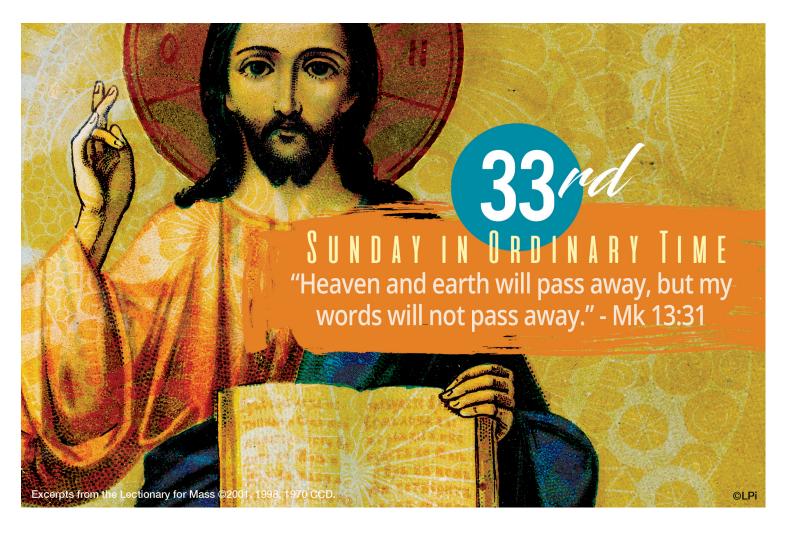
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



November 14, 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.



Pastor's Corner

Back in 2016, Pope Francis designated the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as "World Day of the Poor." As I highlighted in my state of the parish last Sunday, part of the light that shines so brightly from our "City on a Hill" is so much good work done for the poor. How appropriate that today is our Nativity Fall Food Drive for Catholic Charities Food Pantries. This is a touchpoint of evangelization as we practice the corporal work of mercy to feed the hungry and show our solidarity with those who will come to the Catholic Charities Food Pantries for groceries. I'm glad we invite our kids to participate in our various works of mercy, teaching them the Gospel opportunity for meeting the Lord in those we serve.

We congratulate our 59 second graders, who celebrated their First Reconciliation last Saturday. The first part of this year of catechesis for our second 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. That 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 celebrated their First Reconciliation, they took a major step in preparation for their First Holy Communion, which we will celebrate on Sunday, May 11, 2022. And so, we pledge our prayers for the second graders. This is a big year for them as they will take their second step in the Sacraments of Initiation. We are so proud of them! How wonderful to witness the gift of our Catholic faith being handed on to our children.

Last Thursday was Veteran's Day. I was mindful of the countless men and women throughout the history of our country, who have given their lives in the name of the freedom we enjoy. I was especially mindful that I have buried so many veterans of WWII, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and even a couple from the Gulf War and Afghanistan. The list of men and women listed in our bulletin each week are a small reminder of present day soldiers serving our country and the need to keep them in prayer. I ask that you take the time as you are reading this bulletin to speak their names to the Lord. I'm always impressed with the military honors that take place for a veteran at the cemetery. The presentation of the flag to the family with the words, "On behalf of a grateful nation," always grabs my heart. Let us remember the last spiritual work of mercy, "to pray for the living and the dead," uttering a special "Ave" for our veterans, living and deceased.

Pray with the saints this week: Albert the Great, patron of scientists; Margaret of Scotland, mother of eight children who was known for her love and care for the poor; Elizabeth of Hungary, mother of three who was widowed at a young age, became a 3rd order Franciscan and was dedicated to the poor and the sick. She is Patron of Catholic Charities; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne came to America from France to minister to the Native Americans. She made her way through Kansas to the Sugar Creek Mission near Mound City, KS, where there is a shrine in our Archdiocese. St. Rose died in St. Charles, MO. The

Potawatomi named her "the woman who prays always."

Find ways to share your love for the Lord and your joy in knowing Him this week!

