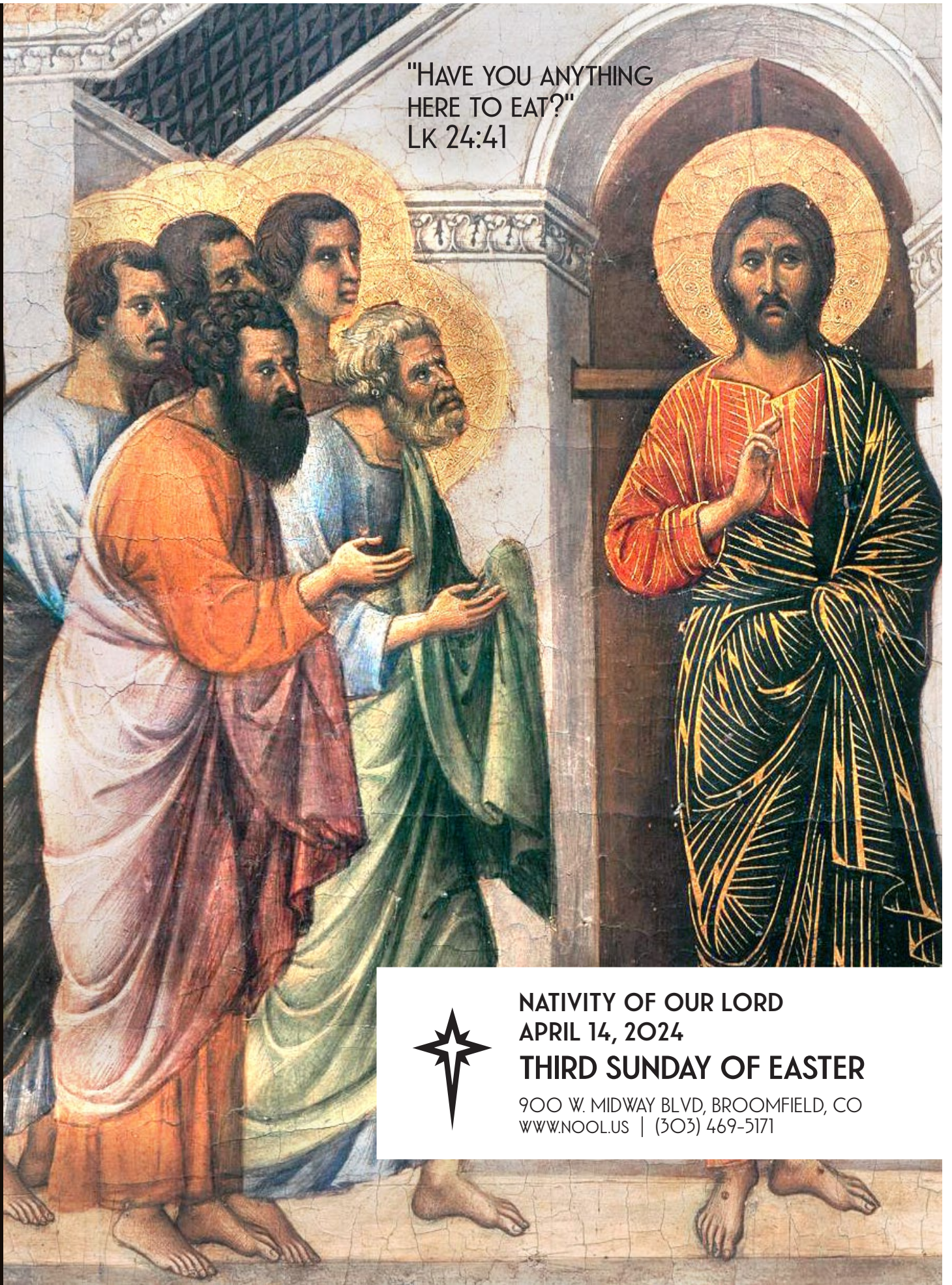


Duccio di Buoninsegna, *Christ Appears to the Apostles Behind Closed Doors*, tempera on panel, 1308-11, detail, Museo del Duomo, Siena, Italy; US PD

