

Church of the Nativity

OUR MISSION STATEMENT : WE, THE PEOPLE OF NATIVITY PARISH, COMMIT TO PROCLAIMING JESUS' KINGDOM BY LEARNING AND TEACHING HIS WORD, ADORING HIS PRESENCE, AND SERVING THE NEEDS OF ALL PEOPLE.

December 27, 2020

Sacramental Life

WEEKDAY MASSES

M-F 6:30am
Saturday 8:00am

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat. Evening 4:15pm
Sun. Morning 6:30 & 9:30am

CONFESSIONS

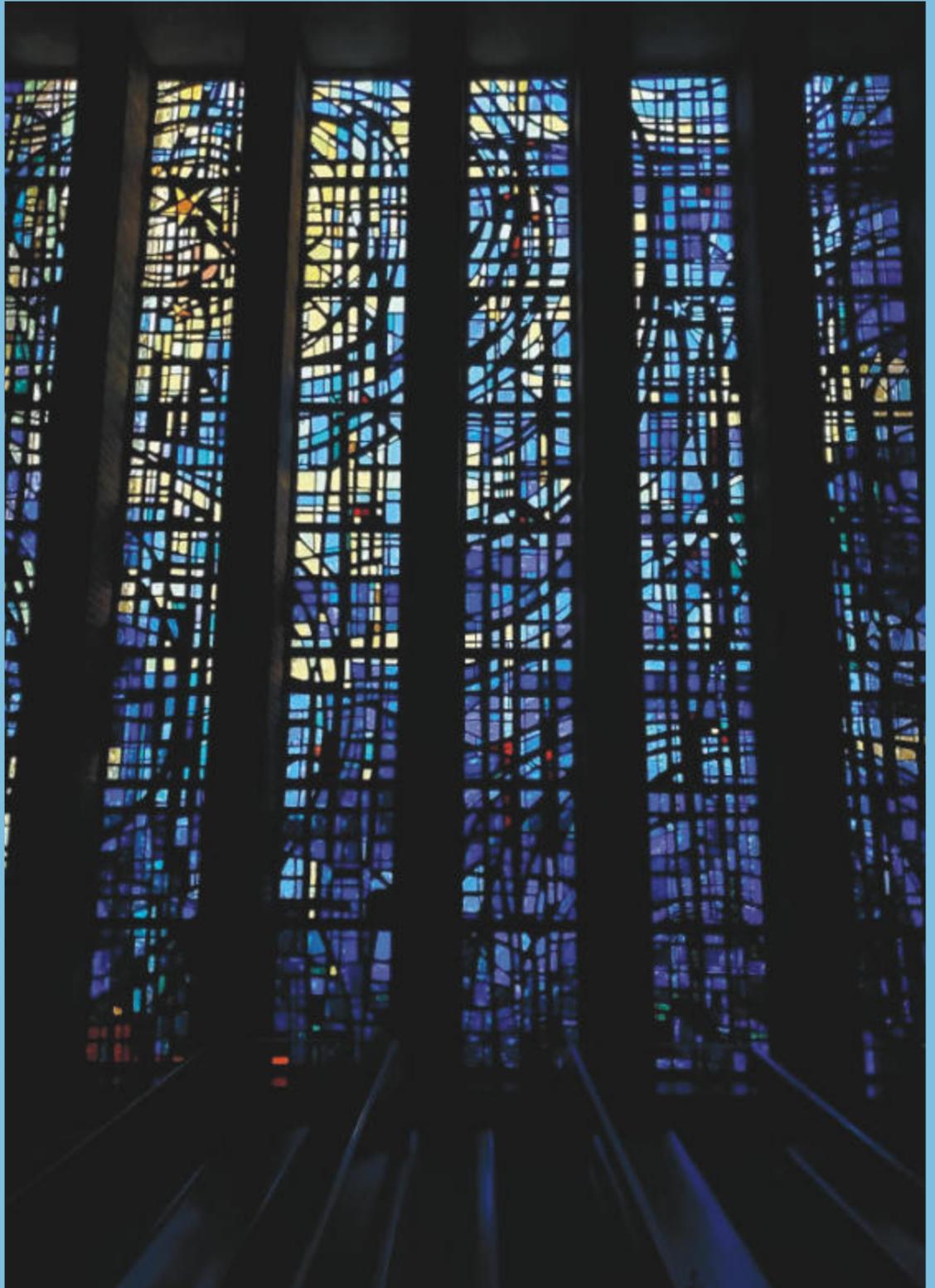
M-F 7:00am
1st Sat. 7:15am
Saturday 3:00— 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS

By arrangement.
Pre-Baptism Program Required. The next classes are 6:30pm on January 25, 2021 and April 26, 2021. Please notify the office if you are planning to attend.

