

FEBRUARY 4, 2024 | 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# NATIVITY *of* MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

ROOTED IN FAITH | GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE | SERVING OTHERS



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 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.

## CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 2:30 p.m.

or contact Fr. Bryan for an appt.

[nativityofmary.org](http://nativityofmary.org)

## CHURCH

816.353.2184

FAX 816.358.4155

10017 E 36th Terrace  
Independence MO  
64052



## SCHOOL

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10021 E 36th Terrace  
Independence MO  
64052



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, February 3 3:00pm**  
For the people of Nativity of Mary  
and St. Bernadette Parishes

**Sunday, February 4 10:30am**

† Mike Ronan  
† Gertie & Ray Dale  
† Marguerite Seller

**Tuesday, February 6 8:30am**  
Communion Service

**Thursday, February 8 8:30am**  
Communion Service

**Friday, February 9 8:30am**  
† Jamin Landreth

† denotes deceased



**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 14**

Masses at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

Mass at Noon at  
St. Bernadette

"Return to me with  
your whole heart"  
- Joel 2:12

**READINGS**

**FEBRUARY 4 - FEBRUARY 11**

**Sunday — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19,  
22-23/Mk 1:29-39

**Monday — St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday — St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday**

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday — St. Jerome Emiliani;**

**St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday**

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday — St. Scholastica, Virgin**

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

**Next Sunday — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Marriage Day**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**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

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

**1/21/2024**

Regular Collection . . . . .	\$4,644
Online Donations . . . . .	\$2,385
Loose Plate . . . . .	\$800
Capital Campaign -Windows. . .	\$3,135
Capital Campaign -Debt . . . . .	\$385
Second Collection . . . . .	\$569
School/Pisces Scholarship . . .	\$155
Misc./Pastoral Care . . . . .	\$373
<b>Total Income . . . . .</b>	<b>\$12,221</b>

*Your Giving Matters ~ Thank you!*

**Upcoming 2nd Collections  
& Extra Envelopes**

**Catholic Charities Emergency  
Assistance Appeal**

**February 18**

**Easter Flowers**

**Mar 3**

**Catholic Relief Services**

**Mar 10**

**Holy Land/Good Friday**

**Mar 29**

**Tomorrow's Priests Vocation Fund**

**May 19**

**Peter's Pence**

**June 2**





## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Blue: Nativity of Mary Maroon: St. Bernadette**  
**Saturday, February 3**

7:30 & 8:30am First Saturday Confession & Mass (at SB)  
 2:30pm Confession  
 3:00pm Mass

**Sunday, February 4**

10:30am Mass  
 11:30am Confirmation Class  
 11:30am-1:00pm School Open House

**Monday, February 5**

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

**Tuesday, February 6**

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

**Wednesday, February 7**

6:15pm PSR & Youth Group  
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 8**

8:00am Rosary  
 8:30am Communion Service  
 6:00pm Adoration

**Friday, February 9**

8:30am School Mass  
 9:00am Burning of the Palms (after Mass)  
 9:00am Church Cleaning (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  
 Margaret Ault  
 Jim Blau  
 Yvonne Button  
 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  
 Barbara Langley  
 Mark Lovelace

Annabelle Lynn  
 Mary May  
 Judy McCandless  
 Pat McElligott  
 Marilyn Mineart  
 Shelby Monaco  
 Ed & Graciela Ortiz  
 Ruth Perez  
 Lorrene Peterson  
 Frank Pinon  
 Fr. Bob Rost  
 Tom Schneider  
 Rex Sibert  
 Kevin Stallman  
 Norm Steffen  
 Ellena Thomas  
 Mary Ann Touzinsky  
 Kristin Turner

Send additional requests to:  
 lwatson@nativityofmary.org

## 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  
 office to schedule an appointment.



**BAKED  
 FRESH**

**\$10**

CASH  
 CHECK  
 VENMO:



## CINNAMON BREAD IS BACK

Saturday - February 3

Loaves of Cinnamon Bread will be available  
 for purchase beginning at noon on Feb 3  
 in the Parish Hall.

Pre-Orders will be limited to  
 5 loaves/family.

If you are interested in volunteering,  
 we are looking for helpers.

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

Contact

Rita Henry 816-668-0746  
 Brett Gordon 816-729-3577

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

—Pope Francis

## 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

Save the Date  
**Open House**  
 Feb 4, 2024  
 11:30-1:00pm

PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE

# NATIVITY of MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL MOSCHOLARS

## PTO VIP BREAKFAST Chris Cakes

Friday, February 2  
 6:30am - 8:00am



Brought to you by the PTO and prepared by Chris Cakes. All you can eat pancakes! Meal also includes sausage, juice, and coffee. Breakfast will be served in the Parish Hall. \$5 for single, \$20 for a family (4 or more, which includes guardians and siblings).

