

# NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CATHOLIC CHURCH



*The 5TH SUNDAY of LENT • MARCH 17, 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](http://nativitystpaul.org/news/mission-statement).

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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)

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## School Office

(651) 699-1311 | [school@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:school@nativitystpaul.org)  
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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)

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## Pastoral Care

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## St. Vincent de Paul Society

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# 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.

*Photo courtesy of Brenna Gerten*



# HOLY MATRIMONY

## Wisdom on Wednesday | April 24 *(update)*

Save the date for our next "Wisdom on Wednesday" speaker, Mrs. Nell O'Leary, on Wednesday, April 24. The event will be free, and beer and wine will be provided. Stay tuned for details!

## 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.

# ARCHDIOCESE

## Men's Conference | Saturday, March 23, 9am-3pm

Our pastor, Fr. Rolf Tollefson, invites all men of Nativity of Our Lord to the annual Archdiocesan Men's Conference next Saturday at Church of St. Joseph in Rosemount. This year's theme is "Men of Christ." Visit [archspm.org/men-of-christ-retreat](http://archspm.org/men-of-christ-retreat) to register.

# 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!



# LITURGY & PRAYER

## Holy Week & Triduum Liturgies | March 26-31 *(new)*

Please join us as we celebrate the holiest time of the Church year! Please also note: the ELC, school, and parish office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

- **Tuesday, 3/26**
  - Reconciliation Service | 7pm
- **Holy Thursday, 3/28**
  - Mass of Our Lord's Supper | 7pm
- **Good Friday, 3/29**
  - Stations of the Cross | 12pm
  - Celebration of Our Lord's Passion | 3pm, 7pm
- **Holy Saturday, 3/30**
  - Easter Vigil of Our Lord Mass | 8pm
- **Easter Sunday, 3/31**
  - Mass of the Resurrection | 7:30am, 9am, 11am

## Holy Week Confessions | March 25-29 *(new)*

Confessions will be offered at the following times during Holy Week. (\*Subject to end time of preceding liturgies)

- **Monday, 3/25**
  - 7-8am
- **Tuesday, 3/26**
  - 4:15-4:45pm
  - 7pm Penance Service *(with visiting priests)*
- **Wednesday, 3/27**
  - 4:30-5:30pm
- **Holy Thursday, 3/28**
  - 5:30-6:30pm
  - 8:15\*-9pm
- **Good Friday, 3/29**
  - 1:30-2:30pm
  - 4:30\*-6:30pm
  - 8:15\*-9pm

## Stations of the Cross | Friday, March 15, 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 this Friday shortly after the 5pm Mass, and at 12pm on Good Friday. The School will also offer Stations for their students at 2pm this Friday, 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 this Tuesday, 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, the Stations of the Cross (see above), the Rosary, retreats, and especially the sacrament of Reconciliation (see above). Visit [NativityStPaul.org/Lent](http://NativityStPaul.org/Lent) for more on this great penitential season.

# WORKS OF MERCY

**SVdP Weekend** | Saturday-Sunday, March 16-17

This weekend, March 16-17, is Nativity of Our Lord's annual St. Vincent de Paul Weekend. Deacon Don Tienter will preach at all Lord's Day Masses, sharing the Society's efforts to "bring Christ's healing love to the poor," and we'll take up a 2nd collection to support them. Please consider a donation to the collection or to the parish office marked "SVdP Nativity Conference." See the enclosed insert for more information. Thank you!

## Women's Shoes Needed

St. Vincent de Paul's thrift store is in serious need of women's shoes, especially athletic and leisure shoes, sizes 5-11, and shoes for spring.

If you have gently used shoes that you're no longer wearing, please consider donating them. You can drop them off at the back door of the store at 461 W 7th St., or call SVdP Nativity at (651) 334-2935. Thank you!



## Clothing Collection for Veterans | Ends Sun., Mar. 17

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 the box in the church entry through this Sunday, March 17.

Items needed include used blue jeans, shirts, 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](http://everythirdsaturday.org) to learn more about Every Third Saturday. Thank you!

## March Food Campaign | February 26 - April 6 (update)

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](http://gmcc.org/minnesota-foodshare) for more information.

Food can be dropped off in the back of church throughout the campaign, which continues through Saturday, April 6. (It started February 26, which is a correction from last bulletin.) 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!

# PASTORAL CARE

## 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](mailto:info@nativitystpaul.org) and we'll come to them (or you!)

