



NATIVITY EVENTS

May 12: Choir Concert
7 p.m.

May 14: SPIRIT OF SPRING! 6:30 p.m.

May 17: Bell Concert
7 p.m.

May 18: Holistic Breakfast 7:45 a.m.

May 19:

- 7th Grade Ihdhapi Camp
- 9:45 a.m. Mass

May 20:

- 7th Grade Ihdhapi Camp
- Field Trips: Prek; K; 2 & 3

May 23: Monday

- **SPECIAL AFRICAN HERITAGE MASS** – 9:45 a.m. (No Mass on Thursday this week)

FAMILIES INVITED!

MISSION STATEMENT:

Nativity of Mary Catholic School provides a Catholic centered education that fosters academic excellence and spiritual growth while preparing students to become responsible citizens in a global society.

Dear Nativity Families:

THREE STAFF CELEBRATING 25th+ ANNIVERSARIES AT NATIVITY! Nativity of Mary thanks parents for helping us honor our teachers and staff over the past few weeks during Support Staff and Teacher Appreciation events. In addition to these weeks, I also wanted to share with families that we have three staff celebrating service to Nativity of Mary School for over 25+ years, each. We are thankful for the many ways these staff members serve our families, support our students, and show their dedication to our school. Congratulations to: Connie Dowzak; Wanda Hagerty; and Lynn Robertson. Feel free to drop off a card to thank them for all they do for Nativity!

THE ARTS SHINE AT NATIVITY: This past weekend the theatrical prowess of our students filled the gymnasium. I was amazed at their talent and confidence as they took as on a journey with Peter Pan. We should all be proud of the production produced here at Nativity thanks to the students and staff. It was phenomenal.



This week students in band and choir shared their talents. The band students performed on

Tuesday evening, highlighting individual skill as well as group performances. The band took us across the seas to Ireland and to outer space with Star Wars. What a wonderful show.

Please join us tonight for our choir concert at 7 p.m. Students will be sharing their vocal strengths for this musical evening.

MAY is the MONTH OF MARY: As we celebrate Mary and the joy of her saying “yes” to Jesus, students will be taking time this month to pray the Rosary and reflect on the role of Mary. Today at Mass, Kindergarten and 8th grade honored Mary by crowning her with flowers, a long time tradition for many Catholics. We invite you to join us through daily reflections at the [Catholic News Agency – “Month of Mary Devotions.”](#) (Click for link)

OPEN SPOTS! Preschool to Grade 8:

Preschool still has openings, share this with your friends and family:

- **5 Day – two openings**
- **3 Day – six spots remain**
- **2 Day – five openings**

K-8: Scholarship and tuition assistance awards will be mailed out by mid-May. If you have not enrolled for next year, please complete your registration at your earliest convenience. Call me with any questions or concerns.

SPIRIT OF SPRING-SATURDAY, MAY 14 – 6:30 p

- **Tickets still available:** The cost now is \$40 and tickets are at the school office.
- **Raffle Tickets Due:** Adult Raffle Tickets (\$10 each) and Kid’s Raffle Tickets (\$3 each) must be turned in **NO LATER** than Friday May13th at 3pm!



- **Online Bidding Open-** Mobile Online bidding opened, so look for a message via text, phone or email so you can get a jump start on bidding! You can always check out our Spirit of Spring website for more information. Just click on the Spirit of Spring link from the school's main home page online or click here now: <http://school.nativitybloomington.org/spirit-of-spring-2016.html> or nativityspiritofspring@gmail.com.

WELCOME JACOB BENDA TO NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL: Nativity of Mary parish has a new Music and Liturgy Director. Jacob began at Nativity in April and just recently started playing at Masses. We look forward to a great partnership!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING CONCERTS: The Spring Concerts are fast approaching and the end of the school year is near! Hard to believe! Here are some important things to know for the Spring Choir and Bell Concerts:

- **The spring choir concert is Thursday, May 12th at 7 pm** in the cafeteria. Students should arrive by 6:40 to check in and get ready. Choir students should also wear nice spring clothes. Please take weather into account.
- **The spring bell concert is on Tuesday, May 17th, at 7 pm in the church.** Students should arrive by 6:40 to check in and get ready. Bell students should also wear nice spring clothes. Please take weather into account.

For both concerts, if your child is unable to attend, please contact [Miss Shukle](#) and we will work out an excused absence with a make-up assignment. This information can also be found in my K-8 Music Monthly Newsletter ([Click for link](#)).

NATIVITY GARAGE SALE UPDATE: Nativity 7th Graders continue to collect Garage Sale Donations for their community wide garage sale June 9-11. Proceeds will help fund the 2017 class trip to Chicago. All donations are tax deductible and receipts are available upon request. All items with the exceptions of TVs, cribs, computers and car seats are welcome. Items can be dropped off in the School Office at 9901 E. Bloomington Freeway Door #14, M-F between 8:30-4:30 PM. If you need help or have larger items to donate, contact us at nativitygaragesale@gmail.com or call (952)881-8160.



