

## Parish Office

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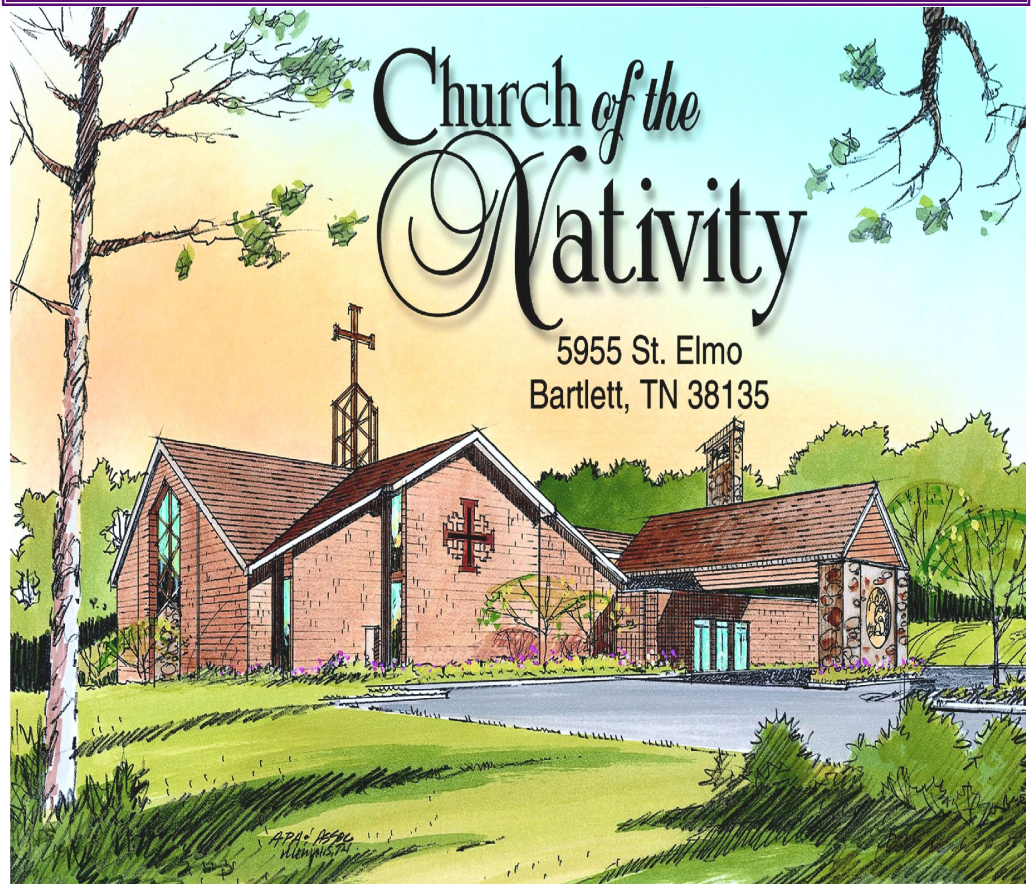
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# Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19 & 20, 2015 <https://www.nativitybartlett.org>



## Women's Guild Bun- co Party Dec 1, 2015



### Mass Schedules

Daily	Monday — Saturday	8:00 a.m.
Weekend	Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
	Sunday	8:00 a.m.
	Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Spanish Mass Filipino	Sunday	5:00 p.m.
	First Sunday of Each Month (Tagalog/English)	12:30 p.m.
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wednesdays	6:00 p.m.
Holy Days	As Announced	

### Sacraments

Reconciliation — Saturday 4:15p.m. to 4:45pm or by appointment  
Baptism — by appointment; please contact the parish office  
Marriage — Contact the parish office at least six months before the wedding

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: 4 PM THURSDAYS E-mail:**  
**nativitycats@aol.com "See Guidelines on page 5"**

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<https://www.nativitybartlett.org>  
[www.facebook.com/groups/830749576971608/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/830749576971608/)



## CYO Christmas Party December 6, 2015

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

As we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas let us live in his love in all we do, especially in our marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is 22-24 April 2016 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center in Stanton, TN. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [www.arkansaswwme.org/apply](http://www.arkansaswwme.org/apply) or contact us at e-mail: [apply@arkansaswwme.org](mailto:apply@arkansaswwme.org) or 479-806-5711.

