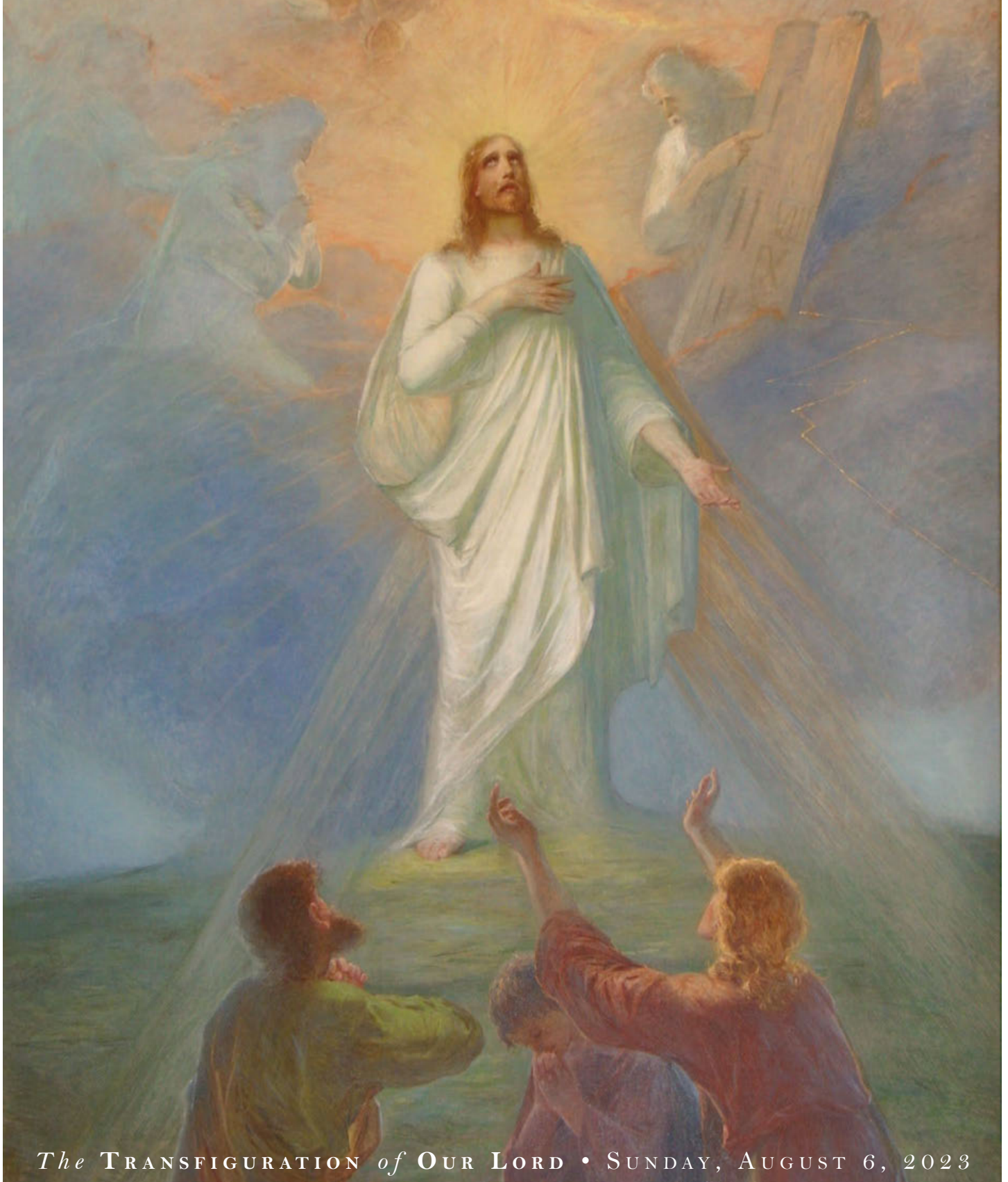


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# ABOUT

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

# LEADERSHIP

**Pastor** | Father Rolf Tollefson (651) 696-5401  
**Parochial Vicar** | Father Bill Duffert (651) 696-5440  
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## Finance Council Chair

