

# NATIVITY of MARY

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816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org

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 $\label{thm:cond} \mbox{Homebound and Hospitals}$ 

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Please call the office for details 816.353.2184

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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

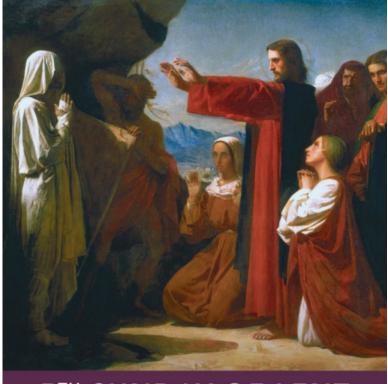
#### St. Bernadette

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. 816.353.2184 x428



## 5<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

## Saturday, March 16 3:00pm

For the Parishioners of Nativity of Mary and St. Bernadette Parishes

## Sunday, March 17 10:30am (Collective Mass)

† Margaret Dziura † Bud Vitt, Sr. † Christopher Baker † Mike Ronan

Tuesday, March 19 8:30am (Collective Mass)
† All Fathers, Grandfathers and
Father Figures

Thursday, March 21 8:30am † Henry Spiek

† denotes deceased

## Upcoming 2nd Collections & Extra Envelopes

**Holy Land/Good Friday** 

Mar 29

**Tomorrow's Priests Vocation Fund** 

**May 19** 

Peter's Pence

May 26

**Communications** 

June 16

## CONTRIBUTION REPORT 3/3/2024

Regular Collection \$12,670
Online Donations\$2,465
Loose Plate
Holy Day
Capital Campaign -Windows\$2,388
Capital Campaign -Debt\$605
School/Pisces Scholarship \$314
Misc./Pastoral Care \$2,898
Total Income\$22,113

Your Giving Matters ~ Thank you!

## READINGS

## MARCH 17 - MARCH 24

**Sunday** — **Fifth Sunday of Lent; St. Patrick** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## Monday — St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

### Tuesday — St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

## Wednesday — St. Salvatore of Horta

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

### Thursday — Bl. John of Parma

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

### Friday — St. Nicholas Owen

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday** — **St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

## Next Sunday — Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

## 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



## MARCH PRAYER INTENTIONS

### POPE FRANCIS

That those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

### BISHOP JOHNSTON

For the monasteries in our diocese.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

## Blue: Nativity of Mary Maroon: St. Bernadette

Saturday, March 16

9:00am Visitation for Rev. Bob Rost 10:30am Funeral for Rev. Bob Rost 2:30pm Confessions

3:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day! 10:30am Mass

11:30am Pick up your Roll Order!

## Monday, March 18

8:00am Rosary

8:30am Communion Service

9:30am Mass at (SB) 9:00am Cursillo (at SB)

6:00pm Boy Scouts

6:00pm The Search Small Groups (at SB)

## Tuesday, March 19 St. Joseph's Day

8:00am Confessions

8:00am Rosary

8:30am Mass - St. Joseph Father's Blessing

6:00pm RCIA

## Wednesday, March 20

9:00am Adoration (at SB)

3:00pm Parish Finance Council

6:15pm PSR & Youth Group

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 21

8:00am Rosary

8:30am Mass

9:15am The Search Small Groups

## Friday, March 22 (Parish Office Closed)

8:30am Mass (at SB)

9:00am Bible Study (at SB)

12:00pm Stations of the Cross (at SB)

2:00pm School Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, March 23

2:30pm Confessions

3:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

## FROM THE CHOIR

When we receive communion, Jesus lives in us. We are filled and inspired to reflect His love. We become His hands and feet to love and serve others.

The Nativity Choir would like to invite all parishioners to prepare for receiving Holy Communion by joining us in the sung prayer, SANCTUARY. Words and Music by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

> Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.



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 **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** 

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.



## Flocknote

For up-to-date Emails and text from Nativity of Mary, be sure to Sign up with us on Flocknote. You may use the web link or QR code.

www.nativityofmary.org

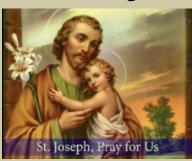
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## School Living Stations 8th Grade

March 26 - 2:00

Nativity of Mary 8th Grade will present the Living Stations of the Cross in costume. It's a small class and the event will be short: however, it will be a beautiful and meaningful service, please join us! Held in the Main Church.

## St. Joseph Blessing



## for Fathers, Grandfathers, & Father figures

8:30 am Children's Mass Tuesday March 19

School Mass moved to Tuesday this week

## **ENROLLMENT** NOW OPE



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## The Stations of the Cross

01 Jesus is condemned to death.

02 Jesus is made to bear his cross.

03 Jesus falls for the first time.

04 Jesus meets his mother.

Simon helps Jesus to carry the 05 Cross.

