

# CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



## THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

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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](http://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.



# Journey to Joy



GUEST SPEAKERS:  
FR. LUKE DOYLE  
KELSEY SKOCH



JANUARY 31 | 8:15 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

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# Pastor's Corner

## New Year's Feasts

This article is positioned uniquely on the church and secular calendars. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family, the 4th day of the Christmas season, and in 4 days we celebrate New Year's Day and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and the World Day of Peace, as declared by Pope St. Paul VI in 1968.

One of the many beautiful aspects of our Faith is that all the doctrines and teachings are interconnected, ultimately finding their foundation in one or more persons of the Trinity. None are isolated, including the significance of each of these celebrations.

Beginning with today's celebration of the feast of the Holy Family, the Church directs our attention to the fact that, like each of us, Jesus was born into a family as an infant. This reality emphasizes His humility. For God to take on human flesh is a humbling enough event, but He did so in the most vulnerable ways. He relied on His mother and father for all His necessities and safety. The great and almighty God began His time on Earth utterly dependent on others. Along the same line, while He was God, His human nature had to learn as humans do. He had to learn to walk, to talk, and to work. He also had to learn His Jewish faith, beginning in what we refer to today as the "domestic church." It was with Mary and Joseph that Jesus learned to read scripture and pray. They would ensure He went to the temple to worship and listen to the rabbis explain the faith. In His home, with His parents, He would celebrate feasts like Passover and learn about sacrificing for atonement. So, on this feast of the Holy Family, our own families are illuminated as domestic churches where we practice our faith with those closest to us, while looking to the Holy Family as an example of how Jesus entered so fully into our human experience.

The Holy Family shows us, by their example, that the law established by God is good and worthy of being followed. We learn the virtue of obedience to the law by knowing that even Jesus and His family were obedient to it.

Next, we have the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. As Catholics, we honor Mary for she is rightfully called the Mother of God because she bore Jesus, who is true God and true man. Jesus, the Son of God, received His human flesh from His human mother. I cannot think of a more important person in human history, second to Jesus, than Mary. To honor her on this feast is to offer thanksgiving for the greatest gift anyone could have ever given us. It is also fitting for us to honor her because Mary raised the child, Jesus, provided for all of His basic needs, and taught Him the faith at home. Mary, the Mother of God, raised Jesus during the hidden years to emerge as the man entering public ministry. She provided love, tenderness, and support during His entire life, to the bitter end at the foot of His cross, all for our sake. By honoring Mary, we proclaim the truth of who Jesus is.

January 1 was also dedicated as World Day of Peace by Pope St. Paul VI. In his first address on this day in 1968, he stated that observing a day of peace ought not change the liturgical calendar, rather the liturgical calendar should shed light on our yearning for peace and from where it comes. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, brought forth from Mary's womb, and the source of all peace. The family then is a good place to practice peace. It is where we first experience irritation, frustration, and even hurt, enabling us to practice patience, perseverance, and most importantly, forgiveness. In the family, wounds and tensions are brought to the surface where they can have an opportunity to heal through bonds of love strengthened by Jesus' wounds of love. Having several crucifixes in our homes could strengthen us in daily life and family struggles.

Finally, we celebrate New Year's Day, when we tend to look at the past year and use it as a guide to set goals for ourselves in the coming year. In the context of these liturgical feast days, we ought to closely examine our faith and our growth in holiness and virtue. No one is guaranteed tomorrow, so it is important to live our faith daily. As the new year begins, think about your family and domestic church. It is certainly not perfect and has its wounds, but what is God teaching you in the imperfections? How does the gift that Mary gave you, her Son, Jesus, help you understand your domestic church more deeply? How does Jesus' obedience to the law and the shedding of His blood encourage you to be more obedient to God's will and to sacrifice yourself for the good of others? And how does all of this shed new light on the meaningful peace this world desperately craves?

