Nativity of Our Lord

CATHOLIC CHURCH

3rd SUNDAY *of* ADVENT · DECEMBER 13, 2020

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://nativitystpaul.org/news/mission-statement/.

Images

Cover Image

NCCW "Pilgrim" Nicole Jackson delivers a fresh turkey and pie to Jacki and Marco Prokop "In the Spirit of Turkey Bingo." By Nicole Jackson | November 2020 | Courtesy of Renee Miller and the Nativity Council of Catholic Women (See page 4 for more information.)

Photos Wanted!

Have any great photos that you took at Nativity of Our Lord? 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. Send photos, with caption, to ihuss@nativitystpaul.org and let us know who should get the credit. Thank you!

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.

- Submissions for the 12/27 bulletin are due by this Wednesday, December 16.
- Submissions for the 1/3 bulletin are due by 12/22.
- (Submissions for 12/20 were due by 12/10.)

Visit https://nativitystpaul.org/content-submissions for more information, or to submit copy for the parish bulletin, website calendar, social media, and email newsletter.

Images must be sent via email to ihuss@nativitystpaul.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@nativitystpaul.org.

–Isaac Huss, Communications Director and Bulletin Editor

Funerals

Our Faithfully Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

Judge Dan Matthew Kammeyer

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

Funeral Info

While some may choose to delay funeral arrangements during this time of limited public gatherings, please always contact the parish office at (651) 696-5401 or info@nativitystpaul.org when anyone has died.

Please also let us know if you or someone you know is near death, has experienced a significant decline in health, has entered palliative or hospice care, or is having surgery, and we will arrange a sacramental visit from a priest.

Baptisms

Announcements

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

Finn Matthew Oberlander

Parents: Matthew and Sarah Marie (Schultz) Oberlander

Baptism Preparation

Baptisms are currently being scheduled on an individual basis, typically on Sundays at 12pm. Please contact the parish office at info@nativitystpaul.org or (651) 696-5401 for more information and to register. *Photo courtesy of Brenna Gerten.*

Holy Matrimony

Banns

Please pray for all our engaged couples as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Holy Matrimony, especially…

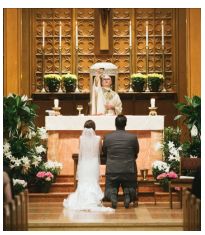
Tom Flanagan and Molly McCann

Saturday, December 19, 2020

Emma Schildgen and Will Treacy

Monday, December 28, 2020

Wedding Planning

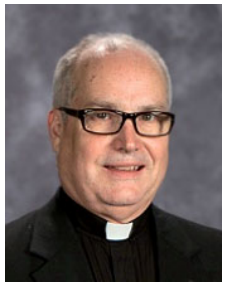


To be married at Nativity at Our Lord, the bride, groom, or one of their parents must be an active, registered parishioner for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Contact the parish office for more information at (651) 696-5401 or info@nativitystpaul.org. *Photo by Ben Colvin, courtesy of Christine McCool.*

Information

Pastor

Father Patrick Hipwell (pictured)



Standard Mass & Prayer Times

All regular liturgies currently being held are now open to the public and no longer require reservations. See back page calendar for this week's schedule.

Lord's Day Mass

- Saturday: 5pm vigil (live-streamed)
- Sunday: 8:15am and 11am (both live-streamed), 5pm

Daily Mass (live-streamed) Monday-Saturday: 8:15am
Confession Wed.: 4:30-5:30pm; Sat.: 3:30-4:30pm
Holy Communion (school plaza) Tuesday, Friday: 4pm *new*
Adoration Sat-Sun: 6-10pm; Tues., Fri.: 9am-10pm *new*
(Commitments needed; see back page for more info.)