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Lucas Tucker

# INFORMATION

## Pastor

Father Rolf Tollefson (pictured)



## Church

1938 Stanford Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55105

## Office Hours

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


## Lannan Parish Center (Parish Office)

Phone: (651) 696-5401 | Fax: (651) 696-5458  
1900 Wellesley Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

**Website** | [nativitystpaul.org](http://nativitystpaul.org)

**Email** | [info@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:info@nativitystpaul.org)

**Staff Email Directory** | [nativitystpaul.org/parish-staff](http://nativitystpaul.org/parish-staff)

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## School Office

(651) 699-1311 | [school@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:school@nativitystpaul.org)  
1900 Stanford Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

## 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, 3-5pm; 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  
Bette Hoffman | (651) 699-8249

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

## Pastoral Care

(651) 334-2935

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# FUNERALS

## Our Faithfully Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

### Helen Class

*May her soul 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 members of the Catholic faith!

### Jameson John Kelly

*Parents: Seamus and Rebecca (Zahr) Kelly*

### William Brian Manke

*Parents: Brian and Katherine (Fenlon) Manke*

### Benedict Thomas Kuzniar

*Parents: Tim and Maria (McQuillan) Kuzniar*

## 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.

# 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. 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). Bulletin submissions can also be sent to [bulletin@nativitystpaul.org](mailto: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

# COMMUNICATIONS

## Phishing Scheme Impersonating Fr. Tollefson

Fraudulent texts claiming to come from "Fr. Rolf Tollefson" are being delivered to parishioners with the intent to confuse, manipulate, and steal. Do not make any purchases via a solicitation through text or email. For more information, visit [nativitystpaul.org/news/text-phishing-scam-impersonating-fr-tollefson](https://nativitystpaul.org/news/text-phishing-scam-impersonating-fr-tollefson).

Please be on guard — and spread the word to those who may be vulnerable to such scams.

# NATIVITY WOMEN

## Ladies' Afternoon Bridge | Wednesdays, Oct.-May

The Nativity Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) is again sponsoring afternoon bridge games once a month on Wednesday afternoons, October through May, in Steiner Hall. We're looking for monthly committed pairs, and if you need a partner we will pair you with another player. If you can't commit to once a month, you can join our substitute list. Please spread the word to your bridge-playing friends. Contact Lois Gallagher at (651) 398-8537 or [loisgallagher1@gmail.com](mailto:loisgallagher1@gmail.com) or Marie Speltz at (612) 209-2328 or [mjspeltz@comcast.net](mailto:mjspeltz@comcast.net) to sign up.

# IMAGES

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# HOLY MATRIMONY

## Banns

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

### Christopher O. Campbell and Caitlin R. Jung

*Saturday, August 12, 2023*

### Ashley Guzman and Jonathan Guzman

*Saturday, August 19, 2023*

### John Sullivan Laird and Jenna Lee Miller

*Saturday, August 26, 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).



## PARISH LIFE

**Engaged, Newly Married Event** | Wed., Aug. 9, 6:30pm  
All engaged and newly married couples of Nativity of Our Lord (since August 2022) are invited to a reception in the backyard of the parish rectory this Wednesday evening from 6:30-9pm. Come get to know Fr. Tollefson and Fr. Bill, meet other engaged and newly married couples, and reconnect with your mentor couples. Contact Beth at the parish office at [info@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:info@nativitystpaul.org) or (651) 696-5401 to RSVP. We would love to see you there!

## STEWARDSHIP

### 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 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. Thank you!



## 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!



## ARCH. SYNOD

**Small Group Leadership Series** | Begins September 21  
Interested in leading a small group starting in Lent 2024? The Small Group Leadership Training series will meet on the following Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm in Steiner Hall: September 21 and 28; October 5, 19, and 26; and November 2 and 16. Come learn about the small group model being promoted by the Archdiocesan Synod and how to lead one, without a further commitment at this time. We expect that a variety of small groups will emerge. If you are interested or have questions, please contact a member of the Nativity Synod Evangelization Team (SET) or Randall McClure at (651) 260-9045 or [randallmcc715@gmail.com](mailto:randallmcc715@gmail.com).

