



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If you pull
up the weeds
you might
uproot the wheat
along with them."

Matthew 13:29

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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./
5:30 p.m.

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

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/>

MARRIAGE POLICY: Please contact the Church as soon
as you are engaged, and at least six months prior to
your wedding date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Announcements for the bulletin
must be submitted **in writing** by 9:00 AM on Tuesday
(5 days prior to publication). Please note: this deadline
can change due to holiday office closings. You may
email submissions to bulletin@nativityburke.org.

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**Assisted hearing devices are available
from the Sacristy staff at all services**

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



"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed" - Mt. 13-31

My dear parishioners,

The parable of the weeds and the wheat tell us about our world and the patience of God. The weeds and the wheat grow together. There is evil in the world and if left unchecked, it can and does destroy lives. But grace also has power. It too is present and growing like a mustard seed that has humble beginnings but blossoms to provide for all. It is every act of goodness that should encourage us. Despite the weeds, in every generation and in every parish, there is still a harvest of people who want to know God, love God, and serve God in this world.

So do not be distracted by the weeds that we forget the wheat among us. The Christian harvest is the sign of Christ's final triumph. The wheat, the goodness within us and in our world, gives us assurance that there will be a rich harvest in the Kingdom of God.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Cast and Crew of the LIGHTNING THIEF, directed by Kimberly Siepmann, that filled the stage of the Fr. Martin Center with music, song and laughter. We are proud of you.

I am also so proud of our young adults and teens who attended Work Camp in Winchester, VA with Rebecca Judge, Brigid Williams and adult chaperones. Many of our children and middle school teens also enjoyed Vacation Bible Camp on our campus. There is goodness and love all around us.

Love and Summer Blessings,

Fr. Bob Cilinski
Fr. Bob Cilinski,
Pastor

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field... He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds." We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

**NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
MISSION STATEMENT**

"We, the People of Nativity Catholic Church, by our baptism, are joyful disciples of Jesus Christ. We strive to love God, love others, and form new disciples. We celebrate Jesus Christ in Word, Sacrament and Service."

Nativity Religious Education Program

**Early Bird Tuition
Discount Ends
July 31st**



To register please
visit our website:

nativityburke.org/re/
or scan QR-Code



Interested in advertising in the bulletin? Call Mike Jurosky at 717-648-5996 or email: mjurosky@diocesan.com

**Nativity Parish
Blood Drive**

WHEN:
Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023
7 a.m. – 12 p.m.

WHERE:
6400 Nativity Ln.
Burke, VA

The Inova Blood Donor Services Bloodmobile will be parked in the parking lot.



As a thank you for donating, all donors will receive a Crossbody Bag*.

Book Your Appointment Today

• Visit <https://bit.ly/NP0805>

• Call 1(866) 256-6372, use Sponsor Code 6052

• Contact Mark Altobelli (571) 309-7194 - mark.altobelli@gmail.com



inovablood.org

Photo ID Required. Masking is optional for all donors and team members. Allow one hour for your donation. *While supplies last. Colors may vary. Must complete screening process to receive giveaway.



The Knights of Columbus, in coordination with INOVA, will conduct a Blood Drive at the Church of Nativity on August 5 from 7:00 AM until Noon. You can sign up online at Inova - Donor Portal (inovabloodsaves.org). You can also sign-up after Mass on July 22-23 or July 29-30.



WOMEN OF NATIVITY BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

THE WOMEN OF NATIVITY WILL ONCE AGAIN BE COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES AFTER ALL MASSES DURING THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 5-6. THESE SUPPLIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES (MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES) ECHO, HISPANIC OUTREACH AND LORTON COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER.

NEEDED ITEMS INCLUDE: BACKPACKS, LOOSE-LEAF PAPER, 3-RING BINDERS, SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS (SINGLE AND MULTIPLE SUBJECT), PENS, #2 PENCILS, PENCIL CASES, FISKAR SCISSORS, LARGE GLUE STICKS, THIN CRAYOLA MARKERS, AND 12" RULERS. SUPPLIES WILL ONLY BE COLLECTED ON THE SCHEDULED DATES DUE TO DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL SHELIA DI FORTI AT 858-204-0080 OR DEBBIE MAYER AT 703-440-8212. THANKS YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS.



KINGS DOMINION

RISING 9TH - RECENTLY GRADUATED 12TH GRADERS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

COST: \$50

Transportation provided

Register on the parish website by July 24

CONTACT: CYM@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG



St. Lucy Summer Food Drive: Saturday, July 29th from 9:00AM-1:00PM

The St. Lucy Summer Food Drive will take place from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 29 to support Catholic Charities in its continuing fight against hunger in the Diocese.

The St. Lucy truck will be parked at the rear of the church parking lot nearest Old Keene Mill Road (like in the February drive). During that time, you can drive to the truck and our team will take any donations from your vehicle (please place your donations in your trunk for safe and easy removal).

Catholic Charities also accepts monetary donations, including grocery gift cards (Giant, Safeway, etc.); any donation is welcome! Please make checks out to CCDA, with "St. Lucy Project" in the memo line. We can always use help with loading donations; if you'd like to volunteer, please follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49ADAE29A6FE3-stlucy1>. If you have questions, please email the St. Lucy Team at nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com. Thank you and God bless you!

RCIA – Encounter Jesus through Full Communion with the Catholic Church ‘Come and See’

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about Catholicism? Are you missing the Sacrament of the Eucharist or Confirmation? We invite you to join Nativity's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) journey of faith, starting September 18, 2023, with our Monday evening sessions from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Fr. Ready Room.

