Parish Office: (816) 353-2184   Fax: (816) 358-4155    School: (816) 353-0284    Web: www.nativityofmary.org

“My attitude must be Christ’s.” - Philippians 2:5

Parish Staff
Rev. Robert Stone, Pastor
Melissa Clancy, Business Manager
Paula Cassity, Administrative Assistant
Maria Milazzo, Music Ministry & Liturgist
Becky Winbinger, Youth Group
Mary Jo Nafus, Secretary

School Staff
Mrs. Mary Parrish, Principal
Carmen Wolfgeher, Secretary

New Parishioners
If you are new to our parish and would like more information please contact the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care
Sacraments for the Sick.
Rev. Bob Stone, 353-2184, ext. 404
Pastoral visits to the Homebound and Hospitals.
Paula Cassity, 353-2184, ext. 401

Emergency Assistance
Contact St. Mary’s Food Pantry and Clothes Closet - 252-8649

Youth Ministry
Becky Winbinger, 353-2184, ext. 408

Sacrament Preparation
Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Adult Initiation (RCIA), and Matrimony
Contact the parish office for information

Parish Ministry Council
Marilyn Mineart - 509-1277/minmar23@att.net

Diocesan Victim’s Advocate
Kathleen Chastain
816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org

Ombudsman
Jenifer Valenti,
816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net

Visit us at https://www.facebook.com/nativityofmaryparish/

Mass Schedule
Monday: 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
Weekday: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Holy Day: 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions
Saturday: 3:00 p.m. or by Appointment

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me;
and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.
Mark 9:37
SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 - THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Sept. 16 - Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM + Dale & Terry Divine

Sunday, Sept. 23 - The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Intentions of Toni Ibarra
10:30AM + Fran Vit Barchak
+ Pietro & Josephine Tusa

Monday, September 24
8:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, September 25
8:30AM The Relph Family

Wednesday, September 26 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian
8:30AM + Virginia McMenamy

Thursday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul
8:30AM The Addison Family

Fri., Sept. 28 - Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz
8:30AM For our parish family

Sat. Sept. 29 - Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM For a Special Intention

Sunday, Sept. 30 - The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM + Tony & Michelle Galvan
10:30AM + Caterina DiGaetano & Josefina Guzman

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Vern/Margaret Ault Garry/Emily Gagnon Gary Pricer
Michael Bell Barbara Garrett Mary Kay Seller
Judy Bohner Joey Gray Patrick Singleton
Jason Bullock Marla Herbst Bernice/Norm Steffen
Shannon Casey Cynthia/Dennis Jones Patricia Stone
Steve Christensen Debby Haney Kubiak Breit Maureen Sutera
John Clarke Katie Lesmeister Zeniada Torres
Bob DeSchepper Jack McNenoe John Tuccillo
Sharon Dudley Anna McNeil Carol Byrd Weaver
Kathy Dunbar Jim Miceli Alyssa Webb
Roni Durkee Juan/Mary Perez Daniel Wheeler
Beth Ann Eimer Arnold Muzquiz Gerard Wickey
Mary Enyart Carlos Pinon Ayden Wright

READINGS OF THE WEEK - SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2018

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the "Mother School" of this uniquely American institution.

Many parochial schools, especially in "national parishes," were established to preserve the culture and language of the "old country," and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded "separate schools" were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States.

Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.
Did You Know…
There is a black cane that someone left in church several weeks ago. If you are missing a cane it is in the kitchenette in the back of church.

Grandparents and Kinship Support Group “Second Time Around”
Are you a grandparent or relative raising grandchildren? Join us for coffee, donuts, and conversation along with fellow grandparents and family members that are raising children.

Nativity of Mary Parish Hall
September 30th
after 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses
For Information call: Pat George, 816-405-2892

RCIA
Classes will begin soon!
Do you know anyone who is interested in joining our church or that wants more information on the Catholic faith please have them contact Becky Winbinger at the Ministry Canter, 353-2184. They will need to set up an appointment with her before classes begin this fall.

Nativity of Mary Contribution Report
9/8/2018 & 9/9/2018

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Tuition/Registration Fees 18-19 $8,599.13

Blue Mass - September 30th
The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception invites those in law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency responders throughout the diocese to a Blue Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 30 – the day after the feast of their patron St. Michael.

New Parishioner Information
Please print your name and address below to receive registration information.

Name ________________________________________________
Address ________________________________________________
City/State _____________________________ Zip ____________
Home Phone ___________________________________________
Email __________________________________________________

Please drop in collection basket or mail to Parish Office.
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Nativity of Mary Blood Drive

Tuesday Sept. 25, 2018
3:00 pm to 6:30 pm - Parish Hall

Book your appointment at savealifenow.org
Enter Sponsor Code: nativitymary

Walk-ins welcome. For more information contact: Pat or Beverly Baker, 358-1419

Hello Mouse Race Fans!!
7th Annual Mouse Race FUNdraiser
October 13, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.
Parish Hall

Just wanted to let everyone know we are switching up the Dinner Menu a bit this year. “On A Roll” Catering, by Ann Thomason, will be catering a Taco bar. Ann is part of the “Henry Family” here at Nativity. Looking forward to seeing all of you with your bids ready!

