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## DIOCESAN CONTACTS

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## 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 8:30am

## CONFESSIONS

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —



## CHURCH

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**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, January 13 3:00pm**

† Patricia Seufert  
 † Wilma Christensen  
 † Ruth Divine  
 † Steve Divine

**Sunday, January 14 10:30am**

† Margaret Dziura

**Tuesday, January 16 8:30am**

For the People of Nativity of Mary

**Thursday, January 18 8:30am**

† Bernie Schmitz

† denotes deceased

**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!



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



Join us for Bible Study at St.  
 Bernadette Parish Fridays at 9:00am.

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

1/1/2024

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Regular Collection . . . . .   | \$4,089         |
| Online Donations . . . . .     | \$1,474         |
| Loose Plate . . . . .          | \$526           |
| Capital Campaign -Windows. .   | \$9,152         |
| Capital Campaign -Debt . . . . | \$60            |
| Holy Day Collection . . . . .  | \$205           |
| School/Pisces Scholarship . .  | \$164           |
| Misc./Pastoral Care . . . . .  | \$1,828         |
| <b>Total Income . . . . .</b>  | <b>\$17,608</b> |

*Your Giving Matters ~ Thank you!***READINGS****JANUARY 14 - JANUARY 21****Sunday — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**Monday — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday**

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday — St. Anthony**

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday**

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday**

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday — St. Fabian; St. Sebastian; Blessed Virgin Mary**

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

**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](#)

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**Council 6794**

Contact  
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 816-799-1715  
 robertgrabau@hotmail.com

or

Roger Pauk,  
 Grand Knight  
 816-682-6717  
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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Blue: Nativity of Mary Maroon: St. Bernadette****Saturday, January 13**2:30pm Confession  
3:00pm Mass**Sunday, January 14**

10:30am Mass

**Monday, January 15** *Martin Luther King, Jr.*No School/Parish Office Closed  
8:00am Rosary  
8:30am Communion Service  
6:00pm Boy Scouts**Tuesday, January 16**8:00am Rosary  
8:30am Mass  
6:00pm RCIA  
6:30pm Choir Practice (at SB)**Wednesday, January 17**4:30pm Parish Finance Council  
6:15pm PSR & Youth Group  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal**Thursday, January 18**8:00am Rosary  
8:30am School Mass**Friday, January 19**9:00am Bible Study (at SB)  
9:00am Church Cleaning (at SB)**Saturday, January 20**10:00am-12:00pm Zumbathon School Fundraiser  
2:30pm Confession  
3:00pm Mass - 2nd Collection: Missions Appeal**Sunday, January 21**10:30am Mass - 2nd Collection: Missions Appeal  
11:30am Confirmation Class**Monday, January 22**8:00am Rosary  
8:30am Communion Service  
9:00am Cursillo (at SB)  
6:00pm Boy Scouts

## Please Pray For

Judy Allen  
Margaret Ault  
Jim Blau  
Rich Carroll  
Shannon Casey  
Kelly Chambers  
Betty Coen  
Esther Cunningham  
Matt Currivan  
Steve Drexel  
Mikey Eaton  
Lucy Franco  
Barbara Garrett  
Mary Goebel  
Jean Harrer  
Vicky Hohlbaugh  
Sharon Ann Jones  
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Ruth Perez  
Lorrene Peterson  
Frank Pinon  
Fr. Bob Rost  
Tom Schneider  
Rex Sibert  
Norm Steffen  
Ellena Thomas  
Mary Ann Touzinsky  
Kristin TurnerGod is at work,  
even when things  
don't make sense.  
Please pray for those  
on our prayer list.Send additional requests to:  
lwatson@nativityofmary.orgGod never tires of forgiving us;  
we are the ones who tire of seeking  
his mercy.

