

# Nativity of Mary Church and School

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*"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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)

## Ombudsman

Jenifer Valenti,  
816-812-2500 or [JeniferValenti@att.net](mailto:JeniferValenti@att.net)

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## 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

**December 9, 2018**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**



Artwork by Gianna Lawton, 6th grade

**DECEMBER 9, 2018 - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat., Dec. 8 - Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Advent

4:00PM + Caterina DiGaetano & Emil & Mary Yancik

Sunday, Dec. 9 - The 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00AM + Charles Raab

10:30AM + John "Hank" Rys, Sr.

Monday, December 10

8:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, December 11 - St. Damasus I, Pope

8:30AM + Elvera Hensley, Alice/James Turner & The Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30AM + Don Hodes

Thursday, December 13 - St. Lucy

8:30AM Intentions of Carole Weaver

Friday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

8:30AM Nativity of Mary Church & School

Sat. December 15 - Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Advent

4:00PM + Isabella Johnston

Sunday, December 16 - The 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00AM + Mary Haug & Marie Pott

10:30AM + Helen Vitt

Gluten-free hosts are available. Talk to Fr. Bob before Mass.

**READINGS DECEMBER 9 - 16, 2018**

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of Mary, nos. 707-712

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT MUSIC OUTLINE**

Readings may be found beginning on G #996

**Gathering:** *This Is Your Justice*

**Psalm:** G #996, Psalm 126: The Lord has done great things

**Offertory:** *God Never Tires* or G #909, Jesus, Hope of the World

**Mass Setting:** G #211-16, *Mass of Joy and Peace*

**Communion:** SS #139, Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem

**Song of Praise:** SS #134, Come and Set Us Free



Devotional candles are kept in the kiosk. If you would like to light one just ask an usher for assistance. There is a slot and envelopes available in the kiosk to place your \$5 donation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Vern/Margaret Ault	Barbara Garrett	Carlos Pinon
Shannon Casey	Joey Gray	Alyssa Schell
Steve Christensen	Marla Herbst	Mary Kay Seller
John Clarke	Cynthia/Dennis Jones	Patrick Singleton
Shelly Clemons	Debbie Haney Kubiak	Bernice/Norm Steffen
Jean Covey	Jack McEnroe	Zeniada Torres
Bob DeSchepper	Anna McNeil	John Tuccillo
Roni Durkee	Jim Miceli	Carol Byrd Weaver
Mary Enyart	Arnold Muzquiz	Daniel Wheeler
Ally/Shannon Fowler	Cheryl Owen	Gerard Wickey
Garry/Emily Gagnon	Juan/Mary Perez	Ayden Wright

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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



**Did You Know...**

Cinnamon Buns and Sticky Buns available next weekend beginning at 8am until sold out.



Thank you to ALL Parishioners and School Families that attended, helped, were vendors at our 1st Altar Society and PTO Holiday Mart and Marketing Winter Wonderland. We had Great Success at this event and ALL of you that helped from baked goods to meeting with Santa and the Small Mall. We are giving back to the Church to help with the coming E-TV in the Narthex and the packages of additional Security Camera's needed on campus. **Mark your calendars for November 23, 2019 for another FUN and Festive Holiday Mart.**

A Blessed Christmas to ALL and a Very Prosperous 2019.

God Bless, Mary Vitt - Altar Society President and all helpers involved - Great Success.

**BEST Advent EVER**

**'TIS (almost) THE SEASON**

Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with . . .

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team.
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey



To sign up, visit  
[BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18](http://BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18)

**OVER 55 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH**  
**NOON - 2:00 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL**

The luncheon will be catered by the Nativity 8th grade class. Come enjoy lunch and have some fun playing bingo with our 8th graders.

**NATIVITY OF MARY CONTRIBUTION REPORT**  
**11/17/2018 & 11/18/2018**

Envelopes	\$	6,087.50
Plate	\$	708.00
Church Debt	\$	149.50
Pisces Fund	\$	87.00
Utility Fund	\$	5.00
EFT	\$	-
Credit Card	\$	-
Online Giving	\$	377.39
Poor Box	\$	15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,429.39</b>

Tuition/Registration Fees 18-19 \$ 15,934.18

Thank you for supporting our Parish Community and Catholic Education!




**NATIVITY OF MARY CONTRIBUTION REPORT**  
**11/24/2018 & 11/25/2018**

Envelopes	\$	4,538.00
Plate	\$	612.00
Church Debt	\$	283.00
Pisces Fund	\$	-
Utility Fund	\$	204.00
EFT	\$	100.00
Credit Card	\$	-
Online Giving	\$	750.66
Poor Box	\$	29.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,516.66</b>

Thanksgiving Collection \$ 1,037.00

Tuition/Registration Fees 18-19 \$ 2,156.61

**DECEMBER 9 - 29, 2018 CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday 9</b> 8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass	<b>Monday 10</b> 8:30AM Communion Serv.  <b>Noon - 2:00PM</b> Catered by Nativity's 8th grade In the Parish Hall	<b>Tuesday 11</b> 8:30AM Mass  9AM - Quilters  7PM - RCIA  6PM - Ministry Council Mtg.	<b>Wednesday 12</b> 8:30AM Mass  <b>6PM</b> <b>School</b> <b>Christmas</b> <b>Program</b>	<b>Thursday 13</b> 8:30AM Mass	<b>Friday 14</b> 8:30AM Mass  6:30 - 9:30 PM Parents Night Out	<b>Saturday 15</b> 3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass  1PM - First Reconciliation Retreat and Practice
<b>16</b> 8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass  8AM  1PM - Advent Penance Serv. & 1st Reconciliation	<b>17</b> 8:30AM Communion Serv.	<b>18</b> 8:30AM Mass  9AM - Quilters  7PM - RCIA	<b>19</b> 8:30AM Mass  1:30PM - School Penance Service  7PM - Choir	<b>20</b> 8:30AM Mass  12:10PM - School Christmas Break Begins  6:30PM - Liturgy Committee Mtg.	<b>21</b> 8:30AM Mass	<b>22</b> 3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass
<b>23</b> 8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass  9AM - Choir	<b>24</b> 3:00PM Mass 12PM - Midnight Mass  8PM - Choir	<b>25</b> 10:00AM Mass	<b>26</b> 8:30AM Communion Serv.	<b>27</b> 8:30AM Communion Serv.	<b>28</b> 8:30AM Communion Serv.	<b>29</b> 3:00PM Confession 4:00PM Mass

**DECEMBER 8TH & 9TH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Dec. 8 & 9	4:00 PM Mass	8:00 AM Mass	10:30 AM Mass
Cantor	Vickie Carrillo	Martha and Jean	Youth Choir
Accompanist	JoAnn Ishmael	Michelle Camacho	Susan Walker
Lectors	Lyda Steiert Grace Arnone	Brian DeMarea Nancy Ronan	Youth Mass
Eucharistic Ministers	Loretta Van Bibber Rosa Milazzo Joe Arnone Sherrie Eaton Theresa Walter Donna Arnone Sara Gonterman	Larry Nauser Mike Fetters Pat Clark John Felz Carla Brewer Sara Breunig	Mary Vitt Vanessa Wiegman Sandy DeSchepper Mercy Kimbrough Mary Singer Manny Martinez Becky Winbinger
Ushers	Marilyn Mineart Danny Barnes Sue Reiser Bernie Schulte	Mary Ann McClure Ron Galvan Charles Bellman Volunteer	Mark Bishop Janet Duffey Donnie Duffey Mike Monley
Servers	Lucy Barnes Anna Barnes	Sam Rosenberg Volunteer	Katie Winbinger Lauren Winbinger



**Parent's Night Out**  
**Friday, December 14th**  
**6:30 - 9:30PM**  
**in the Parish Hall**

Need to do some Christmas shopping but don't know what to do with the kids? Our Youth Group can help you out. You can drop the kids off at the Parish Hall (in their pajamas if they want) and they will entertain them while you shop. We will do simple Christmas crafts, drink hot chocolate, and watch a Christmas movie.

A \$15 donation is suggested. All proceeds will go to help fund the Youth Group mission trip.



I am *very excited* to announce that Nativity of Mary School has an Amazon Smile account. What this means is that Nativity School will earn .5% on eligible purchases from Amazon. Here is our link.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/44-0584302>

I just ordered some books for school on Amazon and earned money for Nativity! Please share this link with all your family and friends. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to earn money by doing what most of us are already doing...shopping at Amazon. Thank you and happy shopping!

## God's Word for Children

Help John the Baptist through the desert maze and down to the people. He wants to tell them about Jesus.

