# NATIVITY Catholic Church



#### **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.

Epiphany

7225 Southeastern Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46239 317/357-1200 Parish Office 8 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday Website: www.nativityindy.org Bulletins can be found on the Home Page of the website Father Eric Augenstein: freric@nativityindy.org Parish and School Staff:

first initial and last name (lower case; no spaces) @nativityindy.org

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

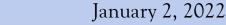
Scheduling for most ministries is coordinated through an online scheduling software program. For more information, go to <u>www.nativityindy.org/</u> <u>liturgy</u>

> Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 4:00 - 5 pm; other times by appointment.



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. -Mt 2:10-11

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



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#### Dear friends in Christ,

As we enter into the new year of 2022, we as a parish community find ourselves in the year that will mark the **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our parish**. The process of establishing a new parish church in the southeast corner of Indianapolis began on December 5, 1947, when a plot of land was purchased along Southeastern Avenue for the new church. On December 31 of that year, the formation of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ was announced by Archbishop Schulte, with Fr. Louis Gootee named as the founding pastor. It took several more months for the plans for the new parish to come together, including the transformation of an old barn into the first church building. The first Mass was celebrated in that barn-turned-church on May 16, 1948.

We are in the early process of planning a variety of events to commemorate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a parish, to be held between December 2022 and May 2023, the book-ends of the process of the parish's foundation. For now, I invite you to mark your calendars for the kick-off of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on **Saturday, December 3, 2022**. Archbishop Charles Thompson has accepted an invitation to join us for the 5:30 Mass that evening, followed by a gala dinner. More information to come!

In Christ's Peace, Fr. Eric

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday Bible Study will start at **9:00** am this Tuesday, January 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 runnerrus@gmail.com.

#### **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. Jan 3	NO MASS	
Tues. Jan 4	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention
Wed. Jan 5	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention
Thurs Jan 6	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention
Fri. Jan 7	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention
Sat. Jan 8	5:30 p.m.	Dave Frey
Sun. Jan 9	8:30 a.m.	For Nativity
	11:00 a.m.	Norma VanLue



#### 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

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

#### NATIVITY ST VINCENT DE PAUL SUPPORT

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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.



**"BE ATTENTIVE** 

TO THE VOICE OF GRACE."

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON



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.



# **REVERSE RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you to all the volunteers that have signed up to help with **NEXT MONTH'S Reverse Raffle!** 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



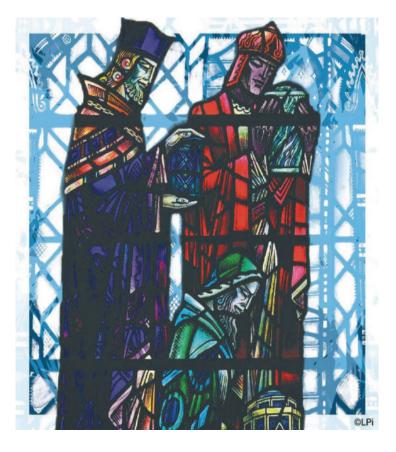
## YOU ARE A PIECE OF GOD'S PLAN



**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



## **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. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 -January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.



After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."



From time to time the parish office is asked if we know of anyone who would be interested in cleaning house for an elderly person. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact the office (317/357-1200 or tmarlin@nativityindy.org) and leave your

name and contact information and we will keep it on hand.

# 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 Alexandria, VA 22314

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

## "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!

"FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. Supporting thousands of movies, children's programs, ebooks, audio, parish programs and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device". To sign up with your email visit formed.org/signup and

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. 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

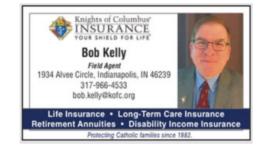


## "SAFE PARISH SAFE ENVIRONMENT"

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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