

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

September 25, 2011

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mass Schedule

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

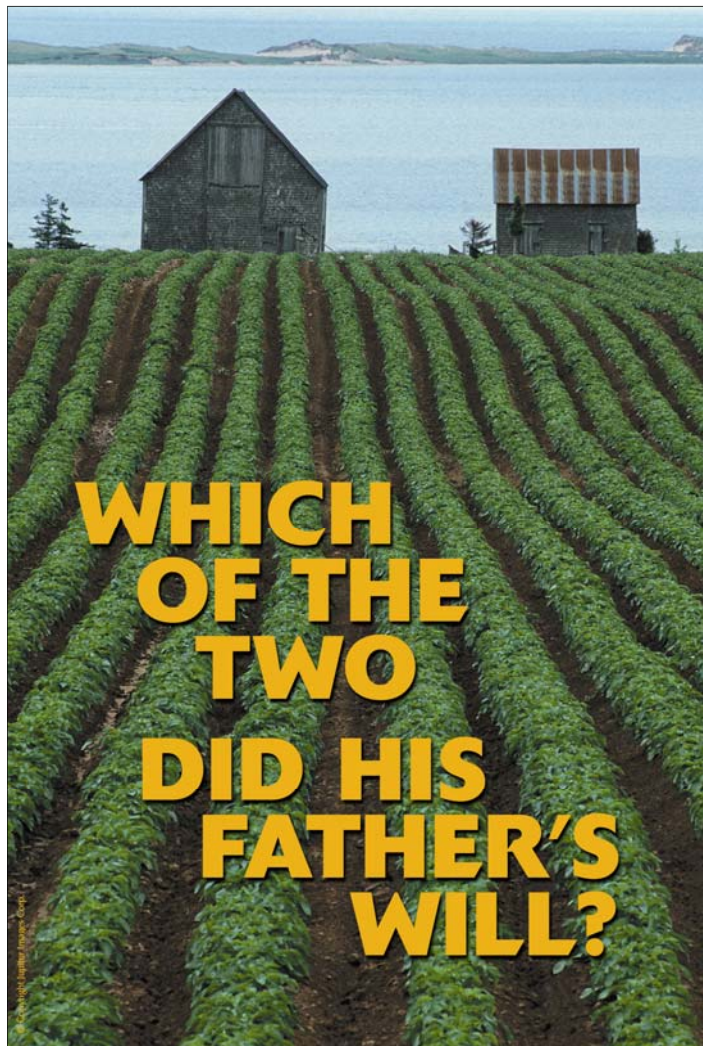
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

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

Holy Day: 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Confessions

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



September 25, 2011 - The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 24 - Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM + Mary & Al Flowers

+ Donald E. Moerschel

September 25 - The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM + Patty Rittel

10:30AM + Tom & Connie Parrino

Monday, September 26

8:30AM + Virginia McMenamy

Tuesday, September 27

8:30AM Intentions of Nancy Ronan

Wednesday, September 28

8:30AM + Tim Guigun

Thursday, September 29

8:30 AM + Sr. Veronica Brost

Friday, September 30

8:30 AM Intentions of Emil Yancik

Sat., Oct. 1 - Vigil of 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM + Walter Duvall

+ Larry Reiser

Sunday, Oct. 2 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM + Mabel Henderson

10:30AM + Fran Vitt Barchak

+ Cheryl Boin

Readings for the Week September 26 - October 2, 2011

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
 Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Gospel Reflection

ON CHANGING A TIRE Years ago, a television commercial showed a man driving his car on a rainy night. The man, who looks as though he's had a rough day and just wants to get home, comes across an elderly couple with a flat tire on the side of the road. The man drives past the disabled car, then stops. He can do the right thing-change the flat tire for the couple-and get drenched in the process, or he can keep on going. The expression on his face sums up his torn feelings. He looks as though he wishes he hadn't seen the couple at all. But he has seen them, and in the end, he climbs out of his car to help. **ON CHANGING THE WORLD** It's all about choice, isn't it? Generally, we know what's right and what's wrong. We know the virtuous path. The trouble is, the other path is usually the easier and more expedient one, and often, perhaps, it is our first choice. For those of us who struggle with such choices, what a great Gospel reading! And how comforting it is if-as we do our part in building up the reign of God-we can see ourselves more often than not like the first son, the son who said "no" but then "yes!" Our choices are our own, and the Lord says that we shall live or die by them. Paul counsels us to choose wisely by taking on the values and attitude of Jesus. The prostitutes and the tax collectors? Yes, they made some bad choices. But when John called them to repentance, they changed their attitudes and came running. Not so the chief priests and the elders. If anything, they ran the other way. That man in the commercial didn't want to change the tire, but in the end, he did. If ultimately we say yes to Jesus, we can all change a whole lot more.