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**Second Sunday of Advent**

In his letter to the Philippians (1:4-6, 8-11) Paul tells the people that God has begun good work in them. Below are nine words describing the good work of Christians. See if you can find and circle them in the scroll by looking up, down, across, and diagonally. When you finish, see if you can think of any other words that describe good works.

share help pray kindness love  
 gentleness honesty give care

f	z	t	p	m	s	y	a	y	t	s	m	k
c	b	d	e	e	v	o	t	l	v	s	q	l
a	g	z	i	k	c	b	c	o	k	e	d	p
j	p	r	g	i	v	e	j	v	y	n	n	d
a	x	e	w	n	u	c	n	e	t	e	k	m
o	f	r	y	d	a	i	r	t	s	l	u	p
s	t	a	s	n	h	a	m	g	e	t	x	l
y	r	c	y	e	h	j	l	h	n	n	o	e
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## DECEMBER 9, 2018 - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repentance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within.

### HEIGHTS AND DEPTHS

John the Baptist preached from the desert. The desert not far from Jerusalem is extremely rugged, where steep hills and deep valleys are common across a barren landscape. When John quoted Isaiah in today's Gospel, this rough terrain stirred the imagination of John's listeners. John proclaimed that these hills and valleys are to be made level, to provide a smooth path for God to enter.

John's listeners recognized that the height of hills and the depth of valleys are similar to human attitudes and relationships: heights of personal pride and depths of discouragement and fear. Hills and valleys evoked how people treat each other, with some people raised high and others brought low. They suggested how social structures embody and harden these tendencies with large-scale systems of military, political, or economic oppression. John proclaimed that God was about to alter this social landscape through the work of Jesus.

### EARTH-MOVING

Transforming the human landscape, like the task of smoothing the desert hills and valleys, is an enormous undertaking, truly the work of God. Yet God looks for partners in this transformation. John the Baptist, and Jesus afterward, called followers to participate in God's work, and to begin with repentance. We the Church respond to this call today, and acknowledge our ongoing need for God's mercy and forgiveness. Our Advent preparation for Christmas includes opening our hearts to God's forgiveness, so that Jesus might come to take residence there.

We join in God's earth-moving project by repenting of how we block God's path with resentments and fears. When we are brought low in our lives, we seek God's help, and God will enlist the help of others. When we realize that we reside on mountains of advantage or privilege that place others in valleys, we are to repent and to change how we live. When we bring healing and justice to others, we are sharing in God's earth-shaking work, and preparing a straight pathway for our God.

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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Registration Now Open!



January 17-19, 2019



"How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers."

St. Teresa of Kolkata



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Did You Know?

Did you know that the chopping down of the Christmas tree represents the death of Christ and putting it back up again represents the resurrection of Christ? Did you know that the wreaths we hang are never ending circles, that represents eternity? Candy Canes were made to look like Shepherd hooks and the colors red, Jesus' blood, white purity. The gifts represent the 3 gifts of the wise men brought for Jesus. So when you are running around trying to get the "perfect gift", stop yourself, take a deep breath and remember we have been given the perfect gift, Jesus Christ was given to us to remove all of our sins...Merry Christmas!

St. Mary's Food Pantry



St. Mary's Food Pantry is always in need of donations for our clients. However, they are overstocked with canned vegetables to last for years, so they are asking for help in collecting the following food items for their pantry. . .

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Creamed Soups           | Tune Helper       |
| Tuna                    | Boxes of Oatmeal  |
| Oatmeal Packages        | Ramen Noodles     |
| Instant Mashed Potatoes | Pasta Sides       |
| Canned Meats            | Pork and Beans    |
| Canned Fruits           | Canned Chicken    |
| Mac & Cheese            | Pasta Sauce       |
| Jelly                   | Manual Can Opener |

There is a barrel in the back of church where you can drop off your food items. If you have cash donations you can mail them directly to St. Mary's or give them to an usher and we will be sure to get them to St. Mary's for you.

Also, if you are interested in volunteering to help out at St. Mary's Outreach please call 252-8649. We can always use an extra pair of hands.

Please continue collecting the UPC labels off of Best Choice Products. You can drop them off in the Hospitality room in back of church, mail them to St. Mary's or take them by St. Mary's Outreach Wednesday or Thursday between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



NEW PARISHIONER INFORMATION

Please print your name and address below to receive registration information. Please drop in collection basket or mail to Parish.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_