A blessed New Year to you all!  
Fr. Jerry

# Liturgy & Prayer

## Mass Intentions for the Week of December 28

### Monday, December 29

6:45 a.m. †Jonathan Schleicher  
†Ruth McKain  
8:15 a.m. †Rose Marie Falco

### Tuesday, December 30

6:45 a.m. All the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
8:15 a.m. †Elizabeth Ann Waple

### Wednesday, December 31 | St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

6:45 a.m. Sp/ Kathy Buyle  
8:15 a.m. †Susan Auten  
5 p.m. †Donna Keil

### Thursday, January 1 | Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

8 a.m. Sp/ People of the Parish  
10 a.m. Sp/ Ken Buyle

### Friday, January 2 | Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

6:45 a.m. Sp/ The William & Jacie Howard Family  
8:15 a.m. †Laura Caulfield

### Saturday, January 3 | The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:15 p.m. †Marta Buser  
5 p.m. (Vigil) †Joe Cannova

### Sunday, January 4 | The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. †Gloria Thompson  
9 a.m. †Geri Majerus  
11 a.m. †Howard Beaumont  
5 p.m. Sp/ People of the Parish

Mass is offered online at  
[www.kcnativity.org/onlineevents](http://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, Ruth Sobek, Kevin Fiorella, Fareda Eddy, Becki Racunas, Kelsey Chalmers, Rich Bono, Marie Pal, Peg Ellington, Elaine Reichenberger, Martha Groff, James Gegg, Pat Smith, Brian Taylor, Theresa Matthys, Linda Jantsch, Jay Flynn, Ricky Whitehead, Duffy Karcz, Kate Cornell Mease, Robin Love, Pam Murphy, Beth Dorschied, Kerri Martin, Michael Rybicki, Diane Darby, Jacquelyn Dear, Pete Embree, Nancy Santoro, Everett Mealman, Meghan Pizarro, Kate Otte, Janet Antony, Pat Tyler, Brian Miller, Marie Platten, Alexis Mirakian, Margaret Stewart, Bill Beaumont, Bruce Cohoon, Scott Carson, Jim Murphy, Annie McGovern, Katelyn Stewart Holland, Camille Yoder, Janice Fraas, Gary Smith, Karol McMahon, Brooks Bolner, Michael Schmidt, Ludgarde Broucke, Michael Buffa, Tom Foster, Clyde Hutchison, Allie O'Neil, Jeff Bradshaw, Jane Vega, Nicole Lemas, Ken Buyle, & Kathy Buyle.

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

## Readings Week Of December 28

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  
Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18  
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

# Parish Life

## 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:

**Thursday:** 2-3 a.m.  
**Friday:** 2-3 a.m.

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

### New Members

Jordan & Camille Galles  
Matthew & Abby Martin  
Philip Palacios  
Mark & Angela Fitzgerald  
Marty & Shannon Cummings

## 2025: Ways to Give to Nativity

As year-end approaches, we would like to remind you of various ways you can contribute to the parish, which may also benefit you for tax purposes. According to IRS guidelines, **contributions must be received no later than December 31, 2025** to be included on your 2025 tax statement from the church.

### Appreciated Stock

A transfer of appreciated stock whether publicly traded, mutual fund, ETF or privately-held, all which need to have been owned for longer than one year, is an efficient way to contribute. You may receive a tax deduction based on the value of the stock on the date transfer and avoid paying tax on the appreciation from your cost basis. Please contact the business office for stock transfer instructions for Nativity's brokerage account.

### Qualified Charitable Contribution from your IRA

Do you own an IRA? Are you 70 ½ or older? Maximize your giving impact and tax benefits! Support Nativity through an IRA qualified charitable distribution (QCD) gift. The distribution must come directly from your IRA to Nativity. Consult your financial advisor or broker to set up a distribution.

- **Tax-free giving:** directly from your IRA to your favorite church ministries (up to \$105,000/yr)
- **Count towards RMD:** satisfy your required minimum distribution for the year (generally, for those 73+)
- **Planned giving:** conducive to annual giving all-at-once or strategically throughout the year

### Online Giving

Nativity offers online giving by credit card or ACH on a one-time or scheduled basis. Please visit the Online Giving option on our website, [www.kcnativity.org](http://www.kcnativity.org) located on the home page.

