CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



September 19, 2021

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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. - 6:30 a.m. Friday

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

Wine/Margarita Donations Needed

Once again this year, we need wine donations for our Fall Festival. If you can donate a bottle or two, sign up on our website, www.kcnativity.org, and drop them in the Parish Office prior to Saturday, September 25. We promise we won't drink any until the festival. ;-)

Bingo Prizes Needed

This year we are requesting bingo prizes in the form of gift cards. If you can, please donate \$25 gift cards to common stores like Target, WalMart, Quick Trip and Amazon. Please drop them in the Parish Office by September 24. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help make this a success. Sign-up at www.knightsofnativity.com/signup.



Today the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. The theme for this year is "Say the word and my soul will be healed." Jesus was amazed at the faith of the Roman Centurion who spoke these words. I believe Jesus is amazed at our faith every time we speak these words of faith before coming to Holy Communion, as we truly believe that Jesus is coming to our house and we are humbled that he would enter under our roof. I believe Jesus is amazed at the faith of those who give of themselves as catechists to teach and hand on the faith. This Sunday is a good reminder of the ministry of the Church to teach and form people in the Gospel and the Catholic Faith. It's a good reminder to be grateful for all the people who played a part in forming us in the faith; our parents, grandparents, teachers, priests, sisters, friends and fellow parishioners. Let's pray especially for parents who have the primary responsibility of handing on the faith to their children. We extend a special thank you to our teachers who are catechists for our school, Religious Education, RCIA, and other areas of formation here at Nativity. We will have a special blessing of our catechists at the 9 a.m. Mass today. As disciples, all of us are life-long learners, as well as people who "hand on what we have received."

Our Block Party Rosary was a big hit! It was a nice gathering of parishioners from our seniors to babes in arms (90 years to 3 weeks old). With the most perfect weather we hoped and prayed for, the parish grounds were alive with conversation and laughter, kids running around and people moving to the music, as hot dogs and ice cream were enjoyed! Then we welcomed Archbishop Naumann, who led us in praying the rosary with inspiring meditations on the Luminous Mysteries. It was a beautiful portrait of our parish family having fun and praying together. We are so grateful to all who worked to organize and make this event happen. Special thanks to Liz Hagen, who led the charge in collaboration with our Block Party Rosary Ambassadors, the Knights of Columbus, Christian Formation, Parish and School Staff, PTO, Leawood Police, and a host of volunteers serving as needed. This event was so enjoyed that many have called for it to be an annual celebration!

The season of fall officially begins this Wednesday, September 22nd. For a good many people, including me, fall is one of our favorite seasons. I look forward to the changing autumn leaves, warm days and crisp cool nights. Be mindful (as the scriptures reiterate over and again) that "the splendor of creation, proclaims the Glory of God." A fall faith perspective: "At this change of season, accompanied by the changing leaves, may we be mindful that God's faithfulness never changes. Amidst changes, day in and day out, God's love for us remains, His promises unchanging and steadfast!"

Next Saturday, September 25th, we will hold our annual Fall Festival. We will begin with Mass at 5 p.m., followed by an outdoor parish picnic with food prepared by our Knights of Columbus, bingo, inflatables, PTO gift baskets, beer, wine and margarita garden, DJ and music. Please see the cover of this bulletin for ways you can donate or volunteer. While this year is a scaled-back version of what we usually do, it's an opportunity to come pray and enjoy some social time as a parish family to welcome the season of fall.

Autumn Blessings, Fr. Mike

Liturgy and Prayer

Mass Intentions Week of September 20

Monday, September 20 | Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

6:45 a.m. †Marcella Dean 8:15 a.m. †Barbara Daniels

Tuesday, September 21 | St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

6:45 a.m. Spl - Marilyn Mattione 8:15 a.m. †Patty Payne Rogers

Wednesday, September 22

6:45 a.m. †Jeanette Collura 8:15 a.m. †Gary Gunn

Thursday, September 23 | St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

6:45 a.m. Spl - Jim Glennon 8:15 a.m. †Sharon Cinelli

†Dianne Januszkiewicz

Friday, September 24

6:45 a.m. Spl - Karen Pittman 8:15 a.m. †Virgil Dechant

Saturday, September 25

8:15 a.m. †Daniel Rosenthal

5 p.m. Spl - Barbara & Scott Machovec

Sunday, September 26 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Spl - People of the parish

9 a.m. †Gary Roethle 11 a.m. †Patty Payne Rogers 5 p.m. *Spl* - Grace & Johnny Jones

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

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

Readings: September 19-25

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/ Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18 Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Grant Them Eternal Life, O Lord

Nicholas Meale, father of Christine DeStefano

Julie Davis, sister of Andy Pavlovich

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our parishioners: Jeff Brockhaus, Joyce Kieszkowski, Mary Ann Waldenmeyer, Fr. Al Rockers, Camille Yoder, Karen Pittman, Jim Glennon

Please pray for our family and friends: Ernestine Iseman, Yolande Dumont, Josynne Sherlock, Scott Marcoullier

Texting Scams Appear

This past week, Fr. Mike received notes from three different parishioners stating they had received text messages on their phones, impersonating him. None of the priests, or staff, will ever reach out to you via text to ask for funds. These are scams. Do not respond!

