

Vincent van Gogh, *Green Wheat Field with Cypress*, 1889, oil on canvas, detail; National Gallery in Prague, Czech Republic; US PD

"... OUT OF  
JOY [HE]  
GOES AND  
SELLS ALL  
THAT HE HAS  
AND BUYS  
THAT FIELD."  
MT 13:44



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD | JULY 30, 2023  
**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**  
NOOL.US | (303) 469-5171

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## MASS TIMES

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### MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00 am  
9:30 am (livestreamed)

### SATURDAY

9:30 am (livestreamed)

### VIGIL MASS

4:30 pm

### SUNDAY

7:30 am  
9:30 am (livestreamed)  
11:30 am  
5:00 pm

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## CONFESSION

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### THURSDAY

5:00-6:00 pm

### SATURDAY

8:00-9:30 am  
3:00-4:30 pm

### SUNDAY

30 min before Masses

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## OFFICE HOURS:

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 8 am-5 pm

## FRONT DESK:

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 8 am-8 pm

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## GOING TO THE HOSPITAL

If you are going to the hospital and need a visit from a priest or deacon, please call the front desk at (303) 469-5171.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Joanne Farver at (303) 466-8859 or at [joannefarver@comcast.net](mailto:joannefarver@comcast.net).

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JULY 29

9:30 am Ronald Bergier  
by Kathy Bunonanici  
4:30 pm Connie & Phil Gadecki  
by Opie Family

### SUNDAY, JULY 30

7:30 am James Omernik  
by Richard and Kathy Northrop  
9:30 am People of the Parish  
11:30 am Hazel VonFeldt  
5:00 pm † Jim Masciarelli  
by Masciarelli Family

### MONDAY, JULY 31

7:00 am † Milly Janczura  
by Friends & Family  
9:30 am † Sharol Enockson  
by Charlie & Ann McGuiness

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00 am † Manuel Figueroa  
by Ocampo Family  
9:30 am Helen & Jose Mapalad  
by Eileen Albanese

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00 am † David Kerno by Rita Kerno  
9:30 am George Sack  
by North Metro Singles

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 am Bonnie Skelton by  
Sarah & Beverly Ketchel  
9:30 am † Souls in Purgatory

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00 am Fr. Emanuele  
by Maria & Charles Graham  
9:30 am † Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

9:30 am † David Kerno by Rita Kerno  
4:30 pm Matthew Cole  
by Ken & Mary Ann Cole

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

7:30 am Souls in Purgatory  
9:30 am People of the Parish  
11:30 am Jason Fritz by Denise Fritz  
5:00 pm † Marek Rybkowski  
by Joanna Anderson

### SACRISTY LAUNDRY

Therese Herzog

### COLLECTION COUNTERS

Mon, July 31 | 10 am

Kay Boyer  
Vickie Villegas  
Don Larson  
Deb Mittleman

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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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### IN THE CHURCH:

#### THURSDAY

12:00-6:00 pm

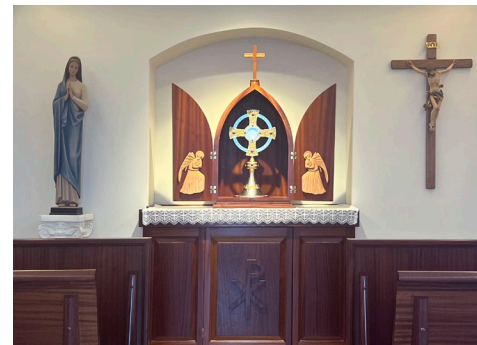
#### SOLEMN HOLY HOUR:

5:00-6:00 pm with *Confession* and *Vespers*  
Benediction: 5:55 pm

### IN THE CHAPEL:

#### MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00 am-5:00 pm



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## PARISH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, JULY 29

8:00 am | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle

### SUNDAY, JULY 30

11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary

### MONDAY, JULY 31

6:30 pm | Catechetical School  
Information Session  
6:30 pm | New Springtime Charismatic Prayer Group  
6:30 pm | Spanish Prayer Group

