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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.

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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; Mon.: 9am-9pm;
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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FUNERALS

Our Faithfully Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

Frances Weier

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.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Banns

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

Katelyn Marie Rascher and Joseph Thuente

Saturday, January 20, 2024

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 info@nativitystpaul.org or (651) 696-5401. *Photo by Jennifer Sanders (jenniferlynnanders.smugmug.com).*



BAPTISMS

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*



ADORATION

Hours Expansion Effort | Wednesdays, 12pm

Our next goal on our way back to Perpetual Adoration (24 hours/day, 7 days/week) is to fill the hours of 9am-9pm on Wednesdays. Our one remaining hour in need of a weekly committed adorer is 12-1pm! If you are able to begin to this hour or another new committed hour, please contact Fr. Bill Duffert, Parochial Vicar, at (651) 696-5440 or frbduffert@nativitystpaul.org. Thank you!

PARISH LIFE

Donut Sunday | Sunday, January 7, 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.

Caná Dinner | Register by Thursday, January 11

Looking for a great date night? You're invited to a fun night out with other couples from Nativity of Our Lord at our annual Caná Dinner on Saturday, January 27. The Caná 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 is now open through this Thursday, January 11 for \$40 per person at nativitystpaul.org/cana-dinner. See you there!

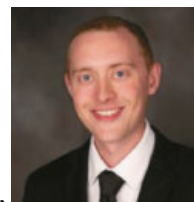
VOCATIONS

New "Parish Experience" Seminar | January 7-20

Hello Nativity of Our Lord parishioners! My name is Jacob O'Meara and I am in my third year as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul Minneapolis. I was excited to learn a short time ago that I have been assigned to spend two weeks with you here at Nativity as part of the Saint Paul Seminary's "Parish Experience" program.

Although it is such a brief time, I am excited to see what God has in store, as this will be my first experience of spending time at a parish as a seminarian. My first day with you is this Sunday, January 7, and my assignment concludes on Saturday, January 20.

I am the oldest of eight and grew up in Harris, Minnesota, near the north edge of the Archdiocese. I graduated from high school in 2016 and attended the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota, where I received a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering with a minor in Catholic Studies. After I graduated, I felt God's call to enter seminary, and did so the following year, in 2021.



In my free time I enjoy hiking, chess, anything frisbee-related, and following the Minnesota sports teams. Please pray for me throughout these two weeks, and moving forward, as I seek to follow God's plan for my life!

SCHOOL

Tours for Prospective Families

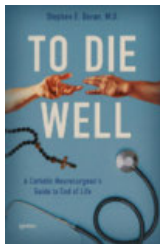
We are now again offering individual tours this winter for those interested in learning more about Nativity School. Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions for parents! We love helping families who want their children to thrive during their formative years. Touring during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



RESPECT LIFE

Book Discussion | January 26, 30

Our next book discussion will cover *To Die Well, A Catholic Neurosurgeon's Guide to End of Life* by Dr. Stephen Doran. Dr. Doran draws from his vast experience as a neurosurgeon, bioethicist, and permanent deacon to provide a detailed yet readily understandable guide to the Catholic perspective on the art of dying well.



He includes stories "helping us to understand the spiritual and moral issues related to death and the process of dying, along with the rites that accompany the death of a Catholic," according to Ignatius Press. "*To Die Well* will help readers contemplate, pray about, and prepare for the end of their earthly lives"

We will meet to discuss the book with potluck meals on Friday, January 26 at 11:30am in Minneapolis, and again on Tuesday, January 30 in Steiner Hall from 6-8pm. Contact Karen at (612) 964-4522 to RSVP or for a copy, which is available for \$19 or for loan.

COMMUNITY

Empathy Book Discussions | January 18, 25; February 1

Join us for a three-part book group discussion on *The Gift of Empathy* at 8:30-10am (after morning Mass) or 6:30-8pm on the following Thursdays: January 18 and 25 and February 1 in the Community Room at Lumen Christi in Highland Park. *The Gift of Empathy* is an easy read and a powerful yet practical message on how to demonstrate empathy with others at home, at work, and in all aspects of your life. Register at lumenchristicc.org or by calling the LC church office at (651) 698-5581, where you can also pick up the book for \$7. We hope the information you learn will positively impact your life.

NATIVITY WOMEN

NCCW Board Meeting | Monday, January 8, 5:30pm

The January NCCW Board Meeting is this Monday evening 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 online at nativitywomen.org.

Giving Tree Gratitude

Thanks to the overwhelming response of our Nativity community, about 280 Catholic Charities' clients were supported with gifts and necessities through the Nativity Council of Catholic Women (NCCW)'s Christmas Giving Tree project. This is 30 more than last year! Thank you for opening your hearts and giving to others during this challenging time for so many. The women of NCCW are so grateful for your generosity. Know that your kindness made the holidays better and brighter for many!

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

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.

Please note that livestreamed video is provided as a courtesy, cannot be guaranteed, and is not to be understood as a suitable substitute for in-person attendance for able-bodied Catholics under normal circumstances.

VOLUNTEER

Loaves and Fishes

Want to help feed the hungry in our community? Join fellow parishioners to serve meals at the Dorothy Day Center downtown St. Paul! Contact Mickey Nickelson at mickeyn925@gmail.com or (651) 698-3708 to learn more.

