

August 27, 2023

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.

Mass Schedule This Week

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

Office Hours This Week

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714
e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org



Who Do You Say That I Am?

I know a very devout woman whose adult child had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This child still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. However, poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul. Perhaps you know someone like this son.

This mother wanted more for her son. She planned to speak with him about his practice of the faith. She expected that he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist. That was all just "extra."

She told me that she was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15 — the critical question in all our lives.

Like the son in the story, we should know the answer to this question. Perhaps we may have forgotten it. Or maybe we have convinced ourselves that we are not really sure.

"Who do you say that I am?" Your answer will define what you become in this world... and the next.

...Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands

...Today's Psalm PS 138

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!



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Liturgical Ministers for Sep 2—Sep 3

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: Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers: Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington,
 Patty Edwards, Carolyn Smith
 Mary Smith
Lector: Eileen Easler
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,
 Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeters: Cellars Family, Knight Family
Altar Servers: Matthew Hart, Maisie Lewis,
 Liam Manning
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Cellars, Kirby Preston,
 Kristi Roberts, Daniel Suggs,
 Tamme Suggs
Lector: Robert Horner
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois,
 Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass
Greeters: Rebecca Beylotte, Sheila Griner
Altar Servers: Zoe Cuzmar, Caryn Hasenberg,
 Megumi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Curry, Brian Dougherty,
 Kathy Hepner, Christine Lewis,
 Maier Runyon
Lector: Tara Hasenberg
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn,
 Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings August 14 — August 20

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| Collections at Mass (Aug 19—Aug 20) | \$ 10,554.00 |
| Mail in Offerings (Aug 14—Aug 18) | \$ 6,032.00 |
| myEoffering (Aug 14—Aug 18) | \$ 3,756.89 |
| Budget (1 week) | \$ 16,557.69 |
| Difference | \$ + 3,785.20 |
| Registered Households | 615 |
| Envelopes Used (Aug 19—Aug 20) | 202 |
| Active myEoffering Families | 158 |
| MyEoffering Family Donations (Aug 14—Aug 18) | 110 |

Assumption Holy Day Offerings: \$2,158.00

Offerings for Disaster Assistance: \$969.00

Second Collections for September are:

September 3: Catholic University

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



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 nativitycharleston.org**

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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: Ed Defourneaux, Jama
 Stilwell, Jerry Wade**

From previous months: Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Wendy Craven, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Vi Defourneaux, William Doherty, Jake DuPree, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Delores Lopez, Katherine and William Manning, Paul Madden, John Minaudo, Paul & Carole Moran, Frances O. O'Leary, 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.**

Intentions

Mass: This Week

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| Sat. | 26 | 5:30 pm | Malcolm Hale+ |
| | 27 | 9:00 am | For the 72nd wedding anniversary of Esther & Walter Machowski |
| | | 11:30 am | Gladys Jones Richards+ |
| Mon | 28 | 11:30 am | For Alpha guests and team |
| Tues. | 29 | 11:30 am | Leslie McDermott+ |
| Wed. | 30 | 11:30 am | |
| Thurs. | 31 | 11:30 am | |
| Fri. | 1 | 11:30 am | |
| Sat. | 2 | 5:30 pm | Marie & Jim Donovan+ |
| | 3 | 9:00 am | William Maresca+ |
| | | 11:30 am | Ann Gerken+ |

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.**



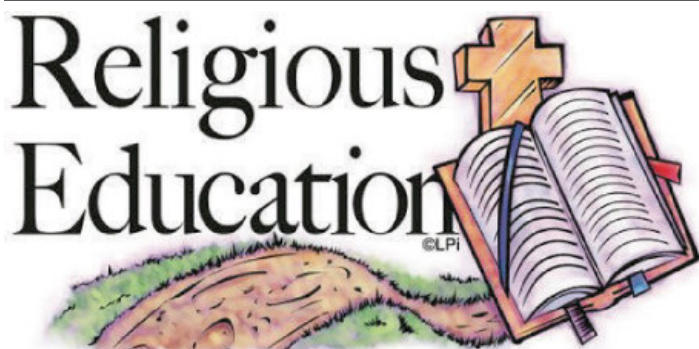
Nativity School—Teaching Values for Life!

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 Year is off to a great Start!



Nativity Parish School of Religion

PSR is offered for parish children, grades K4 through 8, enrolled in non-parochial schools. Nativity PSR is accepting applications for the 23—24 School Year.

Registration packets are available at the church entrances and online at <https://nativitycharleston.com/formation/>

Late registration of \$20 now applies.

For more information, please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 104.

Classes Begin Sunday September 10

Sign Up Now!

Catechists Needed!

LOVE YOUR FAITH?
SHARE IT!

The word 'catechesis' means 'to echo'. Literally, we are to echo the good news of Jesus Christ to others. This not a suggestion: it is a command of our Lord.

Specifically, we need more catechists in order to be able to offer the Nativity Parish School of Religion for the 2023-2024 school year. We need some class teachers, substitute teachers and class assistants.

If you love your faith and would be willing to share that blessing with the children of our parish, please contact Mary Smith at 795-3821ext 104.

Stay in touch with us at Nativity



For the latest updates, sign up for FlockNote
<https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/>

Visit us at

Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com/>

You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheNativity>

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and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>

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Join us for a Taste of Alpha
 after the Masses next weekend (Sept. 2 and 3)
 in the Parish Life Center.
 We will have food, a video presentation and
 some time for group comment and sharing.
 The 'Alpha Tasting' will last 1 hour.

