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The Nativity *of* Our Lord • Sunday, December 25, 2022

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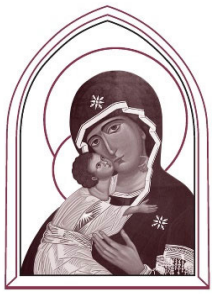
Parish Mission Statement
Promulgated October 7, 2019



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 parish mission statement at nativitystpaul.org/news/mission-statement.

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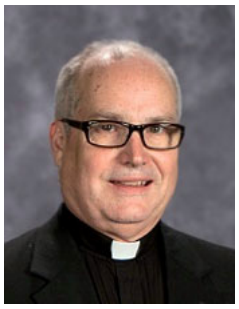
Father Patrick Hipwell (pictured)



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STANDARD MASS & PRAYER TIMES
All liturgies are open to the public and do not require reservations. See back page calendar for this week's schedule.

Lord's Day Mass
Saturday: 5pm vigil
Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 11am, 5pm

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

Confession
Tuesday, Friday: 4:15-4:45pm
Wed.: 4:30-5:30pm; Sat.: 3:30-4:30pm

Adoration
Sat-Sun: 6-10pm; Tues.: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-12am;
Wed.: 12-8am, 3-5:30pm; Fri.: 9am-5pm, 5:30-10pm

Emergency Anointing of the Sick *(24 hours)*
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Pastoral Care	(651) 696-5401

Holy Matrimony

Banns

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

Anne E. Spoden and Tyler D. Jacobs
Friday, December 30, 2022

Wedding Planning

To be married at Nativity of Our Lord, the bride, groom, or one of their parents must be an active, registered parishioner for at least six months prior to requesting a wedding date. Contact Tim at the parish office to inquire at (651) 696-5424 or thuberty@nativitystpaul.org.

Cana Dinner | January 28

Looking for a great date night? The Cana Dinner is back! Engaged couples, married couples, widows, and widowers all are invited to the annual Cana Dinner on Saturday, January 28 for a fun night out with other couples from our parish. The Cana Dinner is a night to celebrate your marriage as well as lift up the good news about this essential sacrament in the Church. Nativity of Our Lord parishioners John and Dia Boyle will present thoughtful insights in their featured presentation, "The Adventure of Marriage."

Join us for Mass at 5pm, followed by a social hour and buffet-style dinner with gluten-free options. Complimentary child care will also be provided! Tickets are $35/person, and space is limited. Visit nativitystpaul.org/cana-dinner to register by Friday, January 13. Contact Martha Conners at mjconners@mac.com with questions.

Funerals

Funeral Information

Please always contact the parish office when anyone has died at (651) 696-5401 or info@nativitystpaul.org. Please also tell us 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

Baptism Scheduling

Baptisms are currently being scheduled on an individual basis, typically on Sundays at 12pm. An informational class is required for first-time parents. Contact Tim at the parish office at (651) 696-5424 or thuberty@nativitystpaul.org for more information. *Photo courtesy of Brenna Gerten*

From The Hip

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the grace and peace of the newborn Christ Jesus Our Lord be with all of you.

The extended Gospel option for Christmas Eve Masses this year begins with "the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham" (Matt 1:1). St. Matthew the Evangelist, its author, is utterly concerned with the historical details of the life of Our Newborn King, and we should be too.

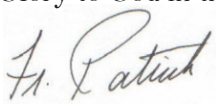
Remember, our Catholic Christian faith is not based upon some fairy tale by which enough people have been sufficiently entertained. Instead, what we proclaim to believe in our creed was revealed to us through a set of events in history 2,000 years ago, and He in whom we believe was revealed to us, in history, first as a baby born of the Virgin Mary, in a stable at Bethlehem.

