CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

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August 31, 2025

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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 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.





MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ONE MASS AT 9 A.M. NO ADORATION





Grief Support Group

Grief is not a path we should have to walk alone.

Whether your loss is recent or years past, you are warmly invited to join our Grief Support Group - a safe, understanding space where you can share, listen, and find comfort among others who truly understand.

September 16th-November 4th Tuesday evenings at 6:30-8 p.m Church of the Nativity, Mother Mary Room.

Register at www.kcnativity.org/grief-support Questions? Contact Liz Pruett, elizpruett@gmail.com

Pastor's Corner

The days of September 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to October 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) are observed by the Church as the Season of Creation, reminding us we share a responsibility to be good stewards of creation and to care for our common home. "Peace with Creation," is the theme of this year's observance. In his invitation to the Season of Creation 2025, Pope Leo said that for Christians, care of creation is "a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed." "In a world where the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity." "Now is the time to follow words with deeds.



Good to remember that Care for Creation is one of the 7 basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person Every person has worth and dignity because every person is created in the image and likeness of God.
- Call to Family, Community and Participation We realize our dignity and rights in relationship with others.
- **Rights and Responsibilities** People have a fundamental right to life, food, shelter, health care, education and employment; they also have the responsibilities to respect the rights of others and work for the common good.
- Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable The moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable members, including in the arena of public policy.
- The Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers People have the right to decent and productive work and fair wages.
- Solidarity and Collaboration We are one human family and are called to work globally for justice, both individually and in the context of parish and community.
- Care for God's Creation The goods of the earth are gifts from God for which we have a responsibility as stewards and trustees.

Thanks for all the ways our parish family reflects the best of God's creation in the gift of each member. Thanks for all the ways our parish is about the mission to care for all of God's creation.

I hope you enjoy Labor Day, a holiday that often signals the last hurrah of summer, with picnics, barbeques, the closing of the swimming pools, and that final opportunity to get away for a 3-day weekend, etc. If you are in town for the holiday, we invite you to begin your day with the Eucharist as part of your celebration. Labor Day Mass will be celebrated at 9 am Monday morning.

This Wednesday, we welcome our Nativity Religious Education students back to campus for another year of prayer, catechesis in the Catholic Faith, growing in friendship with Jesus and with one another. RE classes make the Nativity campus come alive on Wednesday afternoons & evenings. It is our privilege to partner with our parents in handing on the faith to our kids. We are grateful to our wonderful teachers, who volunteer their time to teach and share the faith with our young people.

Mark your Calendars for our annual Block Party Rosary on Tuesday, September 9th, and our annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 27th.

Enjoy the Holiday! Fr. Mike

Liturgy & Prayer

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 31

Monday, September 1 | Labor Day

9 a.m. †Jimmy Gorman

Spl Katy & Scott Spal †Thomas Elmer

Tuesday, September 2

6:45 a.m. †Frank & Eleanora Danzo

8:15 a.m. †Ginny Smith

Wednesday, September 3 | St. Gregory the Great, Pope

and Doctor of the Church 6:45 a.m. †Brad Scafe 8:15 a.m. †Robert Kooser

Thursday, September 4

6:45 a.m. †Pat Titus 8:15 a.m. †Don Schmidt †Sandy Grommes

Friday, September 5

6:45 a.m. †Helen Moore 8:15 a.m. †Bob Schandler

Saturday, September 6

8:15 p.m. †Patrick Scott Mazzone

5 p.m. (Vigil) †Anthony & Joan Giglione

Sunday, September 7 | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

7:30 a.m. †Tom Becker

9 a.m. †Pat Klein 11 a.m. †Betty George

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. Annie McGovern. & Jimmy Harris.

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.

Grant Them Eternal Rest, O Lord

> Sandy Grommes, sister of parishioner Linda Worsing

Readings Week Of August 31

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11 Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39 Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-3

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: 2-3 a.m., 3-4 p.m.

Friday: 2-3 a.m.

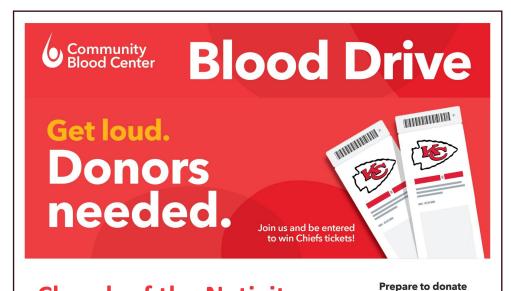
Questions? Contact Susan Vogliardo Suesues6@hotmail. com or 816-215-0180

David & Megan Glenski Mike & Gayle Pucci

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".



Church of the Nativity - Leawood

Monday, September 15th 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Parish Hall 3800 W. 119th St.

877.468.6844 · savealifenow.org



Sign up at savealifenow.org/group and use group code 45. For additional details, contact Rod Carson at (913) 638-4834 or swacarson@gmail.com.



Come to donate and be entered to win two tickets to a Chiefs October home game – plus one free parking pass. Details at savealifenow.org/sweepstakes



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For full eligibility requirements

savealifenow.org/eligibility.

