CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS
Monday - Saturday | 8:00am

WEEKEND MASS
Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm
Sunday | 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

*All Masses held outdoors in the Courtyard.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM
Celebrated on the 4th Sunday, after the 10:30am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office or lbarton@nativitycatholic.org

MARRIAGE
Saturdays, 11:00am or 2:00pm. Contact the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Encouraged for anyone critically ill, for the elderly, or prior to major surgery.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday | 1:00-2:00 pm

EUCHARIST
Weekday Mass | Monday - Saturday at 8:00am in the Courtyard.

Eucharist Adoration | Monday - Friday 8:30am-9:30am in the Courtyard

Perpetual Help Novena | Tuesdays after 8:00am Mass

Rosary | Weekdays after 8:00am

ABOUT OUR PARISH

MISSION STATEMENT - We are a praying, learning, and caring community fulfilling the mission God gives us in baptism by our worship in faith, by our witness in hope, and by our service in love.

Praying through the Sacraments, Learning through Religious Education, Caring through Pastoral Care.

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STEWARDSHIP

FOR THE WEEK OF 1-3
Our Parishioners contributed $16,583 in the collection last week, to further the Mission and Ministry provided by the Church of the Nativity. Thank you for giving what is meaningful to you, to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.

PASTORAL CARE

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Attended care is provided in the play room off the Commons during 9:00am and 10:30am Sunday Masses.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 1/16
8:00 Maruja Norton, SI
4:00 Fred Applegate, RIP

SUNDAY 1/17
7:30 Kristopher Schulte
9:00 Mel Brown, RIP
10:30 Brian Monahan, RIP

MONDAY 1/18
8:00 Maya Norton, SI

TUESDAY 1/19
8:00 Maruja Norton, SI

WEDNESDAY 1/20
8:00 Parker Foley, RIP

THURSDAY 1/21
8:00 am Judith Kenny, RIP

FRIDAY 1/22
8:00 AM Thomas McKenna and family, S.I.

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Open House

Sunday, January 31st
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Church of the Nativity

Welcomes All Parishioners To Our **Catechism & Bible Study**
Starts Jan. 3rd to Mar. 22nd, 2021

2 Studies To Choose From Every Week:
Sunday 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Monday 3:00pm – 4:00pm
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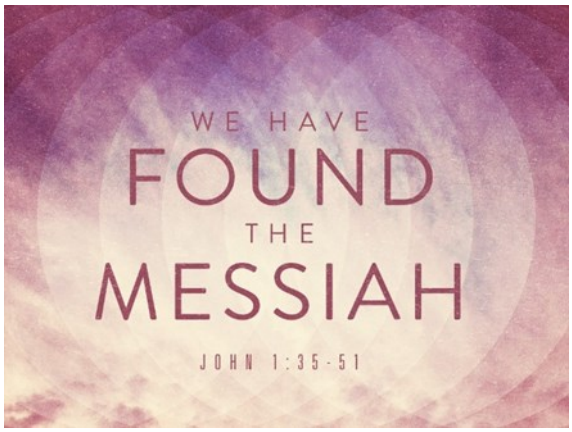
A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

"Speak, for your servant is listening."

1 Samuel 3:10



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, the message today is about discipleship. We are all called by God. Often, in this busy world, we have so many things occupying our time, it makes it difficult to hear God's call. Almost everyone has a mobile phone and/or internet. We may think that, if we have all these technologies, we can be better organized, more resourceful, and we can free up more time. However, the opposite is true. The more we have, the more preoccupied we are. Technology, like a cell phone, now becomes a member of our family. We take it everywhere we go. Even while we're having a meal with a friend or family, the cell phone is right there. And, sometimes, I see people in restaurants using their cell phones instead of conversing with one another. Moreover, some of us are so good that we can talk, eat, and text at the same time. We are now slaves of technology.

My brother and sisters, as a society, we have managed to have technology control our time and even our life. Since this is now the case, we can't hear God when he calls us. Do we even recognize when God is calling us? This weekend's first reading, God calls Samuel three times. When Samuel went to Eli the third time to ask if Eli had called him, Eli said, ''If you are called, reply, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening'." (1Samuel 3:10). The problem is that we do not hear God's call to us, and we also fail to recognize when He calls. God often uses others to call us to do His will. He calls us when our family members are sick. He calls us through the poor, through the elderly-like our aging mother, father, and grandparents-, through the Church, and through someone who needs forgiveness, compassion, charity, and love.

