

# Nativity of Our Lord

CATHOLIC CHURCH



*The 22ND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME • SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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

**Pastor** | Father Rolf Tollefson (651) 696-5401  
**Parochial Vicar** | Father Bill Duffert (651) 696-5440  
**Deacon** | Rev. Mr. Don Tienter (651) 696-5401

**Business Administrator** | Laura Barr (651) 696-5423  
**Director of Advancement** | Beth Giese (651) 696-5430  
**Accounting** | Joyce Kotta (651) 696-5436  
**Parish Secretary** | Beth Erickson (651) 696-5401  
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**Dir. of Communications & Marketing** | Isaac Huss (651) 696-5425

**Director of Discipleship** | Mahalia Marcelin (651) 696-5441

**Director of Music** | Brian Carson (651) 696-5401  
**Nativity Choir Director** | Rob Pontious (651) 653-3655  
**Liturgy Coordinator** | John Paul Beane (651) 696-5424

**School Principal** | Kate Wollan (651) 699-1311  
**Early Learning Center Director** | Nicole Clausen (651) 696-5437

**Lay Trustee** | Christina Crow (651) 696-5401  
**Lay Trustee** | Tom Tucci (651) 696-5401

## Finance Council Chair

Tom Margarit [tmargarit@myboyum.com](mailto:tmargarit@myboyum.com)

## Pastoral Council

Alison Knapp (Chair) [aknapp2260@gmail.com](mailto:aknapp2260@gmail.com)

Lanita Brandt

Dusty Clements

Anna Burgason Dirksen

Nate Hughes

Elizabeth Kappenman

Chris Nei

Diane Reisdorfer

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)

   @NativityStPaul

## 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

(651) 696-5401

# FUNERALS

## Our Faithfully Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

**Jim Pfeifer**

*May his soul 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](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!

**Myles Janek Rakowicz**

*Parents: Szymon and Megan (Whaley) Rakowicz*

## 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](mailto:info@nativitystpaul.org) for more information. *Photo courtesy of Brenna Gerten*



# HOLY MATRIMONY

## Banns

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

**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](mailto:info@nativitystpaul.org).

# HOLIDAY

**Labor Day** | Monday, September 4

The parish office, school, and NELC will be closed in observance of Labor Day this Monday. Mass will be celebrated at 9am (instead of 8:15am).

# FORMATION <sup>(new)</sup>

**Open House (w/Treats!)** | Sat.-Sun., September 9-10

Join us for an open house next weekend in Steiner Hall in collaboration with Donut Sunday, hosted by the Nativity Men's Club. Donuts will be available after morning Masses next Sunday, September 10, and cookies after the 5pm Masses on Saturday and Sunday. Browse the tables of classes, events, and other opportunities to learn more about the Catholic faith and to deepen your relationship with Jesus!

Don't know where to begin? We'll have ideas for all age groups! Starting with ages 3-5 is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd; for 1st-8th graders, children's Faith Formation on Wednesday evenings; for middle schoolers and high schoolers, Youth Ministry; for Adults: RCIA, retreats, New Life, and Grandparents Apostolate; and for all ages, Respect Life. Information will be available for other ministries as well.

Perhaps best of all, there will be fellowship time with your fellow parishioners — maybe even ask someone about the Faith Formation programs in which they might be interested. Please contact Mahalia Marcelin, Director of Discipleship, at [mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org) or (651) 696-5441 for more information on the open house or any of the programs below. See you next weekend!

## OCIA - Come, Explore the Catholic Faith

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (formerly RCIA) classes start Wednesday, September 13, 6:30-8pm, and will run weekly through May of 2024.

## Elementary Faith Formation

Foundational religious education classes for Grades 1-7, including First Communion and Confirmation instruction, begin Wednesday, September 20 and run weekly from 6:30-8pm at Nativity School.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

This Montessori-based religious instruction has openings for children ages 3-5 on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

# GRANDPARENTS

## Nativity Grandparents Association

Do you have grandchild(ren) at Nativity School? Then you are already a member of the newly-formed Nativity Grandparents Association! The NGA provides opportunities for grandparents to learn more about their grandchild's school experience, and should you so desire, become involved in some of those experiences. This school year, we will be looking for volunteers as readers, mentors, and cafeteria helpers. For more information, contact [grandparentsassociation@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:grandparentsassociation@nativitystpaul.org). And visit our booth at the Nativity County Fair!

