

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

Mission Statement

We strive to be a faith-centered, Catholic community. By virtue of Baptism, we are called forth to minister to one another the Gospel message of Jesus Christ through education, evangelization, social justice and ecumenism. We reach out in love, respect and support for all as we seek to do the will of God.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon. through Fri.	11:30 am Mass
Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30 pm
Sunday Mass	9:00 am and 11:30 am

Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 12:00 noon

Weekday Rosary in the Church

Mon. through Fri. 12:00 noon

Church is open Daily for Private Prayer and Devotion

Weekdays: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:15 to 5:00 pm
and by appointment

Regular Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
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e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org

Stay in touch with us at Nativity

Sign up on our social media platform at FlockNote.
<https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/>



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Blessed are the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

...Today's Psalm PS 33



Are You Talking to Me?

In today's Gospel Jesus talks about being prepared, using the parable of the servants waiting for their master's return from a wedding. Parables usually have a surprise twist and this one is no exception. Jesus pictures the master coming back at a late hour and finding the servants ready for him. The master is so pleased that he begins to wait on the servants—he serves them a meal. (I can almost hear the disciples saying, "No way!")

Perhaps Peter was thinking, "Surely we will be prepared when Jesus comes again. He must be talking about the rest of the people." To answer Peter's question, Jesus warns that the servant who knew his duties would be punished more than one who was ignorant of those expectations. Peter and the disciples should have seen themselves as the servants who knew what was expected.

That warning is one for us to hear also. We may look down on non-Christians or wonder if they will get to heaven. But the Lord doesn't expect as much from those who don't know God. Instead of judging them, we would be better off looking at ourselves. Am I serious about my faith, serious enough to show it in my actions? Has my good example ever brought a non-believer to the Church?

There are examples of this even in your own parish. If you have been in the parish for many years, you could be expected to notice a newcomer more readily. How do you welcome them? "So how much does Jesus expect of me?" The answer could be in how well you know Jesus.

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THINGS TO KNOW

Nursery: Is offered to children age 6 weeks to 4 yrs. old during the Sunday 9:00 am Mass. It is located on the right side of the school's breezeway entrance. **The Nursery is temporarily closed while the school is under construction.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Is offered to children age 4 years through 5th grade during the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. The children are dismissed after the opening prayers and re-join their family for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. **This ministry is currently unavailable as we assess space and volunteer needs.**

Religious Education Programs: Nativity School serves students in grades K4 through 8. The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is offered for other parish children, grades K4 through 8, enrolled in non-parochial schools. For more information, please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 104.

Creating Safe Environments: All volunteers who minister in programs involving children at Nativity Parish or School are required to complete the Safe-Haven Online Abuse Prevention Training program. To complete this program, please visit <http://charleston.CMGconnect.org>. For more information please contact Vicki Vázquez at 843-795-3821 x 104.

Baptism: To schedule a Baptism preparation class, a parent should be an active parishioner. For more information please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 104.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation: A two year preparation period is required for these sacraments. Children planning to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the 2nd grade, must also have participated in a 1st grade PSR or Catholic school program. Children planning to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8th grade must also have participated in a 7th grade PSR or Catholic school program. For more information please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 104

Alpha: is a series of sessions that explore the Christian faith. These sessions provide an opportunity to explore life's big questions, to express your own thoughts and hear other people's points of view. Each session considers a different question of our faith via a video presentation and interactive discussion designed to create conversation. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. For more information and/or to sign up, please visit www.nativitycharleston.org/alpha. **Online option available.**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): is an opportunity to come together in a small group online to learn more about our faith with sessions focused on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare adults to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. To inquire, please contact Vicki Vázquez at 843-795-3821. **Online option available.**

FORMED.org: is a digital platform that gives our parish access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. You just need an e-mail to sign in. No password.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to contact the priest at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date. Please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821.

Care of the Sick and Homebound: We care about you. To arrange for a pastoral visit, please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821.

Sacrament of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those suffering from a potentially life-threatening illness, those planning to have serious surgery and those in advanced years. Please do not wait until the 'last minute' to request the Anointing of the Sick. To request this sacrament, contact the parish office at 843-795-3821.

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843-853-2130 x 209

Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister:
800-921-8122

Note from the Finance Council

You can provide for the needs of future generations of Catholics by remembering Nativity in your will. You may also choose to make a gift through a charitable trust or an annuity. For more information about joining the newly established Catholic Heritage Society or to learn more about legacy gifts, please contact Carrie Mummert at (843) 261-0435 or email cmummert@catholic-doc.org.

All inquiries are handled in confidence.

An Active Parishioner

- is registered with the parish for at least 3 months,
- attends liturgies weekly
- makes regular and identifiable contributions by using parish envelopes or myEoffering.

These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for Weddings, Sacramental Preparation, Parish School of Religion enrollment, Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation, and to receive parishioner tuition rates at Catholic schools. An extended time with no activity will place a person or family on inactive status.

Please be an active parishioner



New to Our Community?

To register in our parish, please fill out a registration form on our web site: www.nativitycharleston.org.

Forms are available at the church entrances. However, for immediate access, just scan this image with your smart phone —>>>



For more information, please call the parish office at 843-795-3821.

Please consider joining our parish family!

To advertise in our bulletin, please contact Eric Luoto at LuotoE@jspaluch.com or at 904-945-2425.
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Liturgical Ministers for Weekend Masses Aug 13—Aug 14

Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled.

5:30 pm Mass

Greeter:	Daniel Forsberg Family
Altar Server:	Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Eucharistic Ministers:	Emma Grace Turner, Daniel Salceda
Lector:	Eileen Easler
Ushers:	John Warren
	Carl Borick
	Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,
	Randall Lannie, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Greeter:	Maureen Hinson
Altar Server:	Horner Family
Eucharistic Ministers:	Matthew Hart, Anna Tillman
Lector:	Judy Daugomah,
Ushers:	Suzanne Decker
	Ainsley Knight
	Richard Bragiel, Jimmy Craven,
	Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Greeter:	June La Via, Susan La Via
Altar Server:	Caryn Hasenberg, Kenji Tran
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jackie Doscher
Lector:	Brian Dougherty
Ushers:	Betsy DesNoyer
	Lewis Doscher, Sheila Griner
	Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings Jul 25 — Jul 31

Collections at Mass (Jul 30-Jul 31)	\$ 11,002.00
Mail in Offerings (Jul 25—Jul 29)	\$ 1,628.00
myEoffering (Jul 25—Jul 29)	\$ 3,584.26
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,367.31
Offerings versus budget	\$ - 153.05
Registered Households	627
Envelopes Used (Jul 30—Jul 31)	168
Active myEoffering Families	184
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jul 25—Jul 29)	104

Second Collections for August are:

Aug 20—21: Disaster Assistance

Thank you for your Generosity.

If you do not use envelopes and want to contribute to the needs of the parish, please place your check in the collection baskets in the rear of the church, mail your donation to the parish office or make a donation via your myEoffering account.

Please use your envelopes.

If you need envelopes, call the parish office.
at 843 795-3821

If you are unable to attend Mass, please consider making your regular offerings by mail or online (myEoffering).



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Don't forget to update your account with your current credit card expiration date.

For more information, please contact the parish office.

Let Us Pray

For members of our community who have requested our prayers.

Recently Added: Leslie McDermott

From previous months: Allene Barans, Irene Bennett, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Anne Castelli, Wendy Craven, Herman Connor, Vi Defourneaux, Jake DuPree, Jo Ann Frederick, Malcolm Hale, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, Darcy Hill, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Teresa LaTorre, Delores Lopez, Paul & Carole Moran, Suzette Nowak, Charlie Organ, Brenda Pearson, Ed and Terry Pop, James Romero, Rosemary Saari, Kyle Souza, Fran Taylor, Inge Thornley, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik

For members of our community who have requested our prayers

For our service men and women and their families throughout the world.

