

# July 14, 2024

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



## Travel Light!

What kind of authority and power does the Lord want you to exercise on his behalf? Jesus gave his apostles both the power and the authority to speak and to act in his name. He commanded them to do the works which he did - to heal the sick, to cast out evil spirits, and to speak the word of God - the good news of the gospel which they received from Jesus. When Jesus spoke of power and authority he did something unheard of. He wedded power and authority with self-sacrificing love and humility. The "world" and the "flesh" seek power for selfish gain. Jesus teaches us to use it for the good of our neighbor.

Why does Jesus tell the apostles to "travel light" with little or no provision? "Poverty of spirit" frees us from greed and preoccupation with our possessions and makes ample room for God's provision. The Lord wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves. He wills to work in and through each of us for his glory. Be ready to use the spiritual authority and power which God wishes you to exercise on his behalf. The Lord entrusts us with his gifts and talents. Be eager to place yourself at his service, to do whatever he asks, and to witness his truth and saving power to whomever he sends you.

... Don Schwager at <https://www.dailyscripture.net>



## 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. through Fri.	11:30 am 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
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### Weekday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet 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  
e-mail: [Office@NativityCharleston.org](mailto:Office@NativityCharleston.org)

### Stay in touch with us at Nativity

Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com/>  
You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheNativity>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityCharleston>  
and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>  
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/NativityCharleston/>

*Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

...Today's Psalm PS 85

## THINGS TO KNOW

### Nursery

For children ages 6 wks to 4 yrs. old during the Sunday 9 AM Mass. It is located on the right side of the school's breezeway entrance. \*Temporarily closed due to site renovations.\*

### Religious Education Programs

Nativity School serves students in grades K4 through 8. The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is offered for other parish children (K4-Gr 8), enrolled in non-parochial schools. For information, please contact the Director of Religious Education.

### Safe Haven Training for Volunteers

All volunteers who minister in programs involving children at Nativity Parish or School are required to complete prevention education and a background check. To initiate the process and volunteer, please contact the Parish Office Administrator.

### Baptism

To schedule a Baptism preparation class, a parent should be an active parishioner. Godparents for Baptism must be active parishioners of Nativity or another Catholic parish. For information, please contact the Director of Religious Education.

### Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation

These sacraments require a 2-year preparation period. To receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, children must have participated in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program; to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade children must have participated in a 7<sup>th</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program. For information, please contact the Director of Religious Education.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the proposed marriage date. For inquiry, contact the Parish Office.

### Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

This pastoral ministry provides compassionate presence, prayer, and sacraments to parishioners confined to their home, hospital, or nursing home. It includes Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick and Eucharistic Ministers who bring Holy Communion. To arrange a pastoral visit, please contact the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament 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 sacrament; contact the Parish Office.

### Alpha

"Alpha" is a time to connect in a small group with others who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Weekly sessions include sharing a meal, a brief video on an element of the Christian faith, and an opportunity for sharing individual thoughts and questions. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. For information, please visit [www.nativitycharleston.org/alpha](http://www.nativitycharleston.org/alpha). **Online option available.**

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA meets in a small group online to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare adults to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. For information, please contact Vicki Vázquez, 843-813-4238.

### FORMED.org

FORMED is an online resource for our parishioners to access video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. An email is needed to access FORMED.org; no password is required.

## STAFF

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**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:**

843-856-0748, 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: 843-261-0435, [cmummert@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:cmummert@charlestandiocese.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 complete a "new parishioner form" from [www.nativitycharleston.org](http://www.nativitycharleston.org) or collect a form from the church

foyer. You can also scan this QR code for the same form here. You may email, mail, or drop off the form to the church office anytime, and please contact us for more information.

