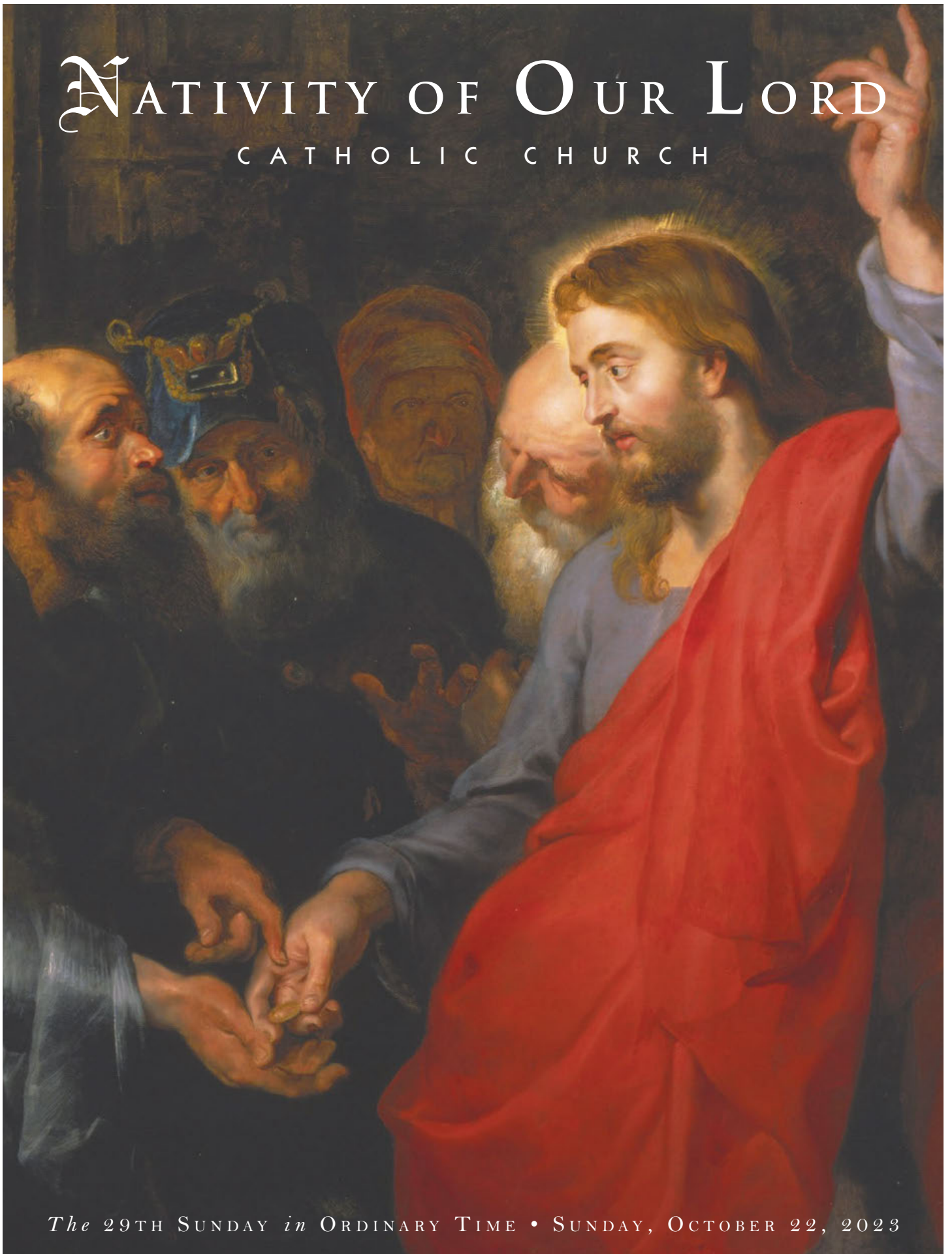


# NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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*The 29TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME • SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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).

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# INFORMATION

## Pastor

Father Rolf Tollefson (pictured)



## Church

1938 Stanford Avenue  
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## Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30am-Noon

## Lannan Parish Center (Parish Office)

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## 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)

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## St. Vincent de Paul Society

## Pastoral Care

(651) 334-2935

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# FUNERALS

## Our Faithfully Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

**Margaret “Margy” McCarron**

*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](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 member of the Catholic faith!

**Maximus William Suarez**

*Parents: Julio Suarez and Elizabeth Werner*

## 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.



# HOLY MATRIMONY

## Banns

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

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

# IMAGES

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# LITURGY

**Pastor Installation, Donut Sunday** | Sun., Oct. 22, 11am  
Fr. Rolf Tollefson will be formally installed as pastor of Nativity of Our Lord by Archbishop Bernard Hebda this Sunday, October 22 at the 11am Mass. And to celebrate, the Men's Club will be hosting a Donut Sunday in Steiner Hall from 8am-12:30pm. 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

# SCHOOL

**100th Anniversary Celebration** | Saturday, Oct. 28 3pm  
Nativity of Our Lord School opened its doors for the first time on September 14, 1923, founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at the invitation of Fr. Terrence Moore. Which means this year marks its 100th anniversary! Nativity School celebrated this milestone occasion with a giant 100-year birthday party for the current students, faculty, and staff on September 14.

