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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.

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 www.nativityindy.org/liturgy

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:00 - 5 pm; other times by appointment.



When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." - Jn 2:3-5

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

Dear friends in Christ,

Earlier this month, our school principal, **Ms. Terri Bianchini**, announced that this would be her last year as principal at Nativity Catholic School. Terri has been the leader of our school for 14 years, and we are grateful for the strong leadership and service she has exhibited in this important ministry of our parish through those years. Terri will be with us throughout the rest of this school year, and the timing of her decision now will give us a good opportunity to engage in a thorough search process for our next principal. I will be working with the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools, our parish School Commission, and parish and school leadership over the coming weeks to initiate that process. I will keep you updated with our progress along the way.

This week, I will be taking a few days away from the parish for a post-Christmas break. The only daily Mass here this week will be our school Mass on Thursday. I will return in time for Masses next weekend, January 22/23, which is observed as the **Sunday of the Word of God**. I invite you to bring your Bibles to Mass next weekend for a Blessing of Bibles to mark that occasion.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Eric

JOIN US FOR SEEK22 ★ NATIVITY EDITION ★

Calling all young adults! Nativity will be hosting a SEEK22 conference the weekend of February 4th-6th. Come ready for fellowship, prayer, and great virtual speakers! For more information/to register, email Brittney Cross at bcross@nativityindy.org

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

This past week, 2021 contribution statements were mailed or emailed to all who donated \$250 or more, per IRS guidelines. If you need help with your statement, please contact Theresa at 317/357-1200 or tmarlin@nativityindy.org.



Mon. Jan 17 NO MASS
Tues. Jan 18 8:30 a.m. Special Intention
Wed. Jan 19 8:30 a.m. Special Intention
Thurs Jan 20 8:30 a.m. Special Intention
Fri. Jan 21 8:30 a.m. Special Intention
Sat. Jan 22 5:30 p.m. For Nativity
Sun. Jan 23 8:30 a.m. Jim & Barbara
O'Maley

11:00 a.m. Robert E. Miller

Jan 9, 2022 Weekly Collected 16,671 YTD Actual 461.729 YTD Budget \$ (28 x 15,912) 445.536 Difference +/(-) \$ 16.193 Future is Now \$ 2.820 St. Vincent de Paul \$ 142 Criterion 22

Giving to the Church through your will

is a good way to continue your support of the Church and its ministries beyond your life-time. 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

317/357-1200 Theresa Marlin Parish Secretary 317/357-1200

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317/414-5352 Community Christian Service Barbie Trier

317/294-4762 Faith/Spiritual Formation Jason Klee

317/362-3175
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Gerry Roy

317/506-3491 Parish Life/Social Act

Maureen Sciame 317/642-8414

School Ryan Mirasol

317/209-3152 Stewardship Amanda Rail 317/706-5658 Youth Ministry

Maureen Hutt 317/357-1200

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-44:14-21

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.



BIRTHLINE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We need volunteers! We are in need of volunteers to help make layettes, meet with clients, and sort donations. In order to distribute the many donations we receive to the growing numbers of mothers in need, on-site volunteers are **ESSENTIAL** to this special ministry.

Have you wanted to volunteer but Mondays and Wednesdays don't work for you? Come join us on Tuesday mornings 9-12! Contact Keri Carroll kcarroll@archindy.org to learn more!



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

CATHOLIC BUSINESS EXCHANGE

The January Catholic Business Exchange will feature a Q&A with Congresswoman Susan Brooks, facilitated by Judge David Certo. The Q&A will focus on the topics of hard work, mentoring and constituent services.

The event is Friday, January 21, at the Northside Events and Social Club. Mass is offered at 7am and the program will be finished by 9am. Cost for the program includes a great breakfast and is \$18 in advance for members and \$24 for non-members. Registration is required by 4pm, Tuesday January 18. To register, pay online and for more information, visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.



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 nurshasto@yahoo.com

Contact Sarah Mockaitis or the Parish Office with any questions!

NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH

At Nativity Catholic School, learning does not stop with the core subjects. Nativity strives to develop each student's character through faith in God and a proven character education program.

Each of these elements are woven into class and social time at Nativity. Nativity families all share the common desire to provide their children with a quality education in an environment that fosters moral development and social conscience.

When you attend our open house, you will see, feel, and hear the confidence and faith of every student with our student-led tours.

Open House—Sunday, January 30, 2022 Come take a tour of the school and visit classrooms 1:00 - 3:00 pm

If you have any questions, or would like to schedule a tour at a different time, please contact us at (317) 357-1459 or email Diane Lee at dlee@nativityindy.org.