"HAVE YOU ANYTHING
HERE TO EAT?"
LK 24:41



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
APRIL 14, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MASS TIMES

MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00 am
9:30 am (livestreamed)
School Mass: Wednesdays, 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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8 am-5 pm

FRONT DESK:

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8 am-8 pm

SATURDAY: 8 am-3:30 pm

SACRISTY LAUNDRY

Catherine Weller

COLLECTION COUNTERS Mon, April 15 | 3:45 pm

Victoria Villegas
Tom Greene
Thomas Lambert
Denise Fritz

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:

FOR SCHEDULED ADORERS,
SEE AVAILABLE HOURS AND SIGN UP AT

www.nool.us/adoration

OR SCAN QR CODE

OPEN FOR WALK-INS

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00 am-5:00 pm



VISITING THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Do you know or do you have someone in your family who is sick or homebound, cannot attend Sunday Mass regularly, and desires to receive sacraments of penance and Eucharist? Please do not hesitate to contact Nativity to schedule a visit with a priest or Eucharistic minister at (303) 469-5171 Ext 101.

GOING TO THE HOSPITAL

If you are going to the hospital and need a visit from a priest or deacon, please call the front desk at (303) 469-5171.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

SATURDAY

8:50 am | Pro-Life Rosary

SUNDAY

11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary



FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN PAUL II GATHERING

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

1:00-4:00 PM

Families of John Paul II invite all couples to join us for our half-day gathering. We will share a meal, music and teaching from Cardinal Stafford who will speak about families.

RSVP to Beverly Ketchel,
b.ketchel@nool.us
by Wednesday, April 17.

www.nool.us/families-of-jpii

FAMILIES OF ST. JOHN PAUL II is a ministry to accompany couples on their marriage journey, offering support and guidance on marriage and family in the setting of a local community that fosters friendship. Once a year, small groups share a few days of vacation, accompanied by the sisters and/or one of the Nativity priests.



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THE NIGHT OF EASTER

By Msgr. Massimo Camisasca, FSCB

Photo: A moment from the Easter Vigil liturgy in the House of Formation of the Fraternity of St. Charles

The liturgy of the night of Easter is the most ancient in the Church: **born in the synagogue**, it then slowly developed until it took on, in the VII century, its current form. **We can live it according to its two registers: word and sign.** If we listen to the texts that are proclaimed or prayer, a pedagogy of words helps us to enter into the **unity of the history of salvation and therefore of our own personal history.** But the Church also educates us through a “pedagogy of signs.”

At the beginning of the celebration, we find the church engulfed in darkness: an invitation to remember our condition as sinners. **Only God can tear us from the darkness.** At the beginning of the world, He created the light. It was the dawn, the prophecy of a full light that would unfold on the morning of the Resurrection. To light the candles, which will illuminate, as they spread, the entire world, a new fire is lit. One single flame is spread to the candles of the faithful and, in the end, it fills the Temple with all of its warmth. The light of Christ needs to be participated in to be truly received, enjoyed and loved.

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him (Rm 6:8-9). And so why in so many moments of our life does it seem to us like everything is falling into darkness,

into difficulty, into delusion?

Faith is a journey, an itinerary that must continually pass through and overcome the experience of incredulity. When the women, who are the first to go to the tomb, run to the apostles to tell them the words of the angel, they find that they do not believe. And yet they had heard the prophecy of the resurrection in the words of Christ Himself. When Peter and John run in turn to the tomb and see what the women had seen before them, they finally begin to believe. *For as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead (Jn 20:9).*

Every day, we are called to **rediscover the signs of the resurrection of Jesus that works generating in men faith, hope, and charity.** Wherever these virtues come to maturation, which is the work of God and God alone, the person is saved from the corruption of death. A path of communion with God and with their fellow man begins, a path of peace and joy that is the anticipated beginning of the future life.

The Resurrection of Jesus is not an illusion; its historical truthfulness is documented by the men and by the women who live of Him and for Him.

