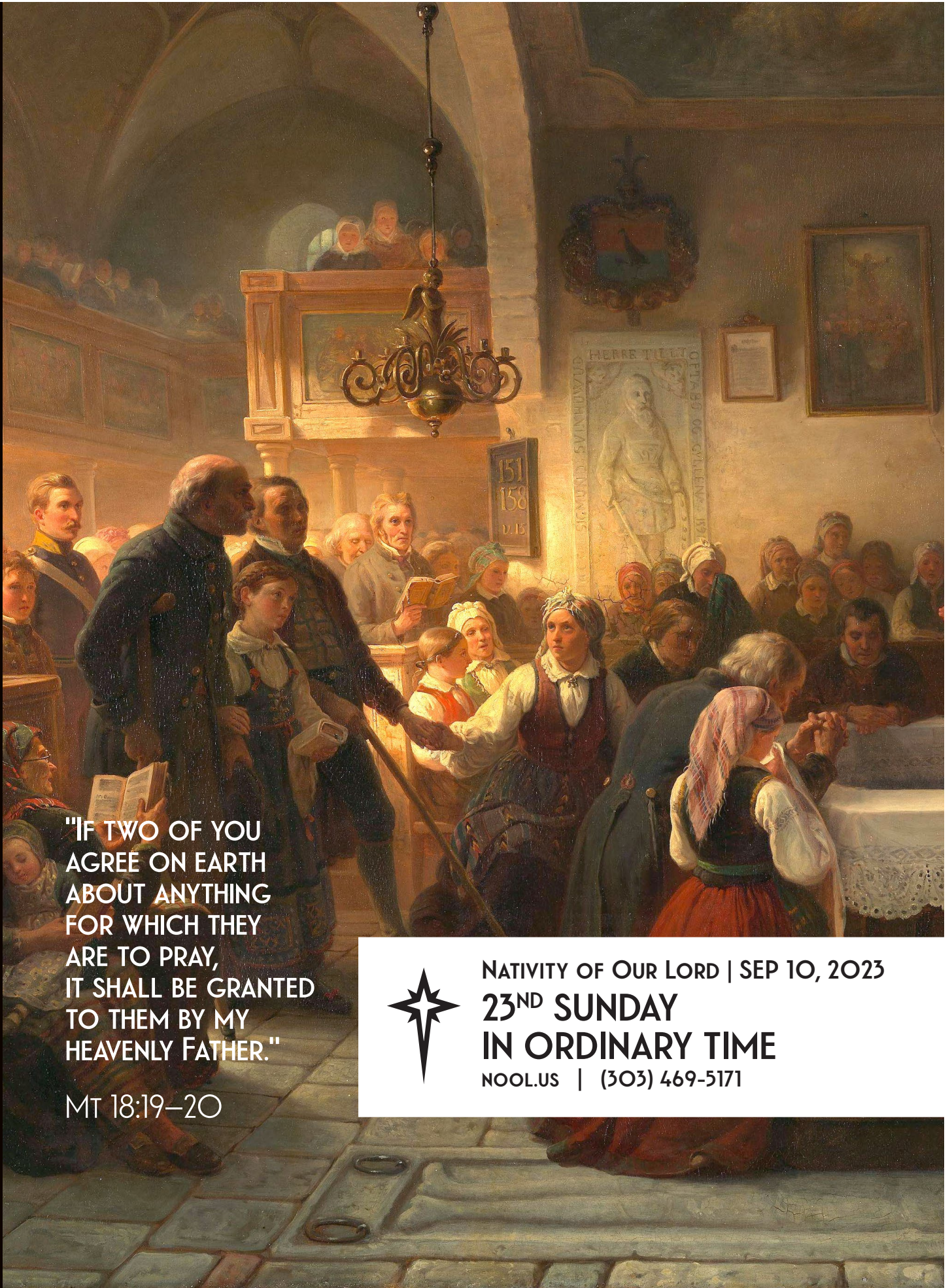


Bengt Nordenberg, *Celebrating Communion in a Swedish Parish Church*, oil on canvas, 1856, detail; National Museum of Art, Oslo, Norway; US PD



"IF TWO OF YOU  
AGREE ON EARTH  
ABOUT ANYTHING  
FOR WHICH THEY  
ARE TO PRAY,  
IT SHALL BE GRANTED  
TO THEM BY MY  
HEAVENLY FATHER."

