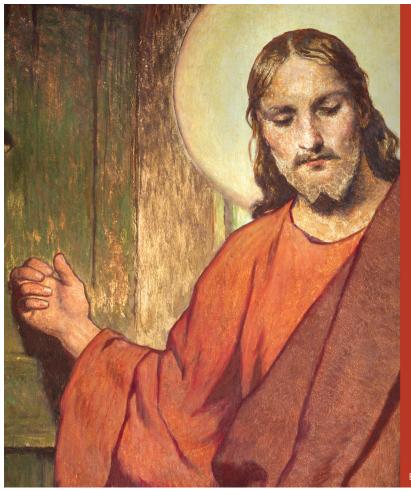
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

- 1 k 12:39-40

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August 10, 2025

Church of the Nativity 3800 W. 119th Street Leawood, KS 66209 913.491.5017 www.kcnativity.org info@kcnativity.org

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 Mondays 8:45 a.m. -6:30 a.m. Friday (check page 4)

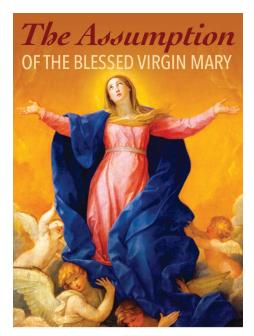
Parish Office Hours M-F: 8:30 a.m. - 4: 30 p.m.

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 17th 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Mass



Students of all ages, bring your backpack to Mass for a blessing and a special gift!



Holy Day of Obligation, Friday, August 15th Mass Times 6:45 am, 8:15 am, 12 pm, 6 pm

Pastor's Corner

This Friday, August 15th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation (Opportunity)! This Feast Day celebrates our Blessed Mother and our faith that at the end of her life, she was raised body and soul into heaven. The prayers of the Mass help us remember that this Feast is about the blessed hope of each of us as well... "May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share your glory"... "May we who receive this sacrament of salvation be led to the glory of heaven by the prayers of the Virgin Mary"... "Today, the Virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven to be the beginning and pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way."

In the past two weeks, I have celebrated 6 funerals, both here and for friends in other parishes. The call of the Jubilee to be Pilgrims of Hope has been proclaimed in the Mass of Christian Burial and realized in the beautiful faith of the people I have buried, and in the faith of their family and friends. The words of Pope Francis in calling us to the Jubilee back at Christmas guide the Christian Journey: "Jesus is our hope. He is the path to be followed. He is the destination of our pilgrimage. Let us walk together towards Christ in love."

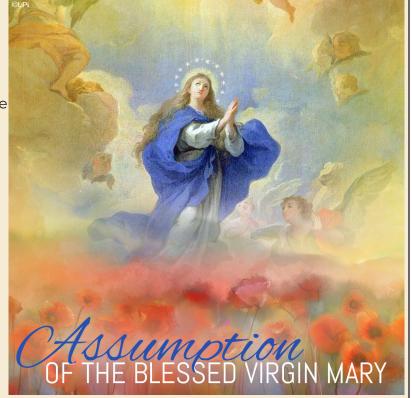
On the Feast of the Assumption, we remember the Blessed Mother as a Pilgrim of Hope, who followed Christ in love, which led her to the destination of her pilgrimage to be with her Son forever in heaven! So many of the prayers we offer to Mary remind us that she is our advocate who prays for us to make it safely home to heaven. "Pray for us now and at the hour of our death." "After this our exile (our pilgrimage), show unto us the Blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." The Preface of the Mass for Mary, Mother of the Church prays: "Raised to the glory of heaven, she accompanies your pilgrim Church with a mother's love and watches in kindness over the Church's homeward steps, until the Lord's Day shall come in glorious splendor."

On the Solemnity of the Assumption, the Blessed Mother invites us to come as Pilgrims of Hope, remembering, "Jesus is the destination of our pilgrimage," and our call as we live this life, "to walk together towards Christ in love." As we receive Holy Communion, let's remember with Thomas Aquinas, "we receive a pledge of the glory to come."

