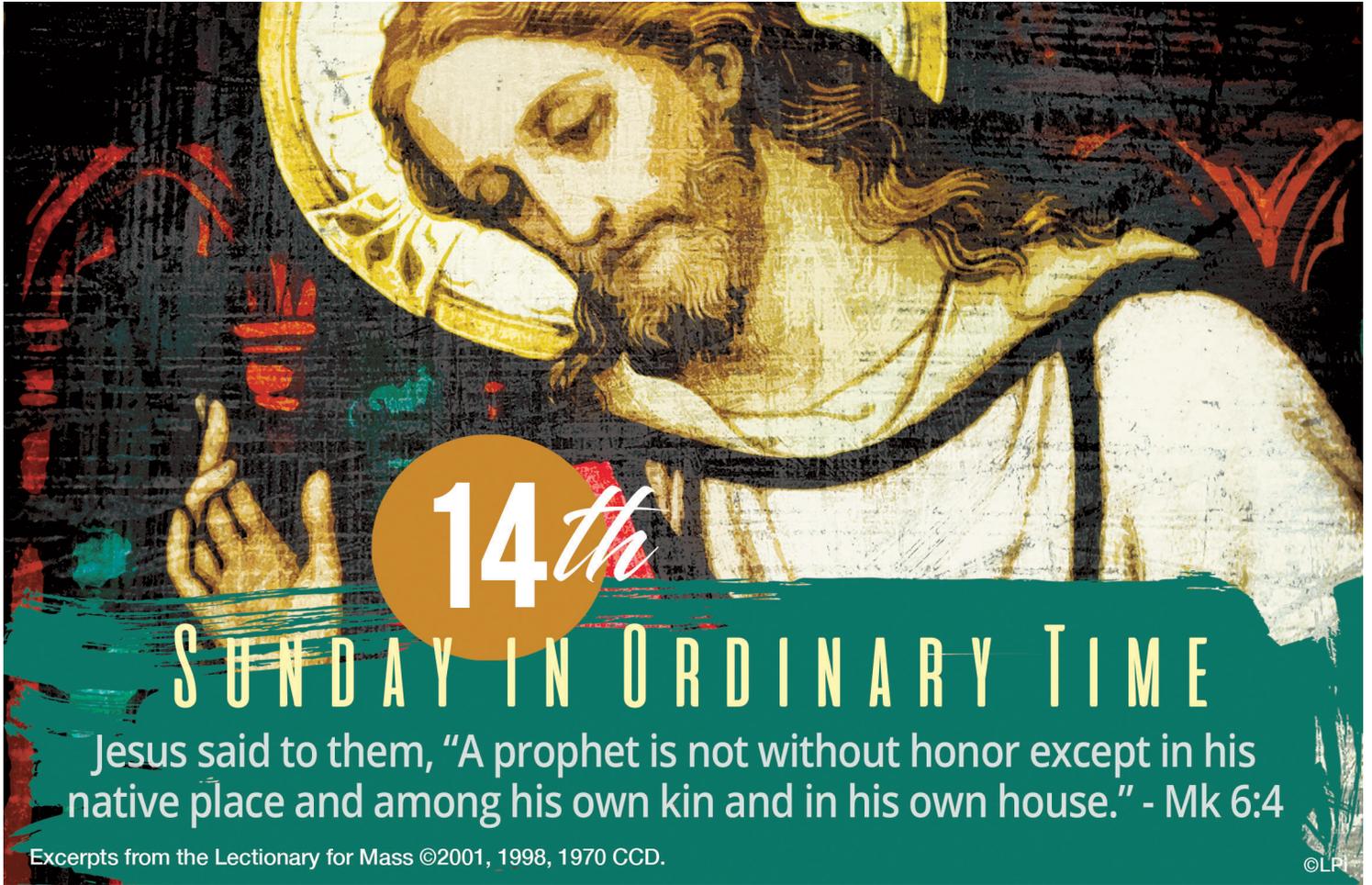


CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." - Mk 6:4

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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/onlineevents

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

Adoration
Tuesdays 8:45 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Parish Office Summer Hours
M-Th: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
F: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.



July 5 Mass
9 a.m. only

July 4 Holiday Observed
Parish offices closed.

Pastor's Corner...

I am continually moved by the faith of others. I catch glimpses of it all the time. The faith of others makes me realize the gift of being a Church together. It is so much better to walk the journey of life as a community of believers, rather than all alone. As the hymn says, "We are here to help each other - walk the mile and bear the load."

