

## Arizona - Casa Grande

### **Nativity Set Open House "A True Christmas Meaning"**

This 'nativity sets showcase open house tour' invitation is extended to those who have an appreciation for decor and art. Gayle belongs to Friends of the Creche, an international group of collectors. FOTC is a society for all who love, own or collect Christmas nativities. Her private collection from over 50 years of collecting and traveling includes a few hundred sets and artwork. There is full tree of miniatures and sets displayed outdoor and throughout rooms of her home.

**Dates:** Dec 14 (10am - 6pm), Dec 15 (12pm - 5pm)

**Hours:**

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## Arizona - Mesa

### **Mesa Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints International Nativity Exhibit**

A unique display of more than 100 nativities from around the world is hosted inside the Visitors' Center at the Mesa Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For more than four decades, the lighting of the Mesa Arizona Temple gardens has been a favorite holiday tradition in the Valley. The free event features thousands of twinkling lights and a variety of displays designed to tell the story of Christ's birth, including a large outdoor creche underneath a lighted star and other Biblical vignettes, including a shepherd's field, Mary and Joseph figurines, the prophet Isaiah, and three lighted wise men with their camels.

**Dates:** Nov 29-Dec 30

**Hours:** Open 5-10pm every day; TU & TH: 11am-1pm. Free Admission

**Address:** 455 E Main, Mesa

**Website:** <https://mesatemple.org/event/mesa-temple-christmas-lights-and-international-nativity-exhibit/>

**Email:**

**Phone:** 480-964-7164

## Arizona - Scottsdale

### **Casa Franciscan Renewal Center Creche Festival**

The Festival features over 300 creches on loan from members of The Casa's Faith Community. The event is open to the public. There is no admission fee (goodwill offerings would be gratefully accepted).

**Dates:** Sat, Dec 14, 10am-6:45am in the Community Life Center; 7pm Buon Natale Greccio (A show about St. Francis and Christmas at Greccio) - in the church featuring the Casa Choir and musicians with new music this year from the "Canticle of Joy" by J. Martin; Festival re-opens following the show and continues until 9:30pm

**Hours:** Sun, Dec 15, 8:30am - 1:15pm in the Community Life Center, 1:30pm Buon Natale Greccio - in the church, Festival re-opens following the show and continues until 4pm

**Address:** 5802 Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale

**Website:** <https://www.thecasa.org/>

**Email:** [crechefestival@thecasa.org](mailto:crechefestival@thecasa.org)

**Phone:** 480-948-7460

## Arizona - Tucson

### Tucson Museum of Art

The Tucson Museum of Art presents El Nacimiento (the creche) on display in La Casa Cordova, an historic old 19th century house in what was once the walled presidio area of the city. The large, colorful diorama, created by Mexican American folk artist Maria Luisa Tena, depicts Mexican street market scenes, Old Testament scenes and the Holy Family. A Nacimiento of 600 miniature pieces is on display every year from late November to mid-March. Casa Cordova open: Tue-Sat 10-4, Sun 12-4. Closed Mon., major holidays. Building is under restoration 9/1/24 Tentative 2024 opening.

**Dates:** Late Nov - Mid-March

**Hours:**

**Address:** 140 N. Main Ave, Tucson

**Website:** <https://www.tucsonmuseumofart.org/>

**Email:** [education@tucsonmuseumofart.org](mailto:education@tucsonmuseumofart.org)

**Phone:** 520-624-2333

## California - Modesto

### Toni Conway's Nativity Open House

Over 900 sets on display. Large groups/more info call Toni. Donations accepted for the Modesto Gospel Mission.

**Dates:** Dec. 6, 7, 13,14, 10am-8pm; Dec. 8, 15, 1-8pm

**Hours:**

**Address:** 3242 S. Carpenter Rd, Modesto

**Website:** <https://www.conwaynativities.com>

**Email:**           **Phone:** 209-538-2110

## California - Palo Alto

### The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

More than 600 volunteers over the course of five days create The Christmas Creche Exhibit in Palo Alto, Calif. The exhibit has drawn 10,000 visitors in the past from the U.S. and from six other countries.

**Dates:** Dec 7-11, Free admission.

**Hours:** Free admission.

**Address:** 3865 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto

**Website:** <https://local.churchofjesuschrist.org/en/us/ca/palo-alto/3865-middlefield-road>

**Email:**           **Phone:** 408-460-8565

## California - Rancho Palos Verdes

### Mary & Joseph Retreat Center

Rotating theme with hundreds of nativities on display each year. Free self guided exhibit: Our gift to the community! Docent tours available: \$5/adult; School tours available: \$3/student, Stroll By Exhibit - Dec. 23, 2024 - Jan. 5, 2025 Open every day whenever you come and visit. Viewed from the breezeway.

**Dates:** Dec. 9-22, 2024

**Hours:** Open SU-TH 9am to 5pm; F & SA 9am - 9pm

**Address:** 5300 Crest Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes

**Website:** <https://maryjoseph.org/>

**Email:** [sjongbloed@maryjoseph.org](mailto:sjongbloed@maryjoseph.org)

**Phone:** 310-377-4867

## California - San Francisco

### Grace Episcopal Cathedral

Nativity figures lightly polychromed of Swedish birchwood were carved by Antonio Sanjuan Villalba (1902-1996) of Valencia, Spain in 1956. The creche is set in a prepared niche low in the north wall of the north transept so children can see the details. There are 15 figures and nine animals, and the scene combines the Nativity with the arriving shepherds and the Magi of the Epiphany.

**Dates:** Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2024

**Hours:** Open Weekdays & SA & holidays 10am-5pm, open SU (tourists) 1-5pm. Admission is \$12 for adults and children over 12. Children under 12 are free. Admission for services or private prayer are free. Always check website for hours.

**Address:** 1100 California St., San Francisco

**Website:** <http://www.gracecathedral.org>

**Email:** [juliek@gracecathedral.org](mailto:juliek@gracecathedral.org)

**Phone:** 415-749-6300

## **California - Santa Clara**

### **Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church**

One large display with figures from Spain. Begins at the end of Nov. through Dec. and ends on Epiphany. Check online for dates and times. Featured in an issue of the Creche Herald in 2020.

**Dates:** End of Nov. - Dec. and ends on Epiphany. Check online for dates and times.

**Hours:**

**Address:** 2800 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara

**Website:** <https://www.oloop-shrine.org/>

**Email:**           **Phone:** 408-988-4585

## **Connecticut - Bethlehem**

### **The Abbey of Regina Laudis**

The Abbey of Regina Laudis, a community of contemplative Benedictine women, displays a lavish 18th century Nativity thought to have been created for the coronation of Victor Amadeus II, King of Sardinia, in 1720. The creche was donated to the Abbey in 1949 by philanthropist Loretta Hines Howard. A similar nativity set she gave to the Metropolitan Museum of Art is the centerpiece of the museum's Medieval Galleries each Christmas.

**Dates:** Open Daily, Closed Jan 7 until Easter

**Hours:** Open W-SU, weather permitting, from 10am-3pm.

**Address:** 249 Flanders Rd, Bethlehem

**Website:** <https://abbeyofreginalaudis.org/>

**Email:**           **Phone:** 203-266-7727

## **Connecticut - New Haven**

### **Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center (Knights of Columbus)**

The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center carries on its tradition of showcasing Christmas in art and culture with its 2024 exhibition of more than 50 nativity scenes of Christmas in Africa.

**Dates:** Nov 9, 2024 - Feb 2, 2025

**Hours:** Open W-SU 10am-4pm Free parking and free admission.

**Address:** 1 State St, New Haven

**Website:** <https://www.michaelmcgivneycenter.org/>

**Email:** [kathy.cogan@kofc.org](mailto:kathy.cogan@kofc.org)

**Phone:** 203-865-0400

## **District of Columbia - Washington**

### **Basilica, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

Following in the annual Papal tradition in Saint Peter's Square, the National Shrine will host its annual Blessing of the Bambinelli on SU, Dec 22, 2024, following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. The faithful are invited to bring the Baby Jesus from their Nativity scenes to the Hall of American Saints be blessed at the National Shrine on this Fourth Sunday of Advent and participate in the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

**Dates:**

**Hours:**

**Address:** 400 Michigan Ave NE., Washington

**Website:** <https://www.nationalshrine.org/>

**Email:** [info@nationalshrine.org](mailto:info@nationalshrine.org)

**Phone:** 202-526-8300

## **District of Columbia - Washington**

### **Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America**

Grotto of Bethlehem - Replica of the Holy Manger. Based on docent availability, Franciscan Monastery tours are scheduled for TU - SA at 1pm and pm and on SU at 12 noon and 1:30 pm. Tours must be booked online in advance and are limited to a maximum of 30 people. Walk-ins are welcome to join a scheduled tour if space is available however, please note that a scheduled tour will not take place if there are no advance online registrations.

