



# *Glad Tidings*

April 30, 2026



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Parish Life



## Innovating Beloved Communities

We are delighted to share that the Episcopal Divinity School has named nine leaders to its inaugural “Innovating Beloved Communities” cohort, including our Rector, the Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano! This year-long program supports leaders in nurturing ministries rooted in justice, compassion, and inclusion through mentorship, retreats, and shared learning. We celebrate this joyful milestone in Father Grey’s ministry and invite you to meet the cohort and [learn more here](#).



## Newcomers' Breakfast

Are you new to Church of the Nativity since our last Newcomers' Breakfast in November? We'd love to have you join us for breakfast in Corlett Hall this **Sunday, May 3**, at 9:30 am. This will be a great time to get to know some of the leadership, ask questions, learn more about the church, and enjoy some fellowship. Please let us know if you can attend! Email [Sarah](#) or the [church office](#).



### Art Show: Stations of the Cross

Please join us this **Sunday, May 3** at 12 pm for the closing reception of our Stations of the Cross Art display in the Nave. This year features work from ILAAC (Inter-Latin American Artist Collective), reflecting on the immigrant experience through the lens of Christ's journey. Several artists will be present for open conversation, with a panel discussion at 12:30 pm. Select pieces will also be available for purchase, so come engage with this powerful and moving exhibit before it's gone.



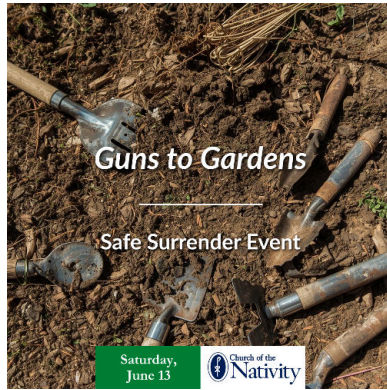
### Softball Season is Here!

The Softball Season schedule is out, and we're excited for the season ahead! Our next game is **Monday, May 4** at 6 pm. Come cheer on the team and enjoy fellowship. There's still time to join! Player dues are **\$30**, and personalized jerseys are about **\$50**. This team is a ministry focused on fellowship and outreach, fully supported by its players. Help spread the word, we'd love to have you on the field or in the stands! [Contact us](#) if you're interested.



## Bishop's Visitation

On **Sunday, May 10**, we will welcome Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Assisting Bishop of North Carolina, as she joins us to celebrate the Rite of Confirmation and Reception at the 10:30 am Eucharist. Twelve members of our parish, including eight youth, will take this meaningful step in their faith. This is a joyful occasion for our whole parish, and all are encouraged to be present as we pray for and support those being confirmed and received.



## Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender Event

Nativity is partnering with local congregations to sponsor a Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender event on **Saturday, June 13**, at Umstead Park United Church of Christ. Individuals can anonymously surrender unwanted firearms at no cost. Weapons are safely disabled on-site and later repurposed into garden tools. This effort responds to concerns raised by our youth. Volunteers are needed before, during, and after the event for setup, greeting, assisting participants, and cleanup. (Event-day volunteers must be 18 or older.) A sign-up link will be shared soon. [Click here](#) for more information, or contact [Matt C.](#)



## Pastoral Care Needs

The Pastoral Care committee is looking to expand our list of Nativity members who are willing and able to help our fellow parishioners. At the present time, there is a need for transportation to doctor's appointments and child care. If you are able to help in this way, please send us an [email](#).



## Get Ready for Springfest!

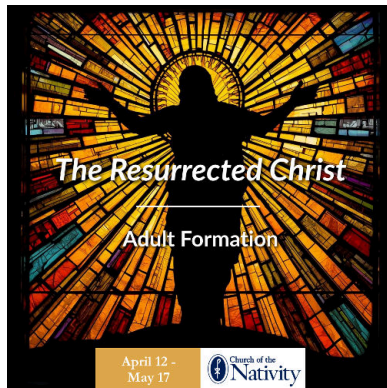
In 2025, Nativity launched our inaugural Spring Fest community event! As we plan for 2026, we're seeking volunteers to help coordinate food and activities for this spring's celebration. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact [Hannah H.](#)



### Get Your Camera Ready

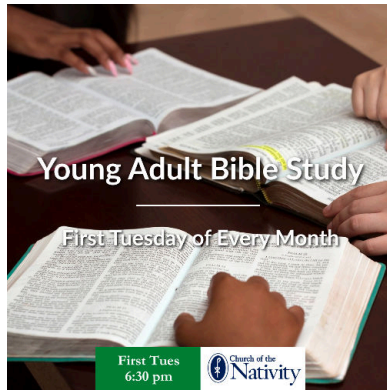
If you have photos from last Sunday's cookie decorating or time capsule burial, we would love to have them for the parish archives. We are also looking for any volunteers to capture "Nativity Activity" moments to share in our archives and with the Raleigh community on Facebook and beyond. You don't have to be a pro to capture the moment. Interested? Please [let Josh know](#). Our Communications and Social Media teams thank you!

