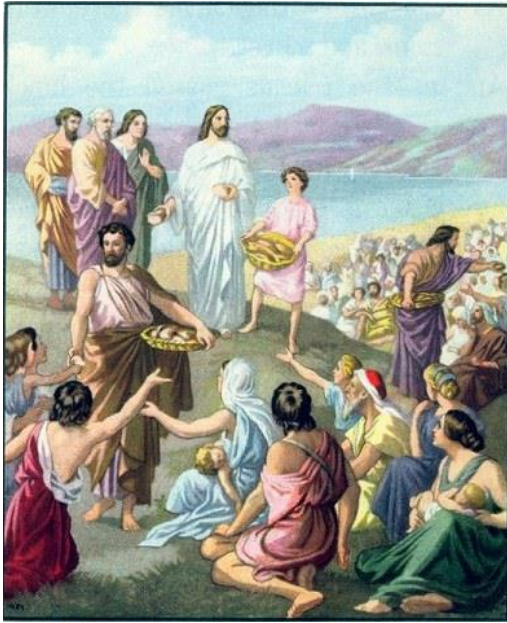


**Nativity B.V.M. JULY 25, 2021
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**OFFER YOUR GIFT, HOWEVER INADEQUATE, WITH
THANKSGIVING, TRUSTING THE POWER OF GOD.**

Today's sign from John's Gospel, the feeding of the five thousand, shows the power of God. The boy gave five loaves and two fish. It was a small amount, but it was all he had. Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks, and God provided food for many. We, too, can benefit from these three steps: Offer what we have. Give thanks. Expect God to act.



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Robert McClellan, Brandon Brashier, Dr. David and Aimee Dugger, Julie Martel, Jacqueline Cole Butler, Larry Kostmayer, Marianne Sherman, Ansley Gilich, Adonna Creel Currie, Maureen Gruich, Jackie Clark, Ivan Kovacevich, Rocky Long, Peter Skrmetta, Kay Semski, Kevin Kavanagh, Carolyn Urbanoto, Mable Viator, Buck O'Gea, Nick Pass, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Lehwmon Skrmetti, Annette Luther, Macklyn Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Mickey Bradley, Gwen Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr. and all of our Homebound Parishioners.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Mon Jul 26 | Ex 32:15-24, 30-34, Mt 13:31-35, Sir 44:1, 10-15, Mt 13:16-17 |
| Tue Jul 27 | Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28, Mt 13:36-43 |
| Wed Jul 28 | Ex 34:29-35, Mt 13:44-46 |
| Thu Jul 29 | Ex 40:16-21, 34-38, Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42, 1 Jn 4:7-16 |
| Fri Jul 30 | Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37, Mt 13:54-58 |
| Sat Jul 31 | Lv 25:1, 8-17, Mt 14:1-12, 1 Cor 10:31—11:1, Lk 14:25-33 |
| Sun Aug 01 | Ex 16:2-4, 12-15, Eph 4:17, 20-24, Jn 6:24-35 |



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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| Regular Collections | \$ | 6,858.40 |
| Maintenance | \$ | 2,501.00 |
| Capital Improvement | \$ | 151.00 |
| Nativity Elem. | \$ | 55.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ | 720.00 |
| TOTAL COLLECTION | \$ | 10,285.40 |

Thank you for your generous contribution!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Mon. Jul 26** Women of Mary
- Tues. Jul 27** Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m.
Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed. Jul 28** Cleaning TEAM D

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE

St Patrick's is hosting a blood drive in our Sacred Heart Center on Friday, July 30th, from noon until 5:00 p.m. Please give the gift of life as our area faces a dwindling supply of blood.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

As we continue to face the shortage of priests, the role of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist becomes even more necessary. At this time, our cathedral parish is in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers at all five of our Sunday Masses. If you feel the Lord is calling you to this important ministry, please see Fr. Dennis after Mass or call him at the rectory.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge, in the Roman Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. The Nativity Parish will begin R.C.I.A. classes again in the Fall. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Sacred Heart Center. If you are interested, please contact Greg or Penny Payne at 228-365-6348.

