

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Lord, your God,  
shall you worship and him  
alone shall you serve.

Matthew 4:10



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SUNDAY MASSES: 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass  
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish  
7:00 a.m./9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m./  
1:00 p.m./5:30 p.m.  
Monthly Sensory Mass on the  
second Sunday of every month at  
the 1:00pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES: 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday  
12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and  
Thursday and 9:00 a.m. on  
Saturday

ADORATION: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced

RECONCILIATION: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday  
or, if necessary, by appointment

BAPTISM: For more information and how to schedule a  
baptism, please visit our website:  
<https://nativityburke.org/baptism/>

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your wedding date.

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**A Message from our Pastor  
Msgr. Bob Cilinski**



*“Jesus..... was led by the Spirit into the desert and He fasted forty days and forty nights” - Luke 4:1*

My dear parishioners,

We have just begun our Lent, forty days in which we remember how Jesus went into the desert to pray and fast. In this season of prayer, penance, and worship, we have a chance to get below the surface of our lives to rediscover that which is most important. What is God calling me to do? How does he want me to relate to the people in my world? Is there something that doesn't belong? Is there something missing? Maybe I just need to be reminded how close God is, that God is always at my side, offering comfort and strength in hard times. In these special days of grace, we have a chance to go deeper in our relationship with God and to live our Christian faith in a new way. God gives us the strength to resist the temptations of the evil one and to share more fully in the victory of Jesus.

We rejoice with our *“elect”* who are now entering their final intense preparation for their reception into the church at Easter through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Let us join with them and be prepared to renew our baptism once again. Happy Lent!

Love and Blessings,

Msgr. Bob Cilinski,  
Pastor

**2026 Nativity Parish Mission  
- In Christ we are One - with Fr. John Riley**

***All are invited to participate in our 2026 Lenten Parish Mission. This year's Parish Mission is scheduled for March 9, 10 and 11.***



In a time of great confusion and anxiety we can find Peace and Joy in seeking and finding Jesus; in the Holy Eucharist... in His Word... and in each other.

Fr. John Riley will celebrate Mass and lecture in the mornings and evenings. The Mission will conclude with Mass on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. Adoration on Wednesday evening will be from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

Fr. Riley has been a priest for over 30 years, serving in the Arlington Diocese, in Denver, and beyond. He has taught and led hundreds of conferences, missions, and retreats for priests, religious sisters, and laity around the country and as far afield as Calcutta, India. His first love is helping people seek and find Jesus Christ by treasuring and pondering the Gospels in deep quiet prayer. Fr. Riley currently serves as Spiritual Director for the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA.

Please visit website [FindingJesusinthe4Gospels.org](http://FindingJesusinthe4Gospels.org) -- "Spiritual Reading" ... or scan this QR code for a complete schedule of Conferences, Confessions, and Handouts.



**OPERATION STARFISH 1998 – 2026  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR 28 YEARS**



*“We will surely be able to give of ourselves for the good of all who suffer” - Pope Leo*

Lent, 2026 at Nativity Catholic Church marks the 28th year of Operation Starfish, our international ministry to the poor. Begun in 1998, with Fr. Richard Martin's vision to make the Lenten sacrifice more meaningful, Operation Starfish has created an unmatched opportunity to encounter the poor and make a difference in their lives. By the time Fr. Martin died in 2014, our parish, working with Food For The Poor, had developed 9 Nativity Villages in Haiti and had completed projects in the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Honduras.

When Msgr. Bob Cilinski became Nativity's Pastor, he led an Operation Starfish mission trip to Haiti in 2015 to dedicate Good Shepherd Village in memory of Fr. Martin. He also broke ground on a new medical facility – the *“Operation Starfish Clinic,”* in Good Shepherd Village. Msgr. Cilinski returned to Haiti in 2017 to bless the new homes in Nativity Village at Despuzeau and to break ground for a new school there.

Msgr. Cilinski also initiated Operation Starfish mission trips to Jamaica for Nativity's College and Young Adult Ministry, and to Honduras to distribute medical supplies and visit our Operation Starfish clinic in El Colirio.

Today, there are 14 Nativity Villages in Haiti and a 15th village project – Nativity Village at Bois-Louroux II, is under construction. Like the earlier villages, Bois-Louroux II will provide clean water, sanitation, education, healthcare and small businesses.

As we enter our 28th year of service, the people of Haiti continue to deal with gang violence, failed government, hunger and disease. Today, the primary focus of our work is in northern Haiti, where conditions are better. Our commitment to our sisters and brothers in Haiti has not diminished. We will not abandon them.

We continued our medical scholarship program in Jamaica and were delighted to see Dr. Keonie White receive her M.D. degree in 2025. Our 4th medical scholarship recipient, Malcolm Jamal Newland, begins medical school this year at the University of the West Indies. In Jamaica, we are also sponsoring a physical therapy program for the residents of the Golden Age Home in Kingston.

At the same time, we are expanding our development work in Honduras. Operation Starfish built a new clinic in El Colirio, Honduras in 2023 to serve the medical needs of 3,500 people. A Nativity mission trip to Honduras in 2024 visited the clinic and met the staff and community. Two more mission trips to Honduras were conducted in 2025 and 3 new clinics are under construction in San Juan, Guaimaca and Monteverde. This July, Nativity parishioners will travel to Honduras again to assess the work, meet the beneficiaries and survey the possible development of a *“Nativity Village”* project there.

As Operation Starfish begins its 28th Lenten campaign, we look forward to another productive year of bringing hope and kindness to our suffering world. Please join us in Lenten prayer and sacrifice as we continue to make a difference in the lives of the poor.



My dear parishioners,

Twenty-eight years ago, Fr. Richard Martin, then Nativity’s Pastor, had the inspiration to make our Lenten sacrifice more meaningful by focusing on the poor. A basket was placed in the church vestibule and parishioners contributed what they saved during Lent to build homes for needy people in Haiti. We called this beautiful gesture “Operation Starfish,” after the story that teaches us that we can make a difference, one person at a time.