The light of Easter is magnificently expressed in the Pasqual Preconium, the Exultet. [...] It is a text that should be meditated upon at length, such is its density and poetry. “I would renounce all of my music - Mozart is said to have said - to have just composed the *Exultet*.”

“Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven. [...] Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, [...] let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples”: the love of God defeated death, the light of Christ has won over the darkness and His Resurrection gives us new life, which does not pass and does not end.

“This is the night of which it is written: The night shall be as bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness.” These are the same words as Psalm 139: *Even the darkness is not dark to thee, the night is bright as the day; for darkness is as light with thee (Psalm 139:12).*



These words proclaim what happens in our life if we follow the light of the risen Christ. Our crimes are canceled out, our sins washed in the blood of the Lamb, to us who have fallen into sin is given back a pure soul, just like it was when it came from the hand of God. The Resurrection of Christ sweeps away the hates that separate men and that generate division and war in the world, give peace of communion and breaks the hardness of the powerful: “O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human!”

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 am | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle
8:15 am | School of Community (CL)*
8:50 am | Pro-Life Rosary
10:15 am | Altar Server Training

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:30 am | School of Community (CL)*
10:30 am | JP2 Families Secretary Meeting
11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary
6:00 pm | GS/High School Youth Group
6:15 pm | Catholic Young Adults

MONDAY, APRIL 15

10:00 am | School of Community (CL)*
10:30 am | Women's Guild Gathering
11:00 am | ENDOW
1:00 pm | CGS Level 1 & 2
4:00 pm | CGS Level 2
6:30 pm | Catechetical School Class
6:30 pm | Spanish Prayer Group
7:30 pm | St. Joseph Men's Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

10:00 am | CGS Level 1
1:00 pm | Adult Bible Study: *The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth*
1:00 pm | Day Rosary Makers
4:00 pm | CGS Level 1 Session 2
4:00 pm | Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm | RE Grades 1-5
6:30 pm | Adult Catechism Study
6:30 pm | Venturers of the Star (Middle School Youth Group)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

5:30 am | St. Joseph Men's Group
8:15 am | ENDOW
11:30 am | North Metro Catholic Singles
12:30 pm | *Adult Bible Study—The Gospel of Mark: Faith Not Fear*
4:00 pm | RE Grades 1-5
6:00 pm | Boy Scouts Troop 766
6:30 pm | Healing from Divorce Workshop
7:30 pm | University Students (CLU)*
School of Community

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

12:00 pm | Eucharistic Adoration begins in the church
12:30 pm | Staff School of Community (CL)*
4:30 pm | CGS Special Needs
5:00 pm | Holy Hour and Confession
6:00 pm | Evening Rosary Makers
6:00 pm | Music Ministry Rehearsal
6:00 pm | Sacrament Preparation with Deacon Haun
6:30 pm | *Adult Bible Study—The Gospel of Mark: Faith Not Fear*
7:00 pm | Baptism Class
7:00 pm | Friends in All Times (FIAT) Sandwich Making
7:30 pm | School of Community (CL)*

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 am | Men of Emmaus
7:30 am | Men's Group w/ Antony Pougnet
9:00 am | ENDOW
10:00 am | School of Community (CL)*
6:00 pm | American Heritage Girls

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 am | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle
8:15 am | School of Community (CL)*
8:50 am | Pro-Life Rosary
5:00 pm | (CL)*Fraternity Gathering

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:30 am | School of Community (CL)*
11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary
1:00 pm | JP2 Families Half-Day Gathering
6:00 pm | GS/High School Youth Group
6:15 pm | Catholic Young Adults

*(CL, CLU) Communion & Liberation

DAILY READINGS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Reading 1: Acts 6:1-7
Psalm: 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
Gospel: Jn 6:16-21

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Reading 1: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalm: 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
Reading 2: 1 Jn 2:1-5a
Gospel: Lk 24:35-48

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Reading 1: Acts 6:8-15
Psalm: 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
Gospel: Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Reading 1: Acts 7:51-8:1a
Psalm: 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab
Gospel: Jn 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Reading 1: Acts 8:1b-8
Psalm: 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a
Gospel: Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Reading 1: Acts 8:26-40
Psalm: 66:8-9, 16-17, 20
Gospel: Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Reading 1: Acts 9:1-20
Psalm: 117:1bc, 2
Gospel: Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Reading 1: Acts 9:31-42
Psalm: 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Gospel: Jn 6:60-69