The Office of Pastoral Services and Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center will offer a workshop on **Discipleship: Saturday, January 9, 2016 8:30-3:30pm** at Our Lady Queen of Peace presented by **Father Michael Sweeney, OP**. The workshop will offer insights on the role of the laity and how to help parishioners move from a passive to an active, engaged discipleship. To register: Online: [olqpretreats.com](http://olqpretreats.com) or [cdom.org](http://cdom.org) (OLQP), call 731-548-2500 or email [debbie.voyles@olqp.cdom.org](mailto:debbie.voyles@olqp.cdom.org).

Please register by January 5, 2016

**Parish Outreach Food for the Sick.** If you know someone you know needs a meal prepared due to illness, surgery, birth of a baby, or some other need, please contact Susan Hanna at 385-8277 or [savhan@aol.com](mailto:savhan@aol.com).



### Pray for our Armed Forces

**SSGT Joseph Bockhold; Lance Corporal Mark Earnest; Senior Airman Christopher Dill; Pvt. John David Dill; A1C Ryan C. Marlin; AO2 Andrew E. Hopson; Commander Derek A. Vestal, Pvt. Maria Witges, Captain Luke Sauber (USMC), Major Christopher J. Martindale, Richard A. Martin, Jr., BM1, (USCG) Captain Tami Kerns (US Army-Afghanistan) Captain Kevin Kerns (US Army-Hawaii) 2D Lieut Nicholas Burton.**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66  
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79  
 Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]  
 Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 Monday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins  
 Wednesday: St. John of Kanty  
 Thursday: The Vigil of Christmas  
 Friday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)  
 Saturday: St. Stephen; First day of Kwanzaa

## Please Pray for Our Sick

Ann Cissell	Larry O'Neill
Billy Dalton	John Patton
Mary Ann Dote	Anthony Lawrence Reano
Emilie Harris	Brittany & Dakota Schaf
John Paul Lenti	Ron Van
Mitzi Kearns	Jerry Stewart
Father Mike Morgera	Kelsey Sportsman
Joyce Rutschman West	Michael Gallagher
Terry Gallagher	Bob Burchfield
Patrick Seago	Eva Holloway
Carolyn Thompson	Ralph Peischl
Lawrence Burton	Ester Cirillo
Nancy Weedman	Mr. C. Dodd.
Ann Wingate	Gilbert Lema
Tina Burton	Aleyamma Thomas
Daniel Mazeika.	Sam Sudduth
Mike Taube	Dorothy Hardy
Dianne Dunaway	Bill Hardy
Dennis Bockhold	Adela Grace Kehner.
Milton Johnson	Debbie Hill
Clara Albano Fitzgerald	Susan Hanna
Gino Bernardini	Nick Destefeno
Terry Schaf	Doris Dalton,
Tyler Hill	Paul Baker Miller
Ed List	Mary Terrell
	Joe and Patty Orsak
	Mike McLoughlin

If you or a family member are hospitalized, please notify the Parish office. Notify the office to add or remove someone's name from the list.



### From Death to New Life

**May Those We have Loved & Lost Rest in Peace**  
**Romulo Nacional**, Beloved brother of parishioner Leonora Labrador  
**Peter Weirich**, Beloved brother of Lottie George and Carolyn Anderson.

## Mass Intentions

19th Sat 8 am	Neonaida Santos	† (Leonor Donato)
5 pm	Parishioners	
20th Sun 8 am	Teresa Padell	† (Eileen & George Kuehl)
10:30 am	Eric Hopson	† (Pam & John Walton)
5:00 pm	Spanish Mass	
21st Mon 8 am	Noreen Jensen	Special Attentions (St. Vincent de Paul)
22nd Tue 8am	Patricia Kitts	† (George & Eileen Kuehl)
23rd Wed 8 am	Alta Wayman	† (Fr. Keith & Staff)
24th Thur 8 am	Mike Pitt	† (Kathy & Mike Sweeney)
5 pm	Marshall George	† (Lottie George)
7 pm		
11 pm	Dot Kaiser	† (Kathy & Mike Sweeney)
25th Fri 8 am	Parishioners	
26th Sat 8 am	Sue DeWitt	† (Fr. Keith & Staff)
5 pm	Martha & Willis Chambliss	† (The Schwill Family)
27th Sun 8 am	Parishioners	
10:30 am	Eric Hopson	† (Pam & John Walton)
5:00 pm	Spanish Mass	

