

Nativity CATHOLIC CHURCH

7225 Southeastern Ave, Indpls IN 46239

June 28, 2026
13th 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-Thur 8:30 am

Friday 5:30 pm

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:30, 11:00 am

Holydays 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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
Others contact Parish Office.
Baptisms are scheduled with the priest.

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.

Welcome

Dear friends in Christ,

As I look back over the past seven and a half years as pastor of this parish community, I am filled with gratitude for the blessings that God has showered upon me, personally, and upon our parish as a whole. The renovation and expansion of our church building certainly was a highlight of these years. Beyond that major project, everything I have tried to do as your pastor has been with a goal of helping people encounter Jesus Christ here in this place and go forth as missionary disciples to love and serve our world. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It is he whom we seek. He is the one we love. He is the source of all graces and blessings. He has blessed this community, and he will continue to be with you day by day.

The beating heart of parish life is the sacraments – those privileged encounters with Christ that transform us more and more into his likeness. In my time as pastor at Nativity, I have baptized 302 people (adults and children), witnessed the marriages of 46 couples, and celebrated 110 funeral liturgies. It is most edifying that we have had almost triple the number of baptisms as funerals in these years – a beautiful sign of a growing and thriving parish!

As I prepare to begin my new priestly assignments this week, know that I will take you with me in my prayers, and I ask you to pray for me and for the seminarians at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary and the parishioners at St. Rita and Holy Angels Churches. If you'd like to stay in touch, you can find my new contact information below. And pray for Fr. Ben Syberg, whose pastoral service at this parish begins on Wednesday and who is looking forward to getting to know this community and to encountering Christ together with you. Thank you for the honor of serving as your pastor these seven and a half years. May God's blessings continue to come upon you.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Eric

Fr. Eric Augenstein
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PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours
Monday-Friday.....8am-12pm
Saturday.....closed
Sunday.....closed

Parish Office is closed on holidays

Email tmartin@nativityindy.org

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no spaces) @nativityindy.org

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BOYS AND GIRLS 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. Any questions, please contact Adam Smith at acsmith13@yahoo.com.

**Newcomers Welcome!**

Queen of Heaven Rosary Guild

Do you want to learn how to make a beaded cord rosary?

Do you want to make rosaries for chaplains in the military or missionary priests around the world?

Nativity is starting a rosary guild to help the missionary priests around the world spread the devotion of the rosary. It meets twice a month.

Wednesday June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22
FLG 6:30-7:30PM

NEW

PRIMETIMERS

New Palestine Summer Concerts - 11 E Main Street (in front of New Palestine High School). Bring your lawn chairs or blanket and enjoy the music. Food and drink will be sold on the premises, or you can bring your own. Some local establishments nearby are Frost Boy, Tony D's and Smokin Barrel Barbeque.

Saturday, July 25 - featuring Stella Luna

Saturday, August 22 - featuring Toy Factory

Gates open at 6pm and the concerts are from 7-9 pm. Parking is at New Palestine High School. We will do our best to arrive early and try to secure spots under the trees.

ABORTION HELPLINE

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

Option Helpline 24/7 1/800-723-HELP

To attempt to save a baby after taking the first RU-486 pill 1/877-558-0333

SCHEDULING



You can check on meetings just by going to www.nativityindy.org/calendar. Parish-sponsored groups should request rooms for meetings and events through the website. Requests for meeting rooms can be made when you think of it, instead of having to wait for the office to be open! While on the calendar, select *Request a Reservation*. Once there you can fill out a reservation request form for your group. Confirmation will be made in a timely manner. Private rentals are still handled by Theresa in the parish office. Any questions, call 317/357-1200.



SEEKING THE FOLLOWING:

School looking for an Elementary Math Aid
Nativity School is seeking one staff member for the next school year.

• Kindergarten-5th Grade Aide

This aid will work with students on math skills. The position is 20-25 hours per week and is flexible on days and times during the school year. Applicant must enjoy math and working with students of all ages and skills. This position would be well-suited for a college student looking to work with children.

If you are interested in either position, please contact Mary Beth Keiser, Principal at 317-357-1459 or mbkeiser@nativityindy.org

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kgs 4:15-16)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. (Rom 6:4)

Gospel:

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Mt 10:39)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

PARISH INFORMATION



NO MASS

Monday, June 29

Tuesday, June 30

8:30 a.m.....† Michelle Burris

Wednesday, July 1

5:30 p.m.....† Michelle Burris

Thursday, July 2

8:30 a.m.....† Gene Beckman

Friday, July 3

NO MASS

Saturday, July 4

5:30 p.m.....† Special Intention

Sunday, July 5

8:30 a.m.....† Claudia Way

11:00 a.m.....† Daniel Ragazzino

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317/357-1200

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317/650-6684

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317/359-1459

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Lindsay Stetter

School Office Mgr.

