



NATIVITY of MARY

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DIOCESAN CONTACTS

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

PASTORAL CARE & SACRAMENTAL PREP

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**Anointing of the Sick, Baptisms,
Confirmations, First Holy Communion,
Weddings, Funerals**

Please call the office for details 816.353.2184

Emergency/After Hours Line
Call or Text 816-653.0068

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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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

Nativity of Mary
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30a.m.
Saturday 3:00pm
Sunday 10:30am

St. Bernadette
Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:30a.m.
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 10:30am

CONFESSIONS

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



CHURCH

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MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, December 9 3:00pm**

† Ace & Loretta Judy

Sunday, December 10 10:30am

† Bertha Kelly

† Francisco & Candelaria Villar

Tuesday, December 12 8:30am

† Dan Brown

Thursday, December 14 8:30amStudents and Families of
Nativity of Mary School

† denotes deceased

DONATIONS

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

Thank you!

**Upcoming 2nd Collections
& Extra Envelopes****Religious Retirement****Dec 10****Catholic Home Missions Appeal****Jan 21****Catholic Charities Emergency
Assistance Appeal****February 18****CONTRIBUTION REPORT****11/26/2023**

Regular Collection	\$4,629
Online Donations	\$1,577
Loose Plate	\$520
Capital Campaign -Window. . .	\$1,060
Capital Campaign -Debt . . .	\$2,585
Thanksgiving Collection . . .	\$612
School/Pisces Scholarship . .	\$105
Misc./Pastoral Care	\$482
Total Income	\$11,570

*Your Giving Matters ~ Thank you!***READINGS****DECEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 17****Next Sunday — Second Sunday of Advent**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday — St. Damasus I, Pope

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday — Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday — St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday — St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday — Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Calendars
for Nursing Homes**

If you would like to donate calendars
to this year's project please have
them to church or the ministry
center no later than December 29th.

**Thank you for your generosity.
The Calendar team.**

DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS***Pope Francis:***

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation..

Bishop Johnston:

For all those separated from family or loved ones because of war, migration, military service or other circumstances; that they be strengthened by God and renewed by his consolation..

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Blue: Nativity of Mary Maroon: St. Bernadette

Saturday, December 9

2nd Collection: Retired Religious

Sunday, December 10

2nd Collection: Retired Religious
11:45am Protecting God's Children

Monday, December 11

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Communion Service
9:00am Cursillo (at SB)
12:00pm Over 55 Luncheon
6:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm Book Club

Tuesday, December 12

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Mass
6:00pm Ministry Council
6:00pm PTO Meeting
6:00pm RCIA
6:30pm Choir Practice (at SB)

Wednesday, December 13

6:15pm Parish SoR & Youth Group
7:00pm Advent Penance Service (at St. Mark)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 14

8:00am Rosary
8:30am School Mass
6:00pm Adoration

Friday, December 15

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

Please Pray For

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

Please pray for those
on our prayer list.

Judy Allen	Mark Lovelace
Margaret Ault	Mary May
Jim Blau	Judy McCandless
Rich Carroll	Pat McElligott
Shannon Casey	Marilyn Mineart
Kelly Chambers	Shelby Monaco
Esther Cunningham	Ed & Graciela Ortiz
Matt Currivan	Julian Palmer
Steve Drexel	Ruth Perez
Mikey Eaton	Lorrene Peterson
Lucy Franco	Frank Pinon
Barbara Garrett	Fr. Bob Rost
Mary Goebel	Tom Schneider
Jean Harrer	Rex Sibert
Mary Herriott	Norm Steffen
Vicky Hohlbaugh	Ellena Thomas
Bernie Kanies	Mary Ann Touzinsky
Barbara Langley	Kristin Turner



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

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent

Wednesday
December 13
7:00 pm

at
St. Mark Church

experience God's healing through forgiveness

VISITS WITH FR. BRYAN

<https://calendly.com/fatherbryan/30min>

Parishioners in need of a consultation with a priest are welcome to use the link above or call the parish office to schedule an appointment.

