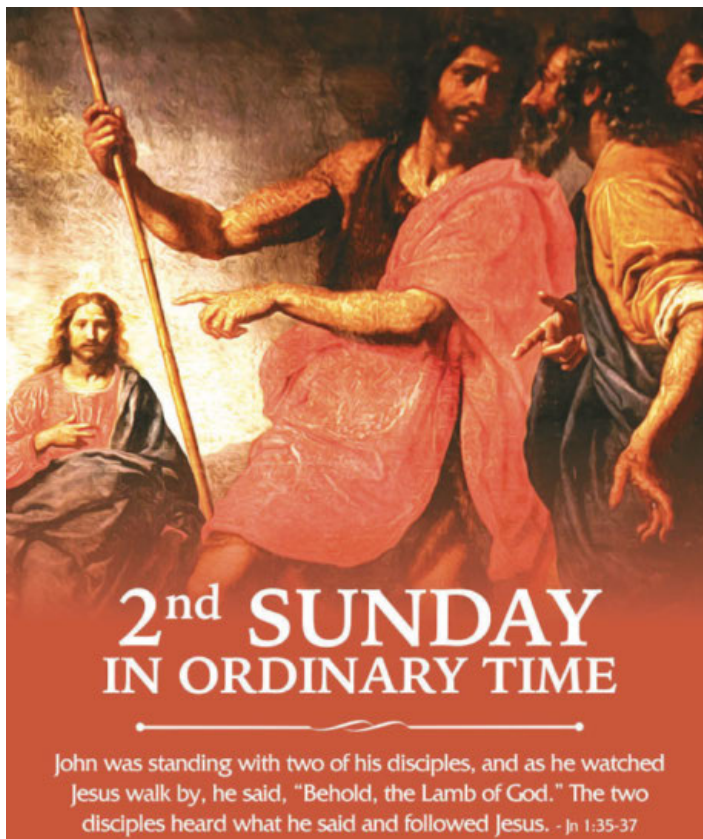


# January 14, 2024

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



## When was your first encounter?

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9:00 pm. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

...Father John Muir



## 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

Mon.—Thurs. 11:30 am Communion Service  
Fri. 11:30 am Mass  
Thurs.. 9:30 am Communion Service

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

*Here am I, Lord;*

*I come to do your will.*

...Today's Psalm PS 40

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, must also have participated in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program. Children planning to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade must also have participated in a 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

## STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Thomas Kingsley  
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**Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services:**  
843-853-2130 x 209

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister:**  
800-921-8122

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### 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](mailto:cmummert@catholic-doc.org). All inquiries are handled in confidence.

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### 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](http://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 Jan. 20—Jan. 21

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

<b>5:30 pm Mass</b>	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Dianne Piri, Timothy & Carolyn Smith
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Mia Caughey, Daniel Salceda
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Patty Edwards, Meg Hoeft, Carolyn Smith, Mary Smith, John Warren
<b>Lector:</b>	Anna Yonce
<b>Ushers:</b>	Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins
<b>9:00 am Mass</b>	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Bolchoz Family, Becky Warriner
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Finley Feary, Jacob Perry, Anna Tillman
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Matthew Cellars, Jimmy Craven, Judy Daugomah, Suzanne Decker, Gary Hart
<b>Lector:</b>	Mary Catherine Dubois
<b>Ushers:</b>	Richard Bragiel, George Hill, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony
<b>11:30 am Mass</b>	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sheila Griner, Susan La Via
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Zoe Cuzmar, Caryn Hasenberg, Jenna Hasenberg
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Irene Bennett, Lynn Curry, Jackie Doscher, Pam Everitt, Kathy Hepner
<b>Lector:</b>	John Lavelle
<b>Ushers:</b>	Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner,

### Offerings December 26— January 7

Collections at Mass (Dec 30—Dec 31)	\$ 10,982.00
Collections at Mass (Jan 6—Jan 7)	\$ 12,532.00
Mail in Offerings (Dec 26—Jan 5)	\$ 7,400.00
myEoffering (Dec 26—Jan 5)	\$ 7,091.29
Budget (2 weeks)	\$ 33,115.38
Difference	\$ +10,474.37
Registered Households	643
Envelopes Used (Dec 30—Dec 31)	153
Envelopes Used (Jan 6—Jan 7)	215
Active myEoffering Families	173
MyEoffering Family Donations (Dec 26—Jan 5)	246

**Solemnity of Mary Offerings: \$1,131.00**

**Second Collection for January:  
January 28: Church in Latin America**

**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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**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, Mary Bieda, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Ed and Vi Defourneaux, William Doherty, Jake DuPree, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, 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, 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](mailto:Office@NativityCharleston.org).