Together, we have indeed made a difference in the lives of the poor. With our partner, Food For The Poor, we have built 14 Nativity Village developments in Haiti, with over 1,500 new homes, schools, clinics, fish farms, and small businesses. 3 Doctors in Jamaica are serving patients after going through medical school on scholarships we provided. More than 20,000 birthing kits have been distributed. 3 greenhouses, along with homes and water projects have been completed in the Dominican Republic. And 3,500 people in Honduras are being served by the El Colirio Clinic, which we built in 2023.

Last year our parishioners gave over \$700,000 so Operation Starfish can continue to serve the poor. But there is more to this ministry than the completed projects and the generous gifts. Through Operation Starfish our parish has been able to encounter the poor of this world in a way that brings spiritual gifts back to us. Along with the many outreach ministries here at Nativity, this work brings us face to face with those in need. And in that encounter, we see Christ in each other and draw closer to Him. Whether in Haiti, Honduras, Appalachia, the streets of D.C., at hospital bedsides or in our classrooms and pews, Nativity parishioners reach out to others, in charity and in love. We live out the Gospel call to service. And as a result, we are a joyful, growing congregation.

This year, we plan to continue to grow our presence in Honduras. 3 Additional clinics will be built there, and our parishioners will return to Honduras in July. In Haiti, we will begin our 15<sup>th</sup> Nativity Village project, and in Jamaica, we have a 4<sup>th</sup> medical student ready to start an M.D. degree program.

In order to support this year’s Operation Starfish program, we will continue our long-standing tradition of placing a basket in the vestibule of the church during Lent. Any gifts placed in the basket will be shared with Operation Starfish and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). If you specifically designate either Operation Starfish or CRS, your designation will be honored.

Our principal Operation Starfish collection will take place this year on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2025, which is the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our late Pastor, Fr. Richard Martin’s return to God. There will be a second collection on that Sunday at all the Masses.

Let’s keep making a difference, one family at a time!

Msgr. Bob Cilinski, Pastor

**Please join us for a Night of Reflection with**

**Irish Tenor Mark Forrest**

on March 4th, 2026 at 7:00 PM  
at Nativity Catholic Church,  
all ages are welcome!

**For more information visit: [markforrest.com](http://markforrest.com)**



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON**  
2026 Peace & Justice Conference  
**Immigration and the Church's Prophetic Voice**

**"Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together."**  
-U.S. Bishops, Special Message on Immigration (November 2025)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026**  
**NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Burke, VA

**Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala**  
Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington

5:00 PM Vigil Mass with Bishop Michael Burbidge  
6:15 PM Dinner  
7:00 PM Keynote Address: Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington  
7:45 PM Q&A  
8:15 PM Closing Remarks and Blessing

FREE EVENT  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT:  
[bit.ly/PJC2026](https://bit.ly/PJC2026)

Sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Peace & Justice Commission

**Extra Confession, The Light is ON for You**  
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation,  
Each Wednesday Evening during Lent,  
from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

**2026 Arlington Diocese Men’s Conference**

All men of the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join us on March 7th at the 2026 Men's Conference. The day will feature talk by keynote speaker, Matthew Bunson, Mass with Bishop Burbidge, vendors, and a Q&A with the Bishop and Dr. Bunson. The Conference will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon, from 8:30am to 2:30pm. We hope to see you there!

For more information visit:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/men/>



**The 2026 Bishop’s Lenten Appeal:  
In Christ, We Are One**



Scan Me

If you haven't yet had a chance to make your gift, we still need your help. Every family matters in helping our parish reach goal. No gift is too small. Your participation supports vital ministries our parish depends on: seminarian formation, religious education, youth ministry, Catholic Charities, and more. Consider a monthly recurring gift to spread your generosity throughout the year. You can also give a one-time gift or pledge. Give today at [arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://arlingtondiocese.org/bla) or scan the QR code.



## Nativity Lenten Fish Fry

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Fr Sikora Council 7992  
 Friday, March 27th, 2026 - Serving from 5:30pm to 8:00pm  
 Dine in the Parish Hall or Take To-Go

Advanced Tickets: (sold after Mass, see dates below)  
 Adults \$14.00 and Children under 12 \$5.00 (kids menu)  
 Tickets at the door: Adults \$15.00 and Children under 12 \$5.00  
**Limited Space is available. Reserve your time slot after Mass**  
 3/14, 3/15, 3/21 and 3/22

**Online for 3/27/26:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AAAB2AA64-62314354-lenten>

Adults	Kids
Fried or Baked Fish	Fish Sticks
French Fries	French Fries
Hush Puppies	Hush Puppies
Cole Slaw	Cole Slaw
Dessert	Dessert



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## SAVE THE DATE!



*Join the Knights of Columbus for a traditional celebration of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, at our annual Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance*

**The event will be held in the Fr. Martin Center on Saturday, March 14th, 2026 - starting at 6:30 PM**

It's always a fun evening filled with dining, dancing, and entertainment. Enjoy the sounds of a bagpiper playing traditional Irish tunes, and music for listening and dancing provided by a DJ. You can bring your friends and reserve a table for 8 or opt for designated seating to meet fellow parishioners.

The highlight of the evening is the best corned beef dinner in town, available for \$40 per adult ticket. Children ages 12 and under are just \$15. This event tends to sell out quickly, so be sure to purchase your tickets early!

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/kc-council-7992/st-patrick-s-day-2026>



## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

*5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria*



Stop by for Confessions in the Church from 6:30-8:00pm!