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23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY  
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## MASS TIMES

### MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00 am  
9:30 am (livestreamed)  
School Mass: Wednesday, 8:15 am

### SATURDAY

9:30 am (livestreamed)

### VIGIL MASS

4:30 pm

### SUNDAY

7:30 am  
9:30 am (livestreamed)  
11:30 am  
5:00 pm

## CONFESSION

### THURSDAY

5:00-6:00 pm

### SATURDAY

8:00-9:30 am  
3:00-4:30 pm

### SUNDAY

30 min before Masses

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Joanne Farver at (303) 466-8859 or at [joannefarver@comcast.net](mailto:joannefarver@comcast.net).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:30 am † Marilyn Long  
by Donna Farrell  
4:30 pm † Wes Miller by Bette Dean

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 am † Jaqueline Battista  
by Battista Family  
9:30 am People of the Parish  
11:30 am † Betty Benson  
by Mary C. Baylie  
5:00 pm † Kathleen Jensen  
by Terry McMichael

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00 am † Marilyn Long  
by Frank Hillenbrand  
9:30 am Ron Long by Donna Farrell

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00 am † Marilyn Long  
9:30 am † Maria Hojčková  
by Hilda Fejka

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 am Taylor Castillo Birthday  
Blessings by Mom  
9:30 am † Anna Tien Nguyen  
by Thulan Tran

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:00 am Gloria Moreno & Pilar Solano  
by Solano Moreno Family  
9:30 am The Missionary Sisters of  
St. Charles Borromeo

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:00 am † Marilyn Long  
by Bev & Larry Grau  
9:30 am John Baptist & Jeremy Nguyen

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:30 am † Matthew Suppes  
by Suppes Family  
4:30 pm † Julie Szalawiga  
by her brother Alan Kobza

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:30 am † Jaqueline Battista  
by Merrilyn Sikora  
9:30 am People of the Parish  
11:30 am † Gertrude Begler  
by Jerald Begler  
5:00 pm † Kathleen Jensen  
by Women's Guild

**SACRISTY LAUNDRY**  
Cecilia Bruchez

**COLLECTION COUNTERS**  
Mon, Sep 11 | 10 am

Don Larson  
Victoria Villegas  
Cathy Suppes  
Deb Mittleman

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

IN THE CHURCH:

### THURSDAY

12:00-6:00 pm

SOLEMN HOLY HOUR:

5:00-6:00 pm with *Confession* and *Vespers*  
Benediction: 5:55 pm

IN THE CHAPEL:

OPEN FOR WALK-INS

### MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00 am-5:00 pm

We are working toward our goal of perpetual adoration, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please sign up at:

[www.nool.us](http://www.nool.us)



### SAVE THE DATE:

SUNDAY, OCT 1, 2023

11:30 MASS  
FATHER EMANUELE'S  
INSTALLATION AS  
NATIVITY'S PASTOR  
BY ARCHBISHOP  
AQUILA

There will be an informal  
reception after Mass.

PRAY THE

## ROSARY

WITH US

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Christ is the supreme Teacher, the revealer and the one revealed. It is not just a question of learning what he taught but of "learning Him." In this regard could we have any better teacher than Mary? From the divine standpoint, the Spirit is the interior teacher who leads us to the full truth of Christ (cf. *Jn* 14:26; 15:26; 16:13). But among creatures no one knows Christ better than Mary; no one can introduce us to a profound knowledge of his mystery better than his Mother.

