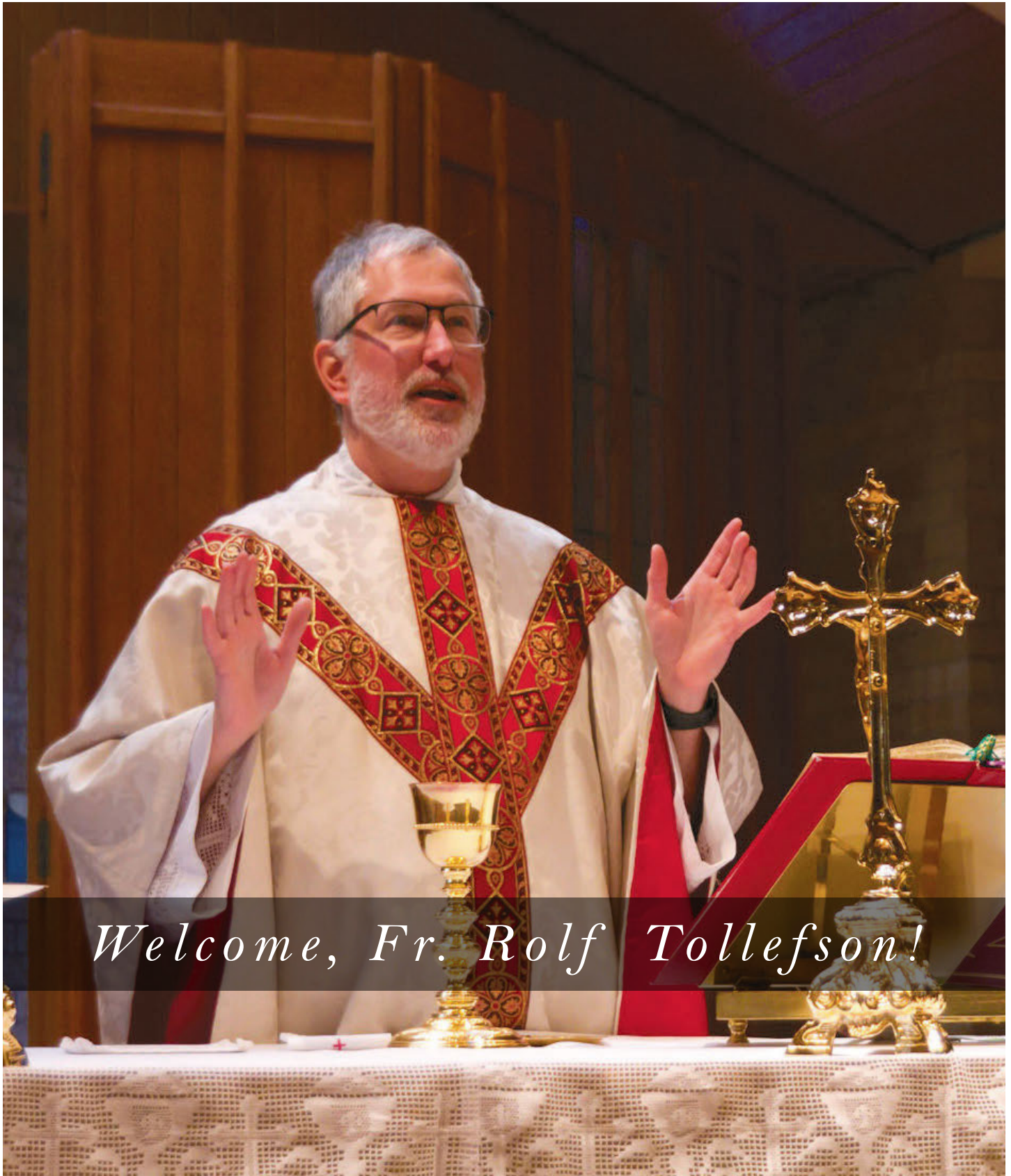


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CATHOLIC CHURCH



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*The 13TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME • SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023*

# 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 parish mission statement at [nativitystpaul.org/news/mission-statement](http://nativitystpaul.org/news/mission-statement).

# LEADERSHIP

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# INFORMATION

## Pastor

Father Rolf Tollefson (pictured)



## Church

1938 Stanford Avenue  
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## Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30am-Noon


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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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# FUNERALS

## Our Faithfully Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

**James “Jim” Alexander**  
**Paul Albert Doner**

*May their souls and those of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, amen.*

## Funeral Information

Please always contact the parish office when anyone has died at (651) 696-5401 or [info@nativitystpaul.org](mailto: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

## Announcements

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

**Maisie Hoehn Turbes**

*Parents: John and Dana Turbes (Hoehn)*

## Baptism Scheduling

Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis, typically on Sundays at 12pm. An informational class is required for first-time parents. Contact the parish office at (651) 696-5401 or [info@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:info@nativitystpaul.org) for more information.