**FEBRUARY 25**  
**MARCH 4**  
**MARCH 11**  
**MARCH 18**

### DONATIONS BENEFIT YOUTH MINISTRY

Teens in grades 8-12 can volunteer by signing up on the website



**SIGN UP TO DONATE SOUP OR BREAD**  
 Share a favorite family recipe or experiment with something new!



*Enjoy a simple soup dinner donated by parishioners and served by our teens.*



**On behalf of the St. Lucy Team of the Fr. Sikora Council Knights of Columbus: Thank You for your wonderful generosity!!!**

In the recent St. Lucy Food Drive, you donated 10,880 lbs of food and more than \$3,200, despite the bitter cold weather! These donations will go a very long way in replenishing the food warehouse and will make a big difference in the lives of many families in the Diocese!  
 The next St. Lucy Food Drive will take place in June 2026. Please look for us then. And again, Thank You!



## TRIVIA NIGHT

### SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, April 25th**  
**Fr. Martin Center (Gym)**  
**7:00 - 9:00 PM | Doors open 6:30 PM**



Think you've got what it takes? Gather your team and get ready for a night of laughs, competition, and great prizes!

Sponsored by Nativity School PTO/ 21+ Only Please

## Donation & Sponsorship Request

### Nativity Stars Gala & Auction

Help us fund our Nativity Stars Gala & Auction—our biggest fundraiser of the year. Donations and sponsorships support student programs like STEM updates, field trip transportation, teacher training, and community events. Your generosity helps us provide faith-based, engaging, and innovative education.

- Become a Sponsor - Recognition in event materials and school promotions
- Donate Goods or Services - Support our live or silent auction
- Make a Monetary Gift - Support a specific program or area of need.

Learn more or contribute at: [nativityschool.org/gala](http://nativityschool.org/gala)



### Black & Indian Mission Second Collection - THIS weekend

The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. The Mission Office is comprised of three distinct but inter-related organizations, each with its own purpose and history, but all seeking to fulfill the one Mission to the Missions!

Founded by the Catholic bishops of the United States, each organization cooperates with local diocesan communities to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Thank you for your generosity!

### Join us for a Divine Mercy Retreat!!

St. Thérèse's life revolved around her Offering to Merciful Love. Learn from her profound insights into the love of the Heart of Jesus, and how he longs to pour out his Merciful Love, especially on sinners. How the Lord gives this amazing gift of mercy, how we can receive it and what all this means will be the focus of this retreat. The program features 6 Zoom meetings on Tuesday evenings from 7:45 to 9:00 pm. The program concludes with a total consecration to Divine Mercy on April 12 (Divine Mercy Sunday). For more information and to register, visit the Nativity Web site at: <https://nativityburke.org/33-day-retreat/> or contact the Nativity 33 Day Ministry at [33DayConsecration@nativityburke.org](mailto:33DayConsecration@nativityburke.org).



## MASS INTENTIONS & MASS SCHEDULE

*"We are God's People"*  
1 Peter 2:10

### Monday, February 23

7:30 am † Thomas McNamara  
12:00 pm † Special Intention for John Licud

### Tuesday, February 24

7:30 am † Paul Schimmer  
12:00 pm † Special Intention for Giannina Bomben & Bruno

### Wednesday, February 25

7:30 am † Special Intention for Christopher Mitton  
10:00 am † Special Intention for John Licud (*Heatherwood*)

### Thursday, February 26

7:30 am † Rev. James Harrison  
12:00 pm † Catherine Cilinski

### Friday, February 27

7:30 am † Frank Klimkos

### Saturday, February 28

9:00 am † John McDowell  
5:00 pm † Ramon Angela Vega  
7:00 pm † Victor Esprella

### Sunday, March 1

7:00 am † Kenneth Statler  
9:00 am † Ricardo Jaramillo  
11:00 am † Fatimo George Lester Lobo  
1:00 pm † Special Intention for Kathryn Quan  
5:30 pm † Nativity parishioners

**In prayer, let us remember  
the sick and deceased of the parish  
visit [nativityburke.org](http://nativityburke.org) for the Priest Mass Schedule**



## TEA IN THE GARDEN: A HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER CALLING ALL MAKERS, CRAFTERS, AND ARTISANS!

You are cordially invited to showcase your talents at our upcoming High Tea Fundraiser benefiting the Nativity Sisters.

This year, we are transforming our space into a beautiful "Tea in the Garden," featuring a vibrant marketplace open to all parishioners. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your products and services with our community in a delightful, festive atmosphere.

**When: Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2026 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**  
**Vendor Investment: \$25.00 per table**

Reserve Your Spot: Space is limited for this special event. To ensure your place in the garden, please contact Kim Delatte at [kdelatte65@gmail.com](mailto:kdelatte65@gmail.com) or 703-587-2749 for registration details.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
*Tea in the Garden*  
A HIGH TEA PARTY FUNDRAISER BENEFITING  
OUR NATIVITY SISTERS

Step into a blooming garden for an elegant afternoon of fine tea and gourmet treats by Boyd & Parker Events. Enjoy a curated purse auction, our festive photo booth, and delightful door prizes.

SATURDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM  
FATHER MARTIN CENTER

Tickets: \$45/person.  
\$48.00 if paying by credit card

Special Feature: This year, shop our vibrant garden marketplace! We are seeking select crafters and vendors to showcase their talents (\$25/table). To donate a purse or reserve a vendor table, please contact: Kim Delatte: 703-587-2749 [kdelatte65@gmail.com](mailto:kdelatte65@gmail.com)

**Love working with children? Want flexibility? Consider subbing at Nativity School! Please Join Us!**

We are in need of substitute teachers with the following minimum qualifications:

- ⇒ 2-plus years of college
- ⇒ Ability to follow a lesson plan and give effective instructions in the absence of the teacher
- ⇒ Proficiency in maintaining effective classroom management skills
- ⇒ Diocesan-compliant
- ⇒ Successful background check



For more information, email Rich Godwin at [rgodwin@nativityschool.org](mailto:rgodwin@nativityschool.org), or call him at (703) 455-2300, ext.146; or you can contact Shannon Murphy, our Registrar, at (703) 455-2300, or [smurph@nativityschool.org](mailto:smurph@nativityschool.org).