RCIA forms new disciples, as adults prepare to enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30, 2024, with reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Our Monday sessions continue until just prior to Pentecost Sunday 2024, preparing for life in the Church as intentional disciples. This faith journey deepens one's personal relationship with Jesus by encountering him through passionate teaching, personal witness, table discussion time with opportunities for Q&A, prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual events, and a Lenten outreach project.

RCIA is open to those who have not been baptized, Christians baptized in another faith, and baptized Catholics who have not received catechesis for the other Sacraments of Initiation. For details, contact the Church at (703) 455-2400, or speak to Father Bob Cilinski, or e-mail Linda Loffredo at lindaloffredo@gmail.com. Visit our website <https://nativityburke.org/rcia/> for more information and registration.

ECHO Needs a Handy Volunteer!

If you are handy at fixing things, you can share your skills at ECHO and be part of our mission! We need a Fix-It Desk volunteer to test non-clothing donations such as small appliances, order supplies for the building, change the HVAC filters, and maintain the fire extinguishers. This is an important position, and if it interests you, please email volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org to find out more.



ST. LUCY FOOD DRIVE
Feeding the Hungry; Nourishing the Soul



**PLEASE
DONATE**

--- SATURDAY, JULY 29 | 9AM-1PM ---

Nativity Parish Parking Lot

A "Drive-By/Drop-Off" food drive
Please place your donations in your trunk

FOOD ITEMS MOST NEEDED

Canned Meat (tuna and chicken)

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Pasta & Pasta Sauce

Canned Pasta (ravioli)

Hearty Soups

Cereal & Oatmeal

Canned Veggies

Canned Fruit

Please no glass containers

DRIVE UP AND DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS! THE ST. LUCY TEAM WILL ASSIST YOU!

GIFT CARDS AND MONETARY GIFTS ALSO ACCEPTED

Checks can be made out to "CCDA" with "The St. Lucy Project" in the memo

WORKCAMP 2023 REFLECTIONS

JUNE 17-23 | FREDERICK COUNTY, VA

This past June, our high schoolers participated in a week-long overnight camp where they engaged in meaningful service and intentional Christian community. We are grateful for your financial and spiritual support which helped send our teens and volunteers to WorkCamp. Read their testimonies below.



"Witnessing the love of Christ in the face of everyone I encountered was an incredibly profound experience. My guarded heart became more and more open every day I spent with my parish, my crew, and the other teens in general." - Megan Smith, Senior



"My WorkCamp experience was great because I was able to make lasting memories, and it changed the trajectory of my life... I was reacquainted with friends from my Vietnamese parish, and it inspired me to begin participating in their church again next year." - Austin Nguyen, Junior

"Before WorkCamp I was not living a Christ centered life, but this experience has inspired me to grow my faith and work towards that goal more." - Hannah Engdahl, Sophomore



Head to the website or scan the QR code to read the full reflections.



CATHOLIC PATRIOTS

GMU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY PRESENTS:

THURSDAY NIGHT GATHERINGS

SUMMER KICKBACK

GAMES | FOOD | NEW FRIENDS
THURSDAYS FROM 7-9

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI CHAPEL
4515 ROBERTS RD
FAIRFAX, VA 22032

WELCOMING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS & HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FOR EVENTS EVERY THURSDAY IN JUNE & JULY!
SIGN-UP NOW!

Mass and Rosary in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life
Join Bishop Burbidge for Holy Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at 9:00am, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Alexandria, Virginia. Holy Mass will be followed by a rosary at the abortion facility at 2616 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306. Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Hwy, Alexandria, VA.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 24th

7:30 am Special Int. for Yvonne Bard

Tuesday, July 25th

7:30 am † Lucy Klimkos
12:00 pm † Jerry McNamara

Wednesday, July 26th

7:30 am † Sara Mathews
10:00 am Parishioners

Thursday, July 27th

7:30 am † Lu Rowley
12:00 pm † Ethel Gerencser

Friday, July 28th

7:30 am † Danny Fleming

Saturday, July 29th

9:00 am Parishioners
5:00 pm † Angela Vega
7:00 pm † Rosa Hilda Cuya Cossio

Sunday, July 30th

7:00 am † Frank Peters
9:00 am Special Int. for Kayla Kelley
11:00 am † Ursula Thomas
1:00 pm † Michael Gerencser
5:30 pm † Beverly Tizzano

In prayer, let us remember
the sick and deceased of the parish
visit nativityburke.org for the Priest Mass Schedule

Nativity is a tithing community
Giving back a portion of God's blessings in gratitude

Love working with children? Want flexibility?
Consider subbing for us...

- We are in need of substitute teachers for the new school year 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
 - ◆ Successful completion of Virtus training
 - ◆ Successful background check
 - ◆ Adherence to COVID-19 Safety Protocols

To apply, email Rich Godwin at rgodwin@nativityschool.org, or call him at (703) 455-2300, ext.146. Thank you!



Council Meetings: Council meetings Typically are on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. The first meeting is a business meeting, and the second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation including video/discussion series and guest speakers. Rosary at 7:15pm; meeting follows at 7:30pm. Fellowship follows every meeting. Meetings are in the Nativity school cafeteria.

Linktree Universal Sign-up Link: Want to volunteer for an event? https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992

St. Lucy Food Drive: On Saturday, 29 July, we will have our next St. Lucy Food Drive. The drive will run from 9:00am to 1:00pm, with the St. Lucy truck parked at the rear of the church parking lot nearest Old Keene Mill Road (like in the February drive). We will run two shifts (9:00 AM-11:00 AM and 11:00 AM-1:00 PM), and the St Lucy Team could use the help of 6 Knights (3 per shift) to collect the donations. Please consider helping. Sign up on linktree. We will be handing out the blue St. Lucy bags after every Mass during the weekend of 22-23 July (the weekend prior to the drive), and we can definitely use help with handing out bags. If you have questions, please email Jason at nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com. Thanks! St. Lucy Team: Jim Barrineau and Jason Hines.