# HOLY MATRIMONY

## Banns

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

**Devin S. M. Dobie and Karly G. Koenig**

*Saturday, July 15, 2023*

## 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 the parish office to inquire at (651) 696-5401 or [info@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:info@nativitystpaul.org).

# PRAYER

**Relics on Display in the Heritage Room | July 3-9**

- St. Thomas the Apostle July 3
- St. Elizabeth of Portugal July 5
- St. Anthony Zaccharia July 5
- St. Maria Goretti July 6

# FROM THE PASTOR

**An Introduction from New Pastor Fr. Rolf Tollefson**

Praised be Jesus Christ!

My name is Father Rolf Tollefson and I am blessed to have been assigned as the new Pastor of Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church and School. It is a great privilege to serve you.

Before I tell you a little bit about myself, I'd like to again thank Father Patrick Hipwell. We have been getting together and communicating these last few months, and it's been great getting to know him. We wish him well in his retirement. And we owe a debt of gratitude to him! I also look forward to working with Fr. Bill Duffert, of whom I have heard many, many good things!

I grew up in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. My father, Gordon, worked for the US Government and the Air Force Reserve. Though my last name is Norwegian, I do have a little Irish in me from my father's mother's side, from county Offaly. I hope to go to "The Holy Land" one day, but I haven't made it to the Emerald Isle....yet!

My father, who passed in 2019, was from a little town on the Canadian border in North Dakota. My mother, Evelyn, was from a farm near Le Sueur, Minnesota. After she graduated from high school, she attended and later taught at the old St. Barnabas School of Nursing at the old St. Barnabas Hospital in Minneapolis. She passed in 2019.

I attended St. Louis Park High School and then St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. I majored in History, sang in the choirs there, and served in leadership with Habitat for Humanity on campus. After graduation, I spent some time as a volunteer at a Franciscan Friary in Libertyville, Illinois — Marytown — the national Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Father Larry Blake, who now serves as Campus Minister at St. Thomas, served as my sponsor when I became Catholic in 1994. In 1995, I entered The St. Paul Seminary and studied at St. John Vianney College Seminary for two years on the campus of the University of St. Thomas, while Bishop Christenson was Rector. I then attended SPS for four more years, graduating with a Master's in Divinity. Concurrently, I served for four years at St. John Neumann in Eagan as my Teaching Parish, and did a summer of CPE chaplaincy at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital's burn unit in Pittsburgh.

After my ordination in 2001 and Mass of Thanksgiving at my home parish of St. Louis, King of France downtown, I served for three years at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and School in St. Anthony/Northeast Minneapolis.

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# FROM THE PASTOR

An Introduction from New Pastor Fr. Rolf Tollefson  
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Later, I returned to SJV and served for seven years on the faculty as a Spiritual Director and Formator with former Nativity Associate, Father Bill Baer, who was the Rector for five years of my time there. I also hired Brian Carson to conduct our seminary choir and to teach our seminarians to sing Gregorian chant and beautiful hymns. During my time at St. John Vianney, I earned a Master's in Christian Spirituality and a certificate in Spiritual Direction from both Creighton University and the Institute for Priestly Formation, both based in Omaha, Nebraska. I also completed two 30-day Ignatian retreats, first in 2008 and another in 2022.

I most recently completed twelve years as Pastor at St. Hubert Catholic Church and School in Chanhassen. Among the projects I worked on there, I helped create men's and a women's healing retreats as well as a small group ministry, so I am eager to implement the Archdiocesan Synod's small group initiative here. This past year, our School had 735 children from toddlers to 8th grade. I look forward to another assignment with a Catholic School, one of the most important ministries of any parish blessed to have one. And I play a pretty mean game of kickball and floor hockey!

In addition to these past assignments, I also served with these Archdiocesan assignments: chaplain for Curatio, the Catholic healthcare workers' apostolate; chaplain for the Office for Persons with Disabilities; member of the Presbyteral Council, the College of Consultors, the Diaconal Admissions Board, the Holy Family Catholic High School Board in Victoria, and currently with the Comprehensive Assignment Board.

Occasionally, I celebrate Byzantine Divine Liturgies (Masses) at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Northeast Minneapolis, and I have a deep love for Eastern Christianity. Recently, I applied to be part of the Fraternity of the ecclesial movement Communion and Liberation (CL), founded in 1954 by Servant of God Father Luigi Giussani. As I look back, the charism of CL has interwoven together all the events of my life by a golden thread.