06 Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

07 Jesus falls the second time.

The women of Jerusalem weep 80 over Jesus.

09 Jesus falls the third time.

10 Jesus is stripped of his garments.

11 Jesus is nailed to the cross

12 Jesus dies on the cross.

13 Jesus is taken down from the cross.

14 Jesus is placed in the sepulchre.



Join us to pray the Rosary

Monday, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:00am.

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



## Clothing Drive

The CCW at St. Bernadette will be collecting clothing merchandise, clothes, shoes, belts, coats, jackets & socks as well as cloth items such as linens & blankets. The items are being donated to Red Racks in conjunction with the DAV and St. B will receive 20 cents per pound.

Donated merchandise <u>must be in plastic bags</u>. Red Racks is scheduled to pick up at St. Bernadette on June 6.

Please contact Dee Phillips at 816-686-3620 for drop-off arrangements or questions. Thank you!



## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR



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

If you have joyous news you would like to share with the Parish, please send an email with "Good News" in the subject line to Grace Arnone,

gracearnone@att.net.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT NATIVITY OF MARY PARISH

Please join us this Lent.

MARCH 22 | 7PM MARCH 29 | 3PM

816-353-2184 | parish@nativityofmary.org

## Qualities of a BeFriender

A person who can listen to others even when what they say doesn't seem to make sense.

A person who can allow others to express their own feelings without telling them how they should or shouldn't feel.

A person who is willing to sit quietly with others when they can't put their hurts into words.

A person in whom others can freely confide, knowing that confidentiality is a priority.

A person who can accept others as they are, rather than the way that person thinks others ought to be.

A person who has an ability to draw on his or her own spiritual resources.

And more...

If you think this may be a ministry where God is calling you to participate, please contact the St. Bernadette Parish Office: 816-356-3700 x232.



A Listening Presence

## 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/H	Honor of:	
<b>%</b>		

## **FORMED**

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- 1. Go to formed.org/signup
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- 3. Register with your name and email address
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### THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

March 31, 2024 Bishop Johnston will celebrate his Anniversary - Episcopal Ordination (March 31, 2008)

If you'd like to send a card of congratulation, thanksgiving, or let him know he is always cradled in the arms of the Blessed Virgin Mary through our prayers, the Chancery Mailing Address is below:

The Catholic Chancery
P.O. Box 419037 Kansas City MO 64141-6037

### Attn:

The Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr., DD, JCL



PALM SUNDAY



Mass will begin with Procession out front of church by the Spire.

#### 2ND COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

We encourage generous support of the Good Friday Collection for the Church in the Holy Land. The conflict which began this past October has caused great suffering for many, including Christians who live in the Holy Land.

Support of this collection will help our suffering brothers and sisters in the faith. This national collection is scheduled for March 29, 2024. More information about this collection, www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.com.



## **BEHOLD KC**

THE LARGEST EUCHARISTIC ADORATION EVENT IN KANSAS CITY IN OVER 80 YEARS.

MAY 4, 2024 | 4 - 9:30 PM

## Save the date: BEHOLD KC | May 4, 2024

Liberty Memorial North Lawn

The first major outdoor Eucharistic Adoration event in Kansas City occured at the Liberty Memorial on May 4, 1941. As the National Eucharistic Revival closes out its Parish Year in 2024, join our Catholic community from Kansas and Missouri as we recreate the first special gathering at Liberty Memorial. Don't miss this once-in-a-generation event as we boldly worship our Lord on the north lawn of the National WWI Memorial, in the most visible location in our region.



## Confession Times

*Tue* 8-8:30am

Sat

2:30-3pm

By appt:

https://calendl y.com/fatherb ryan/30min

## 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



## **HOLY THURSDAY | MARCH 28**

Mass of the Lord's Supper St. Bernadette at 6:00 pm

## GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29

Stations of the Cross Nativity at 3:00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion St. Bernadette at 6:00 pm

## **HOLY SATURDAY | MARCH 30**

Easter Vigil Mass
Nativity of Mary at 8:00 pm
(Mass will not be celebrated at 3:00 or 4:30 pm)

## **EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31**

St Bernadette at 8:30 am Nativity of Mary at 10:30 am

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE RALLY MARCH 17

Join Bishop Johnston at the 40 Days for Life rally on Sunday March 17th, at 4:00 p.m. at Center for Women's Health, 4840 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS, 66211.

Featured at the rally will be Dr. Haywood Robinson, former abortion provider and current director of medical affairs & education of 40 Days for Life. Parishes and individuals sign up for 40 Days for Life vigil hours at 40daysforlife.com/en/overlandpark.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT APRIL 5-7

For years, Rachel's Vineyard has been helping men and women heal from the effects of abortion in our diocese. If you or someone you know is in need of healing, the next retreat weekend is April 5-7.

