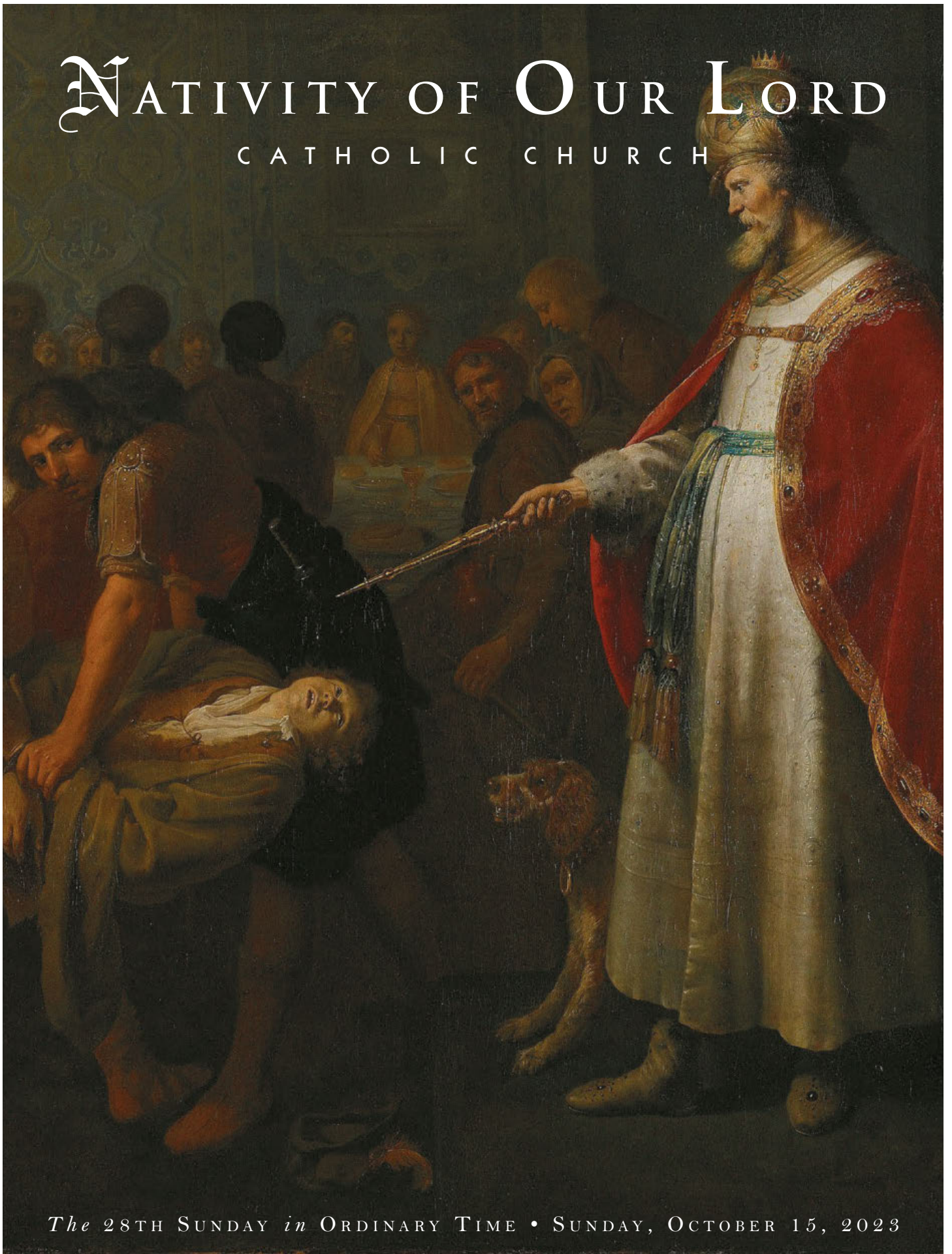


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The 28TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

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

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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)

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(651) 334-2935

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BAPTISMS

Announcements

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

Jack Emerson Horner

Parents: David and Emily (Sergeant) Horner

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...

Clare Friis and Nick Joyce

Friday, October 20, 2023

Ashley Guzman and Jonathan Guzman

Saturday, November 4, 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 (jenniferlynnanders.smugmug.com)*



FUNERALS

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.

ARCH. SYNOD

Recap of Small Group Leader Formation Sessions 1-3

For a summary of the first three sessions of the Archdiocesan Synod Small Group Leader Formation course at Nativity of Our Lord, please visit nativitystpaul.org/synod.

LITURGY

Pastor Installation, Donut Sunday | Sun., Oct. 22, 8am
Fr. Rolf Tollefson will be formally installed as pastor of Nativity of Our Lord by Archbishop Bernard Hebda next Sunday, October 22 at the 11am Mass, followed by a Donut Sunday celebration hosted by the Men's Club. See you there!

All Saints Day | October 31 - November 1

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

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 Wednesday.

SCHOOL

100th Anniversary Celebration | October 28

Nativity of Our Lord School opened its doors for the first time on September 14, 1923. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the school which was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at the invitation of Fr. Terrence Moore. Nativity School celebrated this milestone occasion with a giant 100 year birthday party for the current students, faculty, and staff on September 14.