Blood Drive: 5 Aug, 7:00am – 12:00pm at Nativity Church. Book your appointment today, sign up on linktree.

Mowing: A deceased Knight's family needs your help taking care of the lawn this summer. Sign up on linktree.

Food for Others: We need volunteer drivers for food distributions to the poor. If you have a truck or van and can occasionally help deliver to Springfield on Friday evenings contact Br. Matt Stockburger at mstock_w@yahoo.com.

Name Tags: Email Vince Augelli at VaKC23@gmail.com.

Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies: We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. Volunteer on the linktree.

Handy Knights Ministry: If you are unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small repairs in your home due to health or other factors, call the "Handy Knights." You can reach us at handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com.

The Fraternal Committee: Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance: Brothers and the families of living and deceased brothers in need of a helping hand, contact Br. John Landy at [navyy8@yahoo.com](mailto:navy8@yahoo.com) or 703-250-1492.

Calling all 3rd Degree Knights: The 4th Degree is calling you to participate in patriotic activities, color guards and programs that promote Catholic citizenship. Starting in August, 4th Degree Assembly meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month in the Nativity school cafeteria: 7:30pm rosary, 7:45pm business meeting followed by fellowship. If you are interested in becoming a 4th Degree Sir Knight, please contact our Faithful Navigator Vince Augelli at fn2996@vakofc.org for more information.

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! Simply go to <https://info.kofc.org/us.html> and enter our council #7992 for local information and to register. E-membership for the first year is free using the new code "blessedmcgivney". Please email our Deputy Grand Knight at cokofc7992@gmail.com or the Grand Knight at pmdelatte@gmail.com if you have any questions.



A Message from Nativity Creation Care Ministry

The Nativity Vegetable gardens, planted by our Daisy Scout troop, Nativity's Fourth Grade class and the Creation Care Ministry, are growing and now producing!

We are harvesting nearly 10 pounds of veggies a week and Donating alternately to local shelters and food pantries. We expect the Daisies' carrots to be ready in a couple of weeks and we even have a few ears of corn from our Fourth Grade "Three Sisters" planting!



Stop by and visit the gardens as well as our native plant gardens on the parking lot side of the playground. In fact, RSVP to nativitycreationcare@gmail.com if you would like to join us for our next Creation Care meeting on Thursday July 27 at 6:45pm at the picnic tables near the gardens. We have many opportunities and your ideas and interest are welcome!

33 Day Retreat Series

Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC, authored a retreat series you can do by yourself or better yet, with other Nativity parishioners. Nativity parish retreats are offered twice a year in the Fall and the Spring. There are daily readings of 2-3 pages, and a virtual weekday evening meeting on Zoom once a week for six weeks. There is a consecration ceremony and an in-person reception.

Father Gaitley's trilogy of consecrations has positively impacted the spiritual lives of millions throughout the world. Nativity participant comments: *"I gained a better understanding of God's immense love for us. Through Jesus, God calls us to surrender ourselves completely to Him and rejoice in His love which is vast, absolutely humbling, and a true blessing."* Please join us for consecrations to Blessed Mary, to Jesus' Divine Mercy and finally, to God Our Father. We also offer a 33 Day retreat for consecration to St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Church. Contact: Steve Lisi at email: 33DayConsecration@NativityBurke.org.



WORLD CLASS SPORTS PRESENTS

NATIVITY'S SHOOTING STARS SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS & CLINICS

Session 1: 4 Day Camp
August 7th - 10th. **\$250**
9 am - 4pm

Session 2: 3 Day Camp
August 16 -18 **\$200**
9 am -4pm

Camp will be indoors @ Nativity School

6398 Nativity Ln, Burke, VA 22015



DETAILS:

- Boys & Girls
- Ages 7-14
- Children will be grouped by age.
- All skill levels welcomed.
- Daily Schedule On Website



SKILLS CLINICS

8/8, 8/10, 8/16, 8/18
(3rd - 5th Grade) 6 pm - 7pm
(6th - 8th Grade) 7 pm - 8 pm

\$100

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 23

REGISTER FOR CAMP & CLINICS TOGETHER RECEIVE \$20 OFF

Registration Online
www.worldclasssportsgroup.com



More Information
202-818-0786



Statement by Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout on Updated Model Policies for Public Schools July 20, 2023

This week, the Virginia Department of Education released updated "Model Policies Ensuring Privacy, Dignity, and Respect for All Students and Parents in Virginia's Public Schools." It can be viewed at: <https://www.doe.virginia.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/46509>

We commend Governor Youngkin and his Administration for issuing these updated policies, which are a considerable improvement and much needed remediation of the policies put in place by the prior Administration. The new policies enhance transparency for parents and restore their primary role in the education, care and health of their children. They affirm and protect the dignity and safety of every student. They also respect the religious liberty and conscience rights of all members of Virginia's public school community.

We urge parents whose children attend Virginia public schools to become familiar with the updated policies, to engage in discussion about them at the local level, and – most importantly – to embrace their critical role in the lives of their children at home and at school.

The Nativity Religious Education Program Needs Volunteers for the 2023-2024 School Year

Please prayerfully consider assisting this vital program in our church. Volunteers (like you!) are the good witnesses of the Catholic faith that the youth of our parish need. Available positions: Catechists, Assistant Catechists, Office Assistants, High School Catechist Assistants, SPRED Volunteers, and Substitutes Catechists. There is a 50% RE tuition discount for the children of catechists during their year of commitment.

