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816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekscj.org
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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 & SACRAMENTAL PREP

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

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PARISH MINISTRY COUNCIL

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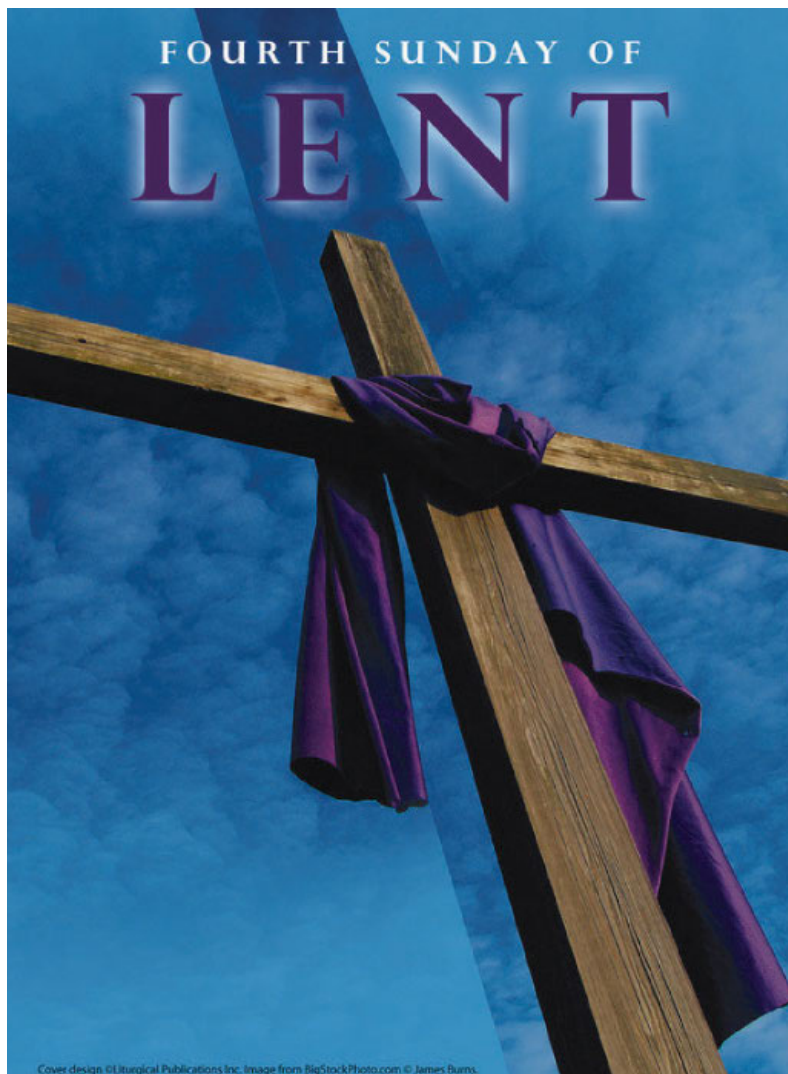
Mon-Thur 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Fri 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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.



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MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 18 - MARCH 26

Saturday, March 18 3:00pm

† Mary and Joseph Pallo
† Noah Coram
† Senator Ronnie DePasco

Sunday, March 19 10:30am

† Jack Guthrie
† Leticia Villar
† Larry Nauser

Monday, March 20 8:30am

Communion Service

Tuesday, March 21 8:30am

† Parishioners of Nativity of Mary,
Living and Deceased

Thursday, March 23 8:30am

† Ray Palmer

Saturday, March 25 3:00pm

† Mary and Joseph Pallo
† Mary Margaret Caulfield
† Pat Riddel

Sunday, March 26 10:30am

† Virginia McMenamy
† Bud Vitt, Sr.
† Amelia "Molly" Gusman

† 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 19 - MARCH 26

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

Monday — St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27&29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday — Bl. John of Parma

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16



Wednesday — St. Nicholas Owen

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday — St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday — St. Oscar Arnulfo Romero

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday — The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday — 5th Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

FROM OUR FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR Contribution Report 3/5/2023

Regular Collection	\$4,969
Online Donations	\$3,104.75
Loose Plate	\$5,490.31
Capital Campaign - Windows . .	\$6,124.82
Capital Campaign - Debt	\$425
Utilities/Maintenance	\$135
Poor	\$110
School/Pisces Scholarship	\$295
Misc/Pastoral Care	\$1,822
Total Income	\$22,475.88

**Your Giving Matters
Thank you!**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Mar 18

3:00pm Choir Sings at Mass
4:00-7:00pm St. Joseph's Table & Spaghetti Dinner
4:30pm 2nd Scrutiny for RCIA Elect at St. Bernadette Parish

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

6:00pm Baptism Preparation Class
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Mar 23

7:00pm NeoCatechumenal Way Catechesis

Friday, Mar 24

2:15pm School Stations of the Cross
6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar 25

