

THE RISEN CHRIST SEEKS TO TRANSFORM AND REDDEM OUR LIVES

The resurrection of the Lord is the highest of all feasts – the day in which we celebrate the truth that Jesus conquers and redeems every darkness of life, even death itself. Truly this is a day of rejoicing! For even when events are unclear to us – when we do not understand what we see before us, like those who saw the empty tomb – we can be confident in the words and promises of God.

RCIA

The 2018-2019 RCIA class received their Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 20. Please continue to pray for them as they receive the Sacraments of Initiation and are in full communion with our Church. They have worked very hard this year and have actively participated in RCIA.

Congratulations to each and every one as they receive the following Sacraments:

Confirmation and First Holy Communion:

- Garrett Clark
- Yvette Fox
- Anice Goff
- Toni Morgan
- Tracie Strayham
- Dennis Worsham

Confirmation:

Vinny Bastille

CCD CLASSES

There will be no class on Wednesday, April 24, for our Easter/Spring Break. Classes will resume on Wednesday, May 1. We hope all of your families enjoy a wonderful, blessed Easter!

NATIVITY PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral is accepting nominations for the Pastoral Council. The Council has been dormant for the past several years and is seeking to re-establish its purpose to provide organization, voice and a sharing wisdom to assist the parish Rector and staff. If you would be interested in submitting your name to the Nominating Committee please contact the Parish Rectory Office.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Apr 22	Acts 2:14, 22-23, Mt 28:8-15
Tues	Apr 23	Acts 2:36-41, Jn 20:11-18
Wed	Apr 24	Acts 3:1-10, Lk 24:13-35
Thu	Apr 25	Acts 3:11-16, Lk 24:35-48
Fri	Apr 26	Acts 4:1-12, Jn 21:1-14
Sat	Apr 27	Acts 4:13-21, Mk 16:9-15
Sun	Apr 28	Acts 5:12-16, Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19, Jn 20:19-31



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	10,102.16
Maintenance	\$	1,039.00
Capital Improvement	\$	235.00
Nativity Elem. School	\$	599.00
Miscellaneous	\$	600.00
Easter Flowers	\$	1,869.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	14,444.16

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 22** Nativity Cathedral Closed
- Apr 23** Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
RCIA Class, 6:00 p.m.
BINGO, 5:30 p.m. Bingo Hall
- Apr 24** **Cleaning Team “D”**
- Apr 25** Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m.
Adoration, 6:00 p.m., Cathedral
- Apr 26** Mom’s Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., SHC

NATIVITY CATHEDRAL RECTORY

Nativity Cathedral rectory will be closed on Easter Monday. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

WEEKLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

April 25th we will have our weekly Thursday Adoration from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

7th ANNUAL UNCORKED AND UNCAPPED BEER & WINE TASTING

SAVE THE DATE! On May 11, 2019 from 5:00-8:00 p.m., Nativity BVM Cathedral will host its 7th annual Uncorked & Uncapped Craft Beer and Wine Tasting featuring an expansive silent auction, delicious food, wonderful assortment of craft beer and wine, and live music. You will not want to miss out on this fabulous event! Prices for the tickets are: **\$50.00 for 1 ticket, \$90.00 for two tickets or \$450.00 for a table of 10. Tickets are now available.**

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

We are looking for artsy items for our upcoming Beer and Wine Tasting Event scheduled for May 11, 2019. If you have something of interest – an antique item, artwork, crafts, jewelry – that you would like to donate, please call Fr. Colten at (228) 374-1717 or bring your item in the Cathedral Rectory! All proceeds from your donated auction item will go to the support of Nativity Cathedral Parish.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
April 27 4:00 pm 1. Maggie Landry 2. Kalin Lloyd 3. Dale Dorcic 4. Helen Languirand 5. Liz Joachim	April 27 4:00 pm Jennifer Coon	April 27 4:00 pm Veronika Landry Julia Landry
April 28 7:00 am 1. Jim Shugart 2. Marcia Mayfield 3. Linda Stewart	April 28 7:00 am Jim Shugart	April 28 7:00 am Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart
9:00 am 1. Vicki Howard 2. Belinda Corley 3. Linda Welter 4. Joan Strayham 5. Sharon Tash	9:00 am Al Simon, Jr.	9:00 am Army Gollott Sophia Carreon Sabree Puz Nicholas Gruich
11:00 am 1. Deacon 2. Robert Moniot 3. Rhonda Clark 4. Susan Toche 5. John Sherman	11:00 am Rhonda Clark	11:00 am Aiden Tarrant Brennan Tarrant Annabelle Tarrant Bailey Joy Tarrant
5:30 pm 1. Trisha Creel 2. Roland Creel	5:30 pm Patrick Hall	5:30 pm Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith
	CANTORS April 27 4:00 pm KC Arnold April 28 9:00 am John Welter 11:00 am Rocky Long	