Next Saturday, October 28, the entire community will gather to celebrate! School tours will be offered from 3-5pm, followed by Mass at 5pm in the newly restored church, featuring our parish Youth Choir and some of the School's band students. After Mass, we will gather back in the gym for a giant birthday party to celebrate our 100 years, including 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!

## Tours for Prospective Families (*new*)

This is an exciting time as we begin the process of welcoming prospective families to Nativity School. Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions for parents! We will be offering individual tours this fall and early winter for those interested in learning more about Nativity School. We are always pleased to meet prospective families as they seek to find a school in which their children will thrive during their formative years.



Touring during a typical school day provides an opportunity for parents to see the learning process which is grounded in our Catholic faith. We would love to partner with you as your child embarks on this educational journey. If you would like to schedule a tour, please call the School office and speak with Mary Jo at (651) 699-1311. We look forward to meeting you!



# 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](mailto:info@nativitystpaul.org)
- School: Molly Dressen, Administrative Assistant  
(651) 696-5411 | [mdressen@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:mdressen@nativitystpaul.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!



## 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](http://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](http://nativitystpaul.org/centennial-campaign) via the QR code. Thank you for your generous support!



# PASTORAL CARE

## 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](http://nativitystpaul.org/online-liturgies).

## Prayer Shawl Ministry *(new)*

We are looking to relaunch a formal Prayer Shawl Ministry here at Nativity of Our Lord. If you have been knitting or crocheting for the sake of those in need of comfort and solace or celebration and joy, or would like to join a group doing the same, please contact the parish office at (651) 696-5401 or [info@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:info@nativitystpaul.org).

## Funeral Lunch Volunteers Needed *(new)*

Helping with funeral lunches is a beautiful way to carry out the corporal work of mercy of burying the dead. The time commitment is minimal, but the reward is great. We are looking for volunteers to help set up (usually from 8:45-9:15am), serve and clear plates (11am-1pm), and finally to prepare the dishes for the school's commercial dishwasher (12-2pm).

Joining our wonderful group of volunteers does not commit you to working every funeral lunch, but rather puts you on a list to sign up when you are available. If you would like to have your name added to the list, contact us at [mjconners@mac.com](mailto:mjconners@mac.com) or call the parish office at (651) 696-5401. Thank you!

## 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.

# COMMUNITY

## Seven Sisters Retreat | Saturday, October 28, 8am-2pm

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. Register today at [tiny.cc/7-sisters-event](http://tiny.cc/7-sisters-event).

# GRANDPARENTS

**Fall Event: Lectio Divina** | Wednesday, Oct. 25, 8:45am  
All grandparents are invited to a morning of enrichment, encouragement, fellowship, and prayer highlighted by a presentation, *Doing Lectio Divina with Kids* this Wednesday morning. 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.

# YOUTH

**All Souls Day Cemetery Visit** | Sun., Oct. 29, 9am (*new*)  
All 7-12th graders are invited to commemorate All Souls' Day a few days early on Sunday, October 29. Join us for 9am Mass with the parish at Nativity of Our Lord, and we'll then head out to Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights. We'll talk about the Catholic understanding of Purgatory and pray for the faithful departed. A light breakfast will be provided, and we will return around noon. Transportation is not provided, so carpooling is encouraged. Dress for the weather and bring a rosary!

**All Saints' Day Party** | November 1 (*new*)  
Join us in celebrating All Saints' Day! Come dressed as your favorite saint and play games, eat food, win prizes, and attend Mass for the holy day of obligation. We'll be in the school auditorium from 6-8:30pm on Wednesday, November 1. Saint costumes are not required, but highly encouraged! This event is open to all 7-12th graders.

# 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](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

# RESPECT LIFE

**40 Days Clergy-Led Prayer** | Sunday, Oct. 22, 1pm  
Thank you to all who powerfully gave witness to the beauty of human life on our first adopted day of prayer. We now invite you to join a clergy-led prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in St. Paul this Sunday, October 22 at 1pm — the feast day of Pope St. John Paul II. We are now past the midpoint in this peaceful prayer campaign (ending November 5) and, as of October 16, we know of 100 innocent lives have been saved worldwide. Praise be to Jesus! Sign up for an hour or two on our 2nd adopted day of prayer on Wednesday, November 1 — All Saints Day — from 7am-6pm at [tiny.cc/40days-2023](http://tiny.cc/40days-2023) or by contacting Karen McCann at (612) 964-4622 or [karenmccann3@gmail.com](mailto:karenmccann3@gmail.com).



