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## LITURGY & MUSIC

### Concerts at Nativity

Exultate Chamber Choir and Orchestra - December 12

*Celebrate the Spirit of Christmas* this Saturday at 7:30pm. This year's Christmas concert series features J. S. Bach's *Magnificat*, a timeless masterpiece for the Christmas season. In its splendor and jubilation, you will hear five soloists, along with a five-part choir and orchestra telling the story of Mary's joyful proclamation that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus. Tickets are \$16-\$20 and are available at the door or online at [www.Exultate.org](http://www.Exultate.org).



The Singers Christmas Concert - Sunday, December 13

*What Sweeter Music: Christmas with The Singers* will offer uplifting music inspired by the Christmas holiday next Sunday, December 13 at 2pm. Maybe it's a lively *Go, Tell it On the Mountain* or *The Wexford Carol* that gets you in the holiday spirit – or maybe you need Franz Biebl's *Ave Maria* or motets by Francis Poulenc. As always, nobody greets the holidays like The Singers, an annual favorite for hundreds in our community! Tickets are \$21-\$33 and are available at the door or online at [www.singersmca.org](http://www.singersmca.org).

The Rose Ensemble Concert - December 18

Glorious Matins responsories and festive motets will resound in decorated Italianate style, as a band of period instruments joins our full ensemble of singers in *Christmas in Baroque Malta*. Our ground-breaking partnership with the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library has paved the way for the North American premiere of 17th-century Christmas music preserved for hundreds of years in Maltese archives. Forget "Jingle Bells," The Rose Ensemble welcomes this Christmas season with Baroque splendor and joy! Tickets are \$10-\$37, Children up to 12 years get in for free, and some tickets may still be available at the door. Visit [www.roseensemble.org](http://www.roseensemble.org) for tickets.

### Local Musicians in Concert

Haas, Joncas, and Haugen - Sunday, December 6, 7:30pm  
David Haas, Michael Joncas and Marty Haugen will perform live in concert at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church today (Sunday)! Tickets are \$20, while children under 12 will be admitted free of charge. Tickets can be bought online at [www.ssfn.org](http://www.ssfn.org), at St. Patrick's Guild or at Saint Rose of Lima. Proceeds will be donated to Southside Family Nurturing Center.

Steven C. Anderson - Thursday, December 10, 7:30pm  
Steven C. Anderson, an occasional accompanist at Nativity masses, will perform a free Christmas concert this Thursday at the Cathedral. Visit <https://goo.gl/O7eWnE> for more information.

## MEN'S CLUB

### Christmas Tree Lot - Now open!

The Nativity Men's Club is sponsoring its annual Christmas Tree Lot running through Tuesday, December 22. Peanuts, beverages, Christmas music, and the usual good cheer will be served. Come see us soon for the best selection of the always popular Fraser fir, balsam, spruce and other quality Christmas trees. There will also be a limited number of wreaths, garland, and spruce tips on sale at the lot.

As always, free delivery and set-up of any Christmas tree is provided for those in need. We're located one block west of Fairview between Wellesley and Stanford. Contact Tree Lot Chairman Pat Bollom at (612) 599-8096 or [pat@sdata.us](mailto:pat@sdata.us) with any questions.

Hours of operation are:

**Mon-Th:** 5:30-8pm, **Fri:** 3-8pm, **Sat:** 9am-8pm,  
**Sun:** 9am-7pm



### Donut Sunday - Sunday, December 13

Join us after all Sunday morning masses for coffee, donuts, and camaraderie!

### 31st Annual Fr. John W. Kelley Cribbage Open - January 8

Calling all cribbage players! The mid-winter classic is back! Grab a partner, young or old, man or woman, and come to Steiner Hall on Friday, January 8 to play in the 31st Annual Fr. Kelley Open. Registration starts at 6pm and play at 6:30pm. The event is free and food/beverage are provided. If you don't have a partner, stop by and we'll try and find you one.

Nativity men of all ages...would you like to be more involved with parish and school activities? The Nativity Men's Club has something to offer every man of the parish with our huge list of events. Whether you are new to the parish or school or you've known us for years, consider attending a monthly board meeting or sign up as a volunteer for one of our many events. Visit our website [NativityMen.org](http://NativityMen.org) for more information, or email questions to Darcy Tinnes at [dhtinnes@gmail.com](mailto:dhtinnes@gmail.com).

## SCOUTS

### Pasta Dinner - Monday, December 7

All are invited to support the Nativity Scouting programs by joining us for the second annual all-you-can-eat Nativity Scout Pasta Dinner this Monday from 5-7:30pm. Scouts will be serving pasta, red sauce, sausages, salad, bread, and dessert, and you can head to the Nativity auditorium for the school's band and pop concert afterwards.



