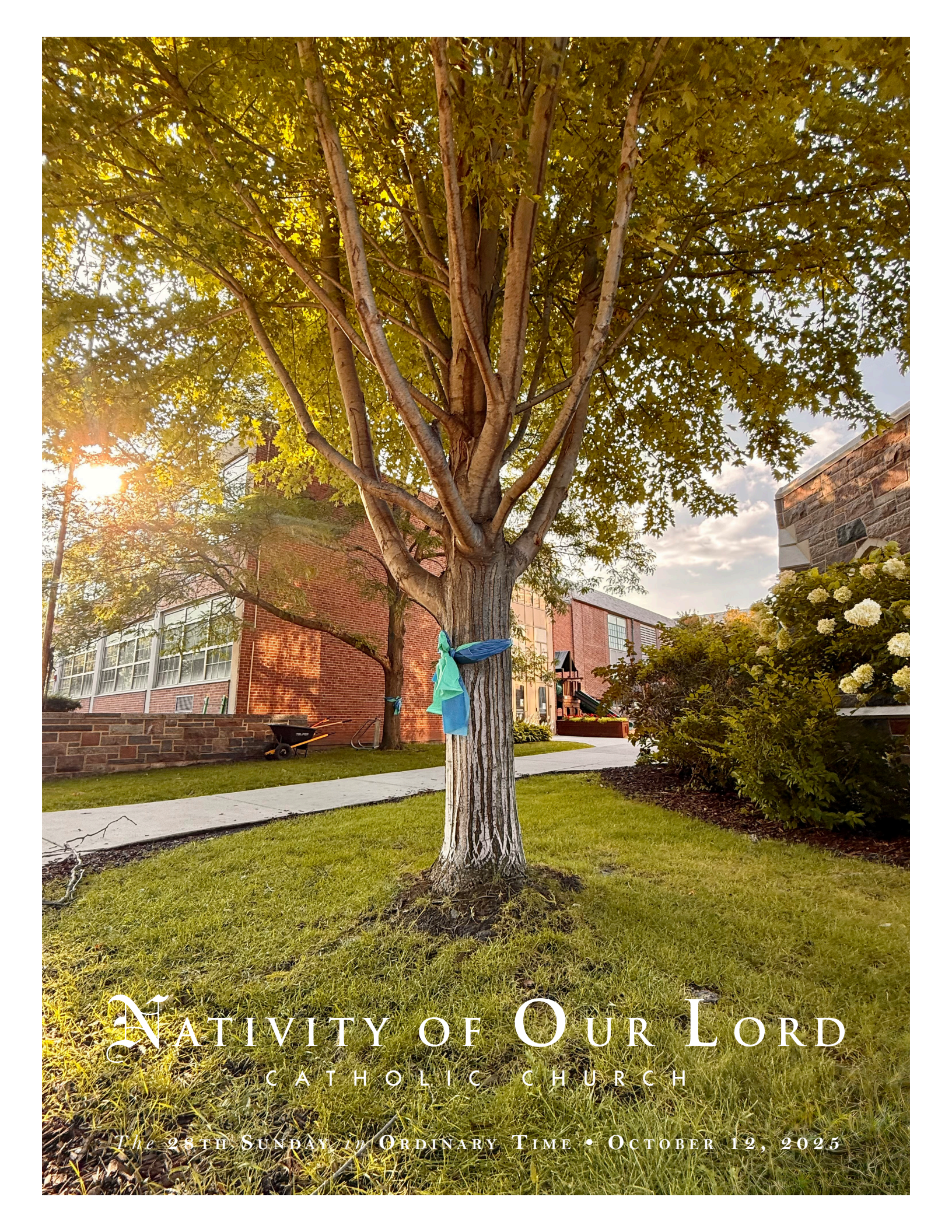


A large, mature tree with a thick trunk and a wide canopy of yellowing leaves stands in the foreground. A blue cloth is tied around its trunk. In the background, a red brick church building with large windows is visible. The scene is set in a grassy area with a sidewalk and some bushes. The sun is low in the sky, creating a warm, golden light.

