

It is not really YOUR STUFF!

This week we hear of the man who inquires of Jesus how to obtain eternal life. He rejects Jesus' invitation to sell his goods, give to the poor, and follow Jesus. Mark tells us this devastatingly sad line, "At this saying, his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions" (Mark 10:22). The man's heart wasn't centered on Jesus, but on his possessions. Perhaps Jesus intuited this. Now, we don't know if Jesus intended to actually make him go through with it, like God's call to test Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac. But sadly, in this case the willingness was not there to entrust everything to Jesus. And this made the man deeply sad.

For most of us, the literal dispossessing of our goods is not our call. But as Christians, a consistent renouncing of them is. This week, especially if you're noticing a persisting sadness, I invite you to hear Jesus calling you to acknowledge that none of your possessions are finally yours. They are God's and on loan to you. We get so addicted to that stuffy and sad word, "mine." At Mass, we rehearse this attitude of joyful detachment by giving bread, wine, and money to the Lord, as if to say, "Lord, all I have is yours." And what we get back is a sadness that defeats joy beyond all description: knowing that He is ours, and we are His.

What possessions are pre-occupying you at the moment? Write them down. Intentionally offer them to the Lord at the next Mass you attend.

...Father John Muir

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

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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 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 Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714 e-mail: admin@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

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! ...Today's Psalm PS 90

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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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@charlestondiocese.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!

Please support our Advertisers whose funding makes this bulletin possible. To advertise in our bulletin please contact Steve Conn (LPI) at (843) 819-7906.

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend October 19 & 20 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 & Marcia McNamee		
Altar Servers:	Rosalie Felix (CB), Liam Manning		
Eucharistic	Mary & Mike Bieda, Barbara		
Ministers:	Coddington, Carolyn Smith,		
	John Warren		
Lector:	Kathleen Janech		
Ushers:	Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,		
	Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins		

9:00 am Sunday Mass

Greeters:Mary Catherine Dubois, Grant FamilyAltar Servers:Mary Catherine Dubois, Grant FamilyAltar Servers:Abram & Teddy Delaney, Maisie LewisEucharisticKaren Cellars, Matthew Cellars,Ministers:Hal Perry, Pat Perry, Kirby PrestonLector:Andrew PrestonUshers:Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois,
Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Sunday Mass

Greeters:Susan La Via, Natalie ZanolliAltar Servers:Liam Hale (CB), Liam Manning,
Kenji TranEucharisticLynn Curry, Jackie Doscher, PamMinisters:Everitt, David Knab, Christine LewisLector:Sheila ElseyUshers:Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,
Sheila Griner, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings Sep 30 — Oct 6

The weekly offerings information was not available by the publishing deadline for this week's bulletin. The information will be provided in a future bulletin.

Second Collections for October:

October 20: World Missions

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

"God, Deliver me from sullen saints."

...Saint Teresa of Avila Oct. 15 is the feast of St. Teresa. She was a Carmelite nun, founded several convents and was a mystic writer. She died of natural causes in 1582 and her body remains incorrupt. DONATE NOW with myEoffering

Now available online at nativitycharleston.org



For immediate access, just scan this QR code with your smart phone ----->>

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.

For PFC. Sam Whitnack,

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

For Members of our Community who have recently lost loved ones.

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

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sa, Oct 12	5:30 pm	William Reed ₽
Su, Oct 13	9:00 am	Chris Fisherむ
	11:30 am	Thomas McDermott�
Mo, Oct 14	11:30 am	Sr. Carmelita☆
Tu, Oct 15	11:30 am	Stephen Reibold�
We, Oct 16	11:30 am	John Eckert ช
Th, Oct 17	9:30 am	People of Nativity
	11:30 am	Veronica Eckert≎
Fr, Oct 18	11:30 am	Funeral Mass
Sa, Oct 19	5:30 pm	Michael O'Connorむ
Su, Oct 20	9:00 am	Jean Gloria Sloan ช
	11:30 am	Mary McGovern Simmonds⊕

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!



Congratulations to our girls' volleyball team on another win. Way to Go, Knights!





We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

William 'Bill' Doherty,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Friday, October 11.



Altar Server Training Sunday Oct 13 at 10:00 am In the Church

The qualifications are simple.

- 1. You are interested in serving at Mass.
- 2. You are a 3rd grader (or older)
- 3. You have made your First Communion.

The opportunity to be an altar server is offered to Nativity School students, PSR Students and all catholic teens and adults.

Current servers who want to brush up on their serving skills are also invited to attend this training.

For more information, please contact Mary Smith at 843-793-3821 or at <u>dre@nativitycharleston.org</u>

Everyone interested in serving is encouraged to attend.

May he rest in peace.

Job Opening! Financial Secretary

The Church of the Nativity and the Nativity School is seeking a full-time Finance Secretary. This is a shared position that reports to the Parish Pastor and the school's Office Manager, and works closely with all parish and school staff, and the parish Finance Council. The Finance Secretary is responsible for supporting all aspects of parish and school finance, including but not limited to, accounts payable and receivable, reporting, processing, and budgeting. The Finance Secretary regularly interacts with diverse members of both communities. The Church of the Nativity and Nativity School staff work cooperatively, diligently, and enthusiastically to support all parishioners, families, and students in the mission of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested, please send a resume, cover letter and salary expectations to admin@nativitycharleston.org

For the full position description please visit: https://charlestondiocese.org/job/finance-secretary/

Please share this information with others who may be interested in this opportunity.

