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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
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INFORMATION

Pastor

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.: 6-9pm; Sun: 6-10pm; Tues.: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-12am;
Wed.: 12-8am, 3-5pm; Fri.: 9am-5pm, 5:30-9pm

Emergency Anointing of the Sick (24 hours)

(651) 696-5401 (press 1 at the recording)

Prayer Line (9am-7pm)

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Bette Hoffman | (651) 699-8249

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Pastoral Care

(651) 334-2935

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BAPTISMS

Announcements

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

George Connell Rooney

Parents: Thomas and Christine (Ginger) Rooney

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.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Banns

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

Cameron P. Houghton and Frances Nicholson

Saturday, December 9, 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.

Cana Dinner | January 27

Looking for a great date night? Save the date for a fun night out with other couples from our parish at our annual Cana Dinner on Saturday, January 27. The Cana 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.

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.

PARISH LIFE

Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot | Now Open

The annual Christmas Tree Lot is back!

We are again offering Christmas music, the usual good cheer, a warm fire, and assistance with trimming and placement of your tree on your vehicle for transport home. We will be serving the best selection of quality Christmas trees as usual, from Fraser, Balsam, and Douglas Firs to Scotch and White Pines. There will also be a limited number of wreaths, garland, and spruce tips on sale. Find us on the east end of the school parking lot.

We can always use a hand, so don't be shy — visit nativitymen.org/trees and sign up to work a shift! Contact our 2023 Tree Lot Chairs Darcy Tinnes at (612) 987-3450 or Pat Bolloom at (612) 599-8096 with any questions. See you there! *Pro Liberis!*

Hours of operation (*or until sold out!*):

- Monday-Thursday: 5:30-8pm
- Friday: 3-8pm
- Saturday-Sunday: 9am-8pm

Bakery Items Wanted | Saturday, December 2, 1-5pm

All are invited to bring baked goods to Steiner Hall next Saturday, December 2 so we can prepare them for sale. Women of the parish are invited to stay for a cup of Christmas cheer with your fellow NCCW members. Or just stop by for a cup of Christmas cheer!

NCCW Christmas Market | Sunday, Dec. 3, 10am-2pm

The annual NCCW Outdoor Christmas Market is back! Tins of Christmas treats, lovingly assembled by Nativity's finest bakers, will be for sale, and vendors will be selling handcrafted purses and bags, fair trade hats and mittens, customized ornaments and jewelry, artisan caramels, and homemade candles.

Complimentary hot beverages will be served, and Christmas trees and Booyah will be for sale at the Nativity Men's Club Tree Lot (see above). Come "snow or shine!"



Christmas Giving Tree | Now through Dec. 19 (*new*)

Please remember our neighbors in need as you plan your holiday gift giving. The Christmas Giving Tree is now up in the back of the church and is one of our annual Advent programs. It will support participants of Catholic Charities' programs for children, home stability/homeless teens, seniors, and the disabled. Simply take an ornament from the tree, purchase the item listed, and return the unwrapped item along with the ornament to the Giving Tree area by Tuesday, December 19.

Small additions to your gift of basic needs like socks and underwear are always appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Talens Paske at (651) 600-0245. Thank you!

ADORATION

Schedule Expanding! | Beginning December 4 ([update](#))
We have now received weekly commitments from new and returning Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament for all the hours from 9am-9pm on Mondays, and will officially expand our Adoration hours on the first Monday of Advent, December 4. Thank you to all who volunteered to make this possible!

Hours Expansion Effort

Our longterm goal to return to Perpetual Adoration: 24 hours of Adoration, 7 days a week remains the same, and is now one step closer (see above). But we're not done yet! If you are open to committing to a new or additional hour in the near future (the next 1-2 months or so), please fill out the form at nativitystpaul.org/adoration-future-expanded-hours-interest-survey. Thank you!

(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, even when the Blessed Sacrament is not exposed for Adoration.)

Seven Sisters Apostolate ([new](#))

We are currently looking to begin an active arm of the Seven Sisters Apostolate here at Nativity of Our Lord. The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call for women to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of our parish priests. It is a "holy wasting" or "lavishing of prayer" for their deeper conformity to Christ. Each woman commits to a Holy Hour on a distinct day of the week, thus covering a complete week.

The Holy Hour is ideally prayed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either in an Adoration Chapel or in front of a Tabernacle. We ask for a one-year commitment, which can begin at any time, and is renewable each May. If you are interested in committing to this apostolate, or simply wish to learn more, please contact the parish office at info@nativitystpaul.org or (651) 696-5401 or visit sevensistersapostolate.org.

SCHOOL

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!

