

August 25, 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



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

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

Thursday. 12:00 noon

Weekday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet 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

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"MASTER, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?" - JN 6:68

The Words of Eternal Life

Many were attracted to Jesus because he offered them something irresistible — a visible sign of God's mercy and favor which Jesus demonstrated in his wonderful works of healing, deliverance, and miraculous signs. Many stumbled, however, when Jesus made claims which only God can make. Jesus' discourse on "eating his flesh and drinking his blood" caused offence to many of his followers.

Jesus claimed to be the bread of heaven, the very life of God given to us as spiritual food to sustain us. Jesus did not leave any middle ground for his hearers. They must either accept his word as divine or reject it as the claim of an imposter. Even the apostles admitted that this was a "hard saying". Jesus promised his disciples nothing less than eternal life and union with God. Jesus knew that some would not only reject him and his word, but would do so with violence fueled by hatred, envy, and even betrayal.

Faith is the key to understanding and experiencing God's action and work in our personal lives. Believe, as Peter did, that Jesus has the words of everlasting life and the power to change and transform your life.

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

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

...Today's Psalm PS 34

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 Environments 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.**

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

OCIA meets in a small group and 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

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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 31 & September 1

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

5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
Greeters: Caughey Family, Mike & Mary Beida
Altar Servers: Mia Caughey, Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda, Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington, Mary Smith
Lector: Kathleen Janech
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Sunday Mass
Greeters: Cellars Family
Altar Servers: Abram Delaney, Teddy Delaney, Connor Richey
Eucharistic Ministers: Suzanne Decker, Mark Hollifield, Hal Perry, Pat Perry, Kirby Preston
Lector: Michael Dennis
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, George Hill, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Sunday Mass
Greeters: Susan La Via, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers: Caryn Hasenberg, Jenna Hasenberg, Maisie Lewis
Eucharistic Ministers: Brian Dougherty, Pam Everitt, David Knab, Christine Lewis, Maier Runyon
Lector: Pam Everitt
Ushers: Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings Aug 12 — Aug 18

Collections at Mass (Aug 17—Aug 18)	\$ 8,516.00
Mail in Offerings (Aug 12—Aug 16)	\$ 2,565.00
myEoffering (Aug 12—Aug 16)	\$ 4,854.44
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,980.77
Difference	\$- 1,045.33
Registered Households	696
Envelopes Used (Aug 17—Aug 18)	172
Active myEoffering Families	178
MyEoffering Family Donations (Aug 12—Aug 16)	116

Assumption of Mary Offerings: \$2,606.00

Thank you for your Generosity.

Second Collections for September:

September 1, Catholic University

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: Irene Bennett, 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, Bill Mattingly, 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 a transformation of our minds and hearts: that the Holy Spirit will guide us in living as children of God each day.

To have someone added or removed from this prayer list, please contact the parish office administrator.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sa, Aug 24	5:30 pm	The Domrese Children
Su, Aug 25	9:00 am	73 rd Anniversary of Esther & Walter Machowski
	11:30 am	Marianna Egan✠
Mo, Aug 26	11:30 am	For the People
Tu, Aug 27	11:30 am	
We, Aug 28	11:30 am	Agnes Fellerhoff✠
Th, Aug 29	11:30 am	For the People
Fr, Aug 30	11:30 am	
Sa, Aug 31	5:30 pm	Cathy Lott
Su, Sep 1	9:00 am	Olivia Sue Towe✠
	11:30 am	Malcolm Hale✠

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

**Intention requests may be made only
up to 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?

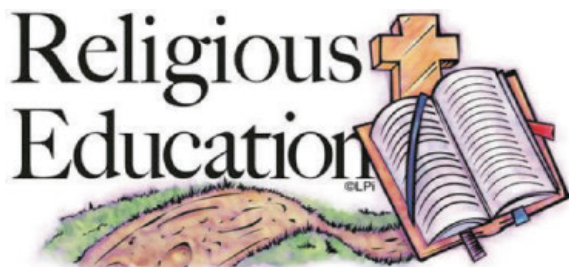
Look no further!



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

The Fall Semester Began Last Week. Please pray for our Students



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/>

For more information, please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 4.

Classes Begin Sunday September 8

Late Enrollment Fees now Apply

Sign Up Now!

Catechists Needed!

LOVE YOUR FAITH?
SHARE IT!

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.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

So what is OCIA anyway?

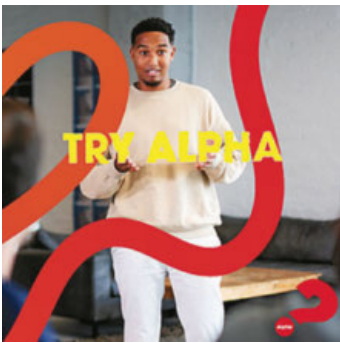
Well, **RCIA** is no more! This program has been rebranded as **OCIA**, **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**. **OCIA** is a series of lessons aimed at explaining to adults what it means to be Catholic.

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, the 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, August 25
With a "Meet and Greet" Event at 10:00 am
in the Nativity Parish Life Center Meeting Room.
Seekers of the Catholic Faith are welcome to attend.



We're all searching for more.

What is the point of life?
Why is there suffering in the world?
What happens when we die?
Is forgiveness possible?

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha provides a relaxed setting for connecting with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning.

Alpha is an 11 week program.

