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The 3RD SUNDAY of LENT • MARCH 3, 2024

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.: 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

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(651) 334-2935

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.

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.

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 or (651) 696-5401.

LITURGY & PRAYER

Stations of the Cross | Friday, March 8, 2pm & 5:30pm
The Stations of the Cross, the devotion of following the footsteps of Christ to his death on Mt. Calvary, will be offered in the church every Friday in Lent shortly after the 5pm Mass. The School will also offer Stations for their students at 2pm this Friday as well as March 22, and again invite senior members of the parish to join them.

Abstinence & Daily Lenten Disciplines

Catholics 14 years of age and older must abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent, in addition to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Each weekday of Lent (except St. Joseph's Day on March 19) is an obligatory day of penance to be marked by prayer and increased devotion to spiritual practices, such as daily Mass, Adoration, increased personal prayer time or spiritual study, self-imposed fasting or abstinence, works of charity, almsgiving, Stations of the Cross (see above), the Rosary, retreats, and especially the sacrament of Reconciliation. Visit NativityStPaul.org/Lent for more information on this great penitential season.

Sunday of Divine Mercy | April 7

Save the date and prepare to take full advantage of the great graces available on the Feast of Mercy for yourself, your family, and the whole world.

Visit MercySundayMomentum.org to learn more.

WORKS OF MERCY

Clothing Collection for Veterans | March 2-17 *(new)*

Every Third Saturday, a Veterans support organization located near VA Hospital, is in need of new and used clothing, toiletries, and personal items which can be dropped off in a box in the church entry.

Items needed include used blue jeans, shirts, and summer clothing items, backpacks, duffel bags, bath towels, blankets and sheets, new boxers underwear and t-shirts for men (2XL-5XL), new briefs underwear

for women (6-8 or M-XL), shaving cream, shampoo, peroxide, hand soap, mouthwash, muscle rub / icy hot, hand lotion, foot and body powder, chap stick, sewing kits, baby wipes, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, Q-tips, and laundry detergent.



Call Tom Kramer with questions at (612) 968-4416, or visit everythirdsaturday.org to learn more about Every Third Saturday. Thank you!

SCHOOL PLAY

Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Jr. | Sat.-Sun., Mar. 2-3

All are invited to this year's 7th and 8th grade production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Jr. under the direction of Jay Woods, Michael Loonan, Gary Iverson and Dan Wicker. The students have worked hard and are eager to have you enjoy this spectacular show with them!

Show times are this Saturday, March 2 at 6:30pm, and this Sunday, March 3 at 1pm, all in the Auditorium.

Tickets are \$8/adult and \$4/student. Children under five are free. Tickets are available at the door.

SUBMISSIONS

Publishing Deadline

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.

— Isaac Huss, Comms. Director and Bulletin Editor

NATIVITY WOMEN

An Irish Afternoon Tea | Sunday, March 10, 2-4pm

Moms, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers, sisters, and friends are invited to our annual Irish Afternoon Tea next Sunday, March 10 from 2-4pm in Steiner Hall, featuring Irish music and dancers!

Tickets are \$15/adult and \$5/kids 5-12, with proceeds benefiting NCCW ministries.

Visit nativitywomen.org/events/irish-tea-1 to register.

PASTORAL CARE

March Food Campaign | March 26 - April 6
Help us feed the hungry in our community!
Nativity of Our Lord is again collecting food and monetary donations as part of the MN FoodShare March Campaign in collaboration with Keystone Community Services, our local food shelf partner. Visit gmcc.org/minnesota-foodshare for more information.

Food can be dropped off in the back of church throughout the campaign, which runs through Saturday, April 6. Cash or checks can be placed in the collection, with checks payable to Keystone Community Service, and "food shelf" in the memo. Cash should be submitted in an envelope marked "food shelf." Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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.

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!)

COMMUNITY

Solemn Sung Vespers | Sunday, March 10, 3pm (*new*)
The Twin Cities Catholic Chorale will present *Mozart Vesperae Solennes de Confessore* at St. Agnes the afternoon of next (Laetare) Sunday, March 10 as part of the solemn closing of the parish's 40 Hours Devotion. Visit catholicchorale.org/schedule for more information.