Today's Readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-9; Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]; Matthew 21:28-32 Copyright (c) 2007, World Library

Please pray for:

Destinee Akers	Eleanor Gaffey	Eva Pinon
Alyssa Banks	Dan Gaylord	Will Proffitt
Penny Baylie	Elmer Henry	Lawrence Raab
Ione Becker	Lori Hudson	Tonya Robinson
Dana Betsworth	Peggy Ighalo	Nancy Ronan
Thelma Bruehl	Bonnie Jones	Nick Schofield
Mark Butler	Deborah Junco	Gale Sloan
Carole Byrd	Wilbur Klemm	Anita Smith
Jose Campos	Barbara Krebs	Charlaine Smith
Bernie Cassity	Genie Kuske	Sherry Stannigan
Paula Cassity	Tianna Lucas	Mary Ellen Theisen
Ron Caster	Elise Lynch	Paul Varsalona
Terri Dirkes	Charlotte Mellard	Joe Vlach
Danny Duvall	Kelly Metz	Anita Wheeler
David Erickson	Ruth Netherton	Rosemary Winkleman
Tyler Farrell	Julie Page	Emil Yancik
		Jessie Zapien



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Please choose one email only.



St. Mary's High School Homecoming
Friday, September 23 at 7:00 pm
Truman High School Football Field.

All are invited to attend the SMH Homecoming Football Game against Maranatha. Come cheer on the Trojans!



There will be an Alumni Gathering following the game at St. Mary's High School in Eskew Auditorium.



St. Mary's High School Golf Classic
October 3, 2011

WinterStone Golf Course

Single player fee is \$100 or Team Registration fee is \$400. Sponsorships are also available. Registration Begins at 8:00 am and Shotgun Start begins at 9:00 am. Proceeds from the tournament provide scholarships for SMH students and Alumni events and publications.

For more information or registration please visit the SMH website, stmhs.org or contact Lori Jonas [816-252-8733](tel:816-252-8733).



PASSANTINO SUN FRESH REGISTER TAPES

Beginning September 1, 2011 to March 30, 2012, Nativity School will be collecting cash register tapes from Passantino's Sun Fresh Market at 23rd and Sterling. You can drop them off in the school office or give them to one of the ushers at the weekend masses. Turn them in as you get them - no need to wait till the end of the program. We will be able to redeem the tapes for educational equipment for our school.



Foundation for Inclusive Religious Education










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FIRE

Saturday, October 15
6pm-11pm
Westin Crown Center
\$65 per ticket

For event, ticket or underwriting information go to www.fire-program.org.

Our mission is to provide children with special needs the opportunity for an inclusive Catholic education in their home parish schools.

Calendar - 2011

Sunday 25 8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass Camp Fire "Chris Cakes" Pancake Breakfast 	Monday 26 8:30AM Mass	Tuesday 27 8:30AM Mass 9AM - Quilters 3PM - Bears 7PM - RCIA 7PM - Scouts 2:30 - 9:00PM Parish Directory Pictures	Wednesday 28 8:30AM Mass 3PM - Youth Choir 6PM - SPRED 7PM - Choir Practice 2:30 - 9:00PM Parish Directory Pictures	Thursday 29 8:30AM Mass 2PM-PrayerGroup 2:30 - 9:00PM Parish Directory Pictures	Friday 30 8:30AM Mass  2:30 - 9:00PM Parish Directory Pictures	OCTOBER 1 3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass 9:00AM - 2:30PM Parish Directory Pictures
8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass  Cinnamon Buns after masses	8:30AM Mass  Luncheon	8:30AM Mass 9AM - Quilters 3PM - Tigers 3PM - Bishop CF 7PM - RCIA 7PM - Scouts	8:30AM Mass 3PM - Fox CF 3PM - Youth Choir 6PM - SPRED 7PM - Webelos 2 7PM - Choir Practice	8:30AM Mass 2PM-PrayerGroup 3PM - Webelos 1 7PM - Baptism Class 7:00PM Altar Society Membership Drive at V's Restaurant	8:30AM Mass 9AM - Noon Eucharistic Adoration  NO SCHOOL	3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass PTO Trivia Night
8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass	8:30AM Mass 12PM - Over 55  Luncheon 6PM - Hanch CF	8:30AM Mass 9AM - Quilters 3PM - Bears 7PM - RCIA 7PM - Scouts 2:30 - 9:00PM Parish Directory Pictures	8:30AM Mass 3PM - Youth Choir 6PM - SPRED 7PM - Choir Practice 2:30 - 9:00PM Parish Directory Pictures	8:30AM Mass 2PM-Prayer Group 3PM - Wolves 7PM - Ministry Council Meeting 2:30 - 9:00PM Parish Directory Pictures	8:30AM Mass  2:30 - 9:00PM Parish Directory Pictures	3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass Vincentian priest, Fr. Dick Gielow, will celebrate mass 9:00AM - 2:30PM Parish Directory Pictures



Male Voices Needed

Voices Needed!

