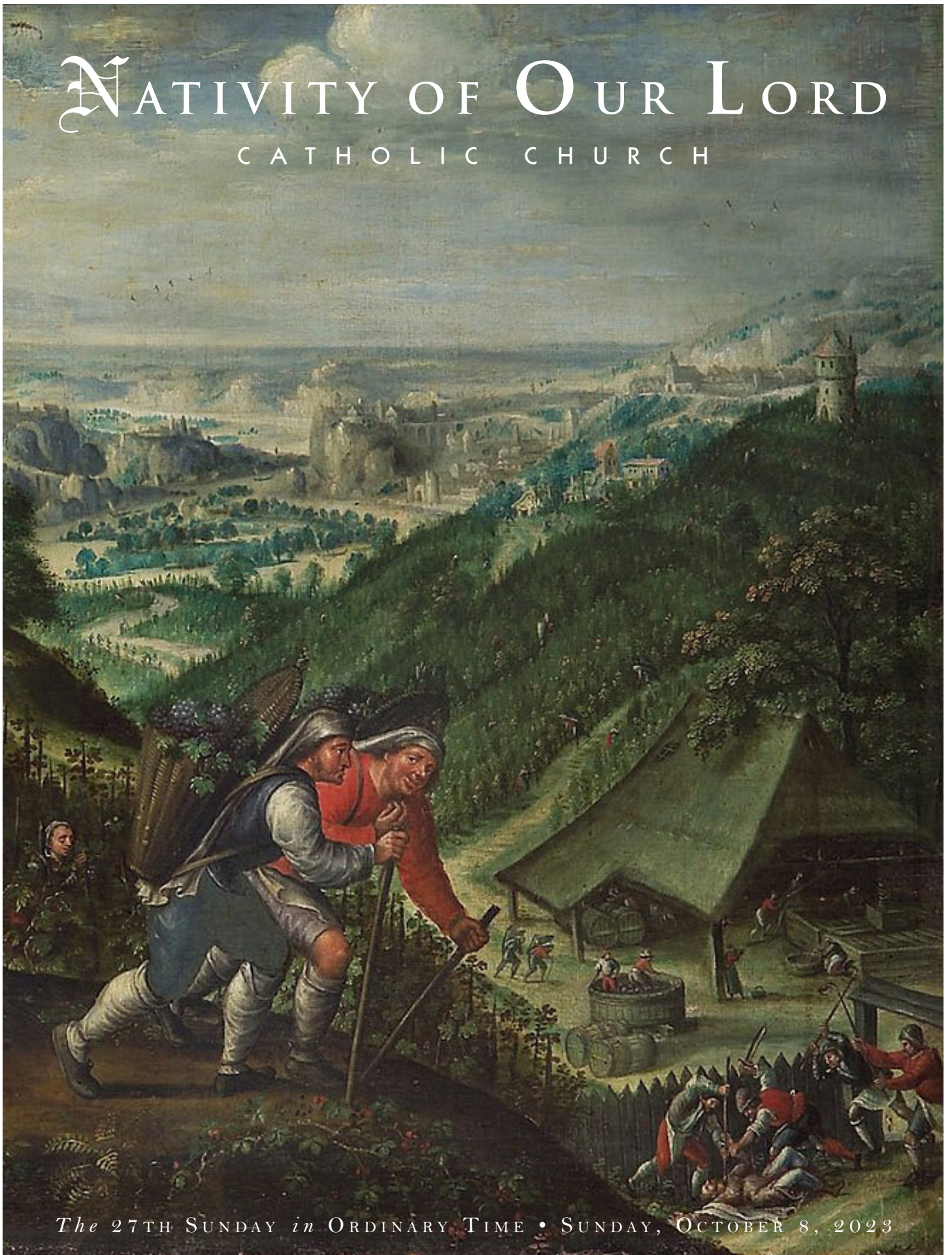


NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CATHOLIC CHURCH



The 27TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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.

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
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Parish Secretary | Beth Erickson (651) 696-5401
Facilities Director | Steve Boatman (651) 696-5434
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
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Finance Council Chair

Tom Margarit tmargarit@myboyum.com

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Lanita Brandt (Secretary)
Anna Burgason Dirksen
Dusty Clements
Elizabeth Kappenman
Chris Nei
Diane Reisdorfer

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
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Website | nativitystpaul.org

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Staff Email Directory | nativitystpaul.org/parish-staff

   @NativityStPaul

School Office

(651) 699-1311 | 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:

John Clifford
Michael Kelleher
Bonnie Pfoer

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!