Contact Teresa O'Donnell. 816.679.4973.



## ROSARY RALLY

Sunday March 17 3:00 - 4:15 pm

Church of the Holy Cross 8311 W. 93rd St Overland Park, KS 66212

Please join us Honor Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Fatima

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

www.rosaryrallieskc.org



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

Only Two Left! March 15 & 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.







# Don't sign your rights and freedom away by signing an abortion initiative petition that would alter Missouri's Constitution!

Don't let <u>lobbying groups and out-of-state</u> <u>special interests</u> inject abortion politics where it doesn't belong and where it isn't wanted.

This petition goes too far for Missouri!

## This extreme initiative petition could:

- Legalize abortion as a method of birth control and abortion after a baby can survive outside the womb.
- Allow unlicensed <u>abortion clinics in your neighborhood</u> even near schools and churches.
- Give power to judges and the government to force Missouri taxpayers to fund abortions.
- Permit governmental intrusion in health care decisions made by parents with their children.

**Don't be fooled!** Signature collectors might tell you that it's for "women's health" or "reproductive rights" or "to restore Roe"—or that it's "pro-life" or "pro-choice"—or say **anything** to get you to sign. **Don't believe them!** 

DECLINE TO SIGN any petition that lets lobbying groups and the government take away your rights and freedom! Tell family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and everybody to DECLINE TO SIGN.

The future of Missouri is counting on you!

For more information on **Decline to Sign**, contact Missouri Stands with Women at <u>mostandswithwomen.org</u>





## The Missouri Pro-Abortion Ballot

Read below for more information.

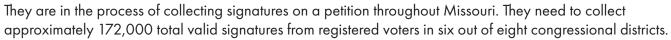
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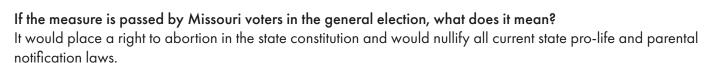


## I. What is the Missouri Pro-Abortion Ballot Initiative?

It is an attempt by pro-abortion groups to put forth a ballot measure to amend the Missouri Constitution and <u>legalize</u> abortion <u>throughout ALL stages</u> of pregnancy.

What are the pro-abortion groups doing to get the proposed change to the constitution on a fall 2024 ballot?







If you are approached to sign anything, read the petition summary on the front or the actual language on the back before you sign anything. After reading, you can say, "No, thank you."

Don't take for granted what the signature gatherers tell you. In other states, voters have been falsely told that the petitions protect "women's health" or that it is "pro-life." None of the pro-life groups in Missouri are collecting signatures for an initiative petition, so don't be misled.

<u>Don't fall for the tactic</u> "you can sign it, but still vote against it later." No one should participate in abortion to any degree. It is morally wrong to help put it on the ballot so that others can vote in favor of it.

## III. Why we as Catholics must NOT sign and allow this to appear on the fall ballot.

The dignity of the human person, the sacredness of each human being in God's eyes, and the humanity of the preborn is at the center of what we as Catholics must accept as truth.

We are called to defend human life by standing up against the proposed ballot initiative to put a right to abortion in the Missouri Constitution.



## IV. How does the Church help mothers and fathers choose life for their children?

The Church's pastoral response will continue to <u>focus on the needs of women facing</u> <u>unexpected or challenging pregnancies</u>. We must and will answer Pope Francis' repeated challenge to go to the margins and bring help to those in need.

There are abundant ministries and agencies in the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph that support women, children, and families. Please learn more and get involved.

- The Gabriel Project supports women with a friend for the journey.
- <u>Walking with Moms in Need</u> is a parish-based ministry to assist pregnant mothers. Many parishes collect funds for baby bottles, donate diapers, partner with a local pregnancy resource centers and more.
- Meet Life with the Knights of Columbus offers ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) and the ultrasound initiative which gifts pregnancy resource centers with technology to view preborn babies and hear the heartbeat.
- <u>Catholic Charities Moms Empowerment Program</u> equips mothers with knowledge and material support.
- There are over 20 Pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes in the Diocese that work with the Office of Life and Justice and the Knight of Columbus. To learn more, please scan the QR code.

## V. What does the Church do to help those wounded by abortion?

Research shows that by the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved.

Sadly, these numbers generally remain consistent for both Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Many Catholics who have participated in abortion believe they have committed the "unforgiveable sin."

However, the Church does not abandon women and men who have experienced abortion and then find themselves in spiritual, emotional, and psychological turmoil. All who are touched by abortion are invited to go to a priest for the sacrament of reconciliation. Additionally, Project Rachel and Project Joseph ministry offer local, confidential, healing retreats known as Unfailing Mercy.

For more information, please contact Deb Sheppard at sheppard@diocesekcsj.org.





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