If you would like to purchase tickets, a VIP table, sponsor a mouse, or sponsor a race, committee members will be in the back of church after all the masses.

All proceeds benefit our Special Needs Programs at Nativity School. We thank you in advance for your continued support of our parish school.

Nativity of Mary is Hosting a Flu Vaccine Clinic
Monday, October 22nd
3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

The clinic is open to all students, school families and parishioners. Insurance plans that are accepted:

- Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Aetna/Aetna Medicare, Cigna, Coventry of Kansas/Advantra, Humana/Humana Medicare, United Healthcare/UMR/United Medicare, All Savers, Medicare Part B/Medicare Advantage Plans. For those without accepted insurance, $30 for the Flu shot. No on-line registration this year.

To sign up please contact Susie Addison by email: saddison@nativityofmary.org or call the school office, 353-0284.
This year Nativity of Mary School had the amazing opportunity to establish a partnership with ACE. Because of this partnership we were able to offer a number of students an ACE Scholarship for the 2018-19 school year, and we look forward to awarding many more scholarships in the future. These scholarships are awarded to families who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch. This is an outstanding example of an independent Catholic School working with a national organization to provide an excellent education for students in need. Please read the following to learn more about ACE.

ACE Scholarships, a nonprofit organization that raises money from generous donors and then awards financial scholarships to students from low-income families so they can attend the school of their choice. ACE Scholarships has quickly become an educational success story. In fact, since 2000, we’ve awarded over 23,000 scholarships worth over $52M, giving children from low-income families the chance to succeed. And succeed they have, graduating high school with most going on to college. Who we help

ACE Scholarships works with low-income families from a variety of different circumstances across numerous states. To qualify for an ACE scholarship, a family must meet the income requirements for the federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Our families have a medium income of $32,000 a year.

St. Michael High School Spirit Clinic
SMA Guardian Cheer and Dance teams are hosting a Spirit Clinic for girls in kindergarten through 8th grade! The instructional clinic will be held on Thursday, September 27th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the SMA Gym. Participants will have a pre-game and half-time performance during the SMA football game on Friday, September 28th. Register online at www.smacatholic.org/spirit by Friday, September 21st. Participation fee of $25 includes t-shirt, admission to the game and popcorn.

Go Guardians!
SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 - THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One can always be amazed by the prophets and the wisdom books of the Old Testament. A hundred years or so before Christ, the Book of Wisdom points to the kind of teachings a just person such as Jesus would produce and the death that would result at the hands of the wicked. "Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us" and "Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him."

When we are feeling set upon, we can cry out with Psalm 54, "O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause." With Jesus, we often suffer from the contempt of others, and here we have assurance of God's help in our need. "Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life." When the situation in our country and the world seems difficult or even hopeless, we cry out to God for help and salvation for ourselves, for others in need, and for the Earth itself.

WHERE DO THE WARS COME FROM?
The letter from Saint James is quite explicit about the problem of war and peace. "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace." So then, "Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? . . . You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war." War is an evil and never to be the first resort in settling conflicts.

SIMPLICITY AND LOVE
As Jesus walks along with his disciples, they are talking and arguing. Jesus asks them what they are discussing, but he knows. They are arguing about which of them will be greatest in the reign of God. He tells them that whoever wishes to be first must take the last place and be the servant of all.

Then he takes a little child and places it in their midst. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Sometimes it is assumed that small children are incapable of understanding the teachings of the Gospels and the sacraments of the Church. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which has its roots in the Montessori method of pedagogy, allows even very small children as young as three to experience the life of Jesus and the liturgy of the Church through materials such as the altar, small vestments in seasonal colors, and wooden maps of the Holy Land where Jesus lived and traveled, as well as other materials related to the Gospels and the liturgy. People who observe the children at their work using this method of catechesis are amazed at their understanding of the Gospels and especially the parables. Most importantly, the children develop a genuine love for Jesus that is deep and touching.

There is a lesson here for all of us, as Jesus pointed out. We must have the same simplicity and love for Jesus as these little children in order to enter the reign of God.

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OCTOBER 7TH - 3:00 P.M.
This is an international rosary prayed in sync on Sunday, October 7th at 3:00 p.m. Central Time for the spiritual battle of life, marriage and religious freedom. The rosary will be said in parishes, state capitals, within families, and at our nation’s capital with live-stream viewing on EWTN. North Kansas City will host an outdoor Rally at 6520 NW 64th (Hiway 45) starting at 2:30 p.m. Meet at the NW Bible Church. Liberty, Missouri will have a Rosary Rally at 9300 NE Barry Road in front of the Qdoba restaurant at 2:30 p.m.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:
1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.
## OPERATING INCOME

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The Financial Statements are prepared using cash basis accounting per Diocesan guide-

Please contact Melissa Clancy, Business Manager, or Fr. Bob Stone with any questions