For more information, please visit our website, or email: nativity.ccd@nativityschool.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.

Give a Gift for Life

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Project Rachel provide counseling and healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One after-abortion care retreatant wrote: "I would have NEVER had the courage to show my face at this [abortion healing] retreat... God works in mysterious ways and by His grace, I found the courage to step forward in my faith. I am so grateful that this ministry exists and was there for me... without judgement when I was ready to tackle the deep-rooted pain in my heart. I am forever grateful!" For more information and/or to donate: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife



THEY HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL. WILL YOU?

Support Our Seminarians
Help Build the Future of Our Diocese
Make Your Gift Today!



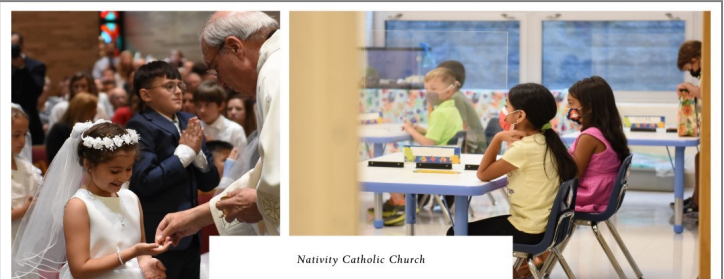
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Mail your check made out to:
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200 N. Glebe Rd., Suite 811
Arlington, VA 22203

CONTACT: John French • john.french@arlingtondiocese.org
To make a gift online: arlingtondiocese.org/Donate_SEEF

Help Transform Lives by Donating Your Car

Help transform the lives of the poor and vulnerable by donating your used car, truck, motorcycle, RV, or boat, to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Your donation is tax deductible while supporting a cause that is near and dear to your heart. We'll arrange for the pickup of your vehicle donation at no cost to you. Please call 877-570-GIVE (4483) or visit <https://ccda.careasy.org/home> to complete our easy online form.



Nativity Catholic Church

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

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NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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Come See All We Have To Offer. We look forward to meeting you! For School Year 2023-2024 We Have Classroom Seats Available for 3rd, 4th, & 7th Graders!

JOIN OUR STAFF! Consider joining our School Staff as part of our Extended Care Team to help us provide After-School Care by contacting our Extended Care Director, Mrs. Jen Behan at (703) 455-2300, or jbehan@nativityschool.org. To assist us as a Lunch/Recess Monitor, or Substitute Teacher, please contact Rich Godwin at (703) 455-2300, or rgodwin@nativityschool.org.

Nativity School Uniform Sale/Swap August 2 & 3

Each year a Uniform Swap/Sale is held for all families, current and new, to come find uniform pieces for your student. Best selection, of courses, is on the first day. If you are a current family and have uniform pieces that your student does not use anymore, bring them to the Swap so that another family can use them. New families, don't miss out on this event! All donated items must be in good condition – no holes or stains; washed and clean. New uniform items can be purchased in-person or online at Flynn & O'Hara (<https://flynnohara.com>).

Questions? Please contact Shannon Murphy at (703) 455-2300, or smurph@nativityschool.org.

Going 'Gaga' For Gaga Ball

Among the several 'Instant Buy' events from the PTO Auction this Spring was a fan favorite featuring Father Bresnahan, Gaga Ball, and ice cream sundaes!! Fr. B. and 15 students enjoyed playing a couple of rounds of Gaga Ball together, followed by ice cream sundaes with all the toppings – ice cream Father Bresnahan actually made himself! While Father showed his agility and sense of fun, sadly, he did not win any rounds. "The weather was perfect," he said, "I really enjoyed playing Gaga Ball with the students, and I am looking forward to a rematch!"



YOUTH MINISTRY

cym@nativityburke.org

LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12
Sundays | 6:30-8:30pm

Dinner

Weekly gatherings resume August 27, 2023

Fellowship

Prayer & Formation

LASER TAG & S'MORES - JULY 16, 7:00-9:00PM

KINGS DOMINION - JULY 26

PETERSON'S ICE CREAM - AUGUST 16



EDGE: GRADES 6-8

Alternating Sundays 3:30-5pm & Fridays 7-8:30pm
Gatherings resume in September

Meet new friends

Play games

Explore your faith



KINGS DOMINION REGISTRATION

All rising 9th - recently graduated 12th graders are invited to join us at Kings Dominion on July 26! Tickets are \$50. Registration and more info can be found on our website.



Struggling with addiction in the family?

Both the afflicted and affected don't need to be alone. There are many resources available including AA, NA, Alanon, Calix and a diocesan chaplain. Call the HELPLINE (970) 989-2670 for support. This is NOT LIMITED to addicts, anybody that would like to speak with a priest or a friend in Christ May call!

NEED TO TALK?

Catholic Charities provides quality mental health services & counselors grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person. "Nativity's Counselor" Ms. Marguerite Turner, MS, LPC is back at Nativity counseling clients in-person and is available on Thursdays from 10:00am-6:00pm to talk with any parishioners who may be struggling. To set up an appointment, please contact Marguerite at 703-454-2415 or mmturner@ccda.net.

HUGE

PARISH YARD SALE

FRIDAY, AUG 4 5:30 PM - 8 PM **PRESALE \$5/person**

SATURDAY, AUG 5 8 AM - 2 PM **FREE ADMISSION**

In the School

HOLY SPIRIT Catholic Church

DONATION DROP-OFF

Items Accepted at the School Starting:

Saturday, July 29

9AM - 5PM

Sunday, July 30

9AM - 5PM

Monday, July 31 - Thursday, Aug 3

9AM - 8PM

www.holyspiritchurch.us/yardsale

Proceeds benefit Holy Spirit Community

For more info, contact Sean Roberts at hsmc@holyspiritchurch.us

The following items cannot be accepted: mattresses, tires, TVs (including flat screens), computer equipment, pillows, exercise machines, entertainment centers, and undergarments.

