



**July 20, 2025**  
**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## 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 and compassionate service to those in need.

## WEEKLY MASSES

Tues-Fri 8:30 am

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:30, 11:00 am

Holidays 8:30 am; 6:00 pm

Bulletin Deadline Monday, 12:00 Noon



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

## MARRIAGES

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

## EUCARISTIC 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.

## BAPTISM

First-time parents, please go to [www.nativityindy.org/baptism](http://www.nativityindy.org/baptism). Others contact Parish Office. Baptisms are scheduled with Fr. Eric.

## 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](http://www.nativityindy.org/liturgy)

# Welcome

Dear friends in Christ,

We are only a few weeks away from our annual parish festival, Augustravaganza, to be held this year on August 8 and 9! This weekend is your last opportunity to pick up your festival packets and raffle tickets after Masses; those not picked up this weekend will be put in the mail. We're also selling festival t-shirts and pre-sale ride tickets this weekend. And be sure to check out our two special preview events on Thursday, August 7 – Cupcakes and Canvas for the kids and a Mystery Beer Tasting Competition for the adults!

Now is also the time to check out the volunteer options if you have not already done so. It takes the commitment and cooperation of many volunteers to make our festival a success, and there are a wide variety of opportunities to volunteer during Augustravaganza. This year, our parish school is implementing a service hour requirement for all of our school families. Combined with service hour requirements for our local Catholic high schools, the festival is a great option for fulfilling those hours and supporting our parish community. Details and sign-ups are on our parish website.

Finally, I will be away for a few days this week, Sunday afternoon through Wednesday, for a brief end-of-summer time of rest before we gear up for a new school and programming year.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. Eric



## REMINDER: How Mass Intentions work

You are able to have Masses said for the intention of a loved one, deceased or living. If the person is living, the intention will be "Special Intention". If the person is deceased, their name will be said.

The recommended stipend for an intention is \$10. We ask that this money be collected before the intention will be said and can be done three different ways: at the parish office, through the parish website at the donation portal (be sure to note "Mass intention" in the comment section), or by placing in an envelope marked "Mass intention" and dropping it in the weekend collection basket. This \$10 is then given to the priest who says the Mass. To help us process stipends properly, we ask that this recommended stipend be paid prior to the Mass being said.

Please call Theresa 317/357-1200 to schedule.

## PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours  
Monday-Friday.....8:00am - Noon  
Saturday.....Closed  
Sunday.....Closed

Parish Office is closed on holidays

Email [tmarlin@nativityindy.org](mailto:tmarlin@nativityindy.org)

Father Eric Augenstein:  
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Parish and School Staff:  
first initial and last name (lower case; no spaces) @nativityindy.org  
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## AUGUSTRAVAGANZA 19TH ANNUAL AUGUST 8-9, 2025

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### Mark your calendars for August 8th and 9th for the 19th Augustravaganza!

#### Pre-Sale Ride Tickets

Now on sale! \$1 per ticket. You may purchase yours in person after Mass on the weekend or in the parish center office during the week. Order forms are also in the school office. Purchase your tickets early to save money and to support the parish! Pre-Sale ride tickets will also be available for purchase at Back-to-School night.

#### Raffle Tickets

Each parishioner household receives 20 raffle tickets in their packet. You may turn in your tickets **WITH PAYMENT** to the parish office during office hours, after Mass on the weekend, or by mail to the parish office using the green envelope in your packet. If you are needing more raffle tickets, those may be purchased in the parish office during the week, after Mass the two weekends leading up to the festival or at Back-to-School night on July 31st. Tickets will be for purchase at the raffle booth during the festival, too. Tickets are \$5 each.

#### T-Shirts

T-shirts are here! Purchase yours after Mass starting this weekend. \$10 for Adult Sizes, \$5 for Youth sizes (while supplies last). T-shirts will also be on sale at Back-to-School night.

#### Cupcakes and Canvas

Join us on Thursday, August, 7th @ 6:30pm in the parish center. Spots are filling up fast, so reserve your spot today. Make sure to vote on this year's painting, too! \$25 per painter (pay with cash or check at the event)



#### Volunteers

There are still many roles to fill. Please consider donating your time and talent. A little help goes a long way! See QR code

#### Catered Dinners

Fiesta Friday & Fried Chicken Saturday

Come cool off in the gym both nights from 5pm-8pm. \* **NEW THIS YEAR\*** Beer & Wine will be available for purchase in the gym!

#### \*Desserts\*

If you love to bake, we will be collecting desserts for catered dinners again this year. Baked-good donations may be dropped off in the parish center the week of the festival.

**Sponsors:** Thank you to all of our family and business sponsors this year! Families, it's not too late to sponsor a keg, kids' game, or soft drink station. Reach out to [augustravaganza@gmail.com](mailto:augustravaganza@gmail.com) if you're interested.

