



Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Congregation Inc

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Fr. Jerome's Desk

RE: Safety and Security at Nativity Parish

Dear Parishioners,

The safety and well-being of everyone who comes to Nativity Parish and School remain a priority for us. As many of you know, our campus serves not only our parish family but also our Catholic school community. Each day, children, families, staff members, volunteers, and visitors share our facilities.

Recently, Nativity underwent a safety inspection conducted by Catholic Mutual Insurance. Several recommendations were made to enhance the safety and security of our campus. These recommendations were reviewed and discussed by our newly formed Safety and Security Committee, which includes Mary Dahl, John LeClair, Kyle Parish, Mike DeBay, and Fr. Jerome.

After careful consideration, we will begin implementing the following safety measures effective **September 1, 2026**:

Chapel Access

- The Chapel (Door 5, Conro Street) will be open daily from **6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Church Access

The main church entrances (Door 3 on King Street, Door 4 on Conro Street, and Door 9 from the parking lot) will remain locked except during scheduled liturgies, confessions, and approved church activities.

Church Opening Hours

- **Saturday:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Confessions & Holy Mass)
- **Sunday:** 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Holy Masses)

- **Tuesday:** 6:15 am to 6:45 am (Adoration & Morning Prayer); 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Confessions & Holy Mass)
- **Wednesday:** 8:30 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. for the School Mass (doors will remain locked during Mass)
- **Thursday:** 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (Holy Mass)
- **First Friday Adoration:** 2:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Adoration Schedule Change

The public Adoration previously held on the **Third Wednesday of the month** will be discontinued. Our school will continue to have Adoration at an appropriate time for the students' schedule; it will not be open to the public.

The Chapel (Door 5, Conro St) - A Place for Prayer

When the chapel was established, it was intended to provide a welcoming place for prayer and quiet reflection. We remain committed to that purpose. Through the chapel entrance, parishioners will continue to have daily access for personal prayer, reflection and meditation. There will be no access to the main body of the church.

During weekend Masses, the chapel will also serve as a **Cry Room** for families with young children while remaining accessible to those attending Mass.

Thank You for Your Understanding

We recognize that these changes may require some adjustment. However, they are being implemented with the goal of protecting our children, parishioners, staff, volunteers, and all who visit our campus. In today's world, responsible stewardship calls us to be attentive to safety while continuing to provide a welcoming and prayerful environment for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and support as we work together to keep Nativity Parish and School a safe and secure place for all.

If you have any questions, please contact: Mike DeBay (mdebay@nativity.me); Fr. Jerome (pastor@nativity.me).

May God bless you and your families.

Fr. Jerome

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