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CATHOLIC CHURCH

The 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • OCTOBER 12, 2025

ABOUT

Parish Mission | Announced December 7, 2024

Our new parish mission, formulated by our Pastor, Fr. Rolf Tollefson — as a response to the suggestions of One Nativity 2035, parish staff, the pastoral council, and other valued lay leaders — is three-fold, aligning with the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas and centering upon, fittingly, the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord itself:



- 1.) **Prepare** the Way of the Lord,
- 2.) **Celebrate** “God With Us,” and
- 3.) **Shine** with the Light of Christ.

Learn more about our new parish mission at nativitystpaul.org/mission.

LEADERSHIP

Pastor | Fr. Rolf Tollefson (651) 696-5401

Parochial Vicar | Fr. John Paul Erickson (651) 696-5440

Deacon | Rev. Mr. Don Tienter (651) 696-5401

Parish Administrator | Beth Giese (651) 696-5430

Accounting Specialist | Nick Erickson (651) 696-5436

Dir. of Marketing & Communications | Isaac Huss
(651) 696-5425

Assistant Director of Discipleship - Faith Formation
Taylor Croissant (651) 696-5401

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Parish Secretary | Beth Erickson (651) 696-5401

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Discipleship Admin. | Marian Layman (651) 696-5443

Director of Music | Brian Carson (651) 696-5401

Nativity Choir Director | Rob Pontious (651) 245-5969

School Principal | Kate Wollan (651) 699-1311

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Chris Nei (chair)

Lanita Brandt

Martha Conners

Judd Fenlon

Nate Hughes

Stephen Maas

Lucas Tucker

INFORMATION

Pastor

Father Rolf Tollefson (*pictured*)



Church

1938 Stanford Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

Office Hours

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

Lannan Parish Center

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School Office

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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 (*with incense*), 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;

Thurs.: 9am-9pm; Fri.: 9am-5pm, 5:30-9pm

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturdays: 8:45am (*and by appointment*)

Emergency Line (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

BAPTISMS

Announcements *(new)*

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

Elsie Jane Prideaux

Parents: Douglas and Allison (Brewster) Prideaux

Calvin Robert Schmidt

Parents: Robert and Michelle (Dien) Schmidt

Preparation and 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...

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Kathleen M. Dufner and Joseph A. Mulligan
Cara Gibbs and Benjamin Joseph Weir*

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Rachel M. Steele and Michael T. Schultz

Marital Discernment & Wedding Planning

In order for Nativity of Our Lord to best help individuals and couples discern vocations to sacramental marriage, we encourage active participation in parish life, including registering as a parishioner, at least six months prior to requesting a wedding date. Contact the parish office to learn more. *Photo by Jennifer Sanders (jenniferlynnanders.smugmug.com)*
**Wedding to be celebrated off campus*



Wisdom on Wednesday | October 29

Join us on Wednesday, October 29 at 6:30pm in Steiner Hall as our very own Dr. Michael and Teresa Naughton present Rediscovering the Gift of Sunday. These events are free and open to all adults in the parish.

FUNERALS

Funeral Information

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

Donut Sunday | Sunday, October 12, 8am-12:30pm

Join us after any of the morning Masses this Sunday for coffee, donuts, milk, juice, and great conversation with your fellow parishioners at Donut Sunday in Steiner Hall, sponsored by the Men's Club. There will also be Cub Scouts on hand to sell popcorn (see below) as well as representatives from the Respect Life Committee to share some of their current and upcoming activities (page 4).

Cub Scouts Popcorn Sales | Sunday, Oct. 12, 8am

It's that time of year again! Nativity of Our Lord Cub Scout Pack 9067 is excited to announce our annual popcorn fundraiser. This is our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year, and all the money we raise goes directly to supporting our Scouts and their activities. Your support helps us fund exciting adventures, including camping trips and other hands-on learning experiences. You can buy delicious popcorn this Sunday morning in Steiner Hall. Thank you for helping our Scouts learn, grow, and have an unforgettable year!

