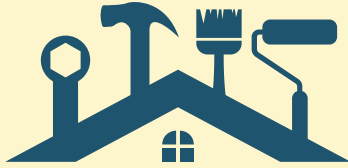
WE ARE READY TO START SEEDLINGS FOR OUR SCHOOL YARD GARDEN. THE STUDENTS HELP WITH STARTER SEEDS THEN WE TRANSPORT THEM TO THE GARDEN. WE HAVE HAD A HUGE SUCCESS WITH TOMATOES, PEPPERS AND LETTUCE. WE USE ALL VEGGIES IN OUR SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM.

THE STUDENTS HAVE REQUESTED TO ADD SOME BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS AND CUCUMBERS THIS YEAR. LAST YEAR WE PLANTED A SUNFLOWER AND THEY REALLY ENJOYED WATCHING IT GROW.

At this time we could use a few donations. We are needing soil, edging, fresh flowers and around 10 stakes for our pepper plants. Also looking for volunteers to help.

JOIN NOW

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are seeking volunteers to help fix things around the church and school in need of minor repair or maintenance.

All volunteers will be added to an email list and notifications will sent out regarding issues needing attention.

ALL are welcome to join the group!

If you are interested, please call the Ministry Center Office or email LeAnn Lakin (llakin@nativityofmary.org).



CONGRATULATIONS

to our catechumens who were welcomed at the Rite of Election this past weekend. They are on the journey to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

If you have joyous news that you want to share with the Parish, please send an email with "Good News" in the subject matter to Grace Arnone: gracearnone@att.net

Bishop Johnston's February intention:

For an end to all racial and ethnic hatred.

Pope Francis' February intention:

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Nativity of Mary Catholic Church & School



Saturday, March 18

*Table blessing following 3 pm Mass

Table & Spaghetti Dinner

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 19

Table & Spaghetti Dinner

11:30 am - 4:00 pm

*Carry-out available
both days*

St. Joseph Table 2023

Table & Spaghetti Dinner

Italian Cookies, Desserts, Cannoli, and more!

Menu includes spaghetti with the choice of Milanese or plain tomato sauce, a mixed salad, bread, dessert, and refreshments.

A minimum donation of \$7 per person is suggested.

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



Donations & Volunteers

All donations for the table may be brought to the Parish Hall on Friday, March 17 between Noon and 6 pm. If you would like to volunteer your time anytime during the weekend, set up, or clean up please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/StJosephTable2023> or use the QR code ----->

Email Maria at mmilazzo@nativityofmary.org or call the Parish Office with any questions. We need lots of donations and volunteer help!



Nativity of Mary Parish Hall
10021 E 36th Terr, Independence, MO. 64052
Use the 40 HWY Parish Hall entrance



THE NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY



CATECHESIS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

Mondays and Thursdays
7:00 - 8:00 pm
Starting February 27 through April 27
Families, bring your children with you!

Nativity of Mary Catholic Church
Ministry Center lower level

The Neocatechumenal Way is a post baptismal catechumenate that began in Spain after Vatican II. The Neocatechumenal Way is part of this ecclesial mission as one of many ways raised up by the Holy Spirit through the Second Vatican Council for the new evangelization.

"These Neocatechumenal communities form living cells of the Church, renew the vitality of the parish through mature Christians, capable of witnessing the truth with a faith radically lived."
-Saint John Paul II

A team of itinerant catechists will be speaking in our parish these coming weeks. Come and Listen! You will not regret it!

God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.

-Pope Francis

LENTEN SOUP & STORIES

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Ministry Center Lower Level

Upcoming:
March 29

This year's Lenten theme is "The Healing Power of Stories." In the Year A Lectionary, the Gospel readings for Lent are all powerful, healing stories. We will break these open as a community through fellowship and story-telling.

Our 2nd "Soup & Stories" evening is hosted by our Parish Council on March 15th. The Council will provide bowls, napkins, utensils, refreshments, cups, ice, and crackers. We ask that families in attendance who are able to please

sign up to bring soups, bread, or desserts at this link:
<https://bit.ly/LentenSoupStories2>
OR Scan the QR Code

You may also call Maria
in the Parish Office!



PARISH & SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

MOST NEEDED

Canned Fruits

Canned Meats

Spaghetti Sauce



Feb 22th
through
Apr 9th



Both the parish and school have partnered with Catholic Charities of Kansas City - St. Joseph this Lent to host a food drive! Your donations will help fill food pantry shelves at Catholic Charities, to serve and to lift families and individuals in need. Most needed items: canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, and canned meat. Catholic Charities recently opened a local food pantry, Serve & Lift Center - South KC located at 8001 Longview Rd, KCMO. Want to volunteer? Contact Linda Hopkins at volunteers@ccharities.com

Our sympathy and prayers for strength, comfort extend to the family of
Barbara Jones Reeve,
who passed away February 24.



