

NATIVITY

Catholic Church



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Parish Office 8 am - 4 pm,
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Nativity, are committed to live and proclaim our faith in the presence of Jesus Christ through:

- worship and prayer
- life-long faith formation
- compassionate service to those in need

Masses

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30, 11:00 a.m.
Holydays: 8:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline
Monday, 12:00 Noon.

Marriages

Congratulations! Please contact us at least six months in advance so that we can work with you as you prepare for marriage.

Eucharistic Adoration

The first Sunday of the month, from 1-4 p.m. the church will be open for those who wish to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Communion to the Sick
Call the Parish Office to arrange

Baptisms
First-time parents, please go to nativityindy.org/baptism. Others contact Parish Office. Baptisms occur once a month.

Holy Orders
Those considering entering the Priesthood or a Religious Vocation, please contact Archdiocesan Vocation Office at
317/236-1490.

New Parishioners
We welcome you to Nativity and hope that you will feel at home here. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to begin the registration process

Liturgical Ministers
Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers to the Homebound can find quarterly schedules at
www.nativityindy.org/liturg

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 4:30 - 5 pm;
other times by appointment.



Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Dear friends in Christ,

This past Tuesday, I received my first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. In the state of Indiana, clergy have been classified as healthcare workers for the purposes of vaccine distribution because of our ministry to the sick, dying, and vulnerable – and so along with many others who work in healthcare or as first responders, I was glad to be able to do my part to begin the process of getting ahold of this virus through vaccination.

Many people I have spoken with are eager to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Others are more reluctant. Some are concerned about unknown potential long-term side effects of a vaccine that has been developed so quickly – and for some people, that may indeed be a valid concern. For most of us, though, we can see the long-term effects of vulnerability to a virus that can be deadly as reason to trust the science that has developed this vaccine as offering proportional benefit, especially for those who are most susceptible (the elderly, those with underlying health concerns, and those who live with and care for them). Other concerns about the vaccines have to do with the morality of how they were developed, an issue that has been addressed by both the Holy See and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. I encourage you to read those reports, readily available on the internet, which detail the importance of working for vaccines that are not developed from tissue derived from abortions, as well as recognizing that some vaccines are more morally acceptable than others and encouraging the faithful to receive a morally acceptable vaccine as it becomes available to them. It is a complicated moral question which I would be happy to discuss in detail with anyone who is interested.

For now, though, I join with countless others who gratefully receive a vaccine that we hope and pray will help hasten the end of the pandemic that has so impacted our lives over the past year.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Eric

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MAY 1, 2021
WILL BE NATIVITY'S
REVERSE RAFFLE!
BE SURE TO MARK YOUR
CALENDARS FOR FUN
AND EXCITEMENT!!



Jan 10, 2021

Weekly Collected	\$	11,961
YTD Actual	\$	439,142
YTD Budget		
(28 x 15,599)	\$	436,772
Difference +/-(-)	\$	2,370
Future is Now	\$	18,468
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	130
Criterion	\$	44



- Mon. Jan 18 NO MASS
- Tues. Jan 19 8:30 a.m. Special Intention
- Wed. Jan 20 8:30 a.m. Maryann Boarman
- Thurs Jan 21 8:30 a.m. Don Schweighart
- Fri. Jan 22 8:30 a.m. Trina Bruhn
- Sat. Jan 23 5:30 p.m. Brendon Curren
- Sun. Jan 24 8:30 a.m. For Nativity
- 11:00 a.m. Becky Harrell

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

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DONATE DIAPERS

Every year, an average of 130,094 babies die in the Midwest because of the tragedy of abortion. Sometimes, numbers like this are incomprehensible and we don't truly take in the enormity of this loss. That's why this year for the Indiana March for Life, we are collaborating with Chicago's Moving the Movement Tour to collect 130,094 diapers for pregnancy resource centers across the Midwest. Together, we can make a concrete difference in the lives of babies and their mothers. You're invited to bring diapers of any size (we want to help babies throughout their first year) to the **Indiana March for Life on January 22**. Bring 1 pack or bring 3; each and every one will be a gift to those who receive it! If you can't attend in person, there is an easy option to donate diapers online! Join us!

[I Can Donate Diapers](#)

The Serra Club of Indianapolis and the Nativity Vocations Committee are praying for religious vocations.



Hear God's Call

Please pray for:

BOBBY VOGEL from St. Joseph in Jennings County
and
SR. JONI LUNA, Temporary Professed at St. Mary of the Woods

Giving to the Church through your will

is a good way to continue your support of the Church and its ministries beyond your lifetime. When your estate plan is prepared, consider including plans for a gift to the Church.

Registration is open!

IN HIS
Image

Jr. High Youth Rally
at Roncalli High School
Saturday, Feb 20, 2021

NET MINISTRIES

Join us for a day of exploring what it means to be a son or daughter of God. NET Ministries will be with us for presentations, skits, breakout sessions, and games. There will be opportunities for discussion, Mass, prayer and worship, and service.