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 Sunday, December 10 bulletin are due by 9am on Friday, December 1.*
- *Submissions for the Sunday, December 17 bulletin are due by 9am on Thursday, December 7*

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

RESPECT LIFE

Opposing Legalized Assisted Suicide

Legislators are expected to renew a push that would endanger the healthcare of all Minnesotans. Protecting the choices of a few by legalizing assisted suicide will endanger the healthcare choices of all. Assisted suicide is neither compassionate nor about real choice. Assisted suicide deliberately undermines human dignity by ending the lives of society's most vulnerable people, instead of utilizing hospice and palliative care. When care is expensive and killing is cheap, which do you think will prevail? Simply put, this is not a Minnesota value.

Pope Francis has spoken out against the legalization of assisted suicide, saying in 2019 that, "we can and must reject the temptation, also induced by legislative changes, to use medicine to support a possible willingness of the patient to die, providing assistance for suicide or directly causing death by euthanasia." Learn more about the issue and how you can make a difference at mncatholic.org/action_21165.

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.

Guiding Star Wakota Gala | February 24
Mark your calendars for Guiding Star Wakota's annual Grow with Us Gala at the Inwood Oaks Event Center in Oakdale on Saturday, February 24. We are thrilled to welcome Archbishop Bernard Hebda and emcee Matt Birk and feature client testimonials, as well as honoring the John and Paula Campbell Family. Cocktail hour will begin at 5:30pm and dinner and program at 7pm. Be a part of the help, healing, and hope of the many women and families that Guiding Star Wakota serves. More information is available at guidingstarwakota.org/gala.

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.

IMAGES

Cover Image

Nativity of Our Lord 8th Grade Confirmation Class of 2023
By Greg Povolny | Saturday, November 11, 2023

LITURGY

Immaculate Conception | December 7-8 (*new*)

Next week, we celebrate Our Lady's solemn feast of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast day of the United States, and a holy day of obligation. Please join us for Mass at one of the following times:

- Thursday, 12/7: 5pm (vigil)
- Friday, 12/8: 7am, 8:15am (music), and 7pm (music)

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.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY

"Vis the Season!" Holiday Event | Sat., Dec. 2, 11am

You're invited to winter fun for the whole family next Saturday, December 2 from 11am-3pm at Visitation School. Visits and complimentary photos with Santa Claus will be available from 12-2pm. Get your holiday shopping done at the Christmas Marketplace, which will feature local vendors with products for everyone on your list! Food truck, treats, and beverages will be available along with complimentary face painting and a holiday-themed cake walk too. Visit visitation.net/campus-life/vis-the-season for more information.



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CALENDAR • NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 3

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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		Adoration: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-9pm	Adoration: 6-9pm	Adoration: 6-10pm
(34th Week in Ordinary Time)	St. Catherine Laboure*		ST. ANDREW*			FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT
		Convivium Auditorium 6:30-8pm	Synod Exec. Team Mtg. Lannan Conf. Room 4:30pm	First Friday Fellowship Steiner Hall 8:45am	Small Group Leader Formation Steiner Hall 9am-1pm	NCCW Outdoor Christmas Market Parking Lot 10am-2pm
		Faith Formation & OCIA School 6:30-8pm	Small Group Leader Formation Steiner Hall 6:30pm		NCCW Bake Sale Drop-Off Steiner Hall 1-5pm	OCIA Rite of Acceptance Church 11am Mass
Tree Lot Open Parking Lot 5:30-8pm (or until sold out!)				Tree Lot 3-8pm	Food Collection Weekend Tree Lot: 9am-8pm	
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

Sun.: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46
Mon.: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tues.: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wed.: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thurs.: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Fri.: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Sat.: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Next Su.: Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

SVDP

Christmas Coat (and Winter Wear) Drive

Looking for a way to help those less fortunate this Christmas? Give the gift of warmth in the cold Minnesota winter. Bring new or gently used coats, caps, mittens, and gloves (for men, women, or children) with you to the Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot. Drop them in the bin marked for that purpose. Our St. Vincent de Paul members will see that they get to those who need them. 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, 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!



MASS INTENTIONS

		8:15am	5pm (or private)
Mon.	11/27	Helen Class +	Barb Wollan +
Tues.	11/28	Mary Jean Loomis	Johnny McClure +
Wed.	11/29	Donna Green +	Amy Wivell +
Thu.	11/30	Rob Stupka +	Mahalia Marcelin
Fri.	12/1	Carol Utoft +	Vicki Leafgren +
Sat.	12/2	Nativity of Our Lord Third Order Carmelites, living and deceased	-