

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2011



You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord.
Live as children of light.

—Ephesians 5:8

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School which will be held **June 20-24, 2011**. The theme for this year is: **"PandaMania!.. Where God Is Wild about You!"**



Once again, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and Holy Spirit Catholic Church, will be the host sites for this wonderful, week-long, opportunity for our children to spend time with one another growing in their faith journey and relationship with Jesus Christ. Lumen Christi Catholic Community and Nativity are co-sponsors of Vacation Bible School. This summer's program is shaping up to be an exciting, "spirit-filled" week of learning, fun, reflection, meeting new friends, games and activities, and meaningful stories about our Lord. Registration is now open and available on-line by going to www.gloriadeistpaul.org/vbs. Registration closes on May 20th. Feel free to contact Randy Mueller, Nativity's Director of Faith Formation at (651) 696-5454 with questions.

School News

The Music Man is coming to Nativity!

All are invited to this year's 7th and 8th grade production of *The Music Man*. Under the direction of Robert Galligan, the students have worked hard and are eager to have you enjoy this spectacular show with them. Show times are April 7, 8, 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.00/adults and \$3.00/students and are available at the door. Children under the age of 5 are free.



We have a special invitation to the senior members of our parish community to join us for a "free sneak preview" of our presentation TODAY, Sunday, April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. This will be the final dress rehearsal before opening night. We hope you can join us.

Pastoral Ministry News

Nativity's Grief Group will meet this Wednesday, April 6th at 8:45 a.m. in Steiner Hall. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Nancy Shatek-Suek, Nativity's Pastoral Care Coordinator at (651) 696-5444.

March Food Drive

Hundreds of bags filled with non-perishable food were loaded onto the Keystone Community Services truck this past week by Nativity's 2nd and 7th grade Girl Scouts. Keystone staff member Dale, said, "Awesome! This is just awesome!" as the bags of food were carried out of church onto the truck. Thank you to all who were able to donate food or money to the food drive. The deadline for the March Food Drive has been extended to April 7th so your donations will still be accepted and appreciated. Throughout the state of Minnesota, donations to food shelves are down and the demand is up. Thank you for helping feed the hungry in our neighborhood community.



Nativity News

Early Bulletin Deadline. The deadline for submitting articles for the April 17th, Palm Sunday bulletin is Noon this Tuesday, April 5th.

Lenten Mission Rosary Making Social on April 4 and 11 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Steiner Hall. Supplies are provided and rosary makers will be available to help you learn how to assemble the rosaries. All the rosaries made are sent to missions.

Doughnut Sunday is next weekend, April 10th. Plan to stop by the school cafeteria after any of the Sunday morning masses for hospitality and fellowship. Sponsored by the Nativity Men's Club.



Nativity's Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, April 11th from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Steiner Hall. Please consider taking an hour out of your day to donate blood. Your gift could save a life. Contact Julie Bauchle at (651) 247-7734 or email her a jbauchle@aol.com to schedule a time. Walk-ins are also welcome. **After you've donated blood, you'll be able to make your own ice cream sundae!** Hope you can join us. Sponsored by the NCCW.

Nativity Men's Club Raffle Tickets are due by Monday, April 11th. You can return the ticket stubs and payment in the envelope provided to the Parish Office or drop it in the Sunday collection basket. If you need more tickets, you can order them through www.nativitymen.org or by calling Tom Howard at (651) 274-5711. Thanks for your support of the raffle. Pro Liberis!



The 4th Quarterly Meeting of the Saint Paul Deaneries Council of Catholic Women will be held at Nativity on Thursday, April 14th. Speaker is Teresa Collett, professor and advocate for protection of human life and family. Lunch will be served following Mass. Cost for the day is \$10.00. RSVP by Monday, April 12, by calling (651) 488-3351 or (651) 482-9952. ALL women of the parish are invited to attend this meeting.