We're all searching for more.

What is the point of life? / Why is there suffering in the world? /
 What happens when we die? / Is forgiveness possible?

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha provides a relaxed setting for connecting with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning.

Alpha is an 11 week program.

Alpha is fun, relaxed and totally non-pressured

Alpha's Three Main Elements:



Good Food



Alpha Talk



Discussion

How does it work?

Each Alpha session begins with food, followed by a short video that explores a different aspect of the Christian faith. After that, there is a time for discussion in a friendly small group.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- Those who have given up on church
- Those wanting to investigate Christianity
- Those who are new to the Christian faith
- Those wanting to grow in understanding and faith

What is the cost?

There is no charge for the Alpha course, although your donations will be greatly appreciated.

View the Alpha at Nativity Fall Schedule at <https://nativitycharleston.com/alpha/>
 Join us by contacting Vicki Vázquez | alpha@nativitycharleston.org | 843-795-3821

The fall Alpha program starts
Tuesday, Sep.5, at 6:15 pm In the Nativity Parish Life Center
Join us for Alpha and bring all your friends.



So what is RCIA anyway?

RCIA is an acronym that means the **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults. 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 This Sunday, August 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.



LADIES GUILD SEWING GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP.



We are starting to work on our craft items for sale at the Fall Craft fair. In order to make these items, we need small bud vases and small flower pots (up to 8 inches).

Please drop these off at the Parish Office or bring them to the Ladies Guild Meeting on August 28.

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

Thank you for your help.



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**Our Summer Food Drive has
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- Canned lima beans, peas, mixed veggies
- Baked beans
- Saltines and other crackers
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Canned pasta (Spaghettios and Ravioli)
- Flour and cooking oil
- Ketchup/mustard/mayo

Please bring your items with you to Nativity weekend Mass and place them into the containers at the church entrances.

**Thank you for continuing to help feed
our hungry neighbors.**



Choir Rehearsal Resumes Wednesday, Sep. 6 at 6:30 pm

The choir regularly rehearses on Wednesday evening. We usually finish by 7:30 pm.

**And yes, we know you can't sing...
FYI, none of us could sing either
until we started coming
to choir rehearsal.**

Can't make a 10 month commitment? Consider "singing for a season". You might be able to join us in September and sing through Thanksgiving or join us in advent and sing through Christmas. (This is really a popular option because everybody likes to sing Christmas Carols).

For more information, please contact Courtney Reed (Director of Music) at 843-795-3821 x 103 or at Music@NativityCharleston.org

No Experience needed. Just show up!



Flowers

at the altar this weekend are in loving memory
of one year anniversary of the passing of

*Malcolm Hale.
May he rest in peace.*



The Nativity Ladies Guild Kicks Off a New Ministry Year!

Our first meeting of this new year is Monday, Aug 28th
Refreshments at 6:30 pm
followed by our meeting at 7:00
in the Parish Life Center.

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All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.

Our theme this year is **"Let Your Light Shine"** (Mt 5:16). We all have talents and skills. We encourage you to join us and share these skills with our parish community.

We are looking forward to a very full schedule full of faith, service, friendship and fun and would love to have you join us.

Please plan to attend on Aug 28th and bring a friend!

For more information please contact Jackie Doscher at 843-276-5002 or at jackiedoscher@gmail.com

Respect Life

During October, we will be collecting baby items for the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Charleston. If you happen to acquire some of these items before October, please bring them to a Ladies Guild Meeting or event or drop them off at the Nativity Parish Office. Thank you for your support.



Baby Item Donations

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Items We LOVE to Get

- Baby wipes and diapers (size Newborn-6)
- Books (English or Spanish, preferably board books)
- Clothes (size preemie-2T)
- Diaper bags
- Formula, baby food, pedia-sure
- Pacifiers (new), pacifier clips, rattles, bottles, teethingers
- Receiving blankets
- Sheets (for crib or pack 'n play)
- Toiletries: baby wash, diaper cream, lotion, shampoo
- Towels and washcloths
- Equipment: Good, CLEAN condition
 - Bassinets and bath tubs
 - Bouncy seats and swings
 - Carseats (manufactured 5 years ago or less)
 - High Chairs and Pack 'n play
 - Strollers

Items We CANNOT Accept

- Baby gates
- Bumbo seats
- Bumper pads
- Cribs
- Large toys
- Stuffed animals
- Walkers
- Diaper genie
- Carseats manufactured more than 5 years ago
- Humidifiers
- Maternity clothes
- Potty seats
- Baby powder
- Q-tips



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Sidewalk Advocates Training Sessions:

We offer a peaceful, prayerful, law-abiding method that is very compassionate. Sidewalk Advocates is credited with saving thousands of lives at abortion facilities

Upcoming Sessions:

- Tues. Sept. 5 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm
 - Sat. Sept. 9 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- at Christ Our King Grace Hall, 1149 Russell Drive, Mt. Pleasant

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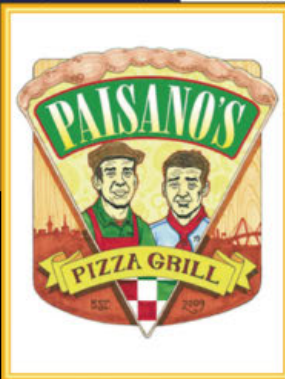
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