# CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



# 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

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## November 8, 2020

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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

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

Parish Office Hours M-F: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Orders for wreaths and Advent items need to be placed by November 15 and will be available for pick up November 25. For Christmas cards and other religious items, order directly from Printery House, www.printeryhouse.org, at your convenience. Items will be mailed directly to you from Printery House.

Questions? Contact Liz Hagen, <u>Lhagen@kcnativity.org</u>. This is a fundraiser for the youth group. Thank you!

## Pastor's Corner...

The morning of the election we heard from Paul's letter to the Philippians at the daily liturgy. It was the familiar Philippians Canticle which ends, "and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father." The reflection I read that morning tied Paul's message to the day. "No matter how the election turns out, Jesus is Lord!" As I write on Wednesday morning, we are still waiting on some states to report. What a reminder that in all the changing circumstances of life, outcomes we await, decisions we make, the TRUTH that is sure, never changing and always the same: Jesus is Lord!

The Gospel Story for this Sunday is a good one, often called the "Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins." The wise virgins brought enough oil with them and their lamps were burning brightly when the bride groom came! The Church borrows this imagery for Baptism. The newly baptized is given a candle which is lit from the Easter Candle. The priest then instructs the parents and godparents, while commissioning the newly baptized, "Receive the Light of Christ! Parents and godparents, this light has been entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. Your child has been enlightened by Christ and is to always walk as a child of the Light. May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts, so that when the Lord comes, they will go our to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom." The Gospel reminds us to live our baptism and let the Lord shine brightly through us as a way of preparing to go out to meet him when he comes for us!

The first part of this year of catechesis for our 2nd graders has been devoted to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These little hearts are continuing to learn that God is a loving and merciful Father, who sent us His Son Jesus, to forgive us. Christ's mercy from the cross continues to be poured out and celebrated by the Church in the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation. As these young people celebrate their First Reconciliation this week, they are taking a major step in preparation for their First Holy Communion. Lift up our 2nd graders in your prayers. This is a big



year for them as they take their second step in the Sacraments of Initiation. Our 2nd graders are here to celebrate this milestone because their parents have kept the promise they made for them in baptism, to help them keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts. Thanks parents!

The Archdiocesan Campaign: One Faith, One Family, One Future in Christ is underway at Nativity. The campaign will fund 4 pillars of present need within the archdiocese. This week (on the following page) we highlight how the campaign will help care for our retired priests. When I see Fr. Al's picture associated with this pillar of the campaign, it's a good reminder that he has given 58 years in service to the People of God here in the Archdiocese – 20 of those years here at Nativity! You should have received a letter from me last week asking for your support. I am grateful to be able to make a gift to the campaign myself.

To date, the campaign has raised more than \$42 million towards the overall \$65 million archdiocesan goal. Nativity has been given a target goal of \$3.9 million. Twenty five percent of every dollar comes back to the parish. We hope Nativity will see the full possible rebate of \$982,500 coming back to the parish for needed capital projects on our campus. I am happy to report that our parish has raised more than \$2.2 million. We are at 58% of our goal with \$1.6 million left to raise. I am so pleased with what we have accomplished, especially in this unprecedented time! I want to say a special thank you to our parishioners who have generously supported the campaign with a gift and to our Campaign Co-Chairs, Leadership Committee and Ambassadors who have stepped forward with lots of enthusiasm and effort for the success of the campaign in our parish. If you have not already done so, join me and other Nativity parishioners in making a gift that will benefit both needs within the archdiocese and needs here at Nativity. Together, all of us supporting this campaign as we are able, I trust we can make our goal.