**Pray the Pro-Life Rosary and Witness with Us!**  
When: Friday mornings after the 7:30 am Mass  
Where: 900 S. Washington St, Falls Church, VA.

Join Nativity in praying the Pro-Life Rosary for mothers in need and for the protection of human life. Your peaceful presence outside on the sidewalk in front of the Falls Church abortion facility makes a difference by increasing awareness, and for parents who find themselves in unplanned/crisis pregnancies. Contact [rickloffredo@outlook.com](mailto:rickloffredo@outlook.com).

**NO HANDS BUT YOUR MINISTRY**



The No Hands But Yours (NHBY) Ministry is an original Nativity Ministry doing God's work by serving those less fortunate members of His flock. NHBY works distributing food, clothing, & personal items to the poor & homeless in DC & NoVA every Sunday morning, rain or shine.

We also have weekly trips into designated areas bringing Panera bread donations along with help from local food banks. Through the blessings of God, we continue to grow through our Nativity community and other ecumenical communities. Now with over 100 members!

For more details on the NHBY Ministry you can visit the Nativity Parish website and under the Ministry tab, select No Hands But Yours. We also have a Signup Genius where you can access specifics along with our schedule where you can volunteer to assist. Families are also always welcomed! (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAAFAC22A1FA7-nohands1>). Monetary donations are also accepted via the Nativity Catholic Church Donation Page.



**Follow Bishop Burbidge on X!**  
Bishop Burbidge has over 28,800 followers on Twitter! His daily reflections and posts are popular and insightful. Follow him [@BishopBurbidge](https://twitter.com/BishopBurbidge).

**KOFC ANNUAL MULTI-CAR RAFFLE**

Thanks to all of you who have sold your tickets so far. We still have a way to go to beat last year's sales. Every ticket sold helps and the proceeds benefit the youth ministry and Knights of Columbus charities. Each \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four 2026 vehicles plus \$40,000 in cash prizes. Please mail your sold ticket stubs/payment directly to All Saints in the envelope provided. We have additional tickets if you sell all of yours. Please contact PGK Sam Morthland @ 703-455-2186 if you have any questions or need additional tickets.



**THE NATIVITY ITALIAN HERITAGE & CULTURAL SOCIETY FEBRUARY MEETING**

**YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 26 FOR AN EVENING OF DANTE'S FLORENCE**

ANN MEYER, A FORMER COLLEGE PROFESSOR WHO HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN ITALY, WILL PRESENT WITH A BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF DANTE'S 14TH CENTURY EPIC "THE DIVINE COMEDY". THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SLIDES HIGHLIGHTING LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT FLORENCE COMMEMORATING THE POET AND HIS ENDURING LEGACY.

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 AT 7:00PM  
PLACE: NATIVITY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

SOCIAL HOUR WITH WINE AND SNACKS WILL FOLLOW. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO SHARE. JOIN AS A MEMBER AT ANY MEETING. GUESTS CAN ATTEND FOR \$5.00. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE ITALIAN TO JOIN; JUST HAVE A LOVE FOR THE CULTURE AND HERITAGE.



**PRAY TO HELP SAVE THE LIFE OF A CHILD!**  
*Nativity All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life*

**40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Day**  
**Friday, March 6, 2025**

**7am – 7pm (sign up for just one hour!)**

**Location: 900 S. Washington St., Falls Church, VA**

*“When someone prays in front of an abortion facility, the no-show rate for appointments can go to as high as 75%!” (40 DFL)*

**Sign up to peacefully pray the pro-life Rosary for one hour here: <https://bit.ly/4kG15uX>**  
**Or from Nativity’s Bulletin or *Flocknotes* or use QR Code:**



**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12**  
DINNER - FELLOWSHIP - PRAYER & FORMATION  
Sundays | 6:30-8:30 p.m.



**EDGE: GRADES 6-8**  
Fridays twice a month  
6:30-8:00 p.m.  
See website for full schedule



**WORKCAMP DONATION WEEKEND**  
Save the date for our annual WorkCamp Donation Weekend - February 21 and 22. Our high schoolers will be at all the Masses to share their experiences with you and to ask for your prayers and financial support.

**SOUP SUPPERS**  
Save the dates: February 25, March 4, March 11, and March 18 from 5:30-7:00p.m. in the Cefeteria. Soup Supper donation form and volunteer form are live on the website!

[See website for full schedule](#)  
Before attending, please register for the 2025-2026 year of ministry using our free, online forms.

✉ [cym@nativityburke.org](mailto:cym@nativityburke.org)    📷 [@nativitycym](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycym)

### Save-the-Date: John Paul the Great Open House on March 5th

Planning for high school? Join us at John Paul the Great for a special Preview Open House for younger students on Thursday, March 5th from 4:00-5:30 PM! Learn more about our rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, competitive athletics, inspiring visual and performing arts, and abundant extracurricular opportunities!

### Middle School Clinics & Workshops at JP Super Science Saturday - February 28th!

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School has a few exciting opportunities for younger students to explore their interests! We hope to see you at one or more of our clinics & workshops! Here is a list of what's upcoming:

Super Science Saturday (Sat, Feb 28th) and Girls Volleyball Clinic (Sat, Mar 28th)! Click here to start your registration: <https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/middle-school-event-registration>.

## Pro-Life Corner

### **KOVAR Enduring Love Campaign – Homes for Intellectually Disabled**

Stand with parents who seek to find a home for their children that outlive their ability to provide direct care on their own. Contact Mark Sawyer, [sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net](mailto:sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net).

