

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, July 5, 2026

FUNERALS

Our Faithful Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

Eleanor O'Donnell
Adeline "Dolly" McGinn

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



BAPTISM

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

Henry Thomas Swanson
parents: Matthew and Dana (Billing) Swanson

Crosby Andrew Ayotte
parents: Andrew and Megan (Berg) Ayotte

Preparation and Scheduling

In accordance with Canon Law, parents should have their babies baptized preferably within the first weeks of birth. Baptisms are typically 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

We invite engaged couples to celebrate the sacrament of marriage at our beautiful Church by registering as a parishioner at least 6 months prior to requesting a wedding date. Contact the parish office at info@nativitystpaul.org or (651) 696-5401 to learn more.



ADORATION

We still need to fill several weekly scheduled adorer hours. Go to adorationpro.org/nativity and click "Weekly Commitment" or "Join Sub List" or see the placards at the exits to sign up. We'd particularly like to fill Tue 2 pm, Thu 9 am and 8 pm, Fri 10 am, 5:30-6:00 pm after Mass, and Sun 11 pm.

250 Holy Hours For Our Nation

Update

Over 200 Holy Hours have been offered by Nativity parishioners in response to the United States bishops invitation to offer 250,000 Holy Hours For Our Nation as we approach the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4. Prayers were offered for our nation, for peace, for religious freedom, and for families. Over 40 parishioners participated. Prayers to use and Catholic resources to celebrate the 250th anniversary event were provided to participants.

Thank you faithful pray-ers. Well done!



NATIVITY MEN

Nativity Men's Club held a raffle this Spring. Proceeds support our parish, School & Early Learning Center. Every ticket is entered in a drawing to win \$500, \$200, or \$100 each month from May through October. We will announce the winners each month in the bulletin. **July's winners are: Gary R. Swanson (\$100), Evelyn Wanka (\$200), and Kay Aanonsen (\$500).**

NATIVITY WOMEN



On July 1, Nativity Council of Catholic Women installed their new executive board. Please welcome the 2026-2027 executive board members: Molly Hottinger (President), Therese Steinhoff (Past President), Trish Page (Vice President), Debbie Patterson (Treasurer), Jill Sigelman (Secretary), Margie Meyers (Historian), Megan Winterhalter (Marketing Communications Manager), and Colleen Kelly (Parliamentarian-not pictured).

FAITH FORMATION

Totus Tuus reaches thousands of children in as many as 50 archdioceses across North America. Their goal is to help young children to strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ. From June 21-26, five missionaries from Totus Tuus led over 100 children from grades 1-12 at Nativity.



Totus Tuus emphasizes prayer, eucharistic adoration, and faith formation through story telling, praying the rosary, and attending Mass daily.



The missionaries promoted community through sharing meals together, playing games, and putting on skits.



Many thanks to Fr. Tollefson, Fr. Hall (pictured on cover), Marian Layman, Jarred McKinney, Emily Meyer, Elizabeth Michel, Corey Soper, and all of the parents and children who helped throughout the week.



We would also like to thank the missionary host families: Randall and Mary McClure, Dia and John Boyle, and Mary Harding-Fraser and Andy Fraser.

Thank you to Tami Lodge, Christine Spevachek, Molly Keim, and Jose Galindo Cortes and his team for hosting the camp at the School for the week.



From the Totus Tuus Missionaries...



Every Catholic has the responsibility to know and serve God. Totus Tuus is an excellent tool for the spiritual growth of Catholic youth. This past week has been an exciting opportunity to experience our faith for us teachers, the students, and your community. As a team, we've received tremendous hospitality and support from parishioners, for which we are eternally grateful. It's wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work in each and every one of you in our lives!

Thank you so much for this amazing week allowing us to serve you all. We hope to see you next summer. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue Jesus' ministry on earth and particularly as we complete our Parish assignments this summer.

Your Totus Tuus Team,
Maria Damiani, Peter Difuccia, Benny Hansmann,
Megan Jennen, and Rachel Lang

Bulletin Board

GRANDPARENTS APOSTOLATE
OF STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE
**CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF
SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE &
THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOSTOLATE**



All grandparents are invited to an hour and a half of celebration, encouragement, prayer and fellowship highlighted by a presentation

by Rev. Fr. Kevin Manthey, Pastor of
Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, St. Paul
Friday, July 24, 2026.

Sign-in at 8:45 a.m. following the 8:15 a.m.,
Holy Mass. Event begins at 9:00 am in
Steiner Hall .

Refreshments will be served.

Any questions,
contact Lilee at 651-414-9367.

ARE YOU RECENTLY MARRIED OR ENGAGED?



BARBECUE

ENGAGED OR MARRIED SINCE
DECEMBER 2024 COUPLES ONLY

THURSDAY, JULY 23

6:00PM

CONNECT WITH OTHER COUPLES AND MEET OUR PRIESTS!

BACKYARD OF THE RECTORY

PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE
651-696-5401



Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. **Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The retreat begins Thursday evening, July 23, 2026, and ends Sunday evening, July 26, 2026.** Free-will donations are accepted. For more information, call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com.

