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NOVEMBER 27, 2016

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OF ADVENT

Join us for a 40 Hours Devotion December 2-4

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Photos Wanted!

Have any great photos that you took at Nativity? From weddings to Donut Sunday, we'd love to highlight the vibrancy, faith, and beauty of our parish in the bulletin and other print publications, on the website, and through our various social media outlets. Please send photos to ihuss@nativity-mn.org and let us know who should get the credit. Thank you!

Liturgy

Volunteers Needed

We are in great need of volunteers for the following:

- Lectors: Daily 8:15am (Mon-Sat) and 5pm (Mon-Fri) masses
- Eucharistic Ministers: (same as above)
- Greeters: Sunday 9:30am mass

If you are able to help, please contact Patrick Henning at (651) 696-5430 or phenning@nativity-mn.org. Thank you!

Respect Life

Reflection of the Week

"The worst suffering of seriously ill people 'is often not physical pain, which can be alleviated with competent medical care, but feelings of isolation and hopelessness.' Let us support and pray for those who are gravely ill. May the grace of the Resurrection strengthen their faith and increase their hope."

—*Simple Supplements: Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End*
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-life Activities

Moms' Club

Playdate - December 6

Please join us for an Advent Moms' Club Play Date in Steiner Hall to celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on Tuesday, December 6 from 9-10:30am. We will hear about the generosity of St. Nicholas, talk about how to share the spirit of St. Nicholas within our families and the community throughout this beautiful holiday season, and make our own stockings.

Nativity of Our Lord
Moms' Club

As always, we welcome any newcomers to another wonderful gathering time for fellowship, with snacks and coffee provided. Our mission is to facilitate opportunities for fellowship and spiritual development among mothers of young children at Nativity of Our Lord. Please join us as we work together to deepen our Catholic faith and strengthen bonds with our children and each other. Contact Julie Dettinger, Nancy Hays, or Erin Vetscher at nativitymomsclub@gmail.com with any questions, and like "Nativity Moms' Club" on Facebook.

Men's Club

Catholic Watchmen Night - Thursday, December 1, 7-9pm

Men: Don't miss the Catholic Watchmen Night this Thursday! Note the different starting time, confession will not be available in this shorter format, and we'll have snacks and beverages instead of the full meal. Father Joseph Johnson will present *Strive To Be a Spiritual Father Like St. Joseph*. Bring a friend! For more information or to sign up for our newsletter, visit http://eepurl.com/cfQm4L.

2016 Men's Club Wreath Sale

Thanks again to all who participated in and volunteered for this year's Christmas wreath sale. If we missed you during delivery of the wreaths on November 19, and you have not yet paid for your order, please do so as soon as possible. This will save us the expense of mailing reminder notices. All proceeds from the wreath sales are used to fund various projects and needs of the Nativity community, so payment is appreciated. Additional wreaths, garlands, spruce tops, and swags are also now available at the Nativity Christmas Tree Lot. If you did not receive your pre-ordered wreath, garland, spruce tops, or swag, or if you have questions or concerns about your delivery, please contact Tim McGlinch at (651) 373-5563 or Tom Stephens at (651) 428-7524.

Christmas Tree Lot - November 25—December 23

The Nativity Men's Club is sponsoring its annual Christmas Tree Lot now through Friday, December 23. 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 with any questions.

Hours of operation:

Monday-Thursday 5:30-8pm	Friday 3-8pm
Saturday 9am-8pm	Sunday 9am-7pm

Online Resources

Have you signed up for Nativity News yet? Nativity's weekly email newsletter is delivered every Thursday, highlights events of the upcoming weekend, and connects parishioners to helpful resources on the web. Visit parish.nativity-mn.org/email-newsletter to sign up.

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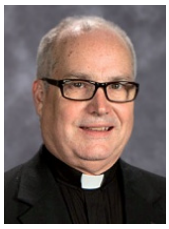

Father Patrick Hipwell (pictured)

Mass & Prayer Times

Lord's Day Mass Saturday 5pm; Sunday 7am, 8:15am, 9:30am (Steiner Hall), 11am, 5pm
Daily Mass Mon-Sat 8:15am, Mon-Fri 5pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 3:30-4:30pm, Monday-Friday 7:45-8:10am, 4:30-4:55pm
Hearing aid devices are available in the sacristy.

Emergency Anointing of the Sick (24 hours)

(651) 696-5401 (press 1)

Prayer Line 9-11am & 6-7pm

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Publishing is not guaranteed, and is generally granted on a first-come, first-served basis, giving priority to official Nativity events. Bulletin submissions can be sent to bulletin@nativity-mn.org.