## Adult Formation



### The Resurrected Christ

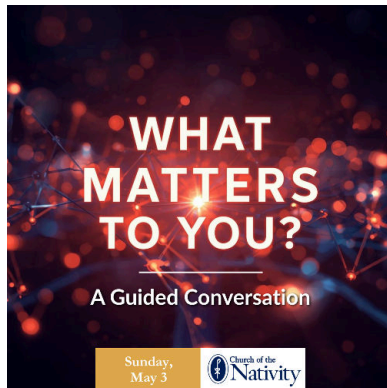
A new Sunday morning study, *The Resurrected Christ*, will continue to meet **April 19–May 17**, from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204, led by the Rev. Dr. Jim Melnyk. Through readings from the Gospels, Acts, and Paul's letters, participants will explore several biblical accounts of encounters with the risen Christ: on the road, by the sea, at the empty tomb, and beyond. Each class begins with a brief practice of Lectio Divina, followed by discussion reflecting on how these stories shape our understanding of resurrection, recognition, and response. [Sign-up here](#) so that we may be prepared.



## Young Adult Bible Study

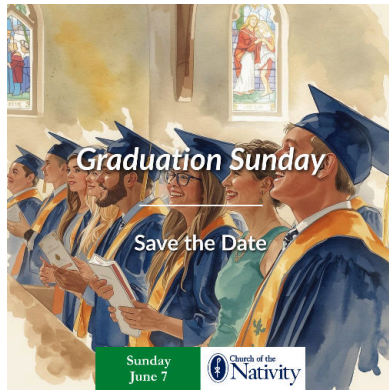
Young Adult Bible Study meets on Zoom on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30–8 pm, led by The Rev. George Black. Our next gathering is on **May 5**. This is a relaxed, welcoming space to explore scripture, ask questions, and grow in community. Whether you're new to Bible study or have lots of experience, you're invited. And who counts as a "young adult"? That's up to you. To obtain the Zoom link, please contact [The Rev. George B.](#)

## Youth and Children



## What Matters to You?

On **Sunday, May 3**, our youth will gather for a guided conversation about the pressures and anxieties they face, moderated by Katherine L. Bridges, M.S., LCMHC. This will take place during our normal formation time (7-8 pm) in Curry Hall, Room 202. Together with Katie, the youth will explore how their experiences might shape future advocacy efforts and service projects for the upcoming program year. This important conversation will help guide the direction of our youth ministry, making it a perfect time to be engaged. And yes, there will be snacks.



## Graduation Sunday

Nativity will celebrate Graduation Sunday on **Sunday, June 7**, honoring both our eighth-grade students and graduating seniors. Eighth graders are invited to wear their school colors, while seniors are encouraged to wear their academic regalia. All graduates will take part in the procession and receive a special blessing, followed by a celebration after the service. Families and friends are warmly invited to join us for this celebration. Please register to participate on the [Eighth-Grade form](#) or the [Senior form](#).



## VBS Save the Date!

Save the date for Vacation Bible School, **July 19–23!** We're excited to once again partner with North Raleigh Presbyterian Church for a great week of faith and fun. VBS will be held on their campus this year. Mark your calendars now and watch for the theme and registration details coming soon.

We look forward to another wonderful week together!

# Community Engagement/Outreach



### One WAKE Upcoming Actions

Cary is set to significantly increase its affordable housing budget, so let's show the whole county is watching. Our Cary neighbors need our support, as a lack of affordable housing anywhere affects us all. RSVP on the [SUSO Google Sheet](#) if you can attend; carpooling is available.

Join us today, **Thursday, April 30**, at 7 pm when the housing budget will be voted on and will be held at Council Chambers, 316 N. Academy St., Cary, NC. We will also be hosting a one-day community organizing training on **Monday, May 11** from 9 am-3:30 pm. Signup [here!](#)



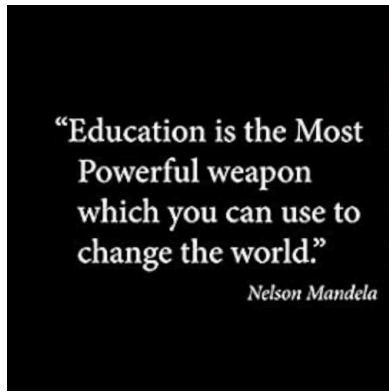
### Upcoming SUSO Action Opportunities

Join us for our next SUSO action tomorrow, **Friday, May 1**, from 11 am-2 pm: the May Day Support for Public Schools Rally at Halifax Mall. RSVP with [NCAE](#) and on Nativity's [SUSO Google Sheet](#) to coordinate carpooling. All are welcome!



## Pride Packs

You can make a difference by donating to the Leesville Elementary Backpack Program by **Sunday, May 3**. Donations of shelf-ready milk, snacks, and protein items are greatly needed. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Donations can be placed in the basket in Estill House. Thank you for sharing your generosity and ensuring students have enough food through this season.



## It's Not Too Late to Support the 2026 Nativity NAACP Scholarship Fund!

Since launching in December, we've raised about \$5,600 toward our goal of \$8,000—matching what we've achieved each of the past five years and helping over 30 students attend college. The campaign runs through May. To give, visit our [website](#) and click "donate," or write a check to Church of the Nativity with "NAACP" in the memo line and place it in the offering plate or mail it. Thank you for your support!



## Out! Raleigh Pride Event

Out! Raleigh Pride Family Day is **Saturday, June 27**. Last year, a small group from Stand Up Speak Out volunteered as “shields” for participants and found it deeply meaningful. If there’s interest in serving again, we’re looking for one or more people, within SUSO or beyond, to help coordinate with the [LGBT Center of Raleigh](#). This is a meaningful way to support and stand in solidarity with our community. [Let us know](#) if you’re willing to help organize!

## Nativity Prayer List

Please click here for the prayer list: [Nativity Prayer List](#)

To add someone to the list, please [email the office](#).

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