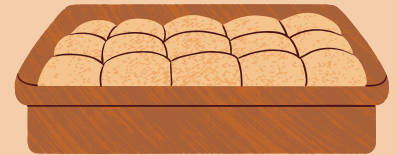
In case of an imminent emergency outside of normal office hours, please call:
(816) 653-0068.

BENCHWARMER WINNERS**WEEK #12****HIGH SCORE WINNERS**

1st: Sharon Burns 119 Points \$500
 2nd: 4-way tie 116 Points \$87.50 each
 Gene Routen
 April LaFarge
 Mike Lafa
 Jeff Fogle

LOW SCORE WINNERS

1st: 13-way tie 27 Points \$11.53 each
 Loretta Lampen, Marilyn Vice,
 Al McClain, Michael Pipes,
 Jason Haugh, Jason Yunker,
 James Demarea, Roy Parsons,
 Steve Thornhill, Bill Straka,
 Jackson Coleman, John Kahn,
 Jeremy Stuch

**Grandma Rosie's Rolls****Thank You**

A big Thank You to everyone who helped make our Grandma Rosie Roll Sale a big success. Thanks to those who helped make them and to all who purchased them. We were able to profit \$4,600 for Nativity of Mary!

Advent
PREPARING THE WAY

DID YOU KNOW?

You can direct up to **half** of your annual state income taxes towards scholarships for children to attend Catholic schools - at **no cost** to you!

**Step 1** - Go to BrightFuturesFund.org**Step 2** - Estimate your tax liability based on last year**Step 3** - Choose **Bright Futures Fund** from the EAO list**Step 4** - Reserve your tax credit amount**Step 5** - Write a check and mail to the Bright Futures Fund by **12/27**

*After verification from the state, you will receive an email receipt. Include the receipt and a MO-TC form with your state income tax filing. For the current MO-TC form, visit dor.mo.gov/forms and search MO-TC.

Christy Gruenbaum
 Director of Development, MOScholars
 Phone: 816-714-2338



Bright Futures Fund
 P.O Box 419037
 Kansas City, MO 64141
 Phone: 816-756-1850



90 DAYS IN THE DESERT

The Office of Faith Formation invites interested adults to an intense 90-day spiritual exercise beginning January 1st that involves prayer, fasting, and other mortifications to deepen our relationship with our Lord and each other. This is not for the faint of heart, but those who have undertaken these exercises have seen tremendous growth in their spiritual lives.

For more information and to sign-up please visit <https://forms.gle/61NMJ6cbc55e8PQg7>, or scan the QR-Code.

EXODUS



Protecting God's Children Workshop

The Diocese will sponsor a PGC Workshop for adults on Sunday, December 10 at 11:45am in the Nativity of Mary Ministry Center. The Workshop is intended to raise awareness of child sexual abuse. If you'd like to attend our session, you may pre-register online at www.virtus.org. Click on Registration at the left, select our diocese and follow the prompts. Please call Laurie Jo at the office if you experience difficulty pre-registering. All volunteers working in children's programs of our parishes and schools are required by the diocese to attend this session; however, anyone interested in making our world safer for children is welcome and encouraged to attend.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION - PRE-K TO 6TH GRADE LOST & FOUND YOUTH GROUP - 7TH TO 12TH GRADE



WEDNESDAYS
6:15 TO 7:30

at
NATIVITY OF MARY PARISH HALL
(lower level of the School)



SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE
UNDER CHURCH - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



BULLETIN AD DEADLINES

Sunday, December 17, 2023
Due: Thursday, December 7

Sunday, December 24, 2023
Due: Wednesday, December 13

Sunday, December 31, 2023
Due: Wednesday, December 20

Sunday, January 7, 2024
Due: Friday, December 29

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

Thursday, Dec 21 7:00-8:00pm

Pray for our priests and for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life!



Sisters of St. Francis Chapel
2100 N Noland Rd

AV & TECH MINISTRY

An AV Minister is present at each Saturday Vigil Mass at Nativity of Mary. He or she sits in the congregation and uses a mobile device to ensure that the Live Stream quality is the best it can be. We need more volunteers to serve once each month. Training is provided.

If interested, contact the Parish Office.

HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

Advent Penance Service (12/13)

† St. Mark - 7:00pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent (12/23 & 12/24)

† Nativity of Mary - 3:00pm & 10:30am

† St. Bernadette - 4:30pm & 8:30am

Christmas Eve:

† Nativity of Mary - 3:00pm

† St. Bernadette - 5:00pm

† Nativity of Mary - Midnight

Christmas Day:

† St. Bernadette - 10:00am

- The Parish Office closed 12pm December 21 through January 1.
- No daily Mass and no Confessions December 26-28.



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:

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816.392.0011

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS



CLEANING
Tuesday 12/12
9:00am

DECORATING
Thursday 12/21
1:30pm
Bring decorations
from store rooms
to staging area



Saturday 12/23
4:00pm
Decorate
Church

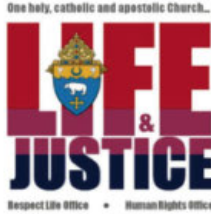


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LIFE AND JUSTICE GRANT

Deadline for non-profits to apply:
December 31, 2023



Does your non-profit or one you know starting a new project or expanding an existing project?

Does that project address public policy, education, empowerment, or pastoral care?

Do members of the community served by the non-profit have a majority voice in the project or build leadership skills?

Does the project directly address injustice toward the dignity of the person or the sanctity of human life?

Then your non-profit may be eligible for the 2024 Life & Justice Grant! Applications for the 2024 grant are due December 31st, 2023. Learn more and apply now at lifeandjusticekcsj.org.

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**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

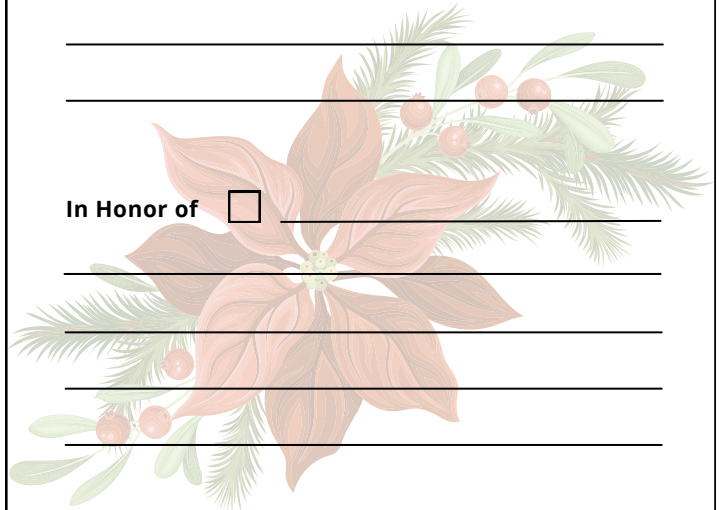
We will be purchasing flowers to decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like to help defray the cost you can make a contribution in your name or in memory of a loved one. There are envelopes for Christmas flowers in your envelope packet or you can fill in the information below, drop it in the collection basket or bring it by the Ministry Center. All Names of those who donated in their name or in the name of a loved one will be listed in the bulletin Christmas weekend.

Please return by December 13.

Your Name

In Memory of ☐

In Honor of ☐

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you for all the cards, calls and visits. This made my 90th birthday such a memorable occasion.

Nativity families
are truly the Greatest!

~Ralph Wolfgeher





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Eastland McDonald's 18910 East US Highway 40 Independence, MO	40 Highway McDonald's 920 SW US Highway 40 Blue Springs, MO	South 7 McDonald's 3116 South 7 Highway Blue Springs, MO	Red Bridge McDonald's 11001 Hickman Mills Drive Kansas City, MO
Susquehanna McDonald's 16235 East US Highway 24 Independence, MO	North 7 McDonald's 814 NW State Route 7 Blue Springs, MO	Chouteau McDonald's 4400 N Chouteau Traffic Way Kansas City, MO	Blue Ridge McDonald's 5260 Blue Ridge Boulevard Raytown, MO

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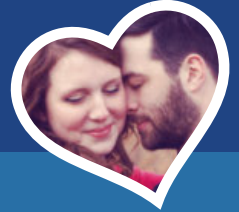
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