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The 32ND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME • SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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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Office Hours

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

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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(651) 334-2935

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FUNERALS

Our Faithfully Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

Amy Wivell

Amy Wivell (née Suek) was the beloved wife of Jon, and daughter of Nancy Shatek-Suek and Don Suek. Her family, especially Nancy who served Nativity of Our Lord on the parish staff for over 16 years, wishes to wholeheartedly thank the parish for its prayers and support during Amy's illness. We were very humbled by your kindness and generosity. Thank you.

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.

BAPTISMS

Announcements

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

Francesca Grace Brandt

Parents: Ethan Brandt and Angelica Kramer

Fitzgerald Clark Mcelligott

Parents: Peter and Natalie (Thibodeaux) McElligott

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

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).*



PARISH LIFE

Donut Sunday | Sunday, November 12, 8am-12:30pm

Join us after any of the morning Masses this Sunday for some coffee, donuts, milk, juice, and great conversation with your fellow parishioners at Donut Sunday in Steiner Hall, sponsored by the Men's Club. See you there!

Canal Dinner | January 27 (*update*)

Looking for a great date night? Save the date for a fun night out with other couples from our parish at our annual Canal Dinner on Saturday, January 27. The Canal Dinner is a night to celebrate your marriage and lift up the good news about being married. Engaged couples, married couples, widows, and widowers all are invited to attend. The night will consist of Mass at 5pm followed by a social hour, dinner, and guest speaker Kate Walsh Soucheray, Ed.D, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Emeritus. She will present "A Virtuous, Catholic Marriage: Our Call to Transform the World." Free babysitting will be available! Registration and further details will be available soon.

NATIVITY WOMEN

NCCW Business Meeting | Monday, Nov. 13, 5pm

Please consider attending the Nativity Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) business meeting in Steiner Hall this Monday evening. We'll start at 5pm with a social half-hour, and welcome you to stay for the meeting. The agenda includes a brief brainstorming on the topic of "hospitality." There's always room for growth and change, and to make NCCW more inviting and welcoming to everyone. Questions? Contact us at nccw@nativitystpaul.org.

Fireside Chat & Social | Tuesday, November 14, 6:30pm

Join us for fun and friendship this Tuesday evening when the NCCW kicks off the third season of "Fireside Chats & Socials" with a Candlelight Tour of our magnificent 100-year-old church. Enjoy complimentary wine and refreshments while learning about the history and architectural details of our spiritual home from parish docent, Jenni Maas. All women of the parish are invited to register for free online at nativitywomen.org/events or call the parish office so we can plan for your company. (Free will donations will be accepted at the door.) We hope you will join us!

Turkey Bingo Thanks (*new*)

The NCCW wants to thank all of the volunteers, school staff, and bingo callers for making our Turkey Bingo night a success. Cash prizes, two Davanni's gift cards, and 16 Turkeys were won. Nativity of Our Lord School student James Keane won the \$100 Target gift card in the coverall. We are so grateful for the support of our sponsors: Widmers Supermarket, Sue Johnson of Coldwell Banker, Megan Kuefler of The Dorn Group - Re/Max Results, and Shamrocks/The Nook. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

Online Giving

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

The QR code at right 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!



ADORATION

Schedule Update

Adoration now ends at 9pm on both Friday and Saturday evenings, and also at 5pm on Wednesday evening, effective immediately. (Please note the Adoration chapel continues to be unlocked and available for prayer via the southeast church doors 24 hours a day, seven days a week!) The rest of the Adoration schedule remains the same, for the immediate future. (See back page calendar.) That said...

Hours Expansion Effort

We have begun a new effort to again expand our Adoration hours with the longterm goal to return to Perpetual Adoration: 24 hours of Adoration, 7 days a week. Our first goal is to fill Sunday nights through Tuesday mornings, and we have begun by calling pre-COVID Adorers. If you are you open to committing to a new or additional hour in the near future (the next 1-2 months or so), please visit nativitystpaul.org/adoration-future-expanded-hours-interest-survey. (Please see below for specific hours needed.)

Hours Needed | Mondays, 9am-9pm *(new)*

We have made good progress on filling daytime hours from 9am-9pm on Mondays, and are shooting to begin those hours as soon as the first Monday of Advent, December 4. Below are the hours for which we still need weekly commitments. If you are able to begin a new committed hour, please contact Fr. Bill Duffert, Director of Liturgy, at frbduffert@nativitystpaul.org or (651) 696-5440. Thank you!

- Monday, 9am
- Monday, 12pm
- Monday, 2pm
- Monday, 3pm

COMMUNITY

Discernment in Retirement Seminar *(new)*

Are you retiring soon? What is God calling you to in this Next Chapter? You are invited to join a six-month cohort with others exploring Ignatian-based discernment. Applications are due this Wednesday. Visit stthomas.edu/mission/office for more information.

COMMUNICATIONS

Email Scheme Impersonating Fr. Tollefson

Fraudulent emails claiming to come from “Fr. Rolf Tollefson” are now being delivered to parishioners with the intent to confuse, manipulate, and steal. Do not make any purchases via a solicitation through text or email. For more information, visit nativitystpaul.org/news/alert-phishing-scam-fr-tollefson, or contact the parish office at (651) 696-5401 or info@nativitystpaul.org. Please be on guard — and spread the word to those who may be vulnerable to such scams.

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.

SUBMISSIONS

Publishing Deadlines *(update)*

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. Please note the following early deadlines:

- *(Submissions for the 11/19 bulletin were due by 11/9.)*
- *Digital content for publishing November 16-24 must be submitted by 9am this Monday, November 13.*
- *Submissions for the November 26 bulletin are due by 9am this Tuesday, November 14.*

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

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

SERVICE

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

FROM HOME

Video Mass from Nativity of Our Lord

Livestreamed and archived liturgies continue to be available at nativitystpaul.org/online-liturgies, as well as on our parish website homepage. See the back page calendar for this week's days and times.