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

1:00 pm | Adult Tuesday Bible Study:  
*Footprints of God*

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00 am | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle  
9:30 am | Silver Rose Pilgrimage with Mass





**I WON TOO!**

**FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF COMMUNION LIVED IN THE FAMILY TO THE CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD: THE VOCATION OF PHILIP STOKMAN ORDAINED ON JUNE 24, 2023**

I was born in Crosby, a small town of 2000 inhabitants in the heart of Minnesota amongst lakes and iron mines. I am the fourth of seven children having 3 brothers and 3 sisters. According to the stories handed down to me, my mother was distraught when she was expecting me. One day out jogging her friend John yelled from his pickup "Marcie! Why are you crying?" She replied "I'm afraid to give birth to a child in this world." My mom felt alone in this world and, therefore, easily afraid. John had her get in the truck and they went for coffee. Three years later, I was baptized in the Protestant church. John and his wife became my godparents.

In 1997 we moved to St. Paul for my father's work. These were difficult years. After my cousin's baptism, my mother approached the priest and said "We have returned to the Catholic Church, but how is it possible in such a large parish that we feel alone?" He replied by inviting us to the vacation of the Communion and Liberation movement. From that day forward, the keynote experience of my life would not be solitude but the experience of being involved in a life of communion. I grew up inside this salvation event. I remember as a seven year old being curious about these somewhat strange but beautiful people who had a desire to be with us and weren't afraid to live life but rather faced it with a passion.

When I was twelve, I sensed that God was calling me. I found myself convinced that God had already thought of my life, not as something "already written" but as a proposal designed just for me if I wanted to be His. This intuition was different from my plans to become a professional ice hockey player or an airplane pilot because it didn't come from me. It deeply touched my whole person as a great promise.

At fifteen, I started attending the GS Group, a CL Movement proposal for high school kids. These were decisive years. I remember we were encouraged to make a judgment on the ultimate truth of the experience we were living together. It was clear that our friendship pointed us to its infinite horizon. At some point, an Italian priest, Fr. Luca, arrived on our GS vacation. He didn't talk much, but I was fascinated by him and the things he said to us. I saw a calm man in love with Our Lady. One day I asked him to tell me his story, and what he said struck me deeply: "I won the lottery!" "What do you mean?!" I pressed. "I received the call to the priesthood!" That intuition I had as a child returned to me again, and I answered in my heart with amazement: "I won too!"

In 2012, I went to study philosophy at a university in Washington DC, where I received the gift of many friends, including Fr. Pietro. He helped us to study and to become better friends with each other, continuously transmitting to us the fire of the mission. During the first two years of university, I tried to keep my life in my own hands. Thanks to meeting a girl, I realized that deep down I wanted to love, not within my measure, but by risking on that path that God had already proposed to me as a

way to love, that is, to give my life as His instrument in the priesthood. Thus, in the next two years, I began to live according to this hypothesis and to experience the beauty of this vocation in advance. Finally, in 2016, I arrived in Rome to start the seminary.

Philip Stokman, 29, originally from Minnesota, lives in the house of Magliana on the outskirts of Rome.

In the photo: A moment of singing with the Cavalieri di Roma group.

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Source: [www.sancarlo.org/anchio-ho-vinto](http://www.sancarlo.org/anchio-ho-vinto)



Translated from Italian by  
Nativity Staff



# DAILY READINGS

## SATURDAY, JULY 29

Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Reading 1: Ex 24:3-8

Psalm: 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15

Gospel: Jn 11:19-27

## SUNDAY, JULY 30

Reading 1: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Psalm: 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Reading 2: Rom 8:28-30

Gospel: Mt 13:44-52

## MONDAY, JULY 31

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Reading 1: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34

Psalm: 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Gospel: Mt 13:31-35

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Reading 1: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28