## PRESCHOOL

### Part-Time Preschool Registration

Looking for a preschool program that values creativity, curiosity, and community? Nativity of Our Lord Preschool offers a part-time program that fosters a love of learning and a sense of belonging. Register your child today at [school.nativitystpaul.org/part-time-preschool](http://school.nativitystpaul.org/part-time-preschool) via the QR code.



## FAITH FORMATION

### Bible and the Mother of God Series | Begins Sept. 19

The 8-part *Lectio: Mary, The Bible and the Mother of God* series runs Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8pm in Steiner Hall from September 19 - November 14. (We'll skip Tuesday, October 31.) The series aims to complement the Our Lady of Help Pilgrimage in October. (See below for details.)



For more information and to register, visit [nativitystpaul.org/lectio-mary-series](http://nativitystpaul.org/lectio-mary-series) via the QR code above. Registration is \$45, covering materials and snacks. Financial assistance is available by contacting Mahalia Marcelin, Faith Formation Director, at (651) 696-5441 or [mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org).

### Our Lady of Help Pilgrimage | October 7

Save the Date! Take a Nativity of Our Lord pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin. Receive a plenary indulgence, attend Mass, and join in fellowship with fellow parishioners. Visit [championshrine.org](http://championshrine.org) to learn more.

Registration for the all-day journey is \$100, which covers lunch as well as travel by coach bus. More details will be available soon. Contact Mahalia Marcelin, Faith Formation Director, at (651) 696-5441 or [mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org) for more information.



### SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2023

Friday, 9/15 | 5 PM - 10 PM  
Saturday, 9/16 | 12 PM - 10 PM  
Sunday, 9/17 | Mass 10:30 AM Fair  
11:30 AM - 3 PM

[nativitycountyfair.org](http://nativitycountyfair.org)

#### Bingo Chairs

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#### Raffle Chairs

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**Comments or Questions?**  
Please contact the 2023 Fair Chairs  
Shawn & Suzi Hansen  
Scott & Theresa Hennis  
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## NATIVITY COUNTY FAIR MERCHANDISE

### "Imaginations At Work"—The 49th Annual Nativity County Fair—Merchandise Alert

It is the biggest, brightest event of the year and a weekend that everyone talks about! This year we are excited to celebrate Nativity School's 100th year and welcome Father Tollefson. The vibrant and colorful Nativity County Fair merchandise, with new items, will be available on-site starting Saturday, August 19. Shirts, hoodies, hats, and more can be purchased with a credit card or check. And, new this year...pre-order ride tickets!

#### Sales dates:

- After select masses on Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20
- Back To School Night Tuesday, August 22
- Coffee with Kinders Thursday, August 31
- Nativity County Fair weekend Friday, September 15 – Sunday, September 17
- And don't forget to pick up a free sign during our sales events

We hope you experience and enjoy the collective imaginations at work that makes the 49th Nativity County Fair so special.

## Bingo

Bingo is a time-honored tradition at Nativity County Fair, and we are calling all donors and fans to support our event with some gracious gifts needed to make this Bingo year a success! We are asking for gift cards in the amount of \$5, \$10 and \$25 from any of your favorite places to dine or shop. All donations can be left at the Parish office or Nativity School office. Please be sure to address the envelope with: Attn: Bingo Committee and include your name and contact information.

Additionally, we are raising funds for (3) Adult Coverall Prizes (valued at \$100-\$150) and (2) Kids Coverall Prizes (valued at \$50-\$75). These generous donors will be announced over the fair and on the big screen as the coverall round begins. For Coverall donations, please reach out to [BingoCommitteeNativity@gmail.com](mailto:BingoCommitteeNativity@gmail.com).

Thank you for supporting Nativity County Fair & The Bingo/Twinkie Walk!

## Volunteer

Calling all parishioners. Grab your friends from the Prayer Shawl Ministry, NCCW, or Nativity Men's Club. Coordinate a group from your child's grade or Scout troop. The NCF needs you! Volunteering is more fun when you do it with friends. Find your crew, choose your event and time, and start filling those slots! Please volunteer at any time that works for you at [www.nativitycountyfair.org](http://www.nativitycountyfair.org) by clicking Volunteer 2023 from the drop-down menu. Email the NCF Volunteer Captains at [volunteeringncf@gmail.com](mailto:volunteeringncf@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Thank you!

