



# NATIVITY<sup>of</sup>MARY SCHOOL

## NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES – Thursday, October 31, 2019

Hello Nativity Families and Happy Halloween!

The weather has certainly gotten colder recently and it is clear a change in seasons is upon us. With that change in seasons comes our annual Rake-a-thon next Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 am - 12:00pm. Each year, the students and their families from Nativity go out into the community and help rake leaves for homes that have requested assistance. It is a great way to have a good time and meet other Nativity families and members of our Bloomington community. It is also a valuable lesson we can give to our children about the value of service and walking in Jesus' footsteps. We have many yards to rake and could still use more volunteers. If you are interested in participating in this great service project, please contact Mrs. Hagerty in the school office!

Be kind. Be brave. Believe!

Mr. Pajak

### WELCOME NEW PRESCHOOL COORDINATOR

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME PATTY FYKSEN WHO HAS BEEN HIRED AS OUR PRESCHOOL COORDINATOR. PATTY WILL BE HERE ONE DAY PER WEEK TO ASSIST WITH ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AS WELL AS WORKING WITH OUR PRESCHOOL STAFF TO ENSURE EXCELLENCE. PATTY INTRODUCES HERSELF BELOW.

My name is Patty Fyksen and I have recently joined Nativity as the Preschool Coordinator. My husband Brent and I live in North St Paul, with our four girls and two dogs! Being busy at home is just the beginning, as I also own a childcare and have had over 23 years of professional experience with children from multiple age groups and within very diverse surroundings. My education and experiences have proven useful to successfully open my licensed childcare and maintain full enrollment for the past 10 years and I am eager to assist the preschool program here in any way possible! I have already enjoyed working with and getting to know the preschool team and look forward to improving the program where possible as well as making wonderful relationships with many families and teachers along the way.

### VEAP DONATIONS

Each week students are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to Mass to donate to the VEAP and St Vincent DePaul food shelf. Thank you for your generosity!

### **FUNERAL LUNCH MINISTRY**

Dear Beloved School Families,

We are in need of developing a new system to help us get desserts and salads for our funeral luncheons. Here is what our Pastoral Council has suggested and I need your help to make it a reality. If you are willing to make a dessert or a salad for 16 persons when a funeral comes in please email me and we will put your name on a list.

When a funeral comes in, we will send out a sign up genius and as you are able you can sign up. We are hoping that this will result in many families signing up for this beautiful ministry of providing nourishment for people in the midst of their grief, as well as bring a unity between our great school and parish. The more people that are on the list, the less of a burden it will be upon any one group of people. Practically what this will look like is if we get a funeral in for 110 people, we would need **ONLY** seven people to make a dessert or salad. You would sign up on the sign up genius that is sent out and then drop off what you said you would bring the day of the funeral at the parish office close to 9:30 am when you are dropping your kids off for school.

Thank you for your consideration on this. If you are interested in being included in this new initiative (which fulfills a corporal work of mercy), please email me at [frnathan@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:frnathan@nativitybloomington.org)

God bless,

Fr. Nathan

### **UNITY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Unity High School will be hosting a fall open house on Thursday, November 7. Doors open at 6:30. Unity High School is a Catholic High School that is co-located at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville, MN. For more information, contact Tammy Weigel at 952-495-6181.

### **RAKE A THON**

Nativity's annual Rake-A-Thon is Saturday, November 9.

If you are available even for an hour or two in the morning, please consider joining us!

Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444A8A728A4FA7-nativity28> to sign up.

Thank you again for making this service project a success!

Have questions? Email Tammy Kapsner [tkapsner@yahoo.com](mailto:tkapsner@yahoo.com) or Bryn

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### **SCHULZE EARLY LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP**

Attention Preschool families! The Schulze Family Foundation has created the Schulze Early Learning Scholarship Program to assist middle-income families in gaining access to excellent preschool programs for their children. Applications are being accepted starting November 1 for the 2020-21 school year. The Schulze Early Learning Scholarship application is online at [schulzefamilyfoundation.org](http://schulzefamilyfoundation.org). Click on Early Learning Scholarships.

### **MARKETING GRANT**

We are pleased to announce that we received a grant from the Catholic Community Foundation to help cover the costs associated with our new website! Our grant also includes funds to help us update our printed market materials including brochures and folders for prospective parents. Erin Wee, our marketing coordinator, was instrumental in the grant writing process. Thank you Erin and the Catholic Community Foundation!

### **WINE, WOMEN AND DESSERT**

Women of Nativity invite you to a relaxing and inspiring evening together, Friday, November 15th from 7-9pm. A glass of wine, a bite of dessert, and the featured speaker: Fr. Nathan LaLiberte. He will speak on "The Feminine Genius." Women have unique gifts for the Church and the world, which Pope John Paul II called us to use to build a culture of life and hope in our world today. There will be a \$5 admission. Please RSVP to the parish office (952-881-8671) by Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> or email Mary Dobson at [mdobson@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:mdobson@nativitybloomington.org).

### **SUMMERHOUSE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**

Come shop for your Christmas gifts at Summerhouse Holiday Boutique (99<sup>th</sup> & Lyndale) on Saturday, November 2 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Friday, November 1 – Parent Drive Day

Saturday, November 9 – Nativity Rake-A-Thon RAKERS NEEDED!!!!

Tuesday, November 19 – Picture Retake Day