Remind yourself often this week that Jesus is Lord! Christ's love and peace to you, Fr. Mike

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

One Faith, One Family, One Future in Christ is an Archdiocesan-wide campaign to prepare the Church in Northeast Kansas for future generations of Catholics. Every family registered at Nativity should have received a letter from Fr. Mike regarding the campaign. Through this initiative we seek to build up four campaign pillars:

- Parishes, Schools, and Evangelization
- Retired Priests
- Villa St. Francis Skilled Nursing Facility
- Savior Pastoral Center

This week we highlight the **Retired Priests pillar**. Its key objectives are to:

- Honor and care for retired priests by fully funding the priest pension.
  - a. The retirement fund for our senior priests provides an income of approximately \$3,125 per month, which is not sufficient for securing living arrangements in retirement. The One Faith Campaign will make it possible to provide a modest increase in their monthly income.
  - b. The retirement and medical plans for priests have experienced a significant funding shortfall recently likely caused by a combination of a underfunding in annual contributions and investment losses during the past decade. Unfortunately, this is a common problem for organizations that sponsor a defined benefit pension plan. The One Faith Campaign will help make it possible for us to 'catch up' on its funding.
- Provide our senior priests with a residence where they can live in community with their brother priests in retirement.
  - a. A 12-unit independent living residence will be constructed on a 3.6 acre site to the west of the current Santa Marta Campus at 116th & Greenwood in Olathe, KS.
  - b. It will include a community area with a Chapel for celebrating Mass; a dining room; a kitchen; an exercise room; regular housekeeping; and one meal per day.
  - c. Each suite will offer a bedroom, living/dining room, kitchen, bath, patio, and laundry.



"I'll be looking for a place that I can call home; where my brothers are. Lots of interaction at prayer and around the table." - Fr. Al Rockers

Campaign Co-Chairs
Paul and Mary Thompson
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If you have not received information regarding the campaign or have questions, please reach out to our Leadership Team or call the Parish Office at 913.491.5017.

# **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.



#### Grant Them Eternal Life. O Lord

Bob Hummel, father of Rob Hummel

Phyllis Powers, aunt of Bill Powers Mass Intentions Week of November 9

Monday, November 9

6:45 a.m. †Rosemary Redd

†Paul Wieczkowski

8:15 a.m. †Barbara Daniels

Tuesday, November 10 | St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of

the Church

6:45 a.m. SpI - Police Officers and First Responders

8:15 a.m. +Nicholas & Paul Santoro

Wednesday, November 11 | St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans

Day 6:45 a.m. **+Mackie Ellis** 8:15 a.m. †Charles Coghlin

Thursday, November 12 | St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

6:45 a.m. **†Jim Kiefer** 8:15 a.m. †Wayne Weber

†Mike Kirk †JoAnn Arnold †Rusty Russell

Spl - Madison Cowherd Martin

†Frank Stretz

**Friday, November 13** | St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin 6:45 a.m. †Jeanne Scheuerman

8:15 a.m. †Bonnie Ruder

Saturday, November 14

†Jeff Johnson 8:15 a.m.

†JD & Carmen Rodriguez 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 15 | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SpI - People of the parish 7:30 a.m. tTed & Phyllis McClard 9 a.m. +Barbara Daniels 11 a.m. 5 p.m. †Angela Zurica

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: November 8-14

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18/ Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/

Jn 2:13-22 Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/ Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19 Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

## Parish Life



#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER II | ALL DAY



# WILL DONATE A PORTION OF YOUR TOTAL PURCHASE TO NPS!



#### COACH'S ON 135TH

9089 W 135th St. | 913.897.7070

#### COACH'S ON COLLEGE

6700 College Blvd. | 913.701.6216

#### WWW.COACH-S.COM

Dine In or Carry Out orders only. Online ordering available (use code **NATIVITY** under special instructions) or mention Nativity to your server to receive credit.

# Women's Book Club

Nativity Book Club ladies will meet on November 10 from 1 - 2 p.m., in the Parish Hall to discuss *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. Wear your favorite mask.

We will meet again January 12, 2021, to discuss *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano.

Contact Kathy Hintz Shriwise at <u>kathleen.hintz@gmail.</u> <u>com</u>, with questions.

