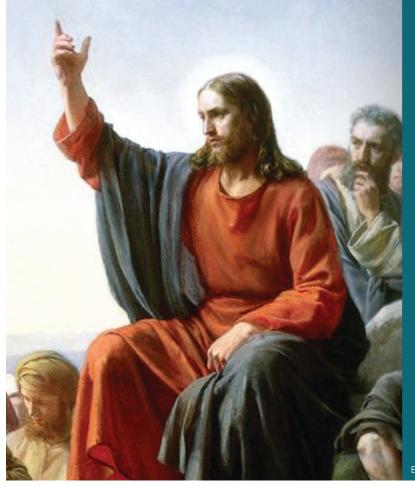
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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August 17, 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.



COFFEE AND DONUTS

WILL BE SERVED IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER THE 7:30 AND 9:00 MASSES ON SUNDAY AUGUST 17TH

FOYC WILL HAVE A CRAFT FOR KIDS!

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!

Pastor's Corner

This Wednesday, August 20th, the doors at Nativity Parish School will open to begin the 34th year in the history of our school. What a legacy in the life of our parish! As the Jubilee year proceeds, our theme continues to be "From Mass to Mission as Pilgrims of Hope." Pope Leo reminded the million-plus young people recently gathered for the "Jubilee of the Youth" in Rome that they themselves are signs of hope for the Church. Hope in our young people is the vision of Catholic Education. In providing quality academics we hope to produce future leaders, who, schooled in Catholic faith formation, will impact the conscience and soul of society with the light, beauty, and truth of the Gospel. Pope Francis described the virtue of hope as "the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring" (Spes Non Confundit, 1). We look at our young people and along with Pope Leo, we see signs of hope, and in the words of Pope Francis, "we are filled with expectation of good things to come!"

All of us know kids who are headed to school. The following prayer comes from the Church's <u>Book of Blessings</u>. Please call our students and teachers to mind and offer this prayer for them.

Lord God,

Your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways.

Look upon our students. Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them to persevere in their studies and give them a desire to learn all things well.

Look upon our teachers. Help them to share their knowledge with gentle patience, and endeavor always to bring truth to eager minds.

Grant that our students and teachers alike may follow and grow in Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. For He is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer Source: Book of Blessings Prepared by International Commission on English in the Liturgy A Joint Commission of Catholic Bishops' Conferences, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, 1989

I include some pictures of the new modular units on campus. This provides us with 4 additional classrooms to accommodate our growth. It is not a long-term solution, but it buys us a couple of years to work towards a long-term goal. It's a vision of hope for the future through investing in our young people! (See pictures on next page.)

Last Saturday we had the baptism of Mason Cornett. Some of his classmates and family friends accompanied Mason to the Waters of Baptism. Seeing all the kids excited for him and cheering him on gave me hope! These kids believe! Thank you to our parents, who are primary teachers of their children in the ways of faith.

Little Church starts again this Sunday at 9 and 11am Masses. It always gives us hope for our future as we see all those little ones with us for Mass and going up the aisle to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with their peers.

Thanks for all the ways you live your call as Pilgrims of Hope. I'm grateful for your witness!

God Bless you, Fr. Mike



Modular Units

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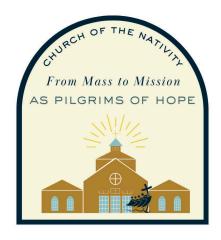


Adoration Time Slots Available

We need two people to spend two hours a MONTH with Jesus in Adoration. Commit to this and your life will never be the same. Here are the times needed:

Tuesday: 3-4 p.m. Friday: 2-3 a.m.

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



Week At A Glance							
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m.	Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	Mass 8:15 a.m. Reconciliation	Mass 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.	
Adoration. 4 th Degree Knights 5:30 p.m.	Adoration Man Morning 6:30 a.m.	Adoration Men of Nativity 7:15 a.m.	Adoration		3:30 p.m. Mass (Vigil) 5 p.m.	Men's Basketball 8 p.m.	