Donations must be clean, complete, and in operable condition.

No furniture accepted.



Submit your recipe for

GATHER AT THE TABLE

Multicultural Cooking for Liturgical Living



Tell your family story through food! We are seeking recipes from across the globe for a special Diocesan Jubilee Anniversary cookbook. To find out more and submit your recipe, scan the QR code or visit

www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-gather-at-the-table

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

Questions?

Contact the Office of Multicultural Ministries at mcm@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703 (841) -3881



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In search of paid childcare providers for Childcare Ministry

"I became the Childcare Ministry Coordinator because I wanted to help as many families as possible attend parish events. I have people that can help with my son but so many families at Nativity do not have that, so we are here to help!"



Please help out our new ministry and become a childcare provider. Just go to the childcare ministry page on the parish website and answer a few questions and we will get back to you!"

Taylor, Nativity's Childcare Coordinator
<https://nativityburke.org/childcare-ministry/#provider>

Two Cemetery Plots for Sale at Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery. Please contact D. Connolly at Daconnolly007@gmail.com if interested.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY NEWS



July and August: We will be on summer break. Meetings will resume in September on the SECOND and FOURTH Saturdays of each month (we added a second meeting time this year and will continue this rhythm next year), barring holiday weekends. We will meet in the School Chapel at 4:00pm. This is also a location change, we no longer meet in the Training Room.



You can designate Nativity Church or Nativity School as the beneficiaries of your Amazon Smile! You can choose Nativity by going to: **YOUR ACCOUNT, YOUR AMAZON SMILE and designating Nativity.** Amazon then contributes a small percentage of each purchase to Nativity. For questions, please contact Ann Benson at: 703 455 2400. Thank you!

GLEANNING WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

"Gleaning" is the traditional biblical practice of gathering crops that would otherwise be left in the fields to rot, or be plowed under after harvest (Leviticus 23:22). Help Catholic Charities to support pantries within our Diocese receive fresh foods through your support.

Saturday, August 19, from 8:00-11:00am in the Northern Neck at Parker Farms, 1647 Kings Hwy, Colonial Beach, VA 22443 and/or 1:00-3:00pm at the Manassas Warehouse, 8426 Kao Circle, Manassas, VA 20110. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at maria.rodriguez@ccda.net.

Sick / Homebound Visits

Are you or someone you know sick and/or homebound for any reason? We can arrange home visits from the parish and provide prayer and the sacraments. We would love to bring God's Grace and Peace to anyone in difficult times. Please contact Cat Sands, Pastoral Minister, at csands@nativityburke.org to schedule a visit.

SAVE THE DATE
 NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
FALL FESTIVAL
 09.30.2023

FOOD **FAMILY FUN** **GAMES**

PLANNING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!
FALLFESTIVAL@NATIVITYBURKE.ORG

16th Annual "Pops Camp"
 For rising 7th-9th graders

Monday - Friday, August 7-11, 2023
Friday - 11 a.m. concert/potluck

For rising 7th, 8th or 9th instrumentalists with at least one year of instruction.

- Jazz Studies \$50: 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Quite popular secondary offering that introduces improvisational techniques while preparing music for concert.
- Pops \$100: 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Daily itinerary includes full group and sectional rehearsals plus snack.

Register at www.paulvi.net/summercamps. Questions? Contact Mrs. Jan Siegfried at jsiegfried@paulvi.net.



Mass & Rosary in Thanksgiving for Human Life

Saturday, August 19

Mass: 9:00 AM

**Good Shepherd Catholic Church
8710 Mt. Vernon Hwy., Alexandria, VA**



**Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Celebrant and Homilist**

Rosary to follow outside 2616 Sherwood Hall Ln. after Mass



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Catholic Diocese of Arlington
FamilyLife@ArlingtonDiocese.org
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July 23 - 29, 2023

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...supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday July 23

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16(5a)
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Monday July 24

Ex 14:5-18
Ex 15:1b-6
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday July 25

St. James, Apostle
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Ps 126:1b-6
Matthew 20:20-28

Wednesday July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne
Ex 16:1-5,9-15
Ps 78:18-19,23-28
Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday July 27

Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b
Daniel 3:52-56
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday July 28

Ex 20:1-17
Ps 19:8-11
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday July 29

**Sts. Martha, Mary,
and Lazarus**
Ex 24:3-8
Ps 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15
John 11:19-27 OR
Luke 10:38-42

Go and Make Disciples, published by the US Bishops in 1992, names three important layers of evangelization: (1) Nurture your own faith-growth, (2) invite others to conversion, and (3) transform society through true Christian living. Jesus teaches us these same three strategies, using parables.



(1) Nurture your own faith-growth:

In the kingdom of God, we are like good wheat growing amidst weeds. This takes effort; the weeds will take over if we're not working daily at growing in holiness. What have you been doing to prevent the weeds around you from taking over and strangling your holiness? How is your faith life benefiting from living in the midst of non-believers and evil? Your Father-Creator is empowering you to grow.

(2) Invite others to conversion: In the kingdom of God, we are like the tiniest of seeds that grow into a bush so large that others benefit from our growth. Who is benefiting from your faith? How is your spiritual growth inviting them into a closer relationship with Jesus? The Holy Spirit is

empowering you to evangelize others if you're willing to minister to them using what you've learned from your experiences.

