

November 12, 2023
32ND Sunday in Ordinary Time



Don't Shop Around!

I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. The wise and foolish virgins icon provides an image of how Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

The icon depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden. This suggests a new Jerusalem, a return to Eden and a Eucharistic feast. The door in Jesus' parable is the entrance to the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the darkness of this world.

We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones. The only difference is that they went shopping to buy more oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like shoppers at the mall when it comes to filling our need for love and understanding. We will always end up disappointed if we shop around. So watch, stand firm, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out.

...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. Tues, Wed. 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.

Thurs. and Fri. 11:30 am Communion
Service in place of 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

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

My soul is thirsting for you,

O Lord my God

...Today's Psalm PS 63

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 Nov 18—Nov 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
 Tom & Marcia McNamee
Altar Servers: Jake Hoeft, Joe Hoeft
Eucharistic Ministers: Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington,
 Eileen Easler, Patty Edwards,
 Meg Hoeft
Lector: Carl Borick
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,
 Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeters: Knights of Columbus Council 6250
Altar Servers: Matthew Hart, Jack Perry, Jacob Perry
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Bieda, Matthew Cellars,
 Jimmy Craven, Gary Hart,
 Gary Warriner
Lector: Robert Horner
Ushers: Joe Dubois, Steve Molony,
 Brendan Reed, George Hill

11:30 am Mass
Greeters: Rebecca Beylotte, Sheila Griner
Altar Servers: Jackson Gintz, Kenji Tran, Tomi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Irene Bennett, Lynn Curry, \
 Jackie Doscher, Brian Dougherty,
 Pam Everitt
Lector: David Knab
Ushers: Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn,
 Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings October 30 — November 5

Collections at Mass (Nov 4—Nov 5)	\$ 12,247.00
Mail in Offerings (Oct 30—Nov 3)	\$ 4,685.00
myEoffering (Oct 30—Nov 3)	\$ 4,363.49
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,557.69
Difference	\$ + 4,737.80
Registered Households	632
Envelopes Used (Nov 4—Nov 5)	184
Active myEoffering Families	176
MyEoffering Family Donations (Oct 30—Nov 3)	121

All Saints Holy Day Offerings: \$2,769.00

**Second Collections for November are:
 November 27: Offerings for Guatemala Mission**

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>

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



**Now available online at
 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.**

From previous months: Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Mary Bieda, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Ed Defourneaux, Vi Defourneaux, William Doherty, Jake DuPree, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, Darcy Hill, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Mariano La Via, Delores Lopez, Ruthie Mallard, 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, Jama Stilwell, Fran Taylor, Inge Thornley, Jerry Wade, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik

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

**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.	11	5:30 pm	Gene & Mable Brockenfelt++ and Brady Lee+
Sun.	12	9:00 am	For the 67th wedding anniversary of Carole & Bill McCrary Clemente Tran+
		11:30 am	
Mon	13	11:30 am	
Tues.	14	11:30 am	Ann McDonald Engelstad+
Wed.	15	11:30 am	Wendy Craven+
Thurs.	16	11:30 am	Communion Service
Fri.	17	11:30 am	Communion Service
Sat.	18	5:30 pm	Susie DeLorme+
Sun.	19	9:00 am	Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Council 6250
		11:30 am	James Lawler+

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.



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 continues. Please pray for our students.

Fall Craft Show

**Saturday Nov, 18, from
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
In the Nativity School Hall**

The Ladies will be selling plants and garden themed gifts as well as many other hand made gift items for the "hard to buy for" people on your list. In addition, Breakfast, and lunch items as well as baked goods will be available for purchase.

If you are interested in renting a booth please contact Sharon Dale at ashsharon1@aol.com

We look forward to seeing you there.

Senior Adult Ministry



Wednesday, Nov. 15

at 12:30 pm

in the Parish Life Center

Lunch: \$15 per plate

Annual Dues: \$20 per Member

RSVP by Sun, Nov 12@5:00 pm

To Mary Smith at 843-670-7519

Please join us for Lunch!



Flowers

at the altar this weekend are in loving memory
of

*Gene & Mable Brockenfelt and
Brady Lee*

May They Rest in Peace



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Christmas Wreath Sale: The price is \$25

A Holiday Tradition, these beautiful wreaths are made fresh in North Carolina of Fraser Fir and are treated to last throughout the Christmas season.

Purchase wreaths at the Pancake Breakfast next weekend (Nov. 12). Better yet, you can order them online at

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/VLBMCHAE6C2CHTLJQXSA7YD>

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Pick up your wreaths at the Nativity parking lot on Sat. Dec. 3 between 9:00 am and noon.