The Feast of the Assumption always serves as a timely reminder to offer all students, teachers, and the school year to the Lord - and to ask the special prayers of the Blessed Mother on her Feast Day.

OCIA (formerly RCIA) classes are just around the corner. Have you spotted any potential converts? Are there any non-Catholic spouses that need to be invited? We're also always interested in getting non-practicing Catholics back to the heart and life of the community at the Eucharistic Table – Anyone you know that needs a special word of invite to come home? Let's all do our part to be the voice of invitation, encouragement and welcome!

May the Lord bless you and keep you. Fr. Mike



Liturgy & Prayer

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 10

Monday, August 11 | St. Clare, Virgin

6:45 a.m. Spl Mary Sack †Thomas Gates

8:15 a.m. †O'Connor and DeCoursey families

Tuesday, August 12 | St. Jane Frances de Chantal,

Religious

6:45 a.m. †Gordan Coleman 8:15 a.m. †MyRae Migliazzo

Wednesday, August 13 | Sts. Pontian, Pope, and

Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

6:45 a.m. Spl All the suffering in the world

8:15 a.m. †Cesare Merli

Thursday, August 14 | St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and

Martyr

6:45 a.m. †Pat Klein 8:15 a.m. †Nita Boster

Friday, August 15 | The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

6:45 a.m. †Sean Patrick North 8:15 a.m. †Thomas Gates 12 p.m. †Donna Keil

8:15 a.m. *Spl* People of the Parish

Saturday, August 16 | St. Stephen of Hungary

8:15 p.m. †LeAnn Miller

5 p.m. (Vigil) †Donna Keil

Sunday, August 17 | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. †Marge Kane 9 a.m. †Mark Stephan 11 a.m. †George Hager, Jr. 5 p.m. *Spl* People of the Parish

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

Reconciliation is offered each Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our parishioners, family & friends. Jeff Brockhaus, Bill Worland, Ruth Sobek, Kevin Fiorella, Fareda Eddy, Becki Racunas, Marta Buser, Kelsey Chalmers, Rich Bono, Caleb Ritter, Marie Pal, Peg Ellington, Elaine Reichenberger, Gary Smith, Martha Groff, James Gegg, Pat Smith, Brian Taylor, Theresa Matthys, Linda Jantsch, Jay Flynn, Ricky Whitehead, Ray Fushimi, Barbara Burge, Duffy Karcz, Judy Stang, Clyde Hutchison, Kate Cornell Mease, Robin Love, Pam Murphy. Beth Dorscheid. Kerri Martin. Michael Rybicki, Diane Darby, Joseph Prasad Kodigandla, Jacquelyn Dear, Mike Kirby, Pete Embree, Nancy Santoro, Everett Mealman, Meghan Pizarro, Dan Brock, Kate Otte, Janet Antony, Tom Dunn, Pat Tyler, Ludgarde Broucke, Brian Miller, Marie Platten. Joe Zinser, Alexis Mirakian, Margaret Stewart, Judy Dercher, Bill Beaumont, Bruce Cohoon, Scott Carson, & Jim Murphy.

If you would like a family member listed, please contact Tom Garbach, Director of Ministries, at 491-5017, tom@kcnativity.org or fill out the form at www.kcnativity.org/prayer-request. The name will be listed for one month. You may call to have them added again.

New Members

Brent & Sarah Behrens Spencer & Justine Hurst Sam & Jessica Corkins Scott & Mona Barber Jeremy & Ann Affolter Charles & Katie Cecil

Readings Week Of August 10

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-

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Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Adoration Time Slot Available

We need one personto spend two hours a MONTH with Jesus in Adoration. Commit to this and your life will never be the same. Here is the time needed:

Friday: 2-3 a.m.

Questions? Contact Susan Vogliardo Suesues6@hotmail. com or 816-215-0180

Grant Them Eternal Rest, O Lord

Mary Thesing, mother of parishioner John Thesing

Pam Schandler, mother of parishioner Cathy Toth

Geri Majerus, wife of John Majerus



Football Raffle Tickets For Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling football raffle tickets after all masses for the first 3 weekends in August. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. The proceeds help the Knights fund donations to seminarians and other causes in the parish.





