

Christmas and The Holy Family

December 25 and December 26, 2021

2 Nativity Catholic Church

Dear friends in Christ,

Christmas Blessings to all! As we celebrate our parish feast day, the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, I find myself grateful to God for the blessings and guidance He continues to shower upon us. We have come a long way since last Christmas, when capacity limits and social distancing required advanced reservations for a limited number of seats at our Christmas Masses. While we are still working through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is surely a blessing to be able to gather in larger numbers and increasing joy to adore our newborn King. May this celebration of the birth of Christ enlighten us with his grace and peace!

Next weekend we will celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. I invite you to participate in one of three ways we will be celebrating this feast here at Nativity: 1) blessing your home with the traditional **Epiphany House Blessing** using blessed chalk that will be available at all Masses next weekend; 2) spending time adoring our Lord in **Eucharistic Adoration** on Sunday, January 2, from 1-4pm; 3) joining me at the parish rectory for an **Epiphany Open House** on Sunday, January 2, from 4-5:30pm to view my collection of over 150 Nativity sets. Start planning now for these Epiphany celebrations!

In Christ's Peace, Fr. Eric

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will start at 9:00 am on January the 4th. We will be doing the video series on The Creed by Bishop Barron. If you need the pdf study guide, please let me know at <u>runner-</u> <u>rus@gmail.com</u>.

LOST & FOUND

Be sure to check the Lost & Found basket near

the St. Catherine Room in Church. Items which are not claimed by January 16 will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.





Mon. Dec 27	NO MASS	
Tues. Dec 28	8:30 a.m.	Judy Grubbs
Wed. Dec 29	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention
Thurs Dec 30	NO MASS	
Fri. Dec 31	5:30 p.m.	Special Intention
Sat. Jan 1	5:30 p.m.	Lucille Proctor
Sun. Jan 2	8:30 a.m.	Robert E. Miller
	11:00 a.m.	Ray & Kathy Wright

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Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12



Weekly Collected	\$ 14,440	
YTD Actual	\$ 374,679	
YTD Budget		
(24 x 15,912)	\$ 381,888	
Difference +/(-)	\$ (7,209)	
Future is Now	\$ 5,512	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 110	
Religious Retirement	\$ 485	

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.

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

 Birthline
 Mon-Fri
 8-4:30
 317/635-4808

 Option Helpline
 24/7
 1-800-712-HELP

Parish Staff Fr Eric Augenstein 317/357-1200 John Hosier, Deacon 317/650-6684 Brittney Cross Evangelization and Discipleship 317/359-6075 Terri Bianchini School Principal 3310 S Meadow Dr. 317/357-1459 Daniel Dixon Parish Business Mgr. 317/357-1200 Christine Seitz, Dir. of Liturgical Music 317/357-1200 Maureen Hutt Youth Minister 317/357-1200 Theresa Marlin Parish Secretary 317/357-1200 Peggy Lamott School Secretary 317/357-1459 Gordon Welt Maint. Coordinator 317/357-1200 K.C. Brown Digital Media Coord. 317/357-1200 Parish Council Chairperson Jason Klee 317/362-3175 At-Large Paola Alejo 317/457-9255 Adam Trickle 317/690-7600 Mike Crooke 317/414-5352 Community Christian Service **Barbie Trier** 317/294-4762 Faith/Spiritual Formation Jason Klee 317/362-3175 Finance Council Gerry Roy 317/506-3491 Parish Life/Social Act Maureen Sciame 317/642-8414 School Rvan Mirasol 317/209-3152 Stewardship Amanda Rail 317/706-5658 Youth Ministry Maureen Hutt 317/357-1200

NATIVITY ST VINCENT DE PAUL SUPPORT

We now have more brothers and sisters in need than ever before and your selfless donations made by dropping the SVDP envelopes in the weekly offering help us to continue to meet our mission.

Our Nativity St. Vincent de Paul conference members work to grow together spiritually by helping the needy and suffering in our community. And, we are always looking for new volunteers to join us in this ministry.