	6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Apr 22	Barrow Cousins	Ann/Harry Schmidt
Tue Apr 23	Barrow Cousins	Jane Pitalo Lancon
Wed Apr 24	Elie Hebert	Gerrie Weldon
Thur Apr 25	Sarah Shumate	Charles Elon Fink, II (S.I.)
Fri Apr 26	Gerrie Weldon	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich
Sat Apr 27	8 Jane Pitalo Lancon	4 Thomas Andrews
Sun Apr 28	7 Collins-Sims Fly.	9 F. T. P.
	11:00 – Gerrie Weldon	5:30 Jane Pitalo Lancon

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Lionell Sentell, Kevin Kavanagh, Nora Ziz, Bill Bergdoll, Marianne Sherman, Carolyn Urbanoto, Phil Beining, Mable Viator, Buck O'Gea, Nicholas Rodolfich, Marsha Marie, Nick Pass, Cooper Williams, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Jerry Ellis, Lehwmon Skrmetti, Helen Gutierrez, Annette Luther, Macklin Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Betty Hilton, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Michael Zorich, Sr. Fatima Starks and Karen Skremetta.

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE:

The Children's Choir's last Sunday Mass for the school year at the Cathedral will be at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 5th. We will celebrate May Crowning at this Mass. Our cantors will be Annabelle Tarrant and Angelica Foster. The Children's Choir will also sing for the May 11th "First Communion" 9:00 a.m. Mass. Sabree Puz will be the Cantor.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHEDULE:

The Cathedral Choir will be on a much deserved vacation-break and will not have a rehearsal on Wednesday, April 24th or sing for any Masses of the weekend of the 27th/28th. They will return to rehearsal on Wednesday, May 1st. They will sing for the Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Mass on May 4th.

"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS":

On May 7th, "GIE" will resume rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on the stage in the Academy of Sacred Heart Building. We will begin our preparations for our "Patriotic Mass & Concert" on Saturday, June 29th.

Consider joining us in a rehearsal and give us "a try" in one or both of our choir programs. There is "always" a place/chair for you! For more information regarding our Music & Fine Arts Ministry Programs - please contact: Terry D. Maddox, M.M. – terrydalemaddox@gmail.com &/or 251-406-1454.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for **April 23rd**: Talley (Bart & NiCole), Tarrant (Gerard & Alicia), Terry (George & Cheryl), Theobald (Scott & Brooke), Tran (Hai & Nguyen, Kim) and Viglianco (Matthew & Robin). REMEMBER! If you are unable to **attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement!!!**

WIN A FABULOUS VACATION

LET'S MAKE THIS FUNDRAISER SUCCESSFUL! PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE SUBSTANTIAL EXPENSES OF PROPERTY INSURANCE AND SCHOOL SUPPORT!

Nativity Cathedral will be raffling off a fabulous package of vacation trips. First place is an eight-day, all-expense paid trip on a European Avalon River Cruise for two. Air flight from New Orleans to Budapest included. In Budapest you board your luxury river boat which sails down the Danube River with many stops along the way. The option for the cruise is \$10,000.00 cash. Second place is an all expense four-day vacation for two at the Crown Plaza Time Square Hotel in New York. Round trip air fare is included. The option for this trip is \$1,500.00 cash. Third place is a weekend for two at the Monteleone Hotel on Royal Street in New Orleans. The option for this weekend is \$400.00 cash. TICKETS ARE \$100.00! The winning tickets will be drawn at this year's Uncorked and Uncapped Beer and Wine Tasting event, held at our Sacred Heart Center on May 11, 2019. If you are present at it and win you will receive extra spending money at \$1,000.00 for the European cruise, \$300.00 for the New York trip or \$100.00 for the New Orleans weekend. Buy your winning ticket for these fabulous vacations soon!