#### Donations

We are currently in need of the following items:

- small disposable dessert plates
- disposable paper bowls
- condiments
- foil sheets
- small toys and prizes for kids' games
- happy meal toys for catered dinners
- 2-liter soda bottles
- plastic knives
- napkins
- charcoal

We appreciate the generosity and support of our following business sponsors:

**All Around Parties, Best in Sight Eyecare, Mark Gill with Berkshire Hathaway Homeservices, Cathedral High School, Dexter Photography, Lanie Family Dentistry, Neptune Construction, and Roncalli High School.**

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## FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS SIGN UP ONLINE TODAY!

## FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The time is here, volunteer signup for Augustravaganza!!

Follow the link,

<https://signup.com/go/NeNygSF>

or scan the QR code. Volunteering is also a great way to spend time with friends and family and one of the best ways to meet other Nativity family members.



Interested in volunteering but have no idea what you're supposed to do? We'll show you every step of the way! **Newbies are always welcome with open arms.** We can't do this festival without you! **We need your help to make it amazing.**

## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading:

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent." One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son." (Gn 18:10)

### Psalm:

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

### Second Reading:

It is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim. (Col 1:27-28)

### Gospel:

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Lk 10:42)

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## READINGS for the WEEK

**Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

**Next Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

## PARISH INFORMATION



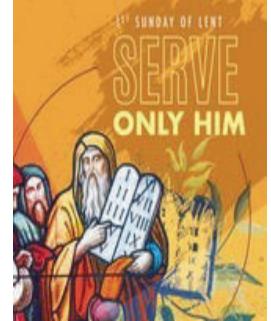
Monday, July 21	NO MASS
Tuesday, July 22	NO MASS
Wednesday, July 23	NO MASS
Thursday, July 24	
8:30 a.m.	† Ed Hosier
Friday, July 25	
8:30 a.m.	† James & Mary Hurm
Saturday, July 26	
5:30 p.m.	† Paul Hornberger
Sunday, July 27	
8:30 a.m.	† Larry Poteet
11:00 a.m.	† Brenda Marciniak

### PARISH STAFF

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# STEWARDSHIP

Sunday July 13, 2025

Weekly Collected	\$ 13,376
YTD Actual	\$ 35,087
YTD Budget	\$ 34,952
(2x\$17,476)	
Difference +/-	\$ 135
SVDP	\$ 170
PETERS PENCE	\$ 50

## GIVE ONLINE TODAY!

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.



Parish Website:  
[www.nativityindy.org/give](http://www.nativityindy.org/give)  
Contact Daniel Dixon  
317/357-1200 with questions.

Check out the new **Vocations** Kiosk in the church gathering space. Parishioner Ray Povinelli has built and installed a cabinet to display vocation literature for parishioners to take and read. Please pray for vocations.



Prayer Shawl group meets the first and third Wednesdays 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. Shawls 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. Reach out to Monica Santangelo 317/431-2021 with ???



## FALL FAITH MINISTRY REGISTRATION AUGUST 16 & 17



Parish Staff will be available after all Masses the weekend of **August 16 & 17** in the Gathering Space in Church to help you register for our fall faith ministries. Whether you or your child are interested in Youth Group, Faith Formation, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Youth Confirmation, information on how to become Catholic, or Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, we're here to answer your questions and help you sign up. Calendars with all the important dates will also be available. Stop by after Mass—we'd love to connect with you!

## PRIMETIMERS

On **Sunday, August 24th** Primetimers are planning a road trip to **Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor, Restaurant and Museum** in Columbus, IN. We will carpool from Nativity's parking lot (around 12:15) with an estimated arrival time of around 1:15 pm.

We will need a head count of those planning to take this road trip as we need to determine if we need to reserve (rent) space for our group to sit together. Please contact Nancy Pinard by email or phone (317 371-2630) if you plan to attend. We will send additional details to those who are going as we get closer to the event.

The Nativity Knights of Columbus are looking for men, ages 18 and over, to join the Council. Find more information on the website, <https://nativity-kofc.org>. To join or ask questions, [council13105@indianakofc.org](mailto:council13105@indianakofc.org) or 317-690-5011



## NATIVITY PFO FALL MUM SALE

Place your order for beautiful fall mums on our website by **Sunday, August 10th**. Orders will be available for pickup on **Tuesday, August 26th, between 2:30 PM and 4:30 PM** outside the main church entrance. If you need to arrange a different pickup time, just let us know — we're happy to accommodate when possible! Please contact Holly Dexter at [holly.dexter@gmail.com](mailto:holly.dexter@gmail.com) with any questions.

