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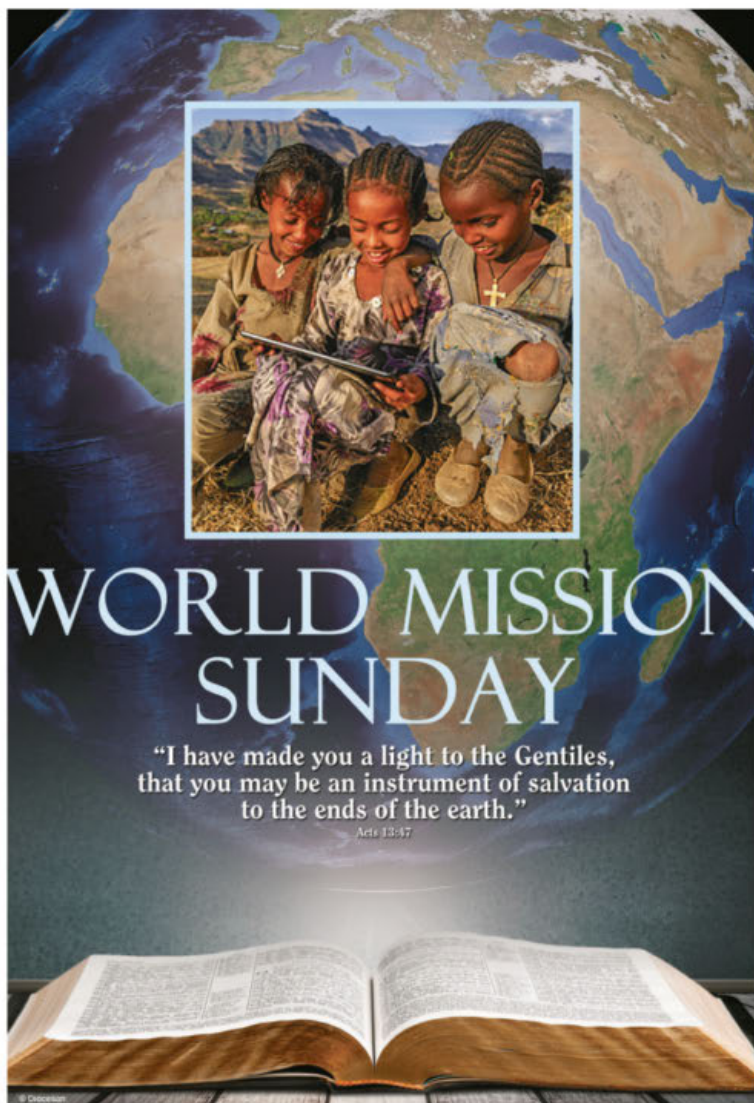
Mon-Thur 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Fri 9:00 a.m. – 12:00pm

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday:** 8:30 a.m. Communion Service  
**Tuesday:** 8:30 a.m. at Nativity of Mary  
**Wednesday:** 8:30 a.m. at St. Bernadette  
**Thursday:** 8:30 a.m. at Nativity of Mary  
**Friday:** 8:30 a.m. at St. Bernadette  
**Saturday:** 3:00 p.m. at Nativity of Mary  
**Saturday:** 4:30 p.m. at St. Bernadette  
**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. at St. Bernadette  
**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. at Nativity of Mary  
**Holy Day:** Vigil 6:00pm & 8:30 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

**SATURDAY:** 2:30 p.m.  
or contact Fr. Bryan for an appt.



"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,  
that you may be an instrument of salvation  
to the ends of the earth."

Acts 13:47

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**MASS INTENTIONS****PLEASE NOTE**

Saturdays & Tuesday are "multiple" Mass Intention Days. Thank you.

**Saturday, October 21 3:00pm**

† John & Evelyn Cummings

† Elmer Henry

† Tom Ronan

† Anthony J. Pace

**Sunday, October 22 10:30am**

† Janet Towey

**Tuesday, October 24 8:30am**

† Patricia Clark

**Thursday, October 26 8:30am**

† Virginia McMenamy

† denotes deceased

**BULLETIN REQUEST DEADLINE**

Send all bulletin items by 12:00pm on Friday a week in advance to [lwatson@nativityofmary.org](mailto:lwatson@nativityofmary.org)

**DONATIONS**

For accurate application of donations, please designate in the "memo" section of your check that it is for Offertory, Windows Capital Campaign, Parish Debt, or other purpose.

Thank you!