(3) Transform society: In the kingdom of God, we are like yeast that helps the whole batch swell up and mature into the

bread of life that nourishes others. What are you involved in, as a Christian, that improves the world? Is your faith making a difference in your workplace, your community, and your parish? During Mass, as you receive the nourishment of the Eucharist, you are empowered to become Eucharist for the world. Mass ends with

Christ commissioning you, through the presider, to be the yeast of goodness that affects those around you.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Maybe you never saw yourself as an "evangelist", but you are! This is your calling as a baptized Christian. Which of the above three areas of evangelization are you most actively doing?
- † Which needs more of your attention?
- † Give an example from your own life (or from the life of someone you know or have heard about) that illustrates one of the three goals above.
- † What about the other goals? Make sure that, in your discussion as a family or faith sharing group, examples are given for all three goals of evangelization.

Day of Prayer & Healing

Post-Abortion Retreat for Women

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Día de Oración Y Sanación

Retiro después del Aborto Provocado
para Mujeres:

sábado 29 de julio del 2023

sábado 30 de septiembre del 2023

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**La vida de fe, una gran aventura
La vida cristiana es una vida apasionante,
de retos imposibles que sólo son posibles
de lograr con la ayuda de un Dios todo-
poderoso**

Por: Maleni Grider | Fuente: ACC Agencia de Contenido Católico



Llárame y te responderé; te mostraré cosas grandes y secretas que tú no conoces. Jeremías 33:3

Es del dominio público que hay que tener un propósito en la vida, una causa, un proyecto, una pasión, un rumbo específico, a fin de vivir una vida plena, no inútil y sin sentido. De modo que algunos se dedican al arte, otros a la política, otros a deportes extremos, otros a la acción social, otros a la ecología, otros a escribir libros, otros a la familia, etcétera.

Pero hay una clase de personas que han decidido encontrar el propósito divino para su vida, más allá del propósito humano, terrenal. La Biblia, desde su primer libro (el Génesis) está lleno de historias y ejemplos de gente que estuvo en contacto con Dios, bajo diferentes empresas o circunstancias, quienes tuvieron vidas apasionantes, con un propósito eterno cuyo legado persiste hasta nuestros días. El cristianismo es la continuación y culminación de todo ello.

Si bien, en el Antiguo Testamento, todavía Cristo no estaba presente, el plan de Dios ya estaba trazado desde el principio, y fue anunciado a la humanidad a través de los profetas (mayores y menores) de las Escrituras. El Espíritu Santo ya coexistía con el Padre y con el Hijo en las regiones celestes, como una Trinidad.

Adán, Noé, Moisés, Abraham, Josué, David, Salomón, Daniel, Ruth, Isaías, Jeremías, Ezequiel, Juan el Bautista, Pedro, Pablo, Juan, María y José, María Magdalena, etcétera, son personajes cuyas historias nos impactan cuando leemos la Biblia. En general, la gente que no conoce las Escrituras ni la vida cristiana, piensa que es un libro simplemente histórico, referencial, genealógico y doctrinal. La Biblia es todo eso y más, pero mucho más allá de todo eso la Biblia es la fuente principal de revelación de Dios al hombre, junto con el Espíritu Santo que nos enseña todas las cosas.

La vida cristiana es una vida apasionante, de retos imposibles que sólo son posibles de lograr con la ayuda de un Dios todopoderoso, cuyo amor es incommensurable, quien entregó lo que más amaba: a su Hijo unigénito, para darnos redención. La vida cristiana para muchos puede parecer absurda, o pueden tener una idea de que la santidad es algo aburrido, una pérdida de tiempo o algo fanático, irracional y fantasioso.

Pero la vida de santidad es una vida llena de exigencias y retos cada día, en donde negarnos a nosotros mismos, a los deseos de la carne y la renuncia al pecado son la meta y la prioridad, a fin de poder permanecer en comunión con el Creador, y con Jesús, nuestro Maestro y Salvador, quien nos dijo que permaneceríamos junto a Él pues lejos de Él nada podemos hacer. La vida cristiana tiene como propósito el amor, la expansión del evangelio, el establecimiento de la paz, la restauración de vidas perdidas, la sanidad de los enfermos, la reconstrucción de familias, la salvación de las almas, la justicia divina en la tierra, la vida de plenitud. No sé si pueda existir algo más importante que eso.

Puede parecer una utopía bajo la opinión y la visión social. Pero es una realidad tan clara para quienes la vivimos, que sólo puede explicarse como una vida sobrenatural, de total dependencia en Dios. La humildad, la renuncia a los placeres del mundo, el sacrificio y el servicio a los demás son el propósito medular de los creyentes verdaderos, aquellos que lo han dejado todo para tomar la cruz y seguir a Cristo.

Hay gozo, pasión, plenitud, milagros, pero también hay dolor, sacrificio, persecución en la vida cristiana. Sin embargo, ésta es una vida llena de sentido porque nos transforma de manera individual, primeramente. Y luego nos lleva al servicio a los demás, a dar nuestra vida no sólo por una meta personal y egoísta, sino por una causa comunitaria, compasiva, constructiva, donde el amor es el motor y el amor es algo que provoca milagros inimaginables.

Una vez escuché a alguien decir que aún en el supuesto de que el cristianismo fuera un "cuento", como muchos creen, no se imaginaba poder tener una vida mejor o más plena que seguir a Jesucristo. Yo

apenas comenzaba a andar en este camino. Treinta y tres años después puedo decir que tenía toda la razón: la vida cristiana es una vida que vale la pena vivir, y no puede haber otra más intensa, llena de sentido y fruto que ésta.

Con los ojos frescos de un niño *Cristiano de hoy*

Quizá haga falta, como dijo Jesús, hacernos otra vez como los niños...



