

# CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

# LOVE



“You shall love the Lord,  
your God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with  
all your mind.”

MATTHEW 22:37

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### Daily Mass Schedule

M-F: 6:45 a.m. | M-S: 8:15 a.m.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Mass posted daily online at  
[www.kcnativity.org](http://www.kcnativity.org)

### Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

### Parish Office Hours

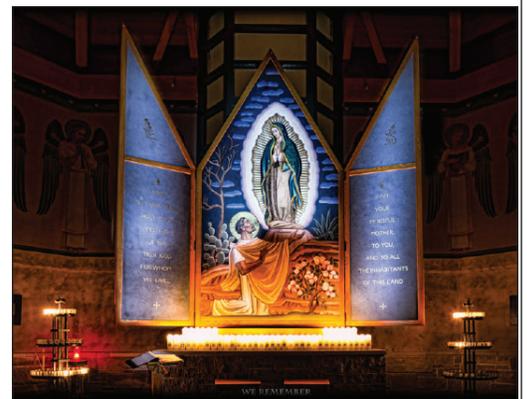
M-F: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## All Souls Day Memorial Mass - November 2

All Souls Day, November 2,  
is a day when the Church  
remembers the souls of all  
our departed loved ones.  
Join us for Mass at 6 p.m.

The Church of the Nativity  
will remember in a special  
way, members of the  
parish, as well as family  
members of parishioners  
who have died this past  
year, by lighting candles in  
their honor during the Mass.

We hope you will come to remember your departed loved  
ones at this beautiful All Souls Day Mass at 6 p.m. All are  
welcome. Please wear your masks and observe regular  
social-distancing.



## Pastor's Corner...

The week before last, I drove down to Garnett, KS, to play golf with Fr. Daniel, a former associate of mine at St. Joe. As I drove through the countryside, dust was in the air from all the fields being harvested. Memories flooded my mind of days when I served the four country parishes of Burlington, Westphalia, Waverly and Emerald. Often during harvest time, parishioners would call and tell me they had put grain at the elevator in the name of the parish which would be used for their tithe. Many times they would tell me not to sell it until they told me to (when the price was right)! It was always around this time of year that my friend Louise from Emerald parish would invite me to come over and pick apples. Her apple trees produced the most beautiful and delicious apples. I don't remember what variety they are, but they are a real pale green color with an almost velvety skin. The apples are big - the size of softballs - and they have a taste that is both sweet and sour. Those apples make the best apple sauce!

That was a timely remembrance, given the fact that we were reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians at the daily liturgy that week. In one of the passages, Paul reminded us to live in the Holy Spirit and allow the "Fruits of the Spirit" to be manifested in our living. Have we remembered the Fruits of the Holy Spirit lately? Here's a little refresher. The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Do you ever struggle with living those fruits within relationships? As the political rhetoric has reached fever pitch and violence in our city streets has become so common, do we see a desperate need for the Fruits of the Spirit in our world? I realize the need for a greater share of the Spirit's Fruits to help me. Sometimes we forget that the Fruits of the Spirit are just a prayer away. Come, Holy Spirit! Maybe where we are sometimes lacking is that we try to live too much on our own and fail to rely on the "Helper" that Jesus promised? Paul's letter to the Galatians inspired me to ask the Spirit for the Fruits I need. No surprise how my perspective changed and my day was lived better after I asked. Thanks St. Paul, for reminding me again about the call to live in the Spirit.



Yes, my friend's apples make the best apple sauce! And the Fruits of the Spirit make and re-make us into what God wants us to be!

Last Sunday we had a parish-wide kick off of the Archbishop's Campaign: One Faith, One Family, One Future in Christ. In case you missed the presentation, the video and information about the campaign is on the parish website at [www.kcnativity.org](http://www.kcnativity.org). You will be receiving a letter from me asking for your participation in this campaign. As was noted in the presentation last week, this campaign is different from Archbishop's Call to Share which funds the annual operating expense of the ministries of the Archdiocese. One Faith, One Family, One Future in Christ is a capital campaign which comes along every 10-15 years to take care of special needs within the Archdiocese. Nativity parishioners have always been leaders in helping serve the needs of the greater Archdiocesan Church, as well as so many charitable good works out in the greater community. We are already halfway (\$2.1 million pledged) toward our target goal of \$3.9 million. I'm so grateful to the parishioners who have given a gift. I trust with all of us doing what we are able, we should make our goal. With 25% of every dollar coming back to the parish, we have the potential of raising \$982,500, which will be used for improvements across our 30-year-old campus as outlined in our recent Reserve Study. Every gift is important and needed! Please pray for the success of the campaign in our parish.

