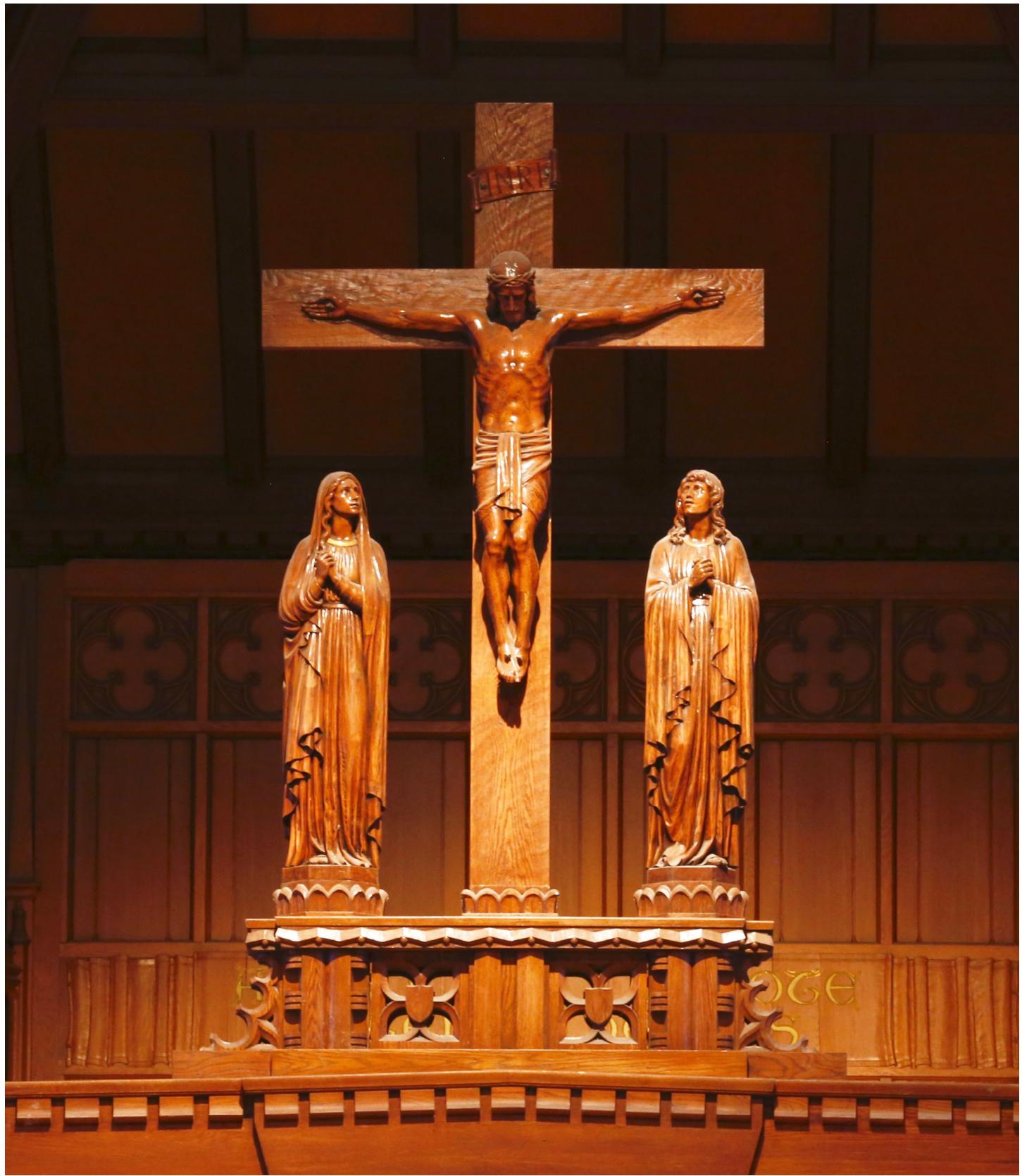


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# ABOUT

## Parish Mission Statement

Promulgated October 7, 2019

**Nativity of our Lord** is a vibrant Catholic community committed to helping each person answer the call of Jesus Christ to serve as his disciple by....



