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CATHOLIC CHURCH



The 20TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME • SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 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

Pastor

Father Rolf Tollefson (pictured)



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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, 3-5pm; 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

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Pastoral Care

(651) 334-2935

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FUNERALS

Our Faithfully Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

**Kathy Kovar
Anne Pulver**

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

Scheduling

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.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Banns

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

John Sullivan Laird and Jenna Lee Miller
Saturday, August 26, 2023

Anne Maureen Haslerud and William Paterson
Friday, September 8, 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.

BAPTISMS

Scheduling

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 12pm, and an informational class is required for first-time parents. Contact the parish office at (651) 696-5401 or info@nativitystpaul.org for more information. *Photo courtesy of Brenna Gerten*



NEWSWORTHY

Painter and Parishioner Joshua Cunningham

Pastoral Council president emeritus Joshua Cunningham was featured on the cover of the August 10 *The Catholic Spirit*! Read his inspiring story, entitled "Brush with nature: Catholic artist colors landscape paintings with faith" at thecatholicspirit.com/news/local-news/plein-air-artist-reflects-on-complementarity-of-painting-and-faith.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER (NELC)

Job Openings for the Fall

The NELC is hiring part-time leads, assistants, and teacher's aides for the fall who can be a positive and energetic presence in our classrooms. We are looking for candidates who can plan and implement age-appropriate lessons and activities, interact well with children and parents, and work collaboratively with a teaching team.

Why Join Our Team?

These part-time positions are ideal for high school students and college students who meet Rule 3 Teacher and/or Aide/ Assistant Teacher qualifications (i.e., have completed at two years of college.) We offer competitive pay and valuable teaching experience that can help students be more successful in finding employment after graduation. In this position, you will be paired with a teaching team to provide you with guidance and mentoring.

The NELC is a partnership of children, parents, and staff dedicated to developing the whole child and preparing each child (ages 33 months to 12 years) for a successful school experience. Please contact Nicole Clausen at nclausen@nativitystpaul.org or (651) 696-5437 for more information or to apply.

IMAGES

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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 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

FACILITIES

Facilities Committee Openings

Women and men of the parish, as we continue to maintain our beautiful church and school campus, we are looking to add expertise to our facilities committee. Parishioners with engineering, mechanical systems, architecture, construction, masonry, building management, finance, or construction sales experience, as well as an 'at large' member (representing the community) are needed, with a commitment of one meeting per month for a 2-3 year term. Please reach out to Tom Dvorak, Facilities Chair, at trdvorak@mac.com if you are interested in helping us out with all of our important endeavors.

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



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

COMMUNITY

NET Host Homes Needed

Local families are needed during NET (National Evangelization Teams) training this fall to host young adults as they prepare to be sent out for their 9-month mission. Some meals would also be needed for a small number of missionaries (anywhere from 2-13) from September 16-25 or thereabouts. These teams of 10-13 will then hit the road to lead Catholic retreats for middle and high schoolers, with the goal of challenging young Catholics to follow Christ and embrace the life of the Church. You can sign up at tiny.cc/host-homes, or contact Kiersten Best at kierstenb@netusa.org or (651) 450-6833 (ext. 167) for more information. Thank you!

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 via the QR code above. Registration is \$45, covering materials and snacks. Financial assistance is available by contacting Mahalia Marcellin, Faith Formation Director, at (651) 696-5441 or mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org.



Our Lady of Help Pilgrimage | October 7

Registration is now open for the Nativity of Our Lord pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin at nativitystpaul.org/nativity-pilgrimage via the QR code. Receive a plenary indulgence, attend Mass, and join in fellowship with fellow parishioners. Registration for the all-day journey is \$100, which covers lunch as well as travel by coach bus.





