

# Nativity of Mary Church and School

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Robert Stone, Pastor

Deacon David Townley, Business Manager

816-589-5875

Elizabeth Baker, Principal

## New Parishioners

If you are new to our parish and would like more information please contact the Parish Office.

## Pastoral Care

Sacraments for the Sick and Homebound and Pastoral visits to the Homebound and Hospital  
Contact Fr. Bob Stone or David Townley

*In case of emergency after business hours or on weekends, call David Townley at 816-589-5875.*

## Emergency Assistance

Contact St. Mary's Food Pantry and Clothes Closet - 816-252-8649

## Religious Education Classes

Debbie Page, Parish Office

## School

School, Early Childhood and Extended Care  
Carmen Wolfgeher, school office

## Sacrament Preparation

Baptism, Confirmation, Adult Initiation (RCIA) and Matrimony

Contact the parish office for information

## SPRED

Special Religious Education for the Developmentally Disabled  
Paula Cassity, parish office

## Music Ministry

Dr. Helena Vasconcellos, parish office

## Diocesan Victim's Advocate

Leslie Guillot,  
816-361-2666

## Ombudsman

Jenifer Valenti,  
816-812-2500

*November 27, 2011*

**The First Sunday of Advent**

*"My attitude must be Christ's." - Philippians 2:5*

## Mass Schedule

Weekday: 8:30 a.m. Monday - Friday

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Day: 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

## Confessions

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. or by Appointment



## December 4, 2011 - The First Sunday of Advent

### MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 26 - Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent

4:00PM + Virginia McMenamy

+ Louis & Tulia Serrone

November 27 - The First Sunday of Advent

8:00AM + Mike Pott

+ Virginia McMenamy

10:30AM + Denton & Robert Anthony

Monday, November 28

8:30AM Intentions of Arlene Stiles

Tuesday, November 29

8:30AM Nativity of Mary Students & Faculty

Wednesday, November 30 - St. Andrew the Apostle

8:30AM + Sarah Shade

Thursday, December 1

8:30AM + Sharon Ann Seigler

Friday, December 2

8:30AM Intentions of Kamel Ilburki

Sat., Dec. 3 - Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

4:00PM + Larry Reiser

Sunday, Dec. 4 – The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00AM + Celine Pirog

10:30AM For our Elect as they receive the Rite of Welcome

### Readings for the Week November 28 - December 4, 2011

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### Please pray for:

Destinee Akers	Dan Gaylord	Will Proffitt
Opal Bailey	Patricia Giamalva	Lawrence Raab
Alyssa Banks	Gordon Gladden	Dan Rodgers
Penny Baylie	Elmer Henry	Tonya Robinson
Ione Becker	Lori Hudson	Nancy Ronan
Dana Betsworth	Peggy Ighalo	Tamara Rucker
John Branham	Bonnie Jones	Nick Schofield
Nancy Brown	Deborah Junco	Anita Smith
Thelma Bruehl	Wilbur Klemm	Charlaine Smith
Carole Byrd	Barbara Krebs	Sherry Strannigan
Jose Campos	Genie Kuske	Mary Ellen Theisen
Ron Caster	Tianna Lucas	Philip Theisen
Donavynn Cronk	Charlotte Mellard	Ethel Thomas
Terri Dirkes	Kelly Metz	Paul Varsalona
Rita Dispense	Michael Monley	Joe Vlach
Danny Duvall	Ruth Netherton	Anita Wheeler
David Erickson	Elnora Newton	Rosemary Winkleman
Tyler Farrell	Julie Page	Emil Yancik
Eleanor Gaffey	Eva Pinon	Jessie Zapien

If any of these names can be taken off the list please notify the parish office.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From outer space, the United States must seem peculiarly aglow these nights: we have strung lights on every tree within reach. Sometimes, even tie tacks and earrings twinkle with "micro-lights." Clearly, something is afoot: there is a deep-down yearning for the world to change. Yet, John the Baptist would probably be unplugging most of these lights if he had the chance. In today's Gospel he turns people away from his baptism of repentance. "Give some evidence that you mean to reform!" he cries.

What meaning do our holiday lights convey for you? In the deep and dark countryside, a single candle glowing in a window can be seen for miles. It signals welcome and readiness; it is a beacon guiding strangers to the door, a token of a warm hearth, a loving embrace, a sign that those who have placed the candle are awake and waiting. This year, set the timers aside, and each night as you light the candles in your windows, pray: "May Christ find an eager welcome here. May this household be filled with the light of his word." One candle at a time, our faith community can reclaim the meaning of the lights of Advent hope.



