PATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Thank You for Another Great Nativity County Fair!



The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time . Sunday, September 24, 2023 And please wish our priests (and bishops!) a very happy Priesthood Sunday!

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 <u>nativitystpaul.org/news/mission-statement</u>.

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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

(651) 696-5401

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)

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FUNERALS

Our Faithfully Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

Barbara Wollan

May her 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. 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

Ranns

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 Harper and Jacob Probst

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Jared McNece and Megan Trollen

Saturday, October 14, 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.

IMAGES

Cover Image

Archbishop Bernard Hebda with Fr. Rolf Tollefson at his first Nativity County Fair as pastor of Nativity of Our Lord By Ricky Austin | September 2023

MUSIC

Join the Youth Choir! (new)

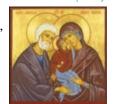
The Nativity Parish Youth Choir is recruiting! Any boy or girl from 3rd-8th grade may join. Have fun meeting and working with new friends, and singing the great music of the Church every four or five weeks at the Saturday 5pm Mass. Fundamentals of singing and reading music will be covered. There will also be opportunities for choristers to be the Cantor for the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation, and the opportunity to sing occasionally with altos, tenors, and basses in full choir pieces.

Last year, the Choir sang Mass at the Cathedral and a concert at the school, and recorded a video for the "Night to Shine!" For more information and to sign up, contact the director, Brian Carson, at bcarson@nativitystpaul.org.

GRANDPARENTS

Grandparents Apostolate Fall Event | October 25 (new)

All grandparents are invited to a morning of enrichment, encouragement, fellowship, and prayer highlighted by a presentation, *Doing Lectio Divina with Kids* on Wednesday, October 25. Nativity of Our Lord parishioner Dr. Katy Wehr from Catholic Studies



at the University of St. Thomas will share a simple, interactive format for *Lectio Divina*, a method for praying through Scripture, with family and friends. She'll explain the format with a simple handout, and then we'll try it together, discussing how you could use this with your grandchildren! Join us for 8:15am Mass with the parish if you're able. Sign-in then begins at 8:45am in Steiner Hall, with the event at 9am. Refreshments will be served. Contact Lilee Perera (651) 414-9367 with any questions.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Wisdom on Wednesday | October 11 (update)
Join us for Wisdom on Wednesday, a delightful, free date night! Dr. Gary and Mary Williams will present "Marriage: Our Fruits of the Sacrament Over 52 Years" 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.

This event is part of Nativity of Our Lord's Marriage Speaker Series, a new program celebrating and growing our marriages, grounded in faith. Contact Martha and Dan Conners at mjconners@icloud.com or Chris and Emily Klotsche at chrisklotsche@gmail.com for more information. If you know someone who would be a great speaker for a future event, please let us know. Thank you!

SVDP

Feast Day Mass, Banquet | Friday, September 29, 5pm Join us in celebrating the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, patron of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, this

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, this Friday evening. Bishop Michael Izen will celebrate Mass in the church at

5pm, followed by a social hour and silent auction at 6pm, 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!

FORMATION

Postponed: Pilgrimage to Champion, WI (update)

The October 7 Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help has been canceled due to a low response. Stay tune for more information on a rescheduled date. Refunds are being issued to those who registered. Thank you for your understanding. Contact Mahalia Marcelin, Director of Discipleship, at (651) 696-5441 or mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org for more information.

STEWARDSHIP

Online Giving

We are pleased to offer electronic giving right on our parish website at <u>nativitystpaul.org/online-giving</u>.

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

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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 our parish and school scholarships.



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QR code. Thank you for your generous support!

RESPECT LIFE (update)

40 Days for Life Kick-Off | Mon., Sept. 25, 6-8pm All are invited to the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign, which starts this week, September 27-November 5. Join us for a kick-off Raising Cane's dinner this Monday evening in Steiner Hall to gather, find out more, and sign up for adopted days of prayer for the Fall 2023 campaign. This is a free event, though donations are always appreciated. RSVP at tiny.cc/40days-2023 or contact Karen McCann at (612) 964-4622 or karenmccann3@gmail.com to learn more, or visit todaysforlife.com. Your prayers can make a difference and help save lives and souls!

SPIRITUALITY

Carmelites Open House | Sunday, October 1, 1pm 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 next 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!