Eleanor Ann Schmidt
Parents: Robert and Michelle (Dien) Schmidt

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

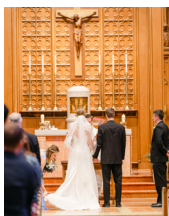
Please pray for all our engaged couples as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Holy Matrimony, particularly...

Jared McNece and Megan Trolen
Saturday, October 14, 2023

Clare Friis and Nick Joyce
Friday, October 20, 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. *Photo by Jennifer Sanders (jenniferlynnsanders.smugmug.com)*



PARISH LIFE

Preparing for Heaven Seminar | Sat., Oct. 14, 9:30am

We have a sacred responsibility as Catholic Christians to prepare for our journey home. Please join Nativity of Our Lord and the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota for a free seminar that will help you and your loved ones plan for the future. Preparing for Heaven: Stewardship of Life, Stewardship of Legacy will be offered next Saturday morning, October 14 in Steiner Hall.



Lunch will be provided following the seminar. Registration is available at nativitystpaul.org/preparing-for-heaven-seminar via the QR code and is requested by Tuesday. Please contact Beth Giese, Director of Advancement, at bgiese@nativitystpaul.org or (651) 696-5430 with any questions you may have.



MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Wisdom on Wednesday | Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6:30pm

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 St. 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!

NOW HIRING

Director of Faith Formation *(new)*

We are hiring a new person for our Discipleship Office! Under Fr. Tollefson's leadership, Nativity of Our Lord's mission and vision are expanding, and we need help. So, after months of discernment with staff and clergy, we have discerned that we will hire a Director of Faith Formation to serve under Mahalia Marcelin, Director of Discipleship. Visit nativitystpaul.org/careers for more information, including a job description.

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

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!



LITURGY

All Saints Day | October 31 - November 1 (*new*)

The solemnity of All Saints is a holy day of obligation this year. Join us as we celebrate the high feast of the entire Church Triumphant with the following Masses:

- Tuesday, 10/31 | 5pm (*vigil*)
- Wednesday, 11/1 | 7am, 8:15am (*music*), 7pm

All Souls' Day Memorial Mass | November 2 (*new*)

We will honor all parishioners who died this past year and whose funerals were celebrated at Nativity of Our Lord at a Memorial Mass at 7pm on Thursday, November 2, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day. Family members of the deceased and all parishioners are welcome to attend the Memorial Mass or participate online at nativitystpaul.org/online-liturgies.

If you would like to honor a family member whose funeral was celebrated at another parish, please contact Beth at the parish office at (651) 696-5401 or info@nativitystpaul.org before October 18.

NATIVITY WOMEN

NCCW Board Meeting | Monday, October 9, 5:30pm

The October NCCW Board Meeting is this Monday in the Lannan Parish Center. All women are welcome to join the Board and Committee Chairs to learn more about upcoming activities and events.

More details are available at nativitywomen.org.

Turkey Bingo | November 3 (*new*)

Save the date! Bring the whole family to the NCCW's annual Turkey Bingo on Friday, November 3 from 5:30-8pm in the school cafeteria. Turkeys and cash prizes are at stake! Stay tuned for more details.

Contact Mary King at kingerma55@gmail.com or Brooke Brown brookehbrown@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer or have 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

MEN'S CLUB

Pastor Installation & Donut Sunday | October 22
Save the date! Fr. Rolf Tollefson will be formally installed as pastor of Nativity of Our Lord by Archbishop Bernard Hebda on Sunday, October 22 at the 11am Mass, followed by a Donut Sunday celebration hosted by the Men's Club. See you there!

GRANDPARENTS

Grandparents Apostolate Fall Event | October 25
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 share this beautiful form of prayer 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.

COMMUNITY

Tree of Life Ceremony | Saturday, October 14, 10am
St. Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women invites you to the "Tree of Life Remembrance" next Saturday morning, October 14 at Como Park with Archbishop Hebda leading the prayer service. Thirty years ago, the deanery council planted a Norway spruce tree in Como Park (near Lexington Avenue) to honor babies who died in their mother's wombs. This event continues each October, and all are invited to join.

Seven Sisters Retreat | October 28 (*new*)
Seven Sisters Apostolate is a team of women who commit to specific times of intercessory prayer for their own parish priests, and we are working to bring this beautiful and powerful apostolate to Nativity of Our Lord. If you are interested in learning more, attend the Archdiocesan Time of Reflection and Renewal on Saturday, October 28 from 8am-2pm at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. The Archbishop will preside at Mass and join us for lunch. Register today at tiny.cc/7-sisters-event.

SYNOD

Youth Leadership Training Sessions Canceled (*update*)
Youth Small Group Leadership Training sessions have been canceled on Sunday evenings due to low response.

