



NATIVITY of MARY

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**Anointing of the Sick, Baptisms,
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Please call the office for details 816.353.2184

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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.

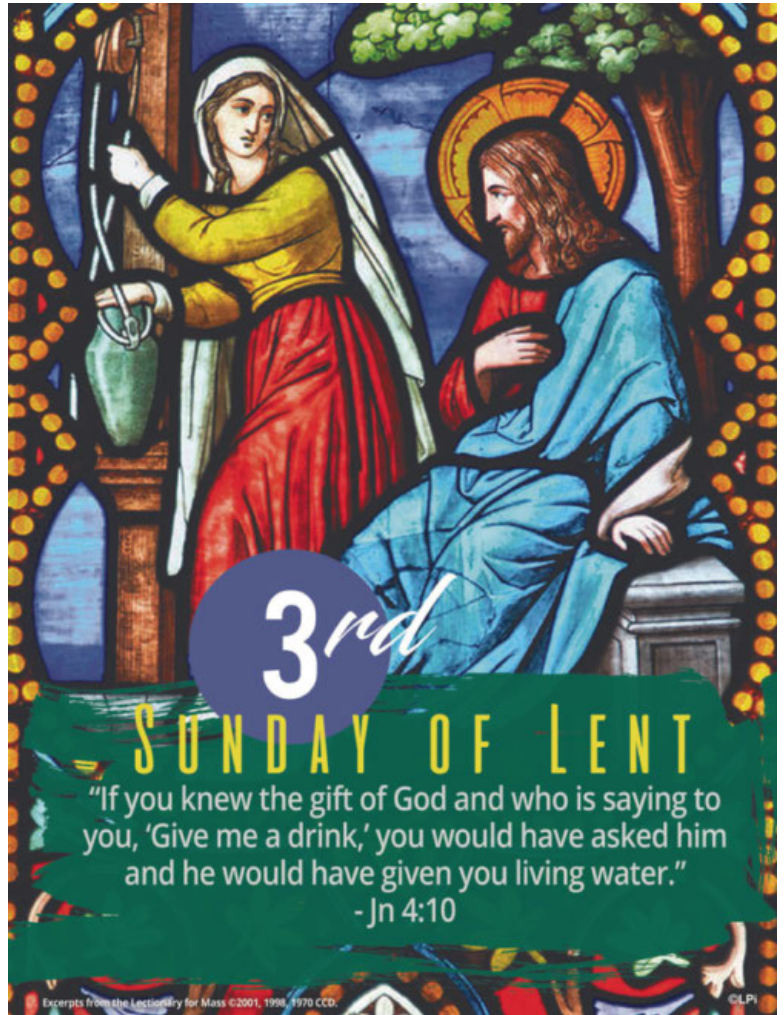
Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 2:30 p.m.

or [contact Fr. Bryan](mailto:contact.Fr.Bryan) for an appt.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 2 3:00pm (Collective Mass)

† Margaret & Ace Judy

Sunday, March 3 10:30am

† For the Parisioners of Nativity of Mary and St. Bernadette Parishes

Tuesday, March 5 8:30am (Collective Mass)

† Frances & Pete Downing

Thursday, March 7 8:30am

† Dick & Margaret Carney

† denotes deceased

2nd Collection next week: Catholic Relief Services

Funds from this collection support the work of Catholic organizations that aid victims of war and natural disasters, help build peace in places of conflict, and minister to migrants and others with specific pastoral needs.

Upcoming 2nd Collections & Extra Envelopes

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 	May 26

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

2/18/2024

Regular Collection	\$5,080
Online Donations	\$1,079
Loose Plate	\$571
Capital Campaign -Windows.	\$7,474
Capital Campaign -Debt	\$390
Second Collection	\$1,863
School/Pisces Scholarship	\$115
Misc./Pastoral Care	\$136
Total Income	\$17,765

Your Giving Matters ~ Thank you!

READINGS

MARCH 3 - MARCH 10

Sunday — Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday — St. Casimir

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday — Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday — St. John of God

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday — St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday — Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY



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



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@nativityofmary.org

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Blue: Nativity of Mary Maroon: St. Bernadette

Saturday, March 2

8:30am - 3:00pm Eucharistic Retreat
1:30pm Taize Prayer Service
2:30pm Confessions
3:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 3

10:30am Mass
11:30am Confirmation Class

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Mass
6:00pm RCIA

Wednesday, March 6

12:30 Soup & Speaker (at SB)
6:15pm PSR & Youth Group
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 7

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Mass
9:15am The Search - Small Groups
6:00pm Altar Society

Friday, March 8

9:00am Bible Study (at SB)
12:00pm Stations of the Cross (at SB)
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9 (2nd Collection for CRS)

10:00am Confirmation Class Retreat (at SSF)
2:30pm Confessions
3:00pm Mass
6:00pm School Trivia & Auction Night