WEEKLONG VIRTUAL RETREAT



Healing the Whole Person

AUGUST 10-14, 2026

JOHN PAUL II Healing Center
Transformations on the Heart of the Church

For more information or to register,
please scan the QR Code



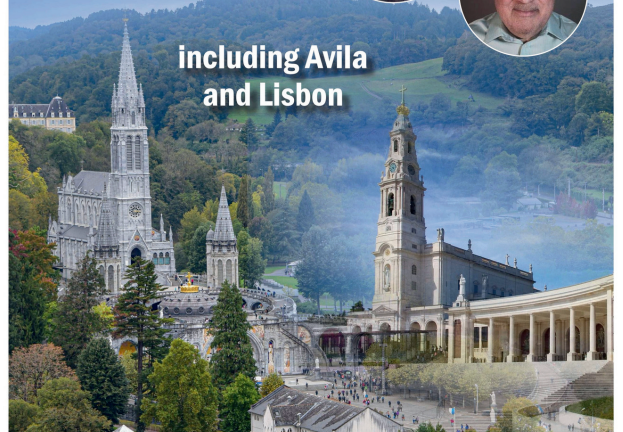
FRANCISCAN BROTHERS OF PEACE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES & FATIMA

with Fr. Seraphim Wirth, fbp
and Mark Miller

11 Days
October 12-22, 2026



including Avila
and Lisbon



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PUBLICATION

Please provide content for the parish bulletin by noon on the Monday before publication date. For the e-newsletter, *Tidings*, please have content in by noon on the Thursday before publication. *Tidings* is emailed every Friday. Visit nativitystpaul.org/content-submissions for more information, or to submit copy for the parish bulletin, website calendar, social media, and email newsletter. All content submissions are published at the discretion of the bulletin editor in regards to space and content.

MASS READINGS

Sun: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Mon: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tue: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wed: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thu: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Sat: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
Nxt Sun: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

We have a number of upcoming liturgies available for Mass intention requests. The suggested donation per Mass is \$7-10, which helps offset our practical liturgical expenses. Please stop by the parish office, or contact us at info@nativitystpaul.org or (651) 696-5401.

THIS WEEK

Monday, July 6

Feast: St. Maria Goretti

Tuesday, July 7

Men's Fellowship Group from 6:45-8:00am in Steiner Hall

Wednesday, July 8

Youth Breakfast Club after 8:15am Mass in the Bride's Room.

Thursday, July 9

Feast: St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

Saturday, July 11

Feast: St. Benedict

**Nativity relic on display in Heritage Room*

PETER'S PENCE

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity.

		7:30am	8:15am	9am	11am	5pm
Mon.	7/6		Joan Lange +			
Tues.	7/7		Lance Callaghan +			Dolly McGinn +
Wed.	7/8		Eleanor O'Donnell +			Irene Padgett +
Thu.	7/9		Amy Wivell + and Erin Suek +			
Fri.	7/10		Mary Wenning +			Mary Blauert +
Sat.	7/11		Robert Domler +			Janet Stevens +
Sun.	7/12	Mary Buivid +		Erin Suek +	For the People	Dan Donovan +

INFORMATION

Pastor Father Rolf Tollefson

Church 1938 Stanford Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55105

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

Lannan Parish Center (Parish Office)

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1900 Stanford Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

STANDARD MASS & PRAYER TIMES

Lord's Day Mass

Saturday: 5pm vigil

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

Daily Mass

Monday-Saturday: 8:15am

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 5pm

Confession

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

Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm

Adoration

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

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

Thurs.: 5am-8am, 9am-12am

Fri.: 2am-8am, 9am-5pm, 5:30-10pm

Rosary

Rosary for Life: M, W, Th, Fr: 8:45am

Grandparents Rosary: Tuesdays: 8:45am

STEWARDSHIP

Electronic giving is available 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.



PARISH MISSION

Our 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: **Prepare** the Way of the Lord, **Celebrate** "God With Us," and **Shine** with the Light of Christ. Learn more about our parish mission at nativitystpaul.org/mission.

LEADERSHIP

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

Parochial Vicar | Fr. Jason Asselin (651) 696-5401

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

Head of School | Kate Wollan (651) 699-1311

NELC Director | Nicole Clausen (651) 696-5437

Parish Secretary, Pastoral Care, Safe Environment Coordinator |

Beth Erickson (651) 696-5401

Hospitality, Outreach, & Communications

Coordinator | Therese Steinhoff (651) 696-5425

Facilities Director | Steve Boatman (651) 696-5434

Accounting Specialist | Nick Erickson (651) 696-5436

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

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

Director of Formation & Evangelization

Jarred McKinney (651) 696-5441

Assistant Director of Discipleship Small

Groups & Youth Ministry | Emily Meyer (651) 696-5401

Discipleship Admin., Sacramental

Records | Marian Layman (651) 696-5443

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Lay Trustee | Christina Crow (651) 696-5401

Lay Trustee | Tom Tucci (651) 696-5401

Finance Council Chair | Tom Margarit tmargait2024@outlook.com

Pastoral Council (651) 696-5401

Chris Nei (chair) Christine Bartley Martha Conners

Nate Hughes Anne Keenan Stephen Maas

Judd Fenlon

Anointing of the Sick

Emergency Line (24 Hours) (651) 696-5401

(Press 1 at the recording) First Saturdays: 8:45am (and by appointment).

Prayer Line (9am-7pm)

Mary Kay O'Rourke (651) 698-5638

Lucy Plunkett (612) 817-0351

St. Vincent de Paul Society (651) 334-2935