Emmaus Family Night | Sunday, October 12, 3-6pm

Calling all Nativity of Our Lord families! Join Fr. John Paul Erickson and the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus for our first Emmaus Family Night this Sunday — an opportunity to pray, play, and eat together one Sunday a month throughout the school year. We'll begin in the church at 3pm for a family-friendly prayer time, then head outside to play games with the Sisters (or to the gym if the weather requires), and finish by gathering for a simple meal.



EMMAUS FAMILY NIGHTS
PRAY · PLAY · EAT

These evenings are a wonderful way to honor Our Lord's Day, grow in faith together, build community, and have fun. RSVP at forms.gle/N493TQG5CkR6Gd8J8 via the QR code. Future Emmaus Family Nights will be November 16, January 11, February 22, March 15, and April 26.



Save the Date: Turkey Bingo | November 7

All are invited for an evening of food, fun, and frozen poultry on Friday, November 7 in the Cafeteria, hosted by Nativity Women. Doors open at 5pm, with the games running from 5:30-7:30pm. This fun family event includes pizza, snacks, drinks and the chance to win a Turkey and/or cash prizes! If you'd like to help, please contact us at maria.jeffrey@comcast.net. Contact Laura Hester at laurahester17@gmail.com with questions.



Save the Date: Blood Drive | November 13 *(new)*

Save the date for our annual fall Blood Drive on Thursday, November 13 from 10:30am-4:30pm, sponsored by Nativity Women. Stay tuned for more details.

YOUNG ADULTS

CEND w/Coach Tauer | Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6:30pm (*new*)
Nativity of Our Lord is proud to host the next gathering of CEND (Center for Evangelization & Discipleship)'s MSP Catholic Professionals this Tuesday evening. The event will begin with Adoration in the church at 6:30pm, followed by a networking social in Steiner Hall and a presentation by U. of St. Thomas men's basketball coach Johnny Tauer. Come meet other Catholics who are striving to live their faith in every kind of work, from boardrooms to job sites. All early- and mid-career professionals are invited to this free event. Visit nativitystpaul.org/events/cend-coach-tauer for further details.



NATIVITY WOMEN

Connect with Nativity Women | Mon., Oct. 13, 6:30pm
Looking to connect with other women in the Nativity of Our Lord community? Nativity Women (NCCW) is a welcoming group for women of all ages who want to build friendships, grow in faith, and give back through service. No matter where you are in your faith, you are welcome here. Whether it's helping with church events, organizing service projects, enjoying a night out, or deepening your faith, there are so many ways to get involved. No pressure — just community, connection, and purpose. Visit nativitywomen.org to learn more, or join us on any second Monday of the month in Steiner Hall.

Fireside Chat & Social | October 22

All Nativity Women are invited to join us for our next Fireside Chat & Social as we discuss the true and compelling story of the Devine Family on Wednesday, October 22 at 7pm in Steiner Hall! *The Nine Devines of Chippewa Falls*, by local authors A. Darius Husain and Deacon Jerry Devine, is an inspiring read about "hope, perseverance, the unifying power of sport, and the unbreakable bonds of family." Local readers will enjoy the St. Paul references woven through the book! The event will include books for sale, an author signing, and light refreshments. Register now at nativitywomen.org!

SAFETY & SECURITY

Safe Environment

Nativity of Our Lord and its leadership are 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

LITURGY & PRAYER

All Souls' Day Memorial Mass | November 2 (*new*)
Nativity of Our Lord will celebrate the annual All Soul's Day Memorial Mass at 5pm on Sunday, November 2 for parishioners who died this past year and whose funerals were celebrated at Nativity. Family members, friends, and parishioners are invited to attend, and refreshments will be served in Steiner Hall after the Mass. The Mass will also be live streamed. If you would like to honor a family member whose funeral was held at another parish, please contact Beth in the parish office at (651) 696-5401 or info@nativitystpaul.org by Monday, October 20.