I love to bike, hike, backpack, and especially to cross country ski. I am an amateur photographer, and I love traveling. In my free time I go up north and spend time marinating and working in nature. I make my own blackberry-raspberry jam and Nutella. I love reading anything by Pope Benedict and about science. I am passionate about liturgy that engages parishioners, and sacred music that elevates the soul to God, and I very much look forward to working with Nativity's musicians.

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I have served on the board of and sung with a local Twin Cities choir, Magnum Chorum, who has performed here in the past.

Most of all, I am passionate about having you, the people of Nativity, to deepen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ, continue to be proud of being Roman Catholic, and to spread the Word that Jesus is Lord! I wish to invite everyone to the Mass of Installation as your Pastor on a date to be announced, likely in mid-August. Peace in Jesus!

Father Rolf Tollefson  
Pastor of Nativity of Our Lord

## FAITH FORMATION

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training** | July 25  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers training not only to benefit a catechist but as a truly heart-opening, faith-engaging retreat experience for anyone. It is not too late to attend a summer training in Lakeville July 25-27 or August 15-17, with an amazing formation leader who's not to be missed. Whether you're a new or experienced parent, single or married, Nativity of Our Lord would love to further introduce its beautiful children's faith formation program to you. Contact Mahalia Marcelin at (651) 696-5441 for more information and to discuss how Nativity can help with training tuition costs.

### 2023-24 CGS Registration

Registration is ongoing for the 2023-24 session of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for students 3-5 years of age.

Visit [nativitystpaul.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd-registration](https://nativitystpaul.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd-registration) via the QR code to reserve a spot for your child(ren)!



## SUBMISSIONS

### Publishing Deadlines

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 7/9 bulletin were due by 6/22).
- Submissions for the 7/16 bulletin are due by 7/7.

Visit [nativitystpaul.org/content-submissions](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 to [ihuss@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:ihuss@nativitystpaul.org).

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— Isaac Huss, Comms. Director and Bulletin Editor

# STEWARDSHIP

**Peter's Pence 2nd Collection** | Sat.-Sun., July 1-2

Join in solidarity with the Holy Father and contribute to the annual Peter's Pence 2nd collection this weekend. Your financial contributions help the Holy See continue the work of formation of the clergy, communications, education, and justice. You will enable the Holy Father to assist the most needy who are victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Thank you!

## Online Giving

We are pleased to offer electronic giving right on our parish website at [nativitystpaul.org/online-giving](http://nativitystpaul.org/online-giving).

The QR code at right will bring up a form to give to our general parish "Stewardship" fund (or Centennial Campaign), as well as links to donate to 2nd Collections (see above) 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 2023

Thank you to all who have given to the Catholic Services Appeal already! If you haven't donated yet, there is still time to make your gift, no matter how large or small. We invite you to prayerfully consider giving to the Catholic Services Appeal to help make Jesus known and loved through ministries supported by the CSAF. You can complete and return your pledge card to the collection basket, or make a secure gift by visiting [csafspm.org](http://csafspm.org) via the QR code at right. Your generosity is helping us to reach our goal of 100% participation.



# RESPECT LIFE

**Transgender Book Discussion** | July 11

We will have a potluck and discuss *Irreversible Damage, Teenage Girls and the Transgender Craze*, by Abigail Shrier, *Wall Street Journal* columnist, on Tuesday, July 11 from 5-7:30pm at Annunciation Parish in Minneapolis in the Visitation room. We'll learn how this issue affects the human dignity of everybody. We will also consider having a second discussion in mid-August in St. Paul for those unable to attend the first one. For more information or to obtain a book, please contact Karen McCann at (612) 964-4622 or [karenmccann3@gmail.com](mailto:karenmccann3@gmail.com).

# HOLIDAY

**Independence Day Schedule** | Mon.-Tues., July 3-4

There will be just one Mass at 9am this Tuesday (instead of 8:15am and 5pm), and there will be no Confession or Adoration on Tuesday. The ELC will be closed Tuesday, and the parish office and school will be closed Monday-Tuesday. Happy Independence Day!

# COUNTY FAIR

**2023 Nativity County Fair Sponsorship Opportunities**

Since 1974, the Nativity County Fair has been a tradition and one of the highlights of the year for Nativity of Our Lord parishioners, school students, families, neighbors, and residents of the Mac-Groveland and Highland Park communities. Each September, more than 800 volunteers come together to put on the three-day event that includes carnival rides, children's games, family-friendly entertainment, fair food, BINGO, a beer tent and more.

Attendance is estimated at around 4,000 attendees over the three-day event! Please consider sponsoring the Nativity County Fair this year, scheduled for Sept. 15-17. Contact the Nativity County Fair Sponsorship Chairs at [ncfsponsorship@gmail.com](mailto:ncfsponsorship@gmail.com) or call Patrick Martin at (651) 295-8591 for more information.