## Week At A Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>29</b> Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m.  Parish Office Open 8:30 a.m.- Noon	<b>30</b> Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m.  Parish Office Open 8:30 a.m.- Noon	<b>31</b> Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m.  Parish Office Open 8:30 a.m.- Noon  Holy Day Vigil Mass 5 p.m.	<b>1</b> Parish Office Closed  Holy Day Mass 8 a.m., 10 a.m.	<b>2</b> Mass 6:45 a.m., 8:15 a.m.  Parish Office Open 8:30 a.m.- Noon	<b>3</b> Mass 8:15 a.m. Reconciliation 3:30 p.m.  Mass (Vigil) 5 p.m.	<b>4</b> Mass 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.  O.C.I.A. 8:45 a.m.  Men's Basketball 8 p.m.

# Parish Life



CELEBRATE 33 YEARS OF NATIVITY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WITH A NIGHT OF GREAT FOOD, DOOR PRIZES, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026**  
5:30 PM SOCIAL HOUR • 6:30 PM DINNER  
**LOCATION: PARISH HALL**

**Hosted by: Garozzo's**

Admission: \$50 per person (Includes wine and beer)

**RSVP by December 27**  
Reserve online at [koc11067.org](http://koc11067.org) or contact Joe Falco  
Call/Text: 913-530-0010 • Email: [joe@somkc.com](mailto:joe@somkc.com)

*Open to: Knights, spouses, guests, and individuals considering joining the Knights.*



Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Wednesday, Dec 31st - 5 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan 1st - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

## Foster Care Cookies With Santa

Smiling faces and busy children were everywhere to be seen at the Foster Care Ministry's "Cookies with Santa" event held December 13th in the Parish Hall! Thanks to all of the volunteers who ministered to the many beautiful foster families in attendance. **And a big thank you to all of the parish volunteers who supported foster teens through two big projects, as well anyone else who has helped to make the season brighter through the ministry!**



**CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY**  
*Christmas*  
**OFFICE HOURS**

**DECEMBER 23:** OPEN 8:30-12:30  
**DECEMBER 24-25:** CLOSED  
**DECEMBER 26:** OPEN 8:30-12:30  
**DECEMBER 29-31:** OPEN 8:30-12:30  
**JANUARY 1:** CLOSED  
**JANUARY 2:** OPEN 8:30-12:30  
**JANUARY 5 - RESUME REGULAR OFFICE HOURS**

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# Memorial Poinsettias

All were prayed for at our Christmas Masses. Names are listed alphabetically by last name.

## A

**Adams, Hintz, & Shriwise Family** from Mr. & Mrs. Rod Shriwise  
**Agnes, Paul, John** from Ms. Juliana Johnson  
**Maria Albonese** from Dr. & Mrs. Vito Carabetta  
**Mary Jo Anderson** from Mrs. Camille Yoder

## B

**Marion Barackman** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Barackman Jr.  
**Col. William Bell** from Ms. Mary Bell  
**George P. Berberick** from Mrs. Rosemary Berberick  
**William Biggins, Sr.** from Mr. & Mrs. William Biggins Jr.  
**Tom & Helen Biller** from Ben & Vicki Biller  
**William Blalock** from Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Blalock  
**Evelyn Block** from Mr. & Mrs. Luke Meyers  
**Mrs. Thelma Block** from Mr. & Mrs. John Harrington  
**James Budde** from Mike & Jana Lang  
**Shirley Burczyk** from Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Burczyk  
**Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R. Burke** from Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Burke  
**D. Robert & Mary R. Bresnahan** from Dr. Dennis R. Bresnahan Jr. and Dr. Roxolana Demczuk  
**Pat & Mary Edith Burns** from Mr. & Mrs. Andy Graham

## C

**Maria & Vito Carabetta** from Dr. & Mrs. Vito Carabetta  
**Tim & Bridget Carroll** from Patrick Carroll  
**Laura Caulfield** from John Caulfield  
**James, Henry, & Madeline Cercoron** from Dr. & Mrs. Vito Carabetta  
**Mike Chandler** from Dr. & Mrs. Mark Neuman  
**Mary & Joe Clark** from Mrs. Camille Yoder