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

NEW BULLETIN PRINTER THIS WEEK!

Our weekly bulletins are printed free of charge. Our previous printing company went out of business and LPi graciously took our account. Other companies offered to take the account over at a cost of \$180/week. We are grateful to LPi and appreciate your thoughtful reflection about advertising on your local church bulletin. In addition to supporting our parish community, your advertisement may lead you to new clients who may never have considered patronizing at your business.

Thank you!

HI FRIEND, YOU'RE INVITED

Speak Life Women's Retreat is a one-day experience to bring women together and inspire them to activate more faith.

This time will encourage spiritual growth and connection. We will practice self-care through gentle movement with spiritual stretching and meditation. Hear from four engaging speakers on topics to further your spiritual growth in the modern world in an uplifting and fun environment.

**April 1, 2023
12:30pm-5pm**

**ST JAMES CHURCH
309 S STEWART RD
LIBERTY, MO 64068**

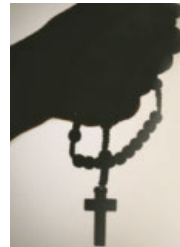
\$50 PER PERSON

Live music by Mary Monica &
Sophie Cordero and Patti Stark
(Soul2Soul)

Retreat sponsored by:
Cycle of Heart
Serenity on the Square



Gluten-Free hosts are available. Please talk with Fr. Bob before Mass. Thank you!



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

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

Thursday, March 16 7:00-8:00pm
Sisters of St. Francis Chapel
2100 N Noland Rd



Knights of Columbus®

Consider joining the Knights of Columbus Council 6794 at Nativity of Mary and St. Mark's Parish. This is a win-win scenario for you, your family and your parish. We help our seminarians, our students, and step up to help for various parish activities.



Ladies, if you are interested in working with the Knights of Columbus, please consider joining the Ladies Auxiliary. It's a great opportunity to help in your parish.

Want more information?

Contact Bob Grabau,
Membership Director
816-799-1715
robertgrabau@hotmail.com

or

Roger Pauk, Grand Knight
816-682-6717
rpauk2002@comcast.net

or

www.kofc.org/joinus
Council 6794



Don't Wait!!

If you or your loved one is ill and might wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, PLEASE, do not wait until you are dying!
We only have one priest serving two parishes.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a ritual of healing appropriate not only for those in immediate danger of death but also for those suffering from physical, mental, or spiritual sickness. While it is often referred to as Extreme Unction or Last Rites, this is no longer the case. The "Last Rites" as we once knew them have died. The Church offers a variety of Sacraments to the Sick and Dying: reconciliation, anointing, and communion.

The Anointing of the Sick is best received as healing for the living. If you or a loved one senses the approach of death, you may request Viaticum, which is communion for the dying. Please do not wait until the final day when one may be unconscious, but rather when someone is able to fully receive the benefits of the Sacrament.

If you know you will be hospitalized for a planned surgery, contact the parish *before* you enter the hospital to arrange a time to celebrate the sacrament. Often the Sacrament of Anointing can be celebrated after Mass.

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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.

Get Holiday Rolls and Help Nativity of Mary!



MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY DINNER A FEAST!

Your family can enjoy delicious made from scratch dinner rolls with no effort! They are Grandma Rosie's special recipe and are homemade especially for you by "On A Roll" Catering and Family/Friends. Cost is \$8.00 per dozen and all profit from this sale will go to Nativity of Mary. The rolls arrive baked and ready to eat. All you need to do is freeze them until your holiday and then heat before serving (Directions are on the packaging). They freeze well, so be sure you order enough to get you through all of the holidays.

Rolls are made to order, so orders MUST be received by
Monday, March 27th

Order forms and payments may be placed in the kiosk or giving basket at the church or in the school office through Monday, March 27th. Make checks payable to Nativity.

Please mark your calendars and make arrangements to pick up rolls
Sunday, April 2nd or Monday, April 3rd

- Pick up Sunday, April 2nd at NOON
in the front hall of Nativity of Mary School or
- Pick up Monday, April 3rd between 8:30 to 2:30
in the school office of Nativity of Mary School.

For any questions, you can reach Ann Thomason @ 816-520-5201 or annthomason@sbcglobal.net.

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

E-Mail Address _____

DOZEN _____ x \$8.00 = _____

NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!

SUBSCRIBE

Have our
bulletin
emailed to
you every
week.



VISIT WWW.PARISHESONLINE.COM