SUMMER CAMPS AT NATIVITY:

- ✓ **VBS:** July 11 – 15 (Morning program, details to come!)
- ✓ **Kindergarten Camp:** July 25 – 28, 2016 (Forms will be sent to registered Kindergarten students)
- ✓ **Art Camp:** Thursday afternoons, June 16, 23, 30 and July 14, 21 & 28 from 1-3 p.m. (\$125) [Flier link](#)
- ✓ **STEM Camp:** Tuesday afternoons, June 14, 21, & 28 and July 12, 19 & 26 OR Wednesday afternoons, June 15, 22 & 29 and July 13, 20 & 27 (\$200) [Flier link](#)

REMINDERS:

- **Apply to be a member of the School Advisory Council – WE ARE STILL SEEKING MEMBERS:** Help our school live our mission to “foster academic excellence and spiritual growth” at Nativity. [Click for application](#).
- **SCRIP for SPRING! Think – Mom’s, Dad’s and Grads!** This is a great time of year to pick up Scrip gift cards for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, and the many graduations in May and June. Scrip also makes great wedding gifts. Shop online at: www.shopwithscrip.com or stop in the office for your favorite gift cards! Remember, Scrip helps you reach your fundraising Scrip goal, as well as earn tuition credit once you have reached this goal!
- **Holistic Breakfast: Volunteers still needed!** The Middle School Holistic Breakfast will be held on Wednesday May 18th at 7:45am. If you can volunteer to set up, serve or clean up, please email Kristi Rollwagen at sk5068@aol.com
- **SPRING TESTING BEGINS FOR K-2:** Nativity of Mary continues spring testing for our youngest students.
- **PIANO LESSONS:** Registration forms for piano lessons are due by May 20th. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Bergquist at ab88keys1@gmail.com.

KUDOS:

- **PIANO RECITAL:** Congratulations to all Nativity piano students who had their Spring Recital this past Sunday. Thanks to Angie Bergquist who offers piano lessons daily for Nativity students and a special thank you to her for playing at our Masses during this school year.
- **PETER PAN, JR:** Thank you to all of our students and parents who performed and assisted with the Nativity spring musical. Special thanks to staff and alumni who put in countless hours to make this production possible: Ellen

Tronnes; Rita Duerr; Emma Shukle; Rick Schild; Ali Maeser; Patty Meyer; Pat Bohman and Jim Ellingson as well as alumna, Megan Joy Borgerding.

- **BAND CONCERT:** Thank you to all of the students for their hard work and fantastic performance! A special thank you to Dr. Marie Rule for instilling a love of band at Nativity and creating an excellent band program.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Prayers for families with health issues and surgeries at this time.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder - mreeder@nativitybloomington.org

Lunchroom Volunteers:

Mon 5/16	Rachel Stuart, Jean Lewis, Jamie Roudabush, Clark Flowers
Tues 5/17	Lydia High, Thelma Kerkula, Kathy Love, Jenefer Morales
Wed 5/18	Mary Koch, Jodie Opstad, Matt Martin, Molly Bergum
Thurs 5/19	Lynn Poehling, Nikki Machtig, Nancy Bahr, Darlene Antonson
Fri 5/20	Lynn Taraboi, Allyson Benz, K.Johnson-MacPherson, Rachel Stuart

Playground Volunteers:

Mon 5/16	Bob Vodovnik
Tues 5/17	Chris Johnson
Wed 5/18	Pete Fisher
Thurs 5/19	Wendy Giles
Fri 5/20	Annette Poelvoorde

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Opportunity to serve the Nativity of Mary Community: Are you looking for a tangible way to show love for those grieving among your fellow brothers and sisters at Nativity of Mary? Consider helping with the funeral lunch ministry. Whether you are looking to bring out your “closet caterer” skills or simply contribute your gift for hospitality, there is a place for you in this ministry. Currently we have urgent need for people to contribute food items for funeral luncheons and to serve as funeral lunch workers. This would be a great opportunity for anyone who could serve during daytime hours, including moms looking to serve on campus while their kids are in school. Questions? Call Annie Hermanson: 952-881-8671, ext. 319. Thank you!

Mother’s Day “Baby Shower” for Life May 1-May 15! In caring for the vulnerable among us, you are invited to donate a new or used item for our “Baby Shower for Life.” A drop box is outside of the Nativity School Office and in the Gathering Space. All items will be donated to Tapestry Family Services. Sponsored by *Nativity of Mary Respect Life Ministry*.

Holy Angels Spring Info Night: The Academy of Holy Angels is hosting its **Spring Info Night** for prospective students and families on **Wednesday, May 25th**. The night will start at 5:30 with social time and light refreshments. At 6, our program will begin. Spring Info Night is for students and families in grades 6-8 who are thinking about their high school choice. Families interested in attending, please RSVP at www.academyofholyanimals.org.

Saint Thomas Academy Football Camp: The Saint Thomas Academy Football Camp is designed to offer football fundamentals, game knowledge, and individual skill development for players who are between ages 9 and 13 (entering grades 4-8 in the fall). Camp dates are June 20-22, 9:00 a.m. to noon and the cost is \$70. Register online at Cadets.com/Camps.

Chesterton Academy Open House: Join us for an **Open House and Activities Fair** on Tuesday, May 17th to learn about our integrated curriculum and explore our many extra-curricular activities. Campus tours and activities fair begin at 6:30PM, followed by a formal presentation at 7:00PM. Visit www.chestertonacademy.org or call 952-378-1779 for more information.