# ARCH. SYNOD

## Sign Up for Small Group Leader Formation

In the early Church, small groups of Christians gathered to learn the faith more deeply, know and care for each other, and bring God's mercy and the Good News to others. Nativity of Our Lord needs you to help us do the same today! To prepare us as potential small group leaders, Nativity is offering a seven-week Archdiocesan series on Thursday evenings this fall. Please sign up by September 14 using the QR code above. Further information, including an FAQ section, can be found at [nativitystpaul.org/synod](http://nativitystpaul.org/synod).



# SCOUTS (new)

**Cub Scouts Parent Info Night** | Tuesday, Sept. 5, 6pm  
Cub Scouting at Nativity is excited to kick off another year of camping, rockets, Pinewood Derby racing, and more! Open to boys and girls in grades K-5, we will host a Parent Information Night this Tuesday evening outside the School doors on Stanford Ave. (weather permitting). The first Pack meeting is Tuesday, September 19 at 6pm. More information can be found at [pack67stpaul.org](http://pack67stpaul.org).

# 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 below 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!



## 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!



# MEN'S CLUB

**Kickoff Pig Roast** | Thursday, September 7, 6pm  
Men of Nativity of Our Lord: join us this Thursday evening as we kick off the new school year with our Nativity Men's Club Pig Roast. This is a great night of food, fun, and fellowship on the rectory patio. Social hour is 6-7pm, and the gavel falls at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there! *Pro Liberis!*

# COMMUNITY (new)

**CSJ Septemberfest 2023** | Thursday, Sept. 7, 4-8pm  
Please join us this Thursday evening on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (1884 Randolph Ave.) for fun for all! Reconnect with your favorite sisters while listening to the music of Irish band Paddy Wagon; enjoy food trucks, a beer garden, and family-friendly activities; and we'll be raffling off trips to the MN Zoo, Chanhassen Dinner Theatre, and more. Admission is free! Visit [csjministriesfoundation.org](http://csjministriesfoundation.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. Please note the following early deadline:

- (Submissions for the 9/10 bulletin were due by 8/31.)

Visit [nativitystpaul.org/content-submissions](http://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

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



## 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)

### Volunteer Chairs

Ellie & David Patterson  
[floodellie@gmail.com](mailto:floodellie@gmail.com)

### Major Food Chairs

Katie & Bob Fenlon  
[kfenlon@gmail.com](mailto:kfenlon@gmail.com)

Peter & Katherine Jandric  
[katherinejandric@gmail.com](mailto:katherinejandric@gmail.com)

### Dodgeball Chairs

Darcy & Ann Tinnes  
[dhtinnes@gmail.com](mailto:dhtinnes@gmail.com)

### Collectible Corner Chairs

Laurie Murphy  
[lauriemurphy169@gmail.com](mailto:lauriemurphy169@gmail.com)

Louise Roth

[lsroth@iphouse.com](mailto:lsroth@iphouse.com)

### Nativity Bakery Chairs

Katie & Matt Olson  
[kvolson@gmail.com](mailto:kvolson@gmail.com)

### Comments or Questions?

Please contact the 2023 Fair Chairs  
Shawn & Suzi Hansen  
Scott & Theresa Hennis  
[nfcchairs@gmail.com](mailto:nfcchairs@gmail.com)

## VOLUNTEERS

Still haven't signed-up? We need nearly 600 volunteers to take a shift to ensure this year's fair is a great success! Many shifts left in Games, Major Foods, Dodgeball, Green Team, Photo Booth and Button Maker.

6th graders and older can help keep the Fair clean and Green. Students volunteering for a Green Team shift will receive **5 GAME TICKETS** for their important service!

Go to [www.nativitycountyfair.org](http://www.nativitycountyfair.org) to sign-up, today! Thank you!

