

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Adoration Sign-Up Sunday
February 27, 2011



Men's Club News



Nativity Men's Club volunteers will be calling parishioners tonight and Monday night to ask if we can send you tickets for this year's **Men's Club Raffle**. We will be calling from Coldwell Banker Realty so if you see this on your caller ID, go ahead and answer and talk to one of our friendly volunteers. Each raffle ticket gives you a chance at one of 30 cash prizes which we award starting in May. All proceeds benefit Nativity School and other programs for our children. You can also order tickets online at www.nativitymen.org. Thanks in advance for taking tickets. Any questions, please call Tom Howard at (651) 274-5711. Pro Liberis!

Board Meeting Date Change. Due to spring break, the March Men's Club board meeting will be held on the first Thursday, March 3rd, rather than the second Thursday of the month. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in Steiner Hall. All men of the parish are welcome.

Faith Discussion Group: Are You the Man? The Men's Club invites male parishioners to meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in Steiner Hall, one hour prior to the Men's Club Board Meeting, for a low-key discussion of our faith and service to the parish. We begin with a prayer, then let the Question of the Month lead the discussion. This month's meeting has been moved to March 3rd and the question of the month is: Who's teaching who about faith—you or your kids?

Sport Shirt Stag. The annual Nativity Men's Club Sport Shirt Stag is this Friday, March 4th, 6:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. This year's speaker is Charley 'Shooter' Walters, a great family man who has been named Minnesota Sports Writer of the Year 24 times! 'Shooter' also pitched for the Minnesota Twins under Billy Martin and has more stories than Mother Goose. Also in attendance to serve our VIP guests, will be the infamous Wally the Beerman. To volunteer visit, www.nativitymen.org and follow the Sport Shirt Stag link. Questions regarding the Stag or faith discussion group, contact mike@prometia.com or (651) 964-9050.



Adult Faith Formation News

What's available at Nativity for Lent...

♦ **Lenten Parish Mission—March 28, 29, 30**

Plan to attend and join fellow parishioners as Fr. John Paul Erickson presents, *“Through Him, With Him, In Him—The Liturgy of the Church and True Christian Holiness.”* Each evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:15 p.m. in the upper church. The speaking topics include:

Monday, March 28—Why the Mass Matters

Tuesday, March 29—Full, Active, Conscious Participation in the Mass

Wednesday, March 30—The New Words at Mass: What are they and why they matter.

♦ **Deepening Your Prayer Life this Lenten Season with Lectio Divina**

A priest from the Archdiocese will introduce you to this ancient technique of reading the Bible, Saturday, March 12th, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Purchase the book: *Conversing with God in Lent: Praying the Sunday Mass Readings with Lectio Divina*, and learn this method of prayer that Pope Benedict XVI and a recent Synod of Bishops have recommended lay people begin using.

Sign-up to participate in a Parish Faith Sharing Group which will help support and encourage you in the practice of this inspiring method of prayer.

For more information on these events, contact Randy Mueller, Director of Adult Faith Formation, (651) 696-5454 or rmueller@nativity-mn.org.

♦ **A Challenge for Men of the Parish**

Attend the Archdiocesan Men's Conference at the Cathedral on Saturday morning, March 12th and hear Archbishop Nienstedt, Fr. Bill Baer and others challenge us with *The Crucial Role of Men in our Archdiocese*. Contact parishioner Bill Dombrow at (651) 699-1649 for more information about this conference.

2011 Archdiocesan Catholic Services Appeal

Next weekend the Catholic Services Appeal begins. A video will be shown at all the Masses. Your gift to the 2011 Appeal reaches out to the countless people in need throughout our Archdiocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness. Please prayerfully consider pledging your support to this worthwhile endeavor. Thank you.

Nativity News

First Friday Fellowship will be this Friday, March 4th. All are invited to stop by Steiner Hall following Friday's 8:15 a.m. Mass for hospitality and fellowship.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 a.m. Mass will not be in session March 6th and March 13th due to spring break. We will resume on Sunday, March 20th.



The new schedule for lectors, Eucharistic ministers and greeters was mailed out this week and is posted on the Nativity website. This schedule includes Holy Week and Easter.

Please review the schedule and make sure you find a substitute if you are unable to serve at your scheduled time. Thank you.

Nativity Moms' Club is your place for faith-based fellowship and support. Upcoming events:

- March 14th, Book Club at Aimee Gatti's house, 8:00 p.m.
- March 18th, Early Spring Playdate, Steiner Hall, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- March 31st, Kate Wollan presents, "Raising Responsible & Faith-filled Children," Steiner Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Contact Aimee Gatti, (651) 699-4976, threecats123@comcast.net or Jessica Quinn, (651) 659-0677, Jessica.quinn50@gmail.com for more information.

School News

Nativity's Lego Robotics Team (whimsically named "Minnesota Girls and Joe") has come up with a research project and invention called "65 Roses" to help people with Cystic Fibrosis. They have a chance to win up to \$20,000 to develop their idea and travel to Washington, D.C. to receive the award. You can help by voting once a day now through March 4th. Visit <http://flinnovationaward.firstlegoleague.org/teams/mn-girls-and-joe/submission/65-roses> and click to vote. Thank you for your support.

Application for Tuition Assistance

Nativity of Our Lord Parish has a wonderful tradition of making a Catholic education available for all parish children. Accordingly, all parish families will be provided the opportunity to apply for tuition assistance for the 2011-2012 school year. We strongly encourage families to visit the school's website to access and complete an online application. However, if you wish to complete a paper application, or if you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to call Mary Super at (651) 696-5441. Applications are due (submitted online or postmarked) by March 1st.

