

O my Jesus, in union with all the angels and the saints.  
I adore thee in the most Holy Sacrament in which thou art concealed for the love of me.  
I adore thee as my Lord, my God, my Creator, and my Redeemer. Amen

### Diocesan Announcements

**Quo Vadis – High School Discernment Retreat, Monday, July 17, 2023:** For High School men Grades 9-12. Special One Day Event with Lunch Provided 8:30am-4:00pm. What is the focus of the retreat?: Learning prayer and routine; understanding sacrifice, suffering and courage; growth in virtue and discipline. The retreat will be held at the Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House, 600 Shady Shores Rd., Lake Dallas, TX 75065. For more information & registration please call (817) 945-9321 or [vocations@fwdioc.org](mailto:vocations@fwdioc.org).

**Aging with Grace – A Catholic Workshop for empty nesters, retirees, caregivers and their loved ones, Tuesday, July 18, 2023:** As we age or care for aging parents, we often wonder what the Church teaches about ethical medical decisions, the sanctity of life and preparing documents, such as advance directives or a will. This event, sponsored by the Advancement Foundation, St. Thomas More Society and the Respect Life Office, will help answer those questions and provide guidance. Retirees, caregivers, and other loved ones welcome to join on Tuesday, July 18 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Holy Family Catholic Parish, 6150 Pershing Avenue, Fort Worth, 76107. \$25 per person/\$25 per couple (includes lunch, snacks and materials). To learn more or register: <https://www.advancementfoundation.org/aging-with-grace>

### RED-C Catholic Radio/Ablaze Ministries Central Texas Family Retreat

Families Encountering Christ is the theme for the retreat which takes place on Saturday, July 29 at St. Louis Catholic Church in Waco. Activities include Mass, Adoration, Confession and both lunch and dinner. There will be three great speakers for the adults, as well as childcare and programs on the faith for children of all ages. Registration is only \$50 per family. To register or for more information go to [redcradio.org/familyretreat](http://redcradio.org/familyretreat) or call Deacon Robin Waters at 254-749-4937.

### LOCAL EVENTS

**Sunday (July 16, 2023) 2023 Birome Homecoming & Celebration – Birome Church & Community Center**  
Doors open at 10:00am. Worship Service at 11:00am followed by Business Meeting and Potluck Lunch at Noon. Auction following the potluck lunch. For more information contact Lisa Kasberg (254) 533-2291.

### **Tuesday (October 3, 2023) CDA West Gift Card Raffle**

Three prizes: \$4000.00, \$3000.00, and \$2000 Visa Gift Cards Tickets are \$100.00 each; only 300 tickets sold. For tickets please contact Tappy Vanek (254) 722-1742.

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
July 16, 2023

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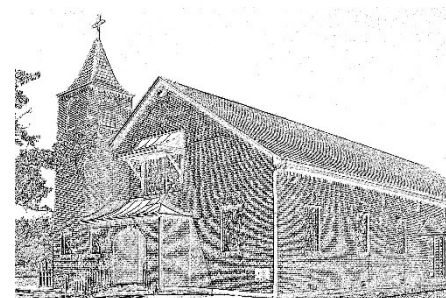
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A full list of Parish Staff and Ministry Leaders can be found on our parish website.



### MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday:** 10:00 am  
**Thursday:** 8:00 am  
**Friday:** 8:00 am

### Sacrament of Penance:

After Mass on Sunday, 7:30am Thursday and Friday

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### Weekly Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
7/16/23	Sunday	10:00 am	+Brandie Svacina	Sacrament of Penance after Mass
7/20/23	Thursday	8:00 am	+Joana Williams	Sacrament of Penance 7:30 am
7/21/23	Friday	8:00 am	+Evelyn Makovy	Sacrament of Penance 7:30 am
7/23/23	Sunday	10:00 am	+ Bill & Lillian McKinney	Sacrament of Penance after Mass

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Memory of Charlie Fabian

**Election Results** – Congratulations to Susie Jaska and Anna Esparza on being elected to the Pastoral Council. They will serve with Debi Lednicki, Marcella Sinkule, Claudine Kucera, Jean Disher, and Karen Osborne.