1:00 Wedding

Sunday, Mar 26

10:30am Choir Sings at Mass
10:30am 3rd Scrutiny for RCIA Elect
11:30am First Sacraments Class
12:00pm St. Bernadette Chris' Cakes Fundraiser
4:00pm Lent Penance Service at St. Bernadette

Monday, Mar 27

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

Tuesday, Mar 28

1:00pm School Penance Service
6:30pm RCIA

Wednesday, Mar 29

5:30-7:00pm Lenten Soup & Stories
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal



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
John Felz
Lucy Franco
Karen Frazier
Barbara Garrett
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



SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This week we take up the CRS Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

2023

Upcoming 2nd Collections

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

Grandma Rosie's Rolls Fundraiser

Orders Due
Monday 3/27

\$8/dozen



NATIVITY OF MARY
CHURCH AND SCHOOLS
816-353-2184

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



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 be 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

MO is a School-Choice State Scholarships Now Available

Call 816-353-0284



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

HOLIDAY ROLLS FUNDRAISER

ORDERS DUE

Monday 3/27

\$8/dozen



PICKUP

Sunday 4/2 Noon School Front Hall

or

Monday 4/3 8:30-2:30 School Office

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
Make Checks payable to Nativity
- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Venmo
@Nativity-Church-Independence

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DOZEN _____ x \$8.00 = _____



Meet the Staff

Sarah Gonterman

Preschool



sgonterman@nativityofmary.org



Sarah's daughter began attending Nativity in 2011. She has been involved in PTO since 2012 and recently "retired" from PTO. Sarah has been a Nativity employee since 2019 beginning as an aide in Preschool, moving to the Parish Secretary position in 2020, and is currently a preschool teacher.

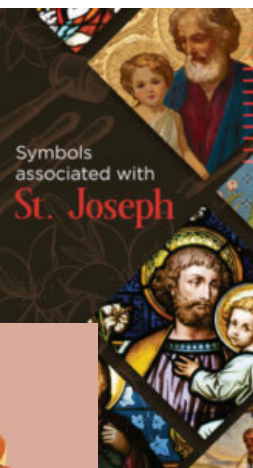
Sarah loves early education because the children are full of questions and she enjoys learning about the world through and with them. She also helps run the Benchwarmers fundraiser and is responsible for maintaining our Parish & School Website. Sarah's Birthday is September 30. In addition to teaching, she rides her bike with her husband year round. They are attempting to ride the Katy Trail one weekend at a time.

Classroom Wishes: Large floor puzzles and dot stickers

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm

Every Friday during Lent



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.

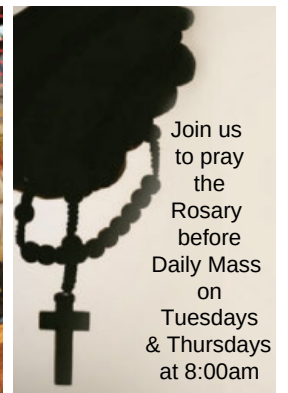
March 31, 2023 Bishop Johnston will celebrate his 15th Anniversary - Episcopal Ordination!

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



He often carries a white lily to symbolize his protection of Mary.



Join us to pray the Rosary before Daily Mass on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:00am

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



Often we see images of St. Joseph with carpentry tools.

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

Pope Francis' March intentions:

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

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: _____

LENTEN SOUP & STORIES

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Ministry Center Lower Level

Join us!

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.

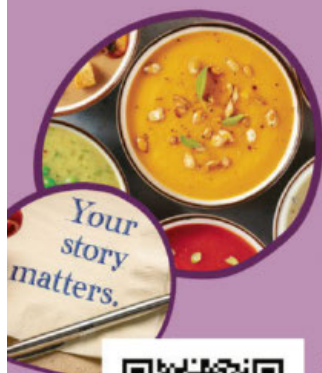
We will break these open as a community through fellowship and story-telling.

Our 3rd "Soup & Stories" evening is hosted by our Music Ministry on March 29th. The Music Ministry 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/LentenSoupStories3>
OR Scan the QR Code

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You may also call Maria
in the Parish Office!



Please join us on Sunday,
March 26, 2023
9:00 am until noon
as
Chris Cakes
will be serving an entertaining,
pancake flippin' breakfast consisting
of pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee.
at St. Bernadette Parish



**Join us in the
Parish Hall for a
delicious and
entertaining
breakfast**
9020 E 51st Terr
KCMO 64133

All you care to eat!
Adults - \$8; Children - \$6
Sponsored by CCW

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

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!

EMERGENCY DECLARED BLOOD DRIVE

Nativity of Mary Catholic Church
Monday, April 3rd
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Parish Hall
10017 E. 36th Terrace S.



Book your appointment today at savealifenow.org/group, enter Group Code: UU or scan above
QR Code. For additional details contact Loretta Krawczyk at (816) 716-1383 or
lorettakrawczyk@yahoo.com.

Medical eligibility questions? Call 1.800.688.0900



877.468.6844 - savealifenow.org



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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

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

Congratulations

Mr. ♥ Mrs. Ian & Hillary Echlin

on your recent nuptials.
May God bless you and your union

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.

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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