- Nurturing a rich **sacramental and spiritual life**;
- Supporting strong Catholic **education and faith formation**;
- Fostering **fellowship and community**;
- And providing abundant opportunities to participate in the parish's long tradition of **Christian witness**.

Learn more about our new parish mission statement at  
<https://nativity-mn.org/news/mission-statement/>.

# IMAGES

## Cover Image

Rood Screen at Nativity of Our Lord  
By Walt Huss | January 2016

## Photos Wanted!

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, with caption, to [ihuss@nativity-mn.org](mailto:ihuss@nativity-mn.org), and let us know who should get the credit. Thank you!

# PARISH OFFICE

## Temporarily Reduced Hours

We have temporarily reduced our hours at the parish office to 10am-2pm, Monday-Friday.

# SUBMISSIONS

## Publishing Guidelines

Bulletin 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.

Visit <https://nativity-mn.org/content-submissions> for more information, or to submit copy for the parish bulletin, online calendar, social media, and email newsletter. Images must be sent via email to [ihuss@nativity-mn.org](mailto:ihuss@nativity-mn.org).

Publishing is not guaranteed, and is generally granted on a first-come, first-served basis, giving priority to official Nativity of Our Lord events and communications. Bulletin submissions can also be sent to [bulletin@nativity-mn.org](mailto:bulletin@nativity-mn.org).

-Isaac Huss, Communications Director and Bulletin Editor

# BAPTISMS

## Baptism Preparation

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, excluding December. Contact the parish office at [info@nativity-mn.org](mailto:info@nativity-mn.org) or (651) 696-5401 to register.

# HOLY MATRIMONY

## Wedding Planning

To be married at Nativity at Our Lord, the bride, groom, or one of their parents must be an active, registered parishioner for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Contact the parish office for more information at [info@nativity-mn.org](mailto:info@nativity-mn.org) or (651) 696-5401.

# ADORATION

## Temporary Modifications and Triduum Schedule

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been moved to the main church to allow social distancing of at least six feet, and must be limited to a maximum of ten people at a time. Please stagger your visits to avoid busy times. Because the main church needs to be locked overnight, the hours of Adoration are now restricted to 9am-10pm Sunday-Friday and 9am-4pm on Saturdays. Please also note there will be no Adoration on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

During this time, all scheduled adorers should treat their assigned hour as completely optional. Above all, please do not come if you feel ill in any way, or if you are particularly at risk for the coronavirus. Contact Jim at [mcquillanj@rjffs.com](mailto:mcquillanj@rjffs.com) or (763) 746-8244 for more information.

# SOCIETY OF SVDP

If you are in crisis: Call us at (651) 334-2935.

If you want to donate money:

Send your donation to the parish office c/o SVdP.

If you wish to join the Nativity Conference:

Call us at (651) 334-2935.

Note: the SVdP Thrift Store is closed until further notice.

Please consider remembering The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in your estate plan.

# DIGITAL MEDIA

## Email Newsletter

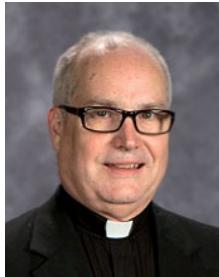
Have you signed up for Nativity News yet? Nativity of Our Lord's weekly email newsletter keeps you up to date with the latest information and connects you to helpful resources on the web. Visit <https://nativity-mn.org/email-newsletter> to sign up.



# INFORMATION

## Pastor

Father Patrick Hipwell (pictured)



## Standard Mass & Prayer Times

See back page calendar for this week's schedule. Hearing aid devices are available in the sacristy.

