

A Holy Lent starts with



Dear Nativity Families:

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday this next week. We hope you can join us for Mass on Wednesday, March 6 at 9:45 a.m. During Lent students will be invited to extra prayer during Adoration and Stations of the Cross on Fridays. We encourage families to check out the additional family resources available through Partners in Faith we send home.

We are also excited to share that Rebecca Northup and Judy Boulay are inviting all families to join them in attending daily Mass and prayer time. See the enclosed flier with all of the details.

NATIVITY BASKETBALL HOMECOMING EVENT!

When: Thursday, February 28th

Where: Nativity Gym

What: 7 Boys Game vs. STS/SJB (4:30pm Tip-Off), 7/8 Girls Game vs. Carondelet (5:45pm Tip-Off)

Who: EVERYONE - come join the fun - spread the word!



Nativity athletics is an important part of youth development. This year our School Advisory Council is reviewing our policies thanks to feedback from our families and will have new policies next year that embrace the focus of 4HG (For His Glory) with additional training and support for both coaches and participants. To learn more, go online at: <https://www.4hg.co/>

CREATIVE CLUB SUMMER SIGN UP IS OPEN: PREK-Grade 6 - Creative Clubhouse is adding Preschool summer care and new programming. New experiences include:

- **Monday**-Mini Chefs
- **Tuesday**-Art Attacks
- **Wednesday**-Trips to the Planetarium, Saints' Games, Como Zoo and more!
- **Thursday**-Science Mania
- **Friday**-Special activities

Swimming will continue on Mondays and Thursdays as in the past. Join the fun for summer now for Preschool and up! Sign up at: [Creative Summer Sign Up](#)

K-8 CONFERENCES - March 7 & 8 (No School): K-8 Conference Sign Up will close on Tuesday night. Please be sure to sign up online at:

[K-8 Conference Online Sign up](#) [Preschool Sign up for April 18 Conferences](#)

Do you want to help bring meals for Nativity teachers? [Click to sign up!](#)



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

FEB. 28: NEWSLETTER

[Can't find your paper copy? Click here for attachments on our school website.](#)

MARCH 5 & 6: PARENT DRIVE AFTER SCHOOL – No buses in the afternoon!

MARCH 5: DINE OUT NIGHT at Chipotle - See the enclosed flier

MARCH 7 & 8: NO SCHOOL- Conferences, sign up online for K-8 at: Click: [K-8 Conference Sign Up](#)

MARCH 11: End of 2nd Trimester

MARCH 15: Men's Club Fish Fry

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SAVE THE DATES:

- **March 15-Men's Club 7th Annual Lenten Fish Fry Festival (4-9 p.m.)** – See details below!
- **April 13th Spirit of Spring Event “Denim & Diamonds!” (6 – 11 p.m.)** – Join us for a night out you won't forget. An invitation is enclosed.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019-20

- **PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4 YEAR OLDS - 2019-20:**
<https://www.grantinterface.com/User/Register?urlkey=earlychildhood>

YOU ARE REGISTERED! Please login to confirm their grade level for next year. You can adjust the grade by clicking on it. Review letters sent home: [Feb. 7 Attachments](#) **If you are not returning, please email at:** mreeder@nativitybloomington.org.

NEW STUDENTS for 2019-20: For current families, TADS does a rollover, but your child may not have ended up in the appropriate grade, so please login to check. You can edit by clicking on the grade. If your child is not presently at Nativity, but coming in the fall to preschool or kindergarten, please register them online! ([Click to register](#))

NATIVITY FUNDRAISERS:

- **52 Club Raffle:** The winner this week is Donna Streifel - \$200 (2/24/19).
- **ANNUAL FUND:** The Annual Fund raises critical dollars for our school. Our goal this year is \$85,000. To date we have raised \$51,331. Thank you for your support. Ask your business to match your donation. Invite grandparents and relatives to support our school. [DONATE ONLINE](#)

PRAY WITH US: Please join us in praying for our SAC, Finance, and Father Gjengdahl as we strive to balance the budget while keeping excellence the primary focus of our school. Pray for Cindy Keogh's husband, our new Creative Clubhouse coordinator and the Sherden family as well as families who have suffered a loss this year or last year.

Blessings, Mindy Reeder

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MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY

Just two more weeks To Sell Fish Fry tickets!

The 7th annual Nativity of Mary fish fry is a week from next Friday and there are just 11 more days to sell advance tickets to friends, family and neighbors and save. There are several prizes your kids can win with first place getting \$100 and six day passes to Nickelodeon Universe at Mall of America! Plus, everyone can win out of uniform passes! More tickets in the school office.

Please remember, advanced sales of fish fry tickets end on Monday, March 11th. All unsold tickets and money raised should be returned to the school office by this time in order to be eligible for prizes. Thanks for all your help for making this such fun event.

8th GRADE EVENT DATES: Join Nativity & St. Bonaventure for upcoming Youth events on – “Guys Night” – March 15, April 12th & May 17th – 6:30-8:30 (St. Boni's Youth Room); “Ladies Night” – March 5, April 30th & May 21st; **YOUTH ALIVE – Nativity Creative Clubhouse, March 22 (6-8 p.m.)**

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS:

- **St. Thomas - STEM - March 9 for Grades 3-5.** Register at cadets.com/STEM
- **BENILDE-ST. MARGARET:** Congratulations to Andrew & Thomas Forby, 10th and 12th grade students at Benilde, Nativity alumni who made the highest honor roll this past trimester with a GPA of 3.7 – 4.0 or higher!

OPEN HOUSE AT BENILDE is March 14 - 8:30-10:30 a.m.



LUNCH UPDATE:

Lent is here! We won't be having pizza on Fridays during lent, see menu sent home last week. Have you checked your lunch account? You can put money in at any time. Thanks for keeping your account up-to-date in Educate.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED! Sign up at:
[RECESS](#)**



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HIGHER POWERED LEARNING at NATIVITY

Nativity of Mary School is partnering with the University of Notre Dame in a three year grant through their Higher Powered Learning Program to implement personalized learning for each child – referred to as Blended Learning.

BLAST Teachers – The University of Notre Dame held a training online with all five schools this week.

NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL TEACHERS – All teachers met in their PLC to review the February “Growth Mindset” focus.

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