### Intentions

#### Mass: This Week

Sat.	13	5:30 pm	Ann McDonald Engelstad+
Sun.	14	9:00 am	Nancy Nixon+
		11:30 am	Edward J. Parent+
Mon.	15	11:30 am	Communion Service
Tues.	16	11:30 am	Communion Service
Wed.	17	11:30 am	Communion Service
Thurs.	18	9:30 am	Communion Service
		11:30 am	Communion Service
Fr. Kingsley is away at Convocation Jan. 15-18			
Fri.	19	11:30 am	Margaret O'Keefe+
Sat.	20	5:30 pm	Frederick Klemm+
Sun.	21	9:00 am	Wendy Craven+
		11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+

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](http://www.nativity-school.com) or our FaceBook page at [www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights](https://www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights).

or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

**Nativity School K4 wishes everyone a Happy New Year!**



# **NATIVITY SCHOOL DEDICATION CEREMONY**

**1/28/2024 ♦ 12:30-2:00**

**1125 Pittsford Circle  
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Feb 2-3**





### **Nativity Ladies Guild is Conducting a Fundraiser for Catholic Schools Week!**

The Ladies Guild has adopted the "Giving Tree" model for this fundraiser. The "Trees" are at both entrances of Nativity Church through Jan. 28.

The trees have envelopes that identify specific classroom and educational items and their cost. These items have been

requested by the teachers at Nativity School.

#### **You know how this works:**

- Take an envelope for an item (or items) that you would like to donate.
- Purchase the item(s) or include the appropriate donation in the envelope.
- Please make checks payable to the Nativity Ladies Guild.
- Return the envelope and your donation or item(s) to the church entrance or the Nativity Parish Office before January 29.

For more information, please contact Jackie Doscher at 843-276-5002 or at [jackiedoscher@gmail.com](mailto:jackiedoscher@gmail.com)

**Thank You for Supporting Nativity School.**



### **NATIVITY OYSTER ROAST AND CHILI COOK OFF**



**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10 AT 6:30 PM  
TICKET ARE ON SALE AFTER MASSES  
STARTING THIS WEEKEND.  
PAY WITH CASH, CHECK OR VENMO.  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
AND PLAN TO ATTEND**



**Monthly General Meeting  
Mon. Jan 22 at 6:30 pm  
in the Parish Life Center**

**All Women of Nativity  
are Encouraged to Participate.**

**Darkness cannot drive out  
darkness, only light can do that.**

**Hate cannot drive out hate,  
only love can do that.**

**...Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Martin Luther King Day is an annual federal American holiday that celebrates the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

**The Nativity Office will be closed in Monday,  
Jan. 22 in observance of this holiday.**





Mary, Joseph and 9 wise persons were numbered among the many Holy People who joined us for worship and fellowship during the Christmas Season. Thank you for celebrating this Holy Season with us!

## Senior Adult Ministry



**Wednesday, Jan. 17  
at 12:30 pm  
in the Parish Life Center**

**Lunch: \$15 per plate  
Annual Dues: \$20 per Member  
RSVP by Sun, Jan 14@5:00 pm**

**To Mary Smith at 843-670-7519**



On that first Christmas,  
You came to dwell among Your own

Sarah Thacker, a local artist wrote a song for this Christmas Season. She attended the Nativity Creche Display on December 3 and recorded images for the video "backdrop" for the song. Sarah posted a copy of the video on her YouTube Channel. Here is the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0aZ0vcsBDU>

The song and the video are very inspiring.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250  
PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY (JAN. 14)  
10:00 AM IN THE NATIVITY PARISH LIFE CENTER.  
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### **WHAT IS THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND (ESFT)?**

- The Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESFT) is a scholarship program funded by the state of South Carolina.
- The scholarship give parents more flexibility in providing their children with the education that is best for them. It can be used for any approved education expenses like tuition and fees, textbooks, instructional materials, tutoring and many other services!
- The funds can be used for **Catholic School tuition!**

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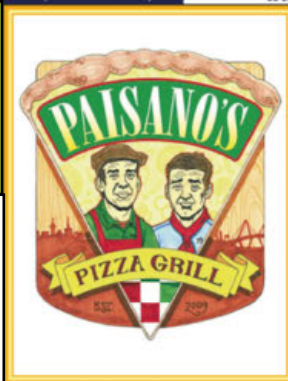
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