God calls every one of us to either the vocation of married life, the priesthood, the religious life, or living a single, chaste life. All these callings have equal dignity. However, the more we allow the world to occupy our time, the more difficult it is to hear God when He calls us. It is our duty as parents to teach our children how to hear the Lord.

Every Sunday at Mass the Lord looks at us as He looked at Andrew and Peter in the Gospel. He sees the potential in us, and He wants to bless us. He calls us to be His disciples and to bring Him to the world by living out our faith.

In order to hear and recognize when God is calling us, we must prioritize our life with God and place our relationship with Him at the forefront. Only then, will everything else in our life be properly ordered. Let us recall why we are here each Sunday. We come to give praise and thanksgiving to God for His Son and to be nourished and strengthen by His Word and the Eucharist. We come to church and make the sign of the cross with holy water to remind us that we are God's children, and that we have returned home to Him. We come to hear His Word through the readings, the psalms, the Gospel, and yes, even in the homily. We join our brothers and sisters in the choir to sing songs to elevate our soul to God in prayer. In the Eucharist, we receive Christ in us to nourish, strengthen, and attune our souls so that we can hear Him when He calls. We gather as a community to remind us that we are not alone, and that God is in our midst. And when God calls us, let our response be:
"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."

Fr. Minh Do

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

SUN 1/17	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
MON 1/18	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
TUE 1/19	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
WED 1/20	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
THR 1/21	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
FRI 1/22	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
SAT 1/23	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21
SUN 1/24	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

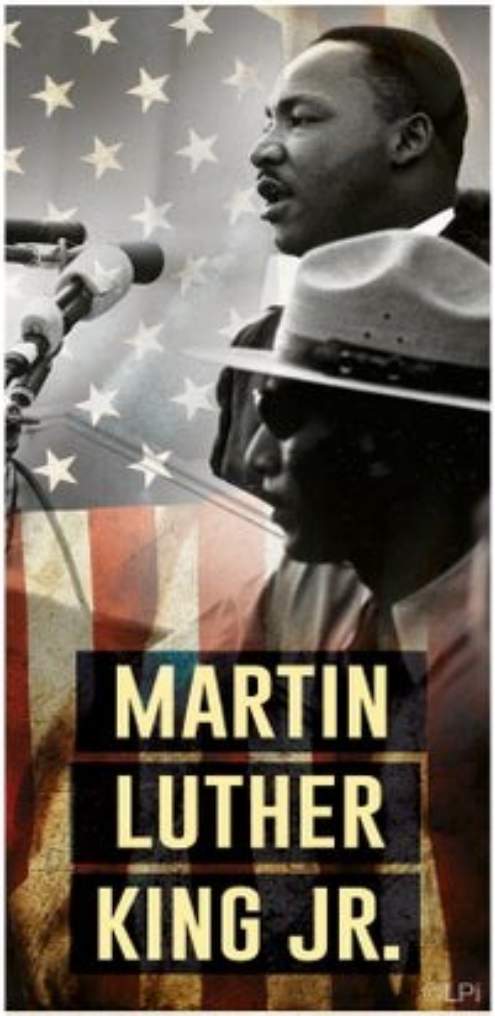
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday:	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Thursday:	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Friday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Saturday:	St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM
Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.



The time is always right to do what is right.

— DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer:

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document Built of Living Stones (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is "integrally connected with the church" which can foster "reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer." This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the "source and summit" of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

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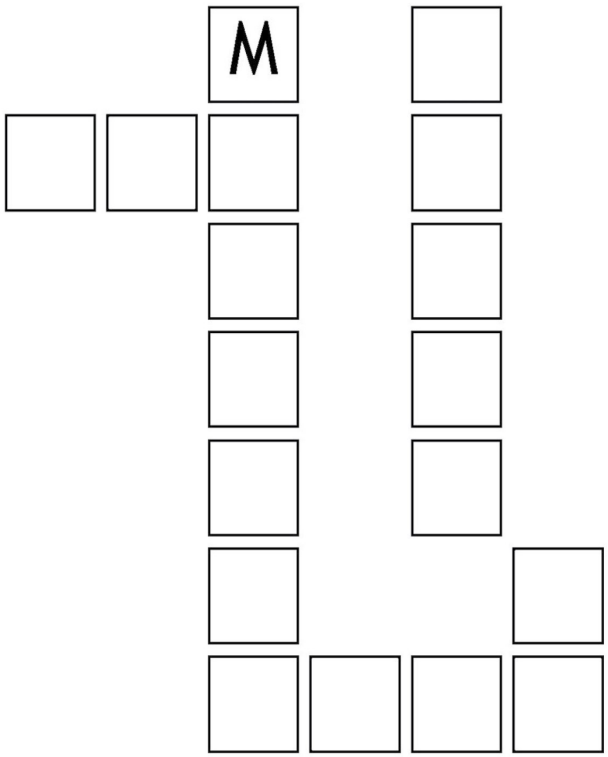
KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

