CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Ministry Opportunities

"AS EACH ONE HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER AS GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE." 1PT 4:10

Virtus Training

Anyone, 16 and older, who volunteers for a ministry or organization that involves children at Nativity Parish or anywhere in the Archdiocese must participate in Virtus training. Participation in this training, completion of all the necessary paperwork, and a cleared background check are required at Church of the Nativity prior to interaction with children. Watch the bulletin for training dates, contact the Parish Office or visit www.virtus.org.

Liturgy and Prayer

Altar Server - Nativity Altar Servers begin their training at the end of the fourth grade. Servers provide a direct service to the community by assisting at regular Masses, as well as weddings, funerals and school Masses. They receive the benefit of working directly with the priests and the Archbishop, learning more about the Mass and the Church. Contact: David Pope, dpope66209@yahoo.com

Art & Environment - The Art and Environment Committee is made up of volunteers who plan and execute all the liturgical decorations for the church throughout the year. Floral experience is helpful. Working with the church environment is an opportunity to learn about liturgy and to make the church a more welcoming place for all the community to worship. Volunteers are welcome. Contact: Dana Mullin, A&E Coordinator, dmullin@kcnativity.org

Eucharistic Adoration - Commit to a specifi c time for silent prayer. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is in the chapel each week, Monday at 8:45 a.m.- 6:30 a.m. Friday. Sign up online at www.kcnativity.org. Contact: Susan Vogliardo, suesues6@hotmail.com

Eucharistic Minister - We serve the assembly by assisting the Priest in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ. Adults and youth who have received Confi rmation are invited to serve. It is an honor to serve the Lord and our parish family as they receive the Eucharist and respond 'AMEN.' Contact: Mike Bartkoski, mjbart13@me.com

Greeter - Individuals or families who greet parishioners and guests as they enter the church for Mass. This ministry is a vital part of Mass. We are the first people to come into contact with parishioners and guests. It is up to us to make them feel welcome and a part of our Church. The time commitment is minimal and the rewards are great. Contact: Denise Vedder, denisevedder3@gmail.com

Lector - As a lector you are called upon to cultivate an active love for the Scriptures and become a continuing student of, not an expert on, the Scriptures. When you stand before your Nativity Family to proclaim God's word, it will come from your heart and mind more than your lips. "Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." --Hebrews 4:12. Contact: Joan Roethle, jmroethle@yahoo.com

Little Church Leader - Little Church is during the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sundays throughout the year. Children ages 4 to 7 are invited to process to the Chapel for their Liturgy of the Word done at their level of understanding. Prospective leaders for this program are welcome to come in and observe. We encourage the parents of the participants to volunteer. We also encourage teenagers to assist. Virtus compliance required. Contact: Catie Klocke, Religious Education Coordinator, cklocke@kcnativity.org

Music Ministries- There are many opportunities to share your musical gifts in our parish community. We have parish choirs for singers of all ages: Adult Choir, Children's Choir (grades 2-5), Sunday Night Ensemble (grades 6-12), and Resurrection Choir (funerals). The cantor ministry is a great opportunity for confident, experienced singers to help lead our community in song. Skilled pianists/organists unite our voices as one through their confident keyboard accompaniment. Instrumentalists with strong musical technique add beauty to our musical prayer. A handbell choir is open to teens and adults. For more information, please contact: Dan Klocke, Director of Music, at dklocke@kcnativity.org.

Prayer Care Committee - This began as a telephone prayer committee and grew so big in membership and prayer requests that it became more efficient and convenient for emailing the prayer requests. Some members still prefer to be called. We pray for those who are grieving, in poor health, having financial or marital problems, looking for jobs, taking exams and for any other needs. The Prayer Ministry is open to all parishioners and requires no meetings, just a willingness to pray for those in need, by whatever method of prayer we prefer: Mass, rosary, novenas, favorite prayers, and sacrifices. Contact: Sharon Khoury, sharonannk9@gmail.com

Rosary - Say "yes" to our Blessed Mother and become a Rosary leader! The Rosary is recited every weekend on Saturday at 4:40 p.m. before the 5 o'clock Mass and on Sunday at 8:40 a.m. before the 9 a.m. Mass. You will lead from the Ambo. Make this a family prayer, all are welcome.

