# 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.

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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 <a href="www.nativityindy.org/liturgy">www.nativityindy.org/liturgy</a>

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28-30

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Dear friends in Christ,

Earlier this month, our school principal, Ms. Terri Bianchini, announced that this would be her last year leading Nativity Catholic School after 14 years as our principal and 43 years working in Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. As we begin to prepare for this transition in leadership, I have formed a search committee to assist me in the process of identifying our next school principal. The search committee includes three representatives of our School Commission (Amanda Rail, Adam Smith, and Katy Treadwell); a representative of our Pastoral Council (Paola Alejo); a faculty/staff representative (Teresa Minton); and a parish staff representative (Deacon John Hosier). This past week, the search committee and I met with Dr. Brian Disney, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, to begin the search process. We hope to start advertising for the open position soon.

This week, the Church in the United States observes Catholic Schools Week. At all Masses this weekend, we will have an opportunity to hear from one of our Nativity Catholic School students about the importance and legacy of Catholic education. We are grateful to be able to support the important ministry of Catholic schools here in our parish!

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

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 31 NO MASS Tues. Feb 1 8:30 a.m. Special Intention Wed. Feb 2 8:30 a.m. Special Intention Thurs Feb 3 8:30 a.m. Special Intention Fri. Feb 4 8:30 a.m. Special Intention Sat. Feb 5 5:30 p.m. For Nativity Sun. Feb 6 8:30 a.m. Edward Mennel 11:00 a.m. Paul Spellman



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

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317/362-3175 Finance Council

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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

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

# MAKING THE MOST OF RETIREMENT WITH RSVP

Retirement can be a time to take on new challenges and embrace life in a new way. John Kordes, an Army veteran, was ready. He had been looking ahead, and he had a plan that included the AmeriCorps Seniors

RSVP program. A St. Christopher parishioner, John's lifestyle while employed already included a monthly volunteer commitment at Midwest Food Bank. When retired, he knew he wanted to expand his volunteer-



ing and was aware that Catholic services help people put faith into action both nationally and locally. He reached out to Catholic Charities Indianapolis and was connected to AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program). A program that works as a volunteer clearinghouse for people 55+, RSVP offers options to volunteer from home or in the community, choosing on-going or one-time commitments. It was, he said, exactly what he wanted. In less than a year, John has helped distribute food from Gleaners Food Bank to help people combat food insecurity, provided medical transportation to seniors through Perry Senior Citizens Services, and helped make celebrating Christmas possible for low-income families by volunteering with the Catholic Charities Christmas Store. John's plan for retirement is being fulfilled, and he's enjoying and appreciating meeting new people—people he serves, other volunteers, and staff running the programs. As he continues exploring volunteer opportunities, he wants people to know about RSVP so they, too, can understand that sharing your time improves lives for others and makes an impact on your own life. To learn more about the RSVP program visit our website

#### 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 30. No choir experience necessary! We will be meeting in the church on January 30 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



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

#### **REVERSE RAFFLE**

Saturday, February 5, cost \$50/person

Grand Prize \$2,000

Italian buffet provided by Big Daddy's dessert, drinks

Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00

Long-sleeved T-shirts \$10 (ch), \$15 (ad)

Tip Boards, 50/50, Pull Tabs, Live and Silent Auctions, Class Baskets

No one under 21

**Proceeds support Nativity Parish** 



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#### NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

#### What Nativity Catholic School Means to Me

Nativity Catholic School means a lot to me. I have attended Nativity since Preschool, so I have been here a long time. Going to Nativity has helped me meet lots of friends. I have had many good experiences.

I like being in a Catholic school. Since it is Catholic, we get to go to church. I have been able to learn a lot about God at Nativity. Nativity has taught me about the Seven Habits to be a highly effective student. I like that it is a Catholic school because the kids are nice most of the time

Nativity has a lot of activities for students. The Walk-athon is one of my favorites because we get to talk to friends and listen to music. I also like DEAL (Drop Everything And Lead) Day. We work with our kindergarten buddies to teach them about being leaders. Augustravaganza is also so much fun! It is a parish festival that we have in August.

At Nativity, we have classes called "specials". I like going to STEM class because we do such fun projects. PE is also fun because we are so active and play cool games. Music is fun because we not only sing but play instruments.

Nativity has given me a good education. The classes are sometimes hard but I learn so much. My favorite subject is Math. I also like Science because we learn cool stuff. The things that I have learned at Nativity will help me when I go to high school.

Nativity has been a big part of my life. It has given me the ability to know God and make great friends. Nativity gives me a good education and taught me that school can also be fun. I am very glad my mom sends me to Nativity Catholic School.

Shane Budewitz Fifth Grade



#### 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

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.

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.

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!



#### PRIMETIMER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – 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 <u>daviddsls2001@aol.com</u>).

## 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 <a href="mailto:rhickle4c@gmail.com">rhickle4c@gmail.com</a> or Tom Price at <a href="mailto:pricehaus@comcast.net">pricehaus@comcast.net</a>

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 6-8<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>, student will be guaranteed a shirt.

After January 15<sup>th</sup>, price is still \$35, just no guarantee of a shirt.

To register... <a href="https://nativityindy.org/jr-high-youth-rally">https://nativityindy.org/jr-high-youth-rally</a>

Questions: email Maureen Hutt @ <u>mhutt@nativityindy.org</u>



#### 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

<u>lah207@comcast.net</u> 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, <a href="mailto:council13105@indianakofc.org">council13105@indianakofc.org</a> or visit us at <a href="https://www.nativity-Kofc.org">www.nativity-Kofc.org</a>

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.





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of tens of thousands of couples throughout the world. These couples experienced marital difficulty at all levels, including disillusionment and deep misery. Indianapolis Retrouvaille will hold its next weekend, March 4-7. The weekend introduces couples to important communication tools. You will examine your life together in a new and positive way. After the weekend, you will attend six follow-up sessions. Postweekend topics focus on specific issues, including conflict management. You can begin again. Learn more and register today at <a href="www.helpourmarriage.org">www.helpourmarriage.org</a> or email <a href="retrouindy@gmail.com">retrouindy@gmail.com</a> for confidential registration information. Both of you are worth it.



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 tmar-

lin@nativityindy.org) and leave your name and contact information and we will keep it on hand.

#### **ELECTRONIC DONATIONS**

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

#### **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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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

#### **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS:**

Virtual and in person support groups for caregivers of older adults. The groups are not disease specific. Registration required. Contact Monica at <a href="mwoodsworth@archindy.org">mwoodsworth@archindy.org</a> or 317-261-3378. If you are not able to attend, feel free to call for caregiver information.

3rd Thursday, from 5:30 - 7 PM. In person at the Catholic Center, 1400 N Meridian Street.

**3rd Tuesday** from 5:30 - 7 PM. In person at St Jude's, 5375 McFarland Road.

**4th Thursday** from 4:15 - 5:30 PM. Virtual. *Registration required to receive Zoom link.* 

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