Advance Tickets are \$5 for individuals, \$20 for families, and will be available for purchase after masses on November 28-29, December 5-6, as well as at the door on December 7.



Nativity sponsors active Girl Scout and Boy Scout programs that help young men and women to become responsible citizens and community members through skills best learned outdoors. Please come support the Scouts and have a great supper!



## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Lord's Day Mass** Sat 5pm;

Sun 7am, 8:15am, 9:30am (Steiner Hall), 11am, 5pm

**Daily Mass** Monday-Saturday 8:15am, Monday-Friday 5pm

*\*Hearing aid devices available in the sacristy.*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Monday-Friday 7:45am, 4:30pm, Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

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**(651) 696-5401** (press 1)

**Prayer Line** 9-11am & 6-7pm

Mary Kay McQuade (454-7431), Bette Hoffman (699-8249)

**Lannan Parish Center** Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm, Fri 8am-Noon

1900 Wellesley Avenue - 696-5401 (phone) 696-5458 (fax)

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## CONTENT SUBMISSIONS

### Online Submissions

Text content can now be submitted online at [Parish.Nativity-MN.org/ContentSubmissions](http://Parish.Nativity-MN.org/ContentSubmissions) for the parish bulletin, online calendar, and social media accounts. Images must still be sent via email to [ihuss@nativity-mn.org](mailto:ihuss@nativity-mn.org).

### Publishing Deadlines

Content is typically required by Monday at noon for the following Sunday's bulletin, while digital content requires at least two business days prior to desired publication. Publishing is not guaranteed, and is generally granted on a first-come, first-served basis, giving priority to official Nativity events. Bulletin submissions can also still be sent to [bulletin@nativity-mn.org](mailto:bulletin@nativity-mn.org).

-Isaac Huss, Communications Manager and Bulletin Editor

## LATE BULLETIN DELIVERY

Delivery of last week's bulletin (November 29) was delayed until this past Monday, November 30 due to a delivery mistake on the part of the courier. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. The November 29 edition of the bulletin will be available at all church exits this weekend.

## ADORATION

If you are interested in signing up to become a regular adorer or dedicated substitute, contact Jim at [mcquillan@rjffs.com](mailto:mcquillan@rjffs.com). The **gold squares** below identify those times when only one person is spending time with our Lord. **The red squares indicate hours currently without Adorers.**



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10-11am	x						
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11pm-12am							

## RESPECT LIFE

A prayer for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* via [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org):

*Father, The image of the Virgin is found in your Church. Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love that never knew sin, for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.*

*Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith. Prepare once again a world for your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*



## STEWARDSHIP

November 29, 2015	Current	Fiscal YTD	Budget
Total Stewardship	\$20,909	\$559,773	\$600,489
Plate	\$1,542	\$31,601	\$32,788
Hunger Box	\$138	\$4,410	\$4,104
2nd Collection for CCHD (11/22)	\$2,908	-	-



## BAPTISMS

Congratulations to our newly welcomed members of the Catholic faith, baptized on Sunday, December 6:

### Oliver James Denham

Parents: Scott James Denham & Erin Frances Denham

### Beatrice Mary Schletz

Parents: Adam Frederick Schletz & Tara Madden Schletz

### Jack Dempsey Sexton

Parents: Christopher John Sexton & Susan Marie Sexton

*Baptisms are typically held first and third Sundays at 9:30am in the church. For first-time parents, required baptismal classes are typically held the fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30pm in the main church. Call the parish office at 696-5401 to register.*

## COMMUNITY

### Marriage Encounter - December 12-13

Bring an awesome marriage into the Christmas season and continue it for a life-time. Register for the December 12-13 Marriage Encounter at [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org). Only a few spots left so register NOW. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) for additional information or call 454.3238.

### Events for Seniors at Keystone Community Services

Keystone Community Services/Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104

### Your Kidneys and You - December 14, 11:15am-12:15 p.m

A speaker from the National Kidney Foundation will answer questions about kidney diseases and how they can be prevented. Bring your questions! There is no fee but donations are appreciated. Call Keystone at 645-7424 to register for this presentation as space is limited.

### Meals on Wheels

This service is for anyone who needs help to ensure that they have healthy, regular meals in their homes. Keystone volunteers will deliver freshly-made cold, frozen, or hot daily meals. The cost is computed on a sliding fee scale. Call Keystone at 645-7424 to learn more or to make arrangements for Meals on Wheels delivery.