May the peace, love, joy, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control flow in abundance from the Spirit to you this week!

God Bless you,  
Fr. Mike

# Liturgy and Prayer

## Mass Guidelines



- Please wear your masks.
- Please fill from the front.
- Please only sit in open pews or stand at a marked space.
- An usher will direct you to communion.
- Maintain proper social distance and limit movement.

Please continue to sign up for weekend Masses at [www.kcnativity.org](http://www.kcnativity.org).

## All Saints Day Masses

Sunday, November 1: Masses will be our usual Sunday Mass times:

7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

## Prayer Requests

**Please pray for our parishioners:**

**Please pray for our family and friends:** Craig Metzler, Jeff Brockhaus

As part of the Prayers of the Faithful for our Sunday liturgies, we always pray for the sick in our community. We only place names on the list if requested by family to avoid any confusion or misunderstandings. The name will be listed for one month. You may call to have them added again. If you would like a family member listed, please contact Tom Garbach, Director of Ministries, at 338.4367 or [tom@kcnativity.org](mailto:tom@kcnativity.org).

## Mass Intentions Week of October 26

### Monday, October 26

6:45 a.m. *Spl - Jeff Brockhaus*  
8:15 a.m. †Fr. Kent Hemberger

### Tuesday, October 27

6:45 a.m. †Alma Landes  
8:15 a.m. †Ree Merrigan

### Wednesday, October 28 | Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

6:45 a.m. †Patrick Carroll  
8:15 a.m. †Ree Merrigan

### Thursday, October 29

6:45 a.m. *Spl - Tom & Terry Becker*  
8:15 a.m. †Michael Berry  
†Helen Farnan  
*Spl - Madison Cowherd Martin*

### Friday, October 30

6:45 a.m. †Alma Landes  
8:15 a.m. †Bill Kiewiet

### Saturday, October 31

8:15 a.m. †Rita Bodine  
5 p.m. *People of the parish*

### Sunday, November 1 | All Saints Day | Vocation Awareness Week

7:30 a.m. †Louise Staples  
9 a.m. †Virgil Dechant  
11 a.m. †Anna Ganbino  
5 p.m. †Richard Smith

Nativity offers Reconciliation each Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Anointing of the sick occurs on the 2nd Saturday of each month after 8:15 a.m. Mass.

## Readings: October 25-31

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/  
Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

### Grant Them Eternal Life, O Lord

Rusty Russell,  
son-in-law of George and Marian LaHood and  
brother-in-law of Scott and Mary Jo Holland

Cathy Whitehead, sister-in-law of Tom Whitehead

# Parish Life



## Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary!

Tom and Terry Becker were married on Oct. 29, 1960, at the Assumption Catholic Church in Kansas City, MO, which is now St. Antony's. We have 5 children and 5 grandchildren. We've been Nativity parishioners since 1988, right after it was first started.

## Good News

Have some news about all the good things happening around the parish? A great photo? If you have something you want to share, please email Susan Ackerman at [sackerman@kcnativity.org](mailto:sackerman@kcnativity.org).

## Our Parish App

The parish has an app available for download.

The app is a great way to receive notifications, find daily readings, give online and more. You DO NOT need the app to watch Mass.

For iphones text: parishapp1 to 555888.

For androids text: parishapp2 to 555888



## Amazing Opportunity!

Nativity Parish School is seeking a Director of Food Service for the 2020-2021 school year. The director must be knowledgeable in all aspects of running a school lunch program: Planning menus within the guidelines of KSDE, ordering food and other supplies, processing accounts payable, filing reports with the KSDE / Wellness Programs, and supervising employees & volunteers. Competitive salary and benefits. Interested applicants should send a letter of application and resume to the attention of David Kearney, at [david.kearney@kcnativity.org](mailto:david.kearney@kcnativity.org) or Nativity Parish School, 3700 W. 119th, Leawood, Kansas 66209.