Alpha is fun, relaxed and totally non-pressured

Alpha's Three Main Elements:



Good Food



Alpha Talk



Discussion

How does it work?

Each Alpha session begins with food, followed by a short video that explores a different aspect of the Christian faith. After that, there is a time for discussion in a friendly small group.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- Those who have given up on church
- Those wanting to investigate Christianity
- Those who are new to the Christian faith
- Those wanting to grow in understanding and faith

What is the cost?

There is no charge for the Alpha course, although your donations will be greatly appreciated.

View the Alpha at Nativity Fall Schedule at <https://nativitycharleston.com/alpha/>

Join us by contacting Vicki Vázquez | alpha@nativitycharleston.org | 843-813-0615

The fall Alpha program starts
Tuesday, Sep.3, at 6:15 pm In the Nativity Parish Life Center
Join us for Alpha and bring all your friends.
Sample a Taste of Alpha at the Fellowship Weekend Aug 31 / Sep. 1



All Ladies Welcome

to our Kick-Off 2024-2025 Year!

Have you ever been curious about the Nativity Ladies Guild?
If you are looking for Faith, Fellowship and Service,
We are the group for you!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024 AT 12:45 PM
ALL LADIES OF NATIVITY WELCOME**

So What is a Fellowship Weekend Anyway?



Many of us enjoy spending time with family and friends. We frequently share meals with them, sometimes after we attend weekend Mass. Well, this is what we call **Fellowship**.

So Fellowship Weekend is when we bring a simple dish with us to church and share it with our family and friends after Mass.

Our Next Fellowship Weekend will be after the 5:30 pm and 11:30 am Masses on the weekend of August 31/September 1 In the Parish Life Center

The mechanics are simple. Just drop off your food items at the Nativity Parish Life Center Before Mass. The nice folks there will keep your items at serving temperature while you attend Mass. It is just that Simple.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in these Fellowship meals!



Walter Feary, Graham Feary and Teddy Feary

Sons of Grace and Jake Feary were welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, August 18.

Congratulations to these new members of our church.



Choir Rehearsal Resumes Wednesday, Sep. 4 at 6:30 pm

The choir regularly rehearses on Wednesday evening. We usually finish by 7:30 pm.

There are valuable benefits to joining the choir.

- You get a reserved seat in the very back of the church.
- Your seat is always available even if you arrive late.
- You get your own hymnal. And sheet music
- You get your own music stand and light.

It just does not get any better than that.

And yes, we know you can't sing. None of us could sing either until we started coming to choir rehearsal. So Please Join Us.



Coffee and Donuts

**Sunday, September 1 after the 9:00 am Mass
In the Nativity Parish Life Center**



The Ladies Guild understands that everyone cannot attend the fellowship meals this weekend. Some of us really do need to attend the 9:00 am Mass. There is no charge but your donations are greatly appreciated.

This is a Great Time to Mix and Mingle!



Flowers

*at the altar this weekend
are in celebration of the*

*73rd Wedding Anniversary
of Esther and Walter Machowski.*

*May God grant them many more years
of happiness together.*

Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy
to the family and friends of

Frederick W. McMahon,

whose funeral was held at Nativity
on Tuesday, August 13th.

May he rest in peace.



LADIES GUILD SEWING GROUP

**Will meet On Sat. Sep 7 and 21
9:00 AM to Noon in the Parish Life Center.**

We are in production mode for the burp cloths and bibs for distribution in October. The steps are pin, trim, iron, turn, and sew.

Please bring your sewing machine if you have one, and other sewing gear.

For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at
nativityladiesguild@gmail.com or at 803-397-2681

SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 7.



A **Sip and Paint Party** is a social event that combines painting and socializing. At its core, it is a **painting class** where the focus is on having fun and being creative. A typical **Sip and Paint Party** involves an instructor who guides guests through the step-by-step process of creating a masterpiece on canvas using acrylic paint. During a **Sip and Paint Party**, guests are provided with all the materials they need, including a canvas, palette, brushes, and acrylic paint.

The Nativity Ladies Guild is having a Sip and Paint Party for Members and their Friends on Friday, Sep. 13

The party will be from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The cost for materials is \$20 per artist. Participants should bring an apron and their beverage of choice

Please RSVP or for more information, please contact to Lisa Horner at 843-762-6307 or Sharon Dale at 843-795-6715 or at ashsharon1@aol.com

Please join us for this fun event.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We will be meeting the **18th of September from 1:00 – 2:30 pm in the Parish Life Center.**

Our October meeting will be Wednesday, October 9th.

For more information, please email
Debbie Kennedy at:

natprayershawl@gmail.com.



**The Nativity Ladies Guild is conducting a
Bake Sale to energize the start of
This Year's Parish School of Religion.**

10:00 am on Sunday, Sep. 8 in the Nativity School Hall.

Arrive early for a broader selection.

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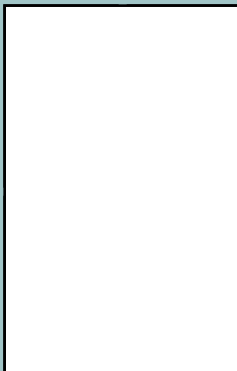
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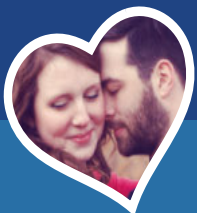



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