**Pat & Virginia Clune** from Mr. & Mrs. Terrence Dunn

**Florence Cook** from Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cook  
**Willis Cook** from Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cook  
**Cookie** from Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cook  
**Donald Cullen** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Barackman

## D

**Jackie & Len Dawson** from Mike & Jana Lang  
**Carmella & August Del Fratte** from Mr. & Mrs. George Del Fratte  
**Ivan & Olha Demczuk** from Dr. Dennis R. Bresnahan Jr. and Dr. Roxolana Demczuk  
**Wilbur & Betty Dersch** from Mr. & Mrs. Brad Garrett  
**Jeanne Dierks** from Mrs. Roberta Dierks & Mr. Jeffrey Gelv  
**Terry Dierks** from Mrs. Roberta Dierks & Mr. Jeffrey Gelv  
**Bill & Jean Dunn Family** from Mr. & Mrs. Terrence Dunn  
**Terry & Peggy Dunn Family** from Mr. & Mrs. Terrence Dunn  
**Thomas Dunn** from Mr. & Mrs. Luke Meyers

## E

**Darryl Early** from Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Early  
**Craig Elmore** from Mrs. Vicki Elmore  
**The Elson Family** from Dr. & Mrs. Craig Elson  
**Brian Euston** from Mr. & Mrs. Andy Graham

## F

**Elizabeth "Ellie" Ferguson** from Mrs. Vicki Elmore  
**Rosa Ferri** from Dr. & Mrs. Vito Carabetta  
**William Fitzgerald** from Mr. & Mrs. John Harrington  
**Tom & Naomi Fitzpatrick** from Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mahon  
**Susan Fitzpatrick** from Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mahon  
**Margaret French** from Mr. & Mrs. James Redd

## G

**Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Garrity** from Mr. & Mrs. John Harrington  
**Mr. & Mrs. Donald M. Gamet** from Mrs. Kathy Stephenson  
**Karen Gelvin** from Mrs. Roberta Dierks & Mr. Jeffrey Gelv  
**John & Sally Graham** from Mr. & Mrs. Andy Graham  
**Ray Grasing** from Dr. & Dr. Kenneth Grasing

## H

**Elaine Hager** from Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hager  
**George Hager Jr.** from Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hager  
**George Hager Sr.** from Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hager  
**Rev. Robert Hager** from Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hager  
**Mr. & Mrs. John Harrington Sr.** from Mr. & Mrs. John Harrington  
**John Harkness** from Mr. & Mrs. Allan Kowal  
**John Harkness** from Mr. & Mrs. Allan Kowal  
**Robert & Catherine Harkness** from Mr. & Mrs. Allan Kowal  
**Kenneth Ruth Hart** from Mr. & Mrs. Brad Garrett  
**Herschel & Eula Hauck** from Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Scaduto  
**Trudy Holub** from Mr. John Taylor & Dr. Tish Holub Taylor  
**Suzette Heider** from Mrs. Jawn Collins  
**Mr. & Mrs. William Howard** from Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Burke  
**Living and deceased members of the Huigens Family** from Tony & Judy Kostusik

**Bob Hummel** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hummel  
**Claude Hummel** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hummel  
**Jean Hummel** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hummel  
**Louise Hummel** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hummel

## J

**Bernise Johnson** from Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Johnson  
**Jenny Johnson** from Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Johnson

# Memorial Poinsettias

## K

**Ruth Kanevsky** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mollerus  
**Pam Karnes** from Dr. & Mrs. Mark Neuman  
**Donna Keil** from Mr. & Mrs. Craig Burgett  
**Bill Kiewiet** from Ms. Sharon Kiewiet  
**Caroline Kistner** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mollerus  
**Living and deceased members of the Kostusik Family** from Tony & Judy Kostusik  
**Ken & Valerie Kovack** from Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Berwanger  
**Andrew Kowal** from Mr. & Mrs. Allan Kowal