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

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Comments or Questions?
Please contact the 2023 Fair Chairs

Shawn & Suzi Hansen
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Volunteers

Who should sign up to volunteer at the Fair? EVERYONE! Whether you are a part of the parish, school, or NELC, the Nativity County Fair requires all hands on deck to fill the more than 1,200 shifts over the span of the 3-day event. There's a spot for everyone including students in grades 3 and above. Please head to www.nativitycountyfair.org to sign up today and secure the time slots that work best for your family. Questions? Reach out at: volunteeringncf@gmail.com

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring a smooth and successful Nativity County Fair!

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, there are (3) Adult Coverall Prizes and (2) Kids Coverall Prizes. We already have two \$500 gift cards from our generous donors at RF Moeller! We would appreciate additional donations; 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.

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

Collectible Corner

Decluttering? Round up your household items in good, clean condition for this year's Collectible Corner and save them for Fair Week. Home décor, table linens, Christmas and holiday décor, housewares, jewelry and antiques, toys and books are all good sellers. We are not able to take clothing, electronics, furniture, appliances, stuffed animals or Christmas trees. Items may be dropped off at the school office during Fair Week in September. Your donations will help make this a great sale. Questions? Contact Laurie Murphy or Louise Roth.

Baking Contest & Bake Sale

Calling all Nativity Bakers! Support the Nativity County Fair by donating baked goods to the Nativity Bakery. Drop off your delicious donations in the Nativity Gymnasium on Friday, September 15 between 4:00 – 6:00 pm or on Saturday, September 16 between 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Do you have an especially mouthwatering recipe? Enter the annual Nativity County Fair baking contest to win cool prizes and bragging rights! Entries should be submitted at the same time as donations. See you at the fair!

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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CALENDAR • AUGUST 21-27

Monday, 8/21	Tuesday, 8/22	Wednesday, 8/23	Thursday, 8/24	Friday, 8/25	Saturday, 8/26	Sunday, 8/27
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, 3-5pm		Adoration: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-10pm	Adoration: 6-10pm	Adoration: 6-10pm
<i>Pope St. Pius X*</i> (20th Week in Ordinary Time)	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Registration School 4-5:30pm 6th Grade Orientation School 4-5pm SVdP Meeting Steiner Hall 6:30pm	<i>St. Rose of Lima*</i> NELC Closed (teacher in-service)	<i>St. Bartholomew</i> NELC Closed (teacher in- service) Open House NELC 4:30-6pm	<i>St. Louis*; St. Joseph Calasanaz</i> NELC Closed		<i>The 21ST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (St. Monica*)</i> *Nativity relics 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.						

YOUTH

Annual Grill the Priest Cookout | August 30

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to our annual Grill the Priest cookout on Wednesday, August 30 from 6:30-8pm in the rectory backyard. Join us as we grill food — and grill Fr. Rolf with questions about himself, about the Church, and anything else you can think of! Food and games are provided and registration is not required. If you have any dietary restrictions or any questions, please contact Emily Meyer at emeyer@nativitystpaul.org.

WEEKLY READINGS

Su: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
M: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43-44; Mt 19:16-22
Tu: Jgs 6:11-24; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
W: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Th: Rv 21:9-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
F: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Sa: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 23:1-12
Su: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36;
Mt 16:13-2

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Raffle Winners | August 2023

The Nativity Men's Club Raffle is held every spring, supporting our whole parish, including the School and Early Learning Center (NELC). Check back here monthly for the rest of the winners, and contact us at raffle@nativitymen.org for more information. Congratulations to all of our August 2023 Men's Club Raffle winners:

- \$500 | Douglas Bruce
- \$200 | Marco Guerreo
- \$100 | Aiden Phelps

MASS INTENTIONS

		8:15am	5pm (or private)
Mon.	8/21	Jerry Ingaldson +	Stephen Lauinger
Tues.	8/22	Joseph Lawder +	Rolf Middleton +
Wed.	8/23	Richard Costello +	Ha Tu
Thu.	8/24	Tom Geheren + and Austin +	Mindy Zdon
Fri.	8/25	Gretchen Caprio	Third Order Carmelites of Nativity, Living and Deceased
Sat.	8/26	Joan Fischer +	-