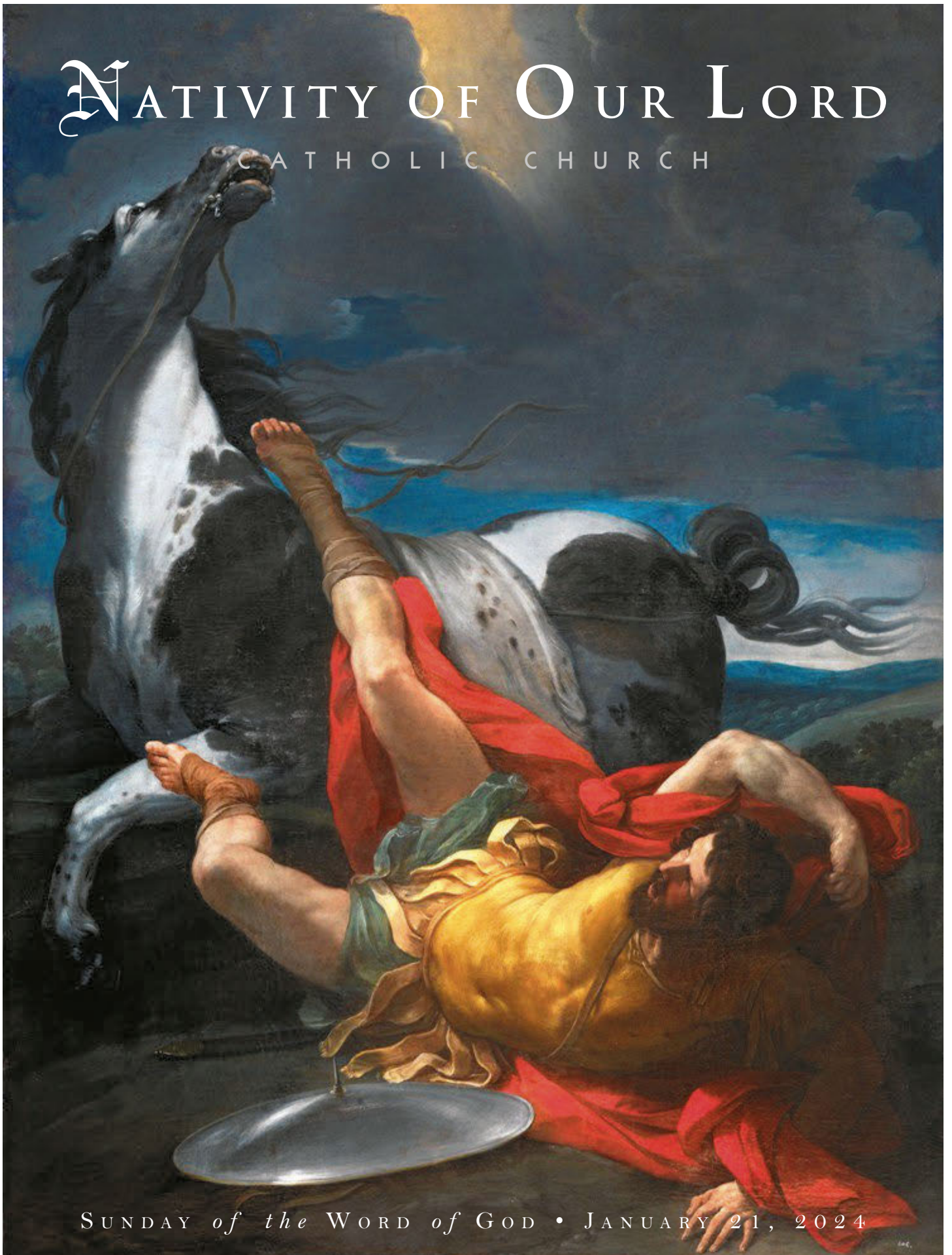


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# ABOUT

## 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](http://nativitystpaul.org/news/mission-statement).

# LEADERSHIP

**Pastor** | Father Rolf Tollefson (651) 696-5401  
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# INFORMATION

## Pastor

Father Rolf Tollefson (pictured)



## Church

1938 Stanford Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55105

## Office Hours

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




## Lannan Parish Center (Parish Office)

Phone: (651) 696-5401 | Fax: (651) 696-5458  
1900 Wellesley Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