### **Marian Homes – Independence and Personal Growth for Intellectually Disabled**



*Marian Homes* is a non-profit organization whose mission is to purchase and maintain affordable homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities, allowing them independence and personal growth in a group home setting. Nativity's Knights of Columbus council supports *Marian Homes* by hosting Document Shredding Events in which parishioners can drop off old documents, cancelled checks, paper, manila folders, and envelopes for shredding in the Nativity parking lot. The *500 Club* is a *Marian Homes* fundraiser. See more details at [www.marianhomes.org/](http://www.marianhomes.org/) *Marian homes* was started almost 30 years ago by our nearby St. Mary of Sorrows Council 8600 in Fairfax Station. Msgr. (then Fr.) Bob helped mentor the council through the administrative actions necessary to get this ministry's first home up and running around 1994. *Marian Homes* is now an independent 501(c) 3 recognized charity.

The January/February 2025 issue of the *Knights of Columbus Columbia* magazine highlighted *Marian Homes*, noting that there are more than 15,000 people with disabilities looking for affordable housing in a group-home setting.

### **How to respond when an unborn baby gets a diagnosis of severe disability?**

"Consider Trisomy-21, also called Down (or Down's) syndrome. This genetic condition usually leads to stunted growth and intellectual disabilities ranging from moderate to severe... In 1984, the "Baby Doe amendment" was added to the federal *Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act* in order to prevent hospitals from withholding food, fluids, or medically indicated care to children merely because they are disabled. But if it is wrong to starve a child to death just because she has Down syndrome, then wouldn't it be equally wrong to dismember a child in the womb because she has the exact same condition? In fact, there is a term for this kind of discrimination against the disabled: *ableism*... Our society has learned that people with disabilities are still people, and so we reasonably accommodate them with things like handicapped parking and braille on signposts. But aborting someone because he is disabled is, to put it mildly, not very accommodating. And when it is done systematically, it is a form of social oppression against marginalized communities.

We can remind those we speak with that every human being, no matter his functional ability, is loved by God and brought into the world by God to glorify his creation. Even children who live only a few years, days, or even hours after birth can experience the good of baptism and be received by their parents and experience their love, even for a short while. This is far better than compounding the cross of caring for the disabled with the guilt and suffering of being an accomplice to homicide, which is what abortion does." <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/what-if-the-babys-going-to-die-anyway> by Trent Horn, 7/12/2022



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Pack Your Suitcases ~~
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Mrs. Basselgia and our Second Graders traveled around the world - and took many of us along - when each chose one of the world's countries, then created a suitcase packed with items specific to the chosen country. Suitcases contained examples of the country's language, flag, food, clothing, animals, sports, etc., and they were very creative! Please take a look ~~



Important Upcoming Dates ~~

- March 6 - Second Trimester Ends
March 9 - No School
March 16 - No School
April 3 - Easter Break Begins

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Fr. Sikora Council 7992 Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. First meeting is a business meeting, the second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation. Rosary 7:15 PM; meeting at 7:30 PM. Fellowship follows. Meet in the Nativity school cafeteria.

Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Join today at https://www.kofc.org/joinus. Your dues will be free for one year: Be sure to enter our council #7992 and the code RCANTER when you register.

Please email our Deputy Grand Knight, Vince Augelli, at dgk7992@nativityburke.org or the Grand Knight, Michael Bender at gk7992@nativityburke.org with any questions.

Volunteer for an event! Scroll down to view all events, https://linktr.ee/fr\_sikora\_council\_7992.

Knights, are you receiving the Grand Knight Newsletter? If not, go to: <https://NativityBurke.flocknote.com/NativityKnights> to sign up.

- 4 March: Knights support for Soup Supper KofC Hosting Slot is 4 March "Wed" 4:30-7:30, asking for 15 Knights. SUG is live!
6 March: Nativity All-Day Prayer Vigil for Life (40 DFL Spring Campaign): Please sign up to lead Rosary for 1 hour! SUG is live!
14 March: St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, Fr. Martin Center, 6:30pm. We need Knights to help with this popular event! (Set up 13 Mar). Come on out and join fellow Knights and parishioners in the traditional celebration of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. SUG is coming!
15 March: Donut Sunday - Please sign up to help with this popular parish event! SUG is live!
27 March: Fish Fry #2

Widow Support: Thursday Nights Ride to Nativity Support Group.
Food for Others: Volunteer for food distribution to the poor, delivered on designated Thursday or Friday evenings. For Thursdays, contact Br. Mark Sawyer at sawyerkoc7992@verizon.net. For Fridays, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock\_w@yahoo.com. Deliver food from Giant to the FFO warehouse Tuesday mornings; contact Br. Bob Colella robert.colella.86@gmail.com.
Widow Support: Thursday Nights Ride to Nativity Support Group.
Prayer Requests: Prayer requests will stay active for one month. Prayer update (health, location, contact, etc.) status is deeply appreciated. Send an updated request for continued support. https://forms.gle/LiPCRmzfyRnYEU8s5

Name Tags: If you have not received your name tag, email our Warden, Dan Thomas, at warden7992@nativityburke.org.

Nativity Ushers assist at collections: Volunteer for your Mass! Volunteer on LinkTree to maintain a database of potential helpers!
Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. See info on LinkTree.
Handy Knights Ministry: Parishioners unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small home repairs due to health or other factors, contact the "Handy Knights." Email handyknightsfnativity@gmail.com.
The Fraternal Committee: Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance. Brothers and their families (living and deceased) in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at navyy8@yahoo.com.

3rd Degree Knights - Grow with 4th Degree: Participate in patriotic activities that promote Catholic citizenship. 4th Degree Assembly meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria. 7:30 pm rosary, 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested, please contact our Faithful Navigator Murray Rupert at fn2996@vakofc.org.

Are you registered in the Parish?

If you are not receiving mail or emails from the parish, chances are you are not registered. You are free to stop by the Parish Office to fill out a registration form to become a registered member of Nativity Parish or go online to: nativityburke.org and download one. Registration is required to be a Baptismal Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor.

**Sacristan**

*Church of the Nativity, a dynamic parish located in Burke, VA, seeks to hire a part-time Sacristan - 20-25 hours per week. This position will be responsible for preparing the church and Altar for Mass and other liturgical celebrations.*

Principal duties include caring for the liturgical vessels, altar cloths, and needed supplies. Coordinate with volunteer sacristans and liturgical ministers. Be present to welcome all with a spirit of joy and kindness.