## Raffle

Raffle, Raffle, Raffle! You must play to win! The Grand Prize is \$5,000, or One Year of Free Tuition at Nativity of Our Lord School, plus more cash prizes. Suggested donation for tickets is \$5 each (although no purchase is necessary to win). Tickets will be mailed to parish households and also will be for sale at the Fair. All Raffle tickets must be turned in to the Parish Office by Friday, September 15 or the Raffle Booth at the Fair by 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 16. Winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, September 17 at 10:30 mass. Your presence is not required to win. Good luck!

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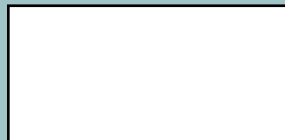
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# CALENDAR • AUGUST 7-13

Monday, 8/7	Tuesday, 8/8	Wednesday, 8/9	Thursday, 8/10	Friday, 8/11	Saturday, 8/12	Sunday, 8/13
<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am, 5pm	<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> 8:45am	<b>Rosary for Life:</b> 8:45am	<b>Rosary for Life:</b> 8:45am	<b>Rosary for Life:</b> 8:45am	<b>Confession:</b> •3:30-4:30pm	*No Children's Liturgy until fall
	<b>Confession:</b> •4:15-4:45pm	<b>Confession:</b> •4:30-5:30pm		<b>Confession:</b> •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 <a href="http://nativitystpaul.org/online-liturgies">nativitystpaul.org/online-liturgies</a> .						
	<b>Adoration:</b> 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-12am	<b>Adoration:</b> 12-8am, 3-5pm		<b>Adoration:</b> 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-10pm	<b>Adoration:</b> 6-10pm	<b>Adoration:</b> 6-10pm
<i>Pope St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan</i>	<i>St. Dominic*</i>	<i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	<i>St. Lawrence</i>	<i>St. Clare*</i>	<i>St. Jane Frances de Chantal*</i>	<i>The 19TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME</i>
(18th Week in Ordinary Time)	*Nativity relics on display in Heritage Room	<b>Engaged and Newly Married Reception Rectory Patio</b> 6:30pm	<b>Synod Evangelization Team Meeting Lannan Conf. Room</b> 4:30-6pm		Missionary Appeal 2nd Collection	Missionary Appeal 2nd Collection
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.						

## PASTORAL CARE

### Grief Group Returns | September 19

The Nativity of Our Lord Grief Support Group will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 19, from 6:30-8pm in the Bride's Room, and will then meet twice each month: on first Tuesdays, 10-11:30am, and on third Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm. We'll explore mourning through Scripture, prayer, reflection, and faith sharing using the "Seasons of Hope" program by Ave Maria Press.

The Grief Group is open to adults mourning any loss and who are looking for support along their journey. The facilitator is parishioner Maria Tice Tienter, R.N. who has previously led grief support groups at the Center for Grief, Loss and Transition in St. Paul. Registration information will be available soon. Contact Mahalia Marcelin, Faith Formation Director, for more information at (651) 696-5441 or [mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org).

### 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 the sacrament of Anointing as soon as possible, and if anticipating major surgery to make an appointment prior to the operation.

## WEEKLY READINGS

<b>Sunday:</b>	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
<b>Monday:</b>	Nm 11:4-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Nm 13:1-2, 25 - 14:1, 26-29, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
<b>Friday:</b>	Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
<b>Saturday:</b>	Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

## MASS INTENTIONS

		8:15am	5pm (or private)
<b>Mon.</b>	8/7	Jim Bernstein	Mother Marie-Ange Barrett, O.C.D.
<b>Tues.</b>	8/8	Msgr. Clarence Steiner +	Paula Jean Evans +
<b>Wed.</b>	8/9	Beverly Biagi +	Lisa Kudwa +
<b>Thu.</b>	8/10	Renetta and Edward Selig	Tuan Tu
<b>Fri.</b>	8/11	Jane Doherty +	Katie McKenzie +
<b>Sat.</b>	8/12	Roger Ott +	-