To have names added or removed from these lists, please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821 or at Office@NativityCharleston.org.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	6	5:30 pm	Kim Wade Roberts+
	7	9:00 am	Harmon Martin+
		11:30 am	Peggy Joseph+
Mon	8	11:30 am	
Tues.	9	11:30 am	
Wed.	10	11:30 am	
Thurs.	11	11:30 am	For the Nativity School Teachers
Fri.	12	11:30 am	
Sat.	13	5:30 pm	For the people of Nativity
	14	9:00 am	Elizabeth "Betty" Pagano+
		11:30 am	Erlene Riggs+

Envelopes for Sanctuary Candle and Mass Intentions are at the church entrances. Please fill one out and put it in the collection basket. Please include your telephone number in case your requested date is unavailable.

Intention requests cannot be accepted more than 3 months in advance.



Nativity School—dedicated to the academic and spiritual growth of our students

Nativity School Summer Office Hours:

The Nativity School Office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please email the office at pedwards@nativity-school.com or call us at 795-3975. If we are unavailable, please leave us a message and we will get back to you.

Nativity School is accepting applications for grades K4 through 8 for the 2022-2023 school year.

For more information about enrollment, please contact the school office at 795-3975.

To learn more about us please visit our website at www.nativity-school.com or our FaceBook page at www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights. or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975 and schedule a visit.

PLEASE DRIVE



COURTEOUSLY

Always...

but especially if you use the back gate of the Nativity parking lot. We want to stay on good terms with our neighbors.

Thank you.... Fr. Kingsley

Registration



Parish School of Religion
2022-2023 registration forms
and additional information
are available at the church
entrances.

The information and forms are also provided online at

<https://nativitycharleston.com/formation/>

PSR is offered for Nativity parish children who do not attend parochial schools.

**Additional \$20 Late Registration Fee
Now Applies**
Don't Delay! Register Today!

The Church of the Nativity Ladies Guild

Invites all ladies of the parish to a luncheon

Sunday August 7th
12:45pm in the Parish Life Center

Join us for fellowship and learn more
about our ministry



Baptism

Samuel Harold Lavelle,

son of Jenny and Seth Lavelle,
was welcomed into our faith community
on Saturday, July 30.

**Congratulations to this
new member of our church.**

LADIES GUILD SEWING GROUP

Sat. Aug 13
from 9:00 am to 12 noon
in the Nativity Parish Life Center

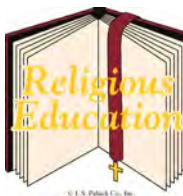


Those who sew are reminded to bring their machine. We also need ladies who can cut, pin, iron, and organize. All ladies of the Nativity parish are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments.

For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at m.hoffman@earthlink.net

Catechists Needed for Parish School of Religion 2022–2023

*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,...
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."
... Mt 28:19a,20a*



Through baptism, we are called to share the Good News. Serving as a PSR catechist is an incredible way to fulfill this mission. We are seeking a number of catechists and catechist subs for the upcoming school year, particularly for 7th grade and K4/K5 classes. If you love your faith and are willing to share that blessing with the children of our parish, please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 104.

All volunteers who minister in programs involving children at Nativity Parish or School are required to complete the Safe-Haven Online Abuse Prevention Training program.

**Thank you for helping us teach your
children about God.**

"I felt heard for the first time."



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YOU'RE INVITED!

Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others (over a free meal), hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group.

We'd love to hear your perspective!

Try Alpha this Fall | September 6, 2022 | 6:15 pm | Parish Life Center



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Perhaps You

- ? Are interested to know more about the Catholic Faith.
- ? Have pondered the notion of becoming Catholic but do not know where to start?
- ? Were baptized Catholic as a child, and now want to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Well then, RCIA may be just the thing for you!

So what is RCIA anyway? It is an abbreviation that stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a series of lessons aimed at introducing adults to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices.