Sacristan - The role of the sacristan is to prepare the altar for Mass and purify the sacred vessels after Mass. The sacristan arrives about 20 minutes before Mass to set up and stays about 10 minutes after Mass concludes to purify. The work of the sacristan is very important to the celebration of each Liturgy. Training will be provided. This is a ministry that your entire family could participate in together. I invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a member of the sacristan ministry. Contact: Scott Tampke, tampkes@gmail.com

Usher - Help create and maintain a sense of welcoming and belonging for parishioners and guests to our church community. We are a group of men and women who volunteer our time to extend a warm greeting to our community, assist our priests in the celebration of the Eucharist, ensure a safe and focused environment during our liturgies and share the blessings our God offers each week. Contact: Chuck Sipple, csipple@kc.rr.com

Videographer – We need volunteers to help livestream daily and weekend masses. Training will be provided. Contact: Connor Kmiecik, Communications Director, communication@kcnativity.org

Formation

Baptism Prep Leaders - The purpose of this ministry is to help prepare parents for the baptism of children. Couples who are willing to share your family's faith stories and pass on to new parents your ideas for raising their children in the faith are encouraged to consider becoming Baptism Prep Leaders. Contact: Larry Peal, lpeal@kcnativity.org

DNA Small Groups– DNA groups are intentional small groups that grow in friendship with Christ and friendship with one another. Each DNA group, first and foremost, is a simple gathering of people who share one concern; they want more in life than what they are currently experiencing. If that's you, then you should be in a DNA group. These groups are designed to be a place where you can be you: simple, authentic, honest, you. Contact, Deacon Jim Mullin, jmullin@kcnativity.org

Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation invites parishioners and friends of the parish to deepen their life in Christ through a variety of offerings, including DNA groups, scripture study, hospitality and social offerings, as well as exciting new initiatives in development. We seek to "find God in all things," especially in our relationships and the ordinary circumstances of our lives, and further evangelize our community "by a living testimony as well as by spoken word." Contact: Deacon Jim Mullin, jmullin@kcnativity.org

Gospel of Life - The Nativity Gospel of Life Ministry, as members of the Body of Christ, strive to grow a culture that embraces and cherishes all facets of human life from conception to natural death. We raise awareness, educate, engage, and inspire our community to build a culture that promotes and defends the dignity of all. Contact: Deacon Jim Mullin, jmullin@kcnativity.org

Marriage Prep Leaders - If you have been married for five years or more, would you consider being a mentor to engaged couples? This ministry requires a weekend training. Contact: Larry Peal, lpeal@kcnativity.org

O.C.I.A - The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults provides instruction and guidance for those considering becoming Catholic. OCIA Sponsors provide support for them throughout the process, especially through shared presence at each session. Contact: Mary Lambrechts, OCIA Director, mlambrechts@kcnativity.org

Religious Education Teacher/Aide - The School of Religious Education assists parents in providing for their child's religious instruction and formation. Nativity provides a comprehensive program of religious education for all young people. Active parent involvement is crucial to the success of the program. Won't you consider helping in a classroom? We are always in need of parent volunteers to teach classes; teaching experience is helpful but not required. Virtus compliance required. Contact: Catie Klocke, Religious Education Coordinator, cklocke@kcnativity.org

Ministries of Care

Blood Drive - Donate blood or help during quarterly blood drives. Contact: Rod Carson, swacarson@gmail.com

Christmas in October - Help with home repairs, maintenance and clean-up for low-income families. This is an opportunity to be the hands of Christ. Time commitment is minimal; one time per year. Contact: John Brown, John.I.brown@ubs.com