## MASS INTENTIONS

	8:15am	5pm
<b>M</b>	Kelly Boland	David Zimmerman and family
<b>W</b>	Jack Boland	Paul and Jerry Lou Hague and family
<b>Th</b>	Billy Boland	William and Penny Malevich and family
<b>F</b>	Sally Boland	Stephen Seidel +

## 2ND COLLECTION

### Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) - December 12-13

Next Weekend, Nativity will be participating in the annual national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). The Catholic bishops of the United States initiated the RFR in 1988 to address the profound lack of retirement funding among religious communities. Despite ongoing generosity to the annual collection, numerous communities continue to struggle to provide adequate care for their senior members. Financial distributions from the RFR offer supplemental support for bolstering retirement savings and for meeting such day-to-day needs as prescription medications and nursing care. As St. Paul reminds us, "So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith" (Gal 6:10).

## ARCHDIOCESE

### Prayer for a New Archbishop

*Good and Gracious God, giver of all good gifts, grant to this Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis an Archbishop who will unite us in our diversity and call forth those gifts with which you have so richly blessed this family of faith. May he be a Shepherd after your own heart, a faithful and merciful servant, whose gentleness will bring healing and comfort, and whose courage will inspire. May his life radiate the Joy of the Gospel and his unfailing confidence in your providential care lead us all to a renewed sense of trust. May he be a prayerful instrument of your grace in our lives, empowering us to live out our shared vocation as missionary disciples. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. AMEN*

### Events for the Jubilee Year of Mercy - Sunday, December 13

Pope Francis has declared an extraordinary Jubilee – a Holy Year of Mercy – beginning December 8. The opening of Holy Doors will take place on Sunday, December 13 prior to Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (10am) and Basilica of Saint Mary (9:30am). The faithful who walk through a Holy Door during the Jubilee Year of Mercy may receive the Jubilee Indulgence (under the traditional norms). Find additional ways to pray, learn and act in response to our Holy Father's call to this Jubilee Year of Mercy at [www.archspm.org/Mercy](http://www.archspm.org/Mercy).

## HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

### Immaculate Conception - Tuesday, December 8

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the patronal feast of the United States of America and is a holy day of obligation. Nativity will celebrate the solemn feast at the following public masses:

Monday, December 7:	5pm vigil mass
Tuesday, December 8:	7am mass 8:15 mass 5pm mass 7pm mass

\*There will be confessions heard, as usual, prior to the Monday evening mass on December 7. There will be NO CONFESIONS available on Tuesday, December 8.

## NCCW

### Christmas Giving Tree - Now through January 3

Please consider supporting Keystone Community Services in their ongoing efforts to provide assistance to families in need. There are two ways to give:

1. Help support Keystone's Gifts of Hope Sponsor-a-Family Program by purchasing a suggested item from the wish list below. Drop off your new, unwrapped donation(s) and place under the Giving Tree, located in the back of the church by December 13.

The Gifts of Hope Wish List includes: Blankets, Clothing (Girls Boys ages 2-12), Pots/Pans, Coffee makers, Dish sets, Toaster ovens, Books (Preschool through teen), Sporting equipment, Toys, Games for younger kids (Candyland, Connect Four, Trouble), Games for teens (Cranium, Scene It, Blokus), Passes for family entertainment: movie theaters, museums, zoo.

2. Help support Keystone's ongoing needs by purchasing a suggested item from the list below. Drop off your new, unwrapped donation(s) and place under the Giving Tree by January 3.



The Ongoing Needs Wish List includes: Gas and Grocery Gift Cards, Personal care items (soap, toothbrushes, shampoo), Diapers (size 1 and up), Toys, Plates, Towels, Blankets (any size), Sheets (twin/full), Hats, Mittens, Gloves (Adult), Socks/Underwear (adult and children), Gently used Winter Coats (Adult).

For more information please contact Colleen Biver at (612) 812-4071

## PASTORAL CARE

### Reverse Food Truck - Sunday, December 6

Today (Sunday), as part of food collection weekend, parishioner Mike Skillrud will be bringing the Thrivent Financial/Finnegans "Reverse Food Truck" to Nativity for all Sunday Masses. Bring a non-perishable food item for our local Keystone Community Services food bank. The truck will also be at the Nativity Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot during the afternoon. For more information, visit [Thrivent.com/Finnegans](http://Thrivent.com/Finnegans).



### Local Grief Group - Thursdays, 5:30-7pm

The Capital City Grief Coalition continues to meet every Thursday from 5:30-7pm, but at a new location: House of Hope Presbyterian Church, through February.

### Dementia Support Sessions

Dementia Champions trainings are now available online for anyone wants to lead Dementia Friends sessions. Simple step-by-step instructions and all materials are now available online. Visit [actonalz.org/dementia-friends-champion](http://actonalz.org/dementia-friends-champion) to begin, and don't you can report all of your Dementia Friend sessions at [actonalz.org/node/478](http://actonalz.org/node/478), even past DF sessions.