Because we are a Catholic inclusive school, we support all student learners. Through the benevolence of F.I.R.E. (Foundation for Inclusive Religious Education), we are able to support children with diagnosed special needs with paraprofessional and technological support. In addition, we have worked with four public school districts to promote Title funding, teaching and tutoring for our students who qualify for this service. We also have garnered a speech teacher from our local school district to help support our auditory learners. Our paraprofessionals who individually support our students with diagnosed disabilities also support other students with learning disabilities or challenges during their school day. We also have interventions, accommodations or modifications for students who may need help in learning tools that will help them to succeed. For example, we have a middle school organization session each week which helps students clear out lockers, complete missing assignments and keep their planners current. Each teacher has an electronic portfolio for their roster which details past accommodations, action plans and gives teachers an opportunity to support future modifications for student success. This individual picture of the students' growth helps teachers to know what tools each student in their class need to promote success in learning.



- Legos for Extended Care
- Picture books for 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.
- Chapter books for 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.
- Art supplies: watercolor sets, brushes, tempura paints, colored pencils
- Empty butter tubs or containers, sponges
- Medium or large Legos or Duplos Blocks for preschool
- Match box cars for extended care
- Play dough utensils
- Metal shelves for middle school lockers- Multiple Sets of fraction tower cubes (found at Supply Closet in Lee's Summit)

### Our Dear Lord Shut-Ins



Each year the Middle School students prepare 150 containers for the needy residents of inner-city nursing homes and Catholic Worker House. This is the only Christmas gift these residents receive. Please help us fill the containers.

#### We need the following travel/trial size items:

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| Cheese/peanut butter crackers | lotion      |
| Chocolate peppermint patties  | conditioner |
| Bite-size chocolate candy     | shampoo     |
| 5-stick pack of gum           | deodorant   |
| Wrapped hard candy            | soap        |
| Sugar free hard candy         | powder      |
| Pocket size Kleenex           |             |

This year we will need white crew socks for the Santa Cans. Also cash contributions would be greatly appreciate to purchase some of these items and craft supplies. We will accept your donations now through December 12th. Thank you for your help and kindness.



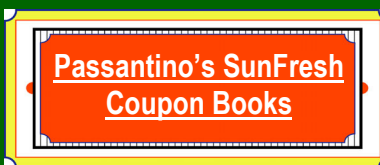
### SCRIP GIFT CARDS

The last time to order before Christmas is Tuesday, December 6th. Orders must be in by Noon. If you regularly shop at any of the participating companies please consider buying SCRIP cards to make your purchases. Remember, they also make great stocking stuffers. You can download an order form from the parish website.

Go to the Nativity website ([www.nativityofmary.org](http://www.nativityofmary.org)). On the home page click on "school", then click on "fundraising" at the top of the page, scroll down and look for "SCRIP" then click to download a form.

Order forms can be turned in to the School Office or Ministry Center. Makes checks payable to Nativity of Mary School.

If you have questions, please feel free to call the school office, 816-353-0284.






Coupon booklets are available in the school office for \$5.00. Each book has \$50 in coupon values including a \$5 off coupon with a purchase of \$50 or ore. Nativity School gets to keep the \$5. Send your requests to the school office. Make checks out to Nativity School.



Also, please continue to save Passantino cash Register Tapes during your holiday shopping and send them to the school office. Register tapes dated Oct. 1, 2011 thru March 31, 2012 are the ones we are collecting. We will be able to choose items from their catalog for our school. Thanks for you help!

## Calendar - 2011

<b>Sunday 27</b> 8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass	<b>Monday 28</b> 8:30AM Mass  3PM - Bears	<b>Tuesday 29</b> 8:30AM Mass 9AM - Quilters 7PM - RCIA 7PM - Scouts  <b>7PM - grs. 1 &amp; 2 Christmas Program</b> 	<b>Wednesday 30</b> 8:30AM Mass  3PM- Youth Choir 7PM - Choir  <b>7PM - grs. 3, 4, &amp; 5 Christmas Program</b>	<b>December 1</b> 8:30AM Mass	<b>Friday 2</b> 8:30AM Mass	<b>Saturday 3</b> 3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass  1PM - Practice for 1st Reconciliation
8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass Rite of Welcome  4:00PM Parish Communal Penance Service and 1st Reconciliation	8:30AM Mass  <b>7PM PreK &amp; K Christmas Program</b> 	8:30AM Mass  7PM - Scouts  7PPM - RCIA St. Ann's Church	8:30AM Mass  1:30PM - School Penance Service  7PM - Webelos 2	8:30AM Mass 6:30PM Mass   <b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	8:30AM Mass  <b>MINISTRY CENTER CLOSED</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass  7:30PM Jacomo Chorale Christmas Concert
8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass	8:30AM Mass  3:00PM - Bears  6:00PM - Hanch Camp Fire	8:30AM Mass  7PM - Scouts  7PPM - RCIA St. Ann's Church	8:30AM Mass	8:30AM Mass  6:00PM - Whalen Camp Fire	8:30AM Mass	3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass



### Nativity of Mary Youth & Adult Choirs Christmas Performances

**Sunday, December 4th, 2:30 p.m.**

**4th and 5th graders from the Nativity Youth Choir will sing at the Independence Mayor's Christmas Concert, at the RLDS Temple, along with students from public schools.**

**Friday, December 16th, 7:30 p.m.**

**Nativity Christmas Concert, with both the Nativity Youth and Parish Choirs and accompanist Velma Tyson.**



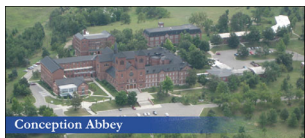
### PRAYER OF THE WEEK November 27, 2011 First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me if Christ returned this week?



**The Abbey Guest Center  
at Conception Abbey,  
37174 State Highway VV,  
Conception, MO 64433**

**660-944-2809 or at [guests@conception.edu](mailto:guests@conception.edu)**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2011 - "Mary, sign of Advent" day of reflection.** An opportunity to pause in Advent to reflect on Mary's important role in the mystery of the Incarnation. Fr. Daniel Petsche will lead the day's reflections. We'll begin with coffee and rolls at 9:00 am, and the morning conference begins at 9:30. Some quiet time follows. You'll attend the Eucharist with the monks and seminarians and enjoy a buffet lunch. After additional personal reflection time, we'll close with a 3:00 conference. *(Suggested donation for the day including lunch: \$20 per person)*

**Wednesday and Thursday, December 7-8, 2011** - Attend the "Mary, sign of Advent" day of reflection and then stay on to celebrate the patronal feast of the Basilica on the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**. You'll enjoy praying First Vespers with the Conception community, a festive dinner, and the morning Liturgy of the Hours on Thursday. The experience culminates with the celebration of the Eucharist with the monks and seminarians, followed by lunch and departure. *(Suggested donation for the day of reflection and the celebration of the Immaculate Conception including lodging and meals: \$75 per person)*

**Friday through Sunday, December 30, 2011 through January 1, 2012 - "Benedictine Peace in a Violent World" New Year's Retreat.** What does it mean to center families and communities in peace? Our often-violent world threatens to erode our schools, neighborhoods, workplaces and cities. Can we find ways to sustain peace of mind, body and heart when turmoil strikes? How might *The Rule of St. Benedict* teach us about the courage and humility to increase peace in our broken world? Conferences will be led by Abbot Gregory Polan, Karen Ceckowski and Fr. Patrick Caveglia. You'll enjoy time for quiet prayer and reading, and can join the monks for the Liturgy of the Hours and festive Eucharists. *(Suggested donation for lodging, meals, conferences and New Year's Eve reception: \$135 single, \$110 each double accommodations)*

If you'd like to make a reservation, please contact us at **660-944-2809 or at [guests@conception.edu](mailto:guests@conception.edu)**



### St. Mary's Outreach

600 N Liberty, Independence, MO  
Wednesday and Thursday of each week,  
from 9am - 12noon, and from 12:30 - 3:30pm.

With the cold weather upon us St. Mary's Outreach has clients who desperately need blankets. They are currently collecting blankets to pass out to their clients. New or old blankets in good condition are greatly appreciated!

St. Mary's Outreach is always in need of the following items: personal hygiene items & nonperishable food, canned meats and fish, sauces, canned vegetables and fruits, pasta, rice, soups, peanut butter, cereal, dry or canned milk, & gelatin desserts. Donations can be left in the barrels at the back of church or brought to the Ministry Center.

They also accept donations of furniture and clothing. You may drop them off at St. Mary's on Tuesday's or Friday's from 9:00 a.m. - Noon & from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

For more information Contact:  
Marie Hennigh, 252-8649.

Volunteers are always needed in the Outreach Center. If you would like to help, call Marie to get started!



### First Saturday Devotions

December 3, 2011

St. Monica Church  
1616 Paseo, KCMO 64108

To make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as requested by her at Fatima, the World Apostolate of Fatima is sponsoring for the third year, a series of First Saturday devotions that are being held in a different parish each month.

Rosary, Confessions and Meditations will begin at 8:00 am followed by Mass at 9:00 am. Our Lady promised to assist at the hour of death those who complete these devotions on five consecutive First Saturdays. Please take advantage of this offer and begin December 3rd.

If you have any questions please contact Dennis O'Brien 816-810-3801

## Diocesan Council of Catholic Women



**Christmas Bazaar and Sale**  
St. Bernadette Church  
9020 E. 51st Terrace, KCMO

**December 7th**

9:00 a.m. - Registration - 11:00 a.m. - Mass  
12:30 p.m. - Lunch

We will have a raffle, jewelry and gifts to help raise money for our chapter. The Raytown High School Choir will entertain us after mass. Lunch will be catered by Meissen's. The costs is \$11.