## MAJOR FOODS

Join the fun with Major Foods at the fair! Major Foods is still in need of volunteers to help with corn roasting and grilling. They also still have a need for booth attendants to take payments, serve food, or help with clean up. As a volunteer, you'll cook or serve many of our famous offerings! Be a grill master making burgers and brats, or serve our pulled pork and roast beef sandwiches, along with roasted corn on the cob. Sign up at [www.nativitycountyfair.org](http://www.nativitycountyfair.org) or contact your Major Foods chairs with questions.

## DODGEBALL

You can't dodge a good time! The Nativity Men's Club sponsors an annual dodgeball event in the gym during the County Fair. Kids can buy a wristband for just \$5 and play all weekend. HELP NEEDED! Grab a friend and sign up for a short easy shift. Sign up your high school kids to help, too! Collect money, hand out wristbands, and referee the games with a live whistle. Sign up at [www.nativitycountyfair.org](http://www.nativitycountyfair.org) or contact Darcy at [dhtinnes@gmail.com](mailto:dhtinnes@gmail.com) with questions.

## 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!



@nativitycountyfair



# CALENDAR • SEPTEMBER 4-10

Monday, 9/4	Tuesday, 9/5	Wednesday, 9/6	Thursday, 9/7	Friday, 9/8	Saturday, 9/9	Sunday, 9/10
<b>Mass:</b> •9am	<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> •9am	<b>Grandparents Rosary:</b> 8:45am  <b>Confession:</b> •4:15-4:45pm	<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> 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
(22nd Week in Ordinary Time)  Labor Day  No School; Parish office, NELC closed	<b>Cub Scouts Parent Info Night Stanford Ave. School Entry 6pm</b>	<b>Catechist Retreat Steiner Hall 5:30-8pm</b>	<b>Synod Evangelization Team Meeting Lannan Conf. Room 4:30-6pm  NMC Kickoff Pig Roast Rectory Patio 6pm</b>	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>St. Peter Claver</i>  <b>Faith Formation Open House Steiner Hall After 5pm Mass</b>	<b>The 23RD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>Faith Formation Open House Steiner Hall After All Masses (Donut Sunday after morning Masses)</b>
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.						

## ADORATION

**New Vacant Hour** | Fridays, 6-7pm (*new*)

We have a new vacant hour in need of a weekly committed adorer on Fridays from 6-7pm, beginning immediately. Sign up at [adorationpro.org/nativity](http://adorationpro.org/nativity) (and click "Weekly Commitment"). Thank you!

## IMAGES

### Cover Image

*Nativity of Our Lord 6th Grade Class of 2026 on the First Day of School* by Miss Valerie Morel, 6th Grade teacher  
Monday, August 28, 2023 | Courtesy of Nativity School

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2  
Mt 16:21-27

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Lk 4:31-37

**Wed.:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, and 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;  
Mt 18:15-2

## SACRED MUSIC (*new*)

**Join the Nativity Choir** | Rehearsals begin Sept. 13  
The Nativity Choir invites you to give the choir a try! Choir members come from all walks of life and a wide range of familiarity with music. Some members sang in college choirs, while others have no experience in reading music. We all love to sing and share our experiences with all who are interested. Now is the perfect time to join, as we have several rehearsals before we begin singing at the 11am Mass. There are no auditions to become a member. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 13 at 7pm in the choir room of the School. If you are interested, simply contact the director, Rob Pontious, at (651) 653-3655 or [rpontious@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:rpontious@nativitystpaul.org) and come to a rehearsal. Please consider coming for one evening to observe and enjoy. We look forward to seeing you!

## MASS INTENTIONS

		8:15am	5pm (or private)
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>9/4</b>	Wilfred Isaac + (9am)	-
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>9/5</b>	William + and Marion + Wesely	Joey Lawder +
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>9/6</b>	Roland (Mac) + and Patricia (Patty) + Trost	Jeanne Ferfuson +
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>9/7</b>	Marguerite Gignac Hedges +	Sr. Maria Josepha Tran, O.C.D.
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>9/8</b>	Elizabeth Hepburn +	Joanie Erickson +
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>9/9</b>	Beverly Barrett	-