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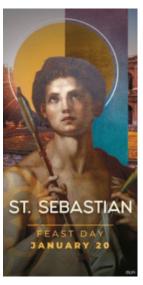
Nativity Catholic School participates in the Indiana School Choice Scholarship Program



St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

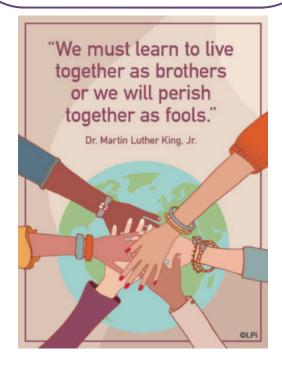
We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Chris-



tian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

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PRIMETIMER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 20th – Epilogue Players Theater located at 1849 N. Alabama Street (tentative) We plan on supporting local theater by attending the comedy production of Calendar Girls. We're hoping to purchase tickets for the Sunday



afternoon showing at 2 p.m. Tickets will need to be purchased in advance and are \$14 each. Contact Louise Stevenson or Nancy Pinard if you plan on going.

Primetimers is a social group at Nativity for ages 50 and over. If you have any questions or would like to be added to our email distribution list please contact Nancy Pinard at 317-371-2630 (email <u>pinard1@sbcglobal.net</u>) or Louise Stevenson at 317-352-1872 (email daviddsls2001@aol.com).

Versiti is issuing an EMERGENCY APPEAL for blood donations

The ongoing COVID-19 crisis, a series of tragedies in the Midwest and decreased holiday donations have resulted in a dangerously low blood supply – the lowest in a decade – and a potential crisis for our communities. Donations are needed immediately or patients' lives could be at risk. In order to maintain a healthy blood supply for local patients, we are urging you to schedule an appointment at your local donor center or community blood drive in the next week. Walk-ins are also welcome. Scan here to schedule an appointment.





2022 E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The tri-state's largest Catholic Men's Conference of 2022 is coming soon, featuring Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd! Please join us for the 2022 E6 Catholic Men's Conference, which will be taking place on Saturday, February 26, at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, IN (80 miles southeast of Indianapolis and 35 minutes northwest of Cincinnati). We cordially invite every man to attend this 7th annual event. Please join us for inspiring talks, confession (available all day), celebration of the Holy Mass and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. We pride ourselves on presenting a quality, substance-driven, inspirational and faith-filled event that will change men's lives and help equip them to be the man Christ calls them to be. Do not miss this! Tickets are on sale now at www.e6cmc.com.

"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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"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.

South Deanery Youth Ministry Jr High Youth Rally

There is no cross, big or small, in our life which the Lord does not share with us. When storms rage, boats will rock.

When you suffer, what or who is your anchor? The Jr. High Youth Rally is a one-day event for all students in grades 6-8th. This rally is an opportunity for the youth to explore their faith and grow deeper in relation with Christ through music, prayer, and talks. NET Ministries will lead us in prayer, skits, discussions, and games.

When: Saturday, February 26th, 2022

Where: Roncalli High School Time: 2:00pm - 8:00pm

Cost: \$35

If registered before January 15th, student will be guaranteed a shirt. After January 15th, price is still \$35, just no guarantee of a shirt.

To register... https://nativityindy.org/jr-high-youth-rally
Ouestions: email Maureen Hutt @

mhutt@nativityindy.org

QUILTING

The next monthly meeting of the Nativity Quilting group will be Monday, February 14 at 6:30 pm in Holy Family Conf Room. Newcomers are always welcome. Please reach out to Lisa Harrington lah207@comcast.net with questions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fr. Louis Gootee Council will meet Monday, February 7. 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, council13105@indianakofc.org or visit us at www.nativity-Kofc.org

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.





TEENS INVITED

Teenagers! Come share your time with the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. Assist the sisters and health care residents at Providence Health Care in crafts, activities, conversation and more! Each Saturday opportunity begins at 9 a.m., and concludes at 2 p.m. Sign up for one session or all (Feb. 12, March 12 and April 16, 2022). Register online at TeenVolunteer.SistersofProvidence.org or contact Sister Joni Luna at 361-500-9505 or jluna@spsmw.org. to learn more.



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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.



UPCOMING GROUP

WHEN: THURSDAYS JANUARY 13- FEBRUARY 17

6:30- 8:00 PM

WHERE: HOLY NAME CATHOLIC CHURCH

Register by emailing Brie Anne Varick, Director of Office of Human Life and Dignity **bvarickearchindy.org or 317-236-1543 or by website** www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/mental-hope.html

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

The Knights of Columbus are looking for men 18 years old or older are eligible to be a member. Please go online at www.kofc.org 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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