## L

**Dwight & Connie Love** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mollerus

## M

**Merideth Mahon** from Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mahon  
**Richard & Helen Mahon** from Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mahon  
**Albert Masiero** from Robert & Janice Masiero  
**Claudine Masiero** from Robert & Janice Masiero  
**Andrew Mbabu** from Ms. Juliana Johnson  
**Deceased members of the McAnarney family** from Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Terrill  
**Deceased members of the McGee family** from Mrs. Coleen Pech  
**Mary Lou McLagan** from Kari, Matthew, & Annie Warren  
**Harlan & Nancy Meade** from Ms. Molly Markley  
**Diane Mielele** from Robert & Janice Masiero  
**Laura Miller** from Joan Roethle  
**Mohr/Powers Families** from Mr. & Mrs. William Powers  
**Donald Mollerus** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mollerus  
**Ray & Elsie Mollerus** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mollerus  
**Kay & Frank Moran** from Mr. & Mrs. George Del Fratte  
**Zippovah Mungiva** from Ms. Juliana Johnson

## N

**Anthony & Theresa Navickas** from Mr. & Mrs. Steve Bolton  
**Catherine Neal Armstrong** from Mrs. Nancy Neal  
**Richard Neal** from Mrs. Nancy Neal  
**Charles Nelson** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hummel  
**Eileen Nelson** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hummel  
**Marguerite Slater** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hummel  
**Rufus Nye** from Ms. Anne Nye

## P

**Deceased members of the Pech family** from Mrs. Coleen Pech  
**John & Colleen Phelan** from Ben & Vicki Biller  
**Bill & Darlene Pivonka** from Elaine Navickas

## R

**George R** from Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cook  
**Patricia K. Ratliff** from Julia Bennison  
**Deceased members of the Reazin family** from Troy & Nancy Reazin  
**Mary Jane Redd** from Mr. & Mrs. James Redd  
**Rosemary Redd** from Mr. & Mrs. James Redd  
**Patrick Feltault & Victoria Reed** from Ben & Vicki Biller  
**Melinda Richardson** from Mr. & Mrs. Brad Garrett  
**Edith Ricono** from Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hager  
**Martin Ricono Jr.** from Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hager  
**Martin Ricono Sr.** from Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hager  
**Ann Riffel** from Becky Orscheln  
**Gary Roethle** from Joan Roethle  
**June Rupp** from Mr. & Mrs. James Redd  
**Michael Ryan** from Mrs. Camille Yoder

## S

**Anthony & Carmela Scaduto** from Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Scaduto  
**Louis Scauzillo** from Dr. & Mrs. Vito Carabetta

**Joseph & Ida Schaefer** from Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Smith

**Philip Scholtz** from Joan Roethle

**Marcia Schmidt** from Curtis & Gretchen Landherr

**Mary & Jack Schrack** from Mr. & Mrs. Peter Wieczkowski

**Donna Schuster** from Mr. & Mrs. William Biggins Jr.

**Christine Shannon** from Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Blalock

**Ashley Slater** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hummel

**Charlene Slater** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hummel

**Harold Slater** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hummel

**Marguerite Slater** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hummel

**James & Rita Smith** from Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Smith

## T

**Anna M. Tapper** from Jim Hawkins

**Janice M. Tapper** from Jim Hawkins

**Ralph A. Tapper** from Jim Hawkins

**The Taylor Family** from Mr. John Taylor & Dr. Tish Holub Taylor

**Deceased members of the Thompson Family** from Mark & Mary Ellen Walton

**Pat Titus** from Craig & Tami Titus

**Ernie Turner** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hummel

**Lucille Turner** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hummel

## V

**Vallejos & Gillian Families** from Ms. Blanca Vallejos & Mr. Howard Gillian

**Rick Van Winkle** from Mr. & Mrs. William Biggins Jr.

**Richard Van Winkle** from Mr. & Mrs. William Biggins Jr.

## W

**Deceased members of the Walton Family** from Mark & Mary Ellen Walton

**Dan Warren** from Kari, Matthew, & Annie Warren

**Robert Wesselhuft** from Mr. & Mrs. Brad Garrett

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# Parish Life

**Judy Westrich** from Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Blalock  
**Veronica Wanzau** from Ms. Juliana Johnson  
**Henry/Leana Wheeler** from Mrs. Vicki Elmore  
**Hedwig & Ed Wieczkowski** from Mr. & Mrs. Peter Wieczkowski  
**Paul Wieczkowski** from Mr. & Mrs. Peter Wieczkowski