Liturgy & Prayer

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 17

Monday, August 18

†Muriel Madden 6:45 a.m. †Steve Perna

8:15 a.m. **+Chuck Hatch**

Tuesday, August 19 | St. John Eudes, Priest

6:45 a.m. Spl Marilyn Mattione

8:15 a.m. **†Forest Doyle**

Wednesday, August 20 | St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of

the Church

6:45 a.m. †Jim Eddy 8:15 a.m. †Laura Klos

Thursday, August 21 | St. Pius X, Pope

6:45 a.m. **†Pat Titus** 8:15 a.m. †Arthur Peal †Ruth McKain †Peggy Donnellan †Rich Teahan

Friday, August 22 | The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

6:45 a.m. **†Thomas Madden**

8:15 a.m. †Jack Yeo

Saturday, August 23 | St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:15 p.m. +Martin & Edith Ricono

5 p.m. (Vigil) †Steven Joseph Ernst

Sunday, August 24 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. †Peter Inman

9 a.m. Spl Patrick Smith & Julia Hobbs

11 a.m. +Martin Ricono Jr. *Spl* People of the Parish 5 p.m.

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, & Annie McGovern.

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/prayerrequest. The name will be listed for one month. You may call to have them added again.

New Members

Julie Skehen Domenic & Marissa DiStefano Jack & Lisa Littrell

Readings Week Of August 17

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53 Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22 Monday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30 Tuesday: Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14 Thursday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40 Friday:

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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

Gym Supervisor Needed

We are looking for a responsible and reliable Gym Supervisor for volleyball and basketball games to oversee and support the administration of CYO contests in our gymnasium.

Requirements are: Must be at least 21 years old, Have a solid understanding of CYO rules and expectations, Be Virtus trained, and Strong communication and organizational skills Duties Include: Supervising games and ensuring a safe, respectful environment, Assisting with game-day logistics and operations, Being a visible and helpful presence in the gym during contests

Schedule: Friday evenings: 5:00 PM – 9:00ish PM and Saturdays: 7:30 AM – 8:00ish PM

This is a paid position. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Kelly Hendrickson at 913-669-4292. Join us in supporting youth athletics in a positive and well-managed environment!

Workers Needed for CYO Events

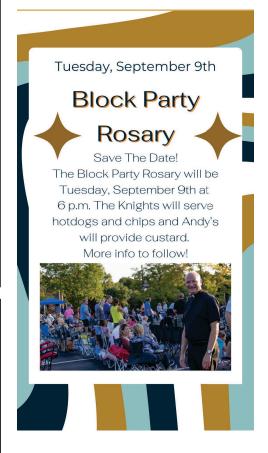
We're looking for responsible and enthusiastic individuals to help out at CYO volleyball and basketball events this season! Opportunities Available: Taking entrance fees or Keeping score on the scoreboard during games

Details: Schedule: Friday evenings and/or Saturdays (day & night shifts available) Compensation: Paid OR service hours — your choice Age Requirement: 15 or older

This is a great opportunity to be involved in the community, support youth sports, and earn a little money or fulfill service requirements.

Interested or any questions? Contact Kelly Hendrickson at 913-669-4292

Please feel free to share with anyone who might be interested!



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.



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.





LADIES BOOK CLUB

The Nativity Book Club 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.





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NATIVITY FARMERS MARKET

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SUNDAY MORNINGS ST. JOSEPH ROOM

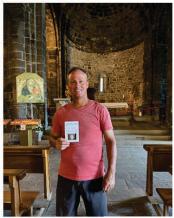
The Nativity Farmer's Market is now open on Sunday morning in the St. Joseph room. Biak Par is now in her 7th year bringing her fresh, locally grown, organic produce to Nativity. Stop by the St. Joseph room after Mass this Sunday!