The historical reality of Jesus Christ Our Lord is particularly fitting to reflect upon as we celebrate the historic milestone of 100 years of Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. God himself was born as a man into this world, just a few thousand miles away, and this same God designed in his infinite wisdom that this parish would be founded in this place 100 years ago. Indeed, he has willed that each and every one of us would be born in this time and place, and that we would worship him together right here, right now.

What a truly awesome reality we celebrate every year on December 25! And what a gift that we celebrate this great, solemn feast as the patronal celebration of our parish church, now 100 years old.

I thank God today for his birth, for this parish, and for each and every one of you.

Glory to God in the highest!



Fr. Patrick Hipwell
Pastor of Nativity of Our Lord

Men's Club

Cribbage Tournament | January 6

The 36th Fr. John W. Kelly Cribbage Open Tournament is Friday, January 6 in Steiner Hall. Grab a partner, young or old, man or woman, and come to this free event hosted by the Men's Club. If you don't have a partner, come anyway and we will work to find you one. Signup starts at 5:30pm, with play starting at 6:30pm. As usual, a light dinner and beverages will be provided. Call John Dery at (651) 308-1605 with questions. *Pro Liberis!*

Stewardship

Christmas Stewardship | Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 24-25
We are grateful to our many parishioners and friends who offer a special Christmas donation above and beyond their weekly stewardship contribution. Even while Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, we would like to invite you to again consider an extraordinary contribution in honor of the Nativity of Our Lord, our patronal feast day — and in particular this year, as we celebrate 100 years as a parish.

End of Year Giving
As the calendar year nears its end, please help us by fulfilling your 2022 stewardship commitment and/or by providing Nativity of Our Lord with a special year-end gift. Thank you for your generosity!

Gifts of Stock and Retirement Distributions
If you would like to give the gift of stock, IRA distributions, or would otherwise like to make our parish a designated beneficiary, please call Parish Business Administrator Laura Barr at (651) 696-5423, or Joyce Kotta, parish accounting, at (651) 696-5436 for assistance. You can also contact the Catholic Community Foundation to learn more about maximizing your charitable giving by calling (651) 389-0300, or visit ccf-mn.org.

Deadlines for Gifting
This weekend is the last regular Sunday offertory collection of the year. To take advantage of a tax deduction for your 2022 contributions, all financial contributions must be received by the parish office or, if mailed, postmarked on or before December 31, 2022. Anything received (or postmarked) beginning January 1, 2023, will be recorded as a 2023 donation.
Thank you for your generosity to Nativity of Our Lord!

Online Giving
We are pleased to offer electronic giving right on our parish website at nativitystpaul.org/online-giving. The QR code at right will bring up a form to give to our general parish "Stewardship" fund, as well as links to donate to 2nd Collections and other targeted giving options. Nativity of Our Lord simply could not carry out its mission without our faithful parishioners and generous donors. Thank you!

Catholic Services Appeal
We have reached our parish goal for the 2022 Catholic Services Appeal, which funds 20 Designated Ministries Archdiocesan-wide. As such, 50% of any additional dollars donated are returned back to the parish to fund our ministries and operations. If you still wish to donate, please note that envelopes must be postmarked en route for CSA offices by December 31, 2022 to be eligible for this *Parish Sharing* incentive. More information can be found at nativitystpaul.org/catholic-services-appeal. You can also give directly at GiveCSAF.org; just mark your parish as Nativity of Our Lord-St. Paul. Thank you!

Liturgy & Prayer

Adoration Closures | December 24-25, 31; January 1
There will be no Adoration this weekend or next.

No Children's Liturgy | December 25, January 1 *(New)*
There will be no Children's Liturgy this Sunday (Christmas Day) and next (Mary, Mother of God and New Year's Day). We will resume on Sunday, January 8.

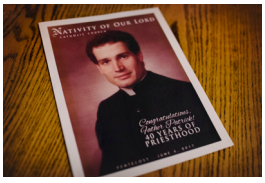
Relics Removed | Beginning Sunday, January 1 *(New)*
Due to construction work in the Heritage Room beginning next month, the January relics will not be put on display in 2023.

