



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

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MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 11 - MARCH 19

Saturday, March 11 3:00pm

† Mary and Joseph Pallo
† Marie Yechout
† George Cunningham

Sunday, March 12 10:30am

† Larry Nauser

Monday, March 13 8:30am

Communion Service

Tuesday, March 14 8:30am

† Royal Dale Spellbrink

Thursday, March 16 8:30am

† Parishioners of Nativity of Mary,
Living and Deceased

Saturday, March 18 3:00pm

† Mary and Joseph Pallo
† Marie Yechout
† George Cunningham

Sunday, March 19 10:30am

† Larry Nauser

† denotes deceased

READINGS MARCH 12 - MARCH 19

Sunday — 3rd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Savings Time Begins

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

Monday — St. Leander of Seville

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30



Tuesday — St. Maximilian

3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday — St. Louise de Marillac

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday — St. Clement Mary Hofbauer

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday — St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day

14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday — St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

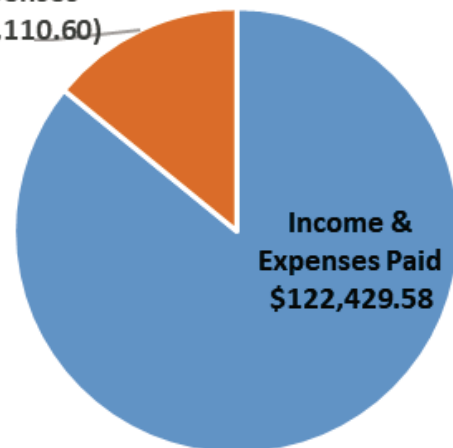
Next Sunday — 4th Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

FROM OUR FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

FEBRUARY 2023 INCOME & EXPENSES

Outstanding
Expenses
\$(20,110.60)



**Your Giving Matters
Thank you!**

Contribution Income	\$ 34,814.68
Tuition Income	\$ 37,843.42
Operational Income	\$ 49,771.48
Total Income	\$ 122,429.58
Salaries & Benefits	\$ (81,229.73)
Operational Expenses	\$ (32,676.56)
Insurance	\$ (22,770.89)
Diocesan Assessment	\$ (5,863.00)
Total Expenses	\$ (142,540.18)
Outstanding Debt	\$ (20,110.60)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Mar 11

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

Saturday, Mar 18

3:00pm Choir Sings at Mass

4:00-7:00pm St. Joseph's Table & Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, Mar 19

11:30am First Sacraments Class

11:30am-4:00pm St. Joseph's Table & Spaghetti Dinner

Monday, Mar 20

3:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal

6:00pm Boy Scouts

7:00pm NeoCatechumenal Way Catechesis

Tuesday, Mar 21

6:30pm RCIA

Wednesday, Mar 22

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Mar 23

7:00pm NeoCatechumenal Way Catechesis

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 _____

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

Maria Bellman

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

WHAT IS A MASS INTENTION?

A Mass is offered to pray for a person that he/she may be at peace in heaven. Since each Mass is of infinite value, requesting one or several Masses is of tremendous benefit for the person prayed for as well as for the family, knowing that their intention is joined with the prayer of the Church.

Grandma
Rosie's
Rolls



\$8/dozen

Orders Due Monday 3/27



NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are seeking volunteers to help fix things around 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 interested, please call the Ministry Center Office or email
LeAnn Lakin
llakin@nativityofmary.org

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm **Every Friday during Lent**

HOLIDAY ROLLS FUNDRAISER

ORDERS DUE
Monday 3/27

PICKUP

Sunday 4/2 Noon School Front Hall
or
Monday 4/3 8:30-2:30 School Office

\$8/dozen



The rolls arrive baked and ready to eat. All you need to do is freeze them until your holiday and then heat before serving.

Check

Cash

Venmo

NAME

PHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

DOZEN

x \$8.00 =

Meet the Staff Terri Honeycutt



thoneycutt@nativityofmary.org

Paraprofessional



Terri Honeycutt is in her 2nd year at Nativity of Mary. She works as a Paraprofessional. Her favorite school project has been the Mouse Races which is held in the Fall of each year.

