

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,
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November 6, 2011

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

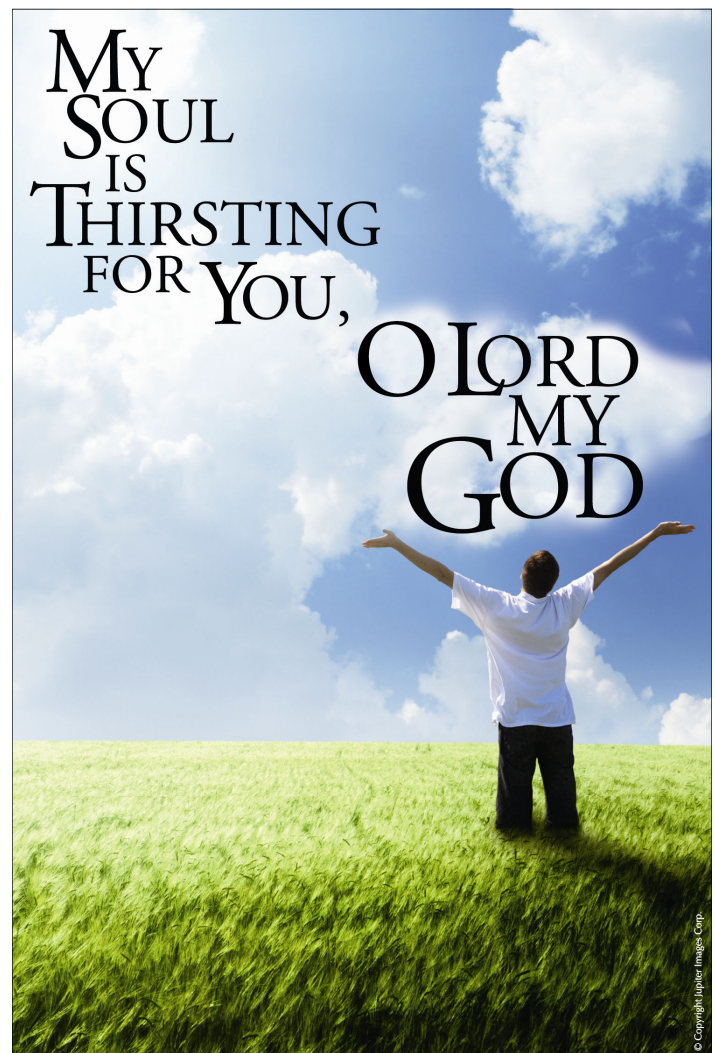
"My attitude must be Christ's." - Philippians 2:5

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



November 6, 2011 - The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 5 - Vigil of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM + Joe Gargotta

+ Larry Reiser

November 6 - The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM + Mabel Henderson

10:30AM + Lilah Koval

Monday, November 7

8:30AM + Art Smiley

Tuesday, November 8

8:30AM + Priscilla Barrow

Wed., Nov. 9 - Dedication of Lateran Basilica in Rome

8:30AM + Dennis Kleihauer

Thursday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great

8:30AM John & Celine Pirog 60th Anniversary

Friday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours

8:30 AM + Jane Walker

Sat., Nov. 12 - Vigil of 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM + Celine Pirog

+ Steve Divine

Sunday, Nov. 13 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM John & Celine Pirog 60th Anniversary

10:30AM Intentions of Fr. Tom Ward

+ Sharon Ann Seigler

Readings for the Week November 7, 2011 - November 13, 2011

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 -- 3:9; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46;
 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Thursday: Wis 7:22b -- 8:1; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128;
 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time AUTUMN LEAVES