Volunteers Needed for Children's Liturgy
Want to make a positive difference in the faith formation of our K-2 children? Join a team of adults offering the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9am Sunday Mass. You and a middle school volunteer will have the opportunity to share the Sunday's Bible story with our younger children in language that they understand. The children will be blessed and sent with you to Steiner Hall after the opening prayer of the Mass and you will return them to the main church sanctuary after the homily and Prayers of the Faithful.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Mahalia Marcelin, Director of Faith Formation, at mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org or Corey Soper, 7th grade religion teacher and school campus minister, at csoper@nativitystpaul.org.

Submissions

Holiday Publishing Deadlines | Tues., Dec. 27, 9am
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. Please note the following early deadlines:



- Submissions for the 1/8 bulletin are due by 9am this Tuesday, 12/27.
- (Electronic submissions for publishing 12/22 - 1/3 were due 12/19, and submissions for the 1/1 bulletin were due 12/20.)

Visit 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 to ihuss@nativitystpaul.org. Bulletin submissions can also be sent to bulletin@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.
— Isaac Huss, Comms. Director and Bulletin Editor

Respect Life

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes
Are you considering marriage, newly engaged, or simply wanting to learn about a natural, safe, and reliable way of planning your family that is approved by the Catholic Church? We invite you to view a few short videos from real people who have benefited from NFP and check out the schedule for upcoming classes near you. The schedule is also posted on the bulletin board in Steiner Hall.
Visit archspm.org/marriage/natural-family-planning-nfp for more information.

Community

Highland Leisure Age *(Back again!)*
Attention seniors: the Highland Leisure Age group is back and meets every Wednesday from 9:30am-12:30pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (700 Snelling Ave. S.) We play cards, including 500 and other card games, as players are available. There is no charge or commitment for this great fellowship opportunity.

Images

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Archdiocese

Prayer for Vocations *(New)*
O God, we earnestly ask You to bless this archdiocese with many priests, brothers and sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve your Church and to make You known and loved. Bless our families, bless our children. Choose from our homes those needed for Your work. Mary, Queen of the clergy, pray for us, pray for our priests, religious, and deacons. Obtain for us many more. Amen!

From Home

Video Mass from Nativity of Our Lord
Livestreamed and archived liturgies continue to be available at nativitystpaul.org/online-liturgies, as well as on our parish website homepage and Facebook page (facebook.com/NativitySt Paul/live_videos).
See the back page calendar for this week's days and times.

Broadcast Liturgies
EWTN's television channel (Comcast cable ch. 291) broadcasts daily Mass at 7am, 11am, 6pm, and 11pm, and rebroadcasts it on channels 14.2, 14.4, and 14.5.
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.

Parish Office

Holiday Closures | December 26 and 30; January 2
The parish office will be closed this Monday, December 26, Friday, December 30, and Monday, January 2.

Health & Safety

Pastoral Safety
Nativity of Our Lord and its leadership are committed to protecting children, youth, and vulnerable adults in all parishes, Catholic schools, and other church ministries, here at Nativity and beyond. To learn more about our commitment to protecting the vulnerable, contact our Safe Environment Coordinators:

- Parish: Beth Erickson, Parish Secretary
  (651) 696-5401 | info@nativitystpaul.org
- School: Molly Dressen, Administrative Assistant
  (651) 696-5411 | mdressen@nativitystpaul.org

Pastoral Care

Food Collection | Saturday, Dec. 31 - Sunday, Jan. 1
Please consider bringing a bag of nonperishable food to church next weekend for Keystone Community Services, our local food shelf partner.