We have found the Messiah.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

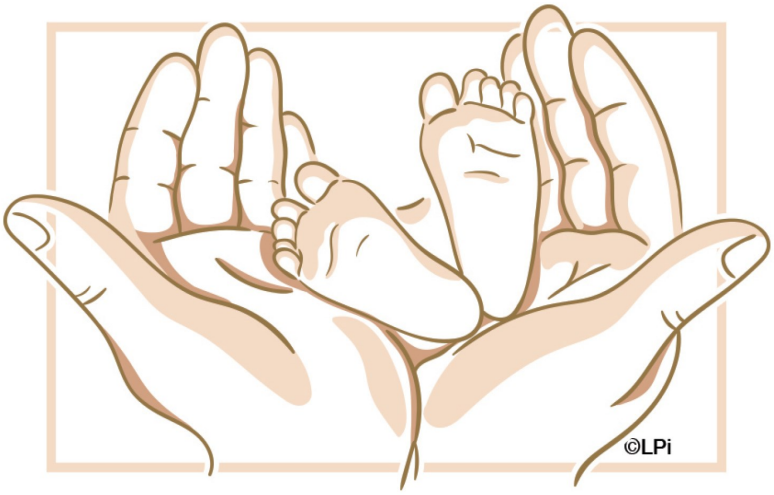
Mexican families share a special treat called a Kings' Cake on January 6th. Hidden inside the cake is one tiny little doll shaped like the baby Jesus. If you find Jesus in your piece of cake, you tell everyone. In today's Gospel, Andrew met Jesus for the first time. Andrew was so excited to find the Savior, he ran to tell his brother he had found Jesus.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me tell my family and friends about you.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your family if you could include Kings' Cake in your holiday celebrations next year.



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LITURGICAL LIFE

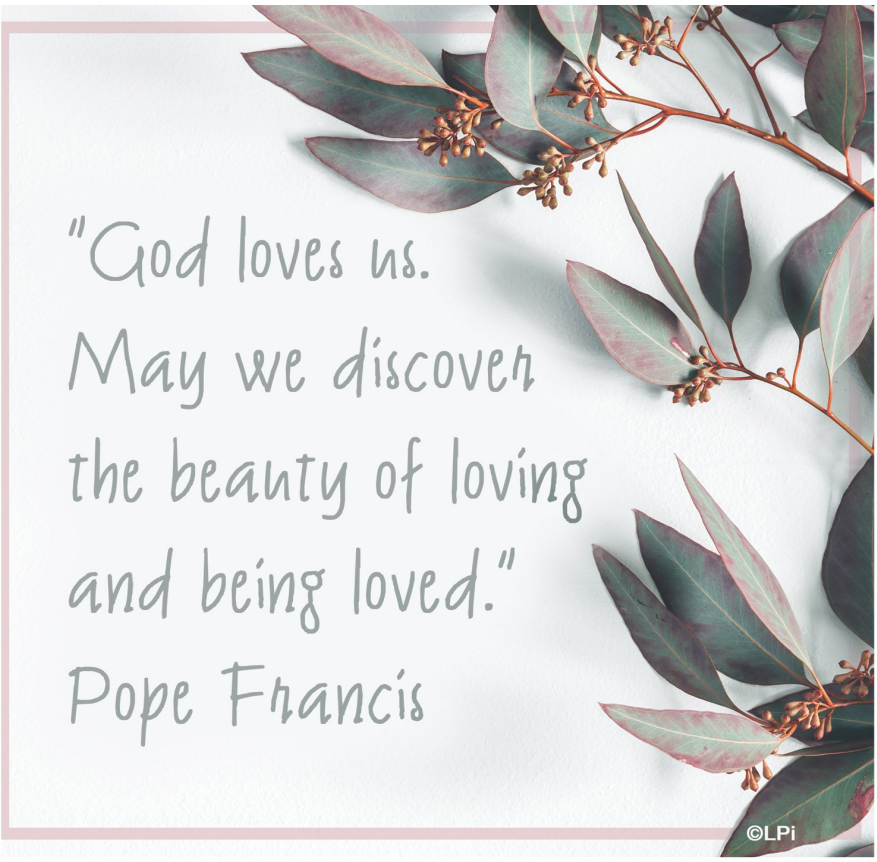
3 EASY STEPS
To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.