**Website** | [nativitystpaul.org](http://nativitystpaul.org)

**Email** | [info@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:info@nativitystpaul.org)

**Staff Email Directory** | [nativitystpaul.org/parish-staff](http://nativitystpaul.org/parish-staff)

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

Mary Kay O'Rourke | (651) 698-5638  
Lucy Plunkett | (612) 817-0351

## Pastoral Care

(651) 696-5401

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

(651) 334-2935



# FUNERALS

## 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

## 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

## 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](mailto:info@nativitystpaul.org) or (651) 696-5401. *Photo by Jennifer Sanders ([jenniferlynnanders.smugmug.com](http://jenniferlynnanders.smugmug.com)).*



# 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)

# COMMUNITY

**GAB Bible Trivia Night** | Sunday, Jan. 28, 6-8pm (*new*)

All are invited to an evening of fun with Gifted and Belonging, providing Catholic fellowship for young adults with disabilities, seen and unseen. We will start the evening at St. Matthew's in St. Paul with prayer and then do some New Year goal setting. Then we will have some refreshments and a few rounds of Bible Trivia, with prizes. All are gifted and all belong! Please contact Megan at [giftedandbelonging@gmail.com](mailto:giftedandbelonging@gmail.com) for more information. Bring a friend and snacks or treats to share!

# PARISH LIFE

**Donuts & Respect Life** | Sunday, January 21, 8am

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. Representatives from our Respect Life committee, as well as other pro-life organizations in our community, will also be available to share the good work they are doing and how you can get involved in this important mission. See you there!

**Scouts Rain Gutter Regatta** | Tues., Jan. 23, 6pm (*new*)

The Nativity Cub Scout Pack is hosting its annual Rain Gutter Regatta in the cafeteria this Tuesday evening! Bring your K-5 kids down to try their hand at sailing, as we will have several pre-built boats ready for them to race. Find out how we build the boats, how we decorate them, and finally how we sail them. Engaging in scouting provides an avenue to impart essential life skills to your children, presents opportunities for collaborative problem-solving within a team, and allows them to experience profound satisfaction from achieving their goals. Visit [scoutshop.org/blog/5-simple-tips-to-help-cub-scouts-get-ready-for-the-raingutter-regatta.html](http://scoutshop.org/blog/5-simple-tips-to-help-cub-scouts-get-ready-for-the-raingutter-regatta.html) to learn more.

**Cub Scouts Pancake Breakfast** | February 4 (*new*)

The Pancake Breakfast is coming up! Join us February 4 for a delicious "all you can eat" breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausages, an orange wedge, milk, orange juice and coffee, served from 8am-12:30pm. The Scouts will be selling tickets after Masses this weekend and next.

# ARCH. SYNOD

## Synod Small Groups Are Here!

This weekend is Small Group Invitation Weekend, and we're celebrating with Donut Sunday! Please refer to the insert in this bulletin for more information, including a QR code for online registration for a Couples', Women's, Men's, Mixed, or a Special Purpose small group for Lent. To see the variety of available groups or for more background information, visit [nativitystpaul.org/synod](http://nativitystpaul.org/synod).



Having trouble with the online registration, or just prefer to have someone who can help? Visit our registration tables in the back of church after Mass this Sunday or call the parish office at (651) 696-5401 sometime this week.

# 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](mailto:mickeyn925@gmail.com) or (651) 698-3708 to learn more.

# RESPECT LIFE

**Respect Life Donut Sunday** | Sunday, January 21, 8am  
Join us after any morning Mass this Sunday for Donut Sunday in Steiner Hall, sponsored by the Men's Club. Representatives from our Respect Life committee and other pro-life organizations in our community will be sharing the good work we are doing. Find out how you too can help support a culture of life! See previous page for more information.

**Prayer & March for Life** | Mon., Jan. 22, 10:30am (*new*)  
Please join us for a Prayer Service for Life this Monday morning at the Cathedral of St. Paul as we commemorate the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded in the process. Pope St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awardees will be recognized during the prayer service. Immediately after, join in the Minnesota March for Life from 12-1pm to the Minnesota State Capitol. Visit [mcccl.org/march](http://mcccl.org/march) for more information.

*"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."*

— From *Evangelium Vitae* by Pope St. John Paul II

**Book Discussion** | Friday, January 26, 11:30am  
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. We will meet to discuss the book with potluck meals this 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.