–Isaac Huss, Communications Manager and Bulletin Editor

From the Hip

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A happy and blessed Advent season to you all! I'd like to invite all parishioners, family members, friends, and community members to join in our upcoming **40 Hours Devotion** beginning this Friday, December 2 and concluding Sunday, December 4. The 40 Hours Devotion is an ancient tradition and a great opportunity to enter into the true spirit of Advent, which is marked with prayerful vigil and expectant waiting as we contemplate Our Lord's first coming at his Nativity and prepare for his second coming at the end of time.

Our Adoration Chapel has provided a great source of peace, spiritual growth, and personal closeness with Jesus for decades. This 40 Hours Devotion is in part an effort to encourage even more members of our community to reap its spiritual fruits. Beginning immediately after the 8:45am mass on Friday, we will expose the Blessed Sacrament in the main church sanctuary, where it will remain exposed during daytime hours on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (the monstrance will be transferred to the Adoration Chapel at night).

If you've never taken time in Eucharistic Adoration, I encourage you to try it out next weekend. And if you know somebody who might benefit from this experience, please invite them! I don't think you (or they) will regret it.

Finally, I'm pleased to welcome Bishop Andrew Cozzens (pictured above right), who will join us for the closing liturgy at 3pm next Sunday, December 4, featuring Midday Prayer with the Nativity Choir. Please join us!

May God bless your week,

Fr. Patrick

Fr. Patrick

Adoration

"Adoration is essentially an embrace with Jesus
in which I say to Him:
'I am yours, and I ask You,
please stay with me always.'"

-Pope Benedict XVI

Adorers are most greatly needed:

- Sunday: 10pm, 12am, 2am, 4am
- Tuesday: 11pm
- Thursday: 10am
- Friday: 2am, 3am
- Saturday: 2am

Please contact Jim at mcquillanj@rjffs.com or (763) 746-8244 to sign up for a peaceful hour with Jesus!

Nativity School

Come Tour Nativity of Our Lord School!

This is an exciting time as we begin the process of welcoming prospective families to Nativity School. Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions for parents. We will be offering individual tours this fall and early winter for those interested in learning more about Nativity School. We are always pleased to meet prospective families as they seek to find a school in which their children will thrive during their formative years. Touring during a typical school day provides an opportunity for parents to see the learning process which is grounded in our Catholic faith. We would love to partner with you as your child embarks on this educational journey. If you would like schedule a tour, please call the school office and speak to Mary Jo at (651) 699-1311. We look forward to meeting you!

Kate Wollan, Principal
Sandy Kane, Assistant Principal

NELC

The Nativity Early Learning Center (NELC) is an NAEYC-accredited center looking for an energetic teacher who is motivated and inspired to work with school-age children in the 2nd-6th grades. The NELC is a partnership of children, parents, and staff dedicated to developing the whole child and preparing each child for a successful school experience. Hours needed are Monday-Thursday 1:30-6pm and Fridays 2:30-6pm (21.50 hours total per week). There is also and an opportunity to sub if needed during the AM hours and work full days when Nativity School is closed.

Candidates should be able to implement age-appropriate activities for the classroom, have good communication skills, and must be Rule 3 Teacher qualified. Must love children, be flexible, dependable, eager to learn, and willing to work hard and have fun. The candidate must have current CPR and first aid certification or ability to complete upon employment.

Come join the Nativity Early Learning Center for a fun working environment where the children come first! Please direct all inquiries to Nicole McGie at (651) 696-5437, (651) 696-5458 (fax), or nmcgie@nativity-mn.org.