From the Hip

I want you to know that I am very concerned about how the tragic news of last weekend has impacted each one of you - especially our young members whose innocence does not need to be tainted and confused with such events. It is important that we first share initial emotions and thoughts to the reports and then bring focus on how best we move forward as a faith community. As of this writing I am assembling the Parish Council, the Parish staff and lay leadership to assess needs and our future direction. Prayer, discussions with the archdiocese and proper closure are just part of what might need to be the nature of our gatherings as a parish. The invitation to all of you from Fr. Joe or me to discuss circumstances and related issues surrounding this situation is always open.

May God Bless you all!

—Fr. Patrick

March Food Drive

Nativity Girl Scouts are sponsoring the Nativity Parish March Food Drive this year. Empty grocery bags will be distributed after all the Masses the weekend of **March 19th & 20th**. We ask that you return the grocery bags filled with non-perishable food the following weekend, **March 26th & 27th**. In the meantime, we will be collecting food and money (checks can be made payable to Keystone and write 'food shelf' in the memo section) throughout the month of March. Feel free to make a donation of food or money anytime throughout March. Hunger affects everyone so thank you for helping feed the hungry in our neighborhood community.

Minnesota Food Share 2011 Fact: From 2000 to 2010, food shelf usage has tripled—from more than one million visits to more than three million visits annually.

"Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those throughout the world who live and die in poverty or hunger. Give them, through our hands, this day their daily bread; and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen."

—Mother Teresa

Altar Server & Lector Schedule

MONDAY, FEB 28 & TUESDAY, MAR 1

8:15 am: Peter Johnson, Joey Lawder

5:00 pm: Matt Kotta, Seamus Ryan

WEDNESDAY, MAR 2 & THURSDAY, MAR 3

8:15 am: Ryan Tracy, Steven Jay

5:00 pm: Nolan Lauber, Steven Link

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

8:15 am: Jack Ketchum, David Laird

5:00 pm: Branick Weix, Jack Fitzpatrick

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

8:15 am: Jack Ketchum, David Laird

5:00 pm

Servers: Jaymik Sands, Tommy Schneeman, Joey Schneider, Joe Stang

Lectors: Julie Balamut, Melissa Easton

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 am

Servers: Karen Stady, Clare Schwab

Lector: Julia Stady

8:15 am

Servers: Melissa Thomey, Kelly Anderson, Emily Berthiaume, Maddie Blumberg

Lectors: Judy Clasen, Patrick Waters

9:30 am

Servers: Lauren Schufman, Sarah Vanderwall

Lectors: Jamie Tracy, Marty Fischer

11:00 am

Servers: Mary Rumpza, Gretchen Thom, Emma Sullivan, Annie Thompson, Tess Bauer, Katie Boys

Lectors: Dave Hrbacek, Dave Altman

5:00 pm

Lectors: Joan Costello, Doug Grawe

Stewardship

February 20 2011	Current	Fiscal YTD	Budget YTD
Stewardship Offering	17,806.00	—	—
Total Stewardship	17,806.00	1,117,219.93	1,100,661.00
Plate	1,132.75	51,455.76	55,576.92
Hunger Box	145.50	6,192.65	6,865.38

Adoration

Through adoration, the Christian mysteriously contributes to the radical transformation of the world and to the sowing of the Gospel.

—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.

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							

The patient and humble
endurance of the cross
—whatever nature it may be —
is the highest work
we have to do.

—St. Katharine Drexel

Respect Life News

Can you spend an hour praying for life April 13th?

Nativity is joining with our neighboring Lumen Christi and St. Mark's communities to participate in 40 Days for Life. A worldwide movement, 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that uses prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and outreach to show local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods. The Lenten Campaign, which runs from Ash Wednesday through April 16 will be held outside HealthPartners' Regions Hospital, which has a self-contained unit--GYN Special Services--that performs abortions (696 in 2009). Our three parishes have pledged to provide at least two people to pray on-site each hour between 12:00 a.m. through 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 13. Parishioners who would like to participate can call Theresa Lauber at (651) 695-0124 or register online at www.40daysforlife.com/twincities. If you register online, we would still appreciate a call so we know how many parishioners we have participating and can communicate with you. Pro-Life Action Ministries, which leads 40 Days locally, provides directions, parking information and prayer resources. The campaign mirrors Biblical history, in which God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities and the world.

What changes people's minds?

Former abortion clinic owner Carol Everett will speak at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2 at the University of Minnesota's Great Hall on the ground floor of Coffman Memorial Union. She will discuss why and how her opinions changed. The U of M's Students for Human Life group is sponsoring the free presentation.

Prayers for Life

Please come and join us in praying for protection and a greater respect for those most vulnerable amongst us. Our next meeting will be held at the McCanns on Monday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. followed by desert and fellowship. For questions or to RSVP, call Karen at (651) 698-0698 or email @karmccann@comcast.net.

Confidential Help for Those Who Are Hurting

Project Rachel is the archdiocesan outreach to post-abortive women and men. It is compassionate, free, one-to-one support from trained lay staff, mental healthcare professionals, and clergy to individuals in emotional, psychological, and spiritual pain as a result of abortion. If you or someone you know is hurting from a past abortion, call (651) 291-4515 or email Respect-life@archspm.org. All communication is confidential.

Community News



St. Mark's Community Theatre presents "The Wild, Wild, Wildest West" on March 4th and 5th, 7:30 p.m. Theatre entrance is Marshall Avenue @ Prior Avenue. Tickets range from \$5.00 to \$9.00. For more information visit www.saintmark-mn.org or call (651) 646-4106.

Attