



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
Thurs. 9:30 am School Mass

All are welcome and invited to attend the School Mass.
Attendees who are not affiliated with Nativity School are requested to please sit toward the back of the church and away from the students.

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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*Blessed are they
who follow the law of the Lord!*

...Today's Psalm PS 119



FEBRUARY 12, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Amen, I say to you,
until heaven and earth pass away,
not the smallest letter or the
smallest part of a letter
will pass from the law."*

MATTHEW 5:18

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A License to Sin

In the James Bond movies, 007 has a license to kill. He can shoot all the bad guys he wants without worrying about being charged with murder. God, however, does not issue a license to sin. The first reading from Sirach reminds us that any time we choose between life and death, good and evil, it is our free choice and our responsibility. God may allow us to make bad choices, but God never commands anyone to sin.

Jesus goes even deeper than Sirach. The people of Sirach's time had followed the laws and commandments that governed external actions. But Jesus taught that thoughts and desires that lead to sin can also be freely chosen or rejected. In the Gospel he gives us some examples.

The first is about killing. Jesus says that anyone who gets angry enough to kill or who looks down on his neighbor as not deserving to live has committed murder in his heart. Because the Eucharist is our sacrament of unity, we should take care to be reconciled with others before coming to the altar.

The next warnings are about adultery and divorce, breaches that also begin with interior feelings. Jesus exaggerates when he tells us to cut off a hand or tear out an eye, because he knew how easily we rationalize our feelings and pretend they are harmless. Jesus takes marriage seriously and expects his disciples to do the same.

His final example concerns taking oaths. Jesus gets to the point and says that we wouldn't need oaths if we always told the truth and kept our promises. Our faith is based on the knowledge that God keeps promises. Shouldn't we do the same?

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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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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!



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Liturgical Ministers for Feb. 18—Feb. 19

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

5:30 pm Mass	
Greeters:	Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley, Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Altar Servers:	Emma Grace Turner, Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers:	Carolyn Smith, Mary Smith, John Warren
Lector:	Carl Borick
Ushers:	Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg
9:00 am Mass	
Greeters:	Decker Family, Horner Family
Altar Servers:	Jack Perry, Jacob Perry, Connor Richey
Eucharistic Ministers:	Liisa Machowski, Kathy Murphy, Kirby Preston
Lector:	Amber C. Knight
Ushers:	Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony, Joe Dubois
11:30 am Mass	
Greeter:	Susan La Via
Altar Servers:	Jackson Gintz, Caryn Hasenberg
Eucharistic Ministers:	Ed Defourneaux, Brian Dougherty
Lector:	Kathy Hepner
Lector:	David Knab
Ushers:	Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings Jan 30 — Feb 5

Collections at Mass (Feb 4—Feb 5)	\$ 11,766.00
Mail in Offerings (Jan 30—Feb 3)	\$ 2,857.00
myEoffering (Jan 30—Feb 3)	\$ 3,375.69
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,367.31
Difference	\$ + 1631.38
Registered Households	668
Envelopes Used (Feb 4—Feb 5)	173
Active myEoffering Families	172
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jan 30—Feb 3)	105

Offerings for Black and Indian Missions: \$345.00

Second Collections for February are:

Feb 26: Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Thank you for your Generosity.

Please use your envelopes.

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

If you do not use envelopes or you are unable to attend Mass, please consider contributing to the needs of the parish. Please place your offering 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.

<https://members.myeoffering.com>



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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: Don Carcone,
John Minaudo**

From previous months: Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Wendy Craven, Arlene and Billy Crosby, Vi Defourneaux, Jake DuPree, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Delores Lopez, Katherine and William Manning, Paul & Carole Moran, Charlie Organ, James Parker, Brenda Pearson, Ed and Terry Pop, James Romero, Rosemary Saari, Kyle Souza, Fran Taylor, Inge Thornley, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik

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

**For our parishioners who daily struggle with
chronic and/or life-threatening burdens.**

Intentions

Sanctuary Candle:

Feb 11 — Feb 17 Erline Craven+

Mass: This Week

Sat.	11	5:30 pm	Don Blevins+
Sun.	12	9:00 am	Lisle Ulichnie+
		11:30 am	Robert Handschiegel+
Mon	13	11:30 am	Edward J. Parent+
Tues.	14	11:30 am	John Ulichnie+
Wed.	15	11:30 am	Philip Eacock+
Thurs.	16	11:30 am	Madeline Ray Smith+
Fri.	17	11:30 am	Funeral Mass for Joe Roche
Sat.	18	5:30 pm	Joann Frederick+
Sun.	19	9:00 am	Eugene J. Witchger+
		11:30 am	Higgins Family

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.**



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Nativity School is accepting applications for admittance for the 23—24 School Year.