-Pope Francis

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      |

## WELCOME TO NATIVITY

## ADORATION

2nd Thursdays at Nativity  
6:00-8:00pm1st Fridays at St. Bernadette  
9:00-10:00am

Questions? Call Deacon Justin at 816-254-1528

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE  
SERVING IN THE MILITARYAurora Berry, National Guard  
Ryan Edenburn, Marines  
Patrick Hix, Navy  
Anthony Lawrence, Army Reserves  
Dylan Palmer, Marines  
Brian Seskis, National Guard



**BENCHWARMER WINNERS****WEEK #18****HIGH SCORE WINNERS**

1st William Bohnert - 117 points - \$500  
 2nd Roger Becker - 116 points - \$250  
 3rd Kelly Brock - 114 points - \$100

**LOW SCORE WINNERS**

1st - 2 way tie - 12 points \$37.50 ea  
 Glene Blundell  
 Elizabeth Verbeck  
 2nd - 3 way tie - 13 points \$25 ea  
 James Wombwell  
 Cathy Sexauer  
 James Brayfield



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**Nativity of Mary**  
**Catholic Schools Week**  
 Jan 28 - Feb 2

**SCHOOL LATE START**

When school is cancelled, Daily Mass & the Parish Office are also cancelled/closed.

We offer a late start option as needed for inclement weather. The two options for a Snow Day are

- a) school is canceled or
- b) there will be a late start of school.

The late start time is 10:00am with drop off beginning at 9:50am. Students will need to bring a cold lunch. Pick up proceeds as normal.

Hopefully, on days that begin with icy/rough road conditions, we can still accommodate schooling a little later after the roads have been cleared.

As always, parents will be notified by School Messenger either way and the closing or late start will be on the website, on our recorder at school and on KCTV 5 news and their consortium.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
 SUPPORT OF  
 CATHOLIC EDUCATION!**



Thank you  
 for your  
 support

**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



The Weekend Mass is livestreamed and can be accessed at any time after 3:00pm on Saturday.

## JANUARY PRAYER INTENTIONS

### **Pope Francis:**

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

### **Bishop Johnston:**

For the homeless and those who lack adequate housing.

**PRAY FOR PEOPLE  
PRAY FOR THE COUNTRY  
PRAY FOR PEACE**

Devotional candles are kept in the kiosk.

If you would like to light a candle in prayer, just ask a Hospitality Minister for assistance.



We are partnering with Catholic Charities collecting old eyeglasses that will be cleaned and refurbished.

A collection box is in the Narthex.

## 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.

Our sympathy and prayers for strength, comfort extend to the family of

**Julian Palmer**

who passed away January 5.



*May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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YOU.







## 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



## BAPTISM PREPARATION

**Last Thursday  
of each month  
6:00-8:00pm**



**January 25**

Questions? Contact Cameron Engelbrecht at [cengelbrecht@nativityofmary.org](mailto:cengelbrecht@nativityofmary.org) or 816-353-2184

## 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.



## HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

Thursday, January 18  
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



## 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



**MAY 4TH  
2024**

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**JANUARY 16-24**

[9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)

**9 Days for Life Novena:  
January 16-24**

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life Novena *9 Days for Life*, Tuesday, Jan 16 – Wednesday, Jan 24. Daily intentions, brief reflections, & more. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com)!

**Bus trip to the Midwest  
March for Life  
Wednesday, May 1**

This year Bishop Johnston will be joining us for the day! Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for news from our office on how you can participate. Please send questions to Deb Sheppard, Director of the Office of Life & Justice, at [sheppard@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:sheppard@diocesekcsj.org) or 816.714.2367.

**MIDWEST  
MARCH FOR LIFE**

Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph  
Bus Trip to Jefferson City, MO



**May 1, 2024**  
Mark your calendars now!

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**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.

If you have a suggestion, concern, or comment you would like the Parish Ministry Council to address, there are cards in the kiosk for you to fill out and drop in the slot.

Peace be with you!

**St. Bernadette  
Food Pantry**



The Pantry is in need of pancake mix, syrup, jelly, spaghetti sauce & spaghetti, laundry detergent, toilet paper, coffee and cereal.

**Rosary Rally**

Honor Our Blessed Mother and Our Lady of Fatima  
Sunday January 21 ~ 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm

St. Mary-St. Anthony  
615 N 7th St. Trafficway  
Kansas City KS

We will pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries followed by Benediction and the opportunity for attendees to enroll in the Brown Scapular.

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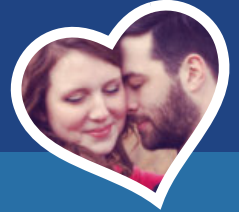
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