Broadcast Liturgies

EWTN's television channel (Comcast cable ch. 291) broadcasts daily Mass at 7am, 11am, 6pm, and 11pm, and rebroadcasts it on channels 14.2, 14.4, and 14.5. Mass is also on Relevant Radio, 1330 AM, on Sundays at 9am, with Daily Mass at 12pm. Sunday Mass is also on local TV at 11am on KSTC-TV/45.

RESPECT LIFE

Rosaries for Life, Grandparents | Mon.-Fri., 8:15am
Please join us Monday-Friday following 8:15am morning mass (at about 8:45am), to pray the Rosary in the Mary Chapel. The prayers are dedicated to the beautiful vocation of Grandparents and their intentions on Tuesdays, and the rest of the days for Life and Human Dignity. If you would like to be a substitute for those who regularly lead the Rosary, please contact Mary McClure at (651) 260-8953.

40 Days for Life & Diaper Drive Thank You *(new)*

To all who participated in our 40 days for Life campaign, and on behalf of all those vulnerable to abortion, thank you for your intercessory prayers! As of October 31, we know of 215 innocent lives saved from abortion! Birthright of Saint Paul also is deeply grateful for all the diapers, wipes, and formula that were generously donated. On behalf of all our clients and their children in need, thank you so much for your great support!

Become a Guiding Star Wakota "Donor for Life" *(new)*

You can help Guiding Star Wakota provide women and families with the education and tools to become self-sufficient and thrive as parents. Minnesota State legislators recently and unexpectedly de-funded our largest operational grant. We are asking you to help us continue to provide help, healing, and hope for women and families in need. Become a monthly Donor for Life today. Visit guidingstarwakota.org/donate to learn more and become a Donor for Life.

SCHOOL

Book Fair | Sunday, November 19, 9:30-12:30pm *(new)*

The Nativity Book Fair is coming! The Book Fair will be open after Masses next Sunday morning, November 19, and a large variety of books will be available for purchase, with the proceeds directly benefiting our classrooms and school library. If you are looking for Christmas gifts for your children or grandchildren, volunteers will be on hand to assist you. See you at the Book Fair!

Tours for Prospective Families

We are now again offering individual tours this fall and early winter for those interested in learning more about Nativity School. Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions for parents! We love helping families who want their children to 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!



VOLUNTEER

Young Adult Mentors Wanted *(new)*

Gifted and Belonging Fellowship (GAB) is a group of young adult Catholics, most of whom have a disability of some sort — or a gift as we would say. We are looking for Catholic young adults to join us as mentors. We meet on the fourth Sunday of each month from 6-8pm for a brief time of prayer and then some fellowship. Mentors are invited to simply participate and befriend, potentially helping to lead events. Please contact Megan at giftedandbelonging@gmail.com for more information.

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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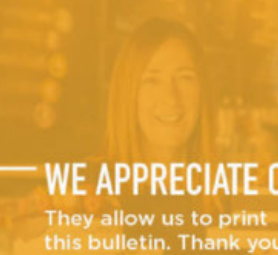


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CALENDAR • NOVEMBER 13-19

Mon., 11/13	Tuesday, 11/14	Wed., 11/15	Thursday, 11/16	Friday, 11/17	Sat., 11/18	Sun., 11/19
Mass: •8:15am	Mass: •8:15am •5pm	Mass: •8:15am	Mass: •8:15am	Mass: •8:15am, 5pm	Mass: •8:15am •5pm (<i>vigil</i>)	Mass: •7:30am •9am •11am •5pm
Rosary for Life: •8:45am	Grandparents Rosary: 8:45am Confession: •4:15-4:45pm	Rosary for Life: •8:45am Confession: •4:30-5:30pm	Rosary for Life: •8:45am	Rosary for Life: •8:45am Confession: •4:15-4:45pm	Confession: •3:30-4:30pm	
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*	<i>*Newly updated Adoration times</i>	Adoration: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-9pm*	Adoration: 6-9pm*	Adoration: 6-10pm
<i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini*</i> <i>*Nativity relics on display in Heritage Room</i>	<i>(32nd Week in Ordinary Time)</i> Facilities Mtg. Lannan Center 7am School Conferences 11:30am Dismissal	<i>St. Albert the Great*</i> Convivium Auditorium 6:30-8pm	<i>St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude</i> School Conferences 11:30am Dismissal	<i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary*</i> Kindergarten Thanksgiving Paraliturgies Church 10:30am & 1:30pm	<i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne</i> Men's Club Super Saturday Parking Lot 8am-12pm	<i>The 33RD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME</i> Book Fair Auditorium 9:30-12:30pm
NCCW Board Meeting Steiner Hall 5pm	Fireside Chat & Social Church & Steiner Hall 6:30pm	Faith Formation & OCIA School 6:30-8pm	Small Group Leader Formation Steiner Hall 6:30pm			
NELC Conferences					Stewardship Weekend	
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:	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23 - 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22 - 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

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 have discerned that we will hire a Assistant Director of Discipleship to serve under Mahalia Marcelin, Director of Discipleship. (This is an updated title.) Visit nativitystpaul.org/careers for a job description.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

		8:15am	5pm (or private)
Mon.	11/13	Shannon Harris +	Dr. Roger Ott +
Tues.	11/14	Jane Doherty +	Katie McKenzie +
Wed.	11/15	Donn Eiden Family	The Youth of Nativity
Thu.	11/16	Dyannoelle Hammad +	David Schumacher +
Fri.	11/17	David Peter Bahl +	Elizabeth Stephens Skok
Sat.	11/18	Tim Huberty	-