Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At Nativity, we are proclaiming the Good News with great joy to all people! Our vision comes from the encounter of the angels to the shepherds in Bethlehem as Jesus Christ was born some two thousand years ago. His birth would forever change the world that He would redeem through His Cross and Resurrection.

As a parish family, **we are called to respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ by knowing Him, loving Him, and serving Him. Through the work of many hands in our parish, we not only proclaim this Good News but also empower the faithful to be joyful disciples.**

Empowering Joyful *Disciples*

Thank you for your faithful service and previous generous support of our parish community and the mission of the Church. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you can renew your commitment to financially support our parish through our ***Empowering Joyful Disciples*** program. **Your sacrificial giving allows us to serve one another and make Christ present for our community through the celebration of the Eucharist and the sacraments as well as catechetical programs and ministries.**

Your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment to our church's mission is very much appreciated. May God bless you!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr Michael Smith

Father Mike Smith
Pastor



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Discerning Your New Commitment

Fill out the enclosed Commitment Card and bring it to Mass next weekend
or
scan this QR code to complete your Commitment Card online.

Fulfilling Your New Commitment

To sign up for **Online Giving** or to update your current online gift, visit **www.nativitycatholicchurch.org/give**

Use your **offertory envelope** and bring it to Mass or mail it to the parish office.

To learn more about making a **Planned Gift** to Nativity, contact the parish office at **(813) 681-4608.**



Empowering Joyful *Disciples*

Nativity Catholic Church
Brandon, FL



We are transforming lives *together!*

Know Him

Christ engaged people through stories, teachings, and parables and in the process challenged them to think about what they believed to be true about life, forgiveness, each other, God, and so much more.

- **Bible Studies & Events -** Small study groups and presentations geared for adults
- **Faith Formation -** Catechesis and sacramental preparation for all ages and stages in life
- **LifeFORCE (Grades 6-8) & LifeTEEN (Grades 9-12) -** Geared towards teens growing in relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church through community and prayer
- **OCIA -** Geared for those inquiring, learning, and preparing for Chistian Initiation
- **Vacation Bible School -** Summer program for kids of all ages
- **Young Adult Ministry -** Open to all spirited Catholic young adults from 18 to 39

Love Him

Christ's relationship with the Father was deeply rooted in prayer and from this relationship flowed His whole life and ministry.

- **Altar Servers -** Children in grade 5 and older as well as adults assist with Mass
- **Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry -** Provides access for all to share in prayer through ASL interpreted Mass
- **Emmaus -** Independent, spiritual retreats for men and women from lay people for lay people to renew faith through prayer, worship, and discussion
- **Eucharistic Adoration -** Adore and honor the Eucharistic Presence of Christ
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion -** Assist priests in the distribution of the Eucharist
- **Lectors -** Proclaim the Lectionary Readings at Mass
- **Music Ministries -** Serve God and others in His name through music

Serve Him

Christ renounced power and glory for a life of service - through His healings, miracles, comforting words, and heartfelt compassion, He served people and their deepest needs.

- **Bereavement Support Group & Counseling Services -** Help to provide comfort and peace
- **Food Bank -** Sources and distributes food to 52 ministries and churches in the area in conjunction with *Feeding Tampa Bay*
- **Food Pantry -** Sorts and shares staples including meat, fruit, vegetables, and hygiene essentials to over 150 families every Thursday
- **Legion of Mary -** Serve the Church and their neighbors through prayer and volunteerism
- **Men's Club & Knights of Columbus -** Men who live their faith through charity, service, and prayer
- **Visitation to Homebound, Hospitals & Nursing Homes -** Spending time with and bringing the Eucharist to those unable to come to Church
- **Women's Guild -** Five groups of women who work in communion with each other to grow spiritually and serve their community

For a full list of our ministries, visit us at www.nativitycatholicchurch.org/ministry-list







Financial Snapshot:
2023/2024 Fiscal Year

Operating Income

Offertory	$2,940,289
Programs, Donations & Other	$659,016
Food Bank & Pantry Donations	$130,379
Total	**$3,729,684**

Operating Expenses

Liturgy, Worship & Music	$342,524
Clergy Salaries & Benefits, Assisting Priests & Rectory	$334,035
Religious Education, Faith Formation & RCIA	$300,867
Youth Ministries	$243,745
Church Office, Tech, Insurance, Employee Benefits & Administration	$1,101,443
Food Bank, Pastoral Care, School Support, Outreach & Hospitality	$404,454
Diocesan Support	$56,456
Facilities & Maintenance	$497,299
Total	**$3,280,823**
Net Operating Surplus	***$448,861***