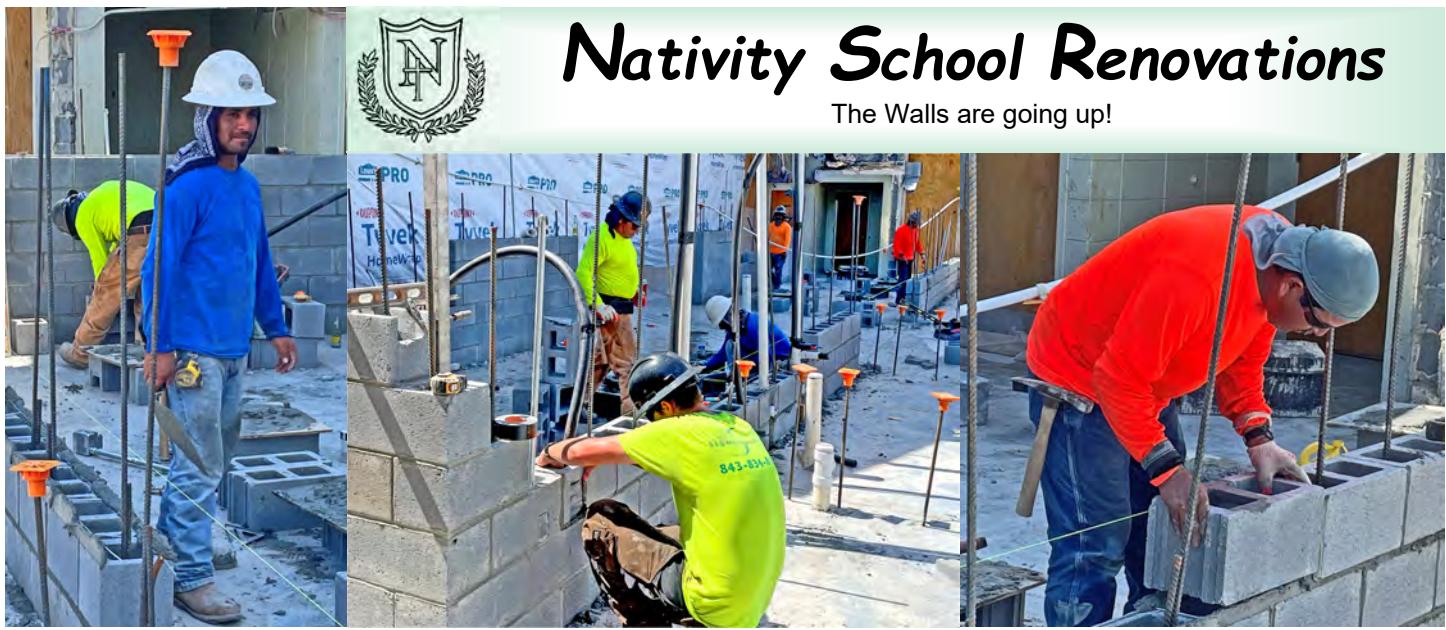
The Church of the Nativity program offers an opportunity to meet in a small group in person to learn more about our faith. We will be using a series of videos called "Knowing the Faith and Living the Faith". The individual sessions focus on the teachings of the Church and prepare participants to receive Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please consider participating in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm, welcoming, and accepting setting.

This year's program kicks off on Sunday, August 28th at 5:30 pm with a 'Meet and Greet' Dinner in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

The RCIA classes from 10:00 am to 11:15 am on Sunday mornings from September through March the Nativity Parish Life Center. An online option is offered to those who are unable to attend in-person sessions.

For more information, please contact Vicki Vázquez at admin@nativitycharleston.org or at 843-795-3821.

God May Be Calling You.



Nativity School Renovations
The Walls are going up!

A collage of three photographs showing construction workers building a brick wall. The left photo shows a worker in a blue shirt and white hard hat. The middle photo shows a worker in a yellow vest and helmet working on a corner. The right photo shows a worker in a red shirt and grey cap working on a lower level. A crest with a large letter 'N' is visible in the top left corner of the collage area.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

August 7, 2022

FORMED NOW: MARTYRS AND MONASTICS

We celebrate many martyrs and monastics during this rich week in the liturgical calendar. But how did the Church become a place of heroic martyrdom and steadfast monasticism? In this video, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss these themes and their history in the early Church.



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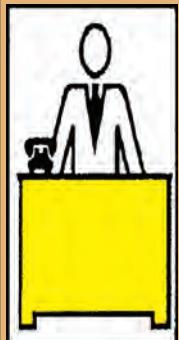


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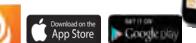
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