# COMMUNITY

## Steven C. and Friends | Sun, March 17, 2:30pm (update)

Nativity of Our Lord guest pianist Steven C. Anderson will perform "The Sounds of the Season" featuring Nativity's Kathryn Budzien, Nativity guest vocalist Jillian Anderson, and more at St. Joseph in West St. Paul this Sunday afternoon, March 17. Admission is free!

## Prof. Helen Alvaré Presentation | Thu., Mar. 21, 7pm

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" this Thursday 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](http://tiny.cc/murphy-ust).

## Epiphany Parish Mission | Wed.-Fri., Mar. 20-22 (new)

All are invited to Epiphany in Coon Rapids for its parish mission this Wednesday-Friday from 6:30-8:30pm, with special guest Jesse Romero presenting. Visit [epiphanymn.org/epiphany-studies-and-events](http://epiphanymn.org/epiphany-studies-and-events) for details.

## Abria 5K, 10K, Walk & Kids' Fun Run | May 11

Celebrate life on Saturday morning, May 11 with a run or walk around Lake Harriet to support Abria Pregnancy Resources. To learn more, join "Team Nativity 2024," or donate on its behalf, visit [raceroster.com/events/2024/83917/abrias-life-is-wonderful-fun-run](http://raceroster.com/events/2024/83917/abrias-life-is-wonderful-fun-run). Abria offers a safe, non-judgmental, and supportive environment for locals experiencing unexpected pregnancies. Clients receive positive, life-affirming medical and personal support services, free of charge.

# IMAGES

## Cover Image

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# FAITH FORMATION

**Walk Through the Mass** | Wed., March 20, 6:30-8pm  
All parishioners are invited to an Open OCIA session this Wednesday evening in Steiner Hall as Deacon Russ Kocemba will come out of retirement to present his annual "Walk Through the Mass: Exploring Sacred Liturgy." It's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the rich Mass liturgy, and ask questions about the Mass along with our OCIA candidate and fellow parishioners.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) is a process or journey by which Christians and non-Christians seek to enter full communion with Christ's Catholic Church. Please pray for our candidate on her way towards full communion in the Church this Easter Vigil, March 31. Contact Mahalia Marcelin at [mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:mmarcelin@nativitystpaul.org) with questions.

**Sunday of Divine Mercy** | April 7  
Celebrate the greatest day of grace! Nativity of Our Lord will be offer a special time of prayer and fellowship in celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 7 from 2-4:30pm in the church, including Adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Visit [MercySundayMomentum.org](http://MercySundayMomentum.org) to learn more.

# ADORATION

**Hours Expansion Effort** | Thursdays, 9am-9pm (*update*)  
Our next goal on our way back to Perpetual Adoration (24 hours/day, 7 days/week) is to open Thursdays from 9am-9pm. We are currently still in need of weekly commitments at the following Thursday times: 10am, 11am, 2pm, 3pm, 6pm. If you can help, please contact Fr. Bill Duffert, Parochial Vicar, at (651) 696-5440 or [frbduffert@nativitystpaul.org](mailto:frbduffert@nativitystpaul.org). Thank you!

# NATIVITY WOMEN

**The 2024 Spirit of Mary Award**  
Every year, the NCCW recognizes an outstanding young woman of the parish who demonstrates faith, humility, generosity, and kindness through her school, parish and community involvement. Current high school seniors may apply or be nominated and there is no GPA requirement. The award is a cash prize designated for her educational needs, as well as a charity of her choice.

Nomination forms are available at [nativitywomen.org](http://nativitywomen.org) and are due by Monday, April 22. The nominees and winner will be recognized at the Madonna Mass and Reception on May 8. (Stay tuned for details.) We wish to offer special thanks to the Turner/Christy family, who underwrites this special award each year in memory of Irene Turner Christy. For more information, please contact Peggy Stang at [peggykstang@gmail.com](mailto:peggykstang@gmail.com).

# RESPECT LIFE

**40 Days for Life Vigil** | Saturday, March 23, 7am-6pm  
As our Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign nears its end next (Palm) Sunday, March 24, we invite you to join us for our 2nd adopted prayer vigil next Saturday, March 23. Our goal is to have at least two dedicated prayer volunteers per hour (7am-6pm) at the Planned Parenthood on Vandalia St. on that day, peacefully praying for all who enter and exit there.