In the autumn, as leaves are dying all around us and nights are growing longer, it is natural for our thoughts to turn to the end of our lives. We may ask ourselves if we will be ready when the Lord comes to meet us. Perhaps we have experienced the sudden, unexpected death of a loved one. Perhaps we have kept vigil with someone who died slowly. If so, we know that death is an unpredictable and ever-present reality in every human life. How are we to live our lives in the face of such knowledge? What is wise? Today's scriptures address this question. We are not to live as though we are immortal and nothing can harm us. Neither are we to live in fear and despair, as though we were already dead. Paul tells the Thessalonians to console one another with the knowledge that we are meant to be reunited with our loved ones for eternity. Jesus tells his disciples not to be so foolish as to think that they can get by with only the bare minimum of faith, hope, and love. **STAY AWAKE!** How then, shall we live our lives? We are told to keep vigil and to "stay awake." What does that mean? It means that we keep our spirits well stocked with faith, hope, and love, so that our "lamps" will not burn out too soon. It means that we continually seek out wisdom, especially in dark times of suffering. It means that we are always ready for the Lord to come in unexpected ways, teach us unexpected lessons, and bring us unexpected joys, even in unexpected situations. Then, at the moment of death we will be prepared, because we will be in the habit of watching for and welcoming the Lord.

Please pray for:

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



A STRONG CURRICULUM

Our team members understand the Nativity of Mary philosophy that all students can learn. Because we are an inclusive school, we have over one hundred students with some kind of accommodations or modifications. It is imperative that teachers at each grade level know that they will have students of all abilities in their classroom and that they will need to learn from each other how to promote student growth. Through professional development that is current and compelling, teamwork activities and promoting an authentic care for one other as adults, a motivated staff can find ways for students to achieve on all levels.

Students must also feel like they can learn and grow. By giving students a voice in their education and sharing with them what they can do to succeed, we have motivated students to want to learn and grow. We share tools for learning with students that include technology, organizational skills and ways to help each other to grow through mediation training and conflict resolution. We work at grant writing, fundraising and seeking Title funding to sustain the resources that are needed in order to give students the tools that they need to learn and grow. At Nativity, we try to give students extracurricular opportunities to learn and grow through such endeavors as book clubs, science clubs, youth choir and journalism. There is a Student Senate who promotes school spirit, academic achievement and change in the school as a viable voice at board meetings. Students know what it means to be a Nativity Night-hawk.



*Of all the things
you wear,
your expression
is the most
important ..*



- Legos for the Extended Care Program
- Picture books for 3rd grade
- Chapter books for 3rd grade
- 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








Congratulations to our wonderful principal, Liz Baker, who was the recipient of the Flame Award at this year's F.I.R.E. Bonfire auction. The Flame Award honors those who go above and beyond in the pursuit for inclusive education. Way to go! We are proud of you as our leader!!

Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph Youth Mass

Grades 8-12 are invited to a special Mass at the O'Hara High School auditorium. Doors will open at 5:30pm. Mass is at 6:00pm and after Mass, the Mikey Needleman Band will lead us in praise and worship. There is no cost for this event and no registration is required.

For more information, please call the Office of Youth Ministry 756-1850 x554.

Calendar - 2011

Sunday 6	Monday 7	Tuesday 8	Wednesday 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11	Saturday 12
8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass  Cinnamon Buns after masses	8:30AM Mass	8:30AM Mass 9AM - Quilters 7PM - RCIA 7PM - Scouts	8:30AM Mass 3PM - Youth Choir 7PM - Choir	8:30AM Mass 2PM-Prayer Group 3PM - Wolves 7PM - Parish Ministry Council	8:30AM Mass	3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass
8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass Rite of Welcome Noon - Pack Mtg.	8:30AM Mass 12PM - Over 55  Luncheon 3PM - Bears 6:00PM - Hanch Camp Fire	8:30AM Mass 9AM - Quilters 3PM - Bishop CF 3PM - Tigers 7PM - RCIA 7PM - Scouts	8:30AM Mass 3PM - Youth Choir 6PM - Weigman Camp Fire 7PM - Choir 7PM - Webelos 2	8:30AM Mass 2PM-PrayerGroup 3PM - Webelos 1 6PM - Whalen Camp Fire	8:30AM Mass  Bread available after noon	3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass Bread available all day
8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass	8:30AM Mass  Denis & Dogs 7PM - K of C Aux. Meeting 7PM - Coaches Meeting	8:30AM Mass 9AM - Quilters 7PM - RCIA 7PM - Scouts	8:30AM Mass SCHOOL Noon Dismissal NO YOUTH OR ADULT CHOIR	8:30AM Mass  Give Thanks to the Lord	8:30AM Mass NO SCHOOL MINISTRY CENTER CLOSED	3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass

Interfaith Choral Concert and Activities at Nativity of Mary Parish and Independence:



Sunday, November 20, 4:00 p.m. Harmony Interfaith Concert, Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, 7600 NW Barry Road, Kansas City, MO. Conducted by Dr. Helena Vasconcellos.



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.



We would like to thank all the ladies who helped out during our new Parish Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions. You helped to keep things moving smoothly.



Also, a reminder to those who were not able to make it to one of the photo sessions, you can submit a photo of your own to put in the directory. We are beginning work on laying out the Directory for publication so we ask that you bring your pictures to the Parish Ministry Center by November 15th.



Coming Soon to a Franciscan Convent near you!

Are you seeking a more fulfilling way of life? Have you ever wondered what religious life would be like? Do you have the Courage to seek the path to which the Lord is calling you? Then come and spend a weekend with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist at a Discernment weekend.

November 18-19, 2011



For high school girls. This weekend will focus on 'why anyone in the world would want to enter religious life.' Come and find out the source of our Joy!

To register, or for more information, contact Sr. Mary Clare, OSF at stfraneucharist@aol.com or 816-252-1673.

FROM THE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE LOCAL RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKEND RETREAT

Share the gift of healing with those you care about who are suffering the effects of a past abortion. Women and men welcome. December 9-11, 2011.

For more information, make the confidential call 816-363-9489, or email rvkcmo@gmail.com.



PARISH MISSION IN LEXINGTON Father Bill Casey, CPM

Father Bill Casey of the Fathers of Mercy will be preaching a parish mission at Immaculate Conception Church in Lexington. Father Casey has appeared on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) since 1999 and has preached missions all around the country for years! He served as an officer in the U.S. Army and gave up his military career in order to study for the priesthood. He served the Fathers of Mercy as Superior General from 1997 to 2009. All are invited to come and hear his inspiring messages!

The mission begins with weekend masses on the weekend of November 12th and 13th (Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at 9am). The mission continues every evening, Sunday through Thursday, at 7pm at the church. Father Casey will hear confessions after every mission service.

Advent Guided Prayer Program Ignatian Spirituality Center



This Advent, allow God to give you a gift that will last all year long. Open your mind and your heart in new ways to God's love.

The Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City is offering an Advent Guided Prayer Program beginning the week of Nov. 27. Each participant prays daily with selected Scripture, then meets weekly with a prayer guide to review the prayer.

Space is limited, application deadline is Nov. 10. The cost is \$30 and scholarships are available. Go to www.ignatiancenterkc.org for an application and additional details, or call 816.523.5115 x 212.



TurnAround A Program of Catholic Charities of Kansas City - St. Joseph

TurnAround assists men and women who have completed their incarceration to transition back into the community. Clients are given support to develop a plan to become productive, contributing citizens in their communities.

Can you be a mentor? Will you be a mentor? The need is great, but so is the *reward*. The Catholic Charities mentoring program has assisted 96% of the TurnAround clients to successfully begin a new life back in their communities while the national average is less than 32%.

To learn more about the TurnAround Mentoring Program call TurnAround at 816-561-1835 or email Catholic Charities at www.catholiccharities-kcsj.org/services.



Have you taken care of your marriage? Will you be ready when the bridegroom comes and invites you into the wedding feast? "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends:

**November 18 - 20 in Kansas City and
March 2 - 4, 2012 in Branson.**

Dates fill fast, early registration is recommended.

For more information visit our website at:

**<http://wwme4youandme.org/> or contact
Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066.**

Sent to bring glad tidings to the poor...