Opportunities for volunteering or your support include: home visits to our needy; working tasks to support our Mission 27 retail store; helping at the Food Pantry; Distribution Center pick-up and unloading assistance; Changing Lives Forever program support to help break the barriers of poverty; Beggars for the Poor volunteers; donations of clothing for our drop box in the parking lot or of household items, appliances, furniture for the Mission 27 store.

For any questions about what we do, how you can help contact Tom Price 317/752-1263. You can also go to www.svdpindy.org to learn what all is going on at the Indy council level.

If you know of someone in the parish boundaries in need of resources, please don't hesitate to call the parish and ask that someone from St. Vincent de Paul follow-up on the request.

Thank you for all of your prayers and continued support.







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

JOIN THE STAFF AT FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE!

Fatima is looking for people with a heart for ministry and

desire for rewarding work:

 Average 30-40 hours per week, mostly Monday-Friday,
 6 am to 2 pm, with an occasional weekend or evening shift, competitive wage plus Health, Dental, Life and Disability insurance, employer contributed HSA and 403B match, paid holidays, vacation, sick days.

- 2 to 3 days per week, flexible hours to fit YOUR schedule! For more information, call (317) 545-7681 and ask for Georgene or Cheryl.



Thank you for supporting our parish community

REVERSE RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS

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Thank you to all the volunteers that have signed up to help with February's Reverse Raffle! We are still looking for a "head of decorating/theme/set up" and "head of ticket sales." If you would like to volunteer to help with ANY of the committees, we would love to have you! Contact Sarah Mockaitis at <u>nurshasto@yahoo.com</u>

Contact Sarah Mockaitis or the Parish Office with any questions!

NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

National Junior Honor Society Service Project

On December 6, members of the Nativity chapter of National Junior Honor Society worked with Ms. Emily Beikman to help make sleeping mats out of recycled grocery bags for those who are experiencing homelessness. The members cut the bags into loops, which they then linked together by knotting them. These strands of bags will be crocheted into sleeping mats by Emily and donated to a local shelter.



Caroline Schoettle



Molly Campbell, Gabby Nolting, & Colin Dexter



YOU ARE A PIECE OF GOD'S PLAN



Reggie Wilbur

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CHOIR

All high school parishioners are invited to sing in the Youth Choir at the 11:00 a.m. mass on Sunday, January 9. No choir experience necessary! We will be meeting in the church on January 9 at 9:45 a.m. to practice. If you would like to join, please contact Christine Seitz so that we can plan to have enough music: cseitz@nativityindy.org

MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE CAMPAIGN

It is the LAST WEEK to support God's Bounty food pantry through donating to the Simply Give campaign at the Meijer on Southport Road. The campaign runs through Saturday, January 1, 2022. It is very simple to donate. All you need to do is pickup a Simply Give donation card at the checkout counter, have them swipe the card for \$10 and that amount goes into our account plus Meijer will match that amount. You can also swipe it vourself through the self checkout. Meijer will match any amount given in increments of \$10. If you give \$50 - that turns into a \$100 donation. NOW THAT IS AWESOME!!! There is no limit to the amount you can donate. REALLY !!! This is our biggest money maker for the pantry and WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP! This is a wonderful thing that Meijer does for the community here and nationwide. It is a privilege to be a part of this campaign.



ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fr. Louis Gootee Council will meet **Monday, January 3.** Join us at 6:30 PM for the Rosary in church followed by our meeting in the Fr. Gootee Conference Room in the Parish Center. If you have questions contact Mark Gill, <u>council13105@indianakofc.org</u> or visit us at <u>www.nativity</u> <u>-Kofc.org</u>

The Knights of Columbus is looking for men (ages 18 or older) who want to be part of an organization that promotes the Catholic Faith and its principles. They are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Catholic men are invited to join the Knights of Columbus and help make a difference in the community, as well as your parish.



ST. STEPHEN-DEC. 26

"As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Greek-speaking Christians complained against the Hebrewspeaking Christians, saying that their widows



were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit ... " (Acts 6:1-5).