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

9:30 am † Nicholas Thomm by Crawford Family
4:30 pm Edna Portillo by Melinda Tewskbury & Diane Blanchard

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

7:30 am † Richard Backes by Virginia Shatto
9:30 am People of the Parish
11:30 am † Richard Backes by Joe & Carol Dankey
5:00 pm † Joseph Perry by Mom & Dad

MONDAY, APRIL 15

7:00 am † Robert Reed by Gary & Sally Thomas
9:30 am Martin 30th Birthday by Mom & Dad

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

7:00 am Cassie Ferrey by Jane Gardner
9:30 am † Robert Dankey by Joe & Carol Dankey

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

7:00 am † Don Larson by Tom and Lysa Sermak
9:30 am † Deacon David Arling

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 am † Richard Backes by Paul and Nicki Battista
9:30 am † Daniel Andrews

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 am Brittany Ferreri by Gwen Pomper
9:30 am Grace Giordano by Gwen Pomper

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9:30 am † Griselda Figueroa by Joan Atkins
4:30 pm † Richard Backes by Pat Backes

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

7:30 am Richard Backes Family by Arvin Backes
9:30 am † Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus & Family Members by Knights of Columbus
11:30 am People of the Parish
5:00 pm † Lisa McKenna by Ellen Keeler

UPCOMING: NATIVITY NIGHT

APRIL 25, 2024
4-7 PM

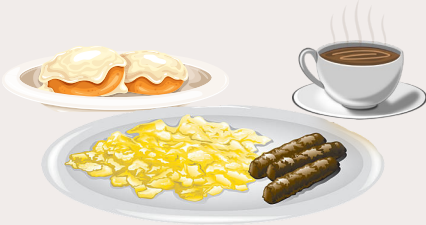
NATIVITY COFFEE & DONUTS

Served every Sunday after the 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am Masses.

THIS SUNDAY:

Parish Breakfast

Please join us in Cabrini Hall **April 14th** after the **7:30 & 9:30** Masses. The Knights of Columbus will be serving up scrambled eggs, sausage, french toast and fruit.



Breakfast is free, so please join us for food and fellowship.

ARCHBISHOP'S 2024 CATHOLIC APPEAL

What will you do with Christ in you? Don't miss your chance to see the Archbishop's message for the 2024 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal in the new video at the link below. Your gift helps others grow in their relationship with Christ through more than 40 ministries and helps support our parish. Make your gift today!

www.archden.org/givetoday
or call 303-867-0614.

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COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED AT NATIVITY!

If you would like to be involved in a ministry at Nativity but have limited time, this is the perfect opportunity for you. No experience necessary! It only takes a few hours each time and you only count once or twice a month, usually on a Monday. It is very valuable to our parish and easy to learn. Please contact **Candy Gritz** at 303-469-5171 or c.gritz@nool.us for more information.



MISSA DE ANGELIS WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY
APRIL 20, 2024
AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS**

Enjoy coffee and light refreshments as Fr. Emanuele and Frederick Proulx explore the *Missa de Angelis*. Gain some practical experience as you rehearse the *Kyrie*, *Gloria*, *Sanctus*, and *Agnus Dei*! Please sign up, so we can make sure to prepare enough coffee and food for all the attendees. You can sign up at:

- www.nool.us/upcoming-events or
- www.nool.us/music or
- by scanning QR code

SIGN UP



If you need help signing up, please stop by or call the front desk at 303-469-5171.

A SIMPLE WAY TO SUPPORT NATIVITY: FAITH & REASON LONGMONT MILK CAPS COLLECTION

We get five cents for each milk cap. Please bring in any Longmont Dairy milk caps and give them to the school or parish office. Thank you!