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

10/8/2023

Regular Collection . . . . .	\$7,364
Online Donations . . . . .	\$2,887
Loose Plate . . . . .	\$630
Capital Campaign -Window. . .	\$865
Capital Campaign -Debt . . . .	\$150
School/Pisces Scholarship . .	\$210
2nd Collection . . . . .	\$5
Misc./Pastoral Care . . . . .	\$545
<b>Total Income . . . . .</b>	<b>\$12,656</b>

*Your Giving Matters ~ Thank you!*

**READINGS**

**OCTOBER 22 - OCTOBER 29**

**Sunday — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday**

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

**Monday — St. John of Capistrano, Priest**

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday — St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday — Sts. Crispin & Crispinian, Twins**

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday — St. Pius V, Pope**

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

**Friday — St. Procula**

Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday — Sts. Simon and Judy Apostles**

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

**Next Sunday — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

**Upcoming 2nd Collections**

**Mission Sunday**

**Oct 22**

**All Saints (Holyday)**

**Nov 1**

**Archdiocese for Military Services**

**Nov 12**

**Christmas Flowers**

**Dec 4**

**Religious Retirement**

**Dec 10**

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

**Jan 21**

**CLARIFICATION**

Hello Parishioners of Nativity of Mary, I wanted to clarify a note in the financial report released a couple weeks ago. My remark concerning fundraisers was not a comment on the efforts of the school PTO. The school PTO has worked very diligently as always during these past few years to keep their fundraisers going. I am very appreciative of their efforts. My comment was meant to convey that we need a huge parish wide fundraiser in which all hands are on deck to improve the financial stability of the parish. I apologize for any confusion on this matter.

Peace,  
Fr. Bryan Amthor

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Blue: Nativity of Mary Maroon: St. Bernadette****Saturday, October 21**

2nd Collection Weekend: Mission Sunday  
 12:00pm Baptism (Selena Marie Villagomez)  
 3:00pm Choir Sings at Mass

**Sunday, October 22**

2nd Collection Weekend: Mission Sunday  
 11:30am Confirmation Class

**Monday, October 23**

8:00am Rosary  
 9:00am Cursillo (at SB)  
 6:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, October 24**

8:00am Rosary  
 6:00pm RCIA  
 6:30pm Choir Practice (at SB)

**Wednesday, October 25**

8:30am Weeding Wednesday  
 6:30pm Parish School of Religion (at SB)  
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 26**

Parish Office Closed - Diocesan All-Staff Day  
 8:00am Rosary  
 6:00pm Baptism Preparation Class

**Friday, October 27**

9:00am Bible Study (at SB)  
 9:15am Altar Angels Church Cleaning (SB)

**Saturday, October 28**

6:00pm Trunk or Treat

**Sunday, October 29**

10:30am Choir Sings at Mass

**Tuesday, October 31**

Happy Halloween!  
 1:30pm School: Classroom Parties

**Wednesday, November 1** All Saints Day  
 No School/Parish Offices Closed

## Please Pray For

God is at work,  
 even when things  
 don't make sense.  
 Please pray for those  
 on our prayer list.

Judy Allen	John Maddux
Margaret Ault	Mary May
Jim Blau	Judy McCandless
Rich Carroll	Pat McElligott
Kelly Chambers	Marilyn Mineart
Wilma Christensen	Shelby Monaco
Esther Cunningham	Julian Palmer
Matt Currivan	Eric Parvin
Steve Drexel	Ruth Perez
Mikey Eaton	Lorrene Peterson
Lucy Franco	Frank Pinon
Barbara Garrett	Rex & Helen Sibert
Mary Goebel	Norm Steffen
Jean Harrer	Ann Taylor
Mary Herriott	Ellena Thomas
Vicky Hohlbaugh	Mary Ann Touzinsky
Bernie Kanies	
Barbara Langley	
Mark Lovelace	

Send additional requests to:  
 lwatson@nativityofmary.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE  
SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Aurora Berry, National Guard  
 Ryan Edenburn, Marines  
 Patrick Hix, Navy  
 Anthony Lawrence, Army Reserves  
 Dylan Palmer, Marines  
 Brian Seskis, National Guard



Please join us for a special All School Mass on October 26 at 8:30 a.m.  
 as a number of our school children receive the Sacraments of  
 Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation!



## BENCHWARMER WINNERS

### Week #5

#### HIGH SCORE WINNERS

Mindy Setser - 124 points - Ticket #1912-\$500  
 2 Way tie - 118 points each - \$175 each  
 James Demarea - Ticket #1692  
 Gloria Fish - Ticket #76

#### LOW SCORE WINNERS

2 Way tie - 13 points each - 62.50 each  
 Frank Zeller - Ticket #1311  
 Elizabeth Earl - Ticket #4288  
 Jeff Balagna - 16 Points - Ticket #1550 -\$25



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#### As good stewards, let's divert taxes to Catholic school scholarships!

1. Go to [www.BrightFuturesFund.org](http://www.BrightFuturesFund.org). Click "Reserve Your Tax Credits Here".
2. Estimate your tax liability based on what you paid last year.
3. Choose **BRIGHT FUTURES FUND** from the EAO (Educational Assistance Organization) drop down menu to support Catholic education.
4. Reserve your tax credit amount (half of what you owe). You will receive an email from the State of MO. Print & save.
5. Write and mail a check for your reserved amount before **December 20** to the **BRIGHT FUTURES FUND**- P.O.Box 419037 Kansas City MO 64141

Tax credits may be carried forward for up to four additional years.



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## 2023 FALL

Check out our fall sports athletes

Football

Cross Country

Girls Volleyball

Schedules are posted in school newsletter.



## 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](mailto: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  
[true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org)  
 816.392.0011



## October Prayer Intentions

### Pope Francis:

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

### Bishop Johnston:

For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to guide the synod and its participants in Rome this month.



