



Acknowledge Him Before Others

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid.

But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna."

Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

...Father John Muir

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

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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.

Mass Schedule This Week

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

Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday	12:00 noon
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Weekday Rosary in the Church

Mon. through Fri.	12:00 noon
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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

Office Hours This Week

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714

Stay in touch with us at Nativity



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<https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/>

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and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>
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Lord, in your great love, answer me.

...Today's Psalm PS 69

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 July 1—July 2

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

5:30 pm Mass
Greeters: Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley, Tom & Marcia McNamee
Altar Servers: Isabella Cunningham, Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda, Barbara Coddington, Eileen Easler, Patty Edwards
Lector: Carl Borick
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeters: Decker Family, Horner Family
Altar Servers: Eliza Cellars, Savanna Owens, Anna Tillman
Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Daugomah, Gary Hart, Kristi Roberts, Becky Warriner, Gary Warriner
Lector: Robert Horner
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass
Greeters: Péchon Family, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers: Rosalie Felix, Jackson Gintz, Kenji Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Jackie Doscher, Brian Dougherty, Pam Everitt, Christine Lewis, Phu Tran
Lector: Betsy DesNoyer
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt, Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings June 12 — June 18

Collections at Mass (Jun 17—Jun 18)	\$ 10,721.00
Mail in Offerings (Jun 12—Jun 16)	\$ 3,110.00
myEoffering (Jun 12—Jun 16)	\$ 4,622.47
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,367.31
Difference	\$ + 2,086.16
Registered Households	689
Envelopes Used (Jun 17—Jun 18)	137
Active myEoffering Families	162
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jun 5—Jun 9)	115

The weekly offerings information was not available by the publishing deadline for this week's bulletin. The information will be provided in a future bulletin.

Second Collections for July are:

July 2: Peter's Pence
July 16: Infirm Priests

Thank you for your Generosity.

Please use your envelopes.

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



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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: William Doherty,
Benjamin Noyd, Frances O. O'Leary

From previous months: Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Don Carcone, 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, Paul Madden, Katherine and William Manning, John Minaudo, Paul & Carole Moran, Charlie Organ, James Parker, Brenda Pearson, Ed and Terry Pop, James Romero, 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.

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

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	24	5:30 pm	Katherine Duffy+
Sun.	25	9:00 am	Anne Kingsley+
		11:30 am	Tina DiFiglio+
Mon.	26	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Tues.	27	11:30 am	John J. Richards+
Wed.	28	11:30 am	Judy Furr Richards+
Thurs.	29	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Fri.	30	11:30 am	Communion Service
Sat.	1	5:30 pm	Norman Ballo+
Sun.	2	9:00 am	Debbie Hill+
		11:30 am	William O'Leary+

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—Teaching Values for Life!

Discover Nativity School, James Island's best kept secret for K4-8 grades.

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

To learn more about Enrollment and our School, 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

The School is Celebrating Summer Vacation—Have a safe Summer.



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*Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration
is Every Thursday at 12:00 Noon.*

In July 2022, the U.S. Bishops launched a 3-year Eucharistic Revival. The intent is to nudge Catholics toward a deeper personal relationship with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

*All members of the Nativity Community are
encouraged to participate in the Eucharistic Revival.*

Cannot Make Eucharistic Adoration at Nativity at Noon on Thursday? Here is Another Option.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (Savannah Hwy, West Ashley) has been blessed with Eucharistic Adoration in our chapel for over 30 years. As with many ministries, we had to pause during the Covid-19 epidemic. Currently our chapel is open during the day from Monday through Friday. We also have some late at night and early morning hours and are striving to expand our hours of prayer and adoration.

If you can commit to spending one hour per week in our chapel, please contact Patti Brassington at pattibrassington@gmail.com or at 843-901-9467.

Jesus wants to spend some quality time with you!



**Starts again on
Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:15 pm
in the Parish Life Center Ave Maria Hall**

For more information or to sign up, please contact Vicki Vázquez at alpha@nativitycharleston.org or at 843-795-3821.

Please plan to attend and bring a friend



Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Benjamin K. Jantzen,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Friday, June 16th.

May he rest in peace.

Flowers

at the altar this weekend are in memory of

Tina DiFiglio

May she rest in peace.



Catholic Campus Ministry in the Diocese of Charleston

exists to bring college students into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, connect and engage them with the life and mission of His Church, and send them out as missionary disciples for the continuation of His Kingdom.

What do we do?

We provide a 'home away from home' for students on college campuses while building them up in their Catholic faith. The ministry on each campus provides events, programming, and other activities centered on the intellectual and spiritual formation of students in an atmosphere that is welcoming and fun!

