

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CATHOLIC CHURCH



The FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT • NOVEMBER 30, 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.

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Father Rolf Tollefson (*pictured*)



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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

Sun.: 7:30am, 9am (*Family Mass*), 11am (*w/incense*), 5pm

Daily Mass

Monday-Saturday: 8:15am; Tuesday, Friday: 5pm

Confession

Tuesday, Friday: 4:15-4:45pm

Wednesday: 4:30-5:30pm; Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm

Adoration (**denotes newly expanded times*)

Sat.: 6-9pm; Sun: 6-11pm*; Mon.: 5am*-8am, 9am-12am*

Tues.: 12am*-8am; 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-12am

Wed.: 12-8am, 9am-12am*

Thurs.: 5am*-8am, 9am-11pm*

Fri.: 4am*-8am, 9am-5pm, 5:30-9pm

Anointing of the Sick (*Press 1 at the recording*)

Emergency Line (*24 hours*) | **(651) 696-5401**

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

Prayer Line (*9am-7pm*)

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FUNERALS

Our Faithful Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

Lois Gergen

May her soul and those of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, amen.

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.

HOLY MATRIMONY

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 at (651) 696-5401 or info@nativitystpaul.org to learn more.

BAPTISMS

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.

PASTOR'S PICKS

Local Cremation Burial Services *(new)*

The Archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries were recently highlighted in *The Catholic Spirit* for their "Bringing Them Home" initiative which offers a proper Catholic burial for cremains that haven't yet been given a final resting place. Visit catholic-cemeteries.org/cremation-burial or call (651) 228-9991 for more information.

MEN'S CLUB

First Wednesday Breakfast | Wednesday, Dec. 3, 7am

The Nativity Men's Club again invites all men of the parish to the First Wednesday Breakfast this Wednesday morning at the Coffee Cup (1333 Randolph Avenue).

Board Meeting | Thursday, December 4, 7:30pm *(new)*

All men of Nativity of Our Lord are invited to the Tree Lot this Thursday evening, with merry caroling to follow.

PARISH LIFE

Tree Lot Now Open, Hours of Operation *(update)*

The Nativity of Our Lord Men's Club Tree Lot is open for business on the east end of the parking lot! Hours are Saturday-Sunday from 9am-8pm, Monday-Thursday from 5:30-8pm, and Fridays from 3:30-8pm. *(Please note these hours are corrected from last weekend's bulletin.)*

Volunteer sign-up is available for anyone who can help at nativitymen.org/tree-lot-signups via the QR code above.



Christmas Giving Tree | November 29 - December 19
Please remember our neighbors in need as you plan your holiday gift giving. The Christmas Giving Tree is now in the back of the church supporting participants of Catholic Charities' programs for children, home stability/homeless teens, seniors, and the disabled. Participation is easy! Simply take an ornament from the tree, purchase an item listed, and return the unwrapped item along with the ornament to the Giving Tree area by Friday, December 19. Small additions to your gift of basic needs like socks and underwear are always appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Talens Paske at (651) 600-0245. Thank you!

Bakery Items Wanted | Saturday, December 6, by 2pm
All are invited to bring baked goods to Steiner Hall next Saturday, December 6 before 2pm so we can prepare them for sale. Then stay for a cup of Christmas Cheer with your fellow Nativity Women members. Contact Erin McKiel at (651) 214-9812 for more information.

Outdoor Christmas Market | Sun., Dec. 7, 10am *(update)*
The annual Nativity Women Outdoor Christmas Market is back! Tins of Christmas treats, lovingly assembled by Nativity's finest bakers, will be for sale, and vendors will be selling handcrafted purses and bags, fair trade hats and mittens, original artwork, pottery, and whimsical children's items. The Nativity 7th and 8th Grade Band will provide festive holiday music starting at 10:30am (and Santa might even be stopping by...) Complimentary hot beverages will be served, and Christmas trees will be for sale at the Tree Lot (see above). Come snow or shine! Contact Catherine Maun at catherine.maun@gmail.com or (763) 923-8026 for more information.

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, 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!



LITURGY & PRAYER

Arch. Hebda at Nativity Mass | Sunday, Dec. 7, 9am
The Most Reverend Bernard Hebda, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, has accepted our Pastor Fr. Rolf Tollefson's invitation to celebrate the 9am Mass next Sunday here at Nativity of Our Lord. This weekly Mass is intended to be particularly welcoming of families, and we invite our entire parish community to come and help give Archbishop Hebda a warm welcome back to Nativity.