Sunday, March 10 (2nd Collection for CRS)

Daylight Saving Time Starts
10:30am Mass

Monday, March 11

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Communion Service
9:00am Cursillo (at SB)
12:00pm Over 55 Luncheon

Please Pray For

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

Ray Jenkins

Sharon Ann Jones

Barbara Langley

Mark Lovelace

Annabelle Lynn

Mary May

Judy McCandless

Pat McElligott

Marilyn Mineart

Shelby Monaco

Ed & Graciela Ortiz

Mary (Metzi) Owen

Ruth Perez

Lorrene Peterson

Frank Pinon

Nadia Rodgers

Tom Schneider

Rex Sibert

Kevin Stallman

Norm Steffen

Ellena Thomas

Mary Ann Touzinsky

Kristin Turner

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

Send additional requests to:
lwatson@nativityofmary.org

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

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.



Thank you for all who attended our
Lenten Fish Dinner.
We raised over \$2000 for the parish!

Thank you for all who helped with the
event by generously donating your
time, talent, and donations!

It truly was a parish wide effort!

**LENT
PREPARE
THE WAY OF
THE LORD**



Nativity of Mary PTO

Food, Drinks, & Fun

All About KC TRIVIA NIGHT AND AUCTION

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Best KC Theme table wins a prize



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION



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

55 Gallon
35 Gallon
13 Gallon

\$12

Spring Forward

Don't Forget to Change Your Clock

+1 hour

Sunday

March 10

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

Now accepting students for 2024-2025!

Accepting for:

- PreSchool
- Kindergarten
- Elementary
- Middle School

Chat with us today! 816-353-0284

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Grandma Rosie's Rolls

\$8

Orders Due March 11

See online bulletin for order form

St. Joseph Blessing

for Fathers, Grandfathers, & Father figures

8:30 am
Children's Mass
Tuesday
March 19

School Mass moved to Tuesday that week

St. Joseph, Pray for Us

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT NATIVITY OF MARY PARISH

Please join us Fridays in Lent | 7 p.m.

MARCH 1 | MARCH 8

MARCH 22

MARCH 29 @ 3 P.M.

816-353-2184 | parish@nativityofmary.org

CONFESSION AND ADORATION

TUESDAY
MARCH 12
6:00 - 8:00 PM

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



Nativity's Over "55" Luncheon and Bingo

When: Monday, March 12
Where: Ministry Center Basement
What Time: Noon till 2:00 P.M.
What to Bring: Covered Dish/Dessert to Share
Pennies for Bingo: 1 Penny per each card you play, and a nickel per card on Black Out

Mark Your Calendar – The 2nd Monday of each Month

Questions?

Call Loretta VanBibber 816-223-2769



MARCH 6
12:30



SOUP & SPEAKER



ST. BERNADETTE
PARISH HALL

What is a Collective Mass?

How many intentions may there be for any particular Mass?

Canon 948 states that ordinarily there may be no more than one offering (intention) for one Mass. However, in 1991 the Congregation for the Clergy issued a decree ...Collective Intentions...which permitted the practice of taking more than one offering for a single Mass.

The principle rules governing this practice are:

- The donors must be informed and agree to combine their offerings with others in a single Mass
- The time and place for the celebration of the Mass are to be made public
- Masses for collective intentions may not be celebrated by a priest more than twice a week
- Mass intentions may not be scheduled further than one year in advance
- One Mass each weekend must be for the people of Nativity of Mary & St. Bernadette Parishes.

Easter Flowers

We will be purchasing flowers to decorate the church for Easter. If you would like to help defray the cost you can make a contribution in your name or in memory of a loved one. Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket by March 20. All names will be listed in the bulletin Easter weekend.

Your Name: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____



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 thru March 28

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!



BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

A Eucharistic Retreat
March 2nd - Nativity of Mary Parish Hall
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

TAIZE PRAYER

March 2
During the Retreat



LENTEN REGULATIONS

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs but they together should not equal another full meal.
- The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
- The obligation to abstain from meat begins at fourteen (14) years of age.
- The obligation to fast begins at eighteen (18) years of age and ends at fifty-nine (59) years of age.

PREPARE TO
CELEBRATE THE
JOY OF EASTER
WITH US



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:
Whitney True-Francis
Victim Assistance Coordinator
true.francis@diocesekcsj.org
816.392.0011

DCCW

(Diocesan Council of Catholic Women)

YOU and a friend are invited to attend the DCCW Quarterly meeting on March 6, 2024



St. John LaLande Parish
805 NW R D Mize Rd
Blue Springs

The DCCW is an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) which was founded in 1920 by the U.S. Catholic Bishops. With encouragement and support from NCCW, they are beginning an exciting new journey with a new Vision, Mission, and a full slate of newly installed, enthusiastic officers.