**Dates:** 2024 Dates - Dec 1 - Jan 12, 6am-4pm. (except for Dec 25 & 26 and Jan 1 when closed at the conclusion of morning Mass) Free Admission.

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** 1400 Quincy St NE, Washington

**Website:** <https://myfranciscan.org/>

**Email:** mail@myfranciscan.com

**Phone:** 202-526-6800

## **District of Columbia - Washington**

### **Washington National Cathedral**

"One Family, One World" showcases nativity scenes, also known as creches, from the Cathedral's collection. The story of the Holy Family, told in different cultures using various media and material, has the power to unite the human family amidst war, conflict and political division. Their story is our story, and their hope is our hope. The backbone of the Cathedral's collection comes from a gift made by Beulah Sommer. She served the Cathedral in many capacities, including as a docent (tour guide) and member of the National Cathedral Association. She wanted to share the joy of this unique art form with the public. In 1998, she donated more than 600 nativity sets from her personal collection for use in the Cathedral's creche exhibits.

**Dates:** Nov 25, 2024-Jan 11, 2025, Tickets: \$18; Youth (age 5-12) \$13

**Hours:** Sightseeing hours vary. Check [cathedral.org/calendar](https://cathedral.org/calendar) for the most updated listings

**Address:** 3101 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington

**Website:** <https://cathedral.org/visit-tour/creche-exhibit/>

**Email:** keckstrom@cathedral.org

**Phone:** 202-537-6200

## **Georgia - Fayetteville**

### **First United Methodist Church "Come and See"**

A diverse collection of over 650+ nativities by Wendy Haymans and her late mother, Sharon Bowen. The scenes represent a world of countries, cultures, artistic forms and materials. The exhibit concludes with a Life of Christ display that features pivotal moments of Jesus's ministry, all pointing to God's free gift of salvation. Display fills the sanctuary.

**Dates:** Dec 4 (Reserved for groups); Dec 5-6: (12pm-7pm); Dec 7 (10am-3pm)

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** 175 East Lanier Ave, Fayetteville

**Website:** <https://www.fayettevillefirst.com>

**Email:** admin@fayettevillefirst.com

**Phone:** 770-461-4313

## **Georgia - St. Simons Island**

### **Epworth by the Sea Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum**

World Nativities - The many nativities in their vast international collection of 200 pieces are now displayed permanently in a new exhibit room.

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Open M-F 10am-4pm & SA 10am-1pm. Closed on SU and major holidays. Free admission/donations accepted

**Address:** 100 Arthur J. Moore Dr, St. Simons Island

**Website:** <https://www.epworthbythesea.org/moore-methodist-museum.php>

**Email:** [apackard@epworthbythesea.org](mailto:apackard@epworthbythesea.org)

**Phone:** 912-638-4050

## Idaho - Carey

### The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints

A diverse display of the creche or nativity. Over 300 were displayed last year featuring many countries and cultures. A festive, family friendly celebration of our Savior's birth. Free refreshments and activities for children. Come search for baby Jesus on a fun scavenger hunt. Enjoy some local musical talent as you see the many depictions of the babe in a manger.

**Dates:** W-F Dec. 4,5,6, 3-9pm, SA Dec. 7, 1-7pm

**Hours:**

**Address:** 20494 N. Main St, Carey

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070257270872>

**Email:** [rocknbmw@aol.com](mailto:rocknbmw@aol.com)

**Phone:** 208-721-0043

## Idaho - Coeur d'Alene

### The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints "The Christmas Creche"

**Dates:** Dec 6 (5-8pm), Dec 7 (3-8pm)

**Hours:**

**Address:** 2801 N 4th St, Coeur d'Alene

**Website:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

## Illinois - Aurora

### Aurora Christkindl Market

The German-style Christmas Market provides a safe outdoor experience for the whole family. Christmas ornaments and hand carved olive wood nativity scenes are among the vendor products from around the world. Free admission.

**Dates:** Nov 22-Dec 24, TH 11am-7pm, FR-SA 11am-9pm, SU 11am-6pm; Special

**Hours:** Special Opening Hours: Thanksgiving (Nov 28): 11am-4pm; Dec 16-18: 11am-7pm; Dec 23: 11am-7pm; Christmas Eve (Dec 24): 11am-4pm

**Address:** RiverEdge Park, 360 N. Broadway, Aurora

**Website:** <https://www.christkindlmarket.com/>

**Email:** [info@christkindlmarket.com](mailto:info@christkindlmarket.com)

**Phone:** 312-494-2175

## Illinois - Chicago

### Chicago Christkindl Market

The German-style Christmas Market provides a safe outdoor experience for the whole family. Christmas ornaments and hand carved olive wood nativity scenes are among the vendor products from around the world. Free admission.

**Dates:** Nov 22 - Dec 24, TH 11am-7pm, FR-SA 11am-9pm, SU 11am-6pm; Special

**Hours:**

**Address:** Daley Plaza, 50 W Washington St, Chicago

**Website:** <https://www.christkindlmarket.com/>

**Email:** [info@christkindlmarket.com](mailto:info@christkindlmarket.com)

**Phone:** 312-494-2175

## Illinois - Chicago

### Loyola University Museum of Art "Art and Faith of the Creche: The Collection of James and Emilia Govan"

LUMA's annual holiday exhibition, Art and Faith of the Creche: The Collection of James and Emilia Govan, continues each year with 50-60 nativity scenes. These works represent only a small part of the Govans' gift that was donated in 2009. Over the course of almost forty years, the Govans amassed over 500 creches, representing over 100 countries. Many are unique in their depiction of the nativity story and incorporate elements, such as architecture, clothing, animals, gifts, and materials, that are particular to the artist's native country.

**Dates:** Nov 13-Dec 21, Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm.

**Hours:** Free admission. Donations of gently used clothes and toiletries or \$10 are appreciated.

**Address:** 820 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago

**Website:**

<https://www.luc.edu/luma/collections/thejamesandemiliagovancrechecollection/>

**Email:** [luma@luc.edu](mailto:luma@luc.edu)

**Phone:** 312-915-7600

## Illinois - Chicago

### Polish Museum of America

Among displays of Polish history and culture are large szopki from the collection of the Historical Museum of the City of Krakow shown on a rotating basis and one large szopka made here in the U.S. for the visit of Pope JohnPaul II in 1978. Check before going to be sure there are szopki on display.

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Open TU, TH, SA & SU 11 am-4pm. Enter no later than 3:15pm.

**Address:** 984 N. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago

**Website:** [www.polishmuseumofamerica.org](http://www.polishmuseumofamerica.org)

**Email:** [pma@polishmuseumofamerica.org](mailto:pma@polishmuseumofamerica.org)

**Phone:** 773-384-3352

## Illinois - Chicago

### St. John Cantius Church

Mid 18th century Neapolitan, presepio (Nativity and village scenes) in an 8' x 5 1/2' setting also 1/3 scale replica of Wit Stwosz altarpiece from the Bazylika Mariacka, Krakow, Poland with nativity scene on wings of the altar doors. In general the church is a repository of sacred art and relics.

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Church open 6am-7pm M-SU. Office open M-F 9am-4pm

**Address:** 825 N. Carpenter St, Chicago

**Website:** <https://www.cantius.org/post/the-art-of-the-christmas-creche>

**Email:** [office@cantius.org](mailto:office@cantius.org)

**Phone:** 312-243-7373

## Illinois - Peoria

### Peoria Community Festival of Nativities

Large display of 750+ nativities, musical performances.

