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The 14TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME • SUNDAY, JULY 9, 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.

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INFORMATION

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Father Rolf Tollefson (pictured)



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Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm
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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)

(651) 696-5401 (press 1 at the recording)

Prayer Line (9am-7pm)

Mary Kay O'Rourke | (651) 698-5638
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(651) 334-2935

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BAPTISMS

Announcements

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

Camille Audrey Roedler

Parents: Joseph and Katie Roedler (Von Rueden)

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 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.

Engaged and Newly Married Reception | August 9

We would like to invite all engaged and newly married (since December 2022) couples of Nativity of Our Lord to a reception in the backyard of the parish rectory on Wednesday, August 9 from 6:30-9pm. You will have an opportunity to get to know Fr. Rolf and Fr. Bill, meet other engaged and newly married couples, and reconnect with your mentor couples. Please call Beth at the parish office at (651) 696-5401 or info@nativitystpaul.org to RSVP. We would love to see you there!

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.

ARCHDIOCESE

Prayer for Vocations

O God, we earnestly ask You to bless this archdiocese with many priests, brothers and sisters. Amen!

ARCH. SYNOD

Parish Small Groups Are Coming!

As part of the Synod Implementation, Archbishop Bernard Hebda is asking each parish to begin or expand a small group ministry. As in the early Church, small groups of Christians today can know and care for one another, learn our faith more deeply together, and bring God's mercy and the good news of Jesus Christ to others.

A variety of group types will be forming next Lent. To support this initiative, the Nativity Synod team would like to identify those with the experience or the gifts needed to lead small groups and invite them to a training series to be held this fall. Visit nativitystpaul.org/synod for more information.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Discounted Tickets to National Eucharistic Congress

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years! Encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and be sent out on mission for the life of the world in Indianapolis, IN July 17-24, 2024. With tens of thousands of pilgrims expected, the best time to secure your spot at this historic event is now.

One more reason to register early: the Archdiocese has a limited number of discounted tickets available!

Find out more and begin your registration at archspm.org/eucharisticrevival. If you plan to attend or are considering it, please contact Randall McClure at randallmcc715@gmail.com, as we'd like to connect the attendees from Nativity of Our Lord.

COMMUNITY

Iconography Workshop | July 24-28

St. Agnes School of St. Paul is hosting an iconography workshop Monday-Friday, July 24-28 from 9am-5pm. Come learn the ancient Byzantine technique of mystical icon painting using 24 karat gold leaf and egg tempera paint along with the opportunity to grow artistically, theologically, and spiritually. Participants will be given the necessary instruction to complete an icon during the week. For more information, contact Judy Symalla at (651) 351-0650 or judy@stcroixiconography.org.

Highland Leisure Age | Wednesdays, 9:30am-12:30pm

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.

PRAYER

Relics on Display in Heritage Room | July

Now that restoration work in the Heritage Room is complete, holy relics entrusted to Nativity of Our Lord will once again be on display during the month of their feast days. *"We venerate the relics of the martyrs the better to adore Him whose martyrs they are."*



Venerate these saints on their feast days this month:

- St. Thomas the Apostle July 3
- St. Elizabeth of Portugal July 5
- St. Anthony Zaccharia July 5
- St. Maria Goretti July 6
- St. Benedict of Nursia July 11
- St. John Gualbert July 12
- St. Bonaventure July 15
- St. Bridget of Sweden July 23
- St. Charbel Makhlouf July 24
- St. Ignatius of Loyola July 31

COMMUNICATIONS

Email Newsletter

Have you signed up for Nativity News yet? Nativity of Our Lord's weekly email newsletter highlights events of the upcoming weekend, and connects parishioners to helpful resources on the web. Visit nativitystpaul.org/email-newsletter to sign up.

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@nativitystpaul.org. You can also sign up for the bulletin via email by visiting parishesonline.com/organization/nativity-of-our-lord-church-55105, then clicking "subscribe" in the middle of the page, and filling out your information. The bulletin is also available online at nativitystpaul.org/bulletins.

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. 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.

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 this 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 via the QR code to reserve a spot for your child(ren)!



2023-24 Elementary FF Registration Open

Registration is ongoing for Faith Formation at Nativity of Our Lord's 2023-24 year for Grades 1-8. Classes are Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm beginning September 20. Register by September 18 at nativitystpaul.org/faith-formation-form via the QR code. Tutoring is available for students with special needs, as well as for homeschooled students, and classes are also available for older students wanting to receive Baptism, First Communion, and/or Confirmation.



For more information, please contact Mahalia Marcelin, Director of Faith Formation, at (651) 696-5441 or mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org.

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 deadline.