For programs, events, and faith formation at Nativity, visit:

www.nool.us



MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST. CHARLES ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**SAVE THE
NEW DATE:**
**FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024
6:30–8:30 PM
NATIVITY CABRINI HALL**

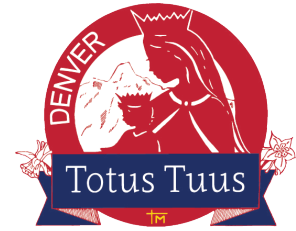
PRAYING THE ROSARY WITH SENIORS AT NURSING FACILITIES

FROM THE ROSARY TEAM

Pray the rosary with seniors at nursing facilities. Men and Women's Teams! The Rosary Team is growing and has over 300 volunteers in over 100 facilities throughout the Denver Archdiocese. Training provided. Visit our website to sign up, www.therosaryteam.org or email: teresa@therosaryteam.org.

The Rosary Team's outreach to nursing homes holds a special significance in the Catholic tradition. In a world that often marginalizes the elderly, volunteers offer companionship and spiritual support to seniors facing physical limitations and loss. The rosary is a powerful prayer handed to us by Mary. With the elderly who need company, we can contribute to the conversion of the world, the end of wars, and to peace.

The Rosary Team



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SUMMER VACATION

JUNE 3-7, 2024
YMCA OF THE ROCKIES
ESTES PARK

The vacation is open to anyone entering grades 6-9 in the fall of 2024.

COST: \$550

More information:

www.nool.us/middle-school



REGISTER

GRADES 7-12

Sun-Thu, June 9-13 | 7:00-9:00 pm

GRADES 1-6

Mon-Fri, June 10-14 | 9:00 am-2:30 pm

QUESTIONS?

Contact Diane Irby at
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www.nool.us/totus-tuus

TOTUS TUUS is a summer program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, fellowship, faith witness, and Eucharist, and it is to help young people develop their intimate friendship with Jesus Christ.



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APPLY TO BE A TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARY TEACHER THIS SUMMER!

TOTUS TUUS 2024

MAY 24 - JULY 28

Come live on mission with other college students this summer in the Archdiocese of Denver!

Learn more and apply today:
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The employment commitment will run from May 24, 2024, through July 28, 2024. These dates also include teacher training.



REGISTER



THE HOLY SITES, HISTORY OF THE HOLY LAND, AND THE LIFE OF CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND TODAY PRESENTATION AT NATIVITY

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024
6:30-8:30 PM, CABRINI HALL

With Hussam Salameh, Holy Land tour guide and Bethlehem resident

Please join us for the evening with Hussam Salameh, our friend from Bethlehem and a Holy Sites tour guide. He will take us on a journey of the Holy Land wonders and help us understand the situation of Christians living in that area today. In 2022, Fr. Michael Carvill took a group of Nativity parishioners on the life-changing pilgrimage to the Holy Land, where we were blessed with Hussam as our guide. He is coming to the United States to visit some of the groups he became good friends with, and at Nativity, we will offer the opportunity to meet him and attend his knowledgeable and informative talk.

Light Middle Eastern refreshments will be served.

Bethlehem Handicrafts will have their olive wood carved items available to purchase to support the Christians in the Holy Land.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Ilene Dubey at i.dubey@nool.us.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FROM THE HOLY LAND MAY 4-5, 2024 FOLLOWING ALL MASSES

Bethlehem Handicrafts will showcase a collection of olive wood carvings & gifts from the Holy Land following each Mass on May 4-5. Our goal is to pass our faith on to generations of Christians through beautiful statues, crosses, rosaries, and other artistic displays, ensuring that our faith is alive and well in the Holy Land. By buying our art pieces, you help give Christian families from the Holy Land a livelihood and dignity to endure difficult times. By purchasing our items, you are directly supporting the presence and future of Christians in the Holy Land!

For more information and to view available products, please visit:

www.bethlehemhandicrafts.com



A 7-WEEK GRIEF WORKSHOP FOR THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LOVED ONES

Open to everyone, especially anyone who has taken the grief workshop at any point in the past. There is NO cost! Based on the Seven Intentions of Mourning. As one contemplates each intention, one is encouraged to consider a Corporal or Spiritual Act of Mercy to honor the loved one and—at the same time—help someone else. There will be a video to watch each time and then a discussion to help look at the particular intention in more depth.