On Saturday, October 28, the entire community will gather to celebrate with school tours from 3-5pm, Mass at 5pm in the newly restored church, and a celebration at the school with food and live music to follow. Our parish Youth Choir will sing during the liturgy and a few of our band students will lend their musical talents to the celebration as well. After Mass, we will gather back in the gym for a giant birthday party to celebrate our 100 years! There will be food trucks and live music as members of our Nativity School family, past and present, reconnect with friends.

Current families, alumni, and parishioners are encouraged to join us as we celebrate 100 years of faith and excellence in learning!

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!



NOW HIRING

Director of Faith Formation

We are hiring a new person for our Discipleship Office! Under Fr. Rolf 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.

NATIVITY WOMEN

Turkey Bingo | November 3

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! Pizza, snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. We also need volunteers! Contact Brooke Brown at BrookeHBrown@comcast.net if you would like to volunteer.

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

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COMMUNICATIONS

Email Newsletter

Have you signed up for Nativity News yet? Nativity of Our Lord's weekly email newsletter highlights events of the upcoming weekend, and connects parishioners to helpful resources on the web. Visit nativitystpaul.org/email-newsletter to sign up.

SCOUTS

Fall Campfire for Grades K-5 | October 24

Join us for a fall campfire at the next Cub Scout Pack meeting, Tuesday, October 24 at 6pm at Nativity School! If your child (Grades K-5) is interested in trying out Scouting, please join us for this “fun for the entire family” event. The campfire will feature skits, songs, treats, and more! To learn more about our Pack and to register, visit pack67stpaul.org.

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

White Mass for Physicians | Saturday, Oct. 21, 5:15pm

The Twin Cities guild of the Catholic Medical Association will have its annual Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 5:15 pm next Saturday October 21. A reception will follow in Hayden Hall. All physicians are encouraged to attend! Advance practice providers are also welcome. Additional information is available at twincitiescma.org.

Abria Together for Life Gala | October 27

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.

Seven Sisters Retreat | October 28

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.

RESPECT LIFE

40 Days for Life Vigil | Monday, October 16, 7am-6pm
40 Days for Life continues on!

This peaceful, effective effort of prayer, fasting, and community outreach is a powerful witness to the beauty of human life! Our first of two adopted days of prayerful vigil at Planned Parenthood in St. Paul is this Monday — the feast of St. Gerard Majella — in addition to Wednesday, November 1 — All Saints Day. Both run from 7am-6pm.



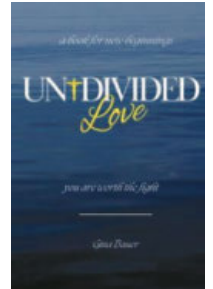
Our goal is to have at least two dedicated prayer volunteers per hour at Planned Parenthood on these days, peacefully praying for all who enter and exit there. Sign up for an hour or two on our adopted days of prayer at tiny.cc/40days-2023 or by contacting Karen McCann at (612) 964-4622 or karenmccann3@gmail.com.

40 Days Clergy-Led Prayer | Sunday, Oct. 22, 1pm

We also invite you and your family and friends to a clergy-led prayer vigil there next 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. 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 at (612) 964-4622 or karenmccann3@gmail.com.

Diaper Drive | Now through October 31

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% when you use BIRTHSTPL10 at checkout. Contact Karen McCann at (612) 964-4622 or karenmccann3@gmail.com with questions.



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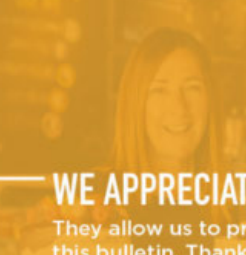


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CALENDAR • OCTOBER 16-22

Monday, 10/16	Tuesday, 10/17	Wed., 10/18	Thursday, 10/19	Friday, 10/20	Sat., 10/21	Sunday, 10/22
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. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque* (St. Gerard Majella*)</i> <i>(28th Week in Ordinary Time)</i> 40 Days for Life Vigil (1/2) Off Campus 7am-6pm	<i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i> Pastoral Council Mtg. Lannan Center 6pm Grief Support Mtg. Bride's Room 6:30pm SVdP Meeting Steiner Hall 6:30pm	<i>St. Luke*</i> No School <i>(teacher in-service)</i> Convivium Auditorium 6:30-8pm OCIA School 6:30-8pm	<i>Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues</i> No School Small Group Leader Formation Steiner Hall 6:30pm	<i>St. Paul of the Cross</i> No School		<i>The 29TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME</i> World Mission Sunday Donut Sunday Steiner Hall 8am-12:30pm Pastor Installation Church 11am Mass
Respect Life Month 40 Days for Life Diaper Drive						
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.

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 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday:	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	2 Tm 4:10-17; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

MASS INTENTIONS

		8:15am	5pm (or private)
Mon.	10/16	Yoga Ravi +	The Youth of Nativity
Tues.	10/17	Vyvette Fernando +	Ken Witte +
Wed.	10/18	Luis Vasquez +	Fred Blonigen
Thu.	10/19	Tim Huberty	Paul and Nancy Barrett
Fri.	10/20	David Peter Bahl +	Terry Huberty +
Sat.	10/21	Anne Kemp +	-