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Save the Date for Women's Morning of Spirituality: Saturday April 9, 2016 at the Church of the Incarnation from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a Continental Breakfast beginning at 7:15. Keynote Speaker is Kelly Nieto. Witness Speaker is: Leslie Harden. Music with Bethany and Kevin Paige. Celebration concludes with Mass**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**


**Fr. Keith Stewart** will be teaching Church History on Wednesday evenings. at 7:00pm in Stelling Hall. Further details Please email or call office to register. 901-382-2504 [angie.oneill@nativity.cdom.org](mailto:angie.oneill@nativity.cdom.org),

Upcoming Classes? Registration required log onto <http://www.cdom.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=ILS> Schedules for details. Call 901 373-1264 – information only

RCIA Classes are held On Wednesday evenings at 6:30 to 8 pm in Atrium l- Located in the Hallway between the Narthex & Baker Hall. Call the Church if you have inquiries or are interested in becoming Catholic 382-2504.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



 Help Someone See or Hear: Please help someone in a third world country see and/or hear! Place unused eye glasses (including Sun glasses) and hearing aids in the recycle box provided by World Cataract Foundation. To Date: 2,878 pair of eye glasses and 22 hearing aids have been recycled by Nativity parish.

**First Friday Adoration Every month at Nativity 5-10 pm: Come Jan. 1st and join us in worship.**



In order to prevent abuse and the devastating consequences for all involved, the Diocese of Memphis is providing information for anyone who needs help.

Tennessee Child Abuse Hot Line:  
1-877-237-0004

In the Diocese of Memphis contact: Shari Lee, MSW Victim Assistance Coordinator  
901-652-4066 OR

Dr. Jim Latta, Office of Child and Youth Protection and Professional Responsibility 901-359-2027

## Christmas Mass Schedule 2015

December 24, 2015

- Daily Mass 8 am
- Christmas Eve Mass 5 pm
- Spanish Christmas Eve Mass 7 pm
- Filipino Christmas Eve Mass at 7 pm
- Christmas Mass 11 pm to 1 am

December 25, 2015

Christmas Day Mass at 10:30 am



### Ministry Schedules

Please contact Emanuel Villa at [nativityscheduler@gmail.com](mailto:nativityscheduler@gmail.com) for questions or problems with the Liturgical schedule.

Go to <http://nativitybartlett.org/ministries/liturgical-ministers/> for the current bulletin

Póngase en contacto con Emanuel Villa a [nativityscheduler@gmail.com](mailto:nativityscheduler@gmail.com) para preguntas o problemas con el calendario litúrgico. Ir a <http://nativitybartlett.org/ministries/liturgical-ministers/> para el boletín actual

### Coffee & Donuts -Men's Club

12/20 Brian Whiteacre & Bob Trainor

12/27 Bob Trainor & Scott Knight

Collection Counters December 21: Jim Smith & Felycia Persels

### Giving Changes Everything

**GIVING**  
*Changes Everything*

2 Corinthians 9:7: Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

#### Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Did you know Church of the Nativity offers Online Giving? For over one year now, this convenient and secure service has been used by over 100 of our parishioners to make regular offertory contributions, Cor Unum debt reduction payments, support diocesan and national Second Collections, as well as purchase event tickets and Christmas and Easter flowers.

Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis. Not only can our parish better plan for the future, but using Online Giving is also being a good steward of the environment, resulting in a reduction in envelope printing costs to our parish.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at [www.nativitybartlett.org](http://www.nativitybartlett.org), locate the Online Giving button and set up your recurring giving schedule. The first time you give, you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete online giving history for Online Giving

#### October Offertory:

Actual: \$35,713.67

Budget: \$38,834.51

Deficit: (\$3,120.83)

#### October Building Fund:

Actual: \$18,581.50

Payment: \$15,000.00

Surplus: \$3,581.50

The amounts in both the Offertory and the Building Fund consist of Sunday envelopes, loose cash/checks, online donations and office collections.

## NATIVITY IN ACTION-JOIN-VOLUNTEER-GIVE

**Music Ministry Update:**

It's time to "get back in the groove" for the Advent and Christmas seasons, as Dr. Scott is planning to restart the various music ensembles at Nativity!

- the children's choir (open to all kids grades 2-6) will rehearse on Wednesdays from 5-5:45 pm,  
-the handbell choir will rehearse Wed.s 6-6:45 pm,  
-Cantors 7-7:30 pm

-the adult choir (ages 16-106) will rehearse 7:30-9 pm.  
-Beginning in 2016, we will resume the contemporary ensemble and possibly other musical groups.

Email Dr. Scott at [Scott.Elsholz@nativity.cdom.org](mailto:Scott.Elsholz@nativity.cdom.org) if you or someone you know is interested in making a joyful noise here at Nativity!

-For the 2016 calendar/bulletin, we will continue our Wednesday music ensemble rehearsal schedule:  
5 pm: Children's Choir, 6 pm: Handbell Choir, 7 pm: Cantor Rehearsal, 7:30-9: Adult Choir

After the new year, the adult choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 6. The Children's Choir and the Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 13.

**TOPS:** Take off the Pounds Sensibly Do you need to lose a few pounds? If so, come and join our TOPS chapter. We meet in Stelling Hall on Mondays evenings from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at Nativity



Nativity's Cub Scout Pack 258 meetings Contact Mark Owens 901-827-1262 or [markfowens@att.net](mailto:markfowens@att.net) for more information. The Boy Scouts meet from 6-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd, & 5th Tuesdays (when there is a 5th Tues) per month at Nativity

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Memphis serves a meal every day of the year at our Food Mission at the Ozanam Center at 1306 Monroe Ave. Volunteer Teams serve between 125-225 guests each day. Many guests are homeless, hungry, and in need a shared smile and gentle spirit. We are seeking volunteers to help serve our guests on weekday mornings. The time commitment is 8:30-11:15 am. If you are interested, please contact our Operations Coordinator Robin Roche at [robin.roche.svdp@gmail.com](mailto:robin.roche.svdp@gmail.com) or 901-274-2137

**On 1 December, 6 volunteers from Nativity fed 112.** The next Soup kitchen is 12/15.

Volunteers meet at 8 am at Nativity on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex. For more information, contact John Walton 901-568-0910. Jan Tuesday's 5 & 19



Our St. Vincent de Paul chapter is an active and viable part of the Bartlett/Raleigh community. Because the need for assistance is great, you can now donate to this worthwhile organization at anytime throughout the year by going to the webpage and donating through our Online Giving option and selecting the St. Vincent de Paul button. If you so choose, you can help offset the processing fees by selecting that option as well. Thank you for your continued and generous support of Nativity's St. Vincent de Paul chapter.



## NATIVITY IN ACTION-JOIN-VOLUNTEER-GIVE

**Men's Club** The Men's Club of Nativity meets at 9 am in Stelling Hall on the "2nd Saturday" of every month. Next meeting is **01/09/15**



**WOMEN'S GUILD**, Come Join us for fun, food, and fellowship (A Girl's Event Out) at our next Meeting is: Tuesday, Dec 15  
**Upcoming Event(s)**

**Game Night - January 15, 2016, Host Soup & Salad**

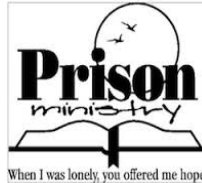
Nativity Chapter of Fishers of Men Prayer Group Meet every Saturday after the 8 am Mass in The Day Chapel. The Gathering time is one hour. Contact Walt Hanna at 901-385-8277 or 857-4069 for more information.



Cathedral Women's Ministry Presents "I LOVE Memphis" Trivia with Brother Ignatius Prizes include top 2 teams, Split the Pot, Top Decorated Table and Door Prizes Friday, January 22, 2016, 7:00 – 10:00 pm Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception - Marian Hall - 1695 Central Ave, Memphis, TN 38104. Doors open at 6 p.m. so come early and decorate your table. Bring your own snacks, dinner, beverages of your choice. Register at [www.iccathedral.org/trivia](http://www.iccathedral.org/trivia). Make checks payable to IC and mail or drop off at the parish office: 1695 Central Ave., Memphis, TN 38104. Contact Maureen Burt for further information or to register: [burtmaureen@hotmail.com](mailto:burtmaureen@hotmail.com)

**Helping Hands Ministry**

Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 9 am each month at Nativity. This ministry makes hats for the homeless & blankets for birthright babies. All are welcome to come to Knit & Crochet



Dear Nativity Parish we are looking for a few good men and women to join our ministry. To bring the word of God to the women at the prison. If you are interested, please call Richard Peyton, 833-9930

When I was lonely, you offered me hope.

**SEEKERS' Retreat for 20s/30s**

Do you consider yourself a spiritual or religious person? Are you searching for answers about your faith, your life, or your relationships? Are you seeking a down-to-earth approach to your spirituality? Connect with others seeking to answer similar questions about their lives. January 15-17 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center. For more information, visit <http://cyamemphis.org/blog/young-adult-seekers-retreat-january-15-17/> or email [Samuel.Mauck@ccm.cdom.org](mailto:Samuel.Mauck@ccm.cdom.org).

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Scheduling Events at the Church

-Our parish is very busy and we receive many requests to use meeting spaces and the church grounds. Please contact Deacon Frank Larker at 382-2504 to schedule your event. All requests should be scheduled as far in advance as possible. Those who use our facility are responsible for setup and clean-up. You must notify the office if your event is cancelled. To have your event announced from the pulpit at the weekend masses, submit your information by 10:00am Friday morning.

-Nuestra parroquia está muy ocupada y recibimos muchas solicitudes para utilizar espacios de reunión y los terrenos de la iglesia. Póngase en contacto con Diacono Frank Larker en 382-2504 para programar su evento. Todas las solicitudes deben programarse tanto en avance como sea posible. Aquellos que utilizan nuestras instalaciones son responsables de la instalación y limpieza. Usted debe notificar a la oficina si su evento es cancelado. Para que tu evento anunció desde el púlpito en las Misas de fin de semana, enviar su información por 10:00 la mañana del viernes.

## HAS SOMETHING CHANGED?????

Keep your Information Current If your phone number, work number, cell number, address, e-mail address, or name changes, please notify the office.382-2504 Thank-you!  
Mantenga su información actual si su número de teléfono, número del trabajo, número de celular, dirección, dirección de correo electrónico o cambios de nombre, por favor notifique a la office.382-2504 gracias!

## Bulletin & Announcement Guidelines



**Have a Digital Picture of your group that you would like to submit for use on the front of the bulletin?** Here is what you need to do. Make sure the picture is in a jpeg format, clear, not too dark, and not blurred. Close-ups are better than events or groups that are at a distance. Also, make sure that the picture is of recent events no more than a month old. Give a little info about the picture and who is in it and you are good to go. Just submit it to nativitycats@aol.com or upload it to [www.facebook.com/groups/830749576971608/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/830749576971608/)

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**Deadline 4 Pm Thursdays one week prior:**  
Nativitycats@aol.com **Note:** What is turned in on Thursday for the bulletin is not for the weekend that comes within two days, but for the weekend after.

**Jueves 16:00 una semana antes de la fecha límite:**  
Nativitycats@aol.com **Nota:** lo que se entregó el jueves para el boletín no es para el fin de semana que viene dentro de dos días, sino el fin de semana después de.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE MADE AT MASS BY FATHER  
NEED TO BE SENT TO ANGIE O'NEILL BY 4:30 PM Thurs  
ANUNCIOS a realizarse en la misa por necesidad de padre  
para ser enviados a ANGIE o 'Neill por 16:30 el jueves**

## God's Hands Puppet Productions



## Puppet Productions:

Open to 6th-12th Grade youth Practices are Sundays, 12-1 pm. Come join the fun & give your flare for drama to your puppet avatar.