2:00pm-8:00pm (Doors will not open before 1:45pm)

Pick up and drop off will be at the Fine Arts Center (Door 5) of Roncalli High School.

Dinner and a snack will be provided

Cost: \$30 per youth – scholarships are available. Please contact Maureen Hutt @ mhutt@nativityindy.org for more information.

Registration link: <https://permission.click/gYGV/us#/information>

We will be collecting items for the Holy Family Shelter in Indianapolis. A list of needed items will be shared in the coming weeks.

Masks will be required for this event. We will provide masks for all participants, and they must be worn for the whole day. We will practice social distancing throughout the event.

When you drop your child off for the 2021 Jr. High Youth Rally, you acknowledge that they are not exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 such as a cough, shortness of breath or any flu-like symptoms. They have not been in close contact with someone experiencing Covid-19 symptoms or spent more than 15 minutes within 6 feet of someone who is suspected to have Covid-19 or has confirmed Covid-19. They also have been fever free for 72 hours without any fever reducing medication.

NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Each of us wants to do what is best for our children, to guide them and provide them with opportunities that allow them to grow into successful, confident, well-rounded adults. Quality education and strength of character are the building blocks to achieving this goal.

Nativity Catholic School provides academic excellence in a faith-filled environment to students in grades pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. The core curriculum in reading, writing, math, social studies, and science exceeds the Indiana State standards. Fine arts, music, STEM, physical education, spiritual growth, and community service round out the educational experience.

We invite you to visit our school. To schedule a tour, please contact us at (317) 357-1459 or email Diane Lee at dlee@nativityindy.org.



Accelerated Reader News!



Congratulations to Lenica Molina-Gomez and Marinn Shutta, both in 7th grade, for reading over 1,000,000 Accelerated Reader words! They earned an entire week out of uniform! Great job being Reader Leaders!



Congratulations to kindergartner, Gwen Palmer, for reading over 10,000 AR words and becoming a Junior Reader Leader! Gwen will enjoy lunch with Ms. Bianchini.



God's Bounty Food Pantry, located at 8946 Southeastern Ave, is staffed every Wed evening from 6-7 pm to accept your donations of non-perishable items. The churches involved have divided up the responsibility and open it to the public every Thursday from 1-6:30 pm. (The pantry is closed the 5th Thursday in a month.) Nativity's scheduled days to volunteer are the 4th Wed/Thurs of every month but you are welcome to help any week. Contact Vicki Dwenger with ??? 317/372-2595 vickidwenger@gmail.com

RONCALLI WRESTLING FOUNDATION

The elementary and middle school wrestling season is open to anyone interested. You can join at any time, with practices and weight lifting on Tuesday & Thursday evenings at Roncalli High School. We will participate in a full competition schedule. More details can be found on our website - roncalliwrestlingfoundation.org or contact Coach McClurg @ 317-501-8306 wrestling@roncalli.org.

PRINCIPAL POSITION RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL

Roncalli High School is seeking applicants for the position of Principal effective for the 2021-22 school year. Interested candidates should contact Rob Rash at the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools at rrash@archindy.org.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We meet the first and third Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center from 9-Noon. People feel the warmth and love of Jesus Christ with Prayer Shawls. They are blessed by Father Eric and are **free for distribution** to those in need of comfort. They are available either by stopping by the parish office during the week or from the basket in the narthex of the church by the painting of our Blessed Mother. Give one to someone you know who is suffering physically or spiritually. Monica Santangelo 317/862-4137 with questions.



TELEVISED AND LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Weekday Masses at the Cathedral are televised Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:15 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday at noon. Weekend Masses will include ONLY the Sunday liturgy at 10:00 a.m.. Saturday Vigil Mass will NOT be live-streamed.

Daily Mass is also offered on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network), and Catholic Radio Indy 89.1 FM and 90.9 FM broadcasts a daily Mass at 8 a.m. each day from the EWTN chapel in Irondale, Ala.

Catholic TV also celebrates daily Mass on its website, www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass.



CAPACITY HAS BEEN REACHED FOR BOTH THE
INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE MEMORIAL
SERVICE AND RALLY

for Friday, January 22, 2021

**Livestream the Mass
Here**

Or go to facebook.com/stjohnsin...

Live the
Gospel of *Life*

BIRTHLINE MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Birthline is a ministry of the Office of Human Life & Dignity which provides baby layettes for families in need.

We are in our new space on the 2nd floor of the Xavier Building.

We are accepting donations at the main entrance to the Crisis Center (location change.)

Please spread the word.

Birthline's Current Wish List

We are currently receiving donations which are accepted on Monday or Wednesday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Xavier Building (Crisis Center's main entrance – 1435 Illinois Street, Indianapolis 46202)

- **Needed: Volunteers** to help on Monday and Wednesday at the Xavier Building to prepare layettes and assist clients. Training is provided.
- **Needed: Phone Volunteers** help monitoring and scheduling clients from their home. Training is provided. Must have a computer.
- **Needed: Joe-Handyman** to help on Monday and/or Wednesday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm to accept and evaluate the donations coming in, to assist clients with layettes back to their cars, and general labor in a working environment.