Week At A Glance						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>
Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m.  Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at <a href="http://www.kcnativity.org">www.kcnativity.org</a>  DNA group, 10:30 a.m.  Virtus Class, 6 p.m.	Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m.  Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at <a href="http://www.kcnativity.org">www.kcnativity.org</a>  Adoration, after 8:15 a.m. Mass - 7 p.m.  Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.  Patriotic Rosary, 6:30 p.m.  DNA group, 7:15 a.m.  Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m.	Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m.  Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at <a href="http://www.kcnativity.org">www.kcnativity.org</a>  Men of Nativity, 7:15 a.m.  School Mass, 9:15 a.m.  Gospel Gals, 9:15 a.m.	Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m.  Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at <a href="http://www.kcnativity.org">www.kcnativity.org</a>	Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m.  Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at <a href="http://www.kcnativity.org">www.kcnativity.org</a>  School Mass, 9:15 a.m.  Trunk or Treat, 5:30 p.m.	<b>Halloween</b>  KOC Leadership, 7 a.m.  Mass at 8:15 a.m.  Online Mass posted at 9:15 a.m. at <a href="http://www.kcnativity.org">www.kcnativity.org</a>  Confessions, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  Mass at 5 p.m.  <b>FALL BACK! Set your clocks back before bed.</b>	<b>All Saints Day</b>  Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.  Online Mass posted at 7:30 a.m. at <a href="http://www.kcnativity.org">www.kcnativity.org</a>  RCIA, 8:45 a.m.  Outdoor Communion 10 a.m.  Baptisms, Noon

# Parish Life

## National Vocation Awareness Week

This week is a celebration in the Catholic Church dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

### Prayer for Vocations

*God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

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## Catholic Online Divorce Support Group

This series is for anyone seeking counsel, comfort, or support after a divorce. The Catholic's Divorced Survival Guide program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and the sessions are led by a licensed professional in a small group format. This 12-part program offers healing and hope to those who have gone through a divorce.

Online Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; beginning November 3; \$30 to cover the cost of the book (scholarships are available upon request). Register at [stmichaelcp.org/divorce-and-annulment-support](http://stmichaelcp.org/divorce-and-annulment-support).

Questions? Contact Mary at [mary.connor@stmichaelcp.org](mailto:mary.connor@stmichaelcp.org) or 913.402.3920.

## Online Prayer Request

You may submit prayer requests online at [www.kcnativity.org/Prayer](http://www.kcnativity.org/Prayer), and fill out the simple form. Your request will be sent to our prayer care team.

## Register For CYO Basketball

All children of the parish, grades 3-8, who are interested in playing basketball may now register at [www.cyojwa.org](http://www.cyojwa.org). The cost to register is \$150 per player (\$115 to CYO and \$35 to Nativity). Registration closes November 1. Nativity CYO basketball evaluations for 5th – 8th grade girls and boys will take place November 2-5. Dates and times are shown below. Each session will be one hour. Please wear your Nativity game jersey to the evaluations. If you do not have a Nativity jersey, we will have jerseys available. Note, there will be no evaluations for 3rd and 4th grade. Coaches for 3rd and 4th grade along with the coordinator are responsible for team selections. Gym time is Saturday, November 7. We look forward to seeing everyone and having a great season! Contact Chris Dowdy, [chdowdy@gmail.com](mailto:chdowdy@gmail.com), with questions.

### Nativity CYO Evaluations

Monday Nov 2nd		Tuesday Nov 3rd		Wednesday Nov 4th		Thursday Nov 5th		Saturday Nov 7th	
Boys		Girls		Boys		Girls		3rd and 4th Grade	
Grade	Time	Grade	Time	Grade	Time	Grade	Time	Grade	Time
5th	4:00 PM	5th	4:00 PM	5th	4:00 PM	5th	4:00 PM	3rd Girls	8:00 AM
6th	5:00 PM	6th	5:00 PM	6th	5:00 PM	6th	5:00 PM	3rd Boys	9:00 AM
7th	6:00 PM	7th	6:00 PM	7th	6:00 PM	7th	6:00 PM	4th Girls	10:00 AM
8th	7:00 PM	8th	7:00 PM	8th	7:00 PM	8th	7:00 PM	4th Boys	11:00 AM



# Christian Formation

## OCTOBER IS DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH



### WHAT DO THESE CHILDREN NEED?

Children with dyslexia need explicit, systematic, direct, and intensive instruction that is multi-sensory. Because their brain is wired differently, these children learn differently—they need to see it, hear it, and do it. This requires classroom assistance from teachers and special one-on-one instruction with a trained reading specialist. They need to master skills and learn to apply these skills in the classroom setting.