## Following the Star

*"She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."*

-Luke 2:7

When our Lord came in to the world he was homeless, unwelcome and excluded.

As we approach the Christmas season, we decorate our homes, we host and attend parties, and we enjoy our friends and families.

Is **everyone** experiencing this holiday joy, though? Who **among** us has found the door locked at the proverbial "inn?" Is anyone being left out in the cold? This time of celebration can also be a time of loneliness for so many. Facebook and Christmas card pictures of big, happy families make it seem like everyone is leading a story-book, problem-free life, sharpening the contrast for those facing challenges and pain.

Befriend someone, include someone, help someone, listen to someone. Let us "open the door" to invite more people in to the warmth of our homes and our lives.

*Jesus, help me to notice who needs extra kindness this Advent.*

Rediscover:

## FAITH FORMATION



Father John Powers blesses our Catechumens and Candidates during the Rite of Welcome/Acceptance on November 15.

Photo: Nick Michel

## MASS READINGS

<b>Monday:</b>	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday:</b>	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13; Mt 11:11-15
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday:</b>	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Jdt 13:18, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
<b>Sunday:</b>	Zep 3:14-18; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



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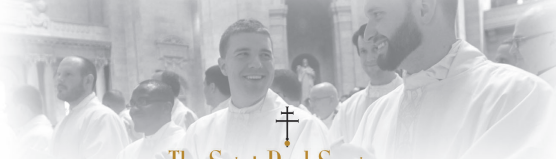
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7 Monday	8 Tuesday	9 Wednesday	10 Thursday	11 Friday	12 Saturday	13 Sunday
St. Ambrose	The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	St. Juan Diego		St. Damasus I	Our Lady of Guadalupe	3rd Sunday of Advent
Rosary for Conversion Marian Chapel 8:45am	Rosary for Conversion/ Grandparents' Rosary Marian Chapel 8:45am	Rosary for Conversion Marian Chapel 8:45am	Rosary for Conversion Marian Chapel 8:45am	Rosary for Conversion Marian Chapel 8:45am	NCCW Giving Tree  Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection	NCCW Giving Tree  Retirement Fund for Religious 2nd Collection  <b>Donut Sunday School Cafeteria</b> Following all morning masses
Scouts Pasta Dinner School Cafeteria 5-7:30pm	Men's Club Tree Sales Parking Lot 5:30-8pm	Men's Club Tree Sales Parking Lot 5:30-8pm	Adult Faith Formation Book of Isaiah Study Gathering Room 8:45-10:15am	Children's Adoration Hour Adoration Chapel 9-10am	Men's Club Tree Sales Parking Lot 9am-8pm	Tree Sales Parking Lot 9am-7pm
Men's Club Tree Sales Parking Lot 5:30-8pm	RCIA Lannan Center 7-9:15pm	Faith Formation Reconciliation Church 7-8pm	Men's Club Tree Sales Parking Lot 5:30-8pm	Men's Club Tree Sales Parking Lot 3-8pm	Exultate Chamber Choir and Orchestra Concert Church 7:30pm	Children's Liturgy Gathering Room 9:40am
School Band & Pops Concert School Auditorium 6:30pm	7am Lector Gix Ubel  8:15am Lector Gregory Page		Men's Club Meeting Tree Lot 6:30-9pm			The Singers Concert Church 2pm
Rediscover Core Team Meeting Lannan Confer- ence Room 7-9pm	8:15am Servers Rhys Engelmeier Noah Friesen Jack Nei  10:15am Servers Harry Olander Hugh Fleming Jack Anglum  5pm Lector Dave Hrbacek  5pm Servers Parker Goulet Andrew Page Jackson Smith  7pm Lector Celeste Pariana	8:15am Lector Mickey Nickel- son  5pm Lector Mary Kisch	8:15am Lector Janelle Peine  5pm Lector Jonathan Jay	8:15am Lector Gix Ubel  5pm Lector John Sondag	8:15am Lector Tim Huberty  5pm Lector Steve Busse  5pm Servers Grace Schwab Anne Stang Isabel Warner Julia Waters	7am Servers Joe McConville Jakob Michel 7am Lector Tim Huberty 8:15am Servers Patrick Bruce Bobby Hahn Ethan Hyland Patrick Hahn 8:15am Lectors John Jaschke Rob Hahn 9:30am Servers Robert Christy Isaac Dietz 9:30am Lectors Jamie Tracy Ciaran Kelly 11am Servers JoJo Dean Liam Dean Chris Cullen Ethan Hennessey Nick Juckel Matthew Oberst 11am Lectors Gary Bechtold Elizabeth Heaney 5pm Lectors Gina Kastel Greg Kishel
8:15am Lector Bill Turley  5pm Lector Barb Bowman						

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