Emergency Anointing of the Sick (24 hours)
(651) 696-5401 (press 1 at the recording)

Prayer Line	Mary Kay O'Rourke	(651) 698-5638
9am-7pm	Bette Hoffman	(651) 699-8249

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Liturgy

Christmas 2020 | December 24-25
As the ongoing pandemic demands limited capacity at our liturgies, Christmas Masses at Nativity of Our Lord will each be celebrated in the church with livestream overflow seating in Steiner Hall, both of which will require advanced reservations:

Christmas Eve Mass | *Thursday, December 24*
- 2pm, 4pm, 6pm

Christmas Day Mass | *Friday, December 25*
- 12am, 7am, 8:15am, 11am

Reservations Required for Christmas Mass
To help us maintain appropriate safety measures, we will use the following reservation system for Christmas Masses. Reservations are now open and are available first come, first served. We kindly ask you to use the online system if you are able at https://nativitystpaul.churchreserve.com/. Please select seats on the end of an open row, if available, to help us use our space most effectively. Bring your confirmation email with you that has your seat numbers.

For those who aren't comfortable making a reservation online, please call (651) 696-5430. Voicemail requests are not guaranteed, and are only confirmed upon a returned phone call.

Please only reserve for your household. We will do our very best to accommodate all requests, but space is limited. To request a change or to cancel a reservation, please call (651) 696-5430. We apologize that we are not able to accommodate walk-ins for our Christmas liturgies.

Drive-Up Christmas Communion | December 24-25
For those unable to attend Mass in person, we invite you to tune in virtually at www.nativitystpaul.org, then come to receive Holy Communion outside at the School Plaza (pictured, off Wellesley Ave.) in your car (or on foot), no reservations required.

Holy Communion
- Christmas Eve | *Thursday, December 24* | 5:15pm
- Christmas Day | *Friday, December 25* | 9:30am

Advent Reconciliation Service | December 22
This annual liturgy features several visiting priests and protocols to ensure safety and privacy and begins at 7pm.

What about the Holy Day (and Sunday) obligations?
All Catholics continue to be dispensed from any obligation to the sacraments while the pandemic persists, so these opportunities are entirely optional.

No Reservations Needed for Regular Liturgies
Regularly scheduled (non-Christmas) liturgies at Nativity of Our Lord do not require a reservation, and congregants are welcome on a first-come, first-served basis, with live-streamed overflow seating available in Steiner Hall.

Faith Formation

Free Book: Matthew Kelly's *I Heard God Laugh*
Free copies of *I Heard God Laugh* by Matthew Kelly are now available at the south exits of the church. Books were donated by a generous parishioner. Please take additional books to share with friends and family.

Navigating Higher Education | January 14
Save the date and plan to join us for our new monthly Adult Formation Series, "Navigating Higher Education: How to think about the College Decision." We'll kick off the year looking at how to navigate the college choices for our young people on Thursday, January 14 from 7-8pm. This presentation is for those with high school age students as well as those who otherwise take a vested interest in the future for our young people.

We will be joined by University of Saint Thomas faculty members Dr. Michael Naughton, Professor of Catholic Studies and Director of the Center for Catholic Studies, and Dr. John F. Boyle (Nativity parishioner!), Professor of Catholic Studies and Chairman of the Department of Catholic Studies. Masks will be required in person, and live-streaming is available on our website at www.nativitystpaul.org.

Nativity United

Serving Your Needs Big or Small
Please let us know if you are in need of any assistance at any time, from purchasing household items to just running errands. We also have some limited funds available for our parishioners who can't afford Christmas gifts this year.

Finally, if you don't have family or friends who check in on you, or you would just like a regular call from Nativity of Our Lord, please let us know. Remember that you are not alone! Jesus is so close to the ones who are suffering.

Our staff is regularly monitoring both of these modes of communications, specifically devoted to your needs, so…

- Call us at (651) 317-9685, or
- Email us at united@nativitystpaul.org.

Holy Communion

New Time for Communion on the Plaza | Tues., Fri., 4pm
Outdoor Holy Communion services on Tuesdays and Fridays for those who cannot or choose not to come to Mass in person during the ongoing pandemic are now celebrated at 4pm on the School Plaza. This allows participants to remain in their cars in the drive-through loop or to stand outside on the shoveled plaza if they choose to walk. Please see the previous page for Christmas opportunities.

All Catholics continue to be dispensed from any obligation to Mass and Holy Communion while the pandemic persists, so this opportunity is entirely optional. If you are unable to leave your home or come to the plaza, contact Nancy Shatek -Suek at (651) 696-5444 and we'll come to you! Visit https://nativitystpaul.org/communion for more information.