Christmas Angel Project - Offered during Christmas, this is a chance to provide Christmas gifts for needy children through Catholic Charities; various opportunities to help. Contact: Mary Ellen Walton, metw60@kc.rr.com

Clothing Drive - Our annual clothing drive sends clothes to Seton Center for free distribution and sale. Volunteers are needed at weekend Masses (before and after) to accept clothing and place it in a truck for delivery. This is a great way to earn volunteer hours. Contact: Jane Peal, japeal@gmail.com

Food Drive - The Nativity Food Drive is held three times each calendar year. The sacks of groceries and other household articles that are collected go directly to benefit the Catholic Charities Food Pantries. We welcome and need volunteers and organizers: they are the essential ingredients in making each year more successful than the last! Contact: Lee Pallardy, leejpallardy@att.net

Funeral Lunch Preparation - Prepare or serve food for bereaved families. Time commitment is small and the rewards great. Sign up to get your name added to our list of helpers. Contact: Michelle Dehaemers, mldehaemers@gmail.com

Guatemala Mission Trips - Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that we are one human family and our responsibilities to each other cross national, racial, economic and ideological differences. Church of the Nativity Guatemala Outreach Mission works to foster awareness of the values and needs of the people of San Andres Itzapa, Guatemala. Our goal is to assist in improving the lives of the poor, while both communities grow and benefit from each other on our shared journeys of faith, hope and love. We will announce when trips are able to be taken again in the bulletn. Contact: Nancy Grasse, nancygrasse59@gmail.com

Hospital/Nursing Home/Homebound Visitor - Do you enjoy talking with people? If you do, would you consider visiting parishioners who are in the hospital, nursing home, or are homebound? Spend an hour every week or two with these special members of our Nativity family. Contact: Paula Bersuch, paulalogan23@gmail.com

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to Nursing Homes/Hospitals - Parishioners interested in taking Communion to Catholic residents in the nursing homes and hospitals will be trained and conveniently scheduled to be a Care Minister at one of the ten retirement homes or two hospitals in the Nativity Parish. Contact: Mike Bartowski, mjbart13@me.com

Respite Care - The Respite program provides a caregiver time away while their loved one receives care and companionship from trained volunteer parishioners. Volunteers receive six hours of training by health professionals in the skills necessary to provide care and companionship. Trained volunteers are insured against liability and serve in our parish area. We need men and women. Please join in this rewarding ministry! Contact: Catherine Powers, capowers@kc.rr.com

St. Mary's Food Kitchen - Nativity cooks and serves lunch at St. Mary's Food Kitchen on the third Sunday of every month. You can sign-up to prepare the recipe, or volunteer to serve or donate food. We serve approximately 225 meals each month. Pans and sign-up sheets are in the St. Joseph Room the weekend before Nativity is serving. You can also sign-up online at kcnativity.org under the Works of Mercy section. Contact: Mike Amos, emikeamos@gmail.com

Foster Care - PRAY, consider fostering, provide respite care, meet material needs, mentor a teen, join a care community to support a foster family. More than 550 children/teens are in foster care in Johnson County, nearly 7,000 in Kansas! They need us and so do the families who foster. Contact: Susie Boster, nativityfostercare@gmail.com

Parish Life

Athletic Council / Coaching / Catholic Youth Organization Sports - CYO Coaches Needed: Please consider lending your time and talent to coach one of our CYO teams. Nativity has football, volleyball, cross country, basketball and track teams. Virtus compliance required. Contact: Kelly Hendrickson, kelly.hendrickson@kcnativity.org

Boy Scouts/ Leader - Scouting provides programs that build character, foster mental and physical fi tness, teach good citizenship and foster spiritual growth. Scouting offers a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of boys through 21 years of age. Please consider helping with our troops here at Nativity. Virtus compliance required. Contact: Boy Scouts - Tom Fowler, redlinetom@aol.com; Cub Scouts - Doyle Witt, meghan.m.witt@gmail.com