<https://forms.gle/xaFZYTD5H5S3fkLj9>



We truly appreciate your support for the students, teachers, and staff of Nativity Catholic School!

# Liturgical Ministries

## QUILTING GROUP

The next monthly meeting of the Nativity Quilting group will be **Monday, August 11** at 6:30 pm in Fr. Gootee Conf. Room. Newcomers are always welcome. Please reach out to Lisa Harrington [lah207@comcast.net](mailto:lah207@comcast.net) with questions.



## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

Nativity Titans — we're teaming up with Back to School Night on **July 31** from **5–7:30 PM** to offer physicals right on campus!

We'll be providing pre-participation physicals — plus optional **cardiac EKG screenings with evaluations** and **mandatory 6th grade vaccines** if needed.

Register online at [www.nursesdirectconnect.com/home](http://www.nursesdirectconnect.com/home) and select one of the **NATIVITY** options!



Come Teach with Us at Nativity Catholic School! Are you passionate about shaping young minds and making a difference each day? Nativity Catholic School is excited to welcome enthusiastic, faith-filled educators to join our dedicated team for the upcoming school year! We currently have a **teaching position open in 3rd Grade**. We're looking for individuals who:

- Love working with children
- Thrive in a collaborative, faith-centered environment
- Are creative, compassionate, and committed to excellence
- Value strong partnerships with parents and the school community

A **bachelor's degree in education** is required, and a heart for Catholic education is a must! Join a school where faith, learning, and love come together every day. If you're ready to be part of something special, email your resume to **Principal Mary Beth Keiser**, [mbkeiser@nativityindy.org](mailto:mbkeiser@nativityindy.org). We can't wait to meet you!

Saturday, 7/26 5:30 pm

### Lectors

Knights of Columbus  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Deacon John Hosier  
Knights of Columbus  
Servers

Sunday, 7/27 8:30 am

### Lectors

Mark Cox  
Erin Brunner  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Rosemarie Kelly  
Jim LaMarca  
Ann Schubach  
Sarah Klee  
Aaron Wiley  
Servers  
Clara Bogart  
Christopher Silva

Sunday, 7/27 11:00 am

### Lectors

Sue Bongen  
Jeff Richardson  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Jodi Velasco  
Gladys Singleton  
Brenda Copass-Israels  
Joe Hollowell  
Sr Felix Charles  
Servers  
Kekely Adragni  
Maggie Burkhart

**Nativity Golf Outing  
The 11th Annual Golf Outing  
Friday, September 5th  
at Smock Golf Course**

Scramble starts at 10:00.

Dinner and prize awards to follow at the Golf Course

Proceeds support KofC Charity Work and Nativity Athletics

Sign Up forms are in the back of church or on-line at [www.nativity-KofC.org](http://www.nativity-KofC.org)

Sponsorships are available  
Contact Justin Braun 317-690-5011 or  
Richard Laffoon 317-374-4222  
For more information.



### **NATIVITY CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL**

Nativity Co-ed Flag Football registration is now open for boys and girls entering grades K-2. All practices and games will take place at Nativity Catholic School on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the season starting August 14 and ending early to mid October. Registration is \$40 per player. Please email Ryan Mahin at [ryan@awfco.com](mailto:ryan@awfco.com) with any questions.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Cross Country signups are live! Kids 3rd - 8th grade can sign up via the [CYO Registration link](#). NOTE: You will need to sign up through St. Mark NOT Nativity. You can do this by adding a dual school to your account. To do this, simply click on the "Request Dual School" on the left hand menu after signing in. You will need to use the St. Mark Code: 195SMRK-IN. Follow the prompts and then register under St. Mark.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Adam Smith and Tyler Rich at [acsmit13@yahoo.com](mailto:acsmit13@yahoo.com) and [tyrich1977@gmail.com](mailto:tyrich1977@gmail.com)



### **MONTH FIVE - Developing Baby**

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and his mother can feel his movements. Before this time he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big enough to kick hard against the wall and dent it—the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are midway through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

(Wilke, Dr. and Mrs. John C., *Abortion: Questions and Answers*, Cincinnati, Ohio: Hayes Publishing Company, 1985.)

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I Love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. (Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen)

### **Nativity CYO Football Registrations are OPEN!**

It's time to register for some Titan fall Football!

All boys entering **grades 3 though 8**  
are invited to play!

All physicals and registrations fees must be turned in before being placed on a team.

[Click here to register!](#)

Questions: Jamin Davis [jamidavi222@yahoo.com](mailto:jamidavi222@yahoo.com)

### **JOIN US FOR THE ROSARY**

Please join the Knights of Columbus at 5:00 PM on Saturday, July 26 as we lead the rosary before the 5:30 PM Mass.



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