ALSO: we have cards in our church pews asking for your help in inviting candidates for our upcoming RCIA. If you know someone or have a family member who is interested in joining the Catholic Faith, please let us know.

| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | LECTORS | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| Jul 31 4:00 pm Kathleen Coskey | Jul 31 4:00 pm Sarah Barhonovich | Jul 31 4:00 pm Brady Barhonovich Victoria Barhonovich |
| Aug 01 7:00 am Marcia Mayfield | Aug 01 7:00 am Marcia Mayfield | Aug 01 7:00 am Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart |
| 9:00 am Maggie Landry | 9:00 am Maggie Landry | 9:00 am Julia Landry |
| 11:00 am Deacon Johnny | 11:00 am Don Marie | 11:00 am Tarrant Family |
| 5:30 pm Teresa Ballinger | 5:30 pm Kristy Arguelles | 5:30 pm Dylan Mitchell |
| | CANTORS | |
| | Jul 31 4:00 pm KC Arnold | |
| | Aug 01 9:00 am Phil Frisby | |
| | 11:00 am Elizabeth Cobb | |

| 6:30 AM | | 8:00 AM | |
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| Mon Jul 26 | Collins/Sims Fly. | Norine & Jacinto Baltar | |
| Tue Jul 27 | Tucei Family | Sister Caroline (S.I.) | |
| Wed Jul 28 | Chester Balias Fly. | Gayle Bentz | |
| Thu Jul 29 | Michael Zorich | Bob & Penny Ragolin | |
| Fri Jul 30 | Michael Zorich | Gaspar & Mary Pizarich | |
| Sat Jul 31 | 8 Michael Zorich 4 | Lawrence Semski | |
| Sun Aug 01 | 7 Betty Lou Callegari 9 | FTP | |
| | 11:00 Hank Rogers | 5:30 Chester Balias | |

FROM THE MUSIC & FINE ARTS MINISTRY:

Hymns/Sacred Songs for:

Hymns/Sacred Songs for: Saturday, July 24th - 4 pm & Sunday, July 25th - 9 am & 11 am Masses:

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| Opening: | “As We Gather at Your Table” | # 311 |
| Offertory: | “Table of Plenty” | # 310 |
| Communion: | “The Supper of the Lord” | # 348 |
| Sending: | “All the Ends of the Earth” | # 551 |

CANTORS:

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| Saturday | 4:00 pm: | KC Arnold |
| Sunday | 9:00 am: | John Welter |
| | 11:00 am: | Phil Frisby |

NATIVITY BVM CATHEDRAL CHORAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS:

The Music & Fine Arts Ministry of the Cathedral offers three distinct “Choral Program” Offerings. Please prayerfully consider joining &/or supporting these beautiful Ministries of the Church!

Children’s Choir: This program is administered through Nativity BVM Elementary School – (NES). Participants will be offered to be a part of the program at the opening of school and will become members by invitation. Participants will come from the third through the sixth grades with consideration/invitation given to select/interested members of the second grade. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. beginning on August 12th. Cantor Academy - A program designed to train and prepare choir members to serve as Cantors both for the School & the Cathedral will be composed of members of the Children’s Choir by invitation and will rehearse on Thursdays from 3:45 – 4:05 p.m. – beginning also on Thursday, August 12th.

Nativity Cathedral Choir: This program is offered to all interested singers from Middle/High School age through those retired. The Choir will rehearse on the stage of Sacred Heart Academy (SHA) on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. The Choir will rotate between the Saturday – 4 p.m. Mass and the Sunday – 9 & 11 am Masses. The first half of each month the Choir will sit down front - for those that have a hard time ascending the steps of the Music Balcony. The second half of the month the Choir will sing from the Music Balcony. All interested parties are warmly encouraged to attend/be a part.

“Gloria in Excelsis” – A Community Choir offering. Please see enclosed flier in the bulletin.

COMMUNION VISITATION



Jesus says of you and me, “You are the salt of the earth”. No one should be deprived of the Most Holy Eucharist because they are homebound, elderly, have no means of getting to Mass and/or sick in their home. Sister Jackie Tarrant, RSM will gladly bring the Eucharist to you in your home. Together we can be “salt of the earth”. Sister can be reached at the rectory at 228-374-1717.

BINGO MANIA

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. The following families are scheduled to work: Hebert (Scottie & Erin), Hosey (Aaron & Irma), Joachim (Todd & Sally), Hargrove (Roger & Stephanie), Hargrove (Robert & Shanna) and Hawthorne (Moshe & Michele). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVdP provides assistance each Tuesday from 9-11:00 a.m. Please consider making regular contributions, to our SVdP. We also value your one time gift! Your continued support helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for those in need.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES

Father, may all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.