2nd Collection

Retirement Fund for Religious | Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 12-13
Make a difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of U.S. religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous. Checks can be made payable to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and dropped off at Mass (in the box at the main doors) or at the parish office.
For a link to donate online, as well as an informational video, visit https://nativitystpaul.org/2nd-collections. Thank you!

Service

Food Collection | Saturday-Sunday, December 12-13
Nativity of Our Lord is collecting food for St. Vincent de Paul this weekend, December 12-13. You can drop off your bag of groceries at the back of the church or at the St. Vincent de Paul truck parked adjacent to the Men's Club Tree Lot. This event is supported in part by Thrivent's Action Team program and assistance is also provided by the Nativity Men's Club, Scout Troop 67, and Widmer's. For more information about Thrivent and/or its Action Team program, contact parishioner Mike Skillrud at (612) 750-5885 or michael.skillrud@thrient.com.

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Prayer

Rosary | Thursday, December 17, 6:30pm
The Nativity Council of Catholic Women and the Men's Club invite you to pray the rosary with them at 6:30pm this Thursday evening. Please join us in the main church or online through the parish website. All ages are welcome to join us for this monthly rosary, now scheduled for the third Thursday of each month.

Youth

Holy Hour for Youth | Friday, December 18, 7-8pm
Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers are invited to a time of prayer and reflection with Fr. Nick Hagen this Friday evening in the church. Whether you're preparing for Confirmation or already been there, done that, come spend some time with Jesus in Adoration and hear a reflection from Fr. Nick.

Nativity Women

Turkey Bingo Givewaway Recap
Keeping the spirit of Turkey Bingo alive this year, the NCCW gave away turkeys and pumpkin pies in time for Thanksgiving to six members who completed their membership form this fall. The prizes were delivered by NCCW "Pilgrims" just in time for Thanksgiving (as pictured on the front cover). Congratulations to our winners:

Molly Hottinger	Teisha Devine	Julia Stady
Katie Blake	Linda Fugina	Jacki Prokop

NCCW Spirit Wear For Sale

Just in time for Christmas! We are now taking orders for our limited-edition NCCW beanies (pictured) and Nativity caps. Designed in collaboration with St. Paul-based and Nativity family-owned Talisman and Co., these hats will be available for pick-up before Christmas for $25/each. Proceeds from the sale support the work of the Nativity Council of Catholic Women. Visit https://nativitystpaul.org/nccw-store to order yours today!

Giving Tree | Closes Sunday, December 20
The season of giving is upon us! Look for Giving Tree ornaments now available in the entrances of the church. If you are able, please take one, purchase the item requested, and return it to the church unwrapped before December 20.

Please note that due to COVID space restrictions, Giving Tree donations cannot be received during liturgies — so please bring them during non-Mass hours. Or, consider shopping online and having your item delivered directly to Catholic Charites. Instructions and a wish list can be found here: www.cctwincities.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Giving-Tree-Wish-List-2020.pdf.

Respect Life

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat | January 8-10
Are You Hurting? If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion — women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. The next retreat in the Twin Cities area is January 8-10. For more information, contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call (763) 250-9313, or visit www.rvineyardmn.org.

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://nativitystpaul.org/email-newsletter to sign up and for previous issues.

Pandemic Updates

COVID-19 Reporting and Information
If you have tested positive for COVID-19 and may have exposed others while on our campus, please contact Patrick Henning, our Director of Liturgy and Music and COVID-19 Plan Administrator, at (651) 696-5430 or phenning@nativitystpaul.org. You can find our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan at https://nativitystpaul.org/phase2.

Liturgy Safety Protocols

- Stay home if you feel sick or have flu-like symptoms, especially a fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
- If attending might otherwise put you or others at risk, whether because of your age (65+), medical reasons, or close proximity to someone who is ill, please stay home.
- Face coverings (covering nose and mouth) are required to be worn throughout Mass. Very young children (two years or younger) and those with conditions that prevent them from wearing a face covering are exempt.
- Arrive at least 15 minutes early to Mass — especially Sunday morning Mass — to ensure seating, and to help us most effectively use our space in the church. Overflow seating is available in Steiner Hall.
- Enter via the main Stanford doors (subject to construction detours) or the elevator door on Prior Ave.
- Congregants may need to wait outside to be ushered inside and to specifically designated seating areas.
- There will be no communal collection during Mass. We invite you to donate online at https://nativitystpaul.org/online-giving or submit envelopes at the door.

