



*Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Partners in Faith Newsletter*
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Prayer of the Week

Father, watch over your children as they depart for the summer months. Protect them from harm, grant them your wisdom and love in all their days. May they be the face of your Son, Jesus Christ; to everyone they meet during their time away from us. Inspire them Lord to know your will and carry it out every day of their lives. May your Holy Spirit guide them to follow the path of salvation you set out before them. May they love and serve you as your Son, Jesus loves and serves us. We pray these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

RICE BOWLS

We are counting all of your generous donations this week. If there are any stragglers out there who would still like to donate, please drop off your rice bowls at the religious education office as soon as possible.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We have a lot of slots left for your kids to experience a wonderful week with God! If you haven't already scheduled them for VBS, please do so now! We have a wonderful crew of volunteers who are excited about spending the week with your children!

THANK YOU

To all of the parents for trusting us with their children, all of the children for coming every week ready to learn and for the catechists who sacrificed so much of their time to provide for our young people we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

FALL REGISTRATION

Please take the time to register your kids for the fall NOW. Stop by the Religious Education office to fill out the registration paperwork or register on the church website, www.n-bvm.org. Don't forget to fill out the medical form as well as the normal registration form. Please ensure you tell Debra if your child is in a sacramental year (1st Communion or Confirmation).

CONGRATULATIONS

To all of the teens and adults who will receive the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation and to the children and adults who received their first Holy Communion or who will shortly celebrate their sacrament, we congratulate you! You are on the road to salvation. Continue your faith in God and help for your fellow travelers. We will continue to pray for your blessings!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

For all those who have recently received their 1st Communion and anyone else who has received the sacrament, we will be holding a training session for Altar Servers on Wednesday, 25 May at 7 pm. This is a very important ministry to the success of the Mass and it carries a lot of responsibility. If you would like to be an Altar Server, please come to the training session!

1st COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING

It may seem like a long way off, but it is just around the corner! For those of you with children in 1st communion in the fall, we will hold mandatory parent meetings on 3, 9 and 11 August. All meetings will be a 7 pm in the pastoral center. You only need to attend ONE session. We will explain the program, provide our handbook for the year and answer any questions you may have.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING

For those of you with children in confirmation in the fall, we will hold mandatory parent meetings on 4, 8 and 10 August. All meetings will be a 7 pm in the pastoral center. You only need to attend ONE session. There are a lot of changes this year, so it is imperative that you understand and agree with our requirements. We will explain the program, provide our handbook for the year and answer any questions you may have.

CATECHISTS FOR THE FALL

PLEASE take a moment to let us know if you can help us in the fall! 1st Priority goes to teachers who want to stay in their current class level. If you want to change class levels or sessions, we will find a different slot for you to fill. We may need additional teachers for special first communion and RCIC, depending on enrollment. Please stop in the office to sign up so we know how many we need to recruit for the fall.

Mass Schedule – Saturday – 5:30pm, Sunday – 7:30, 9 am, 1045 (Spanish) and 12:30pm