Not too long ago, I had a conversation with a man who shared the story of trouble within his family. As a father, his heart was worried about one of his kids. He told me that in the midst of feeling rather helpless, he surrendered it to the Lord and the intercession of the Blessed Mother. He told me that one day during his prayer, the Lord spoke to him and kept telling him over and over again that "Sunday was coming." At first he wondered what that might mean? Then it started to become clear to him. Many people who watched Jesus carry the cross to Calvary and then suffer and die, thought that was the end. They didn't believe Sunday was coming. This man was so grateful that in the midst of his family's cross, the Lord spoke the promise of His resurrection. The man went on to say that he didn't know how it would all turn out, but he was strengthened, believing that God had a plan! I said to him, "Amen, Amen, Amen!" I asked him if he minded me sharing the story, because all of us need to be reminded that Sunday is coming!



I was reminded that one of the reasons the Church celebrates the Blessed Mother at Saturday morning Mass, is because after her heartbreak of Good Friday, she continued to trust and believe in Christ's promise that her son should be handed over, suffer, die, and would rise on the third day! Mary believed that Sunday was coming!

Where do we need to surrender to God and believe that Sunday is coming? In the midst of troubles, worries, sadness, illness, etc., we pray for the grace to "walk by faith and not by sight." In our lack of understanding, our inability to know how it will all turn out, may we find strength in believing that God has a plan and Sunday will come in God's time, and ultimately in eternity!

Happy 4th of July as we celebrate Independence Day! We've had lots of compliments about the beauty of the American flags decorating our Nativity campus. As I drove into the campus when the flags were first raised, it made me proud to be a citizen of the United States of America. I paused to say the Pledge of Allegiance. The 4th of July provides a wonderful opportunity to pray in thanksgiving for the freedom we enjoy as Americans, to pray for peace in the world and an end to war, and for the preservation of our religious freedom. Let's support our soldiers and their families with our prayers as well. *"America! America! God shed His grace on thee. And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea!"*

There will be one morning Mass on Monday, July 5th at 9 a.m., to celebrate the holiday. If you are in town, beginning the holiday with Eucharist is always a good way to celebrate! I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends during the holiday.

Summer Blessings!
Fr. Mike

Fourth of July Prayer

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being.

Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong; that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth.

Turn our hearts toward the family of nations; to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good of all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Liturgy and Prayer

Mass Intentions Week of July 5

Monday, July 5 | Independence Day Observed; St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

9 a.m. *Spl* - In thanksgiving for those who serve our country.

Tuesday, July 6 | St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

6:45 a.m. *Spl* - Gavin & Candace Johnson

8:15 a.m. †Don Dreiling

Wednesday, July 7

6:45 a.m. †Rosemary Werth

8:15 a.m. *Spl* - Eula & Deb Fasone

Thursday, July 8

6:45 a.m. *Spl* - Diana Hoag & family

8:15 a.m. †Rose Richlie

†Kitty Keller

Spl - Fr. Joseph Slaby

Friday, July 9 | St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

6:45 a.m. †Jeff Johnson

8:15 a.m. †Carolyn Conrow

Saturday, July 10

8:15 a.m. †Sandy Wurster

5 p.m. †Tom Simmons

Sunday, July 11 | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. †Carmen Rodriguez

9 a.m. *Spl* - people of the parish

11 a.m. †Dorothy Didde

5 p.m. *Spl* - Diana Hoag & family

Nativity offers Reconciliation each Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Mass is still offered online at www.kcnativity.org/onlineevents

Grant Them Eternal Life, O Lord

Dee Ritz,
wife of Tony Ritz

Readings: July 4 - 10

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/
Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/
Mt 10:24-33

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our

parishioners: Jeff Brockhaus, Marty Murphy, Faye Vowells, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Rick Waldenmeyer, John Hagan Janet Antony, Tom Decoursey, Joe and Joyce Kieszkowski, Mary Ann Waldenmeyer

Please pray for our family and

friends: Peggy Gorman Tabor, Baby Remy, Lynda Markway, Ernestine Iseman

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.

Scams Continue

Scams continue to impersonate familiar email addresses in an email spoof scam. The unknown party has creates fake Gmail address (@gmail.com) using recognizable names and sending requests out for money or gift cards. Please do not respond to the email. The best thing is to delete the message immediately.

Church of the Nativity staff do not use an address that ends in @gmail.com and any messages from that account are fraud. Emails from Church of the Nativity or Nativity Parish School will end in @kcnativity.org.

Fr. Mike will never reach out personally for gift card donations, etc.

Parish Life

Considering Becoming Catholic?