- (Submissions for the 7/16 bulletin were due by 7/7.)

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

STEWARDSHIP

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 (or Centennial Campaign), 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 2023

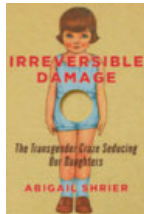
Thank you to all who have given to the Catholic Services Appeal already! If you haven't donated yet, there is still time to make your gift, no matter how large or small. We invite you to prayerfully consider giving to the Catholic Services Appeal to help make Jesus known and loved through ministries 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 via the QR code at right. Your generosity is helping us to reach our goal of 100% participation.



RESPECT LIFE

Transgender Book Discussion | Tuesday, July 11, 5pm

We will have a potluck and discuss *Irreversible Damage, Teenage Girls and the Transgender Craze*, by Abigail Shrier, *Wall Street Journal* columnist, this Tuesday evening at Annunciation Parish in Minneapolis in the Visitation room. We'll learn how this important 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.



VOCATIONS

Seminary Information Night | August 15

High School boys entering their junior and senior years in the fall who would like to learn more about St. John Vianney College Seminary (2110 Selby Ave.) are invited, along with their parents, to an Information Night on Tuesday, August 15. We will begin at 5pm with Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the holy day of obligation followed by dinner, a presentation, and a tour. RSVP is required before Friday, August 11. This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Office of Vocations. Visit 10000vocations.org/assumption.html for more information and to register.

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 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.

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 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.

GRANDPARENTS

Patronal Feast and Anniversary Celebration | July 26

Save the Date! The Grandparents Apostolate of Saints Joachim and Anne will be celebrating the feast of its patron saints as well as its 12th anniversary on the morning of Wednesday, July 26 in Steiner Hall following 8:15am Mass. The Apostolate's Chaplain and the Parochial Vicar of Nativity of Our Lord, Fr. Bill Duffert, will present The Saints in Heaven: Our Friends in Christ.

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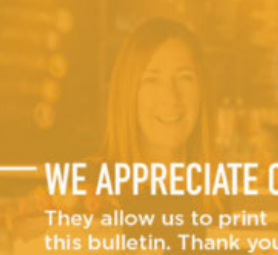


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CALENDAR • JULY 10-16

Monday, 7/10	Tuesday, 7/11	Wednesday, 7/12	Thursday, 7/13	Friday, 7/14	Saturday, 7/15	Sunday, 7/16
Mass: •8:15am	Mass: •8:15am, 5pm	Mass: •8:15am	Mass: •8:15am	Mass: •8:15am •5pm	Mass: •8:15am •5pm (vigil)	Mass: •7:30am •9am* •11am •5pm (not livestreamed)
Rosary for Life: 8:45am	Grandparents Rosary: 8:45am	Rosary for Life: 8:45am	Rosary for Life: 8:45am	Rosary for Life: 8:45am	Confession: •3:30-4:30pm	*No Children's Liturgy until fall
	Confession: •4:15-4:45pm	Confession: •4:30-5:30pm		Confession: •4:15-4:45pm		
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 nativitystpaul.org/online-liturgies .						
	Adoration: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-12am	Adoration: 12-8am, 3-5:30pm		Adoration: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-10pm	Adoration: 6-10pm	Adoration: 6-10pm
(14th Week in Ordinary Time)	<i>St. Benedict*</i> Respect Life Book Discussion Off Campus 5-7:30pm SVdP Meeting Steiner Hall 6:30pm		<i>St. Henry</i>	<i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha</i>	<i>St. Bonaventure*</i>	The 15TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME *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
- School: Molly Dressen, Administrative Assistant
(651) 696-5411 | mdressen@nativitystpaul.org

IMAGES

Cover Image

Totus Tuus Team Addresses Sunday Worshipers

By Therese Steinhoff | Sunday, June 25, 2023

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WEEKLY READINGS

Mon.: Gn 28:10-22; Mt 9:18-26
Tue.: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
Wed.: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24; Mt 10:1-7
Thu.: Gn 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
Fri.: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
Sat.: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26; Mt 10:24-33
Sun.: Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

CAMPAIGN CORNER

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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 via the QR code. Thank you for your generous support!



MASS INTENTIONS

		8:15am	5pm (or private)
Mon.	7/10	Rita Seidel +	Fr. Rolf Tollefson
Tues.	7/11	Jane Doherty +	Katie McKenzie +
Wed.	7/12	Robert Domler +	Richard Goblirsch +
Thu.	7/13	EvaLyn Ahlm Carlson +	Mark Richardson +
Fri.	7/14	Dolores Eder +	Mary Cinker +
Sat.	7/15	Nativity of Our Lord Third Order Carmelites	-