— St. John Paul II  
*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*



# CAN WE EXIST WITHOUT THE LORD'S DAY?



interrogation was preserved. The proconsul said to the priest Saturninus: “*By gathering all these together here you have acted against the orders of the emperors and the Caesars.*” The Christian writer adds at this point that the priest’s response was inspired by the Holy Spirit. The priest replied: “*Unconcerned about that, we have been celebrating what is the Lord’s (dominicus).*” “What is the Lord’s” – that is how I translate the Latin dominicus. It’s complex meaning can hardly be translated into English. It denotes the Lord’s Day, but at the same time it refers to the content of this day, to the sacrament of the Lord, to his Resurrection and his presence in the Eucharist, His ongoing presence in history. Let us return to the transcript. The proconsul insists on knowing why. The superb response of the priest is as follows: “*We have done this because that which is the Lord’s cannot cease.*”

Emeritus, the owner of the house where the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist took place, was also interrogated. “*You had to forbid them entry,*” the proconsul said to him. “*I couldn’t,*” answered Emeritus: “*Quoniam sine dominico non possumus – for without the Day of the Lord, the mystery of the Lord, we cannot exist.*”

Over the past few months, I have been pondering what I sometimes hear in the confessional when someone says that they skipped their Sunday (Holy Day) obligation to attend Mass. Often, they feel like it is a heavy obligation that the Church imposes. If they don’t follow the rule, it is a grave sin, and they are not permitted to receive Holy Communion until they go to confession. This legalistic vision of Sunday Mass attendance always leaves me feeling sad. I always say to myself: “If people only knew what is really taking place during the celebration of the Eucharist, they would never think of going to Mass as an obligation but as a great gift.”

Recently, I read a very interesting statement in a book of reflections by Benedict XVI: “**We learn what a man thinks, who he is, from that for which he has time.**” He was describing how in the western world we have gradually lost the meaning and important observance of the Lord’s Day. Instead of having time for God and fellowship with the Christian community, many people nowadays have made the Lord’s Day a time for sports and recreation, for shopping, for outings and tourism, for work and getting ready for the upcoming week. Do not get me wrong, all these things are good in and of themselves and we must take care of the needs of our families, but without giving space for the memory of God and the celebration of the Eucharist, we can easily make false idols of these things and lose the greater horizon which holds everything together.

**Why would God command us to keep holy the Sabbath Day?** Why would He ask us to have a day of the week dedicated to the memory of His saving work in history? A day different from the other six days?

In this reflection, I want to invite us to consider the place of the Lord’s Day in our lives. I will share a story from the early Church, as well as a summary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) that invites us to keep holy the Lord’s Day, and some personal experiences, in the hope that they will help to rediscover this great gift of God.

**Experience of the Lord’s Day in the early Church.** It was the year 304, during the Diocletian persecution in North Africa, when Roman officials surprised a group of fifty Christians celebrating Sunday Eucharist to take them into custody. The transcript of the

“**Without the day of the Lord we cannot exist.**” What an amazing self-awareness! For the early Christians the Lord’s Day and the celebration of the Eucharist were the sustaining foundation of one’s very existence. It was the life-giving personal encounter with the Risen Lord. For them, the Lord’s Day was so important that it appeared senseless to them to pursue survival and apparent peace by renouncing the Sunday Mass, which was the foundation of their lives. For them it was a case not of choosing between one law and another, but of choosing between the meaning that sustains life and a meaningless life.

**A day to enter the rest of the Lord.** The discussion of the Lord’s Day in the Catechism of the Catholic Church is very rich. I can only share with you some key points here: rest, memory, and the Eucharist. The Catechism begins its teaching on the Christian sabbath with recalling God’s invitation: “*Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy*” (2168). Every Sunday we are invited to celebrate the great mystery of God’s creation, that God created the whole world and rested on the seventh day. Today, each of us, each family, is invited to *enter into the rest of the Lord* on Sundays. The Church also invites us to live this as a day of memory. It is a day to remember God’s incredible action in salvation history when He liberated his People from the slavery in Egypt and led them to freedom through the parting of the Red Sea to the Promised land (2170).

By the second century the Christian celebration of Sunday took the place of the Jewish Sabbath. The first Christians celebrated Jesus’ resurrection from the dead “on the first day of the week.” They understood this first day to also be the “eighth day,” the first day after the sabbath, which symbolized for them the new creation ushered in by Christ’s resurrection (2174). The Church desires to invite us to participate in the definitive liberation over death and sin on the Lord’s Day through the celebration of the Mass.

The Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of the Church’s life (2177). In the Sunday Eucharist we are invited to celebrate with our parish community the paschal mystery of Christ. This is the mystery which holds the rest of our lives



together, which orders our work, our loves, our joys, and our sufferings.

**How to live the Lord's Day?** The Church invites us to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God (2185). It is a day to practice Christian charity through service to the sick, poor, and the elderly (2186). It is a time for reflection, silence, and meditation (2186). With this in mind, we can see how the Sunday obligation is a gift, an invitation to put our lives in the right order so that we might truly live and be happy. The celebration of the Sunday Mass with family and friends at the local parish should be the heart of Lord's Day.

**I invite you to consider how you and your families might enter more into the mind and heart and rest of God on Sundays.** How can we experience that it is a day set apart? I have fond childhood memories of my oldest sister making nice spaghetti dinners and sitting down together as family every Sunday night. It was a day for visiting my grandparents after Mass. A day for a walk, reading, or a drive in the country. It was a day when we were not running here and there. Can it be a day with less time on the computer or phone? For the family to do something together? Can you visit a lonely friend or relative? Can you make more space for God by meditating on the readings together before Mass? Let us ask God how he desires for each of us and our families to remember Him, so that, like our forefathers, "that which is the Lord's" may continue to radiate through our small Christian community and give life to all of those around us.

Fr. John Roderick



**ADULT CONFIRMATION**  
CLASS BEGINS THIS WEEK  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 6:30-7:30 PM**  
Registration is open.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 am | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle  
8:50 am | Pro Life Rosary  
10:00 am | Grieving with Great Hope  
10:15 am | Altar Server Training

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 am | GS-High School Youth Pilgrimage  
8:30 am | Communion & Liberation (CL)  
11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary  
11:00 am | RCIA  
6:15 pm | Catholic Young Adults Group (Fr. John Roderick)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

1:00 pm | CGS Level 1 & 2  
4:00 pm | CGS Level 2  
6:30 pm | Catechetical School Class  
6:30 pm | New Springtime Charismatic Prayer Group  
6:30 pm | Spanish Prayer Group

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:00 am | CGS Level 1  
1:00 pm | Adult Tuesday Bible Study: *Footprints of God*  
4:00 pm | Children's Choir  
4:00 pm | CGS Level 1  
6:00 pm | RE, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders  
6:30 pm | Adult Catechism Study  
6:30 pm | Venturers of the Star

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

12:00 pm | Nativity Widows Gathering  
12:30 pm | Adult Bible Study: *Eucharist, Discovering Mass in the Bible*  
4:00 pm | RE, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders  
6:00 pm | Boy Scouts Troop 766  
6:00 pm | Stephen Ministry Training  
6:30 pm | Healing from Divorce  
7:30 pm | CLU (Communion & Liberation University Students)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:00 pm | Eucharistic Adoration begins in the Church  
12:30 pm | Nativity Staff Communion & Liberation (CL)  
4:30 pm | CGS Special Needs  
6:00 | Stephen Ministry Training  
6:00 pm | Adult Bible Study: *Eucharist, Discovering Mass in the Bible*  
6:30 pm | Adult Confirmation Class

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00 am | ENDOW  
6:00 pm | American Heritage Girls

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00 am | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle  
8:15 am | Communion & Liberation (CL)  
8:50 am | Pro Life Rosary  
10:00 am | Grieving with Great Hope  
5:00 pm | Communion & Liberation (CL)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 am | Communion & Liberation (CL)  
11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary  
11:00 am | RCIA  
6:00 pm | GS/High School Youth  
6:15 pm | Catholic Young Adults Group

## DAILY READINGS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

*Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest*  
Reading 1: Col 1:21-23  
Psalm: 54:3-4, 6 and 8  
Gospel: Lk 6:1-5

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Reading 1: Ez 33:7-9  
Psalm: 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
Reading 2: Rom 13:8-10  
Gospel: Mt 18:15-20

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Reading 1: Col 1:24-2:3  
Psalm: 62:6-7, 9  
Gospel: Lk 6:6-11

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Reading 1: Col 2:6-15  
Psalm: 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11  
Gospel: Lk 6:12-19