Looking For Used Bikes, Burleys and Bike Accessories. The Nativity Boy Scout troop will be holding its third annual "Bring a Bike – Buy a Bike" used bike sale fundraiser on April 30th in the Nativity gym from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Troop is looking for bikes of all sizes and condition. Bikes and accessories can be donated or consigned. For more information or to arrange for a home pick up, contact Bob Hyland at (651) 278-0028 or troop67bikesale@gmail.com.

From the Hip

REMINDER: All are welcome to attend our parish prayer service TODAY, Sunday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the main church. We hope you can join us.

—Fr. Patrick

Liturgy News

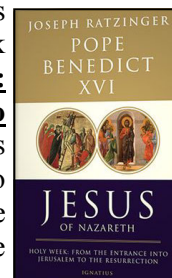
The new altar server schedule was mailed out this week and is posted on the Nativity website. Please make sure to find a substitute if you are unable to serve at your scheduled time. Thank you.

Stations of the Cross are every Friday night during Lent (except Good Friday). Stations begin at 7:00 p.m. in the main church.

Adult Faith Formation

Come Learn About Pope Benedict's New Book

Pope Benedict's new book is out and is climbing the charts of the New York Times Bestseller list! **Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week: From the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection** attacks the tough questions of how Jesus came to be killed, who was responsible, what he taught about the end of the world, how we should understand his suffering and death, and what his Resurrection means for us. Join parishioner, and UST professor, David Deavel for a discussion on these topics and more on **Monday, April 18th, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in Steiner Hall as he presents his talk, "**Benedict, the Bible, and the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.**" For more information, contact Randy Mueller, (651) 696-5454.



Baptisms

Congratulations to the following children who were welcomed into the Catholic faith through the sacrament of Baptism:

Liviana Marie Bollinger

Daughter of Brooks and Natalie (Roedler) Bollinger

Willamina Margaret Lee

Daughter of Christopher & Molly (Jansen) Lee

Theodore Jason Quehl

Son of Jason Quehl & Melissa Easton

Robert Frederick Thornton

Son of Conor Thornton & Emily Peterson

Altar Server & Lector Schedule

MONDAY, APR 4 & TUESDAY, APR 5

8:15 am: Jackie Blake, Katie Berthiaume, Gwen Sullivan, Julianna McKenna, Elizabeth Wollan, Rosemary Johnson
5:00 pm: Rose Anderson, Sarah Kohlbeck

WEDNESDAY, APR 6

8:15 am: Jackie Blake, Katie Berthiaume, Gwen Sullivan, Julianna McKenna, Shannon Silberhorn, Amanda Conlin
5:00 pm: Theresa Mueller, Claudia Meyer-Samargia

THURSDAY, APR 7

8:15 am: Katie Cummings, Monica Harris, Shannon Silberhorn, Amanda Conlin
5:00 pm: Theresa Mueller, Claudia Meyer-Samargia

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

8:15 am: Katie Cummings, Monica Harris, AnnaRose Schneider, Leslie Fenske
5:00 pm: Nicole Anderson, Brook Steigauf
7:00 pm Stations: Annie Thompson, Maddie Palmer, Murphy Pickett, Rachel Oberst

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

8:15 am: AnnaRose Schneider, Leslie Fenske

5:00 pm

Servers: Katie McCloughan, Bridget Mountain, Caitlin Ostenby, Megan Ostenby

Lectors: Melissa Easton, Chris Welsh

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

7:00 am

Servers: Augie Thuente, Joe Thuente

Lector: John O'Donnell

8:15 am

Servers: Charlie Neil, Daniel Sabourin, Tommy Schneeman, Natie Sullivan

Lectors: Patrick Waters, Michaela Wentz

9:30 am

Servers: Jacob Margarit, Joe Stang

Lectors: Steve Sheridan, Katherine Smith

11:00 am

Servers: Matthew Markert, Jack Mazzitello, Geoff McQuillan, Patrick McQuillan, Ryan McQuillan, Johnny Mueller

Lectors: Michael Rumpza, Michael Ryan

5:00 pm

Lectors: Paul Timmins, Greg Page

Adoration

“The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.”