Daily Inspiration Texts

To receive daily quotes and inspiration on your cell phone:

- 1. On your cell phone, text the word "Enflame" to 84576.
- 2. You will get a response with a link to complete signup
- 3. Enter your first and last name.
- 4. Select the option that says "Enflamefuel".

Monday	Tuesday	Week Wednesday		Slance Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 1 Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m. Adoration.	Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m. Adoration Man Morning 6:30 a.m.	Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m. Adoration Men of Nativity 7:15 a.m. Young Adult Group 7 p.m.	14 Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m. Adoration	Feast of the Assumption Holy Day Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m.	16 Mass 8:15 a.m. Daughters of St. Francis de Sales 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation 3:30 p.m. Mass (Vigil) 5 p.m.	Mass 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m. Blessing of Backpacks 9, 11 a.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m.

Register for Religious Education!

All families with students in grades K-8 who are not enrolled at Nativity Parish School are invited to enroll in Religious Education for the 2025-26 school year.



K-6th Grade:

Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm. (2nd Grade includes preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion)

7th & 8th Grade (Confirmation Preparation): Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd.





Learn more about Religious Education at Nativity at www.kcnativity/religious-education-1 Scan the QR code, or contact Catie Klocke, Director of Religious Education at cklocke@kcnativity.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS ★ WE NEED YOU! ★

Adults are needed as catechists, classroom aides, office assistants, substitute teachers, and parking lot attendants!

Teens are needed as classroom assistants, babysitters, and special needs mentors as well as Little Church helpers! (This is a great way to get service hours!)

Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons (4:30 or 6:30pm) from September to May.

Prayerfully consider joining this rewarding and important ministry.

For more information or to sign up, scan the QR code, go to www.kcnativity.org/volunteering-for-religious-education, or contact Catie Klocke, Director of Religious Education, at cklocke@kcnativity.org All adult volunteers must be in compliance with the Archdiocesan Virtus Policy



Nativity Wine Club

Thursday, September 11 6:30 pm-8 pm Parish Hall Questions? Contact Michael Shirley, at mshirleykc@gmail.com

California wine will be celebrated from Paso Robles and Sonoma County. Cost is \$30 pp which includes charcuterie. RSVP with cash or check in the Parish office. Remember, not just a couples event (although is has been a great date night.) Every gathering there are girls night out of 2's and 3's as well as men and ladies by themselves. Ideal for those who would like to learn more about wine. Limited to no more than 40. As always, value priced with event night discount with pickup at Harry's next to Hen House. RSVP with cash or checks until Monday, September 8th or until event is full. Invite friends or parishioners to join you. Always a good time! Will be completing our 18th year as an entity in November... Oldest Catholic parish based wine club in the central Midwest!



Sienna Wingerson: swingerson@kcnativity.org



Now Hiring: Cafeteria - Nativity Parish School

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS WITH SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN OR RETIREES!

Nativity Parish School Lunch Program is seeking part-time kitchen assistants (8 to 12 hours a week) for the 2025-2026 school year. Duties will include prepping food, serving food, setting up/breaking down food service line and garden bar, cleaning and washing dishes.

Any candidate hired will need to pass a criminal background check and attend Virtus training as conditions of employment.

Please apply to: Julie Bloomingdale/Cafeteria Director/Nativity Parish School Julie.bloomingdale@kcnativity.org



WELCOMING NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS!

ACCOMPANISTS & INSTRUMENTALISTS

SUNDAY NIGHT ENSEMBLE

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

HANDBELL CHOIR

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CANTORS

For more info scan the code or visit: kenativity.org/music-ministries



Questions? Contact Dan Klocke, Director of Music: dklocke@kcnativity.org

LITTLE CHURCH

Come and share your faith with the littlest among us!

Little church leaders are needed for the 9 and 11am masses each weekend. Lesson plans, training and materials are provided. Commitment is 1-2 Sundays per month. If you are interested in leading, assisting or would like to learn more, please contact Catie Klocke at cklocke@kcnativity.org.