What are some typical activities?

Off-campus retreats, diocesan wide gatherings, on-campus small group studies on Scripture and Theology, opportunities to gather for devotional prayer, small group faith sharing, service projects in the local community, guest speakers to talk on the Church's response to current events, tailgates, game nights, off campus fun excursions, RCIA for those seeking to enter the fullness of our Faith, and more.

Where will you find us?

Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, Columbia College, Converse College, Francis Marion University, Furman University, Lander University, Medical University of South Carolina, Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College, Presbyterian College, South Carolina State University, Southern Wesleyan University, The Citadel, Tri-County Technical College, University of South Carolina, University of South Carolina-Upstate, Winthrop University, Wofford College.

Sounds good! How do I get started?

Simple, just contact the church office and give us your contact information (name, cell phone, email address, the SC college you will attend). We will take it from there. The campus ministry will contact you soon after you arrive on campus. We know, this is going to be a busy summer. So to save you some time,

Just have your parents or grandparents handle these details for you!

For more information, please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 ext. 104 or at DRE@NativityCharleston.org



Perhaps You or someone you know

- ? Are interested to know more about our Catholic Faith.
- ? Have pondered the notion of becoming a Catholic but do not know where to start?
- ? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but may not have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

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

So what is RCIA anyway? RCIA is an acronym that means the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a series of lessons aimed at explaining to adults what it means to be Catholic.

Nativity offers an opportunity to come together in a welcoming and accepting setting. Participants are encouraged to engage in the process with their questions, their insights, and their faith story. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and are intended to prepare the participants to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

The RCIA classes are held from 10:00 am to 11:15 am on Sunday morning in the Parish Life Center Meeting Room.

This year's program begins on Sun. Aug 27 at 5:30 pm with a 'Meat and Greet' Cookout!

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

BOOK CLUB DINE AND DISCUSS

**Wed., Jun. 28 at 6:00 pm
in the Nativity Parish Life Center.**

Recall that the book for this session is
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist
by Dr. Brant Pitre.

It is not too soon to finish reading the book and getting started on your potluck recipe.

For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard at acgilliard@comcast.net or Mary Smith at dre@nativitycharleston.org

Tuesday Daytime Bible Study 12:30 to 2:00 pm in the Parish Life Center

This study is a series of 6 DVD presentations (one at each meeting) with group prayer and discussion.

The sessions are in person and online via ZOOM

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Meeting ID: 872 4496 8092 and the Passcode: Nativity

For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net

Please join us as often as you are able.

Nativity School

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Life Skills: Fosters growth-mindset and helps students communicate effectively

Grades:

K-5

Dates:

July 10-21

Times:

Monday - Friday
9am-12pm

Location:

Nativity School




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For further convenience, Catholic Radio in South Carolina has released an app so that inspirational and programming materials can be accessed 24/7 via tablets and smart phones.

To get the app for your mobile device, just scan this QR code  with your device's camera. The App is free.





Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make Fr Kingsley's 20th Ordination Celebration-Parish Picnic-Rectory Open House Event such a wonderful occasion!

Special thanks to Bob Horner, Michael Cellars and all the Knights of Columbus for providing our picnic fare and so much of the hard-work of setting up, serving, and cleaning up.

Special thanks also to the Nativity Ladies Guild for providing desserts for the picnic and such a great variety of finger foods at the rectory for the Open House Tours. Again here, countless ladies stepped up to help and I want to thank Sharon Dale, Lisa Horner, Jackie Doscher, and Marian Hoffman for coordinating these aspects of the celebration.

Thanks to Vicki Vazquez for setting up the sign-up list and troubleshooting so we at least could get an idea of how many to plan.

Thanks to my son, Michael Smith, who was my before and after companion for several hours of behind the scenes prep and clean-up.

Thank you to Mike Riley for always having us covered in the A/V department with sound and some great music for our celebration.

Many, many thanks also to Eilleen Ferri, owner of Ashley Bakery, for the absolutely beautifully decorated cake she donated for the celebration! So delicious!

Last....but most importantly...thanks to the almost 300 people who came out to fellowship and celebrate together!

I know Father was surprised and humbled by the turn-out and the love and support you shared with him.

Gratefully, Mary Smith, DRE



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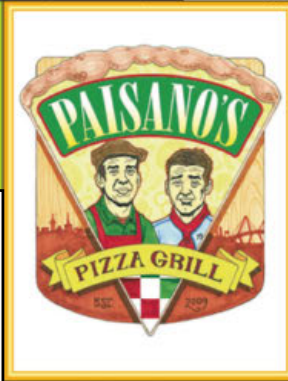
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