**Dates:** Dec 5 (3-9pm); Dec 6-7(10am-9pm); Dec 8 (12-6pm), Live nativity on TH Dec. 5, 4-7pm.

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** 3700 W Reservoir Blvd, Peoria

**Website:** <https://www.communityfestivalofnativities.com/>

**Email:**

**Phone:** 309-361-9956

## Indiana - Clermont

### Nativity Celebration

The Nativity Celebration features 600+ nativities, live music, original art and crafts as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

**Dates:** Dec 6 (4-8pm), Dec 7 (10am-3pm), Dec 8 (4-8pm)

**Hours:**

**Address:** 9710 W 56th St, Clermont

**Website:** <https://nativitycelebration.wixsite.com/festival>

**Email:**           **Phone:**

## Indiana - Notre Dame

### McGrath Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame

In 2014, the McGrath Institute for Church Life began partnering with the Marian Library at the University of Dayton, bringing to Notre Dame's campus an exhibit of creches, or Nativity scenes, from around the world. Since 2020, the institute has shared this sacred art in a different way, through a digital Advent and Christmas Creche Calendar - a beautiful selection including creches, or Nativity scenes, from previous six exhibits, as well as creches never before seen on the Notre Dame campus.

**Dates:**

**Hours:**

**Address:** 342 Geddes Hall, Notre Dame

**Website:** <https://mcgrath.nd.edu/events/creche-exhibit/>

**Email:** mcgrath@nd.edu

**Phone:** 574-631-5510

## Kentucky - Maysville

### Kentucky Gateway Museum Center

Dozens of beautiful nativity scenes displayed throughout the Wormald Gallery.

**Dates:** TU-SA 10am-4pm Starting SA Nov 23rd Holiday Closings - New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

**Hours:** Admission - Adult: \$15, Student: \$5

**Address:** 215 Sutton St, Maysville

**Website:** <https://www.kygmcc.org/>

**Email:** museumservices@kygmcc.org

**Phone:** 606-564-5865

## **Louisiana - New Orleans**

### **Friends of St. Alphonsus International Creche Exhibit**

Exhibit of international creches.

**Dates:** Nov. 26 & Dec. 3, 2-4pm; Nov. 27-Dec. 2, 10am-2pm, 2024

**Hours:** Free admission, open to the public. Donations can be made at [gofund.me/82221b89e](https://gofund.me/82221b89e)

**Address:** St. Dominic Church, 775 Harrison Ave, New Orleans

**Website:** <https://www.friendsofstalphonsus.org/>

**Email:** [comiskeyep@msn.com](mailto:comiskeyep@msn.com)

**Phone:** 504-235-2931

## **Maryland - Kensington**

### **Washington, DC Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

Large display of international creches. Enter through the Visitor Center of the D.C. temple

**Dates:** Dec. 5-31, 2024

**Hours:** Open 10am-9pm. Free Admission

**Address:** 9900 Stoneybrook Dr, Kensington

**Website:** <https://churchofjesuschristtemples.org/washington-d.c.-temple/>

**Email:**           **Phone:** 301-588-0650

## **Maryland - Laurel**

### **First Lutheran Church of Bowie Festival of the Nativity**

A special feature of the display is the Nativity Market Place featuring handmade nativity sets.

**Dates:** SA Dec 7 (11am-4pm) & SU Dec 8 (11am to 4pm), 2024

**Hours:**

**Address:** 12710 Duckettown Rd, Laurel

**Website:**

**Email:** [sjhiller@aol.com](mailto:sjhiller@aol.com)

**Phone:**

## **Massachusetts - Attleboro**

### **National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette**

The international creche museum showcases an impressive and diverse array of cultural interpretations of the nativity story, featuring some 2,000 nativity scenes from more than 100 countries worldwide. Among its treasures are 2 unique collections of 'Santons' from Provence, France, offering visitors a captivating glimpse into the global and artistic celebration of Christmas. While admission is free, the museum appreciates free-will donations.

**Dates:** Festival of Light & Creches Nov. 23, 2024 - Jan. 1, 2025

**Hours:** Open M-SU 10am to 4:45pm

**Address:** 947 Park St, Attleboro

**Website:** <https://lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/>

**Email:** [asalettेशrineSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:asalettेशrineSecretary@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 508-222-5410

## Massachusetts - Mashpee

### Christ the King Parish

Display of large-size Fontanini Nativity figures set on pedestals in a vertical configuration in the chapel. Open M-F 9am-3pm, SA-SU 9am-12pm. If planning to come after 1 pm on a weekday it is best to call the parish office to see if the church would be open. The church & chapel are open all day Saturday until after the 4pm mass and Sunday until 5:30pm.

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Open M-F 9am-3pm, SA-SU 9am-12pm. If planning to come after 1 pm on a weekday it is best to call the parish office to see if the church would be open. The church & chapel are open all day Saturday until after the 4 pm mass and Sunday until 5:30pm.

**Address:** 5 Job's Fishing Rd, Mashpee

**Website:** <https://christthekingparish.com/>

**Email:** [office@christthekingparish.com](mailto:office@christthekingparish.com)

**Phone:** 508-477-7700 508-477-8158

## Michigan - Berrien Springs

### Andrews University James White Library

The James White Library presents a display of "Nativities from Around the World". The exhibition includes nativity sets from 45 countries showcasing culture and creativity from the collection of Ruth and Ray Roberts.

**Dates:** Nov 25-Dec 23, 2024

**Hours:** Library hours: 8am-12am. Check website for any closures.

**Address:** 4190 Administration Dr, Berrien Springs

**Website:** <https://www.andrews.edu/services/library/index.html>

**Email:** adeogun@andrews.edu

**Phone:** 269-471-3158

## Michigan - Detroit

### Historic Trinity Lutheran Church

700+ Creches from around the world, 90+ Nutcrackers on display in the Dau Library, a multitude of Angels and many beautifully decorated Christmas trees. The oldest and largest hand painted nativity has adorned the sanctuary since the late 1800's. Also a 13 piece life-sized Nativity displayed on the stage of the Huegli Auditorium.

**Dates:** Nov 15-Dec 20, Tours are weekdays from 10am-3pm - or other times by special appointment.

**Hours:** Free admission. Group tours can be arranged. Phone the church to make arrangements for group tours.

**Address:** 1345 Gratiot Ave., Detroit

**Website:** <https://www.historictrinity.org/>

**Email:** tammy@historictrinity.org

**Phone:** 313-567-3100

## Michigan - Frankenmuth

### Bronner's Christmas Wonderland

Billed as "The World's Largest Christmas Store," Bronner's lives up to its name when it comes to nativity sets. The store offers over 500 styles of nativities, ranging from ornaments, to advent calendars, to wall decor, to tabletop Nativities, half life-size, and life-size nativity sets. Every one of the more than 300 decorated trees have at least one nativity ornament. The Bronner family, who founded the store in 1945, exhibit their collection of over 100 nativities from around the world in the program center for guests to view. "Silent Night" Chapel, a replica of the Austrian church where the Christmas tune originated.

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Open M-SA 9am-5:30pm, SU 12pm - 5:30pm. July to Dec later closing times M-TH 7pm; F 8pm; SA 9pm Closed Jan 1, Easter, U.S. Thanksgiving, Christmas.

**Address:** 25 Christmas Lane, Frankenmuth

**Website:** <https://www.bronners.com/>

**Email:** wendy.taylor@bronners.com

**Phone:** 989-652-9935 or 989-652-9931

## Michigan - Grand Rapids

### Good News Baptist Church "NativitySEEN"

Beautiful display of over 150 unique nativity scenes from around the world. Handicap-accessible event.

**Dates:** Dec 6, 5-8pm Dec 7 & 8, 3-8pm

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** 6830 Eastern Ave SE, Grand Rapids

**Website:** <https://NativitySEEN.com>

**Email:** [bcederquist@gnbcgr.org](mailto:bcederquist@gnbcgr.org)

**Phone:** 616-455-0420

## Michigan - Norway

### Grace Methodist Church

This collection features nativities which were purchased in or reflect the Upper Peninsula of Michigan's northwoods, presented by Susanne & Bill Gay.

**Dates:**

**Hours:**

**Address:** 130 Odill Dr, Norway

**Website:** <https://www.gracemethodistnorway.org/>

**Email:** [gumc@norwaymi.com](mailto:gumc@norwaymi.com)

**Phone:** 906-563-8917

## Michigan - Saline

### Holy Faith Episcopal/Lutheran Church

Check the Parish website calendar for dates and times.

**Dates:** 2024 Dates TBD

**Hours:**

**Address:** 6299 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Saline

**Website:** <https://www.holyfaithsaline.org/>

**Email:** [office@holy-faith-church.org](mailto:office@holy-faith-church.org)

**Phone:** 734-429-2991

## Minnesota - Austin

### Helen Holder Nativity Open House

Call Helen to make an appointment and to get the specific location. Over 850 sets, \$1 Donation for Salvation Army requested.