Requirements:

- \*Bilingual English -Spanish a plus
- \*Knowledge of MS office – including Excel, Word, and Microsoft Office
- \*Good organizational and multi-tasking abilities
- \*A spirit of service to God’s people

Submit cover letter and resume to:

Msgr. Bob Cilinski c/o Ann Benson at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015, or via email to [abenson@nativityburke.org](mailto:abenson@nativityburke.org).

**Director of Youth Ministry**

*Nativity Catholic Church, a dynamic parish located in Burke, VA, seeks to hire an experienced Director of Youth Ministry to be responsible for the coordination of all high school and middle school programs.*

The youth minister will develop the curriculum, implement and oversee the program, collaborate with the religious education program, work with parents/adult volunteers, and act as liaison between parish and Diocese.

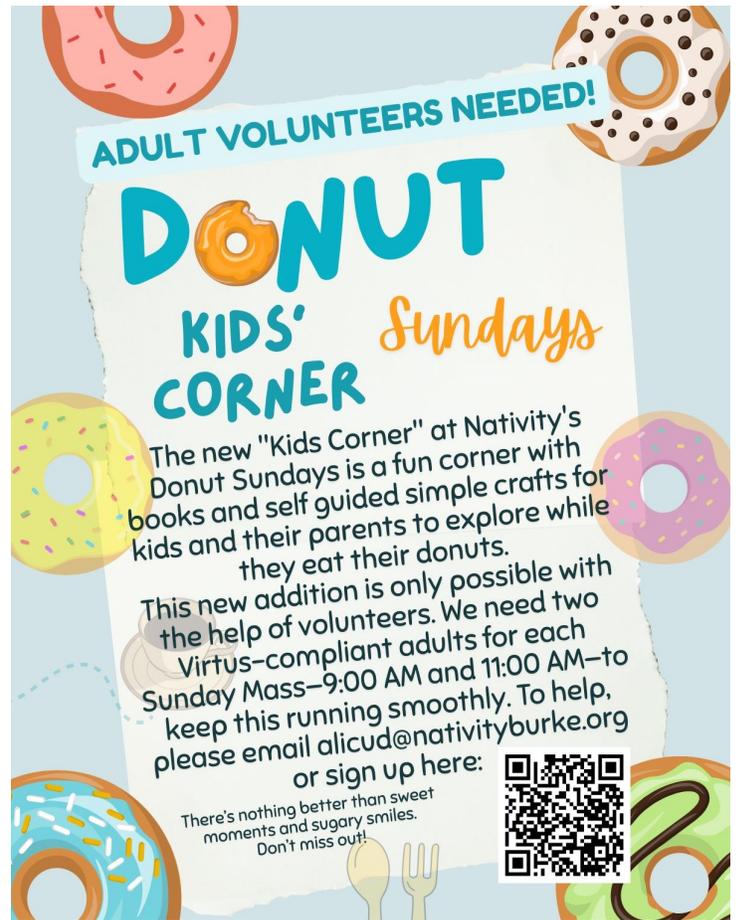
Work will be performed in and out of office setting with frequent evening and/or weekend work. Full time position with competitive salary and benefits.

Requirements:

- \*Proven experience/knowledge of Catholic Church theology, history, and teachings.
- \*Fully initiated and practicing Catholic
- \*Proficient in English (oral and written)
- \*Bilingual Spanish-English a plus
- \*Strong communication and people skills
- \*Good organizational and multi-tasking abilities
- \*Ability to budget and implement financial controls.

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or via email to [abenson@nativityburke.org](mailto:abenson@nativityburke.org) .



**APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING & OUTREACH:**

Last month, the Knights spoke at all Masses asking for help to build Nativity's 28th home in the heart of Appalachia and to help additional families throughout the county with home repairs, hygiene kits for children, assistance with utility & medical bills, and food for needy school children. Thanks for your tremendous generosity!

We currently are at \$122,660 towards our goal of \$125,000. Donations can still be made either through electronic giving, mailing directly to the office at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA, 22015, or by credit card. Please make checks out to Nativity Parish and annotate on your check that it is for the Appalachia Home Building project and include your envelope number for ease of posting to your account. Refer any questions to either Bob Corsi, [bobcorsi@cox.net](mailto:bobcorsi@cox.net), 703-239-2890, or Bob Colella, [robert.colella.86@gmail.com](mailto:robert.colella.86@gmail.com), 571-422-0367.

**ECHO Collection NEXT weekend, February 28 / March 1 - Food Room Most Needed Items**

Thank you for including ECHO Food Room needs on your shopping list. The USDA calculates that a meal for one persons is considered to be 1.2 pounds of food. Thus far this fiscal year ECHO has distributed 288,560 pounds of food which converts to 240,466 meals given to our neighbors in Burke and Springfield. Thank you donors for your generosity in helping our neighbors. Your help is greatly appreciated. We collected 638 lbs on the weekend of January 31/February 1.

**ECHO 's policy is to not give expired, open or repackaged food to clients. PLEASE do not bring these items or glass jars!!**

*Bag Beans (black, red or garbanzo beans preferred), Lentils, Canned Fruit, Cereal/Oatmeal (low sugar), Can Tomatoes, Tomato paste, Canned Milk, Shelf stable milk, Hot Chocolate, Snacks (Crackers, raisins, granola bars, dry fruit, nuts, etc.) Baked Beans, Coffee (Instant and Ground), Honey, Pancake Syrup, Cooking Oil, Non-salt spices, Masa Corn Flour, Granulated Sugar, Lemon or Lime Juice, Tortillas, Condiments, Mac and Cheese, Canned Meat, Paper bags, Newspaper plastic sleeves, Paper boxes, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, Toothpaste, Razors, Shampoo, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Body/Hand lotion, Band Aids, Diapers.*