Acts of the Apostles says that Stephen was a man filled with grace and power, who worked great wonders among the people. Certain Jews, members of the Synagogue of Roman Freedmen, debated with Stephen, but proved no match for the wisdom and spirit with which he spoke. They persuaded others to make the charge of blasphemy against him. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

In his speech, Stephen recalled God's guidance through Israel's history, as well as Israel's idolatry and disobedience. He then claimed that his persecutors were showing this same spirit. "...you always oppose the holy Spirit; you are just like your ancestors" (Acts 7:51b).

Stephen's speech brought anger from the crowd. "But he, filled with the holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' ... They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. ... As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ...'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'" (Acts 7:55-56, 58a, 59, 60b)

Quilting

The next monthly meeting of the Nativity Quilting group will be Monday, January 10 at 6:30 pm in Holy Family Conf Room. Newcomers are always welcome. Please reach out to Lisa Harrington lah207@comcast.net with questions.



TORNADO RELIEF

On Friday, Dec. 10th, at least six states - Arkansas. Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi and Tennessee - were hit by tornadoes causing causalities and mass destruction. The Catholic Charities USA Disaster Operations team is on the ground assisting the dioceses and local Catholic Charities agencies as they begin to assess the damage and assist the survivors. At this time, the greatest need is for financial donations which will allow the disaster response teams within each of these dioceses to purchase the necessary supplies that are needed immediately. Financial Donations can be made via Catholic Charities USA. https://www.catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusadisaster-relief/c353051 Please make checks payable to: **Catholic Charities USA** 2050 Ballenger Avenue

To make a donation to the Diocese of Owensboro, KY. one of the hardest hit regions, visit: https://owensborodiocese.org/give/

Alexandria, VA 22314

"CHANGING LIVES FOREVER"

St. Vincent de Paul is so grateful for the outstanding support it has received from the members of Nativity Catholic Church. With your help, we have been able to serve hundreds of people in need using Nativity's monetary contributions and donations to the Distribution Center and Food Pantry.

Through SVDP, Nativity has also partnered with St. Jude Catholic Church since 2016 to provide a free program for people in poverty who are ready to start a journey toward "getting ahead." Changing Lives Forever is open to all people ages 18 and over. It is designed to help people who are living in poverty and/or unstable situations to examine where they are now, where they want to be, and then build a road map to get there. If you know anyone who would benefit from such a program, please let us know.

Our next CLF sessions will start on January 31, 2022. We are also looking for people in our parish who would like to join us in this very rewarding ministry. For more information about how you can get involved with this life changing program contact Rosie Hickle at rhickle4c@gmail.com or Tom Price at pricehaus@comcast.net

We would love to talk to you about how this program has changed our lives too.



SEEKING ADVANCEMENT PROFESSIONALS

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, are seeking a Major Gift Officer and a Planned Giving Manager to help further its mission.

The Major Gifts Officer is responsible for developing the capital campaign giving and major gift program through the Advancement Services department, by creating and implementing goals and strategies for moving individuals with capacity and high net worth individuals along the giving process to make a significant or transformational gift.

The Major Gifts Officer is also responsible for soliciting support from foundations and organizations, a role which includes promoting support for all ministries within the Congregation, matching donor interest with strategic priorities of the Sisters of Providence as directed by the General Administration.

The Planned Giving Manager provides engagement opportunities for all with a primary focus on supporting alumnae/I relations, and a broader goal of building upon the planned giving program, which involves creating engagement plans for various constituent and affinity groups, regularly communicating with the groups, soliciting planned gifts, monitoring estate/trust administration and supporting events designed to inform and engage constituencies in the mission and ministries of the Congregation.

Those interested in the positions may send their resumes to Terry Jacobsen, director of Human Relations at <u>tjacobsen@spsmw.org</u> or by mailing to 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., 47876.

To apply online, visit spsmw.org and hover over "Get Involved" on the main page of the website. Under "Opportunities," those interested will then click on "Job openings."

PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY

If you are suffering after abortion, you may feel very alone. You may have experienced abortion many years ago and never told anyone. You may be struggling with a more recent abortion. Regardless of the circumstances, healing is possible. If you would like to learn more or to register for a retreat, please contact (317) 452-0054 or email projectrachel@archindy.org

BIRTHLINE

We are currently receiving donations which are accepted on Monday & Wednesday from 10:00 am – 2:30 (closed from Noon – 12:45 pm) at the Xavier Building (Crisis Center's main entrance on Northside of building – 1435 Illinois Street, Indianapolis 46202) They also may be placed in the bassinet in the west entrance of the gathering space.

Urgent Items Needed:

Spring clothes – Sizes 0-3 through 2T for boys and girls

Pajamas – Sizes 18mo, 24mo, & 2T for boys and girls Diapers – Sizes 4, 5 and 6 $\,$

Ongoing Needs:

**Baby Wash **

Diaper Cream

Pacifiers Bibs Baby Books Sippy Cups Bottles

Socks – Sizes 0-3 through 2T

Also, Birthline is looking for volunteers on Monday or Wednesday to sort items and assemble layettes. For more information on volunteering, call Kathy Gries at 317/783-2563. Thanks for the help.





RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL IS HIRING!

The Office of Institutional Advancement is seeking an individual(s) to be a part of a dynamic team. We are seeking a candidate to manage our school website (app management, day to day web updates, proficient at HTML, CSS, JavaScript and SQL). We are also seeking someone to do videography/video production and also do broadcast and streaming for our Roncalli Media Network. This position(s) could be full-time or part-time and is a 12 month position. Interested and qualified candidates should contact Terese Carson at tcarson@roncalli.org or at 317.788.4098.





CATHOLIC STREAMING SERVICE! CHECK OUT FORMED!

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search "Nativity Catholic Church".

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.



Have you ever met a young Catholic Sister? Are you interested in learning more about their life and journey? Well here is your chance! The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, are inviting single Catholic women ages 18-42 to *virtually* meet Sister Jessica Vitente on Friday, Jan. 7, and Sister Arrianne Whittaker on Friday, Jan. 14, from 6:30-7:45 p.m., EST, during the Congregation's "Hail Mary Full of Grace, Come Meet a Sister Face-to-Face" events. Learn more about their journey and ask any questions you might have. There will also be a question and answer session. Register online at

Events.SistersofProvidence.com or by contacting Sisters of Providence Vocations Director Sister Joni Luna at 361-500-9505 or <u>jluna@spsmw.org</u>.

Now that our Food Pantry (located at 3001 E. 30th Street) is once again serving our neighbors inside our facility, we find ourselves in need of volunteers to do intake. Intake involves greeting our neighbors, confirming their current residential and family status, updating this information in our database as well as explaining how the pantry works to our new shoppers. Shifts for intake volunteers are: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7:45am-12pm and Thursday evening 4:45-7pm. Do you like helping people? Have computer experience doing data entry (easy to learn)? Want to know more? Contact Bill Richardson 317-697-2589 or bill-richardson2007@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of SVdP and the neighbors we serve.

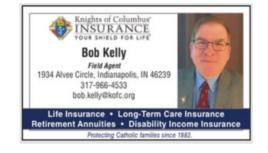


"SAFE PARISH SAFE ENVIRONMENT"

For anyone 18 and over who will be working with or around children in a volunteer capacity with the church or school, the required "Safe Parish Safe Environment Training" password is

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The Knights of Columbus are looking for men 18 years old or older are eligible to be a member. Please go online at <u>www.kofc.org</u> to join. You can use promo code mcgivney2020. Knights of Columbus representatives are not licensed to provide specific legal and/or tax advice. Before purchasing one of our products or making a withdrawal, surrender, exchange, transfer, or other change to an existing insurance or annuity contract, always consult with your personal legal and/or tax professional to discuss how this will affect your specific financial situation.





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