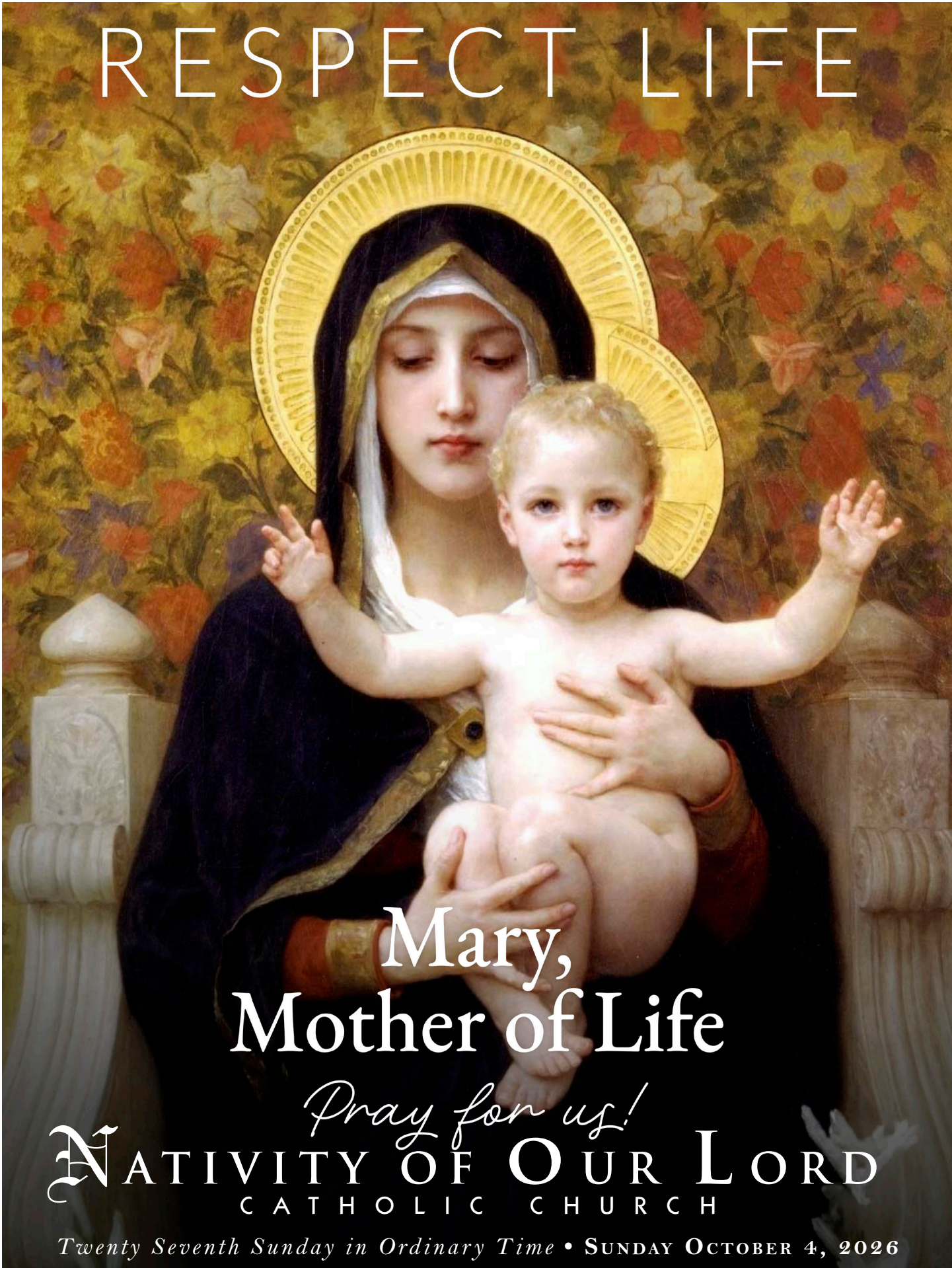




RESPECT LIFE

Mary,
Mother of Life

Pray for us!

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2026

NATIVITY SCHOOL

Nativity Marathon for Non-Public Education

Our K-5 students kicked off this year's Marathon for Non-Public Education on Friday, October 2, walking together, cheering one another on, and raising funds to support Nativity School. On Friday, October 9, our Middle School students will continue the Marathon in a different way, putting their faith into action through a day of community service.