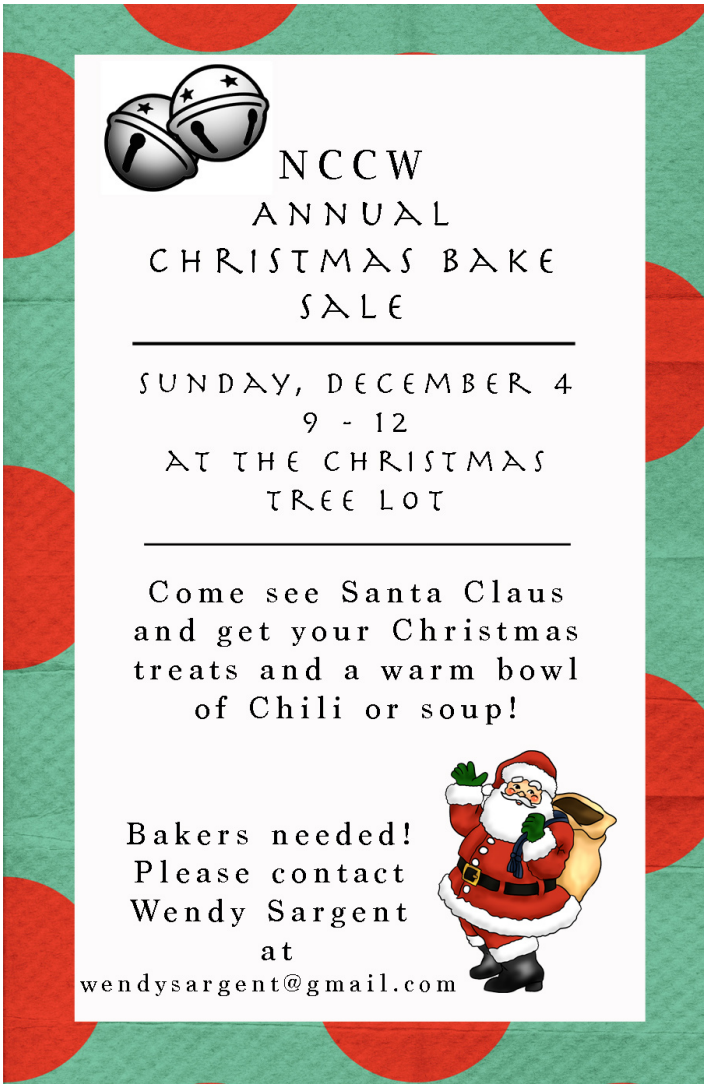
Archdiocese

Women, WINE & Wisdom - Thursday, December 1, 7-10pm

Ladies, join WINE: Women In the New Evangelization for a "Women, WINE & Wisdom" evening as we welcome a woman who truly knows how to get a "kick" out of life—one of only two women in the country who coach college football, Sr. Lisa Maurer! Sr. Lisa will present *Ever Feel Like You Want to Punt? Tackling Life with JOY!* this Thursday evening. Tickets are $30 and can be purchased at CatholicVinyard.com,

NCCW

First Friday Fellowship - Friday, November 2, 8:45-9:45am
All are welcome to join us in Steiner Hall for coffee, doughnuts, and camaraderie!



Community

First Friday Devotion - Friday, December 2, 7pm
Sacred Heart Catholic Church on the East Side of St Paul will host bilingual a mass, rosary, trisagion prayers, Precious Blood Devotion, adoration, and Benediction on first Fridays throughout the year. Mass will begin at 7pm and the evening will conclude with benediction at 11pm; there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after mass. This is an excellent opportunity for people to learn both Spanish and English through common church prayers. Contact Dell at (651) 227-7917 for more information.

Nativity Musician in Concert - December 15
Steven C. Anderson, an occasional accompanist at Nativity masses, will perform a free Christmas concert at 7:30pm on Thursday, December 15 at the Cathedral with special guests Partners in Praise Girls Choir and organist Lawrence Lawyer. Visit www.stevencmusic.com/upcoming-events for more information.

Deceased

Please remember in your prayers:

Robert Wilzbacher

May his soul and those of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, amen.

Online obituaries: Parish.nativity-mn.org/faithfully-departed

Baptisms

Please join us in welcoming our newly baptized members of the Catholic faith!

Michael Patrick Giefer
Parents: Michael & Maripat Giefer

Anne Elizabeth Stormont
Parents: Joseph & Molly Stormont

Peter Steven Morin
Parents: Eric & Kristen Morin

Baptisms are typically held on first and third Sundays at 9:30am in the church. For first-time parents, required baptismal classes are typically held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30pm in the church.
Call the parish office at (651) 696-5401 to register.

Pastoral Care

Reverse Food Truck - Sunday, December 4

Next 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 https://goo.gl/ez3uU6 .

Grief Support - Thursday, December 1, 9-10am
Nativity's grief group will be meeting this Thursday in the bride's room from 9-10am. All are welcome! The Capital City Grief Coalition will continue to meet every Thursday from 5:30-7pm at House of Hope on Summit.

Reception of Holy Communion
If the weather, an illness, et al. prevents anyone from attending Mass and they would like to receive Communion sometime in the week that follows, contact Nancy at (651) 696-5444 or nshatek-suek@nativity-mn.org.

Video or Audio Masses
Mass is broadcast on AM 1330 from the Cathedral Sundays at 11am. Also, EWTN.com/live streams a mass live Sundays at 7am and replays it at 11am and 11pm (EWTN is also on cable TV; check local listings).

Faith Formation

RCIA Candidates Mark a Significant Step

This past Sunday at the 11am mass we welcomed into the Catechumenate one of our inquirers who has never been baptized as well as others who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and are now seeking to come into full communion within the Catholic Church. A third group of inquirers were some Catholics who have been baptized as an infant but never received any further formation and now seek to be Confirmed.

These nine candidates have completed eight weeks of inquiring into the Catholic faith and have now entered into the Catechumenate stage of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process. On Sunday, November 20, they celebrated what is called the "Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming." Please keep these Candidates in your prayers as they look forward to completing their full initiation into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil this coming spring.