Ladies Guild Retreat

Saturday, October 26, 2024 9:00 am to 2:30 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

"What We Learn From Our Female Ancestors in Scripture"

Presented by Sister Donna Lareau, OLM. Bring your Bible Box Lunch included. RSVP BY TUESDAY OCTOBER 15th For more information or to sign up, please contact Jackie Doscher at jackiedoscher@gmail.com or text 843-276-5002

All Ladies of the Parish are Invited.

Theology on Tap For College Students And Young Adults

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

Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00 pm at

Tommy Condon's Irish Pub (Abbey Room)

Our Speaker for this event is Deacon Matt Story from Stella Morris Church.

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Christmas Wreath Sale: Price is \$25

A Holiday Tradition, these beautiful wreaths are made fresh in North Carolina

of Fraser Fir and are treated to last throughout the Christmas season.

Order them online at https://Knights-of-Columbus-James-Island-SC.square.site/product/christmas-wreath/48

Or scan this QR code with your smart phone

Pick up your wreaths at the Nativity parking lot on Sat. Dec. 7 between 9:00 am and 11:00 am.



For more information, please contact Joe Dubois at clocksmith@comcast.net

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



Daphne Joan Carlile,

daughter of Emily and Reuben Carlile was welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, October 6.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.



COUNCIL 6250 BABY BOTTLE FUND RAISER TO BENEFIT SAINT CLARE MATERNITY HOMES.

Here is how this works:

- 1. Pick up a Baby Bottle when you leave church this weekend.
- 2. Put money (cash, checks) into the bottle (or in an envelope)
 - \Rightarrow Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6250
 - ⇒Memo should say "St. Clare Homes"
- 3. Return the bottle (or envelope) when you come to church on Oct 27-28)

⇒You can also return the bottle/envelope/check/cash/other to the Parish Office

Preventing abortion is just not enough. St Clare's Home is a maternity home for expectant mothers who choose life and need shelter, safety and security. St. Clare's provides housing and educational care to expectant women and their children. During a stay of up to a year after birth, moms are educated on parenting skills, Catholic family planning and independent living skills. Women also have an opportunity duration

to further their education.

BONUS FEATURE: YOUR DONATION WILL BE MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR.

For more information, please contact Malcolm Brennan (843-906-5511 or mbprolife@gmail.com).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THESE MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN.



Paul Sizemore Home Parish: Our Lady of Peace Church, North Augusta Currently studying at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA



Deacon Michael Ghattas Home Parish: St. Andrew Church, Myrtle Beach Currently studying at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA



Michael Tracy Home Parish: Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Charleston Currently studying at Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA

Fund Raiser for Diocesan of Charleston Seminarians October 12 through November 10.

Currently the Knights of Columbus are helping to support 3 men who are studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Charleston. SC. Yes the diocese pays for the room, board and education while they are at the seminary. However, the diocese does not provide stipends for other expenses (e.g. transportation, communication, clothing, personal care, etc). These expenses are supported by donations from family, friends and concerned parish organizations.

Here is how this works:

- 1. You can donate Cash, Check or with a Credit card.
- 2. Put money (cash, checks) into an envelope and Write Seminarians on the envelope
 - \Rightarrow Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6250
 - \Rightarrow Memo should say Seminarians
- 3. Return the envelope to the Nativity Church or mail to the Nativity Parish Office on or before Nov 10

Or you can donate online: at <u>https://square.link/u/WlsgJsXd</u> Or scan the QR Code.

DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED TO A TOTAL OF \$5000.

For more information, please contact Mike Cellars (843-830-0528 or mikecellars56@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting these seminarians.





Fall 2024 Campaign: Sep. 25 through Nov. 3

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America.

Facts

The Center for Disease Control reported over 600,000 abortion procedures in the United States in 2021.
40 Days for Life played a role in saving over 23,000 lives since 2007.

Local 40 Days for Life Events

Now through Sun. Nov. 3: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm—Daily Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61).

Fri. Oct 18: 5:00 pm through Sat. Oct 19 4:30 pm—SC Life Conference in Columbia For more information or to register, please visit <u>https://sclifeconf.com</u>

Sat. Oct 19: 8:00 am to 9:00 am—Monthly Rosary and Prayers at Planned Parenthood Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61).

Sat. Nov 2: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm—Lowcountry Walk for Life at Wannamaker County Park

For more information, please contact Christine Lewis at 843-813-3937 or at lewischristined@att.net or visit https://www.lpcfriends.com/events

For more information regarding local 40 Days for Life Events, please visit : https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/charleston

A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have *life*—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity.

As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.



Nativity "Baby Everything" Drive

Throughout the month of October, The Nativity Ladies Guild and Respect Life Committee will be collecting items that a new mother needs in order to care for her new baby. **Donations of all New or Gently Used baby items are appropriate.** Preferred clothing and diaper sizes are for infants and toddlers 10 to 30 pounds.

Place your items in the containers at the church entrances when you come to weekend Mass or you can bring them with you to any Ladies Guild activity.

Your donations will assist clients of the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Charleston.

For more information, please contact Christine Lewis at lewischristined@att.net

Thank you for caring for these new mothers and their babies.



Some of the crowd who enjoyed the Ladies Guild Coffee and Donuts breakfast last Sunday



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