The Marathon is an important fundraiser for Nativity School, and we invite our parishioners to support our students by scanning the QR code to make a donation. Thank you for helping our students learn that their efforts, whether through walking, serving, or giving can make a difference!



School Tours for Prospective Families

Nativity School is offering individual tours this fall and early winter for families interested in learning more about our Preschool through 8th Grade program. Tours take place during the school day, giving parents an opportunity to see our Catholic faith and learning in action. To schedule a tour, please call the School Office at (651) 699-1311 and ask for Michelle Henningsgard or scan the QR code to fill out the tour request form. We look forward to meeting you!



**In honor
of the feast day of
St. Francis of Assisi
We will be having a**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Sunday, October 4
at 2pm
Front of the Church
Corner of Prior
and Stanford**

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CATHOLIC CHURCH

WISDOM ON WEDNESDAY

Marriage Speaker Series

ARCHBISHOP BERNARD A. HEBDA

Speaking on
SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE



WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 21
STEINER HALL

SCHEDULE

6:30	Social Hour
7:00	Archbishop Hebda's Talk
7:45	Fellowship

FREE OF CHARGE

All parishioners and guests are welcome

QUESTIONS?

CHRIS & EMILY KLOTSCHÉ

MARTHA & DAN CONNERS

PETE & JILL TREACY

PART OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD'S MARRIAGE MINISTRY SPEAKER SERIES
Dedicated to strengthening marriages through faith, fellowship and formation

Mass of God's Children

*An evening of comfort and remembrance
for the loss of a baby.*



**Tuesday,
October 13th**

7:00 PM

All who have experienced the loss of a baby,
before or after birth, are warmly invited to
join us for this special mass.

*Grandparents, siblings, other family members,
and friends are welcome.*



Co-sponsored by Nativity parish and the Nativity Women

RESPECT LIFE

40 Days for LIFE's Fall 2026



The Fall 2026 Campaign has begun!! Join Nativity and Saint Mark parishes in their efforts to end abortion. We have adopted 2 days to cover Planned Parenthood abortion facility with peaceful prayer vigil from 6 am - 6 pm, Friday Oct. 2nd and Thursday, Oct. 22nd. Please sign-up for prayer vigil

here on our adopted dates. Thank you for your support of innocent pre-born life and their vulnerable parents. For questions, or help in signing up, please contact Karen McCann at 612-964-4522 or scan the QR code to sign up.



Book Discussion

Our next potluck/book discussion, the book will be *The Transhumanist Temptation, How Technology and Ideology Are Reshaping Humanity, and How to Resist*, by Grayson Quay. The event will be on October 15 from 6 to 8 PM in Steiner Hall. Everyone is welcome, whether you have read the book or not.

If you have any questions, call Karen McCann at 612-964-4522.



MEN'S CLUB RAFFLE Congratulations October Winners!



LARRY KIELKOPF (\$500)
IAN MITCHELL (\$200)
TOM REIN (\$100)

Nativity Men's Club held a raffle this Spring. Proceeds support our Parish, School, and Early Learning Center. Every ticket is entered in a drawing to win \$500, \$200, and \$100 each month from May to October. We will announce the winners each month in the bulletin. Winners will be contacted by a member of the Men's Club to receive their checks. Congratulations!

PANEL DISCUSSION

Mental Health Sunday is October 11. A newly formed Catholic Mental Health and Well-Being Coalition consisting of twelve parishes across the Twin Cities is committed to strengthening how faith communities support mental health and well-being while remaining deeply grounded in our Catholic spirituality. The coalition will host a **panel discussion on October 8 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Lumen Christi, titled: Curiosity Leads to Discovery: How Experiences Shape Our Hearts and Lives.** For more information or to RSVP, please scan the QR code. For more information on Mental Health Sunday, go to <https://www.usccb.org/mental-health-sunday>



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)!



BAPTISM

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

Emma Deborah Bartley

parents: Ryan and Christine (Giefer) Bartley

Finnian Thomas Kane

parents: William and Allison (Casper) Kane

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

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

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.



Bulletin Board



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd registration for parish (non school) children is here! **There are 5 spots available for our Monday morning session, which runs from 9:00 – 10:10am.**

CGS is a hands-on Montessori based Catholic faith formation program that focuses on Sacred Scripture and Liturgy, allowing the children to hear, ponder and celebrate the mysteries of the Catholic faith and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Scan the QR Code for more information.