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

*Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Reading 1: Col 3:1-11  
Psalm: 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab  
Gospel: Lk 6:20-26

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

*Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
Reading 1: Nm 21:4b-9  
Psalm: 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38  
Reading 2: Phil 2:6-11  
Gospel: Jn 3:13-17

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

*Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows*  
Reading 1: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14  
Psalm: 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11  
Gospel: Jn 19:25-27

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

*Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*  
Reading 1: 1 Tm 1:15-17  
Psalm: 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7  
Gospel: Lk 6:43-49

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## PARISH CENSUS

Dear Parishioners,

In order for Nativity to best serve its parishioners, it is important to maintain accurate parishioner information in its database. Therefore, in the next few weeks we will be sending out communications requesting you to update your contact information. Please understand that your information is secure and will only be used to maintain sacrament records and for parish communications. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Suzanne Sloan** at [s.sloan@nool.us](mailto:s.sloan@nool.us).

# FAITH FORMATION 2023–2024

FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS



## CGS (CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD)

LEVEL I: 3–6 YRS  
LEVEL II: 6–9 YRS  
SPECIAL NEEDS: 5–10 YRS

### MONDAYS

1–3 PM | LEVELS I + II  
4–5:30 PM | LEVEL II

### TUESDAYS

10–11:30 AM | LEVEL I  
4–5:30 PM | LEVEL I

### THURSDAYS

4:30–5:30 | SPECIAL NEEDS

**STARTING: 9/11/2023**

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

CONTACT: Diane Irby  
[d.irby@nool.us](mailto:d.irby@nool.us), 303-731-0425

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1<sup>ST</sup>–5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

TUESDAYS | 6–7:30 PM  
WEDNESDAYS | 4–5:30 PM  
**IN SESSION NOW**

CONTACT: Faith Alive  
303-731-0425

[www.nool.us/religious-education#](http://www.nool.us/religious-education#)

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If your children have received First Communion, they are eligible to be Altar Servers.

CONTACT: Luke Hellwig  
[lwHellwig@gmail.com](mailto:lwHellwig@gmail.com)

[www.nool.us/altar-serving](http://www.nool.us/altar-serving)

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

2<sup>ND</sup>–6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

TUESDAYS | 4–5 PM  
**IN SESSION NOW**

Following the liturgical year in singing

CONTACT: Sr. Mariagrazia  
[sisters@nool.us](mailto:sisters@nool.us)

## VENTURERS OF THE STAR

6<sup>TH</sup>–8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

TUESDAYS | 6:30–8 PM  
**IN SESSION NOW**

CONTACT: Fr. Accu  
[a.ciaccio@nool.us](mailto:a.ciaccio@nool.us)  
[www.nool.us/middle-school](http://www.nool.us/middle-school)

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH/GS

9<sup>TH</sup>–12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

SUNDAYS | 6–9 PM  
**IN SESSION NOW**

CONTACT: Fr. Emanuele  
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[www.nool.us/high-school](http://www.nool.us/high-school)

## CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

FOR YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE GRADUATES

*"Dear young people, do not be satisfied with anything less than Truth and Love"*  
–Pope Benedict XVI

SUNDAYS | 6:15 PM  
**IN SESSION NOW**

This group is a proposal to help live and grow in the Catholic faith through friendship, charity, sports, and cultural discussions.

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## FAMILIES OF JP2

**IN SESSION NOW**

A ministry to accompany couples on their marriage journey

CONTACT: Beverly Ketchel  
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303-731-0425

[www.nool.us/families-of-jpii](http://www.nool.us/families-of-jpii)

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

2023 CLASS DATES:

THU, SEP 14, 2023 | 6:30 PM  
THU, SEP 28, 2023 | 6:30 PM  
THU, OCT 5, 2023 | 6:30 PM  
THU, OCT 26, 2023 | 6:30 PM

CONTACT: Beverly Ketchel  
[b.ketchel@nool.us](mailto:b.ketchel@nool.us)  
303-731-0425  
[www.nool.us/adult-confirmation](http://www.nool.us/adult-confirmation)

## RCIA & RCIC

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303-731-0425  
[www.nool.us/becoming-catholic](http://www.nool.us/becoming-catholic)

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## RESTORED ORDER, 2024

(Confirmation & First Communion)

CLASS DATES:

FEBRUARY 8, 2024, 6:15 PM  
FEBRUARY 22, 2024, 6:15 PM  
MARCH 14, 2024, 6:15 PM  
APRIL 11, 2024, 6:15 PM

Registration opens January 8, 2024.