## Lord's Day Mass

Saturday: 5pm (vigil); Sunday: 7am, 8:15am, 9:30am (downstairs in Steiner Hall), 11am, and 5pm

## Daily Mass

Monday-Saturday: 8:15am; Monday-Friday: 5pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday: 7:45-8:10am and 4:30-4:55pm  
Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm

## Emergency Anointing of the Sick (24 hours)

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

## Prayer Line

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	Mary Kay O'Rourke	(651) 698-5638

## Contacts

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# FROM THE RECTORY

## Pastoral Letter

The following is an excerpt from a pastoral letter sent to all registered parish households dated Friday, March 27. To read the entire letter, visit <http://nativity-mn.org/news/pastoral-letter>, or contact the parish office at (651) 696-5401 to receive a copy.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The priests and staff at Nativity of Our Lord have been praying for you fervently in these difficult days of sickness and social distancing. We miss your physical presence immensely! Yet we are so grateful for the many creative ways our community has ensured that distancing in no way requires isolation. We are *together* in this, and most importantly, *God is with us*, in good times and bad, in sickness and in health...in the present.

Mysteriously, God created you and me knowing that we would bear his name and bring his presence to *this* moment, both individually and collectively, as Christ's Church. Nativity is in no way on a hiatus! Indeed, the opposite is true: perhaps more than ever, now is the time God has uniquely chosen for us to show the world that he, the Changeless One whom we treasure, is alive among us!

Since we are a Eucharistic Church, it is so painfully strange that the current reasoned — and charitable — solution to this outbreak keeps us from Holy Communion. Indeed, we *should* feel strange — that's a good sign! Even as our communal access to the Mass shifts, however, know that it will always be offered daily, and Jesus will never stop rejoicing to fill our chapels with his sacramental presence.

Our top priority, as always, is to follow Jesus Christ, abiding unflinchingly in our midst through it all, *tirelessly on the move*. He keeps going to the poor, the sick, the estranged, the lonely, the scared, the confused. And that is where we end up as we keep following Him...loving and serving our neighbor. If you are starving to meet Jesus in the Eucharist, we encourage you to call someone who would appreciate it. He will meet you in those acts of charity.

Lastly, on a personal note, we priests have found in our increased time at home a great opportunity to learn from the tried-and-true monastic tradition of the Church. When we use this opportunity to plan a rhythm of prayer, work, study, and refreshment — our “monastic rule,” so to speak — this time becomes the Lord’s, filled with mission and purpose.

We invite you to create your own household “rule” and to embrace with faith and hope that God will work through it. Look to our parish website (<https://nativity-mn.org/>) for a wealth of ideas and video messages to utilize in your own “holy routine.”

May God bless you with health, holiness, peace, friendship, and most especially his abiding embrace.

Fr. Patrick Hipwell, Pastor + Fr. Nick Hagen, Parochial Vicar

# LENT

## Penitential Regulations

- **Fasting:** Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive) are required to fast on Good Friday as well as Ash Wednesday. One full meal is allowed on these days. Food may be taken at two other times during the day, in order to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed.
- **Abstinence:** Catholics 14 years of age and older must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.
- **Other Observances:** Each weekday of Lent (with the exception of solemnities) is also an obligatory day of penance to be marked by prayer and increased devotion to spiritual practices. Some recommendations are Adoration, increased personal prayer time or spiritual study, self-imposed fasting or abstinence, works of charity, almsgiving, Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, retreats, daily Mass when available, and especially the sacrament of Reconciliation.

For more Lenten resources, visit  
<https://Nativity-MN.org/Lent>.

# ONLINE GIVING

## Stewardship from Home

Like many individuals, families, and organizations, this time has put a particular strain on our finances. We have had to make some tough decisions as we re-budget to best use our newly limited resources. And while we have made progress, we still have work to do to sustainably operate without a live Sunday collection.

We know that many of you are similarly hurting or are otherwise financially vulnerable. However, for those of you who are able, please maintain or resume your usual giving, either by submitting it directly to the parish office or through our website at <https://nativity-mn.org/online-giving>. And, for those who have the means, please consider making a special emergency gift at this time.

Please contact Joyce at the Parish Office at (651) 696-5436 if we can be of further assistance.

# MASS INTENTIONS

Public Masses may be suspended, but our priests continue to say private Masses every day for these intentions and for those of the whole parish, community, nation, and world.