Music

Choir Anthems - Sunday, November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent
1. *Sleepers Wake* J. S. Bach
2. *Lift thine eyes (Women)* from "Elijah," Felix Mendelssohn

Concerts at Nativity

- The Singers - December 11

Harpist Min Kim joins The Singers for the annual favorite, *What Sweeter Music: Christmas with The Singers*! The women of the choir will perform Benjamin Britten's beloved *A Ceremony of Carols* in its original treble version, and world premiere carols by Matthew Culloton will also be featured. The concert will be held on December 11 at 2pm in the church.

- The Rose Ensemble - December 16

The rose, an ancient symbol of the Virgin Mary and the Christ child, inspires this program of Medieval and Renaissance music for the Christmas season, *The Miracle of New Life in the Dark of Night*. The Rose Ensemble offers this joyful program of gorgeous choral music on Friday, December 18 at 8pm in the church, celebrating the blossoming of new life during the coldest of days. These performances will feature a world premiere by composer Victor Zupanc.
Visit www.roseensemble.org/shows/rose-winter for tickets or further information.

- Exultate - December 10

Exultate celebrates the joy of the Christmas Season with Antonio Vivaldi's Gloria and other carols written for choir and orchestra. Hear and see the anticipation and fulfillment of the Christmas promise through the drama of three characters: Isaiah challenges us to prepare, Mary the mother of Jesus waits, and Simeon beholds the Messiah. Join us in celebrating the Season with favorite and traditional carols performed in unique arrangements for voices and instruments in *From Waiting to Joy* on December 10 at 7:30pm in the church.
Visit exultate.org/concert_type/fromwaitingtojoy/ for tickets or further information.

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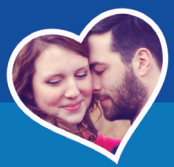
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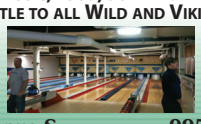

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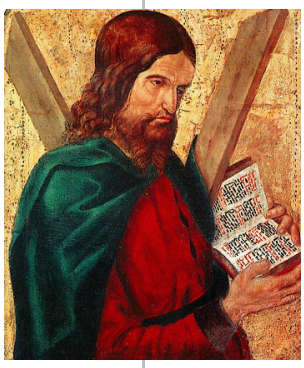
Monday, 11/28	Tuesday, 11/29	Wednesday, 11/30	Thursday, 12/1	Friday, 12/2	Saturday, 12/3	Sunday, 12/4
		*St. Andrew (pictured at left)*			*St. Francis Xavier* Food Collection Weekend	*2nd Sunday of Advent* Reverse Food Truck NCCW Bake Sale School Atrium 9am-Noon
			Grief Group Bride's Room 9-10am	40 Hours Devotion Begins Church 8:45am	40 Hours Devotion Church All Day	Tree Lot Open East Parking Lot 9am-7pm
	Grandparents' Apostolate Rosary Marian Chapel 8:45am			First Friday Fellowship Steiner Hall 8:45am	Lay Carmelites Leadership Meeting Gather Room 9-10am	Children's Liturgy of the Word Gather Room 9:40am
Tree Lot Open East Parking Lot 5:30-8pm	Tree Lot Open East Parking Lot 5:30-8pm	Tree Lot Open East Parking Lot 5:30-8pm	Tree Lot Open East Parking Lot 5:30-8pm	Tree Lot Open East Parking Lot 3-8pm	Tree Lot Open East Parking Lot 9am-8pm	Lay Carmelites Meeting Church & Steiner Hall Noon-3pm
Boy Scout Troop Meeting Cafeteria 7-8pm	RCIA Lannan Center Conference Room 7-8:30pm	Faith Formation School 6:45-8pm	Catholic Watchmen Night Church & Steiner Hall 7-9pm			40 Hours Devotion Closing Liturgy Church 3pm
1st Week of Advent						**Denotes Nativity Relic*

Heritage Room

Upcoming relics on display:

St. Catherine Laboure	**11/28** (feast)	St. Andrew	**11/30**
Francis Xavier	**12/3**	Nicholas	12/6
Ambrose	12/7	Lucy	12/13
John of the Cross	12/14	Peter Canisius	12/21
John the Evangelist	12/27		

For more information about Nativity's relics, visit Parish.nativity-mn.org/blog.

Pope Francis

The Pope's Monthly Intentions For December

- Universal: *End to Child-Soldiers*
  That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.
- Evangelization: *Europe*
  That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

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Mass Intentions

	8:15am	5pm
M	Bob Fenlon, Sr. +	William Adam +
T	Patti Downes	Emily Kraling
W	Dick Moser	Lorraine Gripman +
Th	Donn Eiden	Della Lundquist +
F	Paula + & John Dougherty +	Ginny Sullivan +
S	Catherine Marie Strub	-

Mass Readings

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wed.: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12