**Please consider joining our parish!**





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### Liturgical Ministers for July 20 — July 21

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

**5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass**  
**Greeters:** Patrick Kelley, Kathy Wiley, Tom & Maria McNamee  
**Altar Servers:** Savanna Owens, another altar server is needed  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda, Barbara Coddington, Eileen Easler, Carolyn Smith  
**Lector:** Claire Bergstrom  
**Ushers:** Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins

**9:00 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Bolchoz Family, Cellars Family  
**Altar Servers:** Matthew Hart, Maisie Lewis, Connor Richey  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Murphy, Hal Perry, Pat Perry, Kirby Preston, Kristi Roberts  
**Lector:** Andrew Preston  
**Ushers:** Richard Bragieli, George Hill, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

**11:30 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Suan La Via, Sheila Griner  
**Altar Servers:** Liam Manning, Kenji Tran  
 1 more altar server needed  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jackie Doscher, Irene Bennett, David Knab, Christine Lewis, Phu Tran  
**Lector:** Scott Runyon  
**Ushers:** Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Gilbert O'Brien

### Offerings June 24 — July 7

Collections at Mass (Jun 29—Jun 30)	\$ 8,979.00
Collections at Mass (Jul 6—Jul 7)	\$ 12,580.00
Mail in Offerings (Jun 24—Jul 5)	\$ 4,640.00
myEoffering (Jun 24—Jul 5)	\$ 8,186.21
Budget (2 weeks)	\$ 33,538.46
Difference	\$ + 846.75
Registered Households	690
Envelopes Used (Jun 29—Jun 30)	156
Envelopes Used (Jul 6—Jul 7)	187
Active myEoffering Families	189
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jun 24—Jul 5)	235

**Offerings for Peter's Pence: \$720.00**

**Second Collections for July:**

**July 21: Infirm Priests**

**Thank you for your Generosity.**

**Please use your envelopes.**

If you need envelopes, please contact 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, Or 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.**

**Recently Added: Phyllis Cafiero, Haylee Hulseberg, Tommy Lavelle**

**We pray for:** Allene Barans, Beverly Blevins, Leslie Boyer, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Ed & Vi Defourneaux, William Doherty, Jake DuPree, Kathy Fowler, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Glenna Kornahrens, Mariano LaVia, Delores Lopez, Ruthie Mallard, Paul Madden, Katherine & William Manning, John Minaudo, Paul & Carole Moran, Charlie Organ, James Parker, Terry Parsons, Brenda Pearson, Ed Pop, Louis Richter, James Romero, Fran Taylor, Barbara Wade, Jerry Wade, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik

**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 or at [Admin@NativityCharleston.org](mailto:Admin@NativityCharleston.org).

### Intentions

#### Mass: This Week

Sat.	13	5:30 pm	Mary Margaret Forsberg Hughes+
Sun.	14	9:00 am	Victoria Chytla+
		11:30 am	Edward Bucher+
Mon.	15	11:30 am	
Tues.	16	11:30 am	
Wed.	17	11:30 am	
Thurs.	18	11:30 am	Brady Lee+
Fri..	19	11:30 am	Debrah Tatum+
Sat.	20	5:30 pm	Kim Wade Roberts+
Sun.	21	9:00 am	Bill Egan+
		11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+

Envelopes for Sanctuary Candle and Mass Intentions are at the church entrances. Please place them in the collection basket. Be sure to include your phone number or email in case of date changes or unavailability. Thank you!

**Intention requests cannot be accepted more than 3 months in advance.**



## Nativity School—dedicated to the academic and spiritual growth of our students.

Do you dream of a school where each child is accepted, included, and valued? Are you looking for a school that stands as the model of academic excellence, moral ideals, and spirituality? Have you searched for a values-based education in the Catholic tradition?

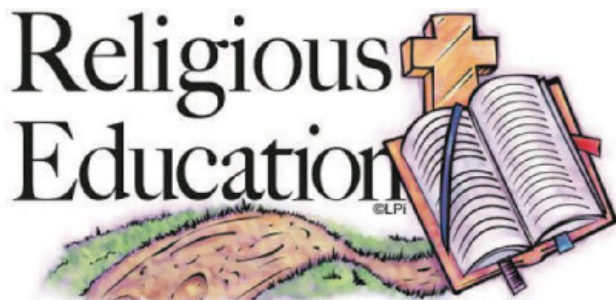
**Look no further!**



**Nativity School is accepting applications for admittance for grades K4 through 8 for the 24–25 School Year.**

To learn more about Enrollment please visit our website at [www.nativity-school.com](http://www.nativity-school.com) or our FaceBook page at [www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights](http://www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights). or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

**Teaching Values for Life!**



## Catechists Needed!

LOVE YOUR FAITH?  
SHARE IT!

