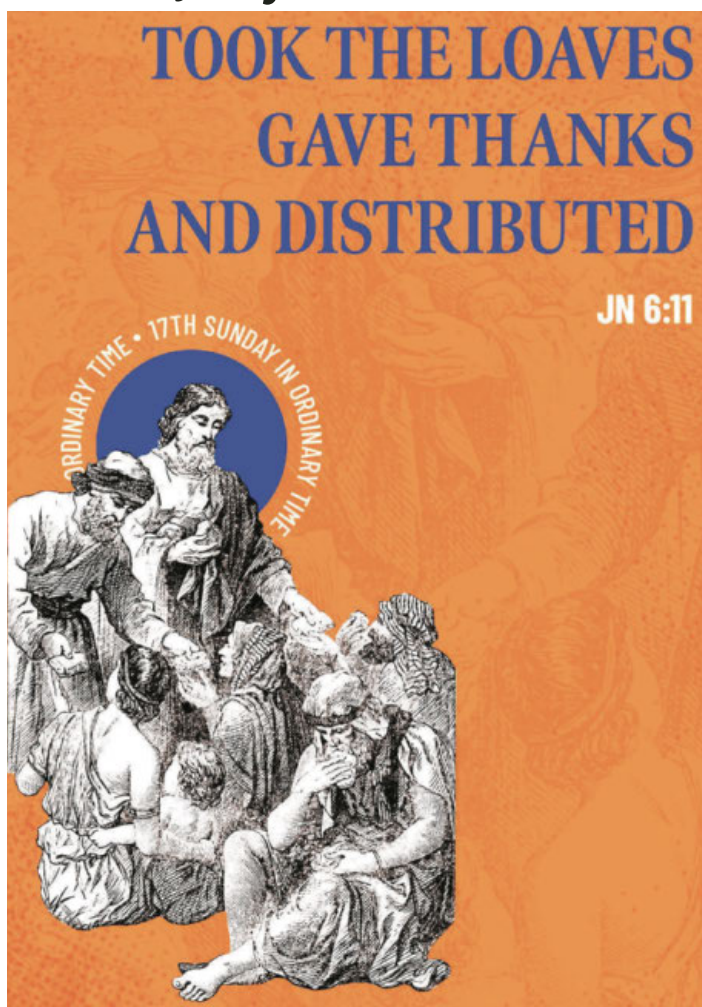


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He gives us all we need.

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be what God asks us to be.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need.

...Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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
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

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The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs

...Today's Psalm PS 145

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 2nd grade, children must have participated in a 1st grade PSR or Catholic school program; to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8th grade children must have participated in a 7th 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. **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.

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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@charlestdiocese.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 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 August 3 — August 4

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
 Mike & Mary Bieda
Altar Servers: Daniel Salceda, Savanna Owens
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda,
 Eileen Easler, Patty Edwards
 Carolyn Smith
Lector: Claire Bergstrom
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,
 Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Sunday Mass
Greeters: Kathy Grisillo, Horner Family
Altar Servers: Abram Delaney, Teddy Delaney
 Connor Richey
Eucharistic Ministers: Jimmy Craven, Judy Daugomah,
 Kathy Murphy, Becky Warriner,
 Gary Warriner
Lector: Michael Bolchoz
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, George Hill,
 Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Sunday Mass
Greeters: Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers: Liam Hale, Alena Novak, Megumi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Curry, Jackie Doscher,
 Christine Lewis, Maier Runyon,
 Scott Runyon
Lector: Betsy DesNoyer
Ushers: Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn,
 Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings July 8 — July 21

Collections at Mass (Jul 13—Jul 21)	\$ 19,444.00
Mail in Offerings (Jul 8—Jul 19)	\$ 3,690.00
myEoffering (Jul 8—Jul 19)	\$ 9,499.31
Budget (2 weeks)	\$ 33,961.54
Difference	\$ - 1,328.23
Registered Households	690
Envelopes Used (Jul 13—Jul 21)	304
Active myEoffering Families	182
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jul 8—Jul 19)	239

Offerings for Infirm Priests: \$1,195.00

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 or make a donation via your myEoffering account.

<https://members.myeoffering.com>



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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.

We pray for: Allene Barans, Beverly Blevins, Leslie Boyer, Phyllis Cafiero, 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 Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Glenna Kornahrens, Tommy Lavelle, 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.

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.	27	5:30 pm	Robert Blessing+
Sun.	28	9:00 am	Chris Fisher+
		11:30 am	Ray Blevins+
Mon.	29	11:30 am	For Gratitude
Tues.	30	11:30 am	Frances O'Leary+
Wed.	31	11:30 am	Jacquie Kennedy+
Thurs.	1	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Fri..	2	11:30 am	Dan Morey+
Sat.	3	5:30 pm	Don Easler+
Sun.	4	9:00 am	
		11:30 am	Mary Lawler+

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?