#### Our Tithes and Offerings

For Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/21

Annual Collection Income Needed \$ 3,630,468

**Collections Week Ended November 1st** 

 Masses
 \$ 14,719

 Mail receipts
 20,555

 ACH
 19,989

 Online giving
 1,689

 Total
 \$ 56,952

Give electronically via the website at www.kcnativity.org

It is never too late to make stewardship a way of life.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at www. kcnativity.org DNA, 10:30 a.m. DNA, 6:30 p.m.	Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m.  Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at www. kcnativity.org  Adoration, after 8:15 a.m. Mass - 7 p.m.  Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.  Book Club, 1 p.m.  Liturgy Commission, 6 p.m.  FInance Council, 7 p.m.  DNA, 7 p.m.  Bell Choir, 7 p.m.	Veteran's Day  Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m.  Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at www. kcnativity.org  Men of Nativity, 7:15 a.m.  School Mass, 9:15 a.m.  Gospel Gals, 9:15 a.m.  Fr. G Book Study, 9:30 a.m.  Facilities Commission, 6 p.m.	Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m.  Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at www. kcnativity.org  Pastoral Council, 6 p.m.  School Council, 7 p.m.	Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m.  Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at www. kcnativity.org  School Mass, 9:15 a.m.  Lay Carmelites, 9:15 a.m.	Food Drive  Mass at 8:15 a.m.  Online Mass posted at 9:15 a.m. at www. kcnativity.org  Confesssions, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  Mass at 5 p.m.	Food Drive  Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.  Online Mass posted at 7:30 a.m. at www. kcnativity.org  RCIA, 8:45 a.m  Outdoor Communion 10 a.m.

# **Nativity Parish School**



# RED BAG Providing Christmas for Children in Need

Nativity Parish School students
participated in the annual Red Bag gift
collection! Red Bag provides Christmas
gifts for approximately 2,000 children
residing in foster care or group homes in
the Kansas City area. This year, Nativity
Parish School sponsored over 31 Red Bag
children. Founded by Daniel Jacobs of
Kansas City, Red Bag is the only
organization providing Christmas for
these special children. Students may not
have been able to wrap the presents
themselves this year, but their
excitement and generosity were as
strong as ever!

















"Dear friends, may no adversity paralyze you. Be afraid neither of the world, nor of the future, nor of your weakness. The Lord has allowed you to live in this moment of history so that, by your faith, his name will continue to resound throughout the world."

Pope Benedict XVI



Thank you to all who helped with our All Souls Mass this past Monday. The celebration of Mass was a lovely remembrance of those we have lost this year.

# Caring For The Caregiver

As a caregiver for a family member, odds are you have sacrificed a lot to ensure the people you love are getting the support they need. But are you taking care of yourself? There is enough stress going on in the world right now and we invite you to join us for some tips and practical ideas to get you through the holidays and beyond. Join us virtually, Wednesday, November 18 from 1 - 2 p.m. Contact Karen Wheeler, kwheeler@brookdale.com or 913.242.0874, for a registration link. Sponsored by Brookdale Senior Living.



# Nativity's Fair Share 2020 Fall Food Drive for Catholic Charities

November 14 and 15, 2020

Special Notes For Nativity's Fall Food Drive:

No pre-dropping off of the bags in the St. Joseph Room

We will be accepting food donations before the 5 pm Saturday Mass and the Sunday morning Masses only, but <u>NOT</u> before the Sunday 5 pm Mass.

Drive up to the truck where the Knights (wearing masks) will take the food from your trunk.

Please, NO GLASS CONTAINERS.

#### **Top Items Requested By Catholic Charities:**

Stuffing Mix

**Instant Mashed Potatoes** 

Flour

Canned fruit

**Canned Crushed Tomatoes** 

Oatmeal

Peas

Misc. Veggies – NO Green Beans or Corn

Condiments

Ramen Noodles

Beans (Any Type)

Catholic Charities has requested NO toiletries, paper towels, or toilet paper during this drive!