### 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 24–25 School Year.

Registration packets are available at the church entrances and online at

<https://nativitycharleston.com/formation/>

Please Register before July 24 to allow time for textbooks and materials to be ordered.

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

**Classes Begin Sunday September 8**

**Sign Up Now!**

Specifically, we need more catechists in order to be able to offer the Nativity Parish School of Religion for the 2024-2025 school year. We need class teachers, substitute teachers and class assistants.

All of us are called to echo and share the Gospel message. Parents are the first and primary catechists in a child's life. But we also are important catechists in the lives of our coworkers, our spouses, our relatives and friends.

If you love your faith and would be willing to share that blessing with the children of our parish, please call Mary Smith at 795-3821 ext 4.





## Theology on Tap For College Students And Young Adults

Join us for an evening of faith, food, and fellowship.

Theology is on Tap in Charleston  
on Wednesday, July 17 at 7:00 pm at

### Tommy Condon's Irish Pub (Abbey Room)

We have the room reserved until 10:00 pm, and dinner is provided! No RSVP necessary.

For more information about the Young Adult Ministry and our events, please contact Scott at [shillbc93@gmail.com](mailto:shillbc93@gmail.com)

## EMAIL SCAM

Members of Nativity Parish sometimes receive **SCAM emails**, ostensibly from Fr. Kingsley. Sometimes, these scam emails may look something like this:

**From:** Rev S Thomas Kingsley  
[\[mailto:revsthomaskingsley@gmail.com\]](mailto:revsthomaskingsley@gmail.com)  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 09, 2019 9:52 AM  
**To:** This space will contain your email address  
**Subject:** PEACE!!!

Hi How are you doing?

I really need favor from you

Get back to me as soon as you get this

God Bless

- These emails are not from Fr. Kingsley (or any other member of the Nativity Staff.)
- Fr. Kingsley's email account has not been 'hacked'.
- There is no action we can take to prevent these types of scams.

### What to do?

#### Delete the original email.

Do not click 'reply' because the 'reply to' email address belongs to the scammer. Father Kingsley's email address is [Pastor@NativityCharleston.org](mailto:Pastor@NativityCharleston.org). If you are uncertain, please contact the Nativity parish office for clarification. ([Admin@NativityCharleston.org](mailto:Admin@NativityCharleston.org) or 843-795-3821).



## Youth Ministry? Attention!

Nativity Parents of Teens and Tweens, and all interested parties! We are assessing interest in a Nativity Catholic Youth Ministry.

If you are the parent of a Middle School or High School student, please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Here is the link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/gujeLxYBBZ>

**Please complete the survey  
by July 21.**



## LADIES GUILD SEWING GROUP

### Needs Materials for Fall Projects

Soon our group will be starting to work on our sewing projects for this year. At this time we are asking if anyone in the parish has fabric or any kind of sewing supplies (scissors, pins, trims, buttons, bows, etc.) that they would be willing to donate to our sewing projects.

For more information, please contact Marian Hoffman (803 397 2681) or Courtney Wilson - (843 452-6474)

*Thank you for your assistance.*



We invite you to join others in the parish who will be reading

## The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic,

by Matthew Kelly for our Summer Book Study.

The book study participants will gather on **August 7, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Parish Life Center**. Please contact the church office to see if more copies are available after the weekend.

Please provide your name, contact e-mail and phone number so that we can send you updates and reminders. Group members will read the book on their own and gather Aug 7th for book discussion.

For more information, please contact  
 Andrea Gilliard ([acgilliard@comcast.net](mailto:acgilliard@comcast.net)) or  
 Mary Smith ([dre@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:dre@nativitycharleston.org))

**We hope you can join us.**

## 9:00 am Sunday Nursery Is Returning

Nativity Parish has not offered a nursery during the 9:00 am Sunday Mass since before Covid. Now that the school renovations have been completed, we are planning to rejuvenate the Nursery ministry this fall.

When the nursery closed, all the nursery furnishings and toys were donated. Now we need to re-facilitate. However, we need to do so with foresight because this space will need to serve multiple functions.

We are currently looking for 3 or 4 'child sized' tables with chairs (2 or 4 topper and one or 2 oval shaped 'coffee table' pieces (not more than 18 inches high, and with no sharp edges).