St. Patrick's Day Mass | March 16 (*new*)
Please join the Ancient Order of Hibernians in celebrating the Feast of St. Patrick at the annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul. With St. Patrick's Day falling on a Sunday this year, the Mass will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 9:30am.

Religious Freedom & Sex Presentation | Mar. 21 (*new*)
Catholic Studies and the Terrence Murphy Institute for Catholic Thought, Law and Public Policy at the U. of St. Thomas invite you to hear Prof. Helen Alvaré of George Mason present "Religious Freedom after the Sexual Revolution" on Thursday, March 21 from 7-8:30pm in the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center (OEC) Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public. Find details and registration at tiny.cc/murphy-ust via the QR code.



PARISH LIFE

Trivia Night | Friday, March 8, 6pm
Nativity of Our Lord parishioners: Grab your spouse, friends, and neighbors for the annual Trivia Night! The NCCW is sponsoring this free night of (meatless) chili and soup, snacks, beer, wine, and fun facts! No need to sign up or pay, just grab a friend and come play this Friday evening in Steiner Hall. Dinner is served at 6pm, with trivia at 7pm.



Donut Sunday | Sunday, March 10, 8am-12:30pm
Join us after any of the morning Masses next 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. Can you help? If you would like to volunteer, contact us at info@nativitymen.org. See you there!

Pickleball Tournament | Sunday, March 10, 11am-5pm
Join the NCCW for the inaugural Pickleball Tournament next Sunday, March 10 in the gym. Whether you're a beginner (11am-2pm) or a seasoned player (2pm-5pm), this tournament is for you. It's also a fundraiser, with proceeds supporting the NCCW and pickleball at Nativity School. Registration is \$75 and will be limited to 16 teams per division. To learn more or to register your team of two (18+ women, men, or mixed), visit nativitywomen.org/pickleball-tournament. Contact Lucy Sullivan at LucySullivanUSA@comcast.net for more info.

Fish Fry | March 15

Join us Friday, March 15 for the second of two Lenten Fish Fry events, sponsored by the Nativity Men's Club! We'll serve both dine-in and to-go from 5-8pm. Visit nativitymen.org/fish-fry for details. *Pro Liberis!*

Daddy-Daughter Dance | April 12 (*update*)

The Nativity Girl Scouts invite you to an enchanted Taylor Swift-inspired Daddy-Daughter Dance Night! Join us on Friday, April 12 from 5:30-8:30pm in the auditorium for a night of DJ magic, dance floor twirls, dinner, and the chance to create evermore memories. Nativity of Our Lord girls of all ages — from the parish and school alike — are welcome! Bring your dad, grandfather, or a special guest. Registration is \$30/couple plus \$10 for each additional girl (\$50 max/family) online via the QR code and is due by April 4.



IMAGES

Cover Image

Sacra Conversazione Mary with the Child, St. Felicity of Carthage and St. Perpetua by Anonymous | Circa 1520
Tempera on wood | National Museum in Warsaw
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THEMES: *Welcome*
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Lights, Camera Action Hollywood
Mad Science Week
Movin and Groovin
Spirit Week



For more information, contact Nicole Clausen at
(651) 696-5437 or nclausen@nativitystpaul.org.
- 1900 Wellesley Ave | St. Paul, MN 55105 -

RESPECT LIFE

Abria Open House | Saturday, March 9, 11am-2pm
Abria offers positive, life-affirming medical and personal support to women and couples facing unexpected pregnancies, just five minutes from Nativity of Our Lord. Come see for yourself at an informal Open House next Saturday, March 9 at Abria's St. Paul location (2200 University Ave. W. #160). Tour the facility, meet staff members, and learn more about how Abria is putting a choice for life within reach.

40 Days for Life | Now through March 24 ([update](#))
As of this writing, we know of 35 lives who have been saved! Our 2nd adopted prayer vigil is Saturday, March 23. (*This is a correction from last bulletin.*) Our goal is to have at least two dedicated prayer volunteers per hour (7am-6pm) at the Planned Parenthood on Vandalia St. that day, peacefully praying for all who enter and exit there. Visit tiny.cc/40days-2024-spring to commit to an hour of prayer. Questions? Contact Karen McCann at karenmccann3@gmail.com or (612) 964-4522 or visit 40daysforlife.com. Thank you for your efforts!