Intercessors Wanted (*new*)

In anticipation of our Memorial Mass celebration on All Souls Day (details above), we are looking for volunteers to pray a Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament for the repose of the souls of our faithfully departed who have passed away in the past year, and for the comfort and healing of their families. If you want to pray a Rosary sometime before the end of the month, please contact the parish office at info@nativitystpaul.org or (651) 696-5401, or just stop by and pick up a Rosary. Thank you!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Anybody interested in helping distribute Holy Communion in light of our intention to distribute both species at each Lord's Day Mass should contact Sonny Herrington at atengblad@nativitystpaul.org. Thanks!

GRANDPARENTS

Save the Date: Fall Event | October 28

Save the date and plan to attend the Grandparents Apostolate of Sts. Joachim and Anne's fall event on Tuesday, October 28 in Steiner Hall. Our presenter is our very own Dr. Stephen Heaney, professor emeritus in Philosophy at the University of St. Thomas. Check-in begins at 8:45am, and our morning will include refreshments and fellowship.

STEWARDSHIP

Online Giving

Electronic giving is available on our parish website at nativitystpaul.org/online-giving via the QR code below for our general parish "Stewardship" fund, as well as for special 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!



Catholic Services Appeal

This year's Catholic Services Appeal is ongoing. Please prayerfully consider how you can help! Visit nativitystpaul.org/catholic-services-appeal for details.

RESPECT LIFE

Respect Life and Donuts | Sunday, Oct. 12, 8am (*new*)
We warmly invite you to visit our Respect Life table at Donut Sunday and find out more about how to build and spread a culture of life in our parish and community. Come say hi! To find out more, contact Karen McCann at karenmccann3@gmail.com or (612) 964-4522.

Adopted (40) Days | Friday, Oct. 17, 7am-6pm (*update*)
Fall 40 Days for Life continues! Join us for prayer vigils, witnessing, and fasting for life. Nativity of Our Lord and friends from neighboring parishes have again adopted two days for this campaign for prayerful vigil at Planned Parenthood on Vandalia St. this Friday, as well as Tuesday, October 28. (*Please note last Sunday's bulletin erroneously stated the first vigil on Wednesday, October 17.*) Please prayerfully consider signing up for an hour or more to stand in the gap for those who are vulnerable. Visit nativitystpaul.org/events/40-days-for-life-2025-fall for the link to sign up, or scan the QR code above.



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. The sacrament is now also offered immediately after the 8:15am Mass in the church on the first Saturday of each month, unless otherwise noted.

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)!

PASTOR'S PICKS

Daily October Rosary for Peace (*new*)

Pope Leo XIV has invited all Catholics to entrust themselves to Our Lady and to pray the Rosary for peace every day in the month of October, a month dedicated to this powerful prayer. Our Pastor Fr. Rolf Tollefson invites you to join him and Pope Leo in prayer for peace.

Fire on the Hill | Saturday, October 18, 6:30pm (*new*)
Next Saturday, as well as every third Saturday of the month, you're invited to the Cathedral of St. Paul for Fire on the Hill, a time of Adoration with praise and worship. Prayer ministry will also be available for healing and prophetic encouragement. Find more information at archspm.org/events/fire-on-the-hill.

SYNOD

Reclaiming Sundays Video for October: R&R (*new*)

In October's video of the Reclaiming Sundays series (available in both English and Spanish), Dr. Pamela Patnode, Catholic educator, author and speaker, encourages families to "keep making the effort." Visit archspm.org/sundays for the video, as well as other resources to help families take meaningful steps to reorient their Sundays — and their entire lives — to reflect the gift of the Lord's Day.

Family Corner for October: Recreation

October is a beloved month for many reasons: falling leaves, golden sunshine, emphasis on the great prayer of the Rosary, football... Wait! Football?! Yes!