Contact John Walton, 901-568-0910 for more

info, to give us ideas where we can take our ministry on the road, or to join up! Our skits are full of love, morals, ethics, faith values, & fun, fun, fun. Puppet practices are 4 pm w/ Supper included at 5 pm. Stay Informed-Our Line of Communication is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/133301589574/> Or John Walton at the above # or Nativitycats@aol.com

**Practices are Sundays at 11:30 am with Lunch: No Practice Nov. 29th . after the Breakfast with Santa we take it on the road on December 20 about 2 pm to Brookdale Cordova Assisted Living**

## P.R.E. News

### D.R.E.: Mrs. Theresa Krier

Contact: [Theresah.krier@nativity.cdom.org](mailto:Theresah.krier@nativity.cdom.org), 619-6709.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Confirmation

Meeting times

3yrs-K: 9-10:15 am & 10:30-11:30 am Level I Atrium I (Hallway)

1st -3rd Grade 9-10:15 am Level II Atrium II (Across from Office)

4th-6th Grade 12-1 pm Level III Atrium III (Old Day Chapel)

4th-6th Grade 6-8 pm Level III Atrium III (Old Day Chapel)

7th-8th Grade 6-8 pm Confirmation I & II Atrium I (Hallway)



Theresa Krier is looking for 2-3 assistant catechist level 2 and 3 Atriums at 9am and 12pm. Please prayerfully consider helping our children of Nativity. Catchesis of the Good Shepherd is an amazing program, not only will you be helping with the children, you will be learning along with them.

## Youth Group News

**CYO 9-12 Grade Meets on Sundays from 6-8 pm**

August 16 to Mid-May in Stelling Hall

**Stephen Peyton, youth director**

**Instagram Account Nativity\_Nuggets ask to follow to get the latest information on the High School Youth Activities**

## Young Adult Opportunities

**Theology on Tap:** You are invited to Theology on Tap, an exciting group for young adult Catholics in their 20s and 30s. Check out our website for all the latest information at [totmemphis.org](http://totmemphis.org). Or follow us on Twitter @totmemphis.



**Student Masses at University of Memphis and Rhodes**

**College** The College and University Fall Semester is right around the corner! If you or your loved ones are heading back to school, Catholic Campus Ministry

offers the following masses in Memphis: 4:00 p.m. at U of M Catholic Student Center and 8:00 p.m. at Rhodes College. Call 901-323-3051 or email [info@ccm.cdom.org](mailto:info@ccm.cdom.org) for more information.

## Around the Diocese

### Wow-Let Me Count the Ways

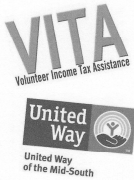
**Do you shop at Kroger and have a Kroger Plus Card? If so, please go online and register your Kroger Plus Card to make additional funds for Nativity. When you shop and use your card, a small percentage will be credited to Nativity. The church will receive a quarterly check directly from Kroger. Go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) & sign in. Click the "community" tab and enter the Non Profit Code NPO #80435. You must re/register each January.**

### Wow-Let Me Count the Ways

**Support the Jubilee Catholic Schools Network by shopping at Kroger! Did you know you can support Jubilee just by linking to your Kroger card? Go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) and register your card with the code: 24099. You'll earn cash for Jubilee students every time you shop!**



is looking for volunteers to prepare taxes!



- Free basic tax return training
- Become certified and receive your certificate
- No accounting experience needed
- Meet new people
- Gain experience
- Make a positive difference for local families
- Use your language skills if you are multilingual

Come help low income, seniors, veterans, immigrants and our neighbors needing help preparing their 2015 taxes returns!