2024 DATES:

JUNE 1, 22, 29
 JULY 6, 13, 20, 27
 10 AM–12 PM
 NEWMAN ROOM

REGISTER



FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

“The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life.”

Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe Salvi* (Saved in Hope) Encyclical Letter, Nov 30, 2007

This time of the year when taxes are due, we may pray and seek guidance from the apostle St. Matthew. He is the patron saint of many professions in the financial field, e.g., accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, tax collectors, customs officers, financial officers, and financial planners. When money is tight with higher prices and expenses, we may all need to make changes to our budgets. That may involve reviewing expenses and doing things like looking for grocery coupons, perhaps taking a second job, or comparing insurance plans.

At St. Vincent de Paul we strive to help our neighbors in need who are having a hard time, often with basic expenses. As we know from the gospels, St. Matthew, also known as Levi, left his customs table at Capernaum to follow Jesus. People who live good lives, according to Pope Benedict XVI, are also “lights of hope” for us. We are grateful for the men and women of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, who have expertise

in various professions, and share their talents to help others.

For more information on how our local St. Vincent de Paul chapter helps the poor, see our Flocknote site at nool.flocknote.com/svdppv.



Donate to Nativity SVdP using the QR code

UPCOMING: PRAYER IN THE SQUARE

SATURDAY
 MAY 4, 2024
 10:15 AM
 N. MIDWAY PARK



PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CHAMPION IN WISCONSIN OCTOBER 10–13, 2024

Dear Nativity Parishioners, Last fall, my dear husband, Deacon David, wanted to plan a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion. Unfortunately, Our Lady came to take him into the arms of Our Lord on January 1, the feast day of Mary the Mother of God. However, with the encouragement of Most Reverend David Ricken, the Bishop of Green Bay, who had the apparitions of the Shrine approved as worthy of belief by the Vatican, and in consultation with Dennis Malcomb, an experienced pilgrimage organizer, I am putting together the pilgrimage in memory of Deacon David. We have been honored to have a friendship with Bishop David for many years, and we know that he wants pilgrimages to go to our only American Vatican-approved Marian

Shrine. Bishop Ricken has graciously offered to celebrate a private Mass with us while we are there. We will visit two other shrines on the trip: Holy Hill, a Marian healing shrine in Milwaukee, and the National Shrine of St. Joseph in De Pere, near Green Bay. We will stay at the Comfort Suites, in Green Bay, where Shrine-sponsored Marian conferences are held. Breakfast is free of charge there, and there is a restaurant in the hotel. Websites for the three shrines are: www.championshrine.org, www.holyhill.com, www.norbertines.org/Joseph.

We expect the costs to be about \$700 per person, plus airline ticket fees. The cost may be more if there is a Green Bay Packers game at home that weekend. Airline prices are subject to change.

If interested in going on this pilgrimage, please contact me by April 28. Marianne Arling, 719-250-2770, djarling2011@hotmail.com.

Marianne Arling



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Fr. Emanuele speaks about what it means to be called to become a priest and about his personal vocation story. The 2nd grade students were enthralled to learn all about Fr. Emanuele and his faith formation through Christ. We are immensely blessed to have the Fraternity of St. Charles Borromeo at Nativity.



At the beginning of April, the School inducted and celebrated its new 28 Nativity Honor Society members: James Bardeau, Jude Beaton, Michael Bonanno, Landry Ernzen, Graham Hermes, Francis Lee, Spencer Lindsay, Finn Luoma, Victoria Odegaard, Brady Pitre, Avery Riddleberger, Reiss Riddleberger, Caleb Rigali, Griffin Schowe, Caroline Sharkey, Sullivan Ten Eyck, Regina Tyler, Hayden Wahl, Cecylia Wiktor, Finley Williamson, Mia Babcock, Ivy Grycel, Ben Humphreys, Tyler McCracken, Caleb Newcomer, Gia Polito, Tanner Wahl, and Talitha Mitchell. "Nativity Honor Society (NHS) is a group of outstanding middle school students who have shown excellence and dedication to the five ideals of the society: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Being invited to apply and being accepted to the group is a tremendous honor. Students are required to maintain a high GPA, show commitment to the five ideals, and receive a unanimous nomination from their teachers."—Wrote Ms. Rebecca Suhr Middle School Language Arts teacher and the NHS leader.