Yes, our church lives in the real world, and our faith enters every aspect. And, this year's Reclaiming Sundays focus reminds us this October to pray, rest, and recreate. For many, that means football. (We Vikings fans pray a lot, in fact!) We might also hike, bargain shop, paint, read novels, or visit parish festivals. No matter how we like to recreate, we can reclaim our Sundays by intentionally spending them restfully and joyfully. Visit nativitystpaul.org/family-corner to consider suggestions from the Archdiocesan team.

SMALL GROUPS

Cardinal Virtues Study | Thursdays, 8:45am (*update*)

There's still room (and time!) to join the Thursday Morning Prayer Group which began this month and meets Thursdays following the 8:15am Mass. We are studying *The Art of Living: the Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love* by Dr. Edward Sri. If you would like to join or have questions, contact Linda at (651) 470-3699 or linda@fortifyingfamilyoffaith.com.

Parenting w/a Purpose | Begins October 22 (*new*)

All are invited to a new multi-generational small group, Parenting With Purpose: a Journey of Faith and Family, beginning Wednesday, October 22 and continuing for the following five Wednesdays. Join Jerry and Cathy Brennan in their home in Mendota Heights from 7-8:30pm. Contact them via phone call at (651) 690-4471 or via text at (651) 303-8440.

IMAGES

Cover Image

Tree Wrapped (by Nativity Women) in Annunciation Tribute Ribbons by Therese Steinhoff | September 2025
theresesteinhoff.com

Photos Wanted!

Please send photos to ihuss@nativitystpaul.org and let us know who should get the credit. Thank you!

CALENDAR • OCTOBER 13-19, 2025

Monday, 10/13	Tuesday, 10/14	Wed., 10/15	Thurs., 10/16	Friday, 10/17	Saturday, 10/18	Sunday, 10/19
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 Confession: •4:15-4:45pm	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 (<i>Family Mass</i>) •11am** •5pm <i>**With incense</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 .						
Adoration: 9am-9pm	Adoration: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-12am	Adoration: 12-8am, 9am-9pm	Adoration: 9am-9pm	Adoration: 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-9pm	Adoration: 6-9pm	Adoration: 6-10pm
<i>(St. Edward the Confessor*)</i> <i>(28th Week in Ordinary Time)</i> NCCW Board Meeting Steiner Hall 6:30-7:30pm	DEDICATION of the CATHEDRAL of ST. PAUL <i>(Pope St. Callistus I)</i> Facilities Mtg. Lannan Center 7am Pastoral Council Mtg. Lannan Center 5:30pm CEND Event Church, Steiner Hall 6:30-8:30pm	<i>St. Teresa of Jesus*</i> No School <i>(teacher in-service)</i>	<i>St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque* (St. Gerard Majella*)</i> Cardinal Virtues Study Gather Room 8:45am No School	<i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i> 40 Days Vigil (1/2) Off Campus 7am-6pm No School	<i>St. Luke*</i> Adorers Breakfast Social Steiner Hall 9-10am <i>*Nativity relics on display in Heritage Room</i>	<i>The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> World Mission Sunday High School Youth Night Steiner Hall 6-8pm
40 Days for Life Off Campus						
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.						

COMMUNICATIONS

Submission Deadlines

Bulletin content is typically required by Monday at noon for the following Sunday's bulletin. Visit nativitystpaul.org/content-submissions for more information, or to submit copy for the parish bulletin, website calendar, social media, and email newsletter.

— Isaac Huss, Comms. Director and Bulletin Editor

MASS INTENTIONS

This Week's Schedule

		7:30am	8:15am	9am	11am	5pm
Mon.	10/13		Martin F. Ludden +			
Tues.	10/14		Jane Doherty +			Katie McKenzie +
Wed.	10/15		Barb Odlaug +			
Thu.	10/16		Yoga Ravindran +			
Fri.	10/17		Kathleen Turley +			Teresa Paquette +
Sat.	10/18		Luis Vasquez +			Colleen Thuente +
Sun.	10/19	Jonathan and Jacqueline Liedl		Amy + and Jon Wivell	For the People	Peter Wilhoit +

MASS READINGS

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1, 2-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wed.: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Next Sun.: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8