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SCHOOL

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

PASTORAL CARE & SACRAMENTAL PREP

Homebound and Hospitals
Paula Cassity 816.356.4467

**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

ST. BERNADETTE FOOD PANTRY 816.356.3700

PARISH MINISTRY COUNCIL

Mark Bishop 816.550.1729
markbishop@comcast.net

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur 9:00am – 3:00pm
Fri 9:00am – 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, December 16 3:00pm**

† Pat Baker

† Anthony J. Pace

Sunday, December 17 10:30am

† Helen Vitt

† Jerry & Gloria Fornier

Tuesday, December 19 8:30am

† Monty Kimbrough

Thursday, December 21 8:30am

Gary Johnson

† Kenneth Johnson

† 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, etc.

Thank you!

**Upcoming 2nd Collections
& Extra Envelopes****Catholic Home Missions Appeal** Jan 21**Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal** February 18**Easter Flowers** Mar 3**Catholic Relief Services** Mar 10**READINGS****DECEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 24****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

Monday

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday — St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday — St. John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday — Fourth Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

**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 29.

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

Sunday, December 17

10:30am Mass (*Third Sunday of Advent*)
11:30am Confirmation Class

Monday, December 18

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Communion Service
9:00am Cursillo (at SB)
6:00pm Boy Scouts



Tuesday, December 19

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Mass
6:00pm RCIA
6:00pm School Christmas Program
6:30pm Choir Practice (at SB)

Wednesday, December 20

School: Half Day
9:15am Altar Angels (at SB)
12:15pm Staff Lunch/Parish Office Closed
6:15pm Parish SoR & Youth Group
6:30pm Ministry Council
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 21

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Mass
12:00pm Parish Office Closes at Noon
1:30pm Decorate Church - Part I

Friday, December 22 *Parish Office Closed*

9:00am Bible Study (at SB)

Saturday, December 23

2:30pm Confession
3:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 24

10:30am Mass (*4th Sunday of Advent*)
3:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

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
Vicky Hohlbaugh	Norm Steffen
Bernie Kanies	Ellena Thomas
Barbara Langley	Mary Ann Touzinsky
	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

Christmas Decorating Angels Needed!

The Liturgy/Art & Environment Committee would like to invite those wishing to help us decorate for Christmas.



Thursday 12/21 at 1:30

Bring decorations from the garage and store rooms to a staging area.



Saturday 12/23 at 4:00

Decorate the church



Many hands make light work!

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

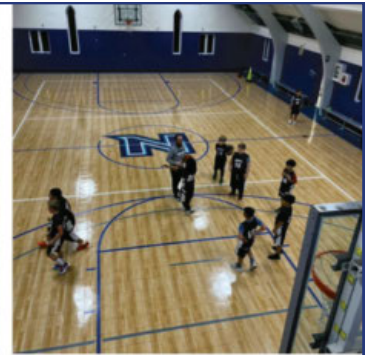
WEEK #13

HIGH SCORE WINNERS

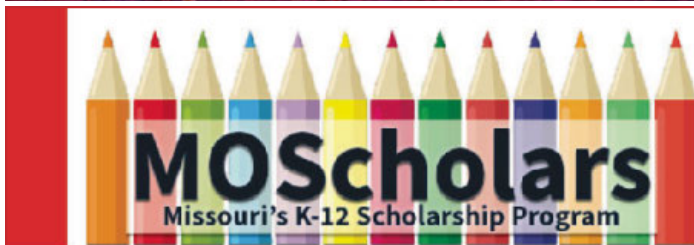
1st: Sam Lane	128 Points	\$500
2nd: Lindsay Watkins	123 Points	\$250
3rd: 2-way tie Susie Fritz Ceil Baker	122 Points	\$50 each

LOW SCORE WINNERS

1st: Bonnie Mumm	14 Points	\$75
2nd: 3-way tie Jeff Walkers Jim Donnelly Clint Sanders	16 Points	\$50 each



NIGHTHAWK *Basketball*



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

HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

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 26-27.



DECORATING VOLUNTEERS

DECORATING

Thursday 12/21
1:30pm

Bring decorations
from store rooms to
staging area

Saturday 12/23
4:00pm
Decorate
Church





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



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

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 crayoneombudsmankcsj.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
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 816.392.0011

BULLETIN AD REQUESTS & DEADLINES

All events to be advertised in the bulletin should be submitted through our website:

Bulletin Submissions - Nativity of Mary Parish - Independence, MO.

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

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

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

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

—Pope Francis

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

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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
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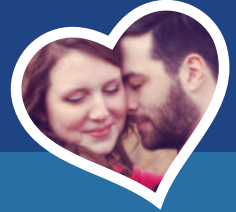
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