Scams also 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.

New Members

Norma Wilkinson

Parish Life

Christmas In October Soon

Christmas in October, part of Nativity's outreach program, needs your help October 9. It's an opportunity to help those who can't help themselves. Volunteers help with yard work, minor home repairs, painting, etc. All skill levels from general yard work to skilled carpenters are welcome. We also accept baked goods for the workers.

Contact John Brown at <u>John.l.brown@ubs.com</u> or Eleanor Raggett at <u>etraggett@yahoo.com</u> if interested.



| Week At A (| | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at www. kcnativity.org/ onlineevents 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, 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/ onlineevents Adoration Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m. Religious Ed, 6 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, 7 p.m. Bell Choir, 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/ onlineevents Adoration Men of Nativity, 7:15 a.m. St. Ann's Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m. Gospel Gals, 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir, 3 p.m Religious Ed, 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. DOCK, 6 p.m. DNA Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Wine Tasting, 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/ onlineevents | 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. Fall Festival 6 p.m. *Dinner served 6 - 7 p.m. | 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. Gielow Brothers Ordination Anniversary Mass, 1 p.m., Reception following Youth Group, 6 p.m. Men's Basketball, 7 p.m. |

Parish Life

Wine Tasting Wednesday

After a two year absence, the Nativity Wine Club be back in the Parish Hall Wednesday, September 22 from 6:30 -8 p.m. We will feature six new wines from a small family estate in California. Wines will be offered at a special price by order that evening to be picked up at Harry's. RSVP required. Please drop a check in the Parish office before 4 p.m. Monday, September 20. Please email <u>mjbart@kc.rr.</u> com to let us know you are attending. Contact Michael Shirley, mshirleykc@gmail. com, with questions.

Catholic Business Network Resumes

The Catholic Business Network hosted an event recently after a 23-month abscence. CBN brings Catholics from throughout the diocese together to experience fellowship and hear from guest speakers on a mirad of topics. Thank you to all who attended.

Thank you to the Nativity Knights of Columbis who provided breakfast. Our next event is in November at St. Michael's.



Do You Have A Friendly Face?

Do you enjoy meeting people and giving them a big smile? You should join the Greeter Ministry at Nativity!

Those involved will welcome others into the church before Mass just as you would welcome guests into your home. Greeting parishioners and visitors with an open door and a warm smile can help set the tone for the Eucharistic Celebration that is about to take place. You are the first impression.

Men, women, families and teenagers are invited to serve. Email Denis Vedder at Denisevedder3@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE

COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

NATIVITY PARISH HALL

11:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Sign-up at www.savealifenow.org

Nativity Parish School



Fun in First Grade

The first graders have been having fun the past couple of weeks with building a city outside at recess and enjoying the watermelon feed. They are also super excited about the new additions to the classroom from PTO. We were able to get new mailboxes, wiggle seats, whiteboards, indoor recess games, and more. Thank you to our parents and PTO.

We are looking forward to a fun, successful school year.











YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

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Websites:

kcnativity.org/youthgroup kcnativity.org/coreteam



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ENTERING THE GOSPEL SERIES PART 2: ICONS

All High School students are **WELCOME** to attend Youth Group *this weekend* after the 5:00pm Teen Family Mass! The Church of the Nativity houses our very own icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but how do we read icons? This week's topic: Iconography

Come and See

D.O.C.K. STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Disciples of Christ the King

Still looking for a way to fulfill your **service hours**? Need a **resume builder**? The Youth Ministry Team is still looking for High Schoolers who would like to take on a **leadership** role in the community. Feel free to contact Meghan for more information!

Adoration Spots Open - Please Sign Up

We have a few adoration spots we need filled:

- •Wednesday from 5-6 p.m.
- ●Thursday from 3 4 a.m and 6-7 p.m.
 - •Friday from 3 4 a.m.

Please email Susan Vogliardo at <u>suesues6@hotmail.com</u> to sign up. Thank you!



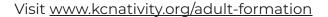
Sign Up

The Church of Nativity has again been given the opportunity to participate in a 40-Days-For-Life Campaign, September 22 - October 31, in our area.

Our parish will provide prayer support at the Center for Women's Health, 4840 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. September 29 and October 6. Please consider giving an hour of your time. Sign-up on our website, www.kcnativity.org. Questions? Contact Mike Bartkoski, mjbart@kc.rr.com, with questions.

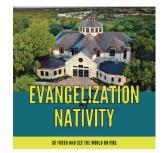
New Faith Formation Web Page

Our NEW Evangelization and Faith Formation Page has an updated listing of exciting opportunities to deepen and share your faith with others.



OR

Contact Michael Sanem, Director of Evangelization at msanem@kcnativity.org.