There are volunteer spots for everyone:

3 to 6 flexible hours a week – Mid-January to Mid-April Greeters – Welcome customers and check to assure everything is ready for the preparer

Screeners – Assist the customer in completing the interview sheet

Tax Preparers – Prepare electronic federal and state tax returns



Contact Chris Butson today to learn more how **you** can make a difference.  
901-722-4730



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901-722-4711

**Contact Us**

social.enterprises  
@acc.cdom.org

**St. Mary's Soup Kitchen/Clothing Ministry: Are you looking for that special "thank you" or "gift" this holiday season for that special someone, family, friend, co-worker or boss who has everything? Make a tax deductible donation to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen/clothing ministry to help the homeless. We will send you acknowledgement cards per your request. Contact Nancy at 901 522-9420 or mail your donation to St. Mary's Catholic Church/Soup Kitchen 155 Market Ave, Memphis, TN 38105**

### **Villa Vianney**

Each year at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, our parish- es take up a 2nd collection for Villa Vianney, the senior priests' resi- dence. The funds we gather help to cover the costs of running Villa Vianney. Located in Cordova, TN, the residence is a place for senior diocesan priests to live comfortably and safely. Although, the pace of life is slower at Villa Vianney, our senior priests continue to offer Masses for our intentions, support parishes while a pastor is away, and advise groups like Cursillo. Their priesthood lasts a lifetime, and they are still loved and still needed. Please give generously to the 2nd collection for Villa Vianney.

## Around the Diocese and at Home

### Nativity Highlights for the Coming Week

**Mass Schedule is Posted on the Front of the Bulletin-Daily Mass is always in the Main Church**

#### Sunday, December 20, 2015

- Mass Schedule on Front of the Bulletin
- PRE & CYO on Christmas Break
- Puppet Show at Brookdale Cordova Assisted Living 2 pm
- Spanish Mass 5 pm
- Posada 6:30 pm

#### Monday, December 21, 2015

- Daily Mass 8 am
- TOPs Take the Pounds off Sensibly in Stelling

#### Tuesday, December 22, 2015

- Daily Mass 8 am

#### Wednesday, December 23, 2015

- Daily Mass 8 am
- Filipino Prayer Group 6 pm
- RCIA 6:30 pm
- Choirs and all Ensembles, see page 4 for Practice times

#### Thursday, December 24, 2015

- Daily Mass 8 am
- Christmas Eve Mass 5 pm
- Spanish Christmas Eve Mass 7 pm
- Filipino Christmas Eve Mass at 7 pm
- Christmas Mass 11 pm to 1 am



#### Friday, December 25, 2015

- Christmas Day Mass 10:30 am



#### Saturday, December 26, 2015

- Mass Schedule on Front of the Bulletin
- Daily Mass 8 am
- Fishers of Men, 8:45 am

#### Sunday, December 27, 2015

- Mass Schedule on Front of the Bulletin



Welcome Visitors!

Visiting? Please sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex, complete with your address, city, state and zip code so that we can acknowledge your visit. Thank you for coming to the Church of the Nativity and we hope that your time with us was both joyful and spiritual. Please come again and know that you are always welcome.



**The Fig Tree / Volunteers**

**Catholic Charities of West Tennessee**

Prayers of Faithful: For the work of Catholic Charities of West Tennessee as they expand their efforts across our Diocese with distributions of food, clothing and other essentials to those of our neighbors facing chronic poverty... and for the hundreds of men, women and children of our diocese who volunteer their time to help, we pray to the Lord...

Please support the work of Catholic Charities of West Tennessee during the season of Advent and this, the last week of their annual Providing Help....Bringing Hope campaign. Through their Fig Tree program, this year, CCWTN will distribute over 50 tons of food to our neighbors in West Tennessee. In addition their Clothes Closet serves thousands of individuals and families each year.



**St. Benedict Holiday Hoops Basketball Camp**  
For boys and girls in grades 4-8, 8am-2pm, Mon-Wed, Dec. 21-23

• \$125/camper. With the extra days off from school, players have the opportunity to work on their game. SBA Holiday Hoops is the answer! Campers should bring 2 drinks and a sack lunch. Contact Head SBA Boys Coach Steve Chandler at [stevec@electhomecare.com](mailto:stevec@electhomecare.com) or visit [sbaeagles.org](http://sbaeagles.org).