### WHAT IS NATIVITY DOING?

Nativity Parish School is blazing the trail for children with learning difficulties. Four Nativity teachers and three Nativity Service Coordinators underwent a comprehensive week long Orton-Gillingham Educator training course at Horizon Academy. They mastered the specific procedures of the OG Approach and learned the underlying principles in teaching reading, spelling, and vocabulary for students diagnosed with dyslexia or any language-based learning disability. This multi-sensory approach to learning is good for ALL students. Also, all children at Nativity are being screened using DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators for Basic Early Literacy Skills) to identify strengths and weaknesses in each child's development.

### WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?

Awareness is key. **Parents:** Sit down and read with your child. Don't be afraid to seek out help from your child's teacher if you have a concern. **All:** If you would like to contribute to the **NATIVITY DYSLEXIA FUND**, your donation can be sent to the Parish or School Office. This fund is set aside for our Student Services to use for continued Professional Development for Learning Differences, to access additional educational materials for classroom learning, and for memberships in organizations that provide educational support for the students.

[www.DyslexialDA.org](http://www.DyslexialDA.org)

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Dyslexia is a medical diagnosis that requires evaluation through a trained professional.
- Dyslexia is a neurological difference that affects the way the brain processes written and spoken information.
- Dyslexia is common. One in five people have the diagnosis.
- Dyslexia affects reading, spelling, memory, sequencing, and organization.
- A person can never be cured of dyslexia, but with the right support, children with dyslexia can succeed in the classroom and excel in all areas of their life.
- A few dyslexia success stories include: Albert Einstein, Stephen Spielberg, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Steve Jobs.

### SUPPORT

If you have questions or need guidance, please contact: Katie Vervynck (Student Services Coordinator) at [katie.vervynck@kcnativity.org](mailto:katie.vervynck@kcnativity.org) or Carolyn Darby (parent) at [carolyndarby9@gmail.com](mailto:carolyndarby9@gmail.com).

# Christian Formation

## VOTE 2020

The upcoming Kansas election matters!

This past Legislative Session, the Kansas Constitutional VALUE THEM BOTH (VTB) amendment passed the Senate, but came four agonizing votes short in the House. Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry cheered. The Catholic Bishops of the United States have declared abortion to be the preeminent moral issue of our day. The Catholic Bishops of Kansas call VALUE THEM BOTH their #1 legislative priority.

What is VALUE THEM BOTH?

VTB is the proposed state constitutional amendment that will “undo” the recent Kansas Supreme Court ruling that recently created a nearly unlimited “right” to abortion. Because of this ruling, all of our current abortion laws including the parental notification law and bans on taxpayer-funded and late-term abortions are now presumed unconstitutional. We need VTB to protect women and their unborn babies from the abortion industry.

Before casting your vote this election, become informed about this and other issues. Then exercise your responsibility of faithful citizenship and VOTE. More information can be found at [www.archkck.org/prolife-ks-constitutional-amendment](http://www.archkck.org/prolife-ks-constitutional-amendment)

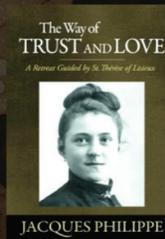
### 2020 Election Novena

The USCCB is offering an Election Novena to help Catholics prepare for the upcoming election. **For nine consecutive days, Monday, October 26 through Tuesday, November 3**, participants will be encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the day's intention. A closing prayer for elected leaders will be offered on day 10, Wednesday, November 4. To sign up to receive the Novena daily by email, please visit [www.usccb.org/2020-election-novena](http://www.usccb.org/2020-election-novena) and scroll to the bottom of the page.