**Dates:** Nov. 18, 2024-Jan. 18, 2025.

**Hours:**

**Address:** , Austin

**Website:**

**Email:**                   **Phone:** 507-433-2643

## **Minnesota - Minneapolis**

### **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

The Martha Spencer Rogers Creche Collection includes nearly 200 creches from over 80 countries around the world and presents the Christ child as belonging to each community. There are several dozen additional creches and a growing collection of Noah's Arks also on permanent view. Rogers, a Westminster member who began collecting creches in La Paz, Bolivia in the mid-1960s, donated both her collection and her custom display cases to the Westminster Collection in 2007. It now is on permanent view on the church's second floor and lower level.

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Open M-F 9am-5pm, SU 9am-12pm

**Address:** 1200 Marquette Ave, Minneapolis

**Website:** <https://www.westminstermpls.org/visit/>

**Email:** [news@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:news@wpc-mpls.org)                   **Phone:** 612-332-3421

## **Missouri - St Louis**

### **Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas through the eyes of artisans from around the world and help those who are poor stay warm this winter! Experience this Franciscan nativity tradition the weekend of Dec 7-8, 2024. View at least 150 unique creches from diverse cultures between 11am and 4pm at Kirkwood's Tau Center. Bring the kids for our "hands-on" childrens room. The Fontanini Village is also back this year. The suggested donation of \$5/household or new socks or gloves is appreciated. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Use covered entrance on East side. Call (314) 965-3700 from lot to use accessible entrance on Southwest corner. Groups over 10, please call ahead.

**Dates:** SA Dec 7 - SU Dec 8

**Hours:** 11am-4pm

**Address:** Tau Center, 335 S Kirkwood Rd, St Louis

**Website:**

**Email:** [info@fsolph.org](mailto:info@fsolph.org)                   **Phone:** 314-965-3700

## **Nebraska - Lincoln**

## **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Nativity Festival**

Nativities from around the world, live musical performances, refreshments.

**Dates:** Dec. 13,4-8pm, Dec. 14, 1am-6pm

**Hours:**

**Address:** 3000 Old Cheney Rd, Lincoln

**Website:**

**Email:**           **Phone:** 402-423-0450

## **Nevada - Reno**

### **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints "Community Christmas Creche"**

Nativity scenes from every continent and musical performances,

**Dates:** Dec. 6,7,8 1-8pm Daily, Free admission, all invited.

**Hours:** Free admission, all invited.

**Address:** 2050 Robb Dr, Reno

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/p/Community-Christmas-Creche-100086091408538/>

**Email:** communitychristmascreche@gmail.com

**Phone:** 775-250-6478

## **New Mexico - Santa Fe**

### **Museum of International Folk Art**

The Girard Wing of the Museum of International Folk Art contains some colorful and unique nativity sets in its "Multiple Visions: A Common Bond" display. Museum donors Alexander and Susan Girard collected nativity sets mostly from Europe and South America, and each one offers a fascinating look at the Holy Family and the night Jesus was born. The bright and open permanent exhibition appeals to children, and special guides and multimedia tours are available for families.

**Dates:** Nov. 1, 2024-April 30, 2025

**Hours:** Open 10am-5pm TU-SU. Closed M

**Address:** 706 Camino Lejo, Santa Fe

**Website:** <https://www.museumfoundation.org/museums/museum-international-folk-art/>

**Email:** patricia.sigala@dca.nm.gov

**Phone:** 505-476-1204

## **New York - Lackawanna**

### **Our Lady of Victory Basilica**

Many nativity sets from around the world, part of Father Roy Herberger's unique collection, will be on display in the lower level of the Shrine. This wonderful Christmas tradition is a must-see. The exhibit will run throughout Advent and be able to be viewed during regular Basilica hours.

**Dates:** Dec 1-Jan 15, 8am-6pm

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** 767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna

**Website:** <https://www.olvbasilica.org/event/100676/nativity-set-exhibit>

**Email:**           **Phone:** 716-828-9444

## **New York - New York**

### **Church of St. Francis of Assisi**

Perpetual Christmas Crib in lower church. Relic from the cave of the Nativity in Bethlehem set into rail in front of the crib. Check the website parish bulletins for annual seasonal display updates.

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Church is open M-F 7am-6pm; SA-SU 8am-6pm.

**Address:** 135 W 31st St, New York

**Website:** <https://stfrancisnyc.org/>

**Email:** [bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org)

**Phone:** 212-736-8500

## **New York - New York**

### **Metropolitan Museum of Art**

The Metropolitan Museum of Art has a longstanding tradition of presenting an 18th-century Neapolitan creche along with its Christmas tree in the Museum's Medieval Sculpture Hall. Christmas music and special lighting add to the special holiday display. At the base of a 20-foot blue spruce are 71 people and 50 animals representing a traditional 18th-century Italian village. The beautiful and detailed presepio also includes Roman ruins and a working Italian fountain. The figures, each a work of art on its own, range from six to 20 inches in height.

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Open SU-TU & TH 10am-5pm, Extended Hours: F-SA 10am-9pm; Closed W

**Address:** 1000 Fifth Ave, New York

**Website:** <https://www.metmuseum.org/>

**Email:** metttours@metmuseum.org

**Phone:** 212-535-7710

## **North Carolina - Asheville**

### **First Baptist Church of Asheville "Oh Tidings of Comfort & Joy"**

A display of over 250 Nativity sets from around the world. A gift to the Community coordinated by the First Baptist Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Asheville Stake. Free admission, donations accepted. For daytime group visit request please email.

**Dates:** Dec 6-15, 2024 Weekdays 5-8pm, SA 10-8pm, SU 12-8pm

**Hours:**

**Address:** 5 Oak St, Asheville

**Website:** <https://ashevillenativity.org>

**Email:** ashevillenativity@gmail.com

**Phone:**

## **Ohio - Akron**

### **Nativity of The Lord Jesus Catholic Church**

The Nativity of the Lord Jesus Church has a museum adjacent to its chapel that displays on a rotating basis a collection of 500+ nativity sets from around the world. The church basement also includes The Bethlehem Cave, a replica of the cave where Jesus was born. Call to schedule a group or personal tour.

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Open weekdays 9am-4pm; SA-SU before and after Masses.

**Address:** 2425 Myersville Rd, Akron

**Website:** <https://nativityofthelord.org/tours>

**Email:** tours@nativityofthelord.org

**Phone:** 330-699-5086

## **Ohio - Cincinnati**

### **Comboni Missionaries**

The Comboni Missionaries hosted their first Nativity Experience in 1947, in the carriage house of their Sacred Heart Seminary on Beechmont Road. Called the "Crib" in those days, the outbuilding recreated the Italian tradition of celebrating Christmas with scenes of the Nativity. Seminarians gathered rocks and moss from the area and created an impressive diorama of the Palestinian countryside, complete with cardboard starry sky, rivers, hills, and villages. Imported statuettes of the Holy Family, the ox and ass, angels, shepherds, kings, sheep and even a dog all had a role as dramatic lights and music carried a magical retelling of the Christmas story.

**Dates:** Dec. 13 -29, 2024

**Hours:** Open: 2nd SU in Dec. until end of month, 6-9pm daily, excluding 24th & 25th; also M-F 8am-4pm, by appointment, for individuals and groups.

**Address:** 1318 Nagel Rd, Cincinnati

**Website:** <https://combonimissionaries.org/nativity/>

**Email:** meisman@combonimissionaries.org

**Phone:** 513-474-4997

## Ohio - Columbus

### St. Joseph Cathedral - State Auto's Historic Christmas Nativity

Since 1962 a sweeping life size nativity scene had graced the grounds of the State Auto building on East Broad St in downtown Columbus and it was something of a seasonal ritual for many families. 10,000 visitors still come to view the nativity now located at St. Joseph Cathedral. State Auto insurance company was purchased by Liberty Mutual Group, headquartered in Boston - donated its Nativity Scene to the Museum of Catholic Art and History, which, in turn, has provided it to St. Joseph Cathedral, also on East Broad Street, for display each year.

**Dates:** Will be dedicated on Nov. 29, 2024 On display through early Jan.

**Hours:**

**Address:** 212 E Broad St, Columbus

**Website:** <https://sjchcc.org/>

**Email:**

**Phone:** 614-224-1295

## Ohio - Dayton

### Mary Jo Riegel Home Open House Nativity Display

Enjoy some of Mary Jo's personal collection of over 500 nativity sets. Mary Jo was a long time volunteer with the University of Dayton collection. Please call Mary Jo before arrival and check with her about appointments at other times during the Christmas season.