Monday, August 25th, 2025 6 p.m. Nativity Parish Hall

VIRTUS TRAINING CLASS

Participants can register at www.virtus.org.

Facilitated by
Sara Baker.
Contact Karen
McDonald,
karen@kcnativity.org
with questions. Allow
3 hours for the class.

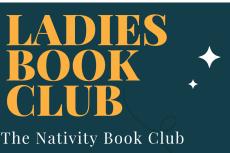






Knights & OCIA Feeding Hungry Next Sunday!

We will be serving at St Mary's Food Kitchen next Sunday, August 17th. The main dish is being provided by our Knights of Columbus and OCIA participants are helping to serve. Please consider signing up to help or donate food this month. Signup in the St Joseph room or on the Nativity website. Thanks again for your ongoing support of this valuable ministry.



ladies will resume discussions on Tuesday, September 9, at 12:30PM, in the Mother Mary Room. The first book of the season is the novel Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. For questions please contact Kathy at kathleen. hintz@gmail.com. All are welcome.





NATIVITY FARMERS MARKET

SUNDAY MORNINGS ST. JOSEPH ROOM

The Nativity Farmer's Market is now open on Sunday morning in the St. Joseph room. Biak Par is now in her 7th year bringing her fresh, locally grown, organic produce to Nativity. Stop by the St. Joseph room after Mass this Sunday!

A Holy Spirit Moment in the Parish Hall by Susan Vogliardo

We were gathered in Nativity's parish hall, preparing to watch the season finale of The Chosen—the worldwide series that has brought the story of Jesus and His disciples to life for so many hearts, including ours. All summer long, 30 to 40 of us had met each week, not just to watch, but to encounter Christ together through this beautiful storytelling.

The week before, we'd had some computer issues—but we managed to work through them. This night, though, felt different. As everyone was chatting and settling in for the final episode of Season 5—the Garden of Gethsemane—the screen froze. When I tried to play the downloaded episode, the cursor just spun and spun.

I called Deacon Jim to see if he had any ideas. He said he didn't, but offered to call Nancy West, our IT director. As we waited, I turned to the group and said, "Satan doesn't want us to watch this episode." And I meant it. Gethsemane is holy ground—where Jesus sweat blood, where the full weight of love's cost settled upon Him, and where He said yes for our sake.

I quietly began praying the St. Michael the Archangel Prayer, asking for protection and help.

Jim called back a few minutes later. Nativity had recently installed new software, and with the upgrade, the app we used to access The Chosen now required an update or reinstall. Only someone from IT could do that. We wouldn't be able to play it that night.

And then... grace broke in.

A man from the audience stood up and said, "I have a flash drive in my pocket with the entire season on it. Try plugging it in—maybe it'll work." And it did.

In that moment, the room was still. A whisper moved through us all—this was no accident.

Several days later, I ran into the man again and asked, "Why did you have that flash drive with you that night?" He smiled and said, "Honestly? I had put it in my pocket a few days earlier, planning to give it to someone at a meeting. That didn't happen, and I forgot all about it. That evening, it was just there with my keys—so I slipped it back into my pocket without thinking."

I looked at him and said gently, "There are no coincidences." And he nodded, "I believe that as well."

I had told the group that night, "If you've ever wondered what a Holy Spirit moment looks like—this is it." The Holy Spirit is always moving. Always nudging. Always preparing the way. We just have to open our eyes.

So we sat down—grateful, expectant—and watched Jesus in the Garden. We saw Him weep. We saw Him surrender. And we saw ourselves in His gaze.

Popcorn in hand, tears on cheeks, hearts stirred—we were reminded once again: Love shows up. Grace intervenes. And the Holy Spirit is never far.

God is always writing stories—quiet ones, ordinary ones, astonishing ones. May we never miss the ones unfolding right in front of us.