We are still in need of male voices for the choir. If you enjoy singing and would like to improve your voice skills, please, talk to Helena Vasconcellos after Mass or call (816) 353-2184, ext. 210. Choir practices are Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:10 p.m. We focus on Mass repertory from 7:00 to 8:00 and on Christmas music from 8:10 to 9:10. If you choose to become a regular choir member, you are asked to arrive at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays to warm-up and sing for 10:30 a.m. Masses. If you are not available for Sunday Masses, but would like to perform at the Christmas concert, you can come for the second half of the Wednesday practices. The Christmas concert will be on Friday, December 16th, at 7:30 p.m.



**22nd Annual
 Harmony *Interfaith* Concert**
 With conductor
Helena Vasconcellos, Ph.D.
November 20th, 2011 - 4:00pm

**Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church
 7600 Northwest Barry Road
 Kansas City, MO 64153-1793**

**All singers are invited to join
 The Interfaith Chorus!**



Rehearsal Schedule:

Sunday, October 2nd
 Monday, October 10th
 Monday, October 17th
 Tuesday October 25th
 Sunday, October 30th
 Monday, November 7th
 Tuesday, November 15th

***Rehearsals are from 7:00-9:30 each night at
 Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church**

Jesus, when did we see you?

We ask ourselves the same questions the disciples posed to Jesus in Matthew 25. On the feast of Christ the King as we end this year of Matthew we are prompted to ask:

“When did we see you and respond?”
“When did we see you and not respond?”



Fall Retreat

Using the Sunday reading of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time through Christ the King

Join Denise Simeone and Cele Breen, SCL on Friday, October 7 or Saturday, October 8, 2011

St. James Church

3909 Harrison St., Kansas City, MO 64110

Registration & Refreshments: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Retreat: 9:30a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

Donation: \$15 or whatever you can; bring a new attendee for free!

Pre-registration is helpful; walk-ins welcome. People of all faiths welcome.

For more information contact Denise Simeone at: denisesimeone@hotmail.com or 816-686-3612

Yes, I plan to attend: Friday Saturday

Name: _____

Contact information: email address or phone number _____

Mail registration and donation to:
Cele Breen
3027 Charlotte,
Kansas City, MO 64109

Save the date:
Advent Retreat at St. Bernadette
November 18th or 19th.



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, October 7th - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

“... So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?”
Matthew 26:40

“Let us be generous with our time in going to meet him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.”

Pope John Paul II

Friday through Sunday,
October 21-23, 2011

“Where is God in Suffering?” retreat

How do we get through times of personal suffering? How do we help friends and loved-ones as they struggle through difficult times? The weekend will focus on practical help from Scripture and the experiences of modern Christians which can help us embrace our sufferings with greater faith and hope.

Presenters will include Fr. Patrick Caveglia, Oblate Ann Cole, Chaplain Josh Allee and Karen Ceckowski.

There will be opportunities during the weekend for quiet reading and reflection. You will be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, join the monks for the Liturgy of the Hours, and celebrate the Eucharist in the Abbey Basilica. (Suggested donation for lodging, meals, conferences and reception: \$135 single room, \$110 each with double accommodations) If you'd like to make a reservation, please contact us at 660-944-2809 or at guests@conception.edu



World Apostolate of Fatima First Saturday Devotions

Our next First Saturday Celebration, October 1st, will be celebrated at St Patrick Church, located at 1357 NE 42nd Terrace, KCMO 64116.

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 October 1st.



The [Centerpoint Striders for Health 5K Run/Walk](#) will be held **Sunday, October 2nd at 8:00am**. The run/walk will start and end at the south entrance of the Centerpoint Medical Office Building attached to the hospital (19600 East 39th Street, Independence, MO 64057). Proceeds from the event will benefit the [Shared Care Free Clinic of Jackson County](#). Runners/walkers will enjoy a great course that will circle around the hospital and then into the neighborhood to the north of the hospital. In addition, participants will enjoy:

- A certified course
- 100% cotton shirts
- Chip timing
- Awards and food at the end

It's not too late to register!! [Click here](#) for more information and to sign-up. We can't wait to see you there!