To learn more about Enrollment and the School Year Start Up activities 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

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250
PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY (FEB. 12)
10:00 AM IN THE NATIVITY PARISH LIFE CENTER.
JOIN US FOR GOOD PANCAKES AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP.



Thank you for supporting the Rectory Registry

We have fulfilled most of the registered items at Bed, Bath & Beyond. We understand some of the items were out of stock online, so if you would like to contribute towards furnishing the Rectory, you may send in an Amazon Gift Card or Visa Card.

James Island Outreach Oyster Roast

FEB. 26 @ 2—5PM | AMERICAN LEGION

Join your friends & neighbors for an afternoon of fun & support the JIO. Enjoy live music by Wildflower Station while feasting on local oysters & chili by Swig & Swine.



TICKETS:

- Regular: \$50
- Youth (7-12): \$25
- 6 & Under: Free

Scan here to purchase



Event Sponsors Needed: call 843-762-3653 for more info.

Senior Adult Ministry



**Wednesday, Feb 15 at 12:30 pm
in the Parish Life Center**

Lunch is \$15 per plate.

**Please contact the Nativity Parish Office
by Feb 12 to order your lunch.**

If you are signed up for the Senior Adult Ministry you will receive emails providing details of Senior Ministry events.

If you are not signed up, please call the church office.

When you order your lunch, we will update your contact information so that we can keep you informed about important senior activities.



Flowers

at the altar this weekend were in memory of

Malcolm Hale.

May He Rest in Peace.



**Ash Wednesday
is Feb. 22.
Lent Begins.**

Mark your calendars and plan to Repent!



Church of the Nativity
**Annual Oyster Roast &
Chili Cook Off**
(Adults only)



**Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
At the Nativity School Portico and the Parish Life Center.**

Sponsored by Nativity Ladies Guild & Knights of Columbus, Council 6250.

**Advanced Ticket Price: \$40 for Oysters, \$15 for Non-Oysters.
Tickets purchased at the door will each cost \$5.00 more.**

So what's a non-oyster anyway? Hot dogs, chili and beverages.

**Advanced Ticket sales are at the Ladies Guild meal events this Weekend and
after the weekend Masses on Feb. 11/12 (this weekend).**

**Don't forget to bring your own knife and glove for the oysters!
Also bring your best tailgating setup or reserve a private group table for \$20.**

Be sure to enter your best Chili for this Cookoff.

Entry forms for the Chili Cookoff will be available at the Nativity Church Entrances.
For information, please contact Marian Hoffman at m.hoffman@earthlink.net or at 803-397-2681.

Come Join us for this Great Event And Bring All Your Friends!



Scenes from the Fellowship Weekend activities sponsored by the Nativity Ladies Guild last weekend. This is an exciting new event. After all the Masses one weekend a month, all the members of the Nativity community are invited and encouraged to participate in a potluck "Meet, Greet and Eat" event. Be sure to join in the next Fellowship Weekend.



LET'S BE TOGETHER.

2023 Catholic appeal begins

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand the ministries of the 94 parishes, 21 missions, 32 Catholic schools, and multiple agencies of the Diocese of Charleston across the state. As a steward of God's gifts, you are invited to support the needs of our diocese through your prayers and sacrificial gifts.

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Funding | \$5,000,000 Goal

Ministry & Outreach | \$1,500,000 | 29%

- Catechetical and Evangelization Programs
- Child Protection Services
- Ethnic Ministry Programs
- Family Life Programs
- Hispanic Ministry Programs
- And many more services

Vocations, Seminarians, Priest Retirement | \$975,000 | 20%

- Seminarian education
- Permanent Diaconate
- Priest retirement pensions and healthcare
- Women religious vocations

College Campus Ministry | \$650,000 | 13%

- Conferences and Statewide Retreats
- Minister and Student Training
- Catholic Student Center Spaces
- And many more services

Catholic Schools | \$750,000 | 15%

- Tuition Assistance
- Catholic School Grants
- Support of educational initiatives

Catholic Charities | \$850,000 | 17%

- Clean of Heart Laundry & Shower Facilities
- Food Pantries
- Pregnancy Case Management
- Response Preparedness
- Senior Care Management
- And many more services

Youth & Young Adult Ministries | \$275,000 | 6%

- Education and Training
- Youth Retreats, Camps and Conferences
- Regional Young Adult Communities



Thank you for making a difference!

Next week, all registered parishioners will be mailed their personalized information packet and invitation to participate in the 2023 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina. Please take the time to review the materials and make your response in the return envelope provided.

Only by your prayers and generosity are the ministries supported by the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina able to thrive and serve the many people who need us to share with them the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

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