Immaculate Conception | December 8
Monday, December 8 is the solemn feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation for Catholics to attend Mass. Please make plans to join us at one of the following liturgies at Nativity of Our Lord that day:

- 7am (no music)
- 8:15am (with incense)
- 5pm
- 7pm (by candlelight with incense)

Advent Reconciliation Service | December 18
Save the date: our annual Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30pm.

Christmas Schedule | December 24-25
Please also make plans to join us in worship on the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas), our patronal feast day and another holy day of obligation. See below for this year's Mass times at Nativity of Our Lord:

- Christmas Eve (Wednesday, 12/24): 2pm, 4pm, 6pm
- Christmas Day (Thursday, 12/25): 12am, 7:30am, (no 8:15am), 11am

RESPECT LIFE

Book Discussion: "Divine Mercy" | December 9
Join us in reading *Divine Mercy* by Drew Mariani, which tells the amazing stories of Divine Mercy at work in our world. We will discuss it together in Steiner Hall on Tuesday, December 9 from 6-8pm. We'll also meet in Minneapolis at 11am this Friday, December 5. Order a copy on the Relevant Radio website (relevantradio.store/collections/books/products/divinemercy), or contact Karen McCann for a copy for sale (\$12) or loan at karenmccann3@gmail.com or (612) 964-4522.



Christmas Caroling | December 13
Join Pro-Life Action Ministries singing Christmas Carols at Planned Parenthood on Vandalia St. (just north of University Ave.) on Saturday, December 13 from 8-9:30am. Prayer and song softens hearts, changes minds, and brings light into the darkness. Please join us!

COMMUNICATIONS

Submission Deadlines | Thursday, December 4, 9am
Bulletin content is typically required by Monday at noon for the following Sunday's bulletin.

Please note the following early deadline:

- *Submissions for the Sunday, December 14 bulletin are due this Thursday, December 4 by 9am.*

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. 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

PASTORAL CARE

Anointing of the Sick | Saturday, December 6, 8:45am
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)!

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LPi Kristee Flynn
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NATIVITY SCHOOL

Tours for Prospective Students and Families

This fall and early winter, Nativity School is offering individual tours during the school day, which is an ideal time to experience our vibrant classrooms, rooted in the Catholic faith and focused on helping children thrive.

Please invite friends, neighbors, or colleagues with children entering preschool, kindergarten, or otherwise to schedule a tour. Contact Michelle Henningsgard at (651) 699-1311 or visit school.nativitystpaul.org/schedule-a-tour.



SERVICE

Christmas Spirit Project *(new)*

Nativity of Our Lord and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul ask your help in identifying senior parishioners who would enjoy some Christmas cheer. We will deliver poinsettias and spend time with our parishioners in senior living communities or in their own homes the week of December 15. So from now until December 14, please call the parish office at (651) 696-5401 to let us know if someone you know (or you yourself!) might appreciate a visit this holiday season.

NATIVITY WOMEN

Moms Club | Monday, December 1, 9-10:30am

Join fellow Nativity of Our Lord moms for a morning of connection, coffee, and community! Drinks, snacks, and toys will be provided this Monday morning in Steiner Hall and every first Monday of the month (unless otherwise noted). Children are always welcome, and this month we'll have a fun Advent craft for the kids!

Homebound Christmas Cards | Tues., Dec. 2, 9am *(new)*

This Tuesday from 9-11am, the women of NCCW are writing Christmas Cards to homebound members of our Nativity of Our Lord community. If you would like to participate in this ministry, we would love to have you help us in Steiner Hall after the 8:15am Mass. Contact Laurie Murphy at lauriemurphy169@gmail.com or Karen McCann at karenmccann3@gmail.com with questions.

Women's Morning Of Reflection | December 13 *(new)*

Take a peaceful pause from the holiday rush and join the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus for a morning of prayer and reflection on saying "yes" as Mary did on Saturday, December 13 from 8:15-11:30am. This event is hosted by Nativity Women and is free to attend, with a light breakfast provided. Visit nativitywomen.org/events/womens-morning-of-reflection-with-the-handmaids for a link to register.

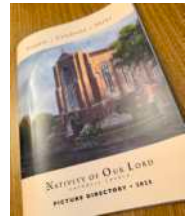
PICTURE DIRECTORY

Updating Contact Information

As we continue to build up our databases and fine-tune our processes, we want to ensure that we have your correct information on file. This includes your contact information as well as any preferences to share it with the parish community or to keep it confidential. If any of your contact information is listed incorrectly in the Parish Directory, if you would like to update your privacy preferences, or if there is any way we can be of further assistance, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Isaac Huss, Director of Communications, at ihuss@nativitystpaul.org or (651) 696-5425.