Since 2000, the [Shared Care Free Clinic of Jackson County](#) has provided primary care, chronic disease management, and on-site dispensary services for uninsured adults with chronic illness. The clinic's goal is to provide patients with the education, skills and encouragement to take charge of their health and to prevent the complications of untreated chronic conditions. To assist the clinic with their mission, Centerpoint Medical Center hosts this annual 5K Run/Walk to raise funds for and awareness of the clinic.



St. Joseph the Worker 13th Annual Craft Fair

Friday, November 4th
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 5th
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We will have over 35 booths again this year. If you, or someone you know, would like to rent a booth space for the "Craft Fair", please call:

Karen McCarter, 796-6877, for a registration form.

All craft items must be HOMEMADE.

This year we will have a room (6 booths) open for vendors such as Tupperware, Avon, Mary Kay, etc. The cost for a 6 x 8 booth is only \$35.

Hurry while space is available.



St. Mary's Food Pantry Needs Our Help

St. Mary's Food Pantry is seeing more people in need come to us than ever before. We will be receiving a very small amount of commodities in October. For this reason, we are desperately in need of donations of food for our clients. Especially needed are cereal, canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, cream of mushroom soup, pasta, pasta sauce, noodle mix packets, soups, corn bread mix, beans, and dry or canned milk. We deeply appreciate your generosity

Marie Hennigh,
St. Mary's Outreach

Celebration of Hope
November 5, 2011 - 6:30p.m.

Muehlebach Hotel



Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph presents an extraordinary evening of dinner, dueling pianos and dancing to benefit the children and families we serve. For tickets, sponsorships or to volunteer, contact:

Suzanne Cronkhite at
scronkhite@ccharities.com or 816.659.8215

If you would like to

- support the good work done by Catholic Charities for those in need
- meet other Catholics who share your passion for service
- enjoy fellowship for a good cause

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St Joseph invites you to hear about the **Padua Society** and its rewarding opportunities. Join us on Thursday, October 13th 7-8:30pm at the Catholic Charities Caritas Center (20 West Ninth St. in Downtown Kansas City). The evening will begin with mass followed by refreshments, a tour of the Caritas Center and a service outreach to benefit Catholic Charities programs. To RSVP or for more information contact Joan Caruso at jcaruso@ccharities.com or 816-659-8236.

September 25, 2011 - The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2011	4:00 PM Mass	8:00 AM Mass	10:30 AM Mass
Lectors	Bob Steiert Marilyn Fellows	Penny Baylie	Sam Locascio Helen Austin
Eucharistic Ministers	*Ruth Duvall Loretta Bates Ed Krawczyk Loretta Krawczyk Mike Mosbauer Mike Rooney Teresa Rooney *Denotes Captain	*Lucy Lamb Lottie Cianciolo Bob DeSchepper Sandy DeSchepper Anita Pribyl Jeff Rosenberg *Denotes Captain	*Madge Sutherlin James Collins Manny Martinez Frank Milazzo Anne Reilly Margaret Ruiz Mary Ellen Theisen *Denotes Captain



Don't forget to sign-up to have your picture taken for our parish pictorial directory.

There are 3 ways to sign-up:

1. On the parish website, www.nativityofmary.org, click on the Life Touch link.
2. Call the Ministry Center, 353-2184.
3. After the weekend masses.

PHOTO SESSION DATES

September 27, 28, 29, 30
2:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

October 1 -
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

October 11, 12, 13, 14
2:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

October 15 -
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**All WOMEN of the Parish are invited to the
Nativity of Mary Altar & Rosary Society
"Membership Drive"**

**hosted at V's Italiano Ristorante
on October 6th at 7pm.**



Please join us for wine & cheese and an opportunity to learn more about the history of our organization. It is one of the earliest established in our parish and is dedicated to serving in several areas of our parish community.

All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

Yearly membership fee is \$5.00.



Calendars for the shut ins:

Once again we will be collecting calendars to be delivered to local nursing homes as well as to area shut ins. Many of us seem to receive multiple calendars from various organizations. If you receive a calendar (or calendars) that you could donate, please leave them in the hospitality kitchen in the back of church. Nancy R will see that they are picked up and delivered to Joanne Eller. Joan will deliver them to local nursing homes. Last year your response was overwhelming. And your generosity touched the hearts of many individuals who otherwise might not have this simple pleasure we take for granted. The last Sunday we will be able to accept calendars will be November 27th. All calendars donated will be delivered up to and including the first week of December.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity.
Nancy & Joanne