Psalm: 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13

Gospel: Mt 13:36-43

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

Reading 1: Ex 34:29-35

Psalm: 99:5, 6, 7, 9

Gospel: Mt 13:44-46

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

Reading 1: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38

Psalm: 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11

Gospel: Mt 13:47-53

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Reading 1: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37

Psalm: 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab

Gospel: Mt 13:54-58

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Reading 1: Lv 25:1, 8-17

Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 7-8

Gospel: Mt 14:1-12

## PRAY THE ROSARY

WITH US

SUNDAY, 11:00 AM

Anyone who contemplates Christ through the various stages of his life cannot fail to perceive in him *the truth about man*. [...] "it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of man is seen in its true light." [...] Following in the path of Christ, in whom man's path is "recapitulated", (33) revealed and redeemed, believers come face to face with the image of the true man.

— St. John Paul II

*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*



# NATIVITY DAYS 2023 | AUGUST 10-13

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

FRIDAY, AUG 11 | 6 PM

## AN EVENING WITH JP2

SCAN WEBSITE CODE TO REGISTER FOR THE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



In commemoration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Youth Day 1993 in Denver, we will be welcoming a special guest speaker, **Cardinal J. Francis Stafford**, Archbishop Emeritus of Denver, who will make John Paul II come alive for us by sharing his personal encounter experiences with the Saint. As Archbishop of Denver, Cardinal Stafford hosted the 1993 World Youth Day which was the first such event in North America.

## EXHIBIT

The evening will also feature an exhibit on the life of St. John Paul II and World Youth Day 1993, the first global celebration of young people in the United States.

## YOUR WORLD YOUTH DAY 1993 TESTIMONY IS NEEDED!

Share your experience with us by emailing a written description of the events and their impact on your life to Jacquie at [JACQUIE.T.COLBY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JACQUIE.T.COLBY@GMAIL.COM) by Monday, July 31. Please keep your entries to 300 words or less.

Experiences may be shared publicly as part of our Nativity Days exhibit



## THEME:

"I came that they might have life, and have it to the full" (*John 10:10*)

FULL SCHEDULE: [WWW.NOO1.US/NATIVITY-DAYS](http://WWW.NOO1.US/NATIVITY-DAYS)





# SILVER ROSE PILGRIMAGE

WILL STOP AT NATIVITY:

**SAT, AUG 5, 2023, 9:30 AM**



Each year, from early March through mid-December, a Silver Rose Pilgrimage is stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along eight routes from Canada, United States, and Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The eight Silver Roses will arrive on December 12 for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and are placed at the feet of the original image at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

We are blessed to have the Silver Rose Pilgrimage stop at Nativity of Our Lord on Saturday morning, August 5 to celebrate the Rosary for Life in conjunction with our parish pro-life community. The procession of the Silver Rose at Nativity will begin at the 9:30 Mass on Saturday, August 5, and the prayer service will immediately follow Mass led by Fr. Julius. Please join us for this special celebration!

**NATIVITY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
SECOND ANNUAL  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



**SAT, AUG 19, 2023**  
EAGLE TRACE GOLF COURSE  
1200 CLUBHOUSE DRIVE  
BROOMFIELD, CO 80020

Scan to register



The event is limited to 144 attendees. All proceeds to benefit the Knights of Columbus charities and college scholarships open to children of Nativity. More info and registration:

[knights-of-columbus-golf-tournament-copy.cheddarup.com](http://knights-of-columbus-golf-tournament-copy.cheddarup.com)

# PRAY FOR LIFE!

A group of Nativity parishioners prays for life outside the Boulder Abortion Clinic every Tuesday, leaving Nativity at 8:00 am and returning by 11:00 am. Please pray for life and join us if you can.

## PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER 2023 GALA THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 | 5:30 PM-9:30 PM

Wiens Corporate Hanger  
11824 Corporate Way, Broomfield

Near the "Clinic" is the Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center, an organization that has saved many lives. Their 2023 Gala, Aloha Ola Luau, supporting their lifesaving work will be celebrating life with a reception, dinner, Luau Dancers, and Testimonials. Individual Tickets cost is \$120.00.