Pilgrimage Stories





Peter and I went on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in June, led by Fr. Nick Blaha. We were in a group of 17, including Fr. Gerard. Accompanying us was Ezekial Stear, Ph.D., who teaches the literature of colonial Spanish America at Auburn. We started at the pyramids in Teotihuacan and learned about Mexican history, culture, beliefs and symbolism. In Mexico City, Monique and Joseph Gonzalez joined us. They wrote "Guadalupe and the Flower World Prophecy". They shared information about poetry and art. When we saw Juan Diego's tilma, we understood that God had carefully orchestrated the details of the apparition and images on the tilma to correspond with things that the Mexican people in 1531 could relate to, leading to the conversion of 8-10 million people. After attending Mass at the basilica, with Fr. Nick and Fr. Gerard concelebrating, we headed up Tepeyac Hill, where we prayed the Nativity jubilee prayer and for our parish intentions. This is where our photo was taken.



Mark Fendler Cinque Terre, Italy



I was blessed to join our daughter Audrey at the end of her study abroad program in Italy this summer, and we visited more than ten churches in Genova, Cinque Terre and Turin. We prayed for Nativity's intentions at each church, including at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Turin, where the Shroud of Turin is kept. This particular picture is at the Church of Santa Margherita D'Antiochia in Vernazza, Italy, built in the 13th Century.

David & Oshea Pope Key West, FL

We attended mass at a church in Key West. Next to this church is a beautiful Grotto. The Grotto was the inspiration of Sister Louis Gabriel. After living through 3 devastating hurricanes in the early 1900's she was moved to build this grotto. Sister Gabriel was a teacher and asked all of her students to find coral rocks for the grotto. In so doing, this Grotto became theirs, not hers. She said, 'If you come here to pray before a storm, be it a hurricane or any personal storm, you and Key West will not suffer complete devastation.' She invited everyone's participation by saying if you come to prayer before a storm, she didn't say how. So anyone can pray here in any way they see fit...Since the grotto's dedication Key West has been in the path of several hurricanes, but has suffered surprisingly minimal damage...We lit a candle and said prayers for our uncle who is battling his own personal storm.







Used Nativity uniforms are being sold on the honor system in the St. Joseph room. Think garage sale prices. There will also be a donation bin. Venmo and Cash accepted.. Sale runs through Aug 18th. Contact Monica Gill with any questions, monicapolish@gmail.com



Support the Nativity Auction while shopping with over 40 of Kansas City's premier vendors

Ladies Night • Friday 6-9pm Open to the public • Saturday 9-4pm



Nativity Parish School 3700 West 119th Street Leawood, Kansas Please join us in the Parish Hall on Saturday, September 6th from 1-4 p.m. in the Parish Hall to celebrate Ricky Whitehead's birthday! The Knights of Columbus will provide light snacks and drinks.

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.



Nativity Foster Care

Building brighter futures, one pencil at a time.

Nativity, you came through again with Nativity Foster Care Ministry's annual school supply drive for KVC foster care agency. Nearly \$3,500 worth of supplies were donated! That's approximately 55 full backpacks and 6 youth who received gift cards for new school clothes. The ministry is also directly helping three special foster families with back to school supplies and clothes. Your continued support shows God's love to these families.

Thank you, Nativity!

Please continue to pray for all children and teens who come from traumatic backgrounds. St. Joseph's, foster father of Jesus, please intercede for all youth to find welcoming faith filled families with whom they can heal.

If you feel called to discern fostering, please reach out to learn more: nativityfostercare@gmail.com



Pictorial Directory Now Online!



Our new Pictorial Directory is now available online at kcnativity.org/pictorial-directory

You can still submit a picture by sending it to communication@kcnativity.org

For security reasons, only pictures and names are available at this time.

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

Annual Collection Income Needed \$4,610,000

Collections Ending August 10

Masses \$14,475
Mail Receipts \$25,403
ACH \$Online Giving \$7,754
Total \$47,632
Thank you for your generosity.

Give electronically via the website at www.kcnativity.org

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







Families of Young Children Facebook Group





You are not alone.

Call or text **988** to speak to a trained counselor.

There is help.
There is hope.

Learn more at

www.988Lifeline.org

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!

www.groundedcatholic.com

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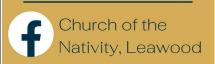
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