YOUTH

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Visit nativitystpaul.org/steubenville via the QR code to register and submit a \$100 deposit. Total cost of registration is \$299. For more information, visit steubenvilleconferences.com/youth or contact Mahalia Marcelin, Discipleship Director at (651) 696-5443 or mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org.



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

IMAGES

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ARCHDIOCESE

Archbishop's Response to New Vatican Document

The recent Declaration regarding pastoral blessings issued by the Vatican was intended to offer nuance to the Church's teaching on blessings (which can vary in form and purpose) without in any way changing the Church's perennial teaching on marriage or on sexual morality.

Nevertheless, the hope is that these blessings can assist those who request them to "open their lives to God, to ask for his help to live better, and also to invoke the Holy Spirit so that the values of the Gospel may be lived with greater faithfulness." Visit archspm.org/statement-regarding-pastoral-blessings for the rest of Archbishop Hebda's statement, as well as for a link to the Vatican document itself, *Fiducia Supplicans*.

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!



2024 Pledge Forms Reminder

Registered parishioners have now received invitations to make a stewardship commitment for 2024 in the mail. If you have yet to return your completed 2024 Stewardship pledge form, please do so as soon as possible. If you have not received your stewardship invitation, please contact Beth Giese, Director of Advancement, at (651) 696-5430 or bgiese@nativitystpaul.org. Thank you!

Annual Report and Mission Update

The 2023 Nativity of Our Lord Annual Report and Mission Update covering the 2022-2023 fiscal year (July 2022 - June 2023) has now been published and mailed to registered parishioner homes (separately from stewardship invitation letters). You can now view a digital copy, as well as past years, at nativitystpaul.org/annual-mission-update. If you have not received your document, please contact the parish office at (651) 696-5401 or info@nativitystpaul.org.

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.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter | February 9-11

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." Let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next opportunities are February 9-11 and May 3-5, both in Buffalo, MN. For more information, call Brent and Tracy Chessen at (612) 234-7440 or visit twincitieswwme.org.



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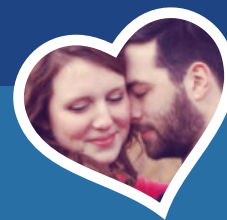


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CALENDAR • JANUARY 8-14

Monday, 1/8	Tuesday, 1/9	Wed., 1/10	Thursday, 1/11	Friday, 1/12	Saturday, 1/13	Sunday, 1/14
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 (<i>vigil</i>) Confession: •3:30-4:30pm	Mass: •7:30am •9am •11am •5pm
<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 nativitystpaul.org/online-liturgies.</i>						
Adoration: 9am-9pm <i>The BAPTISM of OUR LORD</i> NCCW Board Meeting Lannan Center 5:30pm	Adoration: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-12am Facilities Meeting Lannan Center 7am SVdP Meeting Gather Room 6:30pm 1st Reconciliation Church 6:30pm	Adoration: 12-8am, 3-5pm Convivium Auditorium 6:30-8pm Faith Formation & OCIA School 6:30-8pm 1st Reconciliation Church 6:30pm	Synod Exec. Team Mtg. Lannan Conf. Room 4:30pm NMC Board Meeting Steiner Hall 6:30pm	Adoration: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-9pm NMC Sports Shirt Stag Gym 6pm	Adoration: 6-9pm <i>St. Hilary</i>	Adoration: 6-10pm <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Bl. Peter Donders*)</i> <i>*Nativity relic on display in Heritage Room</i>
<i>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.</i>						

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28
Wed.: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Next Sun.: 1 Sm 3:3-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

MASS INTENTIONS

		8:15am (or 9am)	5pm (or private)
Mon.	1/8	Dyannoelle Hammad +	Richard Goblirsch +
Tues.	1/9	Anthony "Tony" Stephens +	Barb Wollan +
Wed.	1/10	Betsy Isaac +	Joseph P. Riley +
Thu.	1/11	Jane Doherty +	Katie McKenzie +
Fri.	1/12	Chuck Michel +	Joseph + and Maxine + Steigauf
Sat.	1/13	Jacob Erickson	-

MEN'S CLUB

Sports Stag with Michele Tafoya | Fri., Jan. 12, 6pm
 Guys: Our 43rd Annual Sport Shirt Stag guest speaker (drum roll, please)...is Michele Tafoya! She is a five-time Sports Emmy Award winner, freelance reporter, sports broadcaster, and advisor, who built a trend-setting career around the sidelines of men's sports with NBC, CBS, ESPN, Sunday Night Football, Monday Night Football and more.

We are thrilled to have Ms. Tafoya on our stage with Matt "Rookie" Michalski and Joe Dunford on the crowd mic this Friday evening in Nativity School gymnasium. Doors open 6pm and the event starts 7pm. While there is no fee for admission, a free will donation will be gratefully accepted. (And this is a good opportunity to pay your \$20 Men's Club dues, too.) Neighbors are welcome!

SPIRITUALITY

Men's Silent Retreat | January 18-21
 The Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House invites you to a men's three-day silent retreat on the beautiful grounds of Lake DeMontreville, guided by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. For more information, call our office at (651) 777-1311 or visit demontrevilleretreat.com.