## THE WAY OF TRUST & LOVE:

A RETREAT GUIDED BY ST. TERESE OF LISIEUX

NOV 4 - DEC 16    WED 9:30 AM - 11 AM    PARISH HALL



Father Gerard Alba will lead a study on this small, but deeply rich book *The Way of Trust and Love* by author and retreat master Father Jacques Philippe. It was first given as a retreat based on the spirituality and wisdom of the “Little Way” of St. Therese. There is a limit of 50 participants due to proper Covid-19 safety protocols. The book is available for purchase at Trinity House. Please register by contacting Father Gerard Alba, [galba@kcnativity.org](mailto:galba@kcnativity.org) | (913) 491 5017.

## Rosary Repair

To make arrangements to repair, please email David and Jacqueline Elbert at [HolyRosaryRepair@gmail.com](mailto:HolyRosaryRepair@gmail.com) or contact the Cure of Ars Parish Office at 913.649.1337. Repairs are done free of charge with some exceptions. Donations of old rosaries are welcome.

### Our Tithes and Offerings

For Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/21

Annual Collection Income Needed  
**\$ 3,630,468**

Collections Week Ended October 18

Masses	\$	22,734
Mail receipts		12,274
ACH		36,759
Online giving		4,163
Total	\$	75,929

*Give electronically via the website at [www.kcnativity.org](http://www.kcnativity.org)  
It is never too late to make stewardship a way of life.*

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# ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE FUTURE. IN CHRIST.



Nativity is currently involved in the Archbishop’s Capital Campaign, “One Faith. One Family. One Future. In Christ.” In this historic campaign, Nativity has a good faith target of \$3,930,000, of which \$2,100,000 has already been pledged. One fourth of all money raised in this campaign will come back to Nativity, which would amount to \$982,000. Every parish family will receive a letter in the mail from Fr. Mike about the campaign. Please help us reach our goal by prayerfully considering a gift! For more information, please see the “One Faith. One Family. One Future. In Christ.” link at [www.kcnativity.org](http://www.kcnativity.org). Also go to [www.archkck.org](http://www.archkck.org), click on “Ways to Give” and then

“Capital Campaign” for a video and more printed information. Questions? Call the Parish Office.

## Our Parish Plan

Church of the Nativity will utilize our share of campaign proceeds to help fund major campus-wide updates and repairs over the next five years, as outlined in our recent reserve study. The reserve study shows that we should be saving \$400,000 to \$500,000 annually over the next five to seven years to have the funds necessary to maintain our 30-year-old parish campus.

Some of our major needs outlined in the reserve study include:

- \$850,000 in heating and cooling system upgrades
- \$250,000 in building exterior, roof, windows, and maintenance
- \$600,000 in church, gym, and school flooring
- \$145,000 in sanctuary audio/visual equipment
- \$400,000 in parking lot mill and overlay
- \$65,000 per year for technology updates in school and church



Church of the Nativity Parish Share	25%	“\$982,500”
Faith, Family, Future Campaign	75%	\$2,947,500

As we have been blessed, let us act as good stewards by supporting the *One Faith, One Family, One Future in Christ* campaign!

# Christian Formation

## ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE FUTURE. IN CHRIST.

### Campaign Co-Chairs

Paul and Mary Thompson  
David and Joyce Didde  
Fr. Mike Hawken, Pastor

### Campaign Leadership Committee

Frank and Melanie Caro  
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Brian and Megan Hoban  
John and Jennifer Kilroy  
Matt and Mary Ann Knopke  
Andrew and Jackie Marquardt  
Troy and Nancy Reazin  
Joe and Susan Vogliardo  
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### Campaign Ambassadors

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Michael and Liz Hagen  
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Bob and Heidi Kopp  
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Chuck and Anna Naylor  
Andy and Marty Pavlovich  
Gary and Joan Roethle  
Tom and Anne Rohling  
John Simon  
Jake and Johanna Sorenson  
John and Cindy Thesing  
Kris and Lyndy Volker  
Ray and Jennifer Zielinski  
Fr. Gerard Alba, Asso. Pastor

## Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Time of the Coronavirus

*by Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles*

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

### LAMPLIGHTERS care for their Nativity neighbors.

#### Be the constant contact for your Nativity neighbors.

- Share current activities and opportunities at Nativity.
- Encourage involvement, be open to extending invitations.
- Welcome new Nativity members to your neighborhood.
- Stay alert of neighbors needs for prayer or help.
- Be available to pass along information from the church to your group.
- With permission, notify the church of any change in emails or phone numbers.