**The Bazaar is drawing closer and will be held Sunday, September 17, 2023.** We are in need of items for the raffle. If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, please contact Marcella Sinkule (254) 709-2343 or you may bring the raffle item to the Nativity Parish Rectory on Sundays. Raffle tickets will be printed on July 31, 2023.

Hear ye, hear ye! We are engaged in an epic battle for the hearts and minds of our youth. Every day, they are bombarded with lies about who they are, who their Creator is, and where their salvation comes from. Thankfully, God has given his children armor to wear in this battle between truth and lies, light and darkness, good and evil.

I am so happy to extend this invitation for you to join us on a journey to staying strong in the battle of truth during **Keepers of the Kingdom VBS at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Abbott, Texas for incoming Kindergarten ages through incoming 5th Grade ages.** Kids at this VBS learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in today's battle for truth. **Vacation Bible School will be from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm during the dates of July 30, 2023-August 4, 2023. The attendees will be served a meal beginning at 6:00 pm.**

If you have any questions or would like to know how to register please email me at [ihom.vbs@gmail.com](mailto:ihom.vbs@gmail.com)!

Next Week's Attendants			
7/23/2023	SERVERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS
	Cross: Darian Westmoreland Carson Bruton	Jennifer Mynarcik	Johnny & Claudine Kucera
	USHERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
	Josh Kucera Daniel Locke Adam Dudik Johnny Kucera		Derek Lednicki David Holub

PRAYER LIST			
Abby, Linda	Glaessman, Gary	Martin, Brantley	Ohnhieser, Bernice
Altamirano, Salvador	Hanzlicek, Pam	Matus, Brian	Parrish-Lednicki, Deborah
Baily, Samuel	Holacka, Dorothy	Matus, Herman & Joann	Peoples, Jessica
Carlie, Carolyn	Jackson, Heather	Mikuda, George	Perras, Jean
Carr, Phyllis	Knapek, Lottie	Miller, Janet	Roessler, John & Alma
Disher, Benjamin	Kral, Donna	Miller, Jim	Roskos, David
Dudik, Ronnie	Kriss, Jr., Robert	Mills, Adira	Short, Meredith
Dvorak, Mary Ann	Lander, Kevin	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Sulak, Andrea
Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Lopez, Angel	Mynarcik, Diane	Talley, Renee
Fulton, Eugene	Lozano, Mary	Nors, Kaitlin	Taylor, Kent
	Machac, Matthew	Oelrich, Don	Walker, Travis
			Watson, Troy

It is not necessary to be a member of the parish to be added to the list. You will not be put on the prayer list without your permission. **To have anyone added or removed, please contact Janice Chase via phone, text, or email at (254) 723-7943 or [jac76707@yahoo.com](mailto:jac76707@yahoo.com).** Only the person requesting, or the person being prayed for can request removal from the list.

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS THIS YEAR. THE 2022-2023 SEMINARIAN DAILY PRAYER LIST CAN BE FOUND AT [FWDIOC.ORG/SEMINARIAN-PRAYER-LIST-DEC-2022-ENGLISH.PDF](http://FWDIOC.ORG/SEMINARIAN-PRAYER-LIST-DEC-2022-ENGLISH.PDF). FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE VOCATIONS OFFICE.

*“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” - MATTHEW 13:22*

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

**RCIA** - Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic (RCIA) should contact Debi Lednicki at (254) 709-6003 for more information.

COLLECTION 7/9/2023	
Envelopes	\$ 653.00
Loose	\$ 167.65
Hall Rental	\$ 60.00
Masses	\$ 50.00
Bazaar Donation	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1030.65</b>

**NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS:** Contact Debbie Lednicki 254-709-6003.  
**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977 or [jac76707@yahoo.com](mailto:jac76707@yahoo.com)  
*(Announcements due by Wednesday, noon, to be included the following Sunday)*  
**3SANCTUARY LIGHT & MASS INTENTIONS:** Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977  
 (Suggested donation \$5.00 per intention. Intentions may be placed in the collection basket)  
**CLMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS:** Contact Marcella Sinkule 254-826-3860