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*The Secular Carmelite Community of Thérèse of the Child Jesus offers a Day of Recollection at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Annandale, February 28, 2026 from 8:30am - 1:00pm*

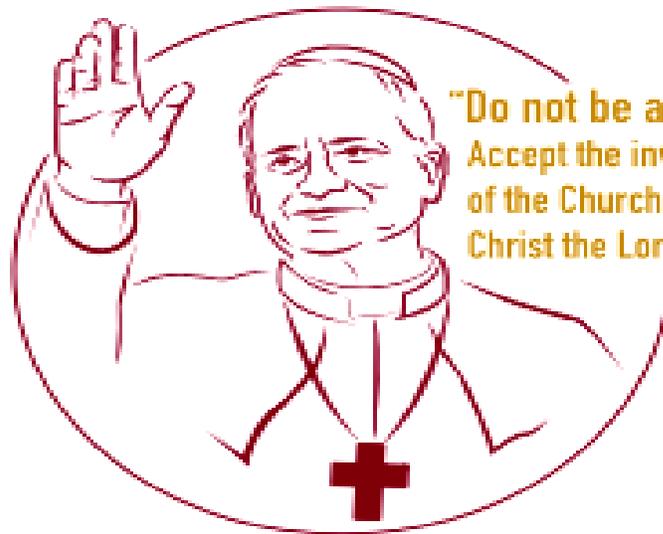
Br. Nathanael of Jesus, OCD will speak on **"Your strength will lie in silence and hope"**  
 - Marian asceticism with St. John of the Cross.  
 \$20 Per person (cash or check) will be collected at the door.  
 Registration begins at 8:30am, 9:00am Mass followed by light refreshments, 10:00am first talk, 11:00am Holy Hour with Confession, 12:00pm second talk with Q&A.  
 For more information contact Suzanne at [skoucheravy56@gmail.com](mailto:skoucheravy56@gmail.com) or Veronica at [veronicaroyal@icloud.com](mailto:veronicaroyal@icloud.com).

Come join the Nativity Dames! We are the wives, widows, sisters, daughters, nieces of the men in the Knights of Columbus. Our purpose is to support and assist our Fr. Vincent Sikora Council. Our fellowship and information meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Fr. Ready room.  
**For more information, please contact RoseAnne Zivich at [brzivich@aim.com](mailto:brzivich@aim.com).**

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## I Domingo de Cuaresma, Ciclo A

¡Para enamorarse hay que frecuentarse!... También con Cristo

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Mateo 17,1-9

Seis días después, toma Jesús consigo a Pedro, a Santiago y a su hermano Juan, y los lleva aparte, a un monte alto. Y se transfiguró delante de ellos: su rostro se puso brillante como el sol y sus vestidos se volvieron blancos como la luz. En esto, se les aparecieron Moisés y Elías que conversaban con él. Tomando Pedro la palabra, dijo a Jesús: «Señor, bueno es estarnos aquí. Si quieres, haré aquí tres tiendas, una para ti, otra para Moisés y otra para Elías». Todavía estaba hablando, cuando una nube luminosa los cubrió con su sombra y de la nube salía una voz que decía: «Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien me complazco; escuchadle».

¿Por qué la fe, las prácticas religiosas están en declive y no parecen constituir, al menos para la mayoría, el punto de fuerza en la vida?

¿Por qué el tedio, el cansancio, la molestia al cumplir los propios deberes de creyentes? ¿Por qué los jóvenes no se sienten atraídos?

¿Por qué, en resumen, este abatimiento y esta falta de gozo entre los creyentes en Cristo? El episodio de la transfiguración nos ayuda a dar una respuesta a estos interrogantes.

¿Qué significó la transfiguración para los tres discípulos que la presenciaron? Hasta entonces habían conocido a Jesús en su apariencia externa, un hombre no distinto a los demás, de quien conocían la procedencia, las costumbres, el tono de voz... Ahora conocen a otro Jesús, al verdadero, que no se consigue ver con los ojos de todos los días, a la luz normal del sol, sino que es fruto de una revelación imprevista, de un cambio, de un don. Para que las cosas cambien también para nosotros, como para aquellos tres discípulos en el Tabor, es necesario que suceda en nuestra vida algo semejante a lo que ocurre a un joven o a una muchacha cuando se enamoran. En el enamoramiento el otro, que antes era uno de tantos, o tal vez un desconocido, de golpe se hace único, el único que interesa en el mundo. Todo lo demás retrocede y se sitúa en un fondo neutro. No se es capaz de pensar en otra cosa. Sucede una verdadera transfiguración. La persona amada es vista como en un halo luminoso. Todo aparece bello en ella, hasta los defectos. Si acaso, se siente indigno de ella. El amor verdadero genera humildad.

Concretamente cambia algo incluso en los hábitos de vida. He conocido chicos a los que por la mañana no lograban sacar de la cama sus padres para ir al colegio; si se les encontraba un trabajo, en poco tiempo lo abandonaban; o bien se descuidaban en los estudios sin licenciarse jamás... Después, cuando se han enamorado de alguien y se han hecho novios, por la mañana saltan de la cama, están impacientes por acabar los estudios, si tienen un trabajo lo cuidan mucho. ¿Qué ha ocurrido? Nada, sencillamente lo que antes hacían por constricción ahora lo hacen por atracción. Y la atracción es capaz e hacer cosas que ninguna constricción logra; pone alas a los pies. «Cada uno», decía el poeta Ovidio, «es atraído por el objeto del propio placer».

Algo por el estilo, decía, debería suceder una vez en la vida para ser verdaderos cristianos, convencidos, gozosos. «¡Pero la joven o el chico se ve, se toca!». También Jesús se ve y se toca, pero con otros ojos y con otras manos: los del corazón, de la fe. Él está resucitado y está vivo. Es un ser concreto, no una abstracción, para quien tiene esta experiencia y este conocimiento. Más aún, con Jesús las cosas van aún mejor. En el enamoramiento humano hay artificio, atribuyendo al amado dotes que tal vez no tiene y con el tiempo frecuentemente se está obligado a cambiar de opinión. En el caso de Jesús, cuanto más se le conoce y se está juntos, más se descubren nuevos motivos para estar orgullosos de Él y confirmados en la propia elección.