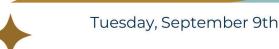
and COVID-19 information, visit

Feel good and symptom free

Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form

Meet minimum weight requirements

| Week At A Glance | | | | | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | | |
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| Labor Day Parish Office & School Closed Mass 9 a.m. | Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m. Adoration | Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m. Adoration Men of Nativity 7:15 a.m. | Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m. Adoration Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting 5:45 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. | Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m. | Mass 8:15 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. O.C.I.A. 8:45 a.m. Sunday Night Ensemble 3:15 p.m. Men's Basketball 8 p.m. | | |



Block Party Rosary

Save The Date! The Block Party Rosary will be Tuesday,

September 9th at 6 p.m. The Knights will serve hotdogs and chips and Andy's will provide custard. More info to follow!



Register for Religious Education!

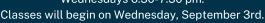
All families with students in grades K-8 who are not enrolled at Nativity Parish School are invited to enroll in Religious Education for the 2025-26 school year.



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)









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



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.

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.



Join us for a fun shopping event featuring over 40 of Kansas City's premier vendors

Ladies Night • Friday 5-9pm Open to the public • Saturday 9-4pm



Nativity Parish School 3700 West 119th Street Leawood, Kansas



Purchase Tickets Here!

CONSIDERING BECOMING CATHOLIC? JOIN OCIA THIS FALL! Join us for a no obligation Orientation to the O.C.I.A. / Meet & Greet on Sunday, September 7th at 9:00 a.m. downstairs in the Magi/Shepherd Room. Walk-ins are welcome. Registration begins now! Contact Mary Lambrechts, OCIA Director, at mlambrechts@kcnativity.org, or call 913-491-5017

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

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!

Families of Young Children

Families of Young Children is looking for helping hands to serve with our group! There are opportunities to assist with organizing events, planning crafts for Donut Sundays, communication, etc. This can be a small commitment or large depending on your schedule. Please email foyc@kcnativity.org if you are interested in helping!





YOUNG ADULTS MEN'S + WOMEN'S NIGHT

Contact Sienna at swingerson@kcnativity.org or 913-634-7501 with questions!





JOIN US FOR THE 5:00 PM MASS THEN HEAD TO THE FESTIVAL!

ADULT BEVERAGES





INFLATABLES BINGO & DJ BASKET RAFFLES



VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONSWE COULD USE YOUR HELP!

We will need volunteers and donations to make the Fall Festival a success. To volunteer for the festival or to donate an item below, please visit the parish website: www.kcnativity.org



Once again, we need adult beverage donations for the festival. If you can donate a bottle or two, sign up on our website, www.kcnativity.org, and drop off in the Parish Office by Friday, September 26. Please visit the parish website to let us know you are donating!

BINGO PRIZES



We are requesting bingo prizes in the form of gift cards. If possible, donate \$25 gift cards from stores like Target, Walmart, Quick Trip, or Amazon. Please drop the gift cards off in the Parish Office by Friday, September 26. Visit the parish website to let us know you are donating! Thank you!



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!

Nativity Rosary Guild



The Rosary Guild will meet Sunday
September 14 from 3 - 4:30 in the Magi/
Shepherd room here at Nativity. Please
come to make rosaries for the missions or
pick up supplies to make rosaries at home.
New members are always welcome! We will
gladly teach you what to do!

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Wieczkowski at <u>maryannwekc.rr.com</u> or (816) 830–3520 or visit us at

www.rosaryguildatwea.blogspot.com.

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!



Parish School



KINDERGARTEN CAMP

CLASS OF 2034!

Kindergarten Camp was a wonderful time of meeting new friends, seeing familiar faces, visiting three different classrooms, learning more about the wonderful school of Nativity, and meeting our teachers! The students played on the "big" playground, worked together in the classroom, and made fun crafts! Here is to a wonderful school year in kindergarten.











Community Events

Grounded Catholic invites **all** men to attend the new series:



GOSPEL OF JOHN

CHAPTER BY CHAPTER, WEEK BY WEEK

Tuesdays | Sept 9, 2025 – Mar 3, 2026 6:30-7:45 am

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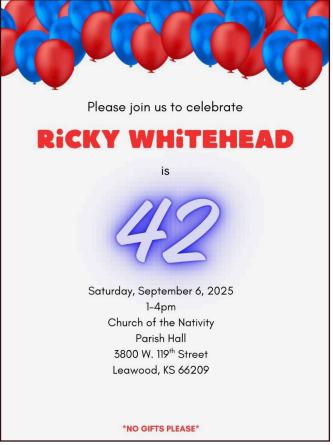


Family Day at Prairie Star Ranch

Prairie Star Ranch invites you and your family to join us for Family Day on September 21st, 2025, from 9 AM to 5 PM! Come and step away from the hustle for a Spirit-filled day of fun, adventure, and prayer with one another. Enjoy those closest to you as you make memories on horseback, kayaks, the climbing wall, and our many other activities. Your time at the Ranch will culminate with the celebration of Sunday Mass in our beautiful St. Kateri Chapel at 4 PM. All ages are welcome to this comeand-go-as-you-please event! Visit our website today to learn more and

register. We hope to see you there. https://archkck. org/psr - 785-746-5693 psrministry@archkck.org







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

Annual Collection Income Needed \$4,610,000

Collections Ending August 24

Masses \$11,538
Mail Receipts \$23,438
ACH \$50
Online Giving \$5,274
Total \$40,299
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.





CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY









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!

Parish Contact Information

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Dan Klocke 491.5017

Little Church Catie Klocke

338.4367

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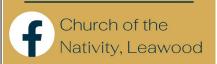
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STAY CONNECTED









We send out weekly emails with parish news, events, and formation opportunities. Contact communication@kcnativity.org to get added to the list!