**Dates:** SU Dec. 15,22 - 12-5pm

**Hours:**

**Address:** 102 Plumwood Rd, Dayton

**Website:**

**Email:**

**Phone:** 937-609-5121

## Ohio - Dayton

## **University of Dayton, Marian Library**

The Marian Library Creche Collection began in 1984 and was originally based on the generous contributions of friends and donors. It has grown into an extensive collection of over 3,600 Nativities from around the world. The Creche Collection celebrates diverse Nativity traditions, adapted in different materials and styles, from over 100 cultures. Visit the Creche Museum, a dedicated space showcases a semi-permanent display of Nativities from the collection and serves as the home of the popular Kevin Hanna "Mirror of Hope" art installation (Illustrated book available).

**Dates:** "Joy to the World!" Nov. 25, 2024 - Jan. 17, 2025 Weekends 12-4pm on Dec. 7-8 and 14-15

**Hours:** Marian Library hours. TU-F 9am-4pm

**Address:** 300 College Park, Dayton

**Website:** <https://go.udayton.edu/christmas-exhibit>

**Email:** [marianlibrary@udayton.edu](mailto:marianlibrary@udayton.edu)

**Phone:** 937-229-4214

## **Ohio - Kirtland**

### **Historic Kirtland Visitors Center Nativity Exhibit**

Since 2003, the Historic Kirtland Visitors Center has been home to a free annual Nativity exhibit assembled by the local congregations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. With carefully cataloged sets in a permanent collection mixed with donations and displays on loan from residents, no exhibit is the same from year to year. Also on view is a collection of postcards of Christmas greetings featuring imagery of the Nativity, and several cards from the personal collection of Cleveland artist and designer Viktor Schreckengost. Children can also participate in arts and educational activities as well as a treasure hunt for finding certain details in the Nativity displays.

**Dates:** Open through Jan. 6. M-SA 10am-7pm; SU 1-7pm; Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve 10am-5pm, Closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day.

**Hours:**

**Address:** 7800 Kirtland Chardon Rd, Kirtland

**Website:** <https://www.christmasinkirtland.com/>

**Email:** [jessicaageorge@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaageorge@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 440-256-9805

## **Ohio - Kirtland**

### **Kirtland Temple Visitor Center and Museum**

Hundreds of Nativities, Christmas activities for kids.

**Dates:** Open through Jan. 6. M-SA 10am-7pm; SU 1-7pm; Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve 10am-5pm, Closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day.

**Hours:**

**Address:** 7809 Joseph St, Kirtland

**Website:** <https://www.christmasinkirtland.com/>

**Email:** [jessicaageorge@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaageorge@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 440-256-9805

## Ohio - Lorain

### Lorain Historical Society Carnegie Center

Come visit our room-filling display filled with immersive scenes. Additionally, all are welcome to a special private Fontanini Creche Open House SU, Dec. 1, 2024, 3pm just for fans of the art. General socialization, fun, and some food will happen and a very informal talk about the techniques used. RSVP to Dan Bihary.

**Dates:** TU,TH, SA 10am-3pm, Nov. 26-Dec 22, 2024, Special Event SU Dec. 1, 2024, 3pm

**Hours:** Admission Adult - \$8, Student (Ages 6-21) \$6; Children 12 and under are free.

**Address:** 329 W. 10th St., Lorain

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/reel/583290160799748>

**Email:** [dbihary@hotmail.com](mailto:dbihary@hotmail.com)

**Phone:** 440-453-9782

## Ohio - Maria Stein

### Maria Stein Shrine

More than 60 nativity sets. The Relic Shrine's Upper Room will be filled with sets from differing periods, cultures, and artistic mediums. Fontanini Visit - The House of Fontanini has been creating artistic nativity sets and quality sculpted figurines since 1908. Working with the most talented sculptors and painters of Tuscany, Fontanini figures today are still made by the fourth generation of the family. On Sun, Nov 17, from 1-3pm, Emanuele Fontanini will be at the Maria Stein Shrine to sign pieces.

**Dates:** M-TH 9:30am-6pm, F-SA 9:30am-4pm, SU 12-4pm. Closed on Christmas Eve and Day, and New Year's Eve and Day.

**Hours:**

**Address:** 2291 St. John's Rd, Maria Stein

**Website:** <https://www.mariasteinshrine.org/>

**Email:** [contact@mariasteinshrine.org](mailto:contact@mariasteinshrine.org)

**Phone:** 419-925-4532

## Ohio - Mentor

## **Mosack's**

Mosack's is a family-owned and family-operated Christian retailer with a 8,000-square-foot store in Mentor, which is about 25 miles east of Cleveland. In addition to other faith-based items on display, the store has a huge collection of Fontanini, Willow Tree, Joseph Studio, Precious Moments heirloom nativities.

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Open hours M-SA 10am-8pm Closed SU

**Address:** 7633 Mentor Ave, Mentor

**Website:** <https://mosacks.com/>

**Email:** [info@mosacks.com](mailto:info@mosacks.com)

**Phone:** 440-525-5551

## **Ohio - Mt. Gilead**

### **The Pines Christian Church**

In 2015, the church made an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest display of nativity scenes with 2,300 unique displays. 1500 on Display this year.

**Dates:** Thanksgiving - Christmas.

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** 6775 U.S. Highway 42, Mt. Gilead

**Website:** <https://www.pineschristianchurch.net/index.html>

**Email:** [pineschristianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:pineschristianchurch@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 419-362-7866

## **Ohio - Toledo**

### **HeART Gallery Global Nativity Festival**

Based on a book by Kate DePalma, "Joy To The World" is our 2024 Nativity Festival theme. Dec 1-22 view a global themed exhibit of creches, themed trees, and costumes from celebrations around the world. Friday nights 5-6:30pm artist Julie LaBay painting live on stage. Beverages and snacks served. Concerts on Sundays at 4pm represents many styles of music and artwork. Family Activities: A mini-Bethlehem experience includes hands-on activities for kids of all ages. A scavenger hunt leads families through the entire four floor historical building and nine rooms. Snacks and beverages served. Clues can be found in the book by Kate DePalma. The Nativity Festival is free, but donations appreciated. A Free-Will offering will be taken at each concert.

**Dates:** Dec 1 - 22, FR-SA 4-7pm

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** 428 N Erie, Toledo

**Website:** <https://www.heartgalleryandstudios.com/single-post/nativity-festival-joy-to-the-world>

**Email:** [kate@stpaulstoledo.org](mailto:kate@stpaulstoledo.org)

**Phone:** 419-270-3224

## Ohio - Westerville

### Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Nativity Fair

For the second year, we will have a wonderful display of Creche/Nativities on display in the church gathering space, available for viewing on Sunday, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15, 8 AM through Noon, or by appointment. The church is open weekdays 9-3 PM.

**Dates:** Sundays, Dec 8 & Dec 15

**Hours:** 8am-Noon and by appointment

**Address:** 100 E. Schrock Rd, Westerville

**Website:**

**Email:** [d.wendel@grace43081.org](mailto:d.wendel@grace43081.org)

**Phone:** 719-650-8171

## Oklahoma - Bartlesville

### Bartlesville Festival of the Nativity

The Festival of the Nativity is a free interdenominational community Christmas event held each year in Bartlesville, Oklahoma at St. John Catholic Church. The anchor event is a display of hundreds of nativities representing the cultures of people throughout the world.

**Dates:** Dec. 6-8

**Hours:**

**Address:** 715 S. Johnstone Ave, Bartlesville

**Website:** <https://bartlesvillenativity.org>

**Email:**

**Phone:**

## Pennsylvania - Bethlehem

### Central Moravian Church

Since 1937, Central Moravian has been offering a Community Putz for the City of Bethlehem. Like a creche, a putz tells the story of Jesus' birth with carved figures. A cherished tradition, the Putz (from the German word putzen, meaning "to decorate") retells the wonderful story of Christ's birth through narration and music, while tiny lights illuminate each miniature scene. The figures, many of them antiques of German origin, are nestled amidst live moss, driftwood and rocks. The practice of putz building is uniquely Moravian.

Bethlehem's first settlers brought their putz figures with them in the 18th century. In Victorian days, it was the custom in Bethlehem for Moravians to 'go putzing' during the week between Christmas Eve and New Year's, enjoying others' putzes.