**Y**  
**Deceased members of the Yeo family** from Troy & Nancy Reazin  
**Jim & Gary Yoder** from Mrs. Camille Yoder

**Z**  
**Helen Zaklicki** from Mrs. Jawn Collins

## Donations

Mrs. Bernita Beyer & Mr. Steve Beyer  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Clifford  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Distler  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Donahoe  
Mr. Dennis Finucane  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Fiorella  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hatton  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Herrick  
Mrs. Carol Kain  
Jeannine Strandjord  
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Titus

## SCAM ALERT

PARISHIONERS ARE RECEIVING EMAILS FROM A GMAIL ACCOUNT NAMED FATHER JERRY ASKING FOR HELP.

### WHAT TO DO:

- Do not respond.
- Do not click any links.
- Report the email as spam.



Screen Sanity Parent Night:

**“It was the help I didn’t know I needed.”**

**SCREEN SANITY** parent night



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**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

**7 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Parish Hall**  
Open to all school & Parish adults

**BEVERAGES PROVIDED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

We are excited to bring you *Screen Sanity*, a highly acclaimed program designed to help parents unpack today's hottest screentime topics, and get you the tips and tricks you need to raise happy, healthy kids in an increasingly digital world.

This workshop from nonprofit Screen Sanity features expert-guided content, including a roadmap for introducing your kids to smartphones and social media. **The content is designed for adults only**, but will give you practical ways to talk to your kids about screen use.



[SCREENSANITY.ORG](#) | [@SCREENSANITY](#)

Creating a world where kids are captivated by life, not screens.

## Roll a Strike with Fr. Mike

The annual Auction event Roll a Strike with Father Mike took place at St. John's Catholic Club bowling alley on 11/15/25. The host couples

were: Mary & Ryan Anthony, Laura & Mark Bornheimer, Julie & Kelly Kearney, Allie & Ron Klahn, Becky and Jason Knobbe, Courtney & John Nemmers, Eden & Alex Schulte.



# Parish Life

## THE MEANING OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION BY NATIVITY PARISHIONER AND STORYTELLER SCOTT GREGER

JANUARY 18TH AT 9 A.M.  
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY  
PARISH HALL

You are invited to join the OCIA class for one of their favorite presentations of the year. Scott is a storyteller and master at taking complex topics like the Eucharist and making them relatable to anyone, in just over an hour! This engaging presentation will amaze you and really strengthen your faith in the true meaning of the Eucharist. No need to RSVP – just invite a friend and join us on Sunday morning!

**SCOTT GREGER**



## LADIES BOOK CLUB

Nativity Book Club ladies open 2026 with [The Wedding People](#) by Alison Espach. We will meet on January 13, 12:15PM-1:30PM in the Mother Mary Room. Please email Kathy with questions at [kathleen.hintz@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.hintz@gmail.com).

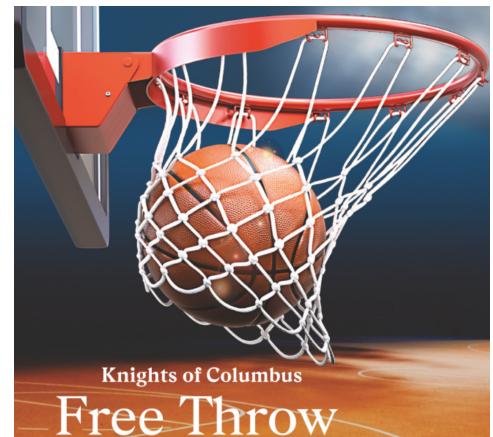


Meet the Artists who are currently exhibiting in the Lower Level Gallery

Marian Lam



When my children were off in college, I decided to take some college courses myself. Taking some art classes, I found I enjoyed watercolor and portraiture. So I'm late to the art scene: it's brought me a great deal of enjoyment!