—Pope John Paul II

Ideally, two people are needed in the adoration chapel each hour. The yellow squares identify those times when only one person is spending time with our Lord. **The red squares indicates hours currently without Adorers.** If interested in spending a peaceful hour with Jesus, contact Jim McQuillan at mcquillanj@rjfagencies.com or (763) 746-8244 or sign-up through the Nativity website at [Nativity-mn.org/parish/site/spiritual life/perpetual adoration](http://Nativity-mn.org/parish/site/spiritual%20life/perpetual%20adoration).

Time	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
12 am-1am							
1 - 2 am							
2 - 3 am							
3 - 4 am							
4 - 5 am							
5 - 6 am							
6 - 7 am							
7 - 8 am							
9 - 10 am							
10 - 11am							
11 - noon							
12 - 1 pm							
1 - 2 pm							
2 - 3 pm							
3 - 4 pm							
4 - 5 pm							
5:30 pm							
6 - 7 pm							
7 - 8 pm							
8 - 9 pm							
9 - 10 pm							
10 -11 pm							
11 - 12 am							

Stewardship

March 27, 2011	Current	Fiscal YTD	Budget YTD
Stewardship Offering	25,734.11	—	—
Total Stewardship	25,734.11	1,265,979.44	1,284,058.00
Plate	1,816.75	60,299.93	63,750.00
Hunger Box	125.25	6,953.94	7,875.00

Catholic Services Appeal Update

Nativity has received \$47,176.49 which is 34% of our parish financial goal for the Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you to those who have generously donated to the Appeal. Those who continue to prayerfully consider their gift, please remember that no gift is too small to support one another in faith and to help those in need.

Respect Life News

The challenge is to make the Church's 'yes' to Life concrete and effective. The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life! Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for life is already decided, even though the struggle goes on against great odds and with much suffering."
—Pope John Paul II

Check out the recently released book **Unplanned**

Abby Johnson, former director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas, tells about the events that led her to quit her job and join forces with the Coalition for Life, the organization responsible for originating 40 Days for Life. This focused effort of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach to advocate for life and against abortion has now spread to more than 250 cities in nine countries. As part of the current 40 Days for Life Twin Cities campaign, parishioners from Nativity, Lumen Christi and St. Mark's are filling one-hour prayer shifts around the clock on Wednesday, April 13, in front of HealthPartners' Regions Hospital, which has a GYN-Special Services unit that performs abortions. Refer to www.40dasforlife.com/twincities for more information or call Theresa at (651) 695-0124.

Refer to Americans United for Life's legislative tracking system to see the status of state and federal legislation listed according to life-related issue:

www.aul.org/legislative-resources/legislative-tracking/

Pray as a family at the Good Friday vigil

Join with other community members of all faiths and ages to pray in front of Minnesota's highest-volume abortuary from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Last year, more than 2,000 people gathered in front of the Planned Parenthood on Ford Parkway in peaceful vigil. Archbishop Nienstedt will once again lead opening prayer and 15 area pastors will continue to lead prayer each half hour.

The remembrance of the presence of God will be a great advantage in helping you and in inspiring you to do all your actions well.

—St. John Baptist de la Salle

Weekly Scripture Readings

Apr 4: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Apr 5: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Apr 6: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Apr 7: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Apr 8: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Apr 9: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Apr 10: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Mass Intentions

Apr 4 8:15 a.m.—All Souls in Purgatory +
5:00 p.m.—Paul Schweickert +
Apr 5 8:15 a.m.—Isadore Maccani +
5:00 p.m.—Virginia Ralph +
Apr 6 8:15 a.m.—Deceased members of Probst & Caprio families +
5:00 p.m.—Clarence & Lucile Daley +
Apr 7 8:15 a.m.—Sr. Linus Croken +
5:00 p.m.—Rev. Paul Ranum +
Apr 8 8:15 a.m.—Nancy Janssen +
5:00 p.m.—Larry & Suzy Kennedy
Apr 9 8:15 a.m.—Norene Eiden +