JOIN THE CIA!

(Rite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults)

Look closer into the **Catholic Faith**.

Uncover the wisdom & beauty of a 2000 year old faith tradition.

Explore how the Catholic Faith may be for you.

Examine your beliefs.

Study the answers to your questions.

Discover God's plan for you.

Find greater happiness.

INQUIRY Sessions Begin mid-September.

Register now at www.kcnativity.org/becoming-catholic-rcia.

Questions? Contact Mary Lambrechts, RCIA Director at 913.338.4367 or mlambrechts@kcnativity.org

Already Catholic?? Join the team. Contact Mary to learn more about being a sponsor, mentor or helper!

Knights Meeting



Our next meeting is Monday, July 5 in the Parish Hall. Social hour at 5:45 p.m.; council meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respite Ministry Resumes

Nativity's Respite Ministry has trained volunteers from our parish willing to provide full time caregivers some much needed time away!

We have some very caring volunteers who will come for a short period of time each week to provide care and companionship to your loved one.

To learn more about our Respite ministry contact Pat Scheibel at Rscheibel@kc.rr.com.

Annual Football Raffle

The Knights of Columbus are currently holding their annual football raffle.

Proceeds support religious formation for seminarians and Nativity parish and school. There are 13 winners for each of the 17 weekly drawings.

See your friendly neighborhood Knight or buy tickets after Masses July 10-11, July 17-18, July 24-25. Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100.

Buy your tickets early and enter a special drawing September 11 for 2 Chiefs season tickets with parking passes.



Week At A Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5 July 4 Observed Mass at 9 a.m. only. Parish offices closed. 	6 Man Morning, 6:03 a.m. Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at www.kcnativity.org/onlineevents Adoration, after 8:15 a.m. Mass - 7 p.m.	7 Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at www.kcnativity.org/onlineevents Men of Nativity, 7:15 a.m. Gospel Gals, 9:30 a.m. Prodigal Son Study, 7 p.m.	8 Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at www.kcnativity.org/onlineevents Knitting Club, 1 p.m.	9 Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at www.kcnativity.org/onlineevents Lay Carmelites, 9:30 a.m. Parish Office Closes at Noon	10 Mass at 8:15 a.m. Online Mass posted at 9:15 a.m. at www.kcnativity.org Reconciliation, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Mass, 5 p.m.	11 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 Men's Basketball, 7 p.m.

Parish Life

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

The ten nursing homes in our parish are now open to receive ministers to bring Communion to the residents.

Parishioners are needed to take Communion to the Catholic residents in these various homes.

If you are interested in helping with this Ministry of Care please contact Tom Garbach at: tom@kcnativity.org or 913-338-4367.

Give Online



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Our Tithes and Offerings

For Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/21

Annual Collection Income Needed \$ 3,630,468

Collections Ending June 27

Masses	\$14,439
Mail Receipts	8,165
Online Giving	<u>20,895</u>
Total	43,499

Give electronically via the website at www.kcnativity.org

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

2021 SUMMER READING

FATHER HENRI NOUWEN'S

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON

After settling oneself and inviting the Holy Spirit for openness and a posture of prayer in the heart, mindfully read *Part I: The Younger Son* (25-45).

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Reflecting on the Son who left home, Fr. Henri says, "I leave home every time I lose faith in the voice that calls me the Beloved and follow the voices that offer a great variety of ways to win the love I so much desire." How have I left home?
- "The Father's touching the son is an everlasting blessing; the son resting against his father's breast is an eternal peace." Do I let myself receive and remain in that eternal embrace?
- What are current distractions that prevent me from living in the "hidden life" with the "inner light of Christ"? What are my addictions?

Online Prayer Request

You may submit prayer requests online at www.kcnativity.org/prayer-request, and fill out the simple form. Your request will be sent to our prayer care team.



CLOTHING DRIVE

Save the Date!

July 17-18

Start cleaning out your closets now!



New Youth Minister Hired



Dear Nativity Family,

After 12 years as Youth Minister, Liz Hagen discerned it was time to move into another area of ministry at Nativity. At the heart of the new ministry Liz will coordinate is hospitality and welcome. She will help parishioners connect with the parish at large and with parishioners in their neighborhoods through Lamp Lighters. We are blessed that Liz will continue to be part of our Nativity staff.

Ministry to our young people is an important part of our mission as a Church. Handing on the faith to the next generation is our sacred duty. Forming the young Church of today bears fruit for a vibrant Church of tomorrow. Parents are the primary teachers of the faith to their children and the Church is here to partner with parents in carrying out that responsibility.