317/357-1459

PARISH COUNCIL

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317/362-3175

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Act.

Kate Bedwell

317/696-0523

School

Justin Braun

317/690-5011

Stewardship

Amanda Rail

317/797-8871

STEWARDSHIP

June 21, 2026

Weekly Collected	\$	23,776
YTD Actual	\$	922,679
YTD Budget (51x\$17,476)	\$	891,276
Difference +/-	\$	31,403
SVDP	\$	70
EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS	\$	10
PETER'S PENCE	\$	10

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
Contact Daniel Dixon
317/357-1200 with questions.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The next Senior Group luncheon will be on Thursday, July 9th, at 1:00, at the Yummy Bowl, 8810 S Emerson Ave.

Please RSVP to Marsha Brinson, text or call 317/445-0177, or email marspote@aol.com if you will be attending. Bring a friend.

QUILTING GROUP

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

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 or 317/690-5011.



Nativity Conference: Society of St. Vincent de Paul
SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

**CHILDREN'S CLOTHING AND
FOOD DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED**

Our Distribution Center is in dire need of children's clothing, sizes 2T to youth 18. Please place them in a plastic bag and deposit them in the blue bin near the playground.

Several of us Nativity parishioners are involved in the very rewarding task of weekly home delivery of groceries from the 30th St. Pantry to those who are homebound. Volunteers currently serve about 370 neighbors, but we have 121 neighbors on a waitlist with more added each week. Our greatest limitation to serving more is a shortage of drivers who can pick up bags from the pantry and deliver them to 4-7 households on Wednesdays. If you would like to volunteer for this very needed task or would like more information, please contact Heather Snyder at hsnyder@svdpindy.org or 309/533-2678.



MONTH FOUR -Developing Baby Spiritual Adoption Program

Well, your little baby now weighs six ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. He has his own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until he dies. His taste buds are working. His sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. At this stage rapid eye movements have been observed – a sign of dreaming. What a miracle he is!

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 Venerable Fulton J. Sheen)



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 ???

WE NEED YARN! If you have yarn you do not need or know of anyone who has decided to clean out their “stash”, please remember this group! Call the parish office to make arrangements to drop off yarn during the week or bring with you to mass on the weekend and leave near the shelves with the prayer shawls. Thank you in advance!

Saturday, July 4 5:30 pm

Lectors

Mary Halla
Frank Smith

Eucharistic Ministers

Ralph Proctor
Steve Hawkins
Elizabeth Ewing
Liz Schoettle
Rick Santangelo

Servers

Xavier Bauman
Lauren Halla

Sunday, July 5 8:30 am

Lectors

Amanda Rail
Paige Stillson

Eucharistic Ministers

Dave Wietbrock
Aaron Wiley
Marilyn Ellis
Rosemarie Kelly
Marsha Brinson

Servers

Amaya Meyers
Owen Meyers

Sunday, July 5 11:00 am

Lectors

Gerry Rieger
Sue Bongen

Eucharistic Ministers

Irene Flannagan
Michelle Kitley
Jean Kiki
Gladys Singleton
Brenda Copass-Israels

Servers

Henry Kitley
Emma Nguyen



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. Also, you can have a mass said "in thanksgiving" for a special event in your life. 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.

Vocations Prayer

*God our Father,
You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body
of Christ.*

*We ask that You inspire young people whom
you call to priesthood and consecrated life
to courageously follow Your will.*

*Send workers into Your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted,
and Your people are strengthened by the
sacraments.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

AUGUSTRAVAGANZA—August 7 & 8

**Planning is underway for this year's festival
and we need your help!**

Volunteer: Volunteer sign-ups will go live in July, so be on the lookout. We are especially in need of registered parishioners to help in Texas Poker, Black Jack, and Pull tabs. Please email volunteer.augustravaganza@gmail.com if interested.

Donate: The following items are appreciated and can be dropped off in the parish center during the week or at the info desk at church: clean glassware/coffee mugs, gently-used stuffed animals, 2 liter bottles of soda, small prizes/happy meal toys for kids' games.

Sponsor: We are so grateful to all families and businesses who have committed to sponsoring this year's festival. There are still family sponsorship opportunities available with great perks that include prime parking, Nativity "bucks", punch cards for alcoholic beverages/ non-alcoholic beverages, etc. Don't miss out on a chance to support the parish! <https://nativityindy.org/sponsorship>

Questions: augustravaganza@gmail.com





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