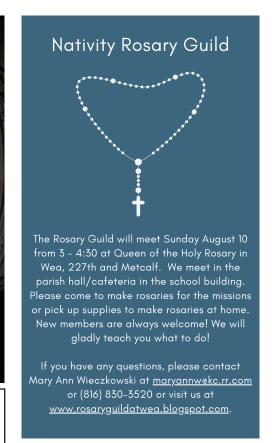


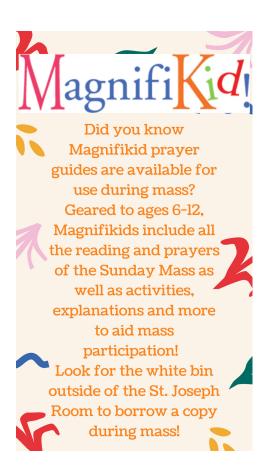
Virtus

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is committed to creating safe environments. In addition to attending at a Virtus Protecting God's Children for Adults Awareness session, all employees and all volunteers working around youth or vulnerable adults must submit to a background check and read and sign our (3) Archdiocesan policies regarding abuse prevention, ethics and harassment.

To maintain safe environments in our schools and parishes, the Archdiocese has ongoing requirements for our clergy, employees and volunteers to remain in compliance. All Catholic School employees are required to complete background screenings and acknowledge policy every 3 years and likewise every 5 years for all clergy, volunteers and parish staff. The Office for Protection & Care oversees all the prevention efforts throughout the archdiocese. As many of you know, the Archdiocese partners with Virtus to implement many of the requirements. If you are a current employee or volunteer around youth or vulnerable you will be notified through the Virtus platform automatically via email 30 days in advance of when your background check comes up for renewal. Please make sure you log into your existing Virtus account to complete the process within 30 days of notification. If you receive the notice and are no longer volunteering, please contact Karen McDonald, Nativity Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, 913-491-5017 karen@kcnativity.org.

We are a community committed to preventing abuse. Our policies and programs prioritize safety of children and the vulnerable. We can all make an important difference by being a part of the safety net for our youth and vulnerable population. Thank you for doing your part.







Nativity Young Adults



RSVP to Sienna at 913-634-7501 by August 11



Catholic Business Network

Our next Catholic Business Network event will be at St. Michael the Archangel Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 3rd from 645-8AM. Cost is \$10 pp and any donations to offset insurance cost of \$95 per event is appreciated. Our speaker is Bill Koch, owner of a small business he founded 18 years ago. This event will celebrate small business ownership.

Catholic Business Network will celebrate our 18th year on October 31. We are the oldest Catholic Business Network in the Central Midwest. RSVP is required due to food/drink/seat planning to mike. bartkoski@bvmbiologics@gmail.com Bring friends to join you. Great way to begin your day and welcome the Fall season.

Our Tithes and Offerings For Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/25

Annual Collection Income Needed \$4,610,000

Collections Ending August 3

Masses \$26,166
Mail Receipts \$9,915AC
H \$18,992
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It is never too late to make stewardship a way of life.





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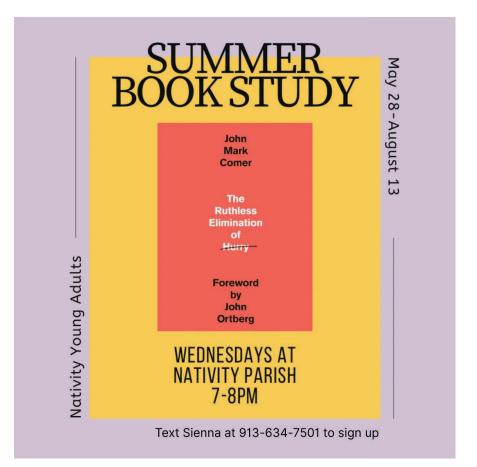
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There is help.
There is hope.

Learn more at

www.988Lifeline.org







Families of Young Children Facebook Group



Knights Of Columbus

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 4th Next Leadership Meeting: Saturday, August 30th

For more information on the Nativity council, events and photos of previous events, please visit our website at www.knightsofnativity.com or contact Ben Biller, membership, at benbiller@gmail.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!

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