

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time • SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



NATIVITY
EST 1975
COUNTY FAIR

See you at the Fair!
Friday 5:00pm-10:00pm
Saturday 12:00pm-10:00pm
Sunday 11:30am-3:00pm

*We've Got
Spirit! ★*

COUNTY FAIR

"We've Got Spirit!" The fair is here!

Friday 9/18:
5pm-10pm

Saturday 9/19:
12pm-10pm

Sunday 9/20:
Outdoor Mass: 10:30am
Fair: 11:30am-3:00pm



Please check out our Facebook page (@nativitycountyfair), Instagram account (@nativitycountyfair), or web site (<https://school.nativitystpaul.org/nativity-county-fair>) for any last minute details.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Annual Clothing Drive

The Nativity Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold its annual clothing and household goods collection on **Saturday, October 3 from 9am-noon by the Nativity playground.**

Please bring your "gently used" items to help our neighbors in need.

- Priority items: Clothing – men's, women's, children's – all seasons.
- Priority items: Sheets, towels, bedding.
- Also wanted: Small household items (pots and pans, cooking and eating utensils, dishes, etc.).
- NO food items.
- If you can't make it on Saturday morning, please leave your donations in the back of the church before then.
- To donate larger items, like beds and other furniture, call (651) 602-0478 to schedule pickup.



Volunteers from Nativity SVdP will be on the playground to help you unload. If you need more information on whether a particular item is acceptable, check here: https://www.svdpmpls.org/uploads/9/1/3/5/91357858/accepteditems_2.pdf. SVdP is our parish's ministry to the poor in our community. Together, we can be the hands and feet and voice of Christ.

SAVE THE DATE

October 4 is the feast of St. Francis. We will have a **blessing of animals (pets) at Nativity at 2:00pm on Sunday, October 4.** More details to come in future bulletins..

NATIVITY SCHOOL

This past week, Father Jason Asselin blessed the classrooms, students, and teachers at Nativity School as they embark on a new school year.



Along with Sister Mary Pieta, he also presented each student in grades 2-8 a copy of a prayer book, generously gifted by Archbishop Bernard Hebda, entitled *Treasury of Catholic Prayers*.

In his pastoral letter, *Only One Thing is Necessary*, Archbishop Hebda reminds us of the profound gift that parents give their children when they pray with and for them:

"Our God is at the other end of each prayer — a God who loves eternally, guides paternally and gives endlessly. But we need to be connected to God if we are to hear His voice... How powerful is it, then, for our children to see their parents and family members pray, hear them pray, learn from them how to pray and accompany us in prayer!"

We are going to keep the prayer books here at school for a few months to guide our school prayer time. Then we will have the children bring them home.



We encourage parents to read the book together with their child(ren), pray the prayers aloud, and allow their child(ren) to see that prayer is not simply something we learn at school but, rather, it is how we live in relationship with God.



Blessing

OF

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH

Expectant mothers are warmly invited to receive a special blessing on the first Sunday of every month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.





Nativity Youth Choir

Interested in singing? There's still time for students and parishioners in grades 3-8 to check out the Nativity Youth Choir! **Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 2:45 from 3:45 PM in the school choir room.** The next two rehearsals on Sept. 15 and 22 are geared toward preparing for the Aim Higher Foundation event on Sept. 26, where Nativity students will join others from around the archdiocese in support of Catholic education at their annual gala. To enroll or inquire, please click here to email Jillian Anderson at janderson@nativitystpaul.org.

RESPECT LIFE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE's international Fall campaign for life is September 23-November 11. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in praying for an end to abortion in our community and our world. We will have a 40 Days for Life Kick off dinner on Tuesday, September 22nd in Steiner Hall from 5:45pm - 8pm. **Please RSVP to Karen McCann at 612-964-4522.** More details on 40 Days for Life's adopted days to come.

Spirit of IRELAND

August 3-14, 2027

with Fr. Rolf Tollefson



Scan this code with your phone's camera for full details and registration.

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BAPTISM

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

Isla Louise McGrath

parents: Ryan and Molly (Matthews) McGrath

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.

FUNERALS



Our Faithful Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

Bonita Simmons

May her soul 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.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Please pray for all engaged couples as they prepare to receive the sacrament of marriage, especially...

Kristen Coonrod & Shane Hennessey

October 3, 2026



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.

PASTORAL CARE

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. 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)!

Bulletin Board

THE THOUGHTFUL HOME

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NATIVITY WOMEN
FIRESIDE
CHAT & SOCIAL

An evening with author
DIA BOYLE



Join us as we explore what a home is, what it is for, and the crucial role it plays in the happiness of families.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
6:30PM
STEINER HALL



Invite a friend and register today!

Scan the QR code to sign up.



FAITH FORMATION

2026-2027

CLASSES START
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Nativity offers weekly Faith Formation classes for children in grades 1-8. Join us as we prepare our children to meet Jesus in the sacraments! Please Scan the QR Code to register.

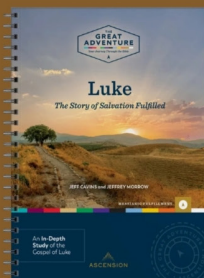


Thursday Morning Prayer Group

Please join the Thursday Morning Prayer Group as we resume our Bible study on **Thursday, October 1st after the 8 am Mass**. We will again meet in the church meeting room in the lower level.