**Dates:** Nov 29-Dec 31 - The Putz opens to the public Thanksgiving Fri, Nov 29. Hours are TH-FR 1-7pm, SA 10am-8pm, SU 1-5 pm. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day. After Christmas, the Putz is open daily from 1-5 pm through Dec 31.

**Hours:**

**Address:** 73 W Church St, Bethlehem

**Website:** <https://www.centralmoravianchurch.org/>

**Email:**                   **Phone:** 610-866-5661

## **Pennsylvania - Bryn Athyn**

### **Glencairn Museum**

The Glencairn Museum, located in the castle-like former home of Raymond and Mildred Pitcairn, offers its annual "Christmas in the Castle" tours and other seasonal activities. The museum's permanent collection features nativity art, including paintings, manuscripts, sculptures and stained glass, dating to the medieval period. The museum is featuring a magnificent Neapolitan presepio from the collection of Elizabeth Anne Evans of Bucks County, Pa. The large, detailed creche, with pieces Evans collected over a period of 30 years, is on loan from the Samuel S. Fleisher Art Memorial in South Philadelphia. The annual exhibition of nativities collected from around the world features almost 50 scenes representing dozens of countries.

**Dates:** Begins just after Thanksgiving Dec. 1, 2024 and extends through the end of January

**Hours:** F, Nov 29, 2024 - SU, Jan 26, 2025 12-4pm; Exhibition access times can be pre-booked online at 12pm, 1pm,, 2pm, and 3pm, \$5 per person

**Address:** 1001 Cathedral Rd, Bryn Athyn

**Website:** <https://www.glencairnmuseum.org/exhibitions>

**Email:** [nick.conte@glencairnmuseum.org](mailto:nick.conte@glencairnmuseum.org)

**Phone:** 267-502-2600

## **Pennsylvania - Chalfont**

### **Byers' Choice**

Located in historic Bucks County, PA, one room of Visitors' Center displays more than 200 creches from around the world, including an 18th century presepio.

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Open year round M-SA 10am-5pm, SU 12-5pm.

**Address:** 4355 County Line Rd, Chalfont

**Website:** <https://www.byerschoice.com/>

**Email:** melissa.palmer@byerschoice.com

**Phone:** 215-822-6700

## **Pennsylvania - Philadelphia**

### **St. Mary's at the Cathedral**

Chinese creche brought from China in 1943 by missionary, Deacon Katherine Putnam who served there for 33 years. Located inside chapel year round; moved into church during christmas season.

**Dates:**

**Hours:**

**Address:** 630 E Cathedral Rd, Philadelphia

**Website:** <https://stmaryscathedralroad.blogspot.com/>

**Email:** revpetermcarey@gmail.com

**Phone:** 215-482-6300

## **Pennsylvania - Pittsburgh**

### **Carnegie Museum of Art**

Since 1957, Carnegie Museum of Art has marked the holiday season with the Neapolitan presepio. A centuries-old tradition in Naples and southern Italy, the presepio is an elaborate nativity scene. Tickets may be purchase online or at the door. Adults \$25, Seniors \$20, Children 2 and under Free, Children 3 to 18 & Student with ID \$15

**Dates:** Nov. 23, 2024-Jan. 12, 2025 Daily 10am-5 pm, TH 10am-8pm, Closed Tuesdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day

**Hours:**

**Address:** 4400 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh

**Website:** <https://carnegieart.org/>

**Email:**           **Phone:** 412-622-3131

## **Pennsylvania - Pittsburgh**

### **Pittsburgh Creche**

This privately-owned manger at the US Steel Plaza is a larger-than-life nativity scene. It is the world's only replica of the Vatican's St. Peter's Square display in Rome. Louis D. Astorino, chairman of the Pittsburgh architectural firm L. D. Astorino Companies, was on a business trip in Rome. While there he visited the Vatican's Creche. He was so moved he felt compelled to bring a similar one to Pittsburgh. Astorino sought approval from Vatican

officials and procured the actual plans for the creche. He then commissioned its gifted sculptor, Pietro Simonelli, to recreate the figures for Pittsburgh's creche.

**Dates:** Nov 23 - Jan 6

**Hours:** Always Open

**Address:** 600 Grant St, U.S. Steel Tower Plaza, Pittsburgh

**Website:** <https://positivelypittsburgh.com/creche-2/>

**Email:** [mcmurraym@pghfdn.org](mailto:mcmurraym@pghfdn.org)

**Phone:** 412 391 5122

## **Pennsylvania - Pittsburgh**

### **University of Pittsburgh Nationality Rooms**

The Nationality Rooms were designed to represent and celebrate the cultures of various ethnic groups that settled in Allegheny County. The thirty-one Nationality Rooms located on the first and third floors of the Cathedral of Learning are a community space where visitors are invited to experience the rich heritage of the communities who inspired and supported their creation. The Nationality Rooms are also in use as university classrooms, giving students the opportunity to engage in learning in a unique setting that helps them to explore the historic diversity of the Pittsburgh region.

The Nationality Rooms are decorated for the holidays and many include creches representative of the cultures.

**Dates:** Nov 17 - Jan 6; Mon, Wed-Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Closed Tue.

**Hours:** Paid tours only. Tours need to be scheduled in advance.

**Address:** 4200 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh

**Website:** <https://www.nationalityrooms.pitt.edu/tours>

**Email:** [nationalityroomstours@pitt.edu](mailto:nationalityroomstours@pitt.edu)

**Phone:** 412-624-6000

## **Pennsylvania - Shoemakersville**

### **Zion's Lutheran Church, Perry Township**

Nativity display of over 200 sets. Complimentary cookies and hot and cold beverages. A free will donation will be accepted and all proceeds will be sent to Lutheran Cluster Response to aid in domestic Emergency Assistance.

**Dates:** Dec. 14

**Hours:** 12-3pm

**Address:** 354 Zion's Church Rd, Shoemakersville

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/ZionsChurch/>

**Email:**           **Phone:** 610-562-3112

## **South Carolina - Beaufort**

### **First Presbyterian Church**

Located in the beautiful Lowcountry of South Carolina is a beautiful free display of over 150 nativities from around the world.

**Dates:** Dec 6, 7, 10am-4pm, Dec. 8, 12-3pm

**Hours:**

**Address:** 1201 North St., Beaufort

**Website:** <https://www.firstpresbeaufort.org/>

**Email:** [info@firstpresbeaufort.org](mailto:info@firstpresbeaufort.org)

**Phone:** 843-524-3051

## **South Carolina - Moncks Corner**

### **Mepkin Abbey**

Annual Creche festival at the Abbey. The theme for 2024 is "Nativity: In Glass and Under Glass." There is no fee to attend but you must register in advance. Registration will be taken on the website starting Oct. 1.

**Dates:** Nov. 18-23, Nov. 29-Dec. 7, 9am-2:30pm, 2024

**Hours:** There is no fee to attend but you must register in advance. Registration will be taken on the website starting Oct. 1.

**Address:** 1098 Mepkin Abbey Rd, Moncks Corner

**Website:** <https://mepkinabbey.org/category/visit/>

**Email:** [mepkincreche@gmail.com](mailto:mepkincreche@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 843-761-8509

## **Tennessee - Burns**

### **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "Festival of the Nativity"**

This 4-day self guided event features magnificently created nativity sets and art work from around the world celebrating the life of Jesus, as well as musical performances, crafts, and activities for the whole family to enjoy!

**Dates:** Dec 5-8, 2024, TH 4-8pm, FR 4-8pm, SA 12-8pm, and Sun 12-6pm

**Hours:**

**Address:** 100 Brown Dr, Burns

**Website:** <https://www.franklintnstake.org/news/festival-of-the-nativity>

**Email:** Blacksheep1347@yahoo.com

**Phone:** 931-561-4505

## Tennessee - Knoxville

### Knoxville Civic Coliseum, Nativity Pageant

This is a live nativity pageant. The one-hour performance starts in darkness. Special music will begin 30 minutes prior to the pageant. 2024 Dates: Dec 14, 3pm; Dec 15, 3pm; Dec 16, 7pm. Free Admission

**Dates:** Dec 14, 3pm; Dec 15, 3pm; Dec 16, 7pm. 2024

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** 500 Howard Baker Jr. Ave, Knoxville

**Website:** <https://www.knoxvillenativity.com/>

**Email:** nativitypageant@gmail.com

**Phone:**

## Tennessee - McMinnville

### McMinnville Stake Assembly Hall Nativity Festival

Hundreds of nativities artistically displayed, artwork, live music, and children's room.