WEDDINGS

Please notify parish office at least six months in advance to schedule wedding. *Catholic party must give evidence of faith.*



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass Intentions**Monday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

6:30am Elmer Michels Family; Charlotte Danner

Tuesday, December 29

6:30am Howard & Mary Hendricks; Charles Schrobligen

Wednesday, December 30

6:30am Elizabeth Corpstein

Thursday, December 31

6:30am Millie Tressel

Friday, January 1: Mary Mother of God

8:00am Diane Hurm (Anv)

11:00am Nativity Parish

Saturday, January 2: Sts. Basil and Gregory

8:00am Simon, Linden, Shappell & Straub Families

4:15pm Joe (deceased) & Sally Kresse

Sunday, January 3: Epiphany of the Lord

6:30am Nativity Parish

9:30am Kristy Staker and Family

Parish Staff & Office Info**Pastor**.....Fr. Andy Upah

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There is no **Stewardship Report** this week due to Christmas and early bulletin deadlines.

2020 Contributions

Contributions received through Thursday, December 31, 2020 will be included in the 2020 calendar year and reported on your 2020 contribution statement. Contributions received on or after Friday, January 1, 2020 will be recorded on your 2021 contribution statement. Any donations received in the mail must be postmarked by December 31, 2020 to be included on your 2020 contribution statement.

From the Pastor

Merry Christmas! The stained glass window on the front depicts the stars in the night sky over Bethlehem on that Holy Night. It is with much joy that we celebrate the birth of Jesus; God became man and dwelt among us. It is amazing to think about how He could have come to earth in any number of ways, but He chose to come into this world and experience it in the exact same way that we do, as a little baby. Everyone loves to see a newborn baby. A baby brings much joy to a family and a community, and that is what the baby Jesus does for us still today, especially knowing this baby was born to save us from our sins. Being free from sin Himself, yet having experienced all of the human temptations we do, He was the perfect sacrifice to atone for our sins and open the gates to heaven, which is why we celebrate His birth with so much joy.



My nieces and nephew joyfully visit their Fr. Uncle!

At the Church of the Nativity, we should be very cognizant of the joy we have in Jesus. We should recognize that, much like Mary, God has been conceived in each one of us in the form of the Holy Spirit, and we are meant to share that joy with everyone around us. As we look forward to 2021 with great expectation, I look forward to continuing some of the great strides we have been making in discipleship and community building. We have a great community here at Nativity and it is imperative that we share that love and joy we have in Jesus Christ with all of the people that we meet. That is really what Christian Discipleship is ultimately about. First of all letting Christ grow in our own hearts and then bringing Him into the world and sharing our love and our experience of God with everyone we encounter, like a new mother showing off her precious little baby to the world.

As we approach the new year, we often make New Year's Resolutions. Have you considered asking God what your resolution should be? Even if it's something like going to the gym more, losing weight, or learning a new instrument, do it for His glory! Do it not for love of yourself but for love of God. - Fr. Andy

Bible Study on the Life of Christ

All adults are invited to a new Bible Study called "Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life," which is a 10-session study on the Life of Christ with videos filmed in the Holy Land and presented by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri. The study will be facilitated by Matt Selby and held in the O'Brien Room on Mondays from 7:00-8:30 PM, starting on January 11th and ending on March 15th. There will also be an option to join virtually. To register/order materials, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/NativityBibleStudy2>. Make sure to order the "Study Set" For questions, contact Matt Selby at mattselby@gmail.com or 319-440-6940.

**Parish Calendar****Wednesday, December 30**

6:00pm Family Friendly Eucharistic Adoration - Church

At the Sunday Mass

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you.

We give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Church of the Nativity Holy Day Schedule

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (Friday, January 1)

Mass at 8:00am

Mass at 11:00am

Readings for the Feast of the Holy Family

Note: text in *italics* should be recited by congregation.

Entrance Antiphon: Luke 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in manger.

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. *Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*
Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!
Look to the LORD in his strength; constantly seek his face.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.... When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Communion Antiphon: Baruch 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

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