# 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

your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

#### IT'S FINALLY HERE!!!



#### https://www.scholastic.com/bf/nativityparishschool

Check out our Virtual Book Fair Page! The Colleen Conway Holloway Scholastic Book Fair begins October 30<sup>th</sup> and runs until November 12<sup>th</sup>. There are thousands of books to choose from and resources to help you find books that interest your child and are at your child's level. In addition, there are lots of items that would make great Christmas gifts. The book orders will ship directly to your house.

#### **ONLINE TEACHER WISH LIST**

We've asked our wonderful teachers for a list of books they would love to have in their classroom. If you'd like to purchase one, please mark it off the list, make sure to add it to your Scholastic cart and purchase. The book will be sent to your house and your child will be able to deliver it directly to their teacher. Don't forget to write to/from inside the front cover.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caba622a1fe3-teacher

**Please note:** Scholastic is offering FREE standard shipping to orders over \$25 that contain ONLY books. If you purchase any items not included, shipping charges will apply.

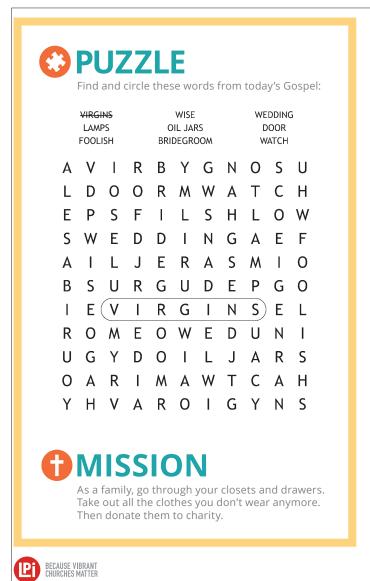


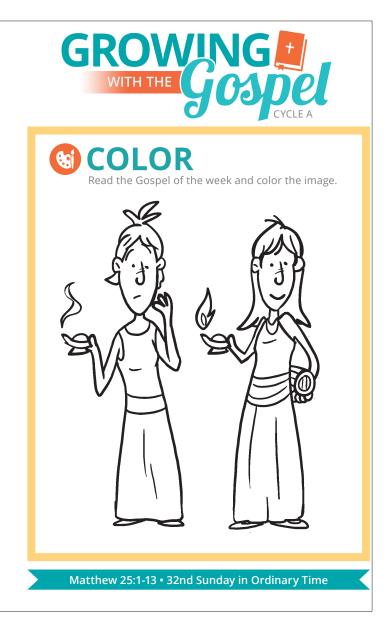
## Rosary Repair

To make arrangements to repair, please email David and Jacqueline Elbert at <a href="mailto:HolyRosaryRepair@gmail.com">HolyRosaryRepair@gmail.com</a> 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.

# Online Prayer Request

You may submit prayer requests online at <a href="https://www.kcnativity.org/Prayer">www.kcnativity.org/Prayer</a>, and fill out the simple form. Your request will be sent to our prayer care team.





# Prayer Requests

**Please pray for our parishioners**: Joy Decoursey, Maggie Freeman, Dave Beall, Emma VanLieshout, Susie Haake

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 <u>if requested by family</u> to avoid any confusion or misunderstandings. <u>The name will be listed for one month</u>. 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 <u>tom@kcnativity.org</u>.

# 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: parishappl to 555888.

For androids text: parishapp2 to 555888



MAKE IT A FAMILY PROJECT, OR BE PAIRED WITH OTHER VOLUNTEERS.
RAKING WILL TAKE PLACE THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 21ST AND 22ND
OR ARRANGED AT A TIME TO FIT YOUR SCHEDULE.

# IF YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR LEAVES OR ARE AVAILABLE TO RAKE

PLEASE CONTACT LIZ HAGEN AT LHAGEN@KCNATIVITY.ORG 913-338-4367

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