# 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!

# YOUTH

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# 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

# 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](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.

# IMAGES

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- **4-5 Yr. Old: T, W, TH**
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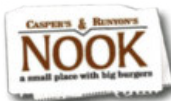
**Contact:**

**NELC:** [nclausen@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:nclausen@nativitystpaul.org)

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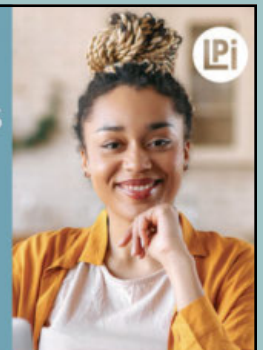
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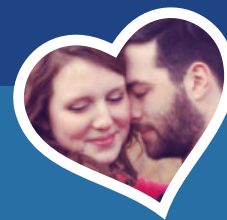


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# CALENDAR • JANUARY 22-28

Monday, 1/22	Tuesday, 1/23	Wed., 1/24	Thursday, 1/25	Friday, 1/26	Saturday, 1/27	Sunday, 1/28
<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am, 5pm	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am, 5pm	<b>Mass:</b> •8:15am •5pm ( <i>vigil</i> )	<b>Mass:</b> •7:30am •9am •11am •5pm
<b>Rosary for Life:</b> •8:45am	<b>Grandparents Rosary:</b> 8:45am	<b>Rosary for Life:</b> •8:45am	<b>Rosary for Life:</b> •8:45am	<b>Rosary for Life:</b> •8:45am	<b>Confession:</b> •3:30-4:30pm	
	<b>Confession:</b> •4:15-4:45pm	<b>Confession:</b> •4:30-5:30pm		<b>Confession:</b> •4:15-4:45pm		
<i>Liturgy times reflect the current week. See page 1 for standard schedule.</i> <i>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>.</i>						
<b>Adoration:</b> 9am-9pm	<b>Adoration:</b> 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-12am	<b>Adoration:</b> 12-8am, 9am-9pm ( <i>new</i> )		<b>Adoration:</b> 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-9pm	<b>Adoration:</b> 6-9pm	<b>Adoration:</b> 6-10pm
<i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i>  (3rd Week in Ordinary Time)	<i>St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope</i>	<i>St. Francis de Sales*</i>	<b>The CONVERSION of ST. PAUL</b>	<i>Sts. Timothy and Titus</i>	<i>St. Angela Merici*</i>	<i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Thomas Aquinas*)</i>
		<b>Convivium Auditorium</b> 6:30-8pm	<b>Synod Executive Team Meeting Lannan Conf. Room</b> 4:30pm			
	<b>Small Group Trial Run Steiner Hall</b> 6:30-8:30pm	<b>Faith Formation &amp; OCIA School</b> 6:30-8pm	<b>Catholic Schools Week Open House School</b> 6pm			
<i>*Nativity relics on display in Heritage Room</i>	<b>SVdP Meeting Gather Room</b> 6:30pm	<b>First Reconciliation Church</b> 6:30pm	<b>Small Group Trial Run Steiner Hall</b> 6:30-8:30pm		<b>Cana Dinner Steiner Hall</b> 6-9pm	
Catholic Schools Week						
<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>						

## ADORATION

**Hours Now Expanded!** | Wednesdays, 9am-9pm

We have now opened the Adoration hours of 9am-9pm on Wednesdays. Thank you to all who volunteered! Our next goal on our way back to Perpetual Adoration (24 hours/day, 7 days/week) is to open Thursdays from 9am-9pm. If you are able to commit to a new weekly hour, please contact Fr. Bill Duffert, Parochial Vicar, at (651) 696-5440 or [frbduffert@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:frbduffert@nativitystpaul.org). Thank you!

## STEWARDSHIP

**Online Giving**

Electronic giving is available on our parish website at [nativitystpaul.org/online-giving](http://nativitystpaul.org/online-giving) via the QR code at right for our general parish "Stewardship" fund. You'll also find 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)
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>1/22</b>	Gary Meitz +	The Youth of Nativity
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>1/23</b>	Paul Doner +	Joey Lawder +
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>1/24</b>	Michael Jay +	Sr. Magdalene Lentz, O.C.D.
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>1/25</b>	Don Eiden	Mother Annette Lieske, O.C.D.
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>1/26</b>	Katie Stephens Spangler +	Robert "Bob" Sandt +
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>1/27</b>	Julie and Larry Burgart and Family	Michele Flynn Haigh +

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

**Wed.:** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

**Thurs.:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18

**Friday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41