If you are available to help in this ministry please contact Keri Carroll, at (317) 236-1433 or birthline@archindy.org



FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE

“Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?” Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office 317/236-1490 or vocations@archindy.org and leave your name and number.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fr. Louis Gootee Council will meet Mon. Feb 1 in the Holy Family Conf Room in the Parish Center. Join us at 6:30 PM for the rosary, followed by the business meeting at 7:00 PM. If you have questions contact Steve Mescall, council13105@indianakofc.org or visit us at www.nativity-kofc.org



Gracious God, thank you for calling us at Baptism to be your people.
In response to your call we again say, "Yes."
Keep us faithful to your mission and our vocation.

Bless with a renewed spirit of zeal and enthusiasm all who dedicate their lives in service to your people.

Inspire more women and men of faith and compassion to serve as lay ministers and deacons sisters, brothers and priests.

Fill them with your Spirit of Wisdom to proclaim the Good News and to witness your presence among us.

In your Name we pray

Amen

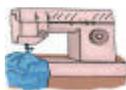


ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

One-time or recurring donations may be made to your Sunday contribution or Capital Campaign through a link on our website, www.nativityindy.org/give. Contact Daniel Dixon 317/357-1200 with questions.

Quilting

There will be **NO January** meeting. The next monthly meeting of the Nativity Quilting group will be Monday, February 15 at 6 pm in Holy Family Conf. Room. Newcomers are always welcome. Please reach out to Maureen Sciamé 317/642-8414 maureen.sciamé@comcast.net with questions.



Nativity St. Vincent de Paul 2020-2021 1st Quarter Recap

Our Nativity SVDP conference team just completed its fiscal 1st quarter, which ran from Oct. 1st through Dec. 31st, and below is a brief summary of what we were able to accomplish thanks to Nativity parishioner's continued generosity and our volunteer team.

It was a very active period for us, as you can imagine, as we fielded requests from 32 families for assistance, which included at least 48 adults and 69 children. Below is a breakdown of our activity:

- We sent 10 families to the Christmas store to receive gifts for the children and for the family and we provided gifts and Kroger cards directly for 3 other families.
- We provided over \$1,700 in financial assistance to 10 families to help with utilities and we also referred them to other agencies who provide further relief.

Our home visitors also did virtual visits with 13 families and helped them by providing for their immediate needs including:

- Clothing for 2 adults, 8 children
- Kroger gift cards in many cases to supplement basic shortages
- We purchased a refurbished washer/dryer for a family
- We acquired a bed and 3 frames for a family without
- Miscellaneous items from Mission 27 warehouse including a couch, towels, washcloths, sheets
- 2 Birthline referrals
- We put a homeless couple up for a week in a hotel while they planned their next steps
- We were also able to continue to provide financial support to the Good Shepherd SVDP conference (which has a much greater need than ours) with \$1,200 during this time period.

There is a regular pick-up at our 2 bins in the church parking lot which gets donated items to our Mission 27 store.

Our team, combined with St. Jude, also advocates for and supports the "Changing Lives Forever" program, which is designed to help those in need escape poverty. We are in the process of using our grant money received to purchase ChromeBooks and related equipment to support virtual classes. We are discussing teaming up with the Holy Angels program in the new year.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Your Nativity St Vincent de Paul Chapter



HUNGRY OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?

With **Community Compass**, people can find: free meal locations, free groceries, food related events and information on WIC, SNAP and other programs. If you have a smart phone you can download the **Community Compass** app. If you don't have a smart phone you can text "hi" to 317-434-3758 to find assistance. Questions? Visit indyhunger.org/compass and watch the instructional videos. *Hunger is hard. Now, finding food is easy.*



2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Anyone who contributed \$250 or more in 2020 will be receiving a tax statement by the end of January. If you do not receive a statement but would like one, please contact Theresa Marlin: tmalin@nativityindy.org or 317/357-1200.

AUGUSTRAVAGANZA 2021

In these cold, winter months, let's start planning for the summer's best festival!

Save the date - Augustravaganza 2021 will be held on August 13th and 14th. As with all things this year, we will proceed with optimism and caution for a fun and safe festival!

We are in need of a few volunteers for our planning committee. If you'd like to be involved in the parish and help plan the best festival around, contact Jenny Smith - jennykbike@hotmail.com. A few areas needing assistance this year include children's games, ride ticket pre-sales, marketing, and clean-up crew. Thank you for considering!

SUNDAY MASS DISPENSATION EXTENDED

While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, given the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation beyond Nov.1, 2020, until further notice. The Indiana bishops will continue to monitor the situation to determine when it might be advisable to modify or lift the dispensation. Both clergy and laity must make every effort to maintain the availability of open churches and public liturgies by following public health guidelines and employing various safety protocols, including: The wearing of face coverings; Social distancing; and Enhanced cleaning measures.

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to do what is right.”**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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