Wash Your Hands
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face
Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

- Jn 1:35-37

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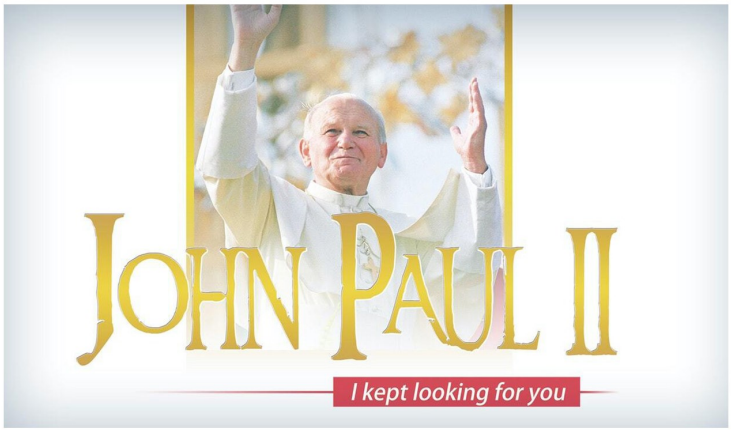
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 17, 2021

WATCH

JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



LEARN

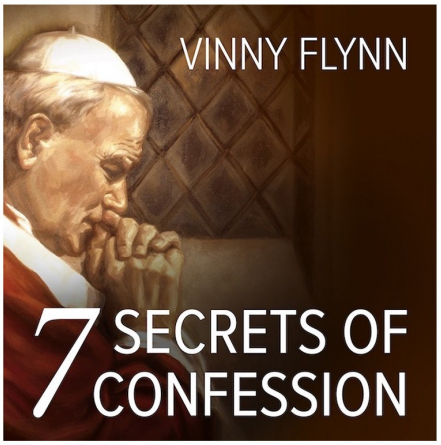
FORMED NOW! MISERY MEETS MERCY: SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His incredible mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

LISTEN

7 SECRETS OF CONFESSION BY VINNY FLYNN

The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.



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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation Coordinator: Amanda Telles

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K-8 Faith Formation

Has resumed a hybrid model of online and in-person lessons.

Our website has all the information.

High School Youth Ministry

Sunday's topic will be Discernment Part 2. We will finish by looking at the scripture passages and Catechism of the Catholic Church passages on Discernment. All freshmen-seniors are invited to join us from 5-6:15pm on Zoom for a discussion on Discernment. The new Zoom log in information for our 2021 meetings has been emailed to all teens and parents. Be sure to check the Youth Ministry page on the parish website at https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/youth-ministry for the class materials & downloads before class.

RCIA

R.C.I.A. Class #15 will be on January 17 via a Zoom session from 11:30am to 12:30pm. The new log in information for our 2021 meetings has been emailed to all class members. Be sure to check the parish website to download the scripture readings and handouts before class.

The Rite of Election for Candidates and Sponsors is on Sunday February 21 at Good Shepherd Church. Full details will be given during class.

High School Confirmation

The Confirmation Immediate Preparation Classes will start on Sunday February 14 from 3:30-4:30pm. Invitations and full details to eligible sophomores-seniors will be sent out in January. Information will also be posted on our parish website at https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/confirmation

Please be sure to stop by the Parish Office between 9am and 2pm Monday-Friday to pick up the supplemental Confirmation book before the first class on February 14.

For information on the High School Youth Ministry and Confirmation Programs contact Mike James, Youth Minister at mjames@nativitycatholic.org or go to https://nativitycatholic.weconnect.com/youth-ministry.