Community News

Looking for a simple way to offer your time this Lenten season? How about organizing your family, friends or school to help at the Advoca warehouse in Mendota Heights? Advoca is a non-profit that provides critical items for families in financial crisis with a newborn. Volunteers sort and repackage corporate surplus into usable bags of 100+ diapers that are given to families in need. An ADVOCA representative meets your group at the warehouse and provides a simple set of instructions for the sorting and repackaging process. Volunteer groups can be as small as 2-3 people and as large as 40+ people and it can be a great social, team-building experience. For more information, call Advoca at (763) 913-5237.

The Church of St. Helena's "**Evening Affirming Human Life and the Family,**" Thursday, April 7, in Rowan Hall. The "Evening," co-sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family and Life, consists of a social at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m., followed by musical entertainment and Bishop Piche's address. Tickets, which are \$20 per person, must be purchased by Tuesday, April 5, and complimentary tickets are available for those who have difficulty paying by calling (612) 729-7321.

6th Annual St. Joseph Worker Book Sale, Saturday, April 9th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Carondelet Center, 1890 Randolph Avenue. For more information about this program visit www.stjosephworkers.org.

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Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 7:00, 8:15, 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
 Mass in Steiner Hall: 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass

Monday-Saturday: 8:15 a.m.
 Monday-Friday: 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Monday through Friday: 7:45 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Emergency Sick Calls

Any hour 696-5401 (press 1)

Lannan Parish Center Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Friday 8:00 a.m. to Noon
 1900 Wellesley Avenue 696-5401
 Fax 696-5458

School Office

1900 Stanford Avenue 699-1311

Website:

www.nativity-mn.org

E-Mail:

info@nativity-mn.org

Parish Pastoral Council

George Murphy, Chair 698-5993

Prayer Line Times:

9:00-11:00 a.m. & 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Mary Kay McQuade 454-7431
 Bette Hoffman 699-8249

To Register as a Parishioner:

Please contact the Lannan Parish Center 696-5401

Pastor

Father Patrick Hipwell 696-5401

Parochial Vicar

Father Joe Bambenek 696-5440

Parish Business Administrator

Laura Barr 696-5423

Parish Secretary/Assistant to Pastor

Carol Thuente 696-5401

Faith Formation Director

Randy Mueller 696-5454

Director of Music

Patrick Henning 696-5430

Interim Youth Choir Director

Jean Olson 696-5407

Director of Nativity Choir

Rob Pontious 653-3655

Pastoral Care Coordinator

Nancy Shatek-Suek 696-5444

Principal

Kate Wollan 699-1311

Assistant Principal

Sandy Kane 699-1311

Alumni Relations

Mary Jo Iverson 696-5411

School Tuition

Mary Super 696-5441

Early Learning Center Director

Nicole Clausen 696-5437

Facilities Director

Bill Beltz 696-5434

Bulletin

Molly Dressen (bulletin@nativity-mn.org) 696-5425

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the main church. For first-time parents, required baptismal classes are held the 4th Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the main church. Call Lannan Center to register.

Weddings: The bride or groom, or parent(s) must be an active registered parishioner for at least 6 months prior to scheduling a wedding at Nativity.

Parish Calendar · April 4~10, 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Rosary Making Steiner Hall 6-7:30pm	RCIA Lannan Center Conf. Room 7pm	Religious Ed. Classes School 6:45pm	Grief Group Steiner Hall 8:45am The Music Man Auditorium 7pm	Early School Dismissal 11:30am The Music Man Auditorium 7pm Stations Upper Church 7pm	The Music Man Auditorium 7pm	Doughnut Sunday Cafeteria Nativity County Fair Sign-Up Sunday