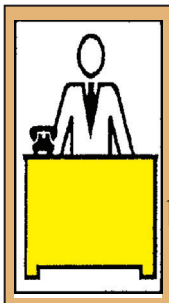
Some foods most needed include vegetable oil, sugar, breakfast cereal (though not Rice Krispies or Corn Flakes), juices (though not juice boxes), sweets (like Hostess cupcakes, Twinkies, Little Debbie, et al.), snack crackers, diapers and baby wipes, and pet food.

Visit nativitystpaul.org/events/food-collection-weekend-2023-january for more information. Thank you!

Holy Communion Off Campus
If the weather, an illness, on any other reason prevents anyone from attending a Mass, and he or she would like to receive Holy Communion sometime in the week that follows, contact the parish office at (651) 696-5401 and we'll come to them (or you!).

Parish Life

Scouts Daddy-Daughter Dance | January 20
Come to the Nativity of Our Lord Daddy-Daughter Dance! All ages of Nativity School and parish are invited on Friday, January 20 from 5-9pm, hosted by the Nativity Girl Scouts. The evening will include the famous Chef Josh's taco dinner, refreshments, dessert, a DJ, line dance lessons, games, and even a photo booth — so be sure to dress to impress! Registration is $25/couple. Please sign up via the QR code by Monday, January 9.



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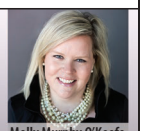

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Calendar • December 26 - January 1

Mon., 12/26	Tuesday, 12/27	Wed., 12/28	Thurs., 12/29	Friday, 12/30	Sat., 12/31	Sunday, 1/1
Mass: •8:15am	**Mass:** •8:15am, 5pm **Grandparents Rosary:** 8:45am **Confession:** •4:15-4:45pm	**Mass:** •8:15am **Confession:** •4:30-5:30pm	**Mass:** •8:15am	**Mass:** •8:15am •5pm **Confession:** •4:15-4:45pm	**Mass:** •8:15am •5pm (vigil) **Confession:** •3:30-4:30pm	**Mass:** •7:30am •9am *(No Children's Liturgy)* •11am •(No 5pm)
Liturgy times reflect the current week. See page 1 for standard schedule. All Masses are public, and no registration is required. All morning Masses, and Saturday 5pm, are livestreamed and recorded and available at nativitystpaul.org/online-liturgies.						
	Adoration: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-12am	**Adoration:** 12-8am, 3-5:30pm		**Adoration:** 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-10pm	**Adoration:** None	**Adoration:** None
St. Stephen Parish Office, NELC, and School Closed	*St. John** 	*The Holy Innocents* **Nativity relic on display in Heritage Room*	*St. Thomas Becket* 	*The* Holy Family *of* Jesus, Mary, And Joseph Parish Office, NELC, and School Closed	*St. Sylvester I* New Year's Eve Food Collection	Mary, Mother *of* God New Year's Day Food Collection
The Octave *of* Christmas | No School						
Changes to the parish schedule since Tuesday, and sometimes even earlier, are not reflected here. Pulpit announcements share the most up-to-date information, followed by the e-newsletter and website. When in doubt, contact the parish office.						

Youth

Steubenville St. Paul Conference | July 28-30

Current 8-12th grade students are invited to the Steubenville St. Paul 2023 conference for youth next summer. Registration for Nativity of Our Lord youth is now open. Visit nativitystpaul.org/steubenville via the QR code to register or for more information, or contact Mahalia Marcelin, Faith Formation Director at (651) 696-5441 or mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org.

Newsletter Sign-up

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Mass Intentions

		8:15am	5pm (or private)
Mon.	**12/26**	Mike Kelly +	Tom Geheren + and Austin +
Tues.	**12/27**	Genny Freier +	Phyllis Plum
Wed.	**12/28**	Peggy Hilger +	John Thames +
Thu.	**12/29**	LaVonne Rehak +	Barbara Arnold +
Fri.	**12/30**	Eugene Sheridan +	Cheryl Hanzal
Sat.	**12/31**	Mary Frances Cox +	-

Weekly Readings

Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21