	8:15am	(private)
Mon. 4/6	Donn and Norene Eiden +	Clarence + and Lucile + Daley
Tues. 4/7	Marie Siglin +	Carol Stupka +
Wed. 4/8	Nancy Janssen	Erv Berg +

# COMMUNITY

## Give Blood

A message from parishioner Matt Mundy, M.D.: *In these unprecedeted times, as many of you are likely wondering how to help, I encourage you to consider donating blood. The Red Cross has identified the blood shortage as "Severe," due to decreased donations from canceled blood drives. If you are willing and able to donate, contact Memorial Blood Centers ([www.mbc.org/](http://www.mbc.org/)) or the American Red Cross ([www.redcrossblood.org/local-homepage/location/saint-paul-american-red-cross.html](http://www.redcrossblood.org/local-homepage/location/saint-paul-american-red-cross.html)).*

# NATIVITY UNITED

## Response Team

Please let us know if you are in need of any assistance at this time, including running errands. We encourage you not to be afraid to ask even for the simplest items, including toilet paper! Also, if you don't have family or friends who check in on you or would just like a regular call from Nativity, please let us know. Remember that you are not alone! Jesus is so close to the ones who are suffering.

You can contact us in two ways specifically devoted to this time. Nativity staff will be regularly monitoring both of these:

- Call us at (651) 317-9685, or
- Email us at [united@nativity-mn.org](mailto:united@nativity-mn.org).

## Bulletin by Mail or Email

To request a bulletin in the mail or via email, contact the parish office at (651) 696-5401 or [info@nativity-mn.org](mailto:info@nativity-mn.org). You can also sign up for the bulletin via email by visiting <https://ebulletin.ispaluch.com> and entering our zip code (55105), then choosing Nativity and adding your email address. The bulletin is also available online at <http://nativity-mn.org/bulletins/>.

# WEEKLY READINGS

- Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday:** Is 52:13 – 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 – 19:42
- Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1 – 2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;  
b) Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;  
c) Ex 14:15 – 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;  
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;  
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;  
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;  
g) Ez 36:16-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
h) Rom 6:3-11;  
i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
- Sunday:** Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

# ONLINE LITURGY

## Mass at Home How-To

Watching a video stream of Mass is new to most of us. Fr. Nick has some ideas on how to make the best out of an imperfect situation. Visit <https://nativity-mn.org/online-liturgies> to watch a video from him, as well as to find our upcoming live-streamed Masses and those already recorded.



## Live-Stream Troubleshooting

While we are currently utilizing Facebook's live-streaming feature to broadcast and record our Masses, you do not need a Facebook account to access them. All of our (non-live) recorded Masses are playable directly from our website at <https://nativity-mn.org/online-liturgies>. Just click on the video and it should begin playing.

If a live-stream is in progress, but is not playable from the parish website, click the "Watch Now" at the bottom right of the module, and a new window will take you to the live-stream in progress on Facebook. If this does not happen, you may need to enable your browser to allow pop-ups.

Again, all of our live-stream and recorded videos are displayable to the public, which means you don't need to have a Facebook account to view them, or even be logged in if you do have one. If ever Facebook asks you to log in or to create an account, you can click "Not Now." (Although this button might be small and somewhat non-descript.)

## Other Broadcasts

Mass is also on Relevant Radio, 1330 AM on Sundays at 9am and Daily Mass at 12pm. Sunday Mass is on local TV at 11am on KSTC-TV/45. Finally, EWTN (Comcast cable ch. 291) has daily Mass at 7am, 11am, 6pm, and 11pm, and is rebroadcast on channel 14.2, 14.4, and 14.5.

## Spiritual Communion

Whenever anyone is unable to receive Holy Communion – for any number of reasons – we can make a “Spiritual Communion” by praying that Our Lord would come to us when we cannot receive him substantially. We pray this one during our online Masses:

*Jesus, I believe you are truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist. I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility, and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and the fervor of the saints. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, please come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as being already there. Amen!*

# PRIEST AVAILABILITY

## Confessions or Conversations - April 5, 10-11

Fr. Nick will be available on a drop-in basis on Sunday mornings from 8am-noon to offer counsel, Confession, you name it. He'll also be available this (Good) Friday and (Holy) Saturday from 9-10am. Find him outside on the sidewalk in front of the rectory on Prior Ave.