Por: P. Fernando Pascual | Fuente: Catholic.net

Los niños saben descubrir cosas que los mayores quizá ya no vemos. La abeja que gira y gira para conseguir un poco más de miel entre las margaritas y los tréboles de un jardín. El chapulín que se limpia las patas de atrás antes de volver a iniciar su "concierto". El pichón que canta, monótonamente, en lo alto de un poste de luz. El molinillo de polvo y basura que avanza hacia un poblado y que seguramente dejará sucia toda la ropa que se encontraba tendida después de un día de limpieza general...

¿Por qué son curiosos los niños? Quizá tendríamos que hacer otra pregunta: ¿por qué a veces dejamos de ser curiosos los mayores? Los años de escuela, la preparación profesional, el matrimonio, el trabajo, ¿nos copan tanto que ya no tenemos tiempo para mirar las estrellas, para escuchar a los grillos, para observar los colores de las alas de una mariposa, para seguir con la mirada los vuelos caprichosos de una golondrina?

Una hormiga arrastra una pesada rama. Un niño observa. El viento juega con la rama. La hormiga, una y otra vez, "vuela" lejos del hormiguero, su meta soñada, mientras el niño se entusiasma ante la energía y la testarudez de un insecto tan pequeño y laborioso.

El sol se esconde, tras las montañas, todas las tardes. El viento acaricia las espigas. Las moscas buscan con inquietud un poco más de comida. Un corderillo de pocos días llama con sus balidos a su madre, que come despreocupada unos metros más adelante... Una serpiente toma el sol junto al camino, y una golondrina planea, gira y gira, mientras los zancudos llenan poco a poco su sistema digestivo.

Millones de realidades brillan a nuestro alrededor. Son como llamadas, diminutas o grandes, que nos quieren elevar a mundos desconocidos. No hemos nacido para apretar tuercas, ni para encimar ladrillos, ni para archivar papeles o deshacer y rehacer programas de computadoras. Un soplo misterioso, eterno, nos lleva y nos impulsa hacia cosas grandes, y nos invita a descubrir el mundo de un modo nuevo.

Si son hermosas las amapolas, las luciérnagas, los cangrejos y los peñirrojitos, tienen una luz especial los ojos de los que viven a nuestro lado. El niño que nos mira a través del cristal del coche para pedirnos un poco de dinero. La señora que compra, rodeada de cuatro hijos pequeños que giran continuamente, un poco de comida para la semana. El anciano que se sienta fuera de su casa todas las tardes para tomar los rayos del sol que agoniza. El policía que mantiene un poco de orden en la esquina cerca de mi casa. Y el médico que nunca tiene prisa, pues sabe que cuando llegue a su destino el paciente ya estará empezando a mejorar o ya no habrá nada que hacer...

El cariño del esposo o de la esposa, el beso de los hijos antes de dormirse, la emoción de la carta que nos llega del ausente, la alegría ante las notas de quien estudia una carrera difícil. Miles de detalles escriben nuestras vidas, y el cariño de los demás nos importa mucho más que todos los arcoíris que puedan dar un tinte sugestivo a las tardes tropicales.

Detrás de todo, con un respeto y un silencio que nos aturden, Dios. En medio de las espigas, entre las plumas de los halcones, en lo misterioso del mar y en lo grande del cielo, en la frente que suda en medio de los campos o en una calle de una ciudad enloquecida: una presencia enorme y sencilla nos conforta y nos permite descubrir que la vida es hermosa, que vale la pena sufrir, que el amor es lo más grande.

Un niño mira por la ventana. Las gotas de lluvia rompen contra la terraza y forman cientos de burbujas que nacen y que mueren, mientras las calles se transforman en arroyos y la gente corre veloz entre los portales. Detrás, delante, arriba y abajo, se esconde el Amor que nos sostiene a todos. No todos lo descubren. Quizá haga falta, como dijo Jesús, el Nazareno, hacernos otra vez como los niños...



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NADAR EN DOS CORRIENTES

Javier Leoz



Sí; ¡Qué más quisiéramos una sociedad limpia! La realidad, mirémosla por donde la miremos, tiene sus contrastes: Paz y violencia Verdad y mentira Bienestar y diferencias sociales Fe e incredulidad

Y es que, un estado puro –en todo y sobre todo- es difícil conseguir, vivir y el alcanzar. Por lo menos cristianamente hablando.

1. Mientras el mundo sea mundo. Mientras existan hombres y mujeres en él, nos tendremos que acostumbrar a nadar entre dos aguas: el bien y el mal.

Una vez más, para que este año paulino deje impronta en nuestras eucaristías, San Pablo nos recuerda que, frente a la debilidad, a los fracasos, a no ser lo que queremos o alcanzar lo que pretendemos, el Espíritu sale a nuestro encuentro. ¡Bendito sea el Señor! ¡Claro que sí! No tenemos derecho a la desesperanza. ¿Que todo no es orégano en nuestra vida? ¡Por supuesto! Pero tampoco tan malo ¿Que hay mucho de negativo a nuestro alrededor, en el campo que trabajamos (empresa, familia, política, economía, Iglesia, etc.)? ¡Por supuesto! Pero también hay mucho de bueno y digno de admiración.

El ritmo, y los tiempos de Dios, son muy distintos a los nuestros. ¿Qué tenemos que hacer? ¿Hacia donde tirar? Para empezar tenemos que ser pacientes. El mal, es como el aire, va a estar a nuestro alrededor mientras respiremos. Pero, al mal, se hace frente con dos escudos: el de la fe y el de la constancia.