This semester we will study **Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled**. The Workbook & video series is ideal for groups who plan to meet together to watch the videos and engage in the group discussions. It offers questions, reflections, and applications for each study session.

If you are interested in joining the group, **text or call Linda Kracht at 651-470-3699**. The cost is approximately \$30 depending on the size of the group and number of books to be ordered.



Nativity of Our Lord Church Tours



Friday, September 18:

5:30pm following Mass

Saturday, September 19:

12:30pm, 6:00pm following Mass

Sunday, September 20:

12:00pm, 1:00pm

Please meet us on the front steps of the Church during the tour times.



Take Time & Listen

Find what your heart truly desires and how God wants you to serve.

ARCHBISHOP'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

**For Catholic Men
Ages 17-24**

Who Do Not Have a College Degree

OCTOBER 16 - 18, 2026

Friday at 5 p.m. - Sunday at 1 p.m.

Join Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Fr. Mark Pawlak, and archdiocesan seminarians for a weekend of prayer and discernment.

Christ the King Retreat Center
621 South First Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313

\$100 Retreat Fee
includes all meals and 2 night's lodging



**RSVP Required before
Thursday, October 1**



ARCHDIOCESE
OF
SAINT PAUL &
MINNEAPOLIS

Priesthood Sunday is next Sunday, September 27. Thank you for continuing to offer your acknowledgments to our priests and deacon. The Serra Mission is: "To foster and promote new vocations to Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate and Consecrated Religious; to support and affirm existing Priests, Deacons and Consecrated Religious vocations, and in doing so to grow in holiness." **Blank note cards are provided at the entrances of the church for you to express your appreciation to Fathers Tollefson and Asselin and to Deacon Don.**

PUBLICATION

Bulletin content is required by Monday at noon for the following Sunday's bulletin. Content for "Tidings," our weekly e-newsletter, is due Thursday at noon. The bulletin editor will publish content based on space and relevance. Please email content submissions to <https://nativitystpaul.org/content-submissions>.

MASS READINGS

Sun: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Mon: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tue: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wed: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thu: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Fri: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Sat: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Nxt Sun: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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.

		7:30am	8:15am	9am	11am	5pm
Mon.	9/21		Charlie Dombrow			
Tues.	9/22		Myles Satha +			Vern Edman +
Wed.	9/23		Nancy Haggenmiller +			Kjersti Duncan
Thu.	9/24		Amy Wivell + and Erin Suek +			
Fri.	9/25		Emma Dombrow			Erick Lauber +
Sat.	9/26		Kenneth Lamb +			Katy Harris
Sun.	9/27	In Thanksgiving		Edna Dharmaratne	For the People	Bob and Dorothy Paulson, Bob Joyce, Bunny + Curt Parks

THIS WEEK

See the information section on the back page for Mass, confession, adoration, and rosary times. Changes to the parish schedule since last Tuesday will be communicated through pulpit announcements, in the e-newsletter and on the web site.

Monday, September 21

*feast: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Tuesday, September 22

- **Nativity Men's Fellowship Group | Steiner Hall**
6:45am-8:00am
- **40 Days of Life Kick off Supper & Speaker | Steiner Hall | 5:45pm-8:30pm**
- **St. Vincent de Paul Council Meeting | Gathering Room in Basement | 6:30pm**

Wednesday, September 23

feast: St. Padre Pio

- **Faith Formation for Grades 1-8 & OCIA Begins | Nativity School | 6:30pm**

Thursday, September 24

*feast: St. Rupert of Salzburg**

- **Exodus 90 Fraternity Meeting | Steiner Hall**
6:30 pm

Friday, September 25

feast: St. Cleopas

Saturday, September 26

feast: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Sunday, September 27

*feast: St. Vincent de Paul**

Priesthood Sunday

- **Donut Sunday after all morning Masses.**
- **Youth Ministry Group | Steiner Hall | 6pm-8pm**

**Nativity Relic on display in Heritage Room.*

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)

Phone: (651) 696-5401 | Fax: (651) 696-5458
1900 Wellesley Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

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Email | info@nativitystpaul.org

Staff Email Directory | nativitystpaul.org/parish-staff

School Office | (651) 699-1311 |

school@nativitystpaul.org

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

Online Giving

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. Thank you!



ABOUT

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) 696-5440

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

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

NELC Director | Nicole Clausen (651) 696-5437

Parish Business Administrator |
Tim Nelson (651) 696-5435

Director of Formation and Evangelization

Jarred McKinney (651) 696-5441

Parish Secretary, Pastoral Care | Safe Environment

Coordinator | Beth Erickson (651) 696-5401

Hospitality, Outreach, and 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

Assistant Director of Discipleship - Small Groups and

Youth Ministry | Emily Meyer (651) 696-5401

Discipleship Admin., Sacramental Records

Marian Layman (651) 696-5443

Adoration | Randall McClure (651) 260-9045

Lay Trustee | Christina Crow (651) 696-5401

Lay Trustee | Tom Tucci (651) 696-5401

Finance Council Chair | Tom Margarit (651) 696-5401

Pastoral Council (651) 696-5401

Chris Nei (chair) Nate Hughes

Christine Bartley Anne Keenan

Martha Conners 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