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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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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
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(651) 334-2935

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FUNERALS

Our Faithfully Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

Patricia "Patty" Carlson
Janice Larson

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.

BAPTISMS

Announcements

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

Hayes Burke Ayotte
Parents: Andrew and Megan (Berg) Ayotte

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*



HOLY MATRIMONY

Banns

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

Lena Brakel and James Hallermann
Friday, September 29, 2023

Molly Levi and Doug Vanasek
Friday, October 6, 2023

Emily Christine Harper and Jacob Vincent Probst
Saturday, October 7, 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.

FORMATION

Faith Formation Classes, Programs, and Events

It's not too late to register!. Contact Mahalia Marcelin, Director of Discipleship, at (651) 696-5441 or mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org for more information on any of the following:

Grief Group | Begins Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6:30pm
The Nativity of Our Lord Grief Support Group will resume meeting monthly this Tuesday evening from 6:30-8pm in the Bride's Room, and a monthly morning session will begin on October 3. Register at nativitystpaul.org/grief-group-registration.

OCIA - Come, Explore the Catholic Faith

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (formerly RCIA) classes meet Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm and run weekly through May of 2024.

Elementary Faith Formation

Foundational religious education classes for Grades 1-7, including First Communion and Confirmation instruction, begin this 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.

Pilgrimage To Our Lady Of Good Help *(new update)*

Important: There's still time sign up for the October 7 Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion — but don't wait long! Please know that without an increased number of registrations this weekend, the Pilgrimage will unfortunately be canceled, with the hope of rescheduling at a later date.

Marian Series Postponed

While this fall's *The Bible and the Mother of God* series has been postponed to accommodate Synod events, it will be rescheduled at a later date. Stay tuned for more information.

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Raffle Winners | September 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 September 2023 Men's Club Raffle winners:

- \$500 | Pat Sauter
- \$200 | David Feitl
- \$100 | Ron Stoffel

SVDP

Feast Day Mass and Banquet | September 29 (*new*)

Join us in celebrating the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, patron of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, on Friday, September 29. Bishop Michael Izen will celebrate Mass in the church at 5pm, followed by a social hour at 6pm, a silent auction, and dinner at 7pm. RSVPs are required, so contact Serina Drake at (612) 803-3648 or serinadrake@svdpmpls.org to register, or visit svdpmpls.org/feastday. Goodwill offerings will be gratefully accepted. All are invited!



STEWARDSHIP

Online Giving

We are pleased to offer electronic giving right on our parish website at 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!



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 above 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 our 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!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Introducing Convivium | Wednesdays beginning 9/20
Convivium at Nativity of Our Lord is where young people can eat together, pray together, live together, and grow together. Join other 7-12th graders as we explore ways to take ownership of our Catholic faith, grow as individuals, and bring our faith to life, all while growing in community with each other. "Convivium" means a gathering or banquet, stemming from the Latin words *con* and *vivo*, meaning "living together." Wednesday nights consist of prayer, games, snacks, fellowship, and fun.

Convivium Kick-Off Event | Wed., Sept. 20, 6:30-8pm
Join us for our first Convivium this Wednesday evening in the Nativity School Auditorium. We will have pizza, games, and a presentation from our new pastor, Fr. Rolf Tollefson. All 7-12th graders are invited! Contact Emily Meyer at emeyer@nativitystpaul.org or visit nativitystpaul.org/youth-ministry for more information.

SPIRITUALITY

Carmelites Open House | October 1

Are you interested in a closer relationship with Our Lord and his beloved Mother? You are invited to an Information Sunday sponsored by the Third Order Community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sunday, October 1 at 1pm in Steiner Hall. Lay Carmelites are practicing Catholic men and women who want to grow spiritually by following the Carmelite way of life. For more information, call Geralyn at (651) 646-0626, or simply come with your questions!

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

IMAGES

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ARCH. SYNOD

We're Expecting You | Thursday, Sept. 21, 6:30-8:30pm
The Small Group Leader Formation course begins this Thursday, September 21, from 6:30-8:30pm in Steiner Hall. Please arrive by 6:15pm. Thanks to the 90+ parishioners who have registered. Further info, including an FAQ section, can be found at nativitystpaul.org/synod.

VOCATIONS

Priesthood Sunday | Sunday, September 24 (*new*)
Next Sunday, September 24 is Priesthood Sunday, a special day set aside to honor the priests of the United States. We are invited to reflect upon the gift of the priesthood and affirm those who have answered the call to serve the Church. Please join us as we honor our priests, either verbally or with a written note delivered to the parish office — and, most importantly, through prayer for them and their ministry. Visit serraus.org/priesthood-sunday for more Priesthood Sunday ideas from the Serra Club.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux Prayer for Priests (*abridged*)
*Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests.
But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me:*
_____. *O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen!*

— Saint Paul Serra Club

RESPECT LIFE (*new*)

40 Days for Life Kick-Off Dinner | September 25
Mark your calendars: the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign starts in a little more than a week, September 27-November 5. Join us for a 40 Days for Life Kick-Off dinner on Monday, September 25 from 6-8pm in Steiner Hall to gather and find out more and join in this amazing, life-saving movement. This is a free event, though donations are always appreciated. Please contact Karen McCann to RSVP at (612) 964-4622 or karenmccann3@gmail.com. To find out more about this campaign, visit 40daysforlife.com. Your prayers can help save lives and souls!