Con el de la fe; porque sabemos que Dios sólo es perfecto y acudiré siempre al lado de aquellos que luchan en contra de todo lo que degrada a la humanidad

Con el escudo de la constancia; “*Roma no se hizo en un día*” dice el viejo proverbio. Y mientras esperamos la vuelta de Jesús de Nazaret, su definitivo retorno, a nosotros nos toca sembrar; depositar semillas de su Evangelio allá por donde pasemos. Uno de los grandes males de nuestra vida eclesial es precisamente ese: nos resignamos con frecuencia ante lo que concluimos son batallas perdidas (abandono de la fe, frialdad de muchas personas ante lo religioso, el desinterés por lo religioso, el ataque sistemático a la institución eclesial, etc) Lo cierto es que, un amigo de Jesús, ha de tener la cintura, hemos de tener la cintura necesaria para enfrentarnos a circunstancias difíciles. Nunca, el Señor, nos dijo que el bien, la suerte o el éxito nos fueran acompañar de por vida. También es verdad que, el Señor, nos aseguró que estaría con nosotros hasta el fin del mundo. ¿Cómo no ver los signos de su presencia en el aquí y ahora? ¿Qué no hay proporción entre lo que hacemos –a nivel evangelizador- y entre lo que recogemos? ¿Qué no merece la Iglesia tanta cizaña en los campos de la información o de la televisión? ¿Y nosotros? ¿Dónde está nuestra voz? ¿Dónde nuestra huella y la razón de nuestra fe?

2. No sé, si alguna vez, os habéis acercado a una panadería (normalmente preferimos acercarnos hasta ella simplemente para recoger el pan...pero ¡cuánto esfuerzo detrás de todo!). Pues bien; el panadero, dentro de la masa, pone una pequeña cantidad de levadura. Luego, pacientemente –en cámaras frigoríficas o a la intemperie y con una temperatura idónea- aguarda el momento en el que la masa esté lista para ser cocida en el horno. El panadero, lejos de desesperar, espera y confía en todo lo realizado. También nosotros, en medio de la gran masa que es el mundo, hemos de ser levadura. No podemos acostumbrarnos a ser salero, sino sal. No podemos pretender ser océano, sino gota de agua. No intentemos ser sol, sino rayos de luz. Y, esto, no es poesía. Es la vida misma: la vida cristiana.

Una vida cristiana que nos dice que, con Dios, todo llegará a cumplirse. Y se cumplirá, no cuando nosotros queramos, sino cuando, Dios, el gran panadero, vea el momento oportuno de recoger toda la masa de la humanidad y distanciar, definitivamente, lo bueno de lo malo.

Mientras tanto, ¡pues eso! A trabajar por Dios en donde haga falta y lo que haga falta

¿LEVADURA YO, SEÑOR?

Y, cuantas más veces me lo pregunto, Señor, otras tantas Tú me contestas:

¡Te necesito como sal, y no como salero!

¡Como rayo de luz, no como gran astro!

¡Como gota de agua que calme la sed, y no como torrente que inunde todo a su paso!

¿LEVADURA YO, SEÑOR?

Y, cuando veo lo que siembro y no recojo, siento, una y otra vez, que Tú me respondes:

no te toca a ti exigir, sino sembrar

no te corresponde a ti recoger, sino abonar

no mires hacia atrás, pues quien lo hace, corre el riesgo de no construir hacia delante.

¿LEVADURA YO, SEÑOR?

Y, la impaciencia, me invade, Jesús, y Tú lo sabes; cuando me esfuerzo, y no fructifica mi trabajo

cuando hablo, y siento que pocos me escuchan cuando cuido tu campo,

y apenas siento un agradecimiento humano

¿LEVADURA YO, SEÑOR?

Lo intentaré por Ti, mi Señor;

porque, bien sé, que Tú eres el dueño del tiempo

porque, bien sé, que Tú eres el Señor de la historia

porque, bien sé, que Tú vences sobre el mal y la mentira

porque, en lo invisible, sé que Tú sigues vivo y operante

¿LEVADURA YO, SEÑOR?

¡Lo intentaré contigo, mi Señor!

Incluso en medio del combate y de la desesperanza

A pesar de las contradicciones y las resistencias

Frente al maligno que lo invade y lo confunde todo,

te prometo, Señor, que intentaré ser levadura de tu Reino
Levadura que no se ve, pero hace crecer el pan de la fraternidad

Levadura que no se percibe,

pero sazona la dureza de los corazones

Levadura que, en justa medida,

haga que, mi mundo, tu mundo Señor,

sea un oasis de paz, de amor, de alegría y de fe.

¿LEVADURA YO, SEÑOR?

Dame un poco de tiempo

Dame un poco de tu fuerza

Dame un poco de tu Espíritu

Dame un poco de tu Evangelio...

y sé que llegaré, contigo, donde haga falta.

Amén





Then Jesus said the Son of Man would send special messengers out at the end of the age. What are they?

Write the word that means the opposite of the one given. The letters in the boxes spell the answer.

sad

old

boys

odd

hate

future



"The Son of Man will send out His _____!"

What happened next?

Use the code to fill in the blanks.

◻	A	S	D	L	I
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The Parable of the Weeds

Jesus said, "The kingdom of Heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field." But then something happened.

Find the underlined letters in the picture below.

While everyone was sleeping, the man's enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat.



The servant offered to pull the weeds, but the man said no, because the wheat might be rooted up as well. Then Jesus explained the parable.

Unscramble the phrases on the left. Then solve the math problems to match the answers. Follow the example.

- onS fo Mna
Son of Man
- odlwr

- teh eplope fo het nmdikgo

- eht leeppo fo teh veli neo

- vldie

- eth nde fo eht ega

- lgnaes

8 - 6
The field

2 + 3
The enemy who sows the weeds

10 - 6
The weeds

7 - 4
The good seed

8 - 7
The One Who sowed the good seed

3 + 3
The harvest

2 + 5
The harvesters



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