Isaiah 61:1, Third Sunday of Advent

A retreat reflecting on the Sunday Scriptures of Advent, Cycle B

ADVENT RETREAT

Join Denise Simeone and Cele Breen, SCL

<p>November 17, 2011 St. Patrick Parish 1357 Northeast 42nd Terrace Kansas City, MO 64116 9:30 am - 11:30 am Refreshments: 9:00 - 9:30 am If you wish you may attend Mass at 8:30 am</p>	<p>Friday, November 18 or Saturday, November 19, 2011 St. Bernadette Parish 9020 E 51st Terrace Kansas City MO 64133 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Refreshments: 9:00 - 9:30 am Directions: www.stbernadettekcmo.com If you wish you may attend Mass Friday, 8:15 am or Word/Communion Service Saturday, 8:15 am</p>
<p>November 17, 2011 Our Lady Of Guadalupe Parish 4503 Frederick Blvd. Saint Joseph, MO 64506 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm</p>	

Suggested donation is \$15.00 but all are welcome to come and give whatever they are able.

Pre-registration is very helpful but walk-ins are welcome. People of all faiths are welcome!

Questions: Call Denise Simeone 816-686-3612 or e-mail denisesimeone@hotmail.com



I plan to attend on November 17 in the _____ morning (St Patrick) _____ evening (OLG)

I plan to attend on _____ Friday (November 18) _____ Saturday (November 19)


Name _____

Contact: email address or phone _____

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

Dear Parish Family,
Thank you for prayers for Philip Theisen.
They are giving him what he needs to recover.
The Theisen Family.



 Please pray for the response of the soul of Celine Pirog, wife of John Pirog and Sharon Ann Seigler, sister of Teresa Zaner and Loretta Van Bibber. We offer our prayers and sympathy to John and all the Pirog family and Teresa, Loretta and all the Seigler family. May God's peace and blessings be with them.



St. Mary's Pantry is starting to collect items for their Christmas food baskets. Any surplus items will be given out at Thanksgiving.

The following items are needed by November 15th.

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| Canned Yams | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Canned Pumpkin | Cake mixes |
| Canned evaporated milk | Cake icing |
| Cranberry sauce | Marshmallows (small bag) |
| Instant mashed potatoes | Boxed Stuffing |
| Flour (small) | Sugar (small) |



Get HOLIDAY Rolls and Help Nativity of Mary!

MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY DINNER A FEAST!

Your family can enjoy delicious made from scratch dinner rolls with no effort!
They are Grandma Rosie's special recipe and are made especially for you by "On A Roll" Catering. The cost is \$5.25 per dozen. The rolls will come to you baked and ready to eat. You will need to freeze them until your holiday and then heat before serving. We will NOT be making them again until Easter and they freeze very well, so be sure that you order enough to get you through. .

ALL PROFIT FROM THIS SALE WILL GO TO Nativity of Mary!!

Rolls are made to order so orders must be received by November 7th .

Order forms and payment can be placed in the church or school office through Monday, November 7th. Make checks payable to Nativity Athletics. Rolls will be available for pick up after masses on November 12th and 13th or Monday, November 14th before and after school.

You can reach Ann Thomason @ 373-1711 if you have any questions or by email at anntomason@sbcglobal.net

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____
E-mail ADDRESS _____
DOZEN _____ X \$5.25 = _____

Catholic Charities of Kansas City is now hiring.



Workforce Development Specialist for the TurnAround Program - This position assists men and women transitioning from prison to the community to obtain employment. The job developer will work with employers and the Turnaround Case Managers to find suitable employment for those in the program.

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 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.

Foreclosure Prevention

Are you worried about losing your home? Catholic Charities can help. The key to avoiding financial crisis is taking immediate action. Work cutbacks, pay cuts, lay-offs are realities for all types of families. We are here to help you. Contact a HUD certified housing counselor at Catholic Charities of Kansas City St. Joseph. Contact Jerry Reeves or Richard Phillips at 816-221-4377