To register call 303-960-7915 by August 10. Mention Nativity of Our Lord to sit with other Nativity Parishioners.

QUESTIONS? Call Eloise or Phil Georgen at 303-469-8156.

# HEALING FROM DIVORCE

**GUIDANCE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SEPARATED OR DIVORCED, AND ARE IN NEED OF A DEEPER KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH HIS CHURCH**

Join the Surviving Divorce Program, a personal guide for participants and resources for anyone who wants to know more about what the Catholic Church teaches about love, sex, marriage, divorce and annulments.

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**WEDNESDAYS  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 2023  
THROUGH MAY 2024**



To Register, email  
[HealingDivorceMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:HealingDivorceMinistry@gmail.com)

Register for FREE today  
at [nool.formed.org](http://nool.formed.org).



# UNVEILED: DISCOVERING THE GREAT MYSTERY IN YOUR MARRIAGE

COUPLES RETREAT | OCTOBER 19–21, 2023

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT:

[www.jpilhealingcenter.org/event/unveiled-couples-retreat](http://www.jpilhealingcenter.org/event/unveiled-couples-retreat)



*Open to newlyweds, couples married for many years, and couples discerning marriage (dating and/or engaged).*

Led by author and speaker Dr. Bob Schuchts & his daughter Carrie Schuchts Daunt, this profound teaching, based on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, explores God's design for marriage and the skills to build unity, passion, and intimacy, as well as healing and reconciliation in marriage.



**JOHN PAUL II Healing Center**  
*Transformation in the Heart of the Church*



# SCHOLARSHIPS

TO INCOME ELIGIBLE STUDENTS  
ATTENDING AN ARCHDIOCESE OF  
DENVER CATHOLIC K-8 SCHOOL



SEEDS OF HOPE

Many families seek out a Catholic education because they desire their children to be formed by the faith and not by the ideologies of our world today. Sadly, many families feel that the quality education and faithful formation provided by our schools are out of reach because they think they cannot afford it. In the Archdiocese of Denver, we are blessed with *Seeds of Hope* because their mission is to make Catholic education financially accessible to any family who seeks it. They provide over 1,000 scholarships per year to students from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. These scholarships range from \$500 to \$3,500 per student, providing invaluable support to families in need of assistance. Even families who might not seem like they need help can still benefit from *Seeds of Hope*. A family of 6 that makes \$120,000 per year still qualifies for financial assistance for our K-8 Catholic Schools.

[www.seedsofhopedenver.org](http://www.seedsofhopedenver.org)



QUESTIONS? Send a message to:  
[info@seedsofhopedenver.org](mailto:info@seedsofhopedenver.org)

# FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

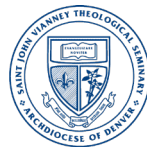
The end of July is upon us. We can almost feel summer slipping away despite what the calendar says. The back-to-school ads are already hitting the airwaves. Time to plan one more road trip, vacation getaway or family gathering. Leaping ahead, we too start to anticipate the next season.

On July 29, the church takes time to reflect on Jesus' good friends, now Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. We know from the gospel that Mary was lauded by Jesus for choosing "the better part." Mary sat at the feet of Jesus to learn and soak up his wisdom. Martha, her sister, however, was preoccupied with serving dinner to her guest and being a proper hostess. Many of us probably identify with Martha, although we would like to be more like Mary. If Martha lived in this era, she probably would have multiple "to-do" lists.

Summer can still be a healthy time for restoration and renewal. The *Magnificat* magazine for July 2023, also observes something important about the continuing Martha and Mary story. When Martha and Mary's brother Lazarus dies, it is Martha who "runs out" to greet Jesus. Martha, like her sister Mary, truly has a strong faith in Jesus being the long-awaited Messiah, the son of God.

St. John reminds us in all seasons to be faithful, and to "love one another, because love is of God." With inflation being high, families still struggle to buy groceries and gas, as well as pay soaring rents. Despite the ease of summer, the burdens of illness can bring hardships as well. Your support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) helps us reach out to our neighbors who need financial assistance.