CONTACT: Diane Irby  
[d.irby@nool.us](mailto:d.irby@nool.us), 303-731-0425  
[www.nool.us/restored-order](http://www.nool.us/restored-order)

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# CHRIST AS THE REASON FOR OUR BELONGING TO EACH OTHER



“Let us begin to judge. This is the beginning of liberation.”

With this theme, we embarked on the Family Summer Vacation of Communion and Liberation in Estes Park this summer. In a world where we often live so distracted and busy that it can be hard to even remember what we’ve been doing, these Vacations propose three days to try to live every moment intensely and really look at what is happening in front of us. And in so doing, to recognize Who we meet in those events.

Our weekend consisted of morning prayer, daily mass, witnesses, learning about Socrates, games, a hike, a bonfire, a beautiful dinner put on by our own community, and lots and lots of singing. It was time to be together and affirm Christ as the reason for our belonging to each other, but also time to live fully engaged in each activity that we did. One of those moments that has really stuck with me was the witness of one of our friends. He is now a professor of humanities in a university. While working on his post-doc, he was unexpectedly asked to visit a man on death row. That unplanned encounter changed his life. From his repeated visits to the prison, a new desire arose in him to dedicate his life to restorative justice. But this was completely different from his career as a professor of humanities. While remaining true to his reality of needing a job and searching for a job in his field, he ended up being offered a part-time job with a

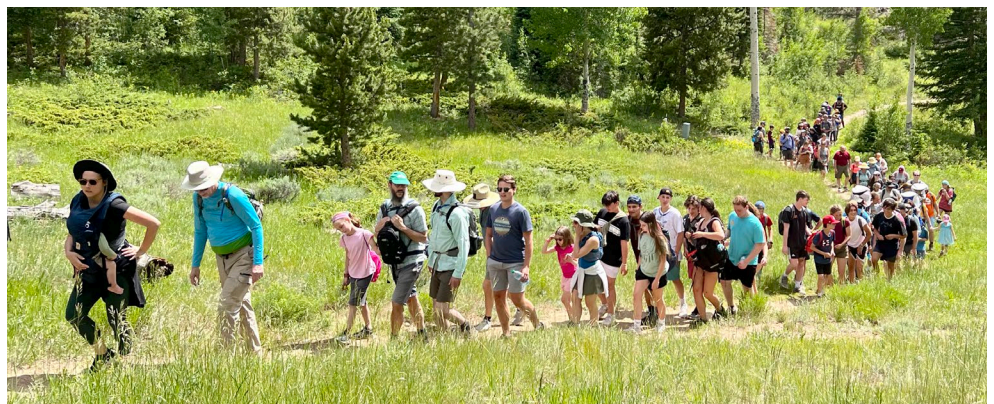
non-profit to study prison reform and got a full time humanities professor role. He shared with us how by knowing his passion, while at the same time not denying reality, God worked it out in a completely unexpected way. **As someone who tends to cling to my own plans for life, this was a very striking witness of what it means to truly depend.**

My other favorite moments were singing together. Be it at the bonfire, huddled together under a covering to avoid the rain, or in our meeting room, we enjoyed singing a variety of songs together. For me, there’s no better expression of our communion with one another than that!

**Spending a few days together in a beautiful place, engaged in activities together, we truly lived our companionship and were reminded of the One who brings us together and cares for us.**

Plans are already underway for 2024. All are welcome. Come and see! ■

Yvonne Fernandez







## COMMUNION & LIBERATION 2023-24 BEGINNING DAY

SEPTEMBER 17 | 12-4:30 PM

LOCATION: TBD

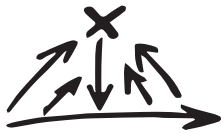
Communion and Liberation, in its essence, is a proposal for education in the Catholic faith. It is an education that doesn't end at a certain age, but lasts a lifetime because it is always being renewed and deepened. The same is true of the Gospel, which reveals new discoveries even after we've heard it a thousand times. The same is true in the experience of love, of artistic creativity, and even in the simplicity of everyday life. The search for what is true, beautiful, and good, and for happiness is never-ending. This is Christianity: the adventure of life, not a kind of training for life.