NATIVITY'S NIGHT TO SHINE

Get ready for an unforgettable Night to Shine Gala and Live Auction on April 6! We're thrilled to extend this special invitation to you for more than just an event; it's a celebration of our vibrant community and an opportunity to create lasting change.

Tickets are on sale now! Reserve your spot at this enchanting night of celebration and generosity at school.nativity-mn.org/night-to-shine-gala-event.

Do you have a special connection or talent that could create an extraordinary experience package? Perhaps your company could contribute an item, or you and your friends could team up to fulfill a wish list item. It's easier than ever to contribute to the Silent Auction! Just scan the QR code:



Split the Pot Raffle tickets are in high demand! Reach out to us today at nativityliveauction@nativitystpaul.org to buy your ticket for a chance to win \$7,500. Let's make this Gala our best one yet, filled with generosity, community spirit, and fun!

With gratitude,
The Night to Shine Gala & Live Auction Committee



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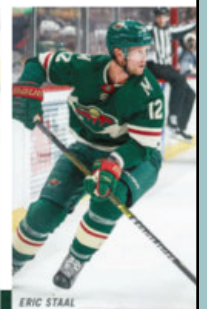
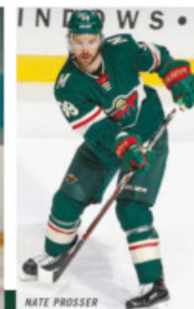


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CALENDAR • MARCH 4-10

Monday, 3/4	Tuesday, 3/5	Wed., 3/6	Thursday, 3/7	Friday, 3/8	Saturday, 3/9	Sunday, 3/10
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 Stations of the Cross: 2pm (<i>for seniors</i>), 5:30pm	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-9pm	Adoration: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-12am	Adoration: 12-8am, 9am-9pm		Adoration: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-9pm	Adoration: 6-9pm	Adoration: 6-10pm
<i>St. Casimir*</i> (3rd Week of Lent)	Presidential Primary Voting Steiner Hall 7am-8pm Grief Support Meeting Bride's Room 6:30pm SVdP Meeting Gather Room 6:30pm	Convivium Auditorium 6:30-8pm Faith Formation & OCIA School 6:30-8pm	<i>Sts. Perpetua and Felicity</i> NMC Board Meeting Steiner Hall 6:30pm	<i>St. John of God*</i> (Abstinence) Trivia Night Steiner Hall 6pm	<i>St. Frances of Rome*, St. Catherine of Bologna</i> Family Service Morning Cafeteria 9-10am	<i>4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)</i> Daylight Saving Time begins Donut Sunday Steiner Hall 8am-12:30pm
Clothing Collection for Veterans (ends 3/17) 40 Days for Life (ends 3/24) March Food Campaign (ends 4/6)						
Changes to the parish schedule since last 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

Su: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8-11;
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25; or Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2,
6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42
M: 2 Kgs 5:1-15; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
Tu: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 18:21-35
W: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Th: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
F: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Sa: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21; Lk 18:9-14

STEWARDSHIP

Online Giving

Electronic giving is available on our parish website at 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)
Mon.	3/4	Shirley Ettestad +	Sr. Therese Blake, O.C.D.
Tues.	3/5	Jim Walters +	Joseph + and Maxine + Steigauf
Wed.	3/6	The R. Dent Underwood Family	Joseph P. Riley +
Thu.	3/7	George Isaac +	Sr. Maravillas Schwab, O.C.D.
Fri.	3/8	Laurie Murphy	Terry Cullen +
Sat.	3/9	Barbara Wollan +	Judith Wehr +

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Family Night | March 13 (*new*)

Join us for Family Night on Wednesday, March 13 from 6:30-8pm in Steiner Hall for presentations from Sisters of the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus (separately for students in grades K-6 and 7-12), small group discussion, Adoration, and Confessions. More information can be found at nativitystpaul.org/family-night. Contact Mahalia Marcelin at mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org or Emily Meyer at emeyer@nativitystpaul.org with questions. All are welcome — bring the whole family!