**Date:** Sunday, January 11, 2026

**Location:** Nativity Gymnasium

**Registration:** 12:30 p.m. outside gym

**Competition:** 1-3 p.m., awards immediately following competition

**Contact:** Tom Karcz, Cell : 913-940-5917



Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.

Community

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\$28 (10 oz/ 284 g)



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Nativity's primary fundraiser

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*Knights Under the Star*  
Auction & Dinner

## Parish Life

# MOVIE NIGHT



Families of Young Children invites you to:  
**Movie Night**

Watch a fun family movie on the big screen with family & friends! Wear PJs and bring a cozy blanket, sleeping bag, or pillow! Popcorn will be provided.

When: Friday, January 9th  
Time: 5:30-8:00 PM  
Place: Parish Hall



## NATIVITY PARISH SCHOOL

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

**Join us!**

Sunday  
January 25  
9:00 AM Mass  
10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Open House

#### EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE NATIVITY

- Celebrate Catholic Schools Week with us at the 9:00 AM Mass and then join us in the school for the Open House!
- Meet our teachers and staff
- Tour our Day School
- Visit the K-8th grade classrooms
- See our innovative STREAM room, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, library, gym, Spanish, art and music
- Visit with Nativity school families



Let us show you what makes NATIVITY the perfect faith-filled learning environment for your student!

Personal tours may be arranged by visiting the school website or contacting the school office.

[www.nativityparishschool.com](http://www.nativityparishschool.com)  
913-338-4330

## Virtus

The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is committed to creating safe environments. In addition to attending 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, our office 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 your local parish/school Safe Environment Coordinator ("SEC") at (XXX name and phone number). We rely heavily on our local SEC's to ensure these requirements are met--please join us in sharing our gratitude for their tireless efforts!

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.

# Memorial Poinsettias

Our Tithes and Offerings  
For Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/26

Annual Collection Income  
Needed \$4,810,000

Collections Ending December 14

Masses	\$29,473
Mail Receipts	\$154,255
ACH	\$-
Online Giving	\$30,510
Total	\$214,238

Thank you for your generosity.

Give electronically via the website  
at [www.kcnativity.org](http://www.kcnativity.org)

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

## Give Online



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You are  
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**There is hope.**

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[www.988Lifeline.org](http://www.988Lifeline.org)



**DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
CHRISTMAS WEEK  
**YOUTH GROUP**  
WILL RESUME AFTER THE NEW YEAR:  
HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON

## GROUPME



FOR TEENS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>: YOUTH GROUP RESUMES  
UNTIL THEN, HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS WITH  
YOUR FAMILIES!

SIENNA WINGERSON  
ADAM SCHWINN  
YOUTH MINISTERS

913-634-7501 (CALL OR TEXT)  
SWINGERSON@KCNATIVITY.ORG  
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HIGH  
SCHOOL  
PARENT  
GROUPME

# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

## Middle School Ministry Team

Time Commitment - 2 hours/month

Assist with socials, service projects, and  
be a mentor to students!

Contact Sienna to learn more!

Sienna Wingerson  
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry  
(913) 634-7501  
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# NATIVITY

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](mailto:foyc@kcnativity.org) if you are  
interested in helping!



Facebook Group:

## Knights Of Columbus

For more information on the Nativity council, events  
and photos of previous events, please visit our  
website at [www.knightsofnativity.com](http://www.knightsofnativity.com) or contact  
Ben Biller, membership, at [benbiller@gmail.com](mailto: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!

Knights Meeting - Monday, January 12th  
Leadership Meeting - Saturday, January 10th

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Joan Roethle

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Dana Mullin

## Sacristans

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Dan Klocke 491.5017

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We send out weekly emails with parish  
news, events, and formation  
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