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### Next order for physical cards due November 7.

Order online through RaiseRight.com or the RaiseRight mobile app. Pay online or send a check to the office. Make checks payable to Nativity of Mary. Orders are placed once per month.

Cards can be shipped to your home (at your expense) or shipped to school with our next monthly order (we pay!)

The School Office orders monthly.

Order forms are available in the Narthex and School Office.

**Use Code: 526D255A7978**

to enroll and get started shopping!

### Confirmation Classes Have Begun!

But it's not too late for your child to join.

Candidates must be of high school age to receive the sacrament.

Please sign up on our [website](#).

Questions? Contact [Cameron Engelbrecht](#)



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

—Pope Francis



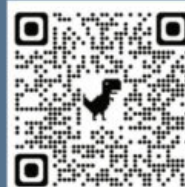
### ALTAR SOCIETY

Did you know Altar Society members enjoy social events including day trips, luncheons, concerts, and theatrical productions. We truly Work Hard and Play Hard! Come JOIN US!

Please check out and complete our Bright Pink envelopes in your pew through the Membership Month of October.

If you have questions, please contact  
Mary Vitt (President)  
[maryvitt0324@yahoo.com](mailto:maryvitt0324@yahoo.com) or 816-520-1575

## SCHOOL GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER



## THANK YOU

Public rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

Thank you to everyone who gathered to pray last Saturday!

## BULLETIN PRINTER

Thanks to our advertisers, Nativity of Mary's weekly bulletins are printed free of charge to the church.

Please consider advertising with LPi.

Contact information is on the back of the bulletin.

THANK YOU!

## Bible Study every Friday



St. Bernadette & Nativity of Mary Parishes co-host Bible Study every Friday morning at 9:00am at St. Bernadette. First Fridays are Adoration only.





## LOOK TO THE EAST YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

**UPCOMING EVENT:**  
**OCTOBER 27**  
**6:30 PM - 10 PM**

**ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**OAK GROVE, MO**

## BELONG

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

MATTHEW 22:21

Join us to pray the Rosary  
Mondays, Tuesdays &  
Thursdays at 8:00am.



JOIN US FOR A

## BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
**6:00PM**

Ministry Center - Lower Level  
rsvp on our website or with the Parish  
Office at (816) 353-2184

Questions?  
cengelbrecht@nativityofmary.org

Baptism Preparation Classes are held on the last Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Lower Level of the Ministry Center. Park in the fenced-in School Parking Lot next to the gym.

Please register on our website before attending class. Parents are required to attend a baptism preparation class before presenting their child for this sacrament to ensure they understand the sacrament and their roles in raising the child in their Catholic faith. We encourage parents to baptize their child within the first few weeks after they are born.

## Religious Education

Is your child needing to receive one of the sacraments?

Nativity of Mary Catholic Church is proud to announce that parishioners are now able to sign your child up for religious education classes online! Simply visit our parish website at [www.nativityofmary.org](http://www.nativityofmary.org), hover over "church", and select Sacramental Preparation. Then select which sacrament(s) you are wanting your child to receive. There you will find information about the program, its requirements, and an enrollment form.



Questions? Contact Cameron Engelbrecht at  
cengelbrecht@nativityofmary.org



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Jonny and Mercy Kimbrough are  
celebrating their 30th Wedding  
Anniversary on October 30th**

They sent all six of their children through Nativity of Mary School, then to St. Mary, Bishop O'Hara & St. Michael High Schools!



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**THURSDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 9**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX**



29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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  
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or

[www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)  
Council 6794



## Parish Ministry Council

The Parish Ministry Council is a community of disciples, gathered to discern the needs of our parish and challenged to lead our people in responding faithfully to God's calling.

The Parish Ministry Council is looking for input from parishioners about their experiences at the parish. If you have something you would like to share, please reach out to one of the council members.

Peace be with you!



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## PARISH MINISTRY COUNCIL 2023-2024

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS.  
WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN AND SERVE

### Mission Statement:

In all aspects of daily life the members of our parish work together to promote our Catholic faith in our good example, in our school, in our community, and in our local outreach.



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# *All Souls Day Mass*

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St. Bernadette Catholic Church

Thursday, *November 2, 2023* at 6:30 pm

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This Mass will remember & honor all parishioners who have passed away since All Souls Day, 2022. Families of the deceased will receive personal invitations in the mail. All family and friends who will be in attendance are asked to RSVP to Laurie Jo at [lwatson@nativityofmary.org](mailto:lwatson@nativityofmary.org) or by phone at 816.353.2184 by Wednesday, October 25.

A light reception will follow the Mass.

A photograph of three lit candles. The central candle is in the foreground and is in sharp focus, with a bright, tall flame. Two other candles are positioned behind it, one to the left and one to the right, and are slightly out of focus. The background is dark, making the warm light of the candles stand out.

*"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them"*





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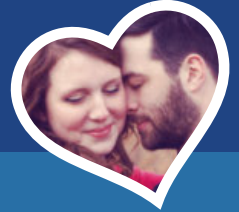
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