Pick-Up at Parish Office

The 2025 Nativity of Our Lord Picture Directories have arrived! As promised, all individuals and families who sat for a portrait will receive a free printed directory. The books are now available for pickup at the Lannan Center. Just have one of your household members stop by who can be identified in the book! Contact the parish office with questions at (651) 696-5401 or info@nativitystpaul.org.



Digital Application Coming Soon

If your photo isn't published in the new Picture Directory, whether you're new to the parish or otherwise, don't worry! You can still be included in our electronic smartphone application version. Stay tuned for details on how to participate.

IMAGES

Cover Image

Nativity of Our Lord Ministry Fair 2025

By Natasha Joi Goodman | Sunday, November 16, 2025
[instagram.com/njoiliving/](https://www.instagram.com/njoiliving/)

SVDP

2nd Collection | Saturday-Sunday, December 6-7 *(new)*

Since 2018, the Nativity of Our Lord Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been our parish's mission to the poor of our community. With your support, we have served hundreds of our neighbors in need with rent and utilities help, beds and bedding, household necessities, and clothing.

Next weekend, there will be a 2nd collection in support of SVdP at Nativity. Please be generous again so we can continue this mission. Also, if you're already a donor to the Catholic Community Fund, you can ask to have all or part of your donation directed to St. Vincent de Paul at Nativity.





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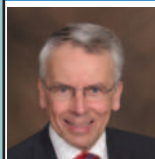
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CALENDAR • DECEMBER 1-7, 2025

Mon., 12/1	Tues., 12/2	Wed., 12/3	Thurs., 12/4	Friday, 12/5	Sat., 12/6	Sun., 12/7
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 (<i>Family Mass w/Arch. Hebda</i>) •11am *** •5pm
Rosary for Life: •8:45am	Grandparents Rosary: 8:45am	Rosary for Life: •8:45am	Rosary for Life: •8:45am	Rosary for Life: •8:45am	Anointing: •8:45am	
<i>*Newly expanded</i>	Confession: •4:15-4:45pm	Confession: •4:30-5:30pm		Confession: •4:15-4:45pm	Confession: •3:30-4:30pm	*** <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: 5am*-8am, 9am-12am*	Adoration: 12am*-8am, 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-12am	Adoration: 12-8am, 9am-12am*	Adoration: 5am*-8am, 9am-11pm*	Adoration: 4am*-8am, 9am-5pm, 5:30pm-9pm	Adoration: 6-9pm	Adoration: 6-11pm*
(<i>First Week of Advent</i>)		<i>St. Francis Xavier**</i>	<i>St. John Damascene</i>		<i>St. Nicholas**</i>	2ND SUNDAY of ADVENT (<i>St. Ambrose**</i>)
Moms Club Steiner Hall 9-10:30am	Christmas Card Writing Steiner Hall 9am	Men's Breakfast Off Campus 7am		First Friday Fellowship Steiner Hall 8:45am	Advent Brunch Steiner Hall 9am	Outdoor Christmas Market Parking Lot 10am-2pm
<i>**Nativity relics on display in Heritage Room</i>	SVdP Meeting Steiner Hall 6:30pm	Faith Formation, OCIA Meeting School 6:30-8pm	NMC Board Meeting and Caroling Tree Lot 7:30pm		Lay Carmelites Council Mtg. Gather Room 9-10am	High School Youth Night Steiner Hall 6-8pm
Tree Lot Open Parking Lot 5:30-8pm (<i>updated from last weekend</i>)				Tree Lot 3:30-8pm (<i>update</i>)	Tree Lot 9am-8pm Food Collection, 2nd Collection	
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.						

SMALL GROUPS

Advent Retreat | Friday, December 5, 6-7pm
 A new Advent Retreat Small Group with the Ascension Press series, *Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture* will meet weekly during Advent on Fridays beginning this week to discuss integrating the meaning of Advent more deeply into our daily lives. Contact John Rigsby at rigsbyjohn@hotmail.com or Emily Meyer at emeyer@nativitystpaul.org for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

This Week's Schedule

		7:30am	8:15am	9am	11am	5pm
Mon.	12/1		Dale Wegner +			
Tues.	12/2		Bennett Kotok +			Ryan and Courtney Smith and Family
Wed.	12/3		Patti Doran +			
Thu.	12/4		Francis Siriwardana +			
Fri.	12/5		Donna Anderson +			Theresa Schiffer +
Sat.	12/6		Robert O'Connell +			Brian and Wanda Layman
Sun.	12/7	Deceased Veterans of Nativity +		Theodore Powell	For the People	The Youth of Nativity

MASS READINGS

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Mon.: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tues.: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wed.: Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
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