Visit [tiny.cc/40days-2024-spring](http://tiny.cc/40days-2024-spring) to commit to an hour of prayer. Questions? Contact Karen McCann at [karenmccann3@gmail.com](mailto:karenmccann3@gmail.com) or (612) 964-4522 or visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com). Thank you for your efforts!

## NATIVITY'S NIGHT TO SHINE

We are less than one month away from Nativity's Night to Shine Gala and Live Auction!



### Silent Auction Donut Drop Off!

Bring a Silent Auction item to the plaza this Friday beginning at 7:50am and get a donut! Don't miss your chance to contribute to this sweet and easy way to make a difference. See the QR code for ideas.



### New: Golden Ticket Opportunity!

Keep your eyes peeled for updates as we unveil this exciting addition to the event. You won't want to miss it!



### Big News: Extended Silent Auction!

This year, we're keeping the Silent Auction open later than ever before, so you'll have more time to bid on fantastic items and support our school even after the program ends.



### Event Timeline

- 5pm | The festivities kick off with cocktails and a special event that promises to be unforgettable!
- 7pm | Enjoy a delicious dinner — surrounded by great company — and participate in the Live Auction and Fund a Need!
- Following the Live Auction | Join us for the after-party and continue celebrating our 100-year anniversary into the night!

We can't wait to see you all on April 6. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm! Visit [school.nativity-mn.org/night-to-shine-gala-event](http://school.nativity-mn.org/night-to-shine-gala-event) for tickets and further information.





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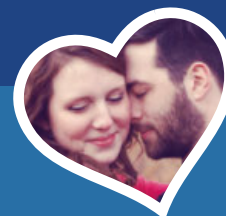
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# CALENDAR • MARCH 18-24

Monday, 3/18	Tuesday, 3/19	Wed., 3/20	Thursday, 3/21	Friday, 3/22	Saturday, 3/23	Sunday, 3/24
<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> •4:15-4:45pm	<b>Confession:</b> •4:30-5:30pm		<b>Confession:</b> •4:15-4:45pm	<b>Confession:</b> •3:30-4:30pm	
				<b>Stations of the Cross:</b> 2pm (for seniors), 5:30pm		

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](http://nativitystpaul.org/online-liturgies).

Adoration: 9am-9pm	Adoration: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-12am	Adoration: 12-8am, 9am-9pm	(Coming soon! See page 4 for sign-up details.)	Adoration: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-9pm	Adoration: 6-9pm	Adoration: 6-10pm
<i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	<b>ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	(5th Week of Lent)		(Abstinence)	<i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*</i>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
	<b>Facilities Mtg. Steiner Hall</b> 7am					
	<b>Pastoral Council Mtg. Lannan Center</b> 6pm	<b>Convivium Auditorium</b> 6:30-8pm	<b>Synod Evangelization Team Meeting Lannan Conf. Room</b> 4:30pm			
	<b>Grief Support Mtg. (7/7) Bride's Room</b> 6:30pm	<b>Faith Formation School</b> 6:30-8pm	<b>NCF Steering Committee Mtg. School</b> 6pm			
	<b>SVdP Meeting Gather Room</b> 6:30pm	<b>Open OCIA w/ Dcn. Russ Steiner Hall</b> 6:30-8pm				

## MASS READINGS

**Sun:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33  
**Mon.:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11  
**Tues.:** 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51  
**Wed.:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42  
**Thu.:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
**Fri.:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
**Sat.:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

**NELC (Tweety and Owl) Parent-Teacher Conferences** (end Friday, March 22)  
**40 Days for Life** (end Sunday, March 24) | **March Food Campaign** (ends April 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

		8:15am	5pm (or private)
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>3/18</b>	Gail Schulz +	The Youth of Nativity
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>3/19</b>	Harry Laird +	Carol Stupka +
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>3/20</b>	Patricia Carlson +	Sr. Seraphine Roden, O.C.D.
<b>Thu.</b>	<b>3/21</b>	William Patt, Sr. +	Sr. Eliya Polsky, O.C.D.
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>3/22</b>	Roland Hannahs +	Theodore Huska +
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>3/23</b>	Caroline Rittmann +	-

## SUBMISSIONS

**Early Publishing Deadlines** | Including Thurs., Mar. 21  
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 (Palm) Sunday, March 24 bulletin were due by March 15.)
- Submissions for the (Easter) Sunday, March 31 bulletin are due by 9am this Thursday, March 21.
- Submissions for the 4/7 bulletin are due by 3/25.

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— Isaac Huss, Comms. Director and Bulletin Editor