For more information, please contact Steve Molony at molonyplumbing@gmail.com



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



NATIVITY LADIES GUILD PIE DAY IS BACK

Join us for a Pie Bake Off.

DATE: Monday, November 13, 2023
TIME: Begins at 6:30 PM

- Entries must be in by 6:40 to be eligible for Best Presentation
- Entries received after 6:40 will still be eligible for Savory & Sweet & Chef's Choice awards
- Tasting begins at 6:45

LOCATION: Parish Life Center

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact Lisa Horner 843-762-6307



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Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop

will be held at Nativity Parish Life Center on Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 1:15 pm to 2:30 pm. The workshop is for individuals to learn about steps they might take now to prepare for their funeral or that of a loved one.

Topics will include; information that surviving loved ones will need, planning a Catholic funeral and other topics. Making funeral plans in advance is a gift of love to your survivors.

Resources for Funeral Planning will be provided.

**Everyone expecting to 'cross over'
at some future date
is encouraged to attend this workshop.**

Nativity Ladies Guild Quilt Raffle



The quilt was donated by NLG member, Courtney Wilson. The raffle proceeds will benefit Catholic educational programs.

Tickets are \$10.00 and will be available at Nativity Weekend Masses and at Ladies Guild Events for the next few weeks.

Thank you for your support.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250
PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY (NOV. 12)
10:00 AM IN THE NATIVITY PARISH LIFE CENTER.
STILL ONLY \$3.00 PER PLATE AND CHILDREN EAT FREE!
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Rite of Acceptance

into the Order of Catechumens is the first of the "threshold rites" of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), and the first public ritual.

A change of identity takes place in the Rite of Acceptance. Those previously known as inquirers become catechumens. They are officially welcomed by the Church as disciples, members (albeit not yet full members) of the household of faith. The text calls this rite "the first consecration by the Church" of those seeking Christian initiation. They are literally marked with the cross of Christ as God's own.

This ceremony will take place This Sunday (Nov 12) during the 9:00 Mass.

Please Pray for these Catechumens.



Home Works of America
volunteer opportunity for
our youth (Middle School, High
School and College age)
Blitz Day is Saturday, Dec. 16.

For more information regarding Home Works, visit the website: www.HomeWorksofAmerica.org or the FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/HomeWorksofAmerica>

Right now we are just trying to gauge interest and the number of volunteers for the Dec 16th Blitz day.

For more information or to sign up, please e-mail Mary Smith at dre@nativitycharleston.org Please include your age and contact information so we can keep you updated on our plans.

Parents and grand parents can and are encouraged to sign up their children to participate in this exciting community outreach event. Adults who participate in the activity need to be certified through the Diocesan Safe Environments Screening Program.

As plans develop, information will be passed on to those who have signed up.

Please sign up by Nov. 17



Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist for the Global Celebration of Youth and Young Adults on Sunday, Nov. 26, at 11:15 am.

All youth and young adults are invited to attend.

K OF C COUNCIL 6250
CORPORAL MASS
9:00 AM NEXT SUNDAY (NOV. 19)
ALL KNIGHTS OF COUNCIL 6250 ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!



Ladies Guild will be making
Thanksgiving Baskets.

If you know someone who
is homebound and would
like to receive a basket,
contact the church office.



Monthly General Meeting
Mon. Nov. 13 at 6:30 pm
in the Parish Life Center

We will be making Thanksgiving baskets for
homebound members of our community.

All Women of Nativity
are Encouraged to Participate.

Christmas SILENT AUCTION

NATIVITY SCHOOL'S 13th ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION IS DECEMBER 8th!
THE SILENT AUCTION IS OUR MAIN FUNDRAISER AND PROCEEDS HELP OUR
PARENT ORGANIZATION FUND ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, TECHNOLOGY UPDATES
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR & PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Previous auction donations have included:
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ITEM/BASKET PACKAGES, SPONSORSHIP, ETC.

Interested in participating?
CONTACT PTO PRESIDENT: SUMMER TURNER AT 843-737-2124
or SUMMERTURNER.MYITWORKS@GMAIL.COM



Scenes from the
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lowship Weekend
on Nov 4 and 5.

Many Thanks to all
who participated!

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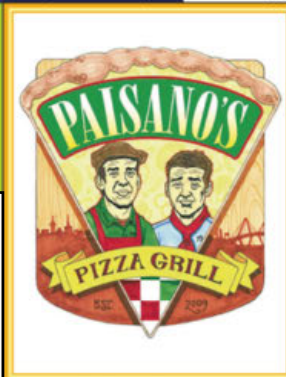
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