**Dates:** Dec 13-15

**Hours:**

**Address:** 562 Shangri La Lane, McMinnville

**Website:**

**Email:** Miriam Crawford [mcrawford@benlomand.net](mailto:mcrawford@benlomand.net)

**Phone:** 931-273-0273

## Tennessee - Pigeon Forge

### The Incredible Christmas Place

Billed as "the South's largest Christmas shopping village," the Incredible Christmas Place is located in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. From ornate to simple, from ceramic to wooden, from realistic to representational, this huge retailer displays and sells a wide variety of nativity sets. Founded as a small business in 1986 by Hurshel and Marian Biggs, the unique holiday shopping village has grown to include 43,000 square feet of shopping space..

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Open M-SA 9am-9pm; SU 10am-5pm

**Address:** 2470 Parkway, Pigeon Forge

**Website:** <https://www.christmasplace.com/>

**Email:** santa@christmasplace.com

**Phone:** 800-445-3396

## **Texas - Carrollton**

### **The Community Nativity**

**Dates:** Dec 6, 12-9pm; Dec 7, 9am-9pm; Dec 8, 9am-8pm; Dec 9, 9am-5pm.

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** 4000 Nazarene Dr, Carrollton

**Website:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

## **Texas - Colleyville**

### **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

Nativities from around the world.

**Dates:** Dec. 6-8 2024, 5-9pm, Christmas concerts FR & SA 7pm

**Hours:**

**Address:** 500 W McDonwell School Rd, Colleyville

**Website:**

[https://www.facebook.com/events/3878578595709695/?post\\_id=3878579729042915&view=permalink](https://www.facebook.com/events/3878578595709695/?post_id=3878579729042915&view=permalink)

**Email:**

**Phone:** 817-657-5062

## **Texas - Del Rio**

### **Del Rio Whitehead Memorial Museum**

Cadena Nativity. Display is 32' long, 10' high, 20' deep and has 1287 items collected from California and Mexico over many years by Beatriz Rodriguez Cadena.

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Open year round TU-SA 10am-6pm; SU 1-5pm; closed M.

**Address:** 1308 S Main St, Del Rio

**Website:** <https://www.whiteheadmuseum.org>

**Email:** michael.diaz@whiteheadmuseum.org

**Phone:** 830-774-7568

## **Texas - Georgetown**

**United Methodist Churches of Georgetown, McKinney Christian Center**

This exhibit features nativities on display from many countries and cultures. The annual Georgetown Christmas Stroll is a few blocks, which includes many activities and a holiday market.

**Dates:** FR, Dec 6 (5-7pm); SA, Dec 7 (10am-7pm)

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** 1205 Ash St, Georgetown

**Website:**

**Email:** jwnoel19@yahoo.com

**Phone:** 512-799-6654

## **Texas - Granbury**

### **Concert Hall, Langdon Center, "Wise Men Seek Him: Nativity Display"**

A beautiful display of over 1,600 nativity scenes showing the birth of Christ through the eyes of the world. In the quaint setting of Langdon Center's Concert Hall.

**Dates:** Dec. 6-15, 2024

**Hours:** Dec. 6,7 (10am-9pm), Dec. 8-12 (1-9pm), Dec. 13,14 (10am-9pm), Dec. 15 (1-9pm)

**Address:** 300 E. Bridge St, Granbury

**Website:** <https://www.visitgranbury.com/event/wise-men-seek-him%3A-nativity-display/20476/>

**Email:**

**Phone:**

## **Texas - Houston**

### **Christ the King Lutheran Church Parish Hall , Rice Village, "Unique & Unexpected: A Creche Festival"**

"Unique & Unexpected: A Creche Festival"

**Dates:** SA-SU Dec 14-15, 9am-3pm

**Hours:** Open to the General Public, Free Admission, Free Parking

**Address:** 2353 Rice Blvd, Houston

**Website:** <https://ctkelc.org/events/creche-festival-houston>

**Email:** zorn.daniel@gmail.com

**Phone:** 713-560-3628

## **Texas - Plainview**

**Wayland Baptist University**

From the collection of Carolyn Cunningham's international 800+ Nativity scenes, 80 unique scenes each year are on display in the Wayland Baptist University's Mabee Regional Heritage Center.

**Dates:** Nov.4 - Jan. 6, TU-FR, 10am-4pm. The Mabee closes for Thanksgiving Nov. 27-29, 2024 and Christmas break Dec. 23-Jan.3, 2025.

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** 1900 W. 8th St, Plainview

**Website:**

**Email:** [jdmuseum@wbu.edu](mailto:jdmuseum@wbu.edu)

**Phone:** 806-291-3660

## Texas - Port Lavaca

### The Nativity Exhibit at the Red Barn

At the Red Barn. This free event features over 1000 representations of the Nativity from all over the world. to exhibit or donate call/text.

**Dates:** FR-SU 11am-7pm, Nov. 29&30, Dec. 1, 6-8, 13-15

**Hours:**

**Address:** 3187 St. Hwy 35, Port Lavaca

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/p/Annual-Nativity-Exhibit-100086458226649/>

**Email:** [ronniekay70.vk@gmail.com](mailto:ronniekay70.vk@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 361-935-8032

## Texas - Sanger

### Bethlehem in Denton County

Bethlehem in Denton County is a small gallery built on a family farm Northern Texas. Judy Klein has amassed a large private collection of more than 3,500 creches and nativity scenes. Dating back to the early 19th century and representing over 60 countries and cultures, the depictions of the Holy Family vary in sizes from 6 ft. banners to the tiniest tables whose detail is best viewed with the aid of a magnifying glass on your tour. Guests are welcome to visit Bethlehem in Denton County year round by appointment only. Groups of 12 persons maximum.

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Call for Appointment

**Address:** 990 Milam Rd E, Sanger

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/JudyWKlein/>

**Email:**

**Phone:** 940-231-4520

## Texas - Spring

### Marin Family Nativity Open House

Over 1200 nativities on display from 90 countries as well as tasty treats. There is a collection box for non-perishable food items for the Northwest Area Ministries (NAM) at the front door for those who wish to contribute.

**Dates:** SA Dec. 14, 7-9:30pm

**Hours:** John may be contacted for a private viewing through Jan 6.

**Address:** 6043 Spring Creek Grove Ln, Spring

**Website:**

**Email:** marinjohnc@gmail.com

**Phone:**

## Texas - The Colony

### The Colony Nativity Exhibit - A Journey to Christ

**Dates:** Dec. 6 & 7, 2024

**Hours:** 10am-8pm, free admission

**Address:** 6800 Anderson Dr, The Colony

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/TheColonyNativity/>

**Email:**           **Phone:** 972-802-3563

## Utah - American Fork

### LDS Stake Center "Away in a Manger Christmas Creche"

Experience nativities from around the world, beautiful art displays, live music, and activities for all ages. Join the live music performances, children's activities and crafts, and feel the true Spirit of Christmas! All ages welcome! Located in the Manila Stake LDS Center next to the Mount Timpanogos Temple. Weds, Dec 4, 2024 5pm-8:30pm; TH-FR Dec 5, 2024 at 12pm-8:30pm Free admission.

**Dates:** Weds, Dec 4, 2024 5pm-8:30pm; TH-FR Dec 5, 2024 at 12pm-8:30pm Free admission.

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** 850 North 900 East, American Fork

**Website:** <https://christmascrecheutah.org/>

**Email:** jennyjenmiller@gmail.com

**Phone:** 801-358-9323

## Utah - Draper

### Draper Nativity - A Community Event

An exhibit of nativities and art objects representing the birth of Jesus Christ. It is provided by volunteers in the Draper Community to share the love and light of Jesus Christ. The hope is to create an annual tradition for families, friends, and neighbors to gather together to remember why we celebrate the Christmas season. Activities for Children, Optional Donation Items: Stuffed Animals, Food, New or Gently Used Blankets of All Sizes

**Dates:** SA Dec 7, 3-8pm; SU Dec. 8, 2-8pm; M Dec 9, 6- 9pm

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** 13085 South 300 E, Draper

**Website:** <https://www.Drapernativity.org>

**Email:**           **Phone:**

## Utah - Midway

### Midway Creche Exhibit

**Dates:** Dec. 6,7,8, & 9, 2024

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** Town Hall 50 W Main, Midway

**Website:**

**Email:**           **Phone:**

## Utah - Midway

### Zenger & Friends Nativity Experience

With 400 - 500 sets on display, you will see creches that you have never seen before! Holly Zenger is a long-time creche collector and member of Friends of the Creche. This display draws from Holly's collection and several others'.