COMMUNITY

Sacred Music at Holy Cross | Begins Sat., Sept. 30 (new) The Fall Concert Series at Holy Cross in Northeast Minneapolis begins next Saturday, September 30. Visit ourholycross.org/sacred-music+musicevents for details.

Abria Together for Life Gala | October 27 (new) Please join us the evening of Friday, October 27 at the Intercontinental MSP Airport for dinner, entertainment, and a live auction, as we celebrate life together! Register today at supporters.abria.org/gala.

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

<u>ihuss@nativitystpaul.org</u>. Bulletin submissions can also be sent to <u>bulletin@nativitystpaul.org</u>.

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



Nativity of Our Lord Community,

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made the 2023 Nativity County Fair such a wonderful event last weekend!

Before the grills fired up, the rides whirred to life, and the prizes were set out, hundreds of volunteers worked behind the scenes to prepare for the big weekend.

Thousands more of you volunteered to set up tents, flip burgers, sell tickets, pour drinks, clean the fairgrounds, run games, and so much more.

You showed up to eat, drink, laugh, and celebrate. To reunite with old friends or to start new traditions. You came in groups young and old to work, play, and pray together.

Our feet might be a little sorer this week, our wallets a bit lighter and our children more tired (and all of us ready for some extra helpings of veggies), but our hearts are certainly fuller.

See you again next year!

With thanks and gratitude, Scott & Theresa Hennis and Shawn & Suzi Hansen 2023 NCF Steering Chairs







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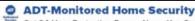


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| Monday, 9/25 | Tuesday, 9/26 | Wednesday, 9/27 | Thursday, 9/28 | Friday, 9/29 | Saturday, 9/30 | Sunday, 10/1 |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Mass: | Mass: | Mass: | Mass: | Mass: | Mass: | Mass: |
| •8:15am | •8:15am, 5pm | •8:15am | •8:15am | •8:15am, 5pm | •8:15am | •7:30am |
| | Grandparents Rosary: 8:45am | Rosary for Life: •8:45am | Rosary for Life: •8:45am | Rosary for Life: •8:45am | •5pm (vigil) | •9am* •11am •5pm |
| | | Confession: | | | | *No Children's |
| | •4:15-4:45pm | •4:30-5:30pm | 1 0 | •4:15-4:45pm | •3:30-4:30pm | Liturgy until j |

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 |
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| (25th Week in Ordinary Time) | Sts. Cosmas and Damian | St. Vincent de Paul* Convivium Auditorium 6:30-8pm | St. Wenceslaus*; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions | Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels | St. Jerome* (St. Francis Borgia*) | The 26TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIM Respect Life Sunday |
| | | OCIA Meeting School Library 6:30-8pm Faith Formation School 6:30-8pm | Synod Team Meeting Lannan Conf. Room 4:30pm | SVdP Feast Day Mass and Banquet | Food Collection | Food Collectio Carmelites Open House Steiner Hall 1pm |
| 40 Days for Life Kick-Off Steiner Hall 6-8pm | | Parents Sacrament Meeting Steiner Hall 6:30pm | Small Group Leader Formation Steiner Hall 6:30pm | Church and Steiner Hall 5pm | | *Nativity reli on display in Heritage Roon |

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.

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;

Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21 **Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6 and 9; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12; Ps 138:1-5;

Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15; Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43-45

Next Sun.: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9;

Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

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.

VOCATIONS

Priesthood Sunday | Sunday, September 24 This Sunday, September 24 is Priesthood Sunday. We are invited to reflect upon the gift of the priesthood and affirm those who have answered the call to serve the Church in this way. Please join us as we honor our priests, and, most importantly, to pray for them and their ministry. Visit serraus.org/priesthood-sunday for more Priesthood Sunday ideas from the Serra Club.

— The Saint Paul Serra Club

MASS INTENTIONS

| | | 8:15am | 5pm (or private) |
|-------|------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mon. | 9/25 | Pil-Eung Kim + | The Youth of Nativity |
| Tues. | 9/26 | Tom Geheren + and Austin + | Carol Rubbelke + |
| Wed. | 9/27 | Marty Foss + | Dan Strub + |
| Thu. | 9/28 | Joey Lawder + | Audrey Charba |
| Fri. | 9/29 | John Sullivan + | Jan Theis + |
| Sat. | 9/30 | Jay and Beth Erickson | - |