# HOLY TRIDUUM



## The Sacred Triduum - April 9-12

Please join us for our online liturgies during this, the holiest time of the year! Liturgies are broadcast live at <https://nativity-mn.org/online-liturgies> and <https://www.facebook.com/NativityStPaul/>.

- ~~Holy Thursday~~ - Mass of Our Lord's Supper, 7:30pm
- Good Friday - Celebration of Our Lord's Passion, 3pm
  - \* See fasting directives on previous page.
- Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass, 7:30pm
- Easter Sunday - Mass of the Resurrection, 8:15am

More information on our online liturgies is at left. Comprehensive liturgy details are available at <https://nativity-mn.org/easter-triduum>.

# VIRTUAL RETREAT

## Virtual Holy Week Retreat - April 5-12

This week-long virtual retreat begins Palm Sunday, including a 7pm opening retreat conference from Archbishop Hebda. Each day has two parts: morning prayer and Lectio Divina at 9am led by three local religious communities and The St. Paul Seminary, and evening sessions at 7pm consisting of spiritual conferences led by our local priests and bishops. All of the events are live streamed or recorded and available at <https://www.archspm.org/holyweek/> for all who would like to participate. Utilize the back cover to plan your own retreat comprised of Nativity video Masses and Archdiocesan broadcasts.

## Litany in Time of Need

Archbishop Bernard Hebda asks that the faithful of the Archdiocese – especially school students working from home – to set aside time every day to join together in offering the “Litany in Time of Need.” What a wonderful sign of unity to have us all praying together at the same time for protection and help.



Please join him by tuning in to Relevant Radio 1330am, [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com), or the Relevant Radio App, where the Litany will be broadcast each day at 11:05am. Visit <https://nativity-mn.org/news/litany-in-time-of-need> for more information, including a downloadable PDF and a video from the Archbishop.

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The Sacred Paschal Triduum					
Mon., 4/6	Tues., 4/7	Wed., 4/8	Thurs., 4/9	Fri., 4/10	Sat., 4/11
Monday of Holy Week	Tuesday of Holy Week	Wednesday of Holy Week	Holy Thursday	Passion of Our Lord (Good Friday)	Holy Saturday <i>The Resurrection of Our Lord</i>
Online Mass 8:15am	Online Mass 8:15am	Online Mass 8:15am		Fasting + Abstinence (See page 3 for penitential guidelines)	
Morning Prayer and Lectio Divina 9am	Morning Prayer and Lectio Divina 9am	Morning Prayer and Lectio Divina 9am	Morning Prayer and Lectio Divina 9am	Confessions: 9-10am	Confessions: 9-10am
Litany of Humility 11:05am					
Retreat Conference Fr. C. Lachowitzer 7pm	Retreat Conference Fr. John Ubel 7pm	Retreat Conference Bishop A. Cozzens 7pm	Mass of Our Lord's Supper Archbishop B. Hebda, 7pm	Online Mass for Our Lord's Supper 7:30pm	Online Mass for the Vigil of Our Lord 7:30pm
				No Adoration	No Adoration

## A VIRTUAL HOLY WEEK RETREAT

Please join us as we enter into this, the holiest time of the year! We have compiled events happening here at Nativity (highlighted in maroon above) that you can participate in via the web (daily Masses and Triduum Liturgies at <https://nativity-mn.org/online-liturgies>) or in person (Confessions), as well as some virtual offerings from the Archdiocese. The idea is for individuals and families to come up with a plan that works for them to make most out of Holy Week, the pinnacle of our liturgical year.

The Archdiocese is offering a week-long virtual retreat beginning Palm Sunday, with morning Mass and a 7pm opening retreat conference from Archbishop Hebda. Each day has two parts, highlighted in gold above. All of the events will be live streamed or recorded and available at <https://www.archspm.org/holyweek/>. Finally, Archbishop Bernard Hebda continues to lead the "Litany in Time of Need" (highlighted in blue above) daily (<https://nativity-mn.org/news/litany-in-time-of-need>). See page 4 for comprehensive details on all of these Holy Week offerings.