Esto no quiere decir que hay que estar tranquilos y esperar, también con Cristo, el clásico «flechazo». Si un chico, o una chica, se queda todo el tiempo encerrado en casa sin ver a nadie, nunca sucederá nada en su vida. ¡Para enamorarse hay que frecuentarse! Si uno está convencido, o sencillamente comienza a pensar que tal vez conocer a Jesús de este modo distinto, trasfigurado, es bello y vale la pena, entonces es necesario que empiece a «frecuentarlo», a leer sus escritos. Sus cartas de amor son el Evangelio: ahí Él se revela, se «transfigura». Su casa es la Iglesia: ahí se le encuentra.

### 1º Domingo de Cuaresma - A

Evangelio de la Misa: Mt 4,1-14: Las tentaciones de Jesús Al comienzo de la Cuaresma contemplamos a Jesús sometido a las tentaciones. El demonio le tienta por medio de la soberbia, el egoísmo y la sensualidad. Jesús, en cuanto hombre, no solo acepta las tentaciones, sino que nos enseña también cómo vencerlas en cada caso.

Como El todos nos sentimos arrastrados, y a veces aturridos y enloquecidos, por tentaciones diversas. Pero de El aprendemos a vencerlas con prontitud, gallardía, optimismo y valentía. Merece la pena aprender la lección para disfrutar más de la vida.

#### Oración para cada día de la semana

Señor, que te dejaste tentar por el demonio con la excusa del poder, del prestigio y del aplauso; y también del placer material y mezquino, como me sucede a mí muchas veces.

Gracias por la lección maravillosa de vida que me ofreces.

Quiero aprender a ser realista y admitir mi pequeñez y mis limitaciones, mi egoísmo y mi soberbia, mi torpeza y mi sensualidad,

que se me manifiestan de muchas maneras.

Algunas veces, hasta sin darme cuenta, quiero justificar algunas tentaciones y comportamientos errados, por el ansia solo del poder y del dinero, del placer y de los aplausos, del gozo y del bienestar material.

Gracias, Señor, por el ejemplo que me has dado venciendo al enemigo que quiere dirigir mi mente y orientar mis sentimientos hacia el mal. Quiero aprender a ser consciente de mis limitaciones y pecados, y por tanto de las tentaciones reales a que estoy sometido. Quiero ser valiente y exigente en mis deberes de cada día y en las obligaciones para con los demás.

Quiero vivir con alegría y optimismo esta lucha ascética contra el mal y deseo mantener el afán de cada día por ayudar a los demás. Ayúdame, Señor, a ser sincero y valiente para cultivar el espíritu de examen para hacer una buena Confesión en esta Cuaresma. Te pido, Señor, que me ayudes a defenderme de todas las malas tentaciones que puedan venirme; y que, contando con tu gracia santificadora, viva con ilusión, confianza y optimismo.

Padre Segismundo Fernandez



After the devil tested Jesus a third time, Jesus sent the devil away. What did Jesus say?

Find the letters that appear in the box six or more times and cross them out. Write the remaining letters in order on the lines below.

W k o f r b s f h i  
 p t b h e k k L o b  
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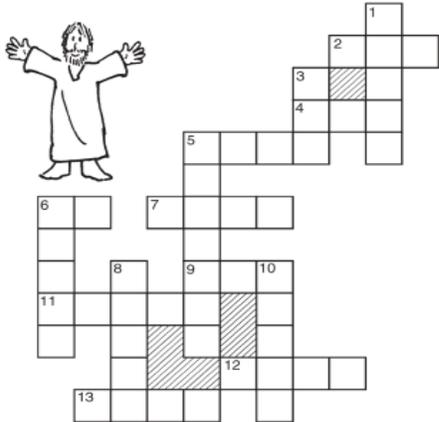


“ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_.”

How did Jesus answer?

Fit the words from this list into the crossword puzzle. Then transfer the letters from the crossword to the numbered lines below.

by One live bread comes  
 the God that alone mouth  
 not from word every written



“It is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ does \_\_\_\_\_  
 5D 4 2  
 \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_  
 7 6A 6D 11 6A  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 5A 13 1  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”  
 12 9 8 3



# Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

February 22, 2026 • Matthew 4:1-11

## The Temptations of Jesus



Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After 40 days, Jesus was hungry and the devil tested Him. What did the devil say?

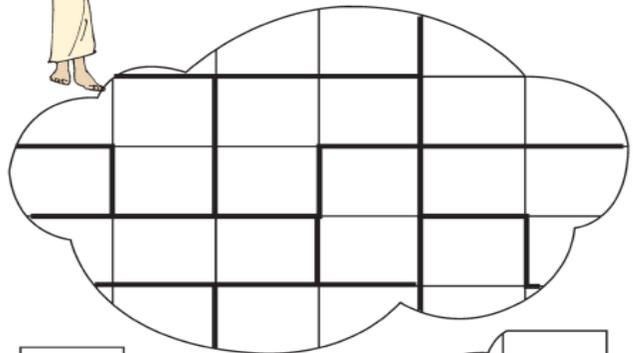
Copy the words from the numbered rocks.

9 tell	7 of	13 stones	“ 3 11
11 You	2 to	5 the	12 5
4 Son	10 these	8 become	4 7 1
6 bread	12 are	1 God	9 10
		3 If	13
			2 8
			6 .”



The devil tested Jesus again. How did Jesus answer?

Fit the pieces in the puzzle.



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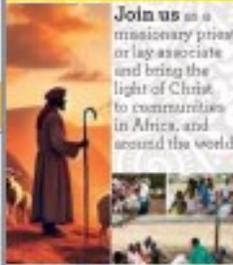


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