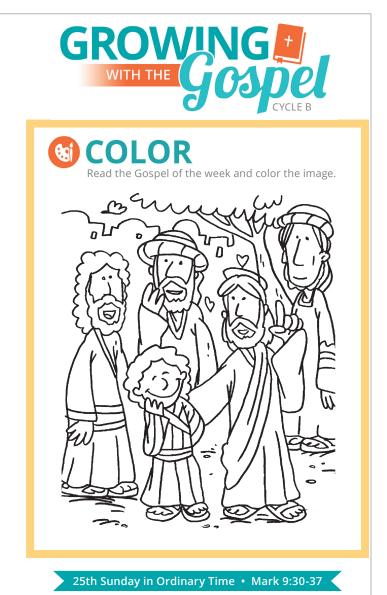
Military Prayer List

Air Force: Brian Genelin, Chris Genelin, Shea Pribyl, Sean Murphy, Brian Thibault, William Tyler Keller, Nick DuPre', Leslie Genaris, Christopher Greger

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, 2nd Lieutenant Cristina Young, 2ndLt David Leatherwood, Ryan Graber National Guard: Bernard Nicola, John Nicola Navy: Erin Opfer, Duane Opfer, Kristy Rukavina, Randy Weigand Branch not given: Amanda Rutherford, Sgt. Trevor Lutz Space Force: Nicholas Genaris

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 or call him at 338.4367. Please let us know when they can be removed.





BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

Online Event Page

We moved our online events, like Daily and Sunday Mass, from the homepage to an Online Events page. On the homepage, scroll down below the photos and click the button for Online Events. Or bookmark this link and go directly to the page: www.kcnativity.org/onlineevents

Online Prayer Request You may submit prayer requests online

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





Our Tithes and Offerings

For Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/22

Annual Collection Income Needed \$ 3,630,468

Collections Ending Sept. 13

Masses \$ 13,759
Mail Receipts 36,159
Online Giving \$ 3,360
Total Offertory \$ 53,278

Give electronically via the website at www.kcnativity.org

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



Listen Closely-Is God Calling You?

Have you considered if God is calling you or someone you know to religious life? Encourage and please pray for those who are considering vocations.



Part Time Work At NPS

Nativity Parish School is seeking **two part-time Cafeteria Assistants** for the 2021-2022 school year.

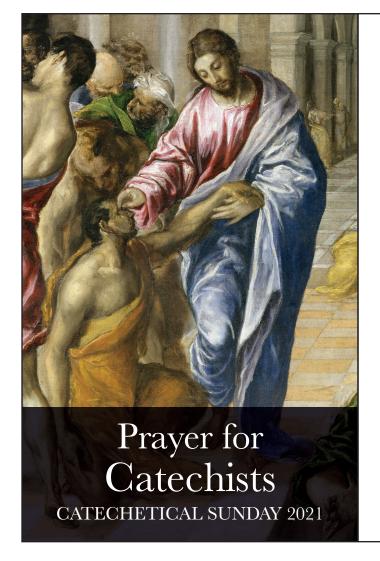
The Cafeteria Assistants will be responsible for operating a computer using a meal tracking system by scanning and entering lunch cards at meal time. The positions will be two or three days a week, approximately 12-15 hours per week. The Cafeteria Assistants will also fill in for other cafeteria staff when needed. Additional duties include dishwashing, preparing and serving lunch in a courteous manner, organizing and setting up equipment and workstations, all while following health, food service, government and other guidelines.

Candidates hired will need to pass a criminal background check and attend Virtus training as conditions of employment. We operate on the traditional school schedule. There are no benefits offered.

Please email your resume, interest, and availability to Julie Bloomingdale, Cafeteria Director, <u>Julie.bloomingdale@</u>kcnativity.org.

Rosary Repair

To make arrangements to repair, please email David and Jacqueline Elbert at 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.



Prayer for Catechists

oving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Did you know that Nativity has subscribed to an online catechetical platform called FORMED? **Every parishioner has FREE access to materials for personal faith-formation, parish studies, catechetical training, small groups, and family devotions**. You can access FORMED from your smart phone, tablet, or desktop!

Visit <u>www.FORMED.org</u> to register. Just type in our city, Leawood, and then select Church of the Nativity. Registration is simple with just your name and your email address and no passwords or codes to memorize! This platform also works with Apple TV, Roku and many other supported smart TVs with the FORMED app. Enjoy!

Community News









Advertise With Us

Please reach out to Doug Wolfe to find out about advertising opportunities in our bulletin. Reach him at dwolfe@4lpi.com or 913.522.2211.

New Date For Hog & Grog

The health and safety of our partners, volunteers, students, teachers, and guests is our utmost priority. After careful consideration, and in light of the ongoing Wyandotte County Covid-19/Delta variant developments, we are changing the date of our Hog & Grog for Scholarships Event to April 23, 2022. Rescheduling the 160 + attendee event will enable us to provide a celebration of this year's scholarship fundraising effort in a safe and relaxed atmosphere. We look forward to hosting you in the spring! More updates will be heading your way and will be available at www.olucs.org. Until then, stay safe and healthy!

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to find personal phone numbers.

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