We also need children's board books, several 'large piece' puzzles, and toys appropriate for 1-4 year olds. These items should be packaged and sized so that they can be stored on book shelves when not in use. Note that toys that require batteries or that have small pieces are not appropriate for 1 to 4 year olds.

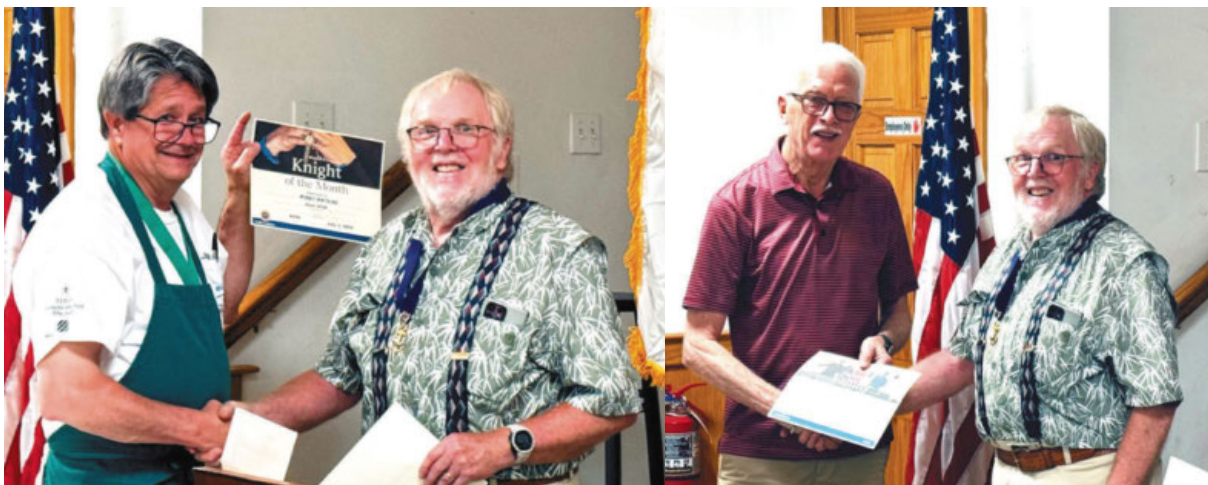
Please contact Mary Smith ([dre@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:dre@nativitycharleston.org)) at the church office with any questions.

**Please help us re-equip the Nursery.**



On Sunday, June 30, The Nativity Ladies Guild and the Knights of Columbus prayed the rosary together. We call this event the "5th Sunday Rosary". We pray the rosary after the 9:00 Mass on the 5th Sunday of months that have 5 Sundays. This happens 4 times a year. There is always need for more prayers and always space for more pray-ers.

**PLEASE JOIN US.**



The Knights of Columbus frequently recognize members who provide significant service not only to the organization but to the community. In July Bobby Watkins (left) was designated Knight of the Month. Bobby led Council 6250 for the past 2 years. Also, Mike Hutchings (right) and wife Christine (not shown) were designated Family of the Month. Christine and Mike are both chefs and their professional cuisine keeps us very well fed at many Nativity events and celebrations.

Rusty Pickett, current Grand Knight, presented these awards at the Council meeting on July 3.





## **The Nativity Bell Tower has been Completed.**

The blessing and dedication of this magnificent addition to our campus will be

**Next Sunday, July 21 at 10:00 am.**

Immediately after the dedication, The Nativity's Ladies Guild will host a reception in the Parish Life Center.

**All are invited to attend.**

Many thanks to the very generous donors, and the many trades persons, sub contractors, staff, operators and others who worked together to make this monument a reality.



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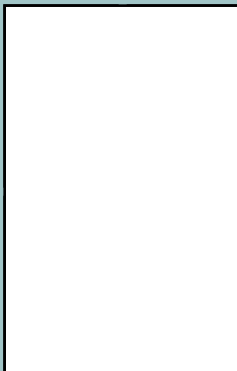



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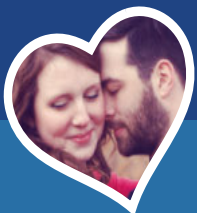
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