Donut Sundays Every Sunday Morning!

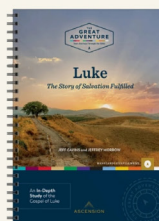


Join us for donuts and coffee with a side of fellowship after **all Sunday morning Masses**. The Hospitality Committee needs your help. Volunteer to serve a shift, or provide monetary donation by scanning the QR code.



Thursday Morning Prayer Group

Please join the Thursday Morning Prayer Group. We resumed our Bible study on **Thursday, October 1** after the 8:15 am Mass in the lower meeting room. We still have space for others to join!



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 Youth Discipleship Presents:

Friday Night Live

**OCTOBER 9TH
6-8PM
SCHOOL GYM**

Games Faith
Fun Fellowship
Friends

TREATS AT THE END

ALL 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS ARE INVITED

Save the dates for future FNL events: 11/13, 12/11, 1/8

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NATIVITY WOMEN
**FIRESIDE
CHAT & SOCIAL**

THE THOUGHTFUL HOME *An evening with author* DIA BOYLE



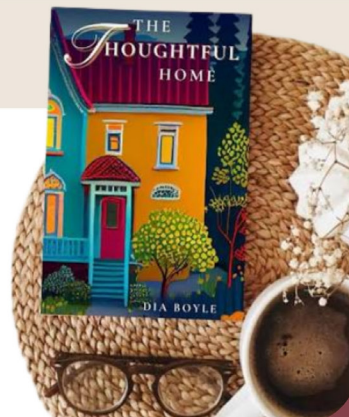
Join us as we explore explore what a home is, what it is for, and the crucial role it plays in the happiness of families.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
6:30PM
STEINER HALL**



Invite a friend and register today!

Scan the QR code to sign up.



October Rosary October 7, 2026 6:30pm Nativity Church



Take an hour to pause, pray, and gather to celebrate the **feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**. Women, men, and children are all invited to pray the rosary with Nativity Women. *



IMAGE

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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. Content will be evaluated based on space and relevance. Please email content submissions to <https://nativitystpaul.org/content-submissions>.

MASS READINGS

Sun: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Mon: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tues: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wed: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thu: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Fri: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Sat: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Nxt Sun: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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

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, October 5

feasts: *St. Faustina Kowalska, Bl. Bartolo Longo**

- **Fireside Chat and Social** | Steiner Hall 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 6

feasts: *St. Bruno and Bl. Marie Rose Durocher*

- **Nativity Men's Fellowship Group** | Steiner Hall 6:45am-8:00am
- **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting** | Steiner Hall 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 7

feast: *Our Lady of the Rosary*

- **Women's Afternoon Bridge** | Steiner Hall | 12:30pm
- **October Rosary by NCCW** | Church 6:30pm -*Men, women, and children are all welcome to say the rosary*

Thursday, October 8

- **Thursday Morning Prayer Group** | Lower Level Meeting Room | *After 8:15am Mass*
- **Men's Club Meeting** | Steiner Hall | 7:00pm

Friday, October 9

feasts: *St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi*

- **Friday Night Live for 7th and 8th Graders** | School Gym | 6:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday, October 10

feast: *St. Thomas of Villanova*

Sunday, October 11

- **Donut Sunday after all morning Masses**
- **High School Discipleship Group** | Steiner Hall 6pm-8pm

**Nativity Relic on display in Heritage Room.*

		7:30am	8:15am	9am	11am	5pm
Mon.	10/5		Mary Julie Treacy +			
Tues.	10/6		MGL +, Roslin +, and Catherine + Perera			Herbert Peine +
Wed.	10/7		Rosalie Knott +			Teresa Sarzynski
Thu.	10/8		Lauren Taylor +			
Fri.	10/9		Wynona Gaworski +			Rachel Mary Moga Westermeyer
Sat.	10/10		Fr. Rolf Tollefson			Erick Lauber +
Sun.	10/11	Jane Doherty +		Clarice Fischler +	For the People	David & Margaret McDonell

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 Wellesley Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

Website | nativitystpaul.org

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

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

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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

Marketing & Communications Manager
Shannon Oldsberg (651) 696-5405

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

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Lay Trustee | Tom Tucci (651) 696-5401

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Pastoral Council (651) 696-5401

Chris Nei (chair) Nate Hughes

Christine Bartley Anne Keenan

Martha Connors 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

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!

