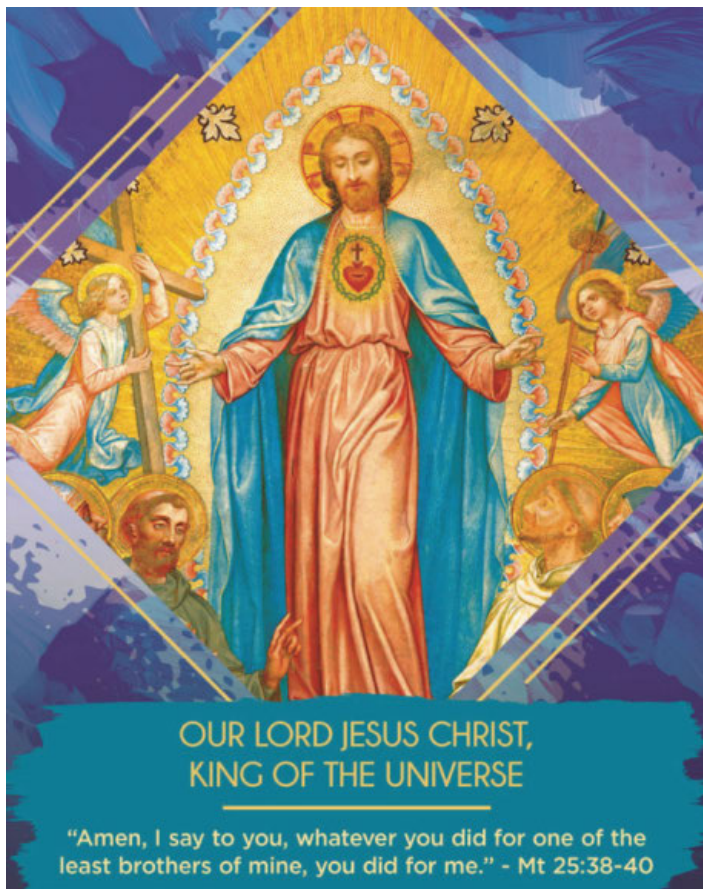


November 26, 2023

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Undercover King!

Today's gospel is about spiritual leadership. It presents Jesus as both shepherd and sheep, as judge and king on the one hand and as suffering humanity ("the least") on the other. Works of mercy are the measure of justice or righteousness. Those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, and set the prisoners free are "the righteous/the sheep" who will inherit God's empire or kingdom and enter eternal life. Those who fail in these respects are the unrighteous/the goats who fail to recognize the presence of the shepherd/king in suffering humanity.

Why sheep and goats? While goats grazed with the sheep, they were never imaged as God's people, somewhat unfairly. "Sheep", on the other hand, is a frequent biblical designation for the people of God's fold. This story is replete with mixed metaphors.

The Feast of Christ the King brings the church year to a close. It invites us to consider the way to achieve the things that make for peace. Jesus reminds us that the easiest way of recognizing him and of following him is by seeing him in the poor and the weak around us. Whatever we do to the least of his sisters and brothers, we do to him. Belonging to his kingdom, we need to reach out and be of service to our sisters and brothers.



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road

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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 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

Paused—Will Return after Advent

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

...Today's Psalm PS 23

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 25—Nov 26

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: Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda,
 Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington,
 Eileen Easler
Lector: Kathleen Janech
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,
 Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeters: Horner Family, Knight Family
Altar Servers: Mia Caughey, Matthew Hart,
 Liam Manning
Eucharistic Ministers: Kristi Roberts, Daniel Suggs,
 Tamme Suggs, Becky Warriner,
 Gary Warriner
Lector: Joseph Migliozi
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois,
 Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass
Greeters: Rebecca Beylotte, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers: Liam Hale, Caryn Hasenberg,
 Jenna Hasenberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Irene Bennett, Jackie Doscher,
 Pam Everitt, Kathy Hepner,
 Maier Runyon
Lector: Scott Runyon
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,
 Joe Ginn, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings November 6— November 12

Collections at Mass (Nov 11—Nov 12)	\$ 10,813.00
Mail in Offerings (Nov 6—Nov 10)	\$ 2,260.00
myEoffering (Nov 6—Nov 10)	\$ 4,355.96
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,557.69
Difference	\$ + 871.27
Registered Households	632
Envelopes Used (Nov 11—Nov 12)	184
Active myEoffering Families	176
MyEoffering Family Donations (Nov 6—Nov 10)	123

Second Collection for November:
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>