If you wish to attend, please contact Lucas Fernandez at [lfernandez@humanadventurecorp.org](mailto:lfernandez@humanadventurecorp.org)

Featured photo: Fr. Luigi Giussani, during his years at Berchet High School, Italy



COMMUNION & LIBERATION



## NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO WOMEN'S GUILD AT NATIVITY

MONDAY, SEP 11, 2023 | 10:30 AM

Join us on September 11 for the French Potluck! All ladies, especially those new to the parish, are encouraged to attend. Come, find out what we're all about, and what we have planned for the work year. Questions? Call Nicki Battista at 303-469-0670.



Henri Matisse, *Icarus*, illustration, 1943-1944, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, UK, © Henri Matisse, Fair Use

## NATIVITY STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Being a good steward requires being in relationship with God. We believe at the foundation of this relationship is our commitment to prayer. It is our way of saying "yes" to the life Jesus offers us. For this reason, we begin with Stewardship of Prayer and Faith.

This weekend you received a Prayer & Faith Handbook to help you prepare to pledge next weekend and to use as a guide throughout the year when you participate in our community. The handbook includes common prayers including Latin translations, examinations of conscience, and introductions to forms

## CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

FOR YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE GRADUATES

SUNDAYS | 6:15 PM

*"Dear young people, do not be satisfied with anything less than Truth and Love; do not be content with anything less than Christ."*

—Pope Benedict XVI

Fr. John Roderick invites all recent college graduates and young adults to a Catholic Young Adults Group which regularly meets after the 5 pm Mass on Sunday in the parish. This group is a proposal to help live and grow in the Catholic faith through friendship, charity, sports, and cultural discussions.

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of prayer to grow your relationship with the Lord. I hope you find it as helpful as I have this past year.

When you are considering your pledge of prayer and faith for next week, may I encourage you to consider adding something to your usual routine. Do it and pay attention to see how God gives you more. And remember, if you forget or miss for a while, start again. Relationships are work. It's all about being with God.



STEWARDSHIP  
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

## WOMEN'S GUILD CRAFT FAIR: NOVEMBER 11-12

Handcrafted items are needed. Please consider donating your wares. They can be dropped off at the front desk.

If you are interested in having a booth at the Craft Fair, please contact Merrilyn at [merrilyn.sikora@gmail.com](mailto:merrilyn.sikora@gmail.com).

## NORTH METRO CATHOLIC SINGLES AT NATIVITY

WED, SEP 20, 2023 | 11:00 AM

ST. THOMAS MORE ROOM

Join us for a potluck brunch and make new friends! All are welcome!

QUESTIONS?

Contact Sue Klemoff: 720-836-0699

# NATIVITY WIDOWS GETTING TOGETHER

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, NOON

We will meet on Wednesday, September 13 at noon in the St. Thomas More Room.

Please check in at the front desk for a badge!

During the meeting, we will choose a restaurant for our November gathering. If you have any questions, please call Mary Baylie at 303-466-1125.



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# FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

*We have two lives—one for seeking the truth and the other for putting it into practice.*

Quoting Frederic Ozanam (1813-1853) in a letter he wrote to his friend Charles Hommais in 1852

On September 9, we celebrate the feast day of Blessed Frederic Ozanam. With six young companions, Frederic helped to put “into practice” reaching out to the poor by founding the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in France on April 23, 1833. One of his first acts was to supply wood to a widow whose husband had succumbed to cholera. In post-revolutionary France, Frederic and his companions wanted to show how Christianity and faith were not mere words, but beliefs that inspired concrete actions. Sister Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity, was key in mentoring Frederic and members of the society on how to reach out to the poor in their visits in Paris. She emphasized kindness and love being as important as the food, clothing or service rendered.