**Dates:** Dec Weekends - Dec. 6 to 22, 2024

**Hours:** Open FR-SU 1-8pm. Other dates/times by appointment. Free Admission.

**Address:** 8 E Altamont Dr, Midway

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/zengercrecheexhibit>

**Email:** zengercreche@gmail.com           **Phone:**

## Utah - Payson

## **Payson Community Creche**

The 19th Annual Payson Community Creche will be home to our traditional indoor display of hundreds of nativities from all around the world. Enjoy beautiful musical performances while browsing the displays. Don't miss the opportunity to take your family to Bethlehem; you will find stunning hand-sewn costumes and a photo opportunity in our photo room. Our indoor display will be open to the public on Friday from 5-9 pm and Saturday from 2-8 pm. From the indoor displays, bundle up and head down to Memorial Park (300 S Main Street) at the heart of Payson. Here, you will walk through a series of exhibits depicting the story of Christ's birth. At the end of the walk-through, cross the street to the beautiful and historic Hope Baptist church for a selection of carols, a special Christmas message, and a delicious cup of hot chocolate. Parking for this event is located at Park View Elementary. Our outdoor event will be open from 6:30-8:30 pm both evenings. As part of this year's event, we will again host a blanket drive to collect blankets for warming centers across Utah County.

**Dates:** Dec 6 (5-9pm), Dec 7 (2-8pm)

**Hours:** Free admission

**Address:** 608 W 1400 S, Payson

**Website:** <https://paysoncreche.com/>

**Email:**           **Phone:**

## **Utah - South Jordan**

### **South Jordan Parkway Stake "Celebrate Christ's Birth Nativity Festival"**

Live nativity - Celebrate Christ's Birth, Visitors and all faiths welcome

**Dates:** FR Dec. 6, 10am-9pm; SA Dec. 7, 10am-8pm

**Hours:**

**Address:** 9894 S. 2700, South Jordan

**Website:**

**Email:**           **Phone:**

## **Utah - St. George/Hurricane**

### **Washington County Legacy Park The Nativity Market**

Find the perfect nativity set for your home display - or the perfect gift for the nativity collector in your life - and gather with a vibrant community to celebrate the birth of Christ!

**Dates:** Dec 5-7, 2024 - TH Dec 5, 2-9pm; FR Dec. 6, 10am-9pm; SA Dec 7 10am-6pm

**Hours:**

**Address:** 5500 700 S St., St. George/Hurricane

**Website:** <https://nativitymarket.com/>

**Email:**           **Phone:**

## Virginia - Arlington

### Nativity Scene Display

Bring your family and friends! All ages welcome!

**Dates:** By appointment Dec 1 to Jan 31, and Open House on Sun, Jan 5, 2025 from 1-8pm.  
Use Email to RSVP or arrange an appointment.

**Hours:**

**Address:** 5117 8th Rd, N, Arlington

**Website:**

**Email:** laurakirkconnell@yahoo.com           **Phone:**

## Virginia - Leesburg

### Leesburg Nativity Tour

See the Leesburg Nativity Tour on Parade as part of the Leesburg Christmas and Holiday Parade. Free Nativity Tour ornaments will be given away while supplies last along with other treats. Leisurely stroll through historic Leesburg visiting shops and restaurants displaying the Nativity Tour sign or use the "Loudoun Awakening" mobile app (download from any app store). Sometimes the nativity will be displayed in a front window, other times venture into the store to search for it. Pick up the promotion card and get it stamped at merchants. Fill up your card and get a free hot beverage from Trinity House Cafe. In honor of the 800th anniversary of the first nativity by St. Francis of Assisi, we have expanded the number of merchants and secured many new nativities never on display before.

**Dates:** Dec 1 - 31, 2024

**Hours:**

**Address:** , Leesburg

**Website:** <https://www.loudounawakening.org/leesburgnativitytour>

**Email:** info@loudounawakening.org           **Phone:**

## Virginia - Lexington

### Community Festival of Nativities & Concert

Nativity Festival with community submissions, featured artist sculptor Lawrence W Bechtel and his sculpted nativity. The event includes a digital presentation of nativity paintings as seen through the eyes of great artists.

**Dates:** FR Dec 6 (4-8pm), SA-SU Dec 7-8 (2-8 pm)

**Hours:**

**Address:** 1340 Thornhille Rd, Lexington

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/Lexington.Nativity>

**Email:** [community.nativities@gmail.com](mailto:community.nativities@gmail.com)

**Phone:**

## **Wisconsin - Green Lake**

### **Green Lake Conference Center in the Roger Williams Inn**

Some 250 Nativities from the collection of Merrill and Elaine Luman on display. Viewing hours vary, so check before visiting.

**Dates:**

**Hours:**

**Address:** W2511 State Rd 23, Green Lake

**Website:** <https://www.glcc.org/index.html>

**Email:** [krisgolz@glcc.org](mailto:krisgolz@glcc.org)

**Phone:** 920-294-3323

## **Wisconsin - Manitowoc**

### **St James Episcopal Church, "The Wonder of Christmas"**

"The Wonder of Christmas", is a display of hundreds of artistically arranged nativity scenes. The event is free and open to the public. On Saturday there will be an optional lunch of tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwich available for a suggested free will offering \$6. Both days will include music as guests stroll through the nativity displays, including live music performances.

**Dates:** SA Dec 7, 11am-4pm, SU Dec.8, 1-4pm

**Hours:**

**Address:** 434 N. 8th St., Manitowoc

**Website:** <https://manitowoc.info/event-details/the-wonder-of-christmas/2024-12-08/>

**Email:** [info@mysjec.com](mailto:info@mysjec.com)

**Phone:** 920-684-0828

## **Wisconsin - Menomonee Falls**

### **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

"The Joy to the World Nativity Collection". Over 500 nativities from more than 65 countries, collected by Bill and Susanne Gay.

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Open TU-TH 1-3pm; SU 8-11am. Guided tours by appointment.

**Address:** W156N8131 Pilgrim Rd, Menomonee Falls

**Website:** <https://holycrosslutheran.org/resources/nativity-collection/>

**Email:** [holycross1@holycrosslutheran.org](mailto:holycross1@holycrosslutheran.org)

**Phone:** 262-251-2740

## Wisconsin - Milwaukee

### Milwaukee Art Museum

Neapolitan Nativity Scene from (Creche) from the mid 1700s, Naples Italy, A gift of Loretta Howard Sturgis. In addition to the Holy Family, the scenes would include angels, putti (little angels), shepherds, the Magi, and a host of barnyard animals. The most elaborate creche scenes would include daily life in Naples, such as the market, resulting in a lively scene mixing the sacred and the secular that could fill entire rooms. The figures themselves were crafted by some of the most distinguished artists of the day. The faces, known for their lively expressions and delicate features, are not molded but are one-of-a-kind sculptures. Bodies were usually made of hemp wrapped around a framework of iron wire that allowed the owner to vary the pose and posture of the figure. The heads and limbs were generally made of painted wood or terracotta. Placed on the main level in the European art section.

**Dates:** Dec. 11-early Jan. W,FR-SU 10am-5pm, TH 10am-8pm, M-TU closed. Admission: Adults \$27,

**Hours:** Admission: Adults \$27, Students, seniors (65+), military \$20, Kids 12 and under Free, thanks to an anonymous donor, Wisconsin K-12 teachers

**Address:** 700 N. Art Museum Dr, Milwaukee

**Website:** <https://mam.org/>

**Email:** [mam@mam.org](mailto:mam@mam.org)

**Phone:** 414-224-3200

## Wisconsin - Oshkosh

### Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church

Mildred Turner, a retired kindergarten teacher, donated her 1,000-plus nativity sets to the church, and the collection is now on permanent display on the church's lower level. Guided and unguided tours are available. After the death of her mother, Turner pledged to not allow grief to overcome her spirit. "I feel God pushed me to begin this collection," Mildred said in an article on the church website. "Otherwise it would have been impossible to find so many sets in such a short time."

**Dates:**

**Hours:** Nativity Hours: By appointment only. Call the church office at 920-231-2800 to arrange a guided tour. Office hours: M-TH 8am-1pm.

**Address:** 1174 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh

**Website:** <https://www.abumc.org/nativity>

**Email:** [admin@abumc.org](mailto:admin@abumc.org)

**Phone:** 920-231-2800