# SCHOOL

**Part-Time Preschool Registration**

Every child has a gift to offer to the world. Nativity of Our Lord Preschool strives to recognize that gift, nurture it, and share it with others. Nativity Preschool is dedicated to fostering a warm and encouraging environment where children will play, learn and grow together in Christ, as they develop a love for lifelong learning. Register today at [school.nativitystpaul.org/part-time-preschool](http://school.nativitystpaul.org/part-time-preschool).

# SACRED MUSIC

**Update from Michael Loonan**

Dear Nativity of Our Lord community, as some of you may have heard, I had a stroke on March 20, which rendered me unable to play piano at 5pm Mass for over two months. After some lifestyle changes and several weeks of therapy, my strength and dexterity are back to normal, and I feel very fortunate and blessed to be playing at 5pm Mass again. Thank you so much for your concern and prayers. Sincerely, Michael Loonan

# PASTORAL CARE

**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 or [info@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:info@nativitystpaul.org) and we'll come to them (or you!)

**Anointing of the Sick**

Anyone who is seriously ill is encouraged to contact the parish office at (651) 696-5401 to receive this sacrament as soon as possible, and if anticipating major surgery to make an appointment prior to the operation.



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# CALENDAR • JULY 3-9

Monday, 7/3	Tuesday, 7/4	Wednesday, 7/5	Thursday, 7/6	Friday, 7/7	Saturday, 7/8	Sunday, 7/9
<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am	<b>Mass:</b> •9am	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am •5pm	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am •5pm (vigil)	<b>Mass:</b> •7:30am •9am* •11am •5pm ( <i>not livestreamed</i> )
<b>Rosary for Life:</b> 8:45am	<b>Grandparents Rosary:</b> 9:30am  <b>Confession:</b> •(None)	<b>Rosary for Life:</b> 8:45am  <b>Confession:</b> •4:30-5:30pm	<b>Rosary for Life:</b> 8:45am	<b>Rosary for Life:</b> 8:45am  <b>Confession:</b> •4:15-4:45pm	<b>Confession:</b> •3:30-4:30pm	*No Children's Liturgy until fall
Liturgy times reflect the current week. See page 1 for standard schedule. All morning Masses and Saturday at 5pm are livestreamed and recorded and available at <a href="http://nativitystpaul.org/online-liturgies">nativitystpaul.org/online-liturgies</a> .						
	<b>Adoration:</b> (None)	<b>Adoration:</b> 12-8am, 3-5:30pm		<b>Adoration:</b> 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-10pm	<b>Adoration:</b> 6-10pm	<b>Adoration:</b> 6-10pm
<i>St. Thomas*</i>	<i>(13th Week in Ordinary Time)</i>	<i>St. Anthony Zaccaria*, St. Elizabeth of Portugal*</i>	<i>St. Maria Goretti*</i>			<i>The 14TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME</i>
School, Parish Office Closed	School, Parish Office, ELC Closed					*Nativity relic on display in Heritage Room
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.						

## HEALTH & SAFETY

### Pastoral Safety

Nativity of Our Lord and its leadership is 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](mailto:info@nativitystpaul.org)
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## IMAGES

### Cover Image

New pastor Fr. Rolf Tollefson | February 2, 2023  
Courtesy of Meghan Hathaway and St. Hubert Catholic Community

## WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Mon.:</b>	Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
<b>Tue.:</b>	Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27
<b>Wed.:</b>	Gn 21:5, 8-20; Mt 8:28-34
<b>Thu.:</b>	Gn 22:1-19; Mt 9:1-8
<b>Fri.:</b>	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13
<b>Sat.:</b>	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17
<b>Sun.:</b>	Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

## CAMPAIGN CORNER

### 100% Participation for 100 Years

Thank you to all who have supported our Centennial Campaign so far! New pledges will now be directed towards growing our endowments for the parish and school scholarships. If you haven't yet participated, you can make your campaign commitment at [nativitystpaul.org/centennial-campaign](http://nativitystpaul.org/centennial-campaign) via the QR code. Thank you for your generous support!



## MASS INTENTIONS

		8:15am	5pm (or private)
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>7/3</b>	Helen Domler +	Luke Pickard
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7/4</b>	Joyce Henry +	-
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7/5</b>	William H. Patt +	Mother Marie-Ange Barrett, O.C.D.
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>7/6</b>	The Bruce and Donna Ohme Family	Fr. Bill Duffert
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>7/7</b>	Carol Utoft +	Paula Evans +
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>7/8</b>	Mary Goulet Skinner +	-