Frederic was a layman and a scholar. He had doctorates in both law and literature, and lectured at the Sorbonne in Paris. He was also a devoted husband and father. He valued friendship and fellowship in his outreach to the poor. Frederic died young at the age of 40. He had a goal “to become better and do a little good.” Frederic's legacy to do a “little good” lives on. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is located in over 150 countries, with over 800,000 members.

During this week, we also wish to lift up prayers as we remember all those who lost their lives on 9/11 in 2001. We particularly salute the brave men and women who gave their lives while trying to save others.

For more information on our local Nativity of Our Lord St. Vincent de Paul chapter, see our Flocknote Service at NOOL. [FLOCKNOTE.COM/SVDP](http://FLOCKNOTE.COM/SVDP) for meeting times and updates.



The Knights of Columbus will be handing out Tootsie Rolls after all masses Sept 16th-17th and accepting donations for Special Olympics and other organizations dedicated to assisting people with Intellectual Disabilities.

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Bookstore hours:  
Monday-Friday | 8 am - 8 pm  
Saturday | 9 am - 2 pm

## GALA: CALL FOR AUCTION ITEMS

The Gala is our largest fundraising event. The funds are used for important school improvement projects. Last year's Gala funds were used for important updates, including: building security upgrades, giving teachers raises, and adding additional classes. There is a gap between tuition costs and actual expenses, so our fundraising is essential to our operations. Funds for the Gala are largely raised by the live and silent auction. A committee of parent volunteers gather the auction items and put on the entire event. We rely on generous donors to give us items and services to auction off. This is also a great way for small businesses to get exposure. We need help getting items for the auction!

Dear Parishioners, do you have anything you would like to give for the auction? Examples: any services such as orthodontist giving a pair of braces, weekend stay in a condo, trips, tickets, experiences...



Contact auction coordinator and Nativity parent **Karine Rastatter**, [karine.rastatter@gmail.com](mailto:karine.rastatter@gmail.com).

Thank you!

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"Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth."



# ST. JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP

On the week of September 11, 2023, the St. Joseph Men's group starts this year's program **Worthy of the Call**. Come, join other men for a life changing program that will help you be a better Catholic husband and father. We will have two opportunities to attend:

**MONDAY EVENINGS | 7:30-9 PM AT THE FRASSATI HOUSE**

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS | 5:45-7 AM IN CABRINI HALL**

For questions, email us at [Catholicmensgroup@Nool.us](mailto:Catholicmensgroup@Nool.us).

To Register for Worthy of The Call, use QR code.



## HOPE CORNER: A MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

September is National Suicide Prevention month. Suicide is a national health problem and currently ranks as the second leading cause of death for ages 10-44. Suicide is also one of the most preventable types of death in our nation. Rates of suicide in the United States have risen and suicide continues to be a leading cause of death worldwide. In 2021 alone, 48,183 lives were lost to suicide (CDC Suicide Data and Statistics, 2023). Please consider making a difference by obtaining information, participating in a suicide prevention walk, reading stories or videos of survivors, learning the facts and screening questions and advocating for suicide prevention. Visit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at <https://afsp.org> for details. If you or someone you love has a mental health condition, the following resources are available:

**National Mental Health Hotline:** Call 24/7 to 988 or Text the word "TALK" to 38255. **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** Call 24/7 to 1-800-273-8255 or [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat). **Mental Health America:** Free prevention strategies. <https://www.mhanational.org>. **Safe2 Tell:** For students, parents and community members: 1-877-542-7233. **Interfaith Network on Mental Illness (INMI):** Offers education and consultation for ways to understand the importance of spirituality in recovery from mental health conditions: [www.inmi.us](http://www.inmi.us). **Hope Coalition-Suicide Prevention:** [www.hopcoalitionboulder.org](http://www.hopcoalitionboulder.org). **PsychHub:** <https://psychhub.com>. The Hope Corner is a mental health ministry committed to instilling hope and reducing stigma.

Please contact The Hope Corner with any questions or comments by contacting **Becky Kusick, MA, LPC** at, [hopecornerministry@gmail.com](mailto:hopecornerministry@gmail.com) or 303-907-6499.



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