**Book Discussion** | Tuesday, October 24, 11:30am  
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. We will meet to discuss over a lunch potluck this Tuesday in Minneapolis, and also on Monday, October 30 from 5-7:30pm in Steiner Hall. Contact Karen McCann for a book or to RSVP.

**Sidewalk Counsel Training** | Tues., Oct. 24, 7pm (*new*)  
Sidewalk Counselors are ordinary people who offer literature to abortion-minded parents about help available, the humanity of pre-born children, and harm of abortion, while offering words of truth and love, encouraging them to choose life, and directing them to a Pregnancy Resource Center. Interested in learning more? Join us this Tuesday evening from 7-9pm at Revive Church in Brooklyn Park. For more information or to register, contact us at [thomas.wilkin@plam.org](mailto:thomas.wilkin@plam.org) or (651) 797-6366.

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



**Birthright Training** | Saturday, Oct. 28, 8:30am (*new*)  
Birthright of Saint Paul has many opportunities available to serve families in need through friendly advocacy, offering practical and emotional support. Join us in creating a supportive culture of life in our community. Contact Karen McCann for details. Our next training session is next Saturday, October 28 from 8:30am - 1pm. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

**Diaper Drive** | Now through October 31  
In honor of Respect Life Month (October!), we are 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. Contact Karen McCann with questions.





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# CALENDAR • OCTOBER 23-29

Monday, 10/23	Tuesday, 10/24	Wed., 10/25	Thursday, 10/26	Friday, 10/27	Sat., 10/28	Sunday, 10/29
<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am  <b>Rosary for Life:</b> •8:45am	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am, 5pm  <b>Grandparents Rosary:</b> 8:45am  <b>Confession:</b> •4:15-4:45pm	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am  <b>Rosary for Life:</b> •8:45am  <b>Confession:</b> •4:30-5:30pm	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am  <b>Rosary for Life:</b> •8:45am	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am, 5pm  <b>Rosary for Life:</b> •8:45am  <b>Confession:</b> •4:15-4:45pm	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am •5pm (vigil)  <b>Confession:</b> •3:30-4:30pm	<b>Mass:</b> •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 <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
<i>St. John of Capistrano</i>           <i>*Nativity relics on display in Heritage Room</i>	<i>St. Anthony Mary Claret</i>   <b>Respect Life Book Discussion</b> <b>Off Campus</b> 11:30am  <b>Scouts Fall Campfire</b> <b>School</b> 6pm	<b>Grandparents Fall Speaker</b> <b>Steiner Hall</b> 8:45am  <b>Finance Council Meeting</b> <b>Rectory</b> 5:30pm  <b>Convivium Auditorium</b> 6:30-8pm  <b>Faith Formation &amp; OCIA</b> <b>School</b> 6:30-8pm	<i>(29th Week in Ordinary Time)</i>     <b>Small Group Leader Formation</b> <b>Steiner Hall</b> 6:30pm		<b>STS. SIMON AND JUDE*</b>   <b>School 100th Anniversary Celebration</b> <b>Church &amp; School</b> 3pm	<b>The 30TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>Scouts Popcorn Sale</b> <b>Outside Church Doors</b> After Morning Masses  <b>Youth All Souls Day Cemetery Visit</b> <b>Church and Off Campus</b> 9am
<b>Respect Life Month   40 Days for Life   Diaper Drive</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.						

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21  
**Mon.:** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21  
**Tues.:** Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38  
**Wed.:** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1-8; Lk 12:39-48  
**Thurs.:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53  
**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59  
**Sat.:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16  
**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

## SCOUTS

**Fall Campfire for Grades K-5 | Tuesday, Oct. 24, 6pm**  
 Join us for a campfire at the next Cub Scout Pack meeting this Tuesday evening 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 featuring skits, songs, treats, and more! To learn more about the Pack and to register, visit [pack67stpaul.org](http://pack67stpaul.org).

## NOW HIRING

**Assistant Director of Discipleship**  
 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 Assistant Director of Discipleship to serve under Mahalia Marcelin, Director of Discipleship. (This title has been updated since last week.) Visit [nativitystpaul.org/careers](http://nativitystpaul.org/careers) for more information, including a job description.

## MASS INTENTIONS

		8:15am	5pm (or private)
<b>Mon. 10/23</b>		Mary Blauert +	Stephen Lauinger
<b>Tues. 10/24</b>		Msgr. Robert Probst +	Jackie Hernandez +
<b>Wed. 10/25</b>		William Schneider +	Patricia McDonell +
<b>Thu. 10/26</b>		Henry 'Hank' Dykstal +	Julia Blonigen
<b>Fri. 10/27</b>		Dorothy Pappenfus +	Joseph + and Lilian + Heaney
<b>Sat. 10/28</b>		Thomas J. Spaniol +	-