Peace, Fr. Mike

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

Liturgy and Prayer

Mass Intentions Week of November 15

Monday, November 15 | St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:45 a.m. tJohn Tobin

SpI - Michael Hatfield & family

8:15 a.m. **†**Oscar Penaloza

Tuesday, November 16 | St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude,

6:45 a.m. **†Rose DeSantis** 8:15 a.m. †Bill Wilson

Wednesday, November | 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

6:45 a.m. **+Daniel Buvle** 8:15 a.m. **†Julie Davis**

Thursday, November 18 | The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

6:45 a.m. †Jim Glennon 8:15 a.m. †Catherine Stretz

†Gilbert Lola SpI - Jerre Sardou

Friday, November 19

†Victor Vogliardo 6:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m. †Eileen Teahan

Saturday, November 20

†Gary Gunn †Louise Bono 8:15 a.m. 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 21 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 a.m. **†Nick Meale**

SpI - People of the parish 9 a.m.

†Deceased members of the Hager family 11 a.m.

†Bob Hummel 5 p.m.

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

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



Prayer Requests

Please pray for our parishioners: Jeff Brockhaus, Fr. Al Rockers, Joe Massimino, Paula Fushimi. Tim Plank

Please pray for our family and friends: Ernestine Iseman, Jimmy Killeen, Linda Friesen

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.

Readings: November 14-20

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43 **Tuesday**: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3,

4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/ Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44 **Friday**: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a,

12bcd[13b]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

Parish Life



Knights Meeting

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



For more information on the Nativity council, events and photos of previous events, please visit our website at www.knightsofnativity.com

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's service organization open to all men of Nativity Parish who are dedicated to Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Join the Knights of Nativity and help us build the Nativity Parish community!

New Members

Jhoda and Jill Edquist Patricia Lane

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.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Mass at 6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m. Online Mass posted at 8:15 a.m. at www. kcnativity.org/ onlineevents Adoration 4th Degree Knights, 6 p.m.	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 Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m. Mental Health Workshop, 7 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. All School Rosary, 2:45 p.m. Children's Choir, 3 p.m. Religious Ed, 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. DOCK, 6 p.m. Fr. Gerard Book Study, 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 Adoration Knitting Club, 1 p.m. Wine Club, 6:30 p.m. Adult 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 All School Mass, 8:15 a.m.	Daughters of St. Francis De Sales, 8 a.m. Mass at 8:15 a.m. Online Mass posted at 9:15 a.m. at www. kcnativity.org Women Physicians Scripture Study, 9:15 a.m. Reconciliation, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Mass, 5 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. Baptisms, Noon Youth Group, 6 p.m. Men's Basketball, 7 p.m.





Enjoy Knitting?

Nativity Knitting group meets weekly Thursdays, 1 - 3 p.m., in the Angel Gabriel room. Anyone with an interest in knitting is welcome; from those who want to learn to advanced artists.

If you want advice with a project, we are happy to help. For more information, contact Karen Brinker at kjbrinkl@gmail.com.

Nativity Parish School



Fun in Fifth Grade

October was a wonderful month for Mrs.
Gencarelli and Mrs. Funk's 5th-grade
classes. The 5th graders exemplified
Christ's love in sharing their time, creative
talents, and kind spirits. They collected
items to make goody bags for the Ronald
McDonald House for a service project. We
will give the bags to families that have sick
children in the hospital. Each bag
contained a card with motivational words
along with drinks and snacks. We also
spent time with our 6th-grade friends
designing haunted houses for Halloween.
We are very thankful to be able to share in
everything Nativity has to offer.













Revamped Vocations Page

With our new vocations initiative comes an updated vocations web page! Check out the pictures of the vocations that have come from our parish, upcoming events, and more!

WWW.KCNATIVITY.ORG/MENTALHEALTH

"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. Plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

JEREMIAH 29:11

WWW.kcnativity.org/vocations

Greeters Needed

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. You are the first impression.

Men, women, families and teenagers are invited to serve. Email Denise Vedder at <u>Denisevedder3@gmail.com</u>.