There are a couple of things about Terri that people may not know. She was a Cheerleader for our Kansas City Chiefs for three years and also served as a Flight Attendant for seven years.

Terri has four awesome grandsons - ages 13, 15, 5, and 4. We are blessed to have Terri as a Para at Nativity of Mary and thankful for all she does for our students.

MO is a School-Choice State Scholarships Now Available

Call 816-353-0284

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



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!

Bishop Johnston's March intention:

For those tragically impacted by gun violence, and for the wisdom and grace to reduce it in our local communities and nation.

March 31, 2023 Bishop Johnston will celebrate his 15th Anniversary - Episcopal Ordination!

You may wish to send a card of congratulation, thanksgiving, and let him know he is always cradled in the arms of the Blessed Virgin Mary through our prayers. However you wish to extend your message of thanksgiving:

Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr., DD, JCL
The Catholic Chancery
20 West 9th Street
Kansas City MO 64105

Pope Francis' March intention:

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



JOIN US FOR A

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22
6:00PM**

Ministry Center - Lower Level
rsvp with the Parish Office at
(816) 353-2184 or
mmilazzo@nativityofmary.org

Nativity of Mary Catholic Church & School



St. Joseph Table 2023

Table & Spaghetti Dinner

Italian Cookies, Desserts, Cannoli, and more!

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



**Nativity of Mary
Parish Hall
10021 E 36th Terrace
Independence, MO 64052**



Use the 40 HWY Parish Hall entrance

Easter Flowers

We will be purchasing flowers to decorate the church for Easter. If you would like to help defray the cost you can make a contribution in your name or in memory of a loved one. Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket by March 31.

All the names will be listed in the bulletin Easter weekend.

Your Name: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

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

—Pope Francis

FOOD DRIVE



MOST NEEDED

Canned Fruits
Canned Meats
Spaghetti Sauce
Oatmeal
Jelly
Toilet Paper

FOOD DRIVE February 22–April 9

Both the parish and school have partnered with Catholic Charities of Kansas City–St. Joseph 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, canned meats, toilet paper, oatmeal, and jelly. 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

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

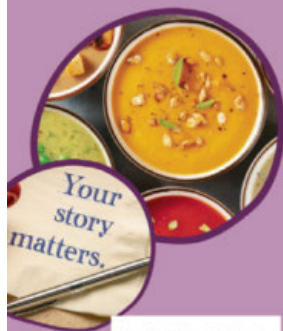
sign up to bring soups, bread, or desserts at this link:

<https://bit.ly/LentenSoupStories2>

OR Scan the QR Code

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You may also call Maria in the Parish Office!



ROSARY RALLY

March 18 - Noon

for

Traditional Marriage

Along 40 Highway
in front of church



NEW BULLETIN PRINTER

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.

Contact info is on the back of the bulletin.

Thank you!

HILFRIEND, 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

Retreat sponsored by:
Cycle of Heart
Serenity on the Square



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

Mental Health Ministry

Nativity of Mary, in partnership with Catholic Charities is looking at bringing a Catholic Mental Health Ministry to our parish. There would be services like educational events about various mental health topics as well as holding small group meetings for those struggling with mental health and small groups for their loved ones. This is a much needed ministry and we hope to serve those who are suffering, break stigma surrounding mental health, and become a more inclusive community. In order to bring this ministry to our parish, we need to have someone from the parish as a lead volunteer to work closely with Marie Justin, the Parish Mental Health Ministry Coordinator for the diocese, to get things started and recruit more volunteers. If interested, please email mjustin@ccharities.com or mmilazzo@nativityofmary.org

Rare opportunity for teens, parents, and adults!
**International speaker, Jason Evert,
in Kansas City!**



Sunday, April 16, 2023 | 4:45 to 9 PM

Mass & Dinner included

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church

Discounted Tickets!!!

Limited Time/Quantity! www.sataps.com/pure
Questions? Email saltire@sataps.com



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.



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***Carry-out available
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**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!

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