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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, 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, Mariano LaVia, Delores Lopez, Ruthie Mallard, Paul Madden, Katherine and William Manning, 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.	25	5:30 pm	John McGinnigle+
Sun.	26	9:00 am	Nancy Nixon+
		11:30 am	All the souls in purgatory+
Mon	27	11:30 am	Elizabeth Delionback+
Tues.	28	11:30 am	Johnny Norris+
Wed.	29	11:30 am	Wendy Craven+
Thurs.	30	11:30 am	Norbert Adam+
Fri.	1	11:30 am	Fred Herrmann+
Sat.	2	5:30 pm	Sgt. Joshua Harris+
Sun.	3	9:00 am	All the souls in purgatory+
		11:30 am	Brian J. O'Connor+

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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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



Nativity Ladies Guild Creche Display and Craft Sale In the Nativity Parish Life Center

**Next Saturday (Dec. 2) from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm and after the 5:30 pm Mass.
And Next Sunday (Dec. 3) after the 9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses until 1:30 pm**

Refreshments will be provided after all the Masses.

The Nativity Ladies Guild welcomes and encourages your participation. A Creche of any kind is appreciated. Or perhaps you have a tradition, a special Christmas Story, etc. Please include a short description or story about your item.

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

All are invited to this festive and inspiring display.



**Saturday Dec 2
From 9:30 am
to 2:30 pm
in the Nativity
Parish Life Center**

Attractions:

Picture taking with the Baby Jesus
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For more information, please contact Karen
at kcellars@comcast.net



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Nativity Ladies Guild Quilt Raffle

The raffle proceeds will benefit Catholic educational programs.

Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at Weekend Masses and at Ladies Guild Events.

Thank you for your support.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Christmas Wreath Pick Up
Next Saturday (Dec. 2)
9:00 to noon**

In the Nativity School Parking lot

If you cannot be there, please arrange for a friend to pick up your wreaths for you.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Clydie E. Bevis,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Mon, Nov. 20th.

May she rest in peace.



But you do not need to wait until Nov. 28. To contribute now, just visit the fundraising website at:

https://charleston.igivecatholic.org/organizations/nativity-school?fbclid=IwAR2pxMqMau6kidG0zrBXzb4VMIUGHSL7zVeMOL3ESEt3ejVwlrJ36o_CwaQ

The proceeds will be used to replace mulch in the school playground areas with synthetic turf to provide a softer play surface and better protect our students from injuries.

Thank you for your generosity!



Nativity School Christmas Silent Auction



Live
Music



December 8
6-9pm



Food &
Drinks



TEXT NativityChristmas2023
to (843) 606-5995

This Event will be in the Nativity Parish Life Center.
All are invited to join us for this exciting event!!



Flowers
at the altar this weekend are in memory of
John McGinnigle
May He Rest in Peace.

Journey through Advent With Sacred Scriptures



Begins Thurs. Nov 30
and continues Every Thursday
of Advent

Sessions are in the
Nativity Parish Live Center
from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

These sessions present reflections and discussion on the Sunday Mass readings of Advent.

The facilitator is Sister Kathy Adamski, OSF, a sister of St. Francis of the Neumann communities who has ministered in the Diocese for the last 15 years.

There is no charge, and you do not need to be a member of the Nativity parish to attend this series.

Note: Refreshments will not be provided but you can bring your own lunch if you prefer.

Please register if you plan to attend.

For more information or to register, please contact
Sr. Kathy at kathleen.adamski@gmail.com.

**All are invited to attend these sessions as part
of our spiritual preparations for Christmas.**



**Beautiful Flowers on the Altar
for the November 12 Weekend.**

Remember reading about our recent Flower Workshop? Well, the workshop created these magnificent floral arrangements for our church.

A great big thank you to Maureen and Dianne Ray for the excellent instructional presentation and generous donations of flowers for the Environment Ministry Seminar. The Altar and Ambo arrangements were absolutely beautiful. Maureen and Diane worked tirelessly for more than two days in preparation.

Also, thank you to all that attended and helped make it a fun day full of fellowship.

We made a video of the workshop to provide instruction to those who could not attend. For more information. Please contact Margaret at m.holseberg@icloud.com



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could use your help.**

Just sing with us for Advent and Christmas. We rehearse on Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

For more information, please contact Courtney Reed at Music@NativityCharleston.org or at 843-795-3821 x103.

We look forward to having you sing with us!

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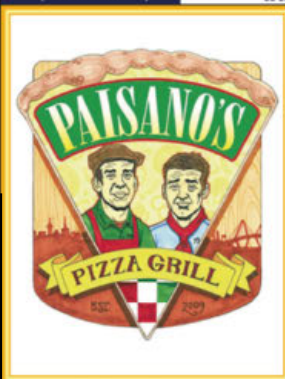
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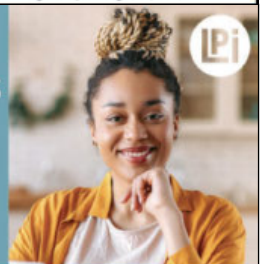
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