RESPECT LIFE

Diaper Drive | Now through October 31 (*new*)
In honor of Respect Life Month (October!), we will be collecting diapers, wipes, and formula for local pregnancy resource center Birthright of St. Paul. Larger diapers are most in need, though any are appreciated! Please bring donations to the back of the upper church through October 31. You can also support a pro-life business with your diaper donation! Order your diapers through EveryLife.com and receive 10% off your order and also Birthright will earn 10% by using BIRTHSTPL10 at checkout. Contact Karen McCann at (612) 964-4622 or karenmccann3@gmail.com with questions.

40 Days for Life | Now through November 5
Our adopted days for a daily prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in St. Paul are Monday, October 16 — the feast of St. Gerard Majella — and Wednesday, November 1 — All Saints Day — both from 7am-6pm. Our goal is to have at least two dedicated prayer volunteers per hour at Planned Parenthood on these days, peacefully praying for all who enter and exit there.



We also invite you and your family and friends to a clergy-led prayer vigil there on Sunday, October 22 at 1pm — the feast day of Pope St. John Paul II — and encourage everyone to go and pray there as often as you are able during the campaign, now through November 5.

Sign up for an hour or two on our adopted days of prayer at tiny.cc/40days-2023, on the forms in the back of the church, or by contacting Karen McCann at (612) 964-4622 or karenmccann3@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your efforts. Your prayers can make a real difference and help save lives and souls!

Human Dignity Book Discussion | Oct. 24, 30
Fresh off the press and inspired by the writings of Pope 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.

We will meet to discuss over a lunch potluck on Tuesday, October 24 in Minneapolis, and also on Monday, October 30 from 5-7:30pm in Steiner Hall. Contact Karen McCann for a book or to RSVP to either event.

IMAGES

Cover Image

Parable of the Wicked Husbandmen (October) | {{PD-US}}
By Marten van Valckenborch | Oil on canvas | 1580-1590
Vienna Art History Museum | khm.at/de/object/2010

CALENDAR • OCTOBER 9-15

Monday, 10/9	Tuesday, 10/10	Wed, 10/11	Thursday, 10/12	Friday, 10/13	Sat., 10/14	Sunday, 10/15
Mass: •8:15am Rosary for Life: •8:45am	Mass: •8:15am, 5pm Grandparents Rosary: 8:45am Confession: •4:15-4:45pm	Mass: •8:15am Rosary for Life: •8:45am Confession: •4:30-5:30pm	Mass: •8:15am Rosary for Life: •8:45am	Mass: •8:15am, 5pm Rosary for Life: •8:45am Confession: •4:15-4:45pm	Mass: •8:15am •5pm (vigil) Confession: •3:30-4:30pm	Mass: •7:30am •9am* •11am •5pm <i>*No Children's Liturgy until fall</i>
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 nativystpaul.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. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi</i> NCCW Board Meeting Lannan Conf. Room 5:30pm	<i>(27th Week in Ordinary Time)</i> Facilities Committee Meeting Lannan Conf. Room 7am	<i>Pope St. John XXIII</i> Convivium Auditorium 6:30-8pm Marriage Speaker Steiner Hall 6:30-8pm Faith Formation & OCIA School 6:30-8pm	Synod Team Meeting Lannan Conf. Room 4:30pm NMC Board Meeting Steiner Hall 6:30pm	<i>(St. Edward the Confessor*)</i> Pope St. Callistus I Preparing for Heaven Seminar Steiner Hall 9am	Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Paul <i>Pope St. Callistus I</i> Preparing for Heaven Seminar Steiner Hall 9am	The 28TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME <i>(St. Teresa of Avila*)</i> <i>*Nativity relic on display in Heritage Room</i>
40 Days for Life						
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@nativystpaul.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.

Suicide Prevention

As a society, we recognize that suicide is a tragedy that ends one life and leaves a trail of devastation in its wake for the family, friends, and community left behind. Those who promote doctor-assisted suicide try to draw a distinction between those with a mental illness who want to end their lives and those with a terminal illness who express the same wish. This is a dangerously false distinction with far-reaching consequences. Read a fuller reflection, pray, and learn about more reasons to oppose assisted suicide at uscbb.org/every-suicide-tragic.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday:	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7); Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
Monday:	Jon 1:1 - 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1-4, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

MASS INTENTIONS

		8:15am	5pm (or private)
Mon.	10/9	Pil-Eung Kim +	Ginnie Erickson
Tues.	10/10	Nancy and Paul Barrett	Debra Diehl +
Wed.	10/11	Jane Doherty +	Katie McKenzie +
Thu.	10/12	Rita Seidel +	Sue L. Johnson +
Fri.	10/13	Therese Small	Jackie Hernandez +
Sat.	10/14	Peter Wilhoit +	-