Facilities Commission - The Facilities Commission assists the Pastor and staff on building and grounds improvements and maintenance issues. Background in building trades, engineering and architecture helpful but not required. Contact: Randy Monson, randymonson1@gmail.com

Families of Young Children - Families of Young Children (FOYC) is a group for any family with children second grade or under that is looking to meet other parish families through fun activities. Some activities may include the children, like weekday and evening playdates, holiday crafts, and an Easter Egg Hunt. Some may be just for adults like date nights, swap shop, and hopefully a few more! If you are interested, check out our Facebook group - Nativity Parish Families of Young Children. Contact: Meghan Witt, meghan.m.witt@gmail.com

Finance Council - The Finance Council serves as an advisory board to the pastor. Members serve three-year terms and are appointed by the Pastor. Please submit your name if you would be interested in serving. Contact: Amy Moritz, Director of Operations, amoritz@kcnativity.org

Knights of Columbus - The Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their church. From running Lenten Fish Frys to selling Tootsie Rolls to support special needs children to raising funds to support our seminarians, the Knights are always busy with activities for all interests. Contact: Ben Biller, benbiller@gmail.com

Men of Nativity - The Men of Nativity, MON, provide a spiritual forum for all men of the parish. Each week we meet following the 6:45 a.m. Wednesday Mass. We discuss piety, study our faith and actions we have taken during the recent week/month to better know Christ and His mystical body. Every man of the parish is invited to join us on Wednesday mornings; after all, you are already members. Our dues structure cannot be beat! Contact: Bill Oades, billoades@gmail.com

Ministry of Hospitality - There is a great deal of joy in the ministry of hospitality to the church with a wide variety of opportunities. You can choose to volunteer for specific events in the areas of planning, set up or service at the event. Hospitality is provided at large annual events, such as the Easter Vigil, 50th wedding anniversary celebration, fall festival, and occasional parish missions. Quarterly opportunities are available for Good News Meetings and women's events, and monthly opportunities are available for Donut Sunday. Choose your commitment, and join us where service meets joy. Contact: Liz Hagen Lhagen@kcnativity.org

Ministry of Welcome- Volunteer for an active role in welcoming new parishioners to Nativity. You will meet with a few new parishioners each year with an individual meeting, and will continue to be their contact and liaison, while growing in friendship throughout their 1st year of membership. Walk with our new members and be the light that leads them to ministry within the church. Contact Liz Hagen Lhagen@kcnativity.org.

Pastoral Council - The Pastoral Council serves as an advisory board to the Pastor. Each year four positions open and a discernment process is held. If you would like to be included in this process, please submit your name. Pastoral Council members serve a three-year term. Contact: Robert Kopp, pastoralcouncil@kcnativity.org

Parish Office/School Office Volunteer- If you have a few spare hours, would you consider helping in the office? Duties vary but could include providing front desk relief, mailings, or other clerical duties as projects arise. Contact: (Parish Office) Jane Burgett, jburgett@kcnativity.org (School Office) Peg Bono, peg.bono@kcnativity.org

PTO Board - Assist parents and teachers with various events and projects at our parish school. Contact: Nicole Stephenson, nicole.e.stephenson@gmail.com

School Council – Assist the principal to develop, review and evaluate school programs and progress. Contact: Luke Jennison, luke.jennison@kcnativity.org

Youth Group - The Nativity Youth Program is one that fosters youth involvement in parish life; opportunities including social activities, service projects, and catechesis. High School Youth Group is on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. All activities are developed to nurture a love for the Catholic faith. Contact: Sienna Wingerson, Youth Director, swingerson@kc-nativity.org

Young Adults - In a time of transition in their lives, Nativity hosts weekly Bible studies and monthly socials for young adults, both married and single, to help cultivate community within the whole Church around the Eucharistic table**.** Contact: Sienna Wingerson, Youth Director, swingerson@kcnativity.org