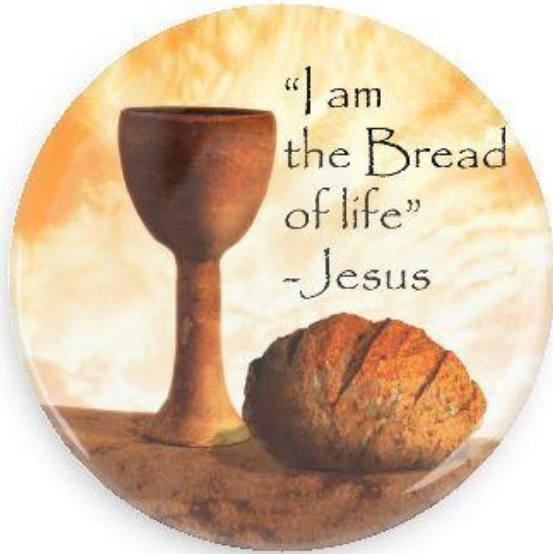


**Nativity B.V.M. AUGUST 1, 2021
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



DO NOT WORK FOR FOOD THAT PERISHES, BUT FOR THE FOOD THAT ENDURES FOR ETERNAL LIFE.

As we listen to the Discourse on the Bread of Life, we are reminded that on the journey of life, no matter its twists and turns, the Lord continues to travel with us and to care for us, nourishing us with heavenly food as he once fed the Israelites in the desert.



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kevin Lamey, Baby Dean Lamey, Beth Rush, 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, Lehmon 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

Mon Aug 02	Nm 11:4b-15, Mt 14:13-21
Tue Aug 03	Nm 12:1-13, Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wed Aug 04	Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35, Mt 15:21-28, Ez 3:17-21, Mt 9:35—10:1
Thu Aug 05	Nm 20:1-13, Mt 16:13-23
Fri Aug 06	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, 2 Pt 1:16-19, Mk 9:2-10
Sat Aug 07	Dt 6:4-13, Mt 17:14-20
Sun Aug 08	1 Kgs 19:4-8, Jn 6:41-51



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	8,230.00
Maintenance	\$	1,748.52
Capital Improvement	\$	407.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	25.00
Miscellaneous	\$	1,100.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	11,510.52

Thank you for your generous contribution!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Mon. Aug 02** Women of Mary
- Tues. Aug 03** Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m.
Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed. Aug 04** Cleaning TEAM A

NATIVITY'S MEN'S CLUB

"Greetings from the Nativity Men's Club. We are planning to gather for our first meeting this fall, September 13, 2021, in the Sacred Heart Center. **ALL NATIVITY MEN ARE INVITED.** We will have our regular agenda with a meal, fellowship and a meeting, starting at 6pm. Usually it lasts about 1 hour or so. If you are interested and would like more information please contact any of the following: Dennis Burke at burke49dj@gmail.com, John Welter at Jwelter@thepeoples.com, Mike Bruffey at mikebruffey@msgaming.org or Darryl Platt at DarrylP@bellsouth.net. If you are planning to attend please let one of us know, so we can have a count for the meal."

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
Aug 07 <u>4:00 pm</u> Jim Shugart	Aug 07 <u>4:00 pm</u> Corri Gulino	Aug 07 <u>4:00 pm</u> McKinzy Lawson
Aug 08 <u>7:00 am</u> Nancy Powell	Aug 08 <u>7:00 am</u> Joe Powell	Aug 08 <u>7:00 am</u> Tristan Davis
	9:00 am Liz Wilkinson	9:00 am Kingston Davis
	11:00 am Peter Abide	9:00 am Chaz Byers
	5:30 pm Tara Junkert	11:00 am Izabelle Byers
	CANTORS	11:00 am Tarrant Family
	Aug 07 <u>4:00 pm</u> KC Arnold	5:30 pm Dylan Mitchell
	Aug 08 <u>9:00 am</u> Elizabeth Cobb	
	11:00 am Nicholas Pumper	

	6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Aug 02	Sammy Beaugez	Sr. Mary Riordain (S.I.)
Tue Aug 03	Tucei Family	Collins/Sims Family
Wed Aug 04	Chester Balius Fly.	Jacinto & Norine Baltar
Thu Aug 05	Hank Rogers	Barbara Maynard
Fri Aug 06	Bob & Penny Rogalin	Joyce & Glenn Pisarich
Sat Aug 07	<u>8</u> Michael Zorich	<u>4</u> Gabe & Doris Kasovich
Sun Aug 08	<u>7</u> Two Brothers (S.I.)	<u>9</u> FTP
	11:00 Larry J. Mattina	5:30 Chester Balius

FROM THE MUSIC & FINE ARTS MINISTRY:

Hymns/Sacred Songs for:

Saturday, July 31st - 4 pm & Sunday, August 1st - 9 am & 11 am Masses:

Opening:	“Glory and Praise to Our God”	# 548
Offertory:	“Lord, Who At Thy First Eucharist”	# 366
Communion:	“I Am The Bread Of Life”	# 325
Sending:	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	# 545

CANTORS:

Saturday	4:00 pm:	KC Arnold
Sunday	9:00 am:	Phil Frisby
	11:00 am:	Elizabeth Cobb

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, August 3, 2021. The following families are scheduled to work: Johnston (Ryan & Loren), Jordan (Robert & Aimee), Kavanagh (Kevin & Lisa), Keokanlaya (Noi), Lamey (Kevin & Dana) and Langford (Ryan & Hayley). 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.

“OPENING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS” MASS:

The Cathedral will offer the “Opening of Catholic Schools” – Mass of the Holy Spirit – on Wednesday, August 4th at 10 am. Bishop Kihneman will be our Celebrant and 9th Grader and Cathedral Music Ministry member – Sabree Puzs will serve as the Cantor. Please pray for our Nativity Elementary School (NES) Principal – Ms. Traci Kessler, our teachers, staff, student body and families for what promises to be another challenging year. We pray for a year of God’s delight, inspiration and blessings!

Nativity Cathedral’s “Altar Society”:

In every successful parish, you usually find a dedicated “crew” of special individuals that give of themselves to the work of serving as the “Altar Society”. Whether it is preparations of elements for Mass celebrations, arrangement of needed items for worship and adornment for worship, holiday and liturgical seasons preparations, plant care, clean-up or related such needs to make the Church’s worship experience the best that it can be – the members of the “Altar Society” assist and provide these vital services. We have a great need in this Ministry. Would you prayerfully consider sharing a little of your time and energy in your service to our God and Church by becoming a member? If so, please speak with Father Carver or contact the Rectory Office.