Please bring gloves and scarves (new or very gently used) to be given to Seton Center.

Please make your reservation by calling Martha Hodson, 353-8225, by Monday, December 5th.

## Catholic Charities of Kansas City is now hiring.

**Grant/Contract Accountant** - This position will develop agency accounting process for grants and contracts and manage accounting procedures with other individuals responsible for other aspects of grants and contracts within the Catholic Charities.

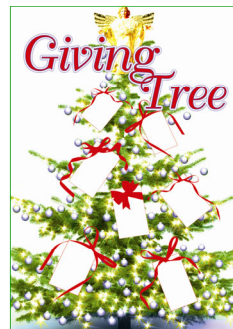
**Caregivers for Senior Adults** - This part-time position provides respite care, light housekeeping, meal preparation and personal care for senior adults. Compensation is very competitive with the market rate, (insurance and a retirement plan after one year).

For more information about these positions, refer to the Career Opportunities section on the website at catholiccharities-kcsj.org. Send resume to: Tara McGranaghan, 20 West 9th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105 or email to [tmcgranaghan@ccharities](mailto:tmcgranaghan@ccharities)



## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Sales Representative for a career opportunity representing our insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time, professional level earnings potential position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, you can visit our website [www.kofc.org/careers](http://www.kofc.org/careers) or contact Mike York, Assistant General Agent at (816) 561-5632. If interested, please email your resume to [mike.york@kofc.org](mailto:mike.york@kofc.org).



We will once again have the Giving Tree to help Seton Center make Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate.

- Pick out a gift tag(s) from the Giving Tree.
- Purchase the gift(s).
- Place the UNWRAPPED gift(s) under the Giving Tree.
- Hang the gift tag(s) on the Tree.

*The deadline to have your gifts under the Giving Tree is Sunday, December 4, 2011.*

When purchasing children's gifts please think about things that will help build motor skills and social skills and help them to be creative (no batteries). One on one handheld games are discouraged. Also, things that can be done together as a family are good choices.

Thank you for your generosity towards those in need.

## Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph Youth Mass - December 3, 2011



Grades 8-12 are invited to a special Mass at the O'Hara High School auditorium. Doors will open at 5:30, Mass is at 6:30. After Mass, the Mikey Needleman Band will lead us in praise in worship.

There is no cost for this event and no registration is required. For more information, please call the Office of Youth Ministry: 816.756.1850 x554

*Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed.*

--Booker T. Washington

December 4, 2011 - The First Sunday of Advent

December 2011	4:00 PM Mass	8:00 AM Mass	10:30 AM Mass
Lectors	Jo Leete Penny Baylie	Charlie Bellman	Wilma Christensen Joe Harris
Eucharistic Ministers	*Loretta Bates Danny Duvall Ruth Duvall Mike Fetters Mike Mosbauer Mike Rooney Teresa Rooney *Denotes Captain	*Anita Pribyl Theresa DeHart Bob DeSchepper Sandy DeSchepper Lucy Lamb Larry Pribyl *Denotes Captain	*Mary Ellen Theisen Patricia Clark James Collins Anne Reilly Margaret Ruiz Bob Steiert Madge Sutherlin *Denotes Captain
Ushers	Paul Sullivan Marilyn Mineart Bernie Schulte Ellena Thomas	Pete Quiroga Matt DeHart Harold Knipp Mary Ann McClure	Bob Murphy Mark Bishop Steve Wiegman Ken Hix
Servers	Madilyn Markel Emma Foley	Kimbrough Family	Brandon & Kaitlin Black



## Christmas Flowers

If you would like to donate towards the purchase of Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one or if you would just like to donate, contact:

Esther Cunningham, 373-0168 or the Ministry Center, 353-2184.

Free will donations will be gladly accepted.



It is difficult to put into words the appreciation I feel for the many prayers, cards, masses, transportation, and food that I have received over the past 2 months. I especially want to thank the school children and their teachers for prayers offered up for me because children's prayers are so powerful. I am so blessed as everything was successful and after 18 years of having this rare syndrome, I truly believe I had a miracle. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Paula Cassity

### Quilt Raffle

We would like to thank Ken and Dorothy Johnson for donating one of their handmade quilts to the parish. The quilt will be raffled off with all proceeds going to support our parish debt reduction campaign.

If you need more tickets than were in the bulletin last week there are additional sheets in the back of church. Tickets can be turned in to the Ministry Center or dropped in the collection basket.

The drawing will be held after the 3:00 p.m. mass on Christmas Eve.