For more information on our Nativity of Our Lord St. Vincent de Paul chapter, see our Flocknote service at [NOOL.FLOCKNOTE.COM/SVDP](http://NOOL.FLOCKNOTE.COM/SVDP) for meeting times and updates.



**ST. JOHN VIANNEY**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
LAY DIVISION

# DENVER CATHOLIC CATECHETICAL SCHOOL CLASSES AT NATIVITY

The Denver Catholic Catechetical School is coming to Nativity in September.

## CLASS

Class begins 9/11 and continues Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm.

## UPCOMING FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS

6:30 PM AT ST. FRANCES CABRINI HALL

Monday, July 31

Monday, August 14

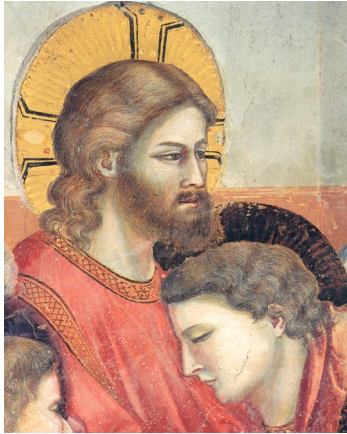
Monday, August 28

For more information, visit:



[www.sjvlaydivision.org](http://www.sjvlaydivision.org)

# FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULTS 2023-2024



## CGS (CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD)

LEVEL I: 3-6 YRS  
LEVEL II: 6-9 YRS  
SPECIAL NEEDS: 5-10 YRS

### MONDAYS

1-3 PM | LEVELS I + II  
4-5:30 PM | LEVEL II

### TUESDAYS

10-11:30 AM | LEVEL I  
4-5:30 PM | LEVEL I

### THURSDAYS

4:30-5:30 | SPECIAL NEEDS  
STARTING: 9/11/2023  
REGISTRATION OPENS: 8/14

CONTACT: Diane Irby  
[d.irby@nool.us](mailto:d.irby@nool.us), 303-731-0425

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If your children have received First Communion, they are eligible to be Altar Servers. Stay tuned for upcoming altar server training information.

CONTACT: Fr. Emanuele  
[e.fadini@nool.us](mailto:e.fadini@nool.us)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1ST-5TH GRADERS  
TUESDAYS

6-7:30 PM

WEDNESDAYS

4-5:30 PM

STARTING: 9/5/2023

REGISTRATION OPENS: 8/14

CONTACT: Faith Alive  
303-731-0425

[www.nool.us/religious-education#](http://www.nool.us/religious-education#)

## VENTURERS OF THE STAR

6TH-8TH GRADERS  
TUESDAYS

6:30-8 PM

STARTING: 9/5/2023

CONTACT: Fr. Accu  
[a.ciaccio@nool.us](mailto:a.ciaccio@nool.us)

[www.nool.us/middle-school](http://www.nool.us/middle-school)

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH/GS

9TH-12TH GRADERS

### SUNDAYS

6-9 PM

STARTING: 8/20/2023

CONTACT: Fr. Emanuele  
[e.fadini@nool.us](mailto:e.fadini@nool.us)

[www.nool.us/high-school](http://www.nool.us/high-school)

## RCIA & RCIC

[www.nool.us/becoming-catholic](http://www.nool.us/becoming-catholic)

REGISTER



# CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN



Photo: Elizabeth Gleason and her son surrounded by children during a CGS lesson at Atrium in 2022

This fall, we will be offering Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Special Needs Children. If you have a child between 5 and 10 years of age, with special needs and would like more information please contact, Elizabeth Gleason at [Elizabeth\\_Miller3@alumni.baylor.edu](mailto:Elizabeth_Miller3@alumni.baylor.edu).