Agenda

- Mass at 8:30
- Registration directly after Mass until 9:45
- Breakfast provided
- Bring donations for the SJLL St. Vincent DePaul pantry – Pancake syrup, Hamburger Helper, canned fruit, canned spaghetti, or canned ravioli
- 50/50 drawing
- Pray the Rosary
- Business meeting
- Luncheon provided by ladies of St. John LaLande (Please make lunch reservation by noon March 1)
- Program by Deacon Voyles
Mental Illness and How We Find Hope in Jesus Christ

RSVP: Beverly South

816-304-1568 or marydccw@gmail.com

FORMED

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

1. Go to 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

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ON DEMAND.**

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

**Thursday
March 21
7:00-8:00pm**

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

Sisters of St. Francis
2100 N Noland Rd
Independence



Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

February 23

March 1, 8, 15 and 22

4:30-7:00

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

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



Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Every Friday
during Lent
except Confirmation
on March 15

UN BOUND

LENTEN 5 WEEK SERIES

St. Mary's in Independence
600 N. Liberty, Independence, MO

- Monday, Feb. 26 6:30-8:30 pm
- Monday, Mar. 4 6:30-8:30 pm
- Monday, Mar. 11 6:30-8:30 pm
- Monday, Mar. 18 6:30-8:30 pm
- Saturday, Mar. 23 8:30 am - 10 am



**COST FOR
MATERIALS**

\$35

For more information and/or to register email unbound.kc@gmail.com

What if you could reach out and touch God's love, and **NEVER** be the same?

NATIVITY OF MARY

GOLF TOURNAMENT 2024

Royal Meadows - 10501 E 47th Street KCMO

AT
8 AM

JUNE 1, 2024
SATURDAY

ENTRY
\$125

REGISTRATION: nativityofmary.org/events/golf

Grandma Rosie's **EASTER ROLL SALE**

——— for the benefit of Nativity of Mary Church and School ———

Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Email: _____

I would like _____ **dozen rolls (x \$8.00) =** _____ **(Total Price)**

Your family can enjoy delicious made from scratch dinner rolls, without the hassle!

They are Grandma Rosie's special recipe and made especially for you by "On A Roll" Catering and Family/Friends. The cost is **\$8 per dozen** and all profit from this sale will go to Nativity of Mary. The rolls will come to you baked and ready to eat. Freeze them until your holiday and then heat before serving (directions are on the packaging).

The rolls freeze well, so be sure you order enough to get you through all of the holidays.

**Rolls are made to order so orders must be received by
Monday, March 11th**

Please mark your calendars and make arrangements to pick up on **March 17th or March 18th**

- Pick up Sunday, March 17th
11:30-12:30 in the front hall
of Nativity of Mary School
- or
- Pick up Monday, March 18th between
8:30 to 2:30 in the school office
of Nativity of Mary School.

Order forms and payment can be placed in the kiosk at the church or in the school office.

Please make checks payable to Nativity of Mary, or you can
Venmo **@Nativity-Church-Independence** (reference Grandma Rosie's Holiday Roll Sale)

For any questions, contact Ann Thomason at **816-520-5201** or **anntomason@sbcglobal.net**



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Inspired by Jesus' command in Matthew 25 *to give food to the hungry*, a new ministry has begun at Nativity of Mary: "Workers of Mercy". The need in Independence is great.

On Friday, February 16, Father Bryan and several committee members from Nativity of Mary visited a few of the many homeless encampments in the area, handing out hot soup, sandwiches and flyers inviting them to come to our Parish Hall at 10:00 the next morning for breakfast. (Thanks to generous donors, we also had a few blankets, tents, gloves, stocking caps and socks to give out.)

On Saturday, February 17, we hosted the first Community Breakfast in our own Parish Hall for area homeless as well as others in need of a warm meal. Although it was a 15° morning, 25-30 guests enjoyed a hot breakfast. Those who came also took packaged meals back to the camps for others who had stayed behind. Everyone was grateful for a seat in our warm Hall and for being welcomed & recognized as fellow human beings.

The Workers of Mercy Ministry hopes to make the Community Breakfast a monthly project at our parish. We welcome other parishioners to volunteer and we also appreciate your donations to help build this new ministry founded to heed Jesus' straightforward call to His followers.



Behold the Lamb of God

Eucharistic Retreat

SCHEDULE

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 08:30 AM | Doors open and Breakfast provided by the Nativity of Mary Altar Society and St. Bernadette CCW |
| 09:00 AM | Opening Prayer and Introduction |
| 09:30 AM | The Biblical, Historical, and Patristic Roots of the Eucharist |
| 11:00 AM | Lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus - Pope Pius XII Council 4962 |
| 12:00 AM | An Overview of the Mass |
| 01:30 PM | Adoration and Taizé |
| 03:00 PM | The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass |



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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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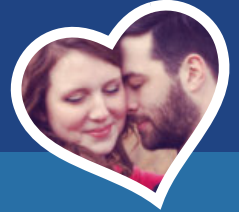
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