

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

**World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** - will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, February 2, 2024 and in parishes over the weekend of February 3-4, 2024. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

**St. Andrew's Breakfast** – The next St. Andrew Breakfast will be on Saturday morning, February 10, 2024, at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St., Ft. Worth, TX 76102 at 8:00am. The day will begin with Mass followed by breakfast and fellowship. We encourage young men in high school and college of the Diocese of Fort Worth to attend. With limited space, please reserve your spot by February 8, 2024 to the Vocations Office or by calling (817) 945-9321.

**Lent Workshop** – Join us for a transformative workshop during Lent 2024 on navigating the temptations in our world today and finding the guidance to overcome them! Led by Fr. Paul Zirimenya, this workshop will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 9:30am at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Arlington. Lunch is included, so please reserve your place by contacting Connie Martin or calling (817) 591-0186. Additionally, come together for a special Mass on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 11:00am, celebrated with the parishioners of St. Maria Goretti. Don't miss this opportunity of spiritual growth and community connection during the Lenten season!

**Young Adult Lenten Retreat** – February 24, 2024 held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Denton. Young Adult Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Worth are invited to attend a one-day Lenten Retreat led by the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary. The retreat, which is specifically designed for those aged 18-35, will feature reflection on the Lenten homilies of St. Francis de Sales. The event will be held from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other young adult Catholics and deepen your spiritual practice. RSVP by February 21, 2024 <https://form.jotform.com/DioceseFW/young-adult-lenten-retreat-rsvp>

**Young Adult Mass** – All young adults, ages 18-35, of the Diocese of Fort Worth are invited to a special bilingual (Spanish & English) Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Olson on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 6:00pm. This Mass will take place at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth. Dinner will be offered in the St. Patrick Pastoral Center, but an RSVP is required before February 28, 2024.

### LOCAL EVENTS

**Tuesday (February 6, 2024) CDA Court #829 Meeting – St. Joseph's Hall, West TX**  
CDA Court #829 will meet on February 6, 2024 with social beginning at 6:00pm followed by the meeting at 6:30pm.

**Wednesday (February 7, 2024) Drive-thru Hamburger Supper – IHOM Parish Hall, Abbott, TX**  
Immaculate Heart of Mary's CCD Program will hold a Drive-thru Hamburger Supper from 6:00-7:30pm at the parish hall in Abbott, TX. The class is selling a to-go hamburger plates that includes a hamburger with all the trimmings, French fries, and a dessert for the price of \$10.00. Proceeds from the sale will benefit religious education. The public is invited to come and purchase the delicious hamburger meal. Your generosity is welcomed and appreciated!

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 4, 2024**

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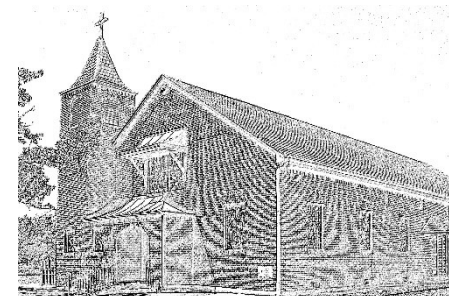
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A full list of Parish Staff and Ministry Leaders can be found on our parish website.



### 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

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2024

### Weekly Schedule

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
2/4	Sunday	10:00 am	+Michael Kucera	
2/8	Thursday	8:00am	+Jimmy Sinkule	
2/9	Friday	8:00 am	+Joanna Williams	
2/11	Sunday	10:00am	+Michael Watson, Jr.	

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

### Enriching our Catholic Faith and our Love of God

Classes have resumed on Sunday's after Mass and will conclude at the end of the Easter Season in 2024. The classes are for all current parishioners along with anyone interested in becoming Catholic. The classes will focus on increasing our faith using Holy Scripture, The Catechism of the Catholic Church and supplemented with Ascension Press videos. If you have any questions please see Deacon Denver after Mass.

### Adult Safe Environment Awareness Sessions:

**“NEW” Ministry Volunteers & Renewing Current Volunteers:** “Protecting God’s Children for Adults” Safe Environment Awareness Session will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 1:00-4:00pm at IHOM’s Smid Center.

**Please Note: Adult Safe Environment Awareness Session is required for all Adult Volunteers prior to serving in any Parish Ministries. Please contact Janice Chase, Safe Environment Coordinator, at (254) 723-7943 to volunteer. To register online for a session please go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm>**

**SAVE the DATE - Sunday (February 25, 2024) Annual Fried Chicken Dinner –** Serving beginning at 10:30am. Meal consisting of fried chicken, dressing, sausage, sauerkraut, parsley potatoes, slaw & dessert. All parishioners are asked to bring a dessert.

2/11/2024 SERVERS		READER	GIFT BEARERS
Cross Isaiah Locke		Jean Disher	Josh & BJ Kucera
Audrey Dudik			
USHERS		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
Joey Jaska	David Kucera		Derek Lednický
Dylan Kucera	Johnny Kucera		Debi Lednický

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

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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** On Sundays we will have Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30-9:25am followed by the Rosary at 9:30am and Mass at 10:00am. We will continue Exposition, Adoration and Benediction beginning in January on First Fridays after Mass.

**RCIA -** Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic (RCIA) should contact Kelly Dudik at (254) 709-3022 for more information. proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

*“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’”*  
- MARK 1:35, 38

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

COLLECTION 1/28	
Envelopes	\$ 405.00
Loose	\$ 263.00
Second Collection	\$ 228.00
Black Baud Fund	\$ 320.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1216.00</b>

**NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS:** Contact Debbie Lednický 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)3**SANCTUARY 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