Online Event Page

It's easy to find our online events, like Mass, all in one place on our website. Funerals are placed on this page as well.

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

Our Tithes and Offerings

For Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/22

Annual Collection Income Needed \$3,825,000

Collections Ending November 7

Masses24,534Mail Receipts32,230ACH20,240Online Giving6,512Total Offertory83,516

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.





Church of the Nativity June 13 -17 9a.m. - Noon

VBS runs on volunteers. Please consider volunteering. It is sure to be a wonderful faith filled week.

Like Working With Kids?

Are you interested in working with children in Nativity Parish School? We are searching for substitute teachers!

The hours are 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. You always have your choice of days to work, the lessons are planned for you, and you work with wonderful children and staff. You will be rewarded in so many ways, including monetarily.

To apply, please visit <u>www.</u> <u>archkckcs.org</u> and look for the Catholic Schools Office page, employment, and substitute teacher application.

Questions? Please contact Sondra Gustafson at Sondra. gustafson@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.



Matching Gift Bonus

Nativity's giving platform, Parish Soft, is offering an incentive to our church. When first time donors sign up for recurring, electronic donations Nativity will receive a small bonus.

Why should you set up a recurring donation? If you faithfully give to the church, this takes care of a week where you forget cash or are out of town. It's automatic! What could be easier? And if you set it up in November or December, Nativity will get a bonus.

Here's how it works:

Each parishioner who doesn't already have recurring, electronic donations established can set up a recurring donation in November or December. Parish Soft will match up to \$50 for each new, first-time recurring donation, up to \$1,000. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

For example:

•Alex set's up \$100 per month recurring donation in November, Parish Soft will donate \$50 to Church of the Nativity.

•John sets up \$25 per month recurring donation in December, Parish Soft will donate \$25 to Church of the Nativity.

•Courtney sets up \$10 per month recurring donation in November, Parish Soft will donate \$10 to Church of the Nativity.

As the new recurring donations started prior to December 31, the above donations would be eligible for a match. Only the first month's donation, up to \$50, is matched, so Alex's match is \$50, John's is \$25 and Courtney's is \$10. So, a total of \$85 would be 'matched' by Parish Soft in this example. Contact the Parish Office at 913.491.5017, with questions.



Contact Liz Hagen, Lhagen@kcnativity.org,

to see if your neighborhood needs a

Lamplighter.

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 historythe 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. Find other activities to foster faithful families online at www.vocationnetwork.org.



Get FORMED Free

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.

Managing Grief Through The Holidays

Are you or your family grieving the death of a loved one or experiencing the pain of loss due to a broken relationship? Approaching the holiday season can often accentuate our feelings of grief and sadness. Speaker Deacon Joe Allen, chaplain at Catholic Community Hospice, will offer helpful suggestions and offer practical tools for coping with grief during the holidays.

Sunday, November 14, 6 p.m. St. Michael the Archangel Parish Hall

For additional information and grief resources go to <u>www.</u> <u>stmichaelcp.org/grief-support-groups</u> or contact Mary Connor in the Parish Office at 913.402.3920.

Archdiocesan March for Life DC Adult Trip

Join other adults from the Archdiocese, and thousands from across the country, to pray and march for the legal protection of unborn children at the National March for Life in DC, Jan 20-23, 2022. The trip is co-sponsored by the Evangelization and Pro-Life Offices. Participants will make their own travel arrangements to DC and then join in community for several prayer opportunities, breakfast with Archbishop Naumann, and the Rally & March for Life. For more information and to reserve a room in the Archdiocesan block of hotel rooms, visit www.archkck. org/prolife/activities/nationalmarch-for-life-2022.





Healing the Divorced Heart"

We who have experienced divorce understand, as erhaps few others can. We too were sad, lonely, scared, and angry, but we have found that with God, time, and the support of others, healing is possible.

Divorce Support Group St. Michael the Archangel Catholic, 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m. You are not alone... join us. For more information go to <u>www.</u> <u>stmichaelcp.org/divorce-</u> <u>support</u>.

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