Mass from Home

Video Mass from Nativity
Live-streamed and archived Masses are available at https://nativitystpaul.org/online-liturgies as well as on our parish website homepage and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/NativityStPaul/live_videos/). See page 2 or the back page calendar for days and times.

Other Broadcasts
Mass is also on Relevant Radio, 1330 AM on Sundays at 9am, with 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 channels 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 live-streamed 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!

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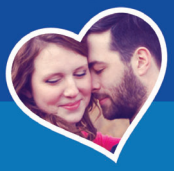

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Calendar · December 14-20, 2020

Mon., 12/14	Tues., 12/15	Wed., 12/16	Thurs., 12/17	Fri., 12/18	Sat., 12/19	Sun., 12/20
Mass: 8:15am	**Mass**: 8:15am **Communion:** 4pm	**Mass**: 8:15am **Confession:** 4:30-5:30pm	**Mass**: 8:15am	**Mass**: 8:15am **Communion:** 4pm	**Mass:** • 8:15am • 5pm (vigil) **Confession:** 3:30-4:30pm	**Mass:** • 8:15am • 11am • 5pm
All Masses except the 5pm on Sunday are live-streamed and recorded and available at https://nativitystpaul.org/online-liturgies.						
All regular Masses currently celebrated are now public and no registration is required. See page 4 for more information.						
	Adoration: 9am-10pm	*(See Adoration details and exceptions below.)*		**Adoration:** 9am-10pm	**Adoration:** 6-10pm	
*St. John of the Cross** **Nativity relic on display in Heritage Room*	*(3rd Week of Advent)*	**RCIA** **Online** 6:30-8pm **Nativity Choir Rehearsal** **Church** 7pm	**Rosary** **Church** 6:30pm	**Holy Hour for Youth** **Church** 7-8pm		***4th Sunday of Advent***
School Distance Learning						

Weekly Readings

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Ps 85:914; Lk 7:18-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Ps 71:3-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intentions

Public Masses remain limited, but our priests continue to offer two Masses everyday for these intentions and for those of the whole parish, community, nation, and world.

	8:15am	8:15am (or private)
Mon. 12/14	Joseph + and Catherine + Sweeney	Shelly Kilroy
Tues. 12/15	Madeline Hubbard +	Joseph Sweeney + and Maurice Moorman +
Wed. 12/16	David Walczak +	Daniel Ferrara
Thu. 12/17	James Mark Murphy +	Gerriet Suiter
Fri. 12/18	John Healy +	Margaret and Chris Eckert
Sat. 12/19	Jimmy Basta +	-

Adoration

Hourly Commitments Needed
Effective immediately, we have now returned to an Adoration schedule requiring hourly commitments to better ensure continuous coverage. This will necessitate a restricted Adoration schedule as we build up commitments (see below). Please sign up today at https://adorationpro.org/nativity and click "Weekly Commitment."

Previously scheduled adorers (circa March 15) who wish to continue or resume their committed hour at this time are asked to sign up again online or contact Isaac Huss at the parish office at (651) 696-5425 or ihuss@nativitystpaul.org. Visit https://nativitystpaul.org/news/adoration-commitments-needed-schedule-limited for more information.

Our current hours of greatest need are:
- Tuesdays: 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm;
- Fridays: 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 8pm, 9pm;
- Saturdays: 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, and 9pm; and
- Sundays: 6pm.

New COVID Adoration Times | As of December 7 Adoration times while in the main church for social distancing are as follows, as of Monday, December 7, 2020:

- Saturday-Sunday: 6-10pm
- Tuesday, Friday: 9am-10pm
  - *No Adoration on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; however the church will remain open on those days for personal prayer.*
  - *No Adoration this Friday, 12/18 from 5:15-6:45pm*