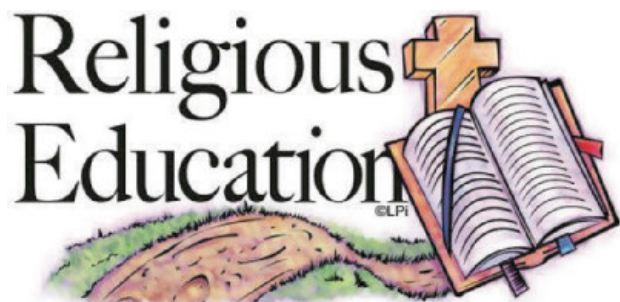
Look no further!



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 or our FaceBook page at 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

Late Enrollment Fees now Apply

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.

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) at the church office with any questions.

Please help us re-equip the Nursery.

Fellowship Weekend Returns August 10 and 11

Parish Potluck Meals will be hosted after all the weekend Masses by the RCIA.



Potluck
Everyone Brings Something to the Table.

Saturday, August 10, after the 5:30 Mass
Bring your favorite dinner dish to share.

Sunday, August 11, after the 9:00 Mass
Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share.

Sunday, August 11, after the 11:30 Mass
Bring your favorite lunch dish to share.

Drop off food at the PLC before all Masses.

This is a great Meet and Greet Opportunity for the OCIA Inquirers and the people of Nativity.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate



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.**

For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard (agilliard@comcast.net) or Mary Smith (dre@nativitycharleston.org)

Please finish reading the book and participate in the discussion



Fr. Thomas Miles

Has been a priest for 25 years. His current 'day job' is Judicial Vicar with the Tribunal of the Diocese of Charleston. However, priests want to minister to people, else why become a diocesan priest.

Fr. Miles' previous pastoral ministry was as chaplain at the Carter May Assisted Living facility in Charleston. But this facility recently closed. The result is that Father Miles will regularly celebrate Sunday Mass with us at Nativity.

We welcome Fr. Miles to our community.



So, What is a Prayer Shawl?

A Prayer Shawl provides a sense of comfort, security, and safety, particularly in times of stress. In many ways it is like the security blanket many of us had as children and may still sometimes need.

A Prayer Shawl is an item of textile art which is designed and hand made by a crafts person of our parish. The maker prays for the recipient at each 'stitch'. Moreover, the prayer shawl is blessed by Father Kingsley upon completion.

A Prayer Shawl is given, free of charge to the recipient who is seeking healing and comfort (illness, grief, crisis, distress).

A Prayer Shawl is not intended to be a vestment to be donned on occasions of formal prayer. **A Prayer Shawl** is intended to be a comfort, a blessing and a gift to a friend who is in distress — **like a spiritual hug** (and who does not need a hug every now and then?)

The Nativity Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center Meeting Room. We are on vacation for the summer but will return in September.

To recommend a friend to receive a Prayer Shawl, or to learn more about the Nativity prayer shawl ministry, please contact Debbie Kennedy at natprayershawl@gmail.com

Our New Season Starts on August 14. Everyone is invited to join us.



So what is OCIA anyway?

Well, **RCIA** is no more! This program has been rebranded as **OCIA**, **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**. New Name but the Same Goal! **OCIA** is a series of lessons aimed at explaining to adults what it means to be Catholic.

At Nativity this program 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.

Individual Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church. While most converts enter the Church at the Easter Vigil, this new structure acknowledges that converts could be baptized or welcomed into the Church at any point in the year, or even taking multiple years before making their final decision.

The **OCIA** 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 Sunday, September 8th at 10:00 am

Also, there is an OCIA 'Meet and Greet' at the Fellowship Weekend meals on August 10 and 11.

For more information, please contact Vicki Vázquez at admin@nativitycharleston.org or at 843-795-3821.



**Mom's Prayer Group
Returns MONDAY August 19
8:00 am to 9:00 am**

Nativity Parish Live Center Meeting Room

**We will be watching the
Formed "Catholic Feminism" Series.**

Coffee is provided and young children are welcome.

For more information, please text Vicki at 843-813-4238

**Start the week in prayer, devotion
and uplifting support.**



Dedication of the Nativity Bell and Tower on Sunday, July 21 followed by the reception for the community in the Nativity Life Center

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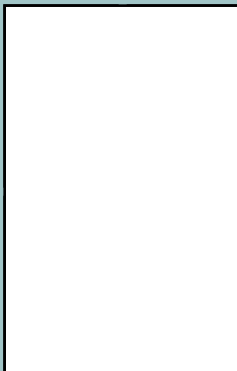
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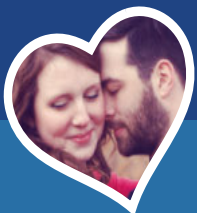



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