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

## FEBRUARY PTO MEETING

**FEBRUARY 13**

6:00 pm - Parish Hall

Hosted by Kindergarten & 1st Grades



**RaiseRight.  
 SCHOOL  
 GIFT CARDS  
 FUND-RAISER**

**Next order due  
 February 13**

Use Code:  
 526D255A7978  
 to enroll and get  
 started shopping!



Order online through

RaiseRight.com  
 or  
 the RaiseRight mobile app.

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Pope Francis:** We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**Bishop Johnston:** For those who are discerning a call to the priesthood or consecrated religious life.





# Nativity of Mary Parish Fish Dinner

SAVE  
THE  
DATE



\$13

DINE IN  
OR  
CARRY OUT

Friday, February 16, 2024  
5 - 7:30 pm  
Parish Hall

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

The Diocese will sponsor a PGC Workshop for adults on Sunday, February 25 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](http://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.



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

## FORMED

Signing up for FORMED is quick and easy. Follow the instructions below.

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
2. Type 64052  
Click Nativity of Mary
3. Register with your  
Name and email address
4. Check your email for a link  
to begin using FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

## ADORATION

2nd Thursdays



February 8  
6:00pm-8:00pm

Questions?  
Call Deacon Justin 816-254-1528

Bible Study  
at  
St. Bernadette  
Parish

Fridays  
9:00am



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

## TO FILE YOUR TAXES



Tax day is Monday April 15.  
Please Contact Laurie Jo in the Ministry  
Center Office for your year-end tax  
statement at 816-353-2184 or  
[lwatson@nativityofmary.org](mailto:lwatson@nativityofmary.org)



## Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

Adults: \$14 Children: \$6 5&under: Free  
5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff KCMO

February 16 & 23  
March 1, 8, 15 and 22  
4:30-7:00



As always, clergy, police, firefighters and all first responders in uniform are free as a Thank You for their Service

## Lenten Small Groups

Join us as we journey through the Augustine Institute's original series, *The Search*, as we seek answers to life's big questions. This is also an opportunity to form new friendships, deepen your understanding of the faith, and grow in your love of God. We promise you that you will not want to miss this experience!

### Weekly February 12 - March 28th

Monday Evening at 6:00 pm at  
St. Bernadette in the Parish Hall.

Thursdays at 9:15 am at  
Nativity of Mary in the Ministry Center Lower Level.

Can't join us in person? Then follow along on FORMED.org!  
Just click on create an account enter our Zip Code (64052)  
to sign up and get access!

## THE SEARCH

See the trailer on our Facebook Page!

For more information and to sign up on our website  
or scan the QR code below!



## LENTE PENANCE SERVICE AND ADORATION

**TUESDAY  
MARCH 12  
6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Nativity of Mary Parish  
10017 E 36th Terrace S  
Independence MO 64052

### Deanery XI

Nativity of Mary, St. Bernadette, St. Cyril,  
St. Mark & St. Mary Parishes

## Nativity of Mary hosts a Protecting God's Children Workshop

FEBRUARY 25  
11:45 AM  
MINISTRY CENTER

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

## 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







## 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  
rpauk2002

@comcast.net

or

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



## St. Bernadette Food Pantry

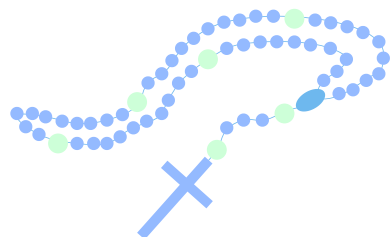


The Pantry is in need of  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Hamburger Helper  
Coffee  
Laundry Detergent



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

Collection box is in the Narthex.



World Apostolate of Fatima will be at St Bernadette's Church on Saturday, February 3, 2024 to celebrate First Saturday devotions. Confessions will begin at 7:30 am.

Mass, celebrated by Father Bryan Amthor, will be at 8:30am followed by the rosary and 15 minutes of meditation on the mysteries of the rosary. All are invited."



## Men Under

CONSTRUCTION

### Men's Conference

For over 26 years, men have gathered at Men Under Construction as a Lenten ritual to deepen their faith and partake of the sacraments. This year a diverse line-up of speakers including Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Stephen Minis, and Braden Johnson, and will focus on the importance of Eucharist in our faith journey.

**Saturday, February 17**  
**Church of the Ascension, Overland Park KS**

For more information contact the parish office or register online at [MenUnderConstruction.org](http://MenUnderConstruction.org)

## HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

**Thursday, February 15**  
**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  
Independence MO



### Need Service Hours?

Volunteer with us by helping with the Parish Annual Fish Dinner on February 16 the First Friday of Lent.



# BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

## A Eucharistic Retreat

Nativity of Mary and St. Bernadette Catholic Churches invites all to a eucharistic retreat in the spirit of the USCCB's National Eucharistic Revival. Participants will learn the biblical, historical, and patristic roots and evidence for the belief in the Real Presence and an explanation of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge!  
Mass, Confession, and Adoration will also be available!

**March 2, 2024, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm**  
**Nativity of Mary Catholic Church and Parish Hall**

**Please RSVP on our Website!**