Human Dignity Book Discussion | Mid-late October
Fresh off the press and inspired by the writings of St. John Paul II's *Mulieris Dignitatem* is our next book for discussion, *Undivided Love: You are Worth the Fight*, written by local author and youth leader Gina Bauer. Through her valuable insights and gift for storytelling, she helps to reveal the beauty and great value of women and their role in the Church and society. The wisdom she shares is beneficial for both women and men. Our discussion will take place in mid-late October. Copies can be ordered from Amazon for \$20, or contact Karen McCann to learn more or to obtain/loan a copy.

COUNTY FAIR

Church Tours | Saturday-Sunday, September 16-17 (*new*)
Something new at the Fair this year: free tours of our magnificent church will be offered throughout this weekend! Nativity of Our Lord is one of the most beautiful and intentionally designed churches in our Archdiocese. Come and discover its many incredible and inspiring features.

The 45-minute tour will cover some of the history of the church founding and will focus on the masterful architecture and catechetical design elements throughout. Meet on the front steps of the Church during one of the following tour times. You won't want to miss it!

- Saturday, 9/16 | 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, and 6pm
- Sunday, 9/17 | 12pm, 1:30pm, and 2:30pm

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

COMMUNITY (*new*)

St. Mark's Rummage Sale | Thurs.-Sun., Sept. 21-24
St. Mark's Catholic Church is having their Fabulous Fall Rummage Sale this Thursday from 5-7pm (\$5 admission); Friday and Saturday from 9am-4pm, and Sunday 9-12. Sunday's prices are pay what you can! Proceeds help local and national pro-life organizations. Find us at the corner of Dayton and Moore Aves. We hope to see you there!

Retreat for Healthcare Workers | Fri.-Sun., Sept. 22-24
Curatio Apostolate's Fall Weekend Retreat for Catholic healthcare workers is next weekend, September 22-24 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota. Visit curatioapostolate.com to register.

Tutors Wanted

The Catholic Tutor Corps has a number of schools in the St. Paul area in need of tutors: St. Jerome, St. Pascal Regional, St. Peter Claver, Holy Trinity, Immaculate Conception, and Community of the Saints. The need has increased greatly after Covid, as many children fell further behind in their education. If you would like more information or merely want to discuss our program, please contact Richard McGuire, President, at ctutorcorps@gmail.com or (612) 360-0677.

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CALENDAR • SEPTEMBER 18-24

Monday, 9/18	Tuesday, 9/19	Wednesday, 9/20	Thursday, 9/21	Friday, 9/22	Saturday, 9/23	Sunday, 9/24
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
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>St. Joseph of Cupertino*</i>	<i>St. Januarius</i>	<i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions</i>	ST. MATTHEW*	<i>(24th Week in Ordinary Time)</i>	<i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	<i>The 25TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (St. Rupert of Salzburg*)</i>
	Grief Support Meeting Bride's Room 6:30pm	Convivium Kick-Off Auditorium 6:30-8pm	8th Grade Confirmation Retreat Church & Steiner Hall 8:15am-2:30pm			Priesthood Sunday
	SVdP Meeting Steiner Hall 6:30pm	OCIA Meeting School Library 6:30-8pm	Small Group Leader Formation Steiner Hall 6:30pm		<i>*Nativity relic on display in Heritage Room</i>	
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

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.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Marriage and Family Enrichment Event | October 11
Save the date! Dr. Gary and Mary Williams will present a talk on Marriage and Family life on Wednesday evening, October 11 in Steiner Hall. The Williamses live in Stillwater, attend St. Michael and St. Mary parish, and have been married 52 years. They also happen to be the parents of Bishop Joseph and Fr. Peter Williams, pastor at Saint Ambrose in Woodbury. More details to follow!

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Sir 27:30 - 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1-3, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

MASS INTENTIONS

		8:15am	5pm (or private)
Mon.	9/18	Don Falvey +	Stephen Lauinger
Tues.	9/19	Jake Mauer Jr. +	Lorraine Jobe +
Wed.	9/20	Jeanne Ferguson +	Jackson Darr
Thu.	9/21	Rita Seidel +	Margaret Gray +
Fri.	9/22	Einar Utvik +	Third Order Carmelites of Nativity of Our Lord, living and deceased
Sat.	9/23	Myles Satha +	-