**ALL ARE WELCOME!  
REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 14!**

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

CLASS DATES:

THU, SEP 14, 6:30 PM

THU, SEP 28, 6:30 PM

THU, OCT 5, 6:30 PM

THU, OCT 26, 6:30 PM

REHEARSAL:

WED, OCT 25, 6:30-7:30 PM

**MASS**

SAT, OCT 28, 11:00 AM

CONTACT: Beverly Ketchel  
[b.ketchel@nool.us](mailto:b.ketchel@nool.us)  
303-731-0425

[www.nool.us/adult-confirmation](http://www.nool.us/adult-confirmation)

REGISTER



## RESTORED ORDER, 2024

(Confirmation & First Communion)

CLASS DATES:

FEBRUARY 8, 6:15 PM

FEBRUARY 22, 6:15 PM

MARCH 14, 6:15 PM

APRIL 11, 6:15 PM

**MASS:**

APRIL 27, 11 AM

CONTACT: Diane Irby  
[d.irby@nool.us](mailto:d.irby@nool.us), 303-731-0425  
[www.nool.us/restored-order](http://www.nool.us/restored-order)



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FAITH & REASON



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NATIVITY LIBRARY WISHLIST



## OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY NEEDS NEW BOOKS!

You can help to stock the shelves by purchasing books from the [Nativity Amazon library wish list](#). The wish list link can be accessed by scanning the QR code above or by locating the link on the school website at the top of the screen.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER NEEDED

### DESCRIPTION

We're excited to announce that Nativity: Faith & Reason is seeking a Middle School Science Teacher for the 2023-2024 academic year. This position serves 6th, 7th and 8th grade and has a curriculum that covers basic biology, chemistry, earth science, and physics.

**REQUIREMENTS & FULL JOB DESCRIPTION:**  
[www.school.nool.us/job-openings](http://www.school.nool.us/job-openings)



# SPREAD THE WORD! 2023-2024 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

We are still accepting new students for the 2023-2024 School Year until the end of the summer. Please share this news around! With the new classes added over the last two years, we have room to grow. Please share with your friends, family, and neighbors who are looking for a high-quality education rooted in Catholic values.

Nativity: Faith & Reason is the primary ministry of our parish. Serving students in preschool, elementary, and middle school, Nativity: Faith & Reason proposes the fullness of faith within an integrated curriculum, striving for academic, spiritual, artistic, and athletic excellence.

**COME & SEE!**



[school.nool.us/enroll](http://school.nool.us/enroll)

**CALL TODAY**  
**303-466-4177**

With questions about admission or to schedule a tour, contact **Shannon Spinuzzi**  
[s.spinuzzi@nool.us](mailto:s.spinuzzi@nool.us)

Our school is built on the pillars of Faith & Reason, following the guidance of St. John Paul II expressed in the Encyclical Letter, *FIDES ET RATIO*:

"Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth."

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL CELEBRATION BOX

Nativity parents, make the first day of school FUN while raising funds for Nativity by ordering a custom party-in-a-box package, hand designed by Madison Bourgeois, Nativity mom.

A portion of proceeds will go to the school.

Orders due 8/6.

Only 100 boxes available!

Order form here:

[bit.ly/NativityBackToSchoolBox](http://bit.ly/NativityBackToSchoolBox)



# SCHOLARSHIPS

## SEEDS OF HOPE

To income eligible students attending an Archdiocese of Denver Catholic K-8 school

[www.seedsofhopedenver.org](http://www.seedsofhopedenver.org)





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# FAITH OF A CHILD: CHILDLIKE WONDER, CARLO ACUTIS, AND THE EUCHARIST

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"TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS YOU TURN AND BECOME LIKE CHILDREN, YOU WILL NEVER ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN." MT 18:3

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The wonder of a child is a wonder to behold. To see the world and everything in it through the eyes of a child is to see the world with amazement. The irony, of course, is that a child's wonder stems from their lack of wondering about things. A young child has no preconceived notions of anything, nor do they have a desire to truly understand; they don't wonder how a flower bloomed but only appreciate its beauty and the pleasant aroma it emits. They don't wonder where chocolate comes from, but merely enjoy that it tastes delicious. A child needs no qualifiers to appreciate something; their awe of the world is innate.