2024–2025 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN PRESCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE

We are accepting new students for the 2024–2025 School Year. Please share this news with your friends, family, and neighbors who are looking for a high-quality education rooted in Catholic values. Nativity: Faith & Reason is the primary ministry of our parish. Serving students in preschool, elementary, and middle school, Nativity: Faith & Reason proposes the fullness of faith within an integrated curriculum, striving for academic, spiritual, artistic, and athletic excellence.

[school.nool.us/enroll](https://www.school.nool.us/enroll)

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With questions about admission or to schedule a tour, contact
Shannon Spinuzzi
s.spinuzzi@nool.us

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- Intervention Specialist
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- 5th Grade Teacher
- Part-Time Math Instructor

For job description details, please visit:
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or scan the QR code.





HOW IS MY HOPE?

Image:
Giotto di Bondone
Scenes from the Life of Christ
Resurrection, Noli me tangere (Do not Touch Me)
Fresco, 1304-1306
Detail
Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy
US Public Domain

POPE FRANCIS ANGELUS

Saint Peter's Square
Sunday, April 7, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today, the second Sunday of Easter, dedicated by Saint John Paul II to Divine Mercy, the Gospel (*Jn* 20:19-30) tells us that, by believing in Jesus, Son of God, we can have eternal life in His name (v. 31). **“To have life”: what does it mean?**

We all want to have life, but there are various ways of having it. For example, there are those who reduce existence to a frenetic race to enjoy and possess many things: to eat and drink, to enjoy themselves, to accumulate money and objects, to feel strong and new emotions, and so on. It is a road that at first sight seems pleasurable, but which does not satiate the heart. It is not in this way that one “has life,” because by following the path of pleasure and power one does not find happiness. Indeed, many aspects of existence remain unanswered, such as love, the inevitable experiences of pain, of limitations and of death. And then the dream we all have in common remains unfulfilled: the hope of living forever, of being loved without limit. Today the Gospel says that **this fullness of life, to which every one of us is called, is realized in Jesus: it is He who gives us this fullness of life. But how can one gain access to it, how can one experience it?**

Let us look at what happened to the disciples in the Gospel. They are going through the most tragic moment in life: after the days of the passion they shut

themselves away in the Upper Room, afraid and discouraged. **The Risen One comes to them and shows them His wounds (cf. v. 20): they were the signs of suffering and pain, they could stir feelings of guilt, yet with Jesus they become channels of mercy and forgiveness.** In this way, the disciples see and touch with their hands the fact that **with Jesus, life always wins, death and sin are defeated, with Jesus. And they receive the gift of His Spirit, which gives them a new life, as beloved sons – life as beloved sons – imbued with joy, love and hope. I will ask one thing: do you have hope? Each one of you, ask yourselves: “How is my hope?”**

This is how to “have life” every day: **it is enough to fix one’s eyes on the crucified and risen Jesus, encountering Him in the Sacraments and in prayer, recognizing that He is present, believing in Him, letting oneself be touched by His grace and guided by His example, experiencing the joy of loving like Him.** Every encounter with Jesus, a living encounter with Jesus enables us to have more life. Looking for Jesus, letting ourselves be found—because He looks for us—opening our heart to the encounter with Jesus.

Let us ask ourselves, though: do I believe in the power of the resurrection of Jesus, do I believe that Jesus is risen? Do I believe in His victory over sin, fear and death? Do I let myself be drawn into a relationship with the Lord, with Jesus? And do I let myself be prompted by Him

to love my brothers and sisters, and to hope every day? Each one of you, think about this.

May Mary help us to have ever greater faith in Jesus, in the risen Jesus, to “have life” and to spread the joy of Easter.

Source: www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2024/documents/20240407-regina-caeli.html



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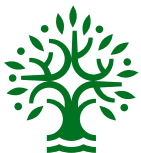
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