When the need for a new youth minister presented itself, I took this intention to the Lord in prayer. I assembled a team of parishioners; parents, teachers and those who work with young people. We dialogued about our dreams for youth ministry at Nativity and qualities we would be looking for in a youth minister. When we announced the search, God presented us with several candidates. Our interview and discernment process led us to invite Meghan McCormick to be our new Youth Minister.

Meghan's love for the Lord and the Church, her energy and enthusiasm for working with young people and sharing the faith with them and the ability to meet young people where they are in their faith walk, are just a few of the many qualities Meghan brings to youth ministry. We are excited to welcome Meghan to our staff and we surround her with our prayers and support.

Blessings, Fr. Mike

Dear Nativity,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be a part of your beautiful community as Youth Director! I was very touched by my first impression of your parish when I walked into the chapel to find many parishioners attending Adoration. Father Mike asked me to provide an introduction to let you all know who I am. "Come and hear all you who fear the Lord, and I will tell what he has done for my soul!" Psalm 66:16



Born in Nebraska, my family moved around until we settled down in Shawnee when I was about 10 years old. I grew up as a St. Joseph parishioner with my two younger sisters and went to St. James Academy. I defected from the Cornhuskers and became, with all its good, bad, and ugly, a Jayhawk where I spent a good amount of time at the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center. After graduation I spent a couple of years serving at Prairie Star Ranch helping create the year-round retreat programming, i.e. Confirmation or leadership retreats, in affect today.

After Prairie Star, I spent time discerning my vocation with the Little Sisters of the Lamb. I spent one year serving in downtown Kansas City and one year in France. And, no, I did not know French before then. "Oui, je peut parler Français maintenant." I discerned that the call to religious life was not for me and found myself in the Highlands of Scotland at a place I like to describe as the "Prairie Star Ranch of Scotland," called Craig Lodge. Along with young adults from around the world, we created retreat programming and spent time climbing the mountain behind our huge 18th century lodge house with Scottish kids.

After a couple of years in Scotland it was time to come home and settle down. I landed back in Kansas City in the summer of 2019. Camp Tekakwitha welcomed me and gave me a job as a cook for the summer. Throughout the last couple of years I have worked at a bank where I learned plenty about money (thank you Lord!), but my heart has always been in youth ministry. I give thanks and praise to the Lord for the opportunity to become a part of your parish community and to be able to share what the Lord has done for me.

I cannot put into words how much I look forward to all that the Lord wants to do for the youth at this parish! God bless you and I look forward to meeting you all!

Sincerely, Meghan McCormick

Christian Formation

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Are you desiring to know God more deeply and share the faith with our children? Level 1, 2 and 3 formation courses are being offered this summer for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Formation courses dive into our faith and open your heart and mind to the beauty of our faith and the wonder of the child. For information and registration, visit www.CGSKSMO.org/courses. Feel free to contact our Parish CGS Coordinator, Sara Baker, at sara.baker@kcnativity.org.

Bible In A Year Discussion Group

If you have been listening to the Bible-in-a-Year podcast with Father Mike Schmitz (even if you are way behind), please join us for a mid-year social gathering and discussion group at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 15 in the Parish Hall. Father Mike Hawken will be on hand to facilitate the conversation. All are welcome! Your RSVP is appreciated but not required to Tracy Boschert at tracy@boschertmedia.com.



We Need Teachers For Religious Education

Top 10 Reasons to Become a Catechist

1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
2. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
4. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
5. You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
6. Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.
7. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.
8. You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelizing!)
9. You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
10. It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations."

By: Joe Paprocki's Catechist Journey

Please take time to prayerfully consider become a catechist for Religious Education. Contact Suzy Meinzenbach, Coordinator of Religious Education, with any questions or to volunteer. smeinzenbach@kcnativity.org.



We Need Your Help!

Little Church will begin in August. It is offered during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses for 4-7 year olds to help engage our young ones in Liturgy of the Word.

Please consider joining the Little Church Team. We will train you! No teaching experience necessary! We especially need help at 11 a.m. Mass.

Contact Suzy Meinzenbach for more information at: smeinzenbach@kcnativity.org or 913.338.4367

Attention Catholic Veterans

Come for lunch (11:30 a.m.) or dinner (6 p.m.) on July 13 or July 15, at K Macho's, 11741 Metcalf Ave, to learn the facts regarding your VA Burial Benefits. Sponsored by McGilley Funeral Homes and Dignity Memorial, serving Catholic families for generations. Space is limited. Reservations call Joe Haster, 816.942.6180.

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