This childlike wonder is exactly what Jesus spoke of when he said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3). I witnessed a profound form of this wonder last year when my eldest daughter received her first communion. She was below the typical age that kids receive confirmation and communion, but she asked to receive it early, and with our pastor's permission, was granted her request. I'll never forget the moment that she approached the Eucharist to receive for the first time. She solemnly stepped forward, a white veil draped over her head, and almost instinctively, she knelt down before receiving the Body of Christ on her tongue.

Perhaps the most miraculous thing about her doing this was that she didn't learn it from my wife or myself. The Holy Spirit moved in her little heart at that moment and prompted her to kneel – a fitting response when one considers what the Eucharist actually is. It was a proud moment for me as a father, and also one that made me take pause, for I wondered in my own heart: do I approach the Eucharist with the faith of a child?

This little act of reverence on the part of my daughter stirred something up in my wife and I and made us reconsider how we approach Jesus in the Eucharist.

Something similar happened with the witness of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who happens to be one of the patrons of this Eucharistic Revival we find ourselves in. This smart, kind and video game-loving Italian teenager was also a devoted lover of the Eucharist. When he received his First Communion, his family was nominally Catholic – his mother had only been to Mass a handful of times before in her life. Yet from a very young age, Carlo, in his wonder, was drawn to the Catholic Church and especially the Eucharist. Once he received the Eucharist for the first time, he made his mom bring him to Mass every day – it was him doing the dragging, not the other way around as it usually is.

"It was my son Carlo who taught me everything," said Carlo's mother Antonia Salzano in a recent interview. "Even as a child, he showed great piety: At the age of three, when we passed in front of a church, he wanted to go in, greet Jesus on the cross and Jesus in the tabernacle, and bring little flowers to Our Lady. At the age of four and a half, he was reading the Bible and the lives of the saints and was praying the Rosary. If in the case of St. Therese of Lisieux, her parents were the great educators; in the case of Carlo, the roles were reversed. He was my little savior, and above all he was my great educator in the faith."

Carlo was a computer whiz, and during his brief but impactful 15 years of life, he spent much of his free time building a web database devoted to reported Eucharistic miracles around the world, complete with presentations that are being utilized for this Eucharistic Revival. Even amid the great suffering he endured while battling an aggressive form of leukemia that ultimately took his life, the Eucharist remained Carlo's tether to Christ. He showed great reverence always for the sacrament, and through this reverence, inspired the conversion of many through his Eucharistic witness, including his own family members. [...]

One might purport that Carlo had a supernatural gift of this faith, but the truth is he was a normal child just like any other, prone to all the same tendencies a child has. The same is true of my daughter. But for reasons that are a mystery, both she and Carlo see something in the Eucharist that all the faithful are called to see – and they make no qualms about it. "If Jesus says he is fully present in the Eucharist," so goes the mind of a child, "then he is." They don't wonder whether it's true or not, but in their wonder, they simply believe.

Of course, as Carlo understood very well, the Eucharist is the primary means by which we unite ourselves to Christ. "Carlo always said that we must 'Eucharistize' ourselves, because then we become contagious with Christ," Antonia said of her son. "Being always united to Jesus: that is my program of life," he used to say."

Children, in all their wonder, often make for the best Eucharistic witnesses – and indeed, God likely intended it this way. Suffice it to say that those of us who are older and wiser and try to make sense of everything (this writer included) can learn a thing or two from approaching the Eucharist with this sense of childlike wonder. May the Lord grant us the grace to do so during this Parish Year for the Eucharistic Revival.

By Aaron Lambert  
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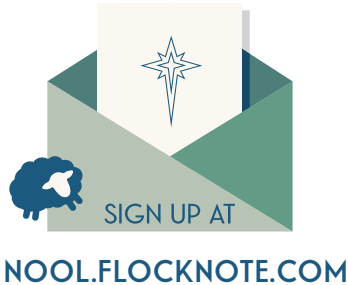
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