Contact Liz Hagen at  
lhagen@kcnativity.org or 913-338-4367



# Christian Formation

## Saints Simon and Jude

FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 28

Listed among the Twelve Apostles in the New Testament, Simon is “the Canaanite” to Matthew and Mark and “the Zealot” to Luke; Jude is “Thaddeus” to Matthew and Mark, “Judas of James” to Luke, and “Judas, not Iscariot” to John. After Pentecost, they disappear. However, according to Eastern tradition, Simon died peacefully in Edessa, while Western tradition has him evangelizing in Egypt, then teaming up with Jude, who had been in Mesopotamia, on a mission to Persia, where they were martyred on the same day. Simon is the patron saint of tanners and lumberjacks; Jude is the patron of desperate causes, possibly because early Christians would pray to him, with a name evoking Judas Iscariot, only when all else failed.



## Military Prayer List

**Air Force:** Brian Genelin, Chris Genelin, Shea Pribyl, Sean Murphy, Brian Thibault, William Tyler Keller, Nick DuPre, Nicholas Genaris  
**Army:** Benjamin Heath, Paul Iliff, Ryan Horne, Bradford H. Long, Michael R. Strachan, Margaret Bendorf, Trey Van Hout, Lant B. Fogarty, Matthew Tieszen, Sgt. Jake McCoy, Col. Daniel Walrath, Captain Seth Gulsby, Michael Dean, Daniel O’Reardon  
**Coast Guard:** Sean Pribyl, Matthew Matheson, Reed Davison  
**Marine Corps:** Jeremy Ludwig, Ronald J. Willy, M.D, Robert Kudelko, Ryan P. Graber, Jake Weller, Demetrie Reed, Ryan Tudas, Luke Blackwell, Travis Able  
**National Guard:** Bernard Nicola, John Nicola  
**Navy:** Erin Opfer, Duane Opfer, Kristy Rukavina, Randy Weigand  
**Branch not given:** Amanda Rutherford, Sgt. Trevor Lutz

Please keep these soldiers in your prayers. If you would like to add someone to this list, send their names to Tom Garbach at [tom@kcnativity.org](mailto:tom@kcnativity.org) or call him at 338.4367.



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## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today’s Gospel:

GREATEST	LORD	MIND
LAW	HEART	NEIGHBOR
LOVE	SOUL	YOURSELF

T R E W A H C I H C E  
 I A S M E T S E G T R  
 C N E I G H B O R M A  
 D Y M N T S I T E H N  
 L O R D E O J L A W S  
 E U S L R U I E T D P  
 L R E O T L O V E H V  
 O S U W R I G D S O Y  
 A E Y L H E A R T U L  
 R L S W O T U I L H A  
 Y F O T R M H N E D R

## MISSION

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.

## GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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Matthew 22:34-40 • 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Christian Formation

## Helping Children With Their Vocation

*Dear Parents:*

*Your child's vocation - or answer to God's call - begins with you. Through your prayers, examples of holiness and faithfulness, and invitation to pursue noble goals, you provide the foundation for your child to live a full life of great joy.*

As parents, you are your children's first teachers and witnesses to the gospel. The church relies on you to awaken in your children the knowledge that they are loved and that they have a sacred purpose: to share that love with others for the greater glory of God. From teaching them their first prayers to introducing them to the art of questioning and listening, you are providing your children with the essential skills they'll need to discern where God is calling them on the path of love, service and fulfillment.

### **10 Suggestions For Fostering Happy and Holy Families - Essential For Nurturing Vocations.**

1. Pray daily as a family in thanksgiving, for guidance, for forgiveness.
2. Talk with your children about their worries and concerns; their hopes and dreams.
3. Share meals together as often as possible.
4. Tell stories about your family history - the good and the bad. Talk about how you became a family, and the day your children were born.
5. Decide together your family goals and what your biggest do's and don'ts are.
6. Be active in your parish and your community. Encourage your children to participate in the ministries of the parish.
7. Teach family members to fight fair and forgive easily.
8. Talk about your faith and the men and women, including sisters, brothers and priests who have had an important influence on you.
9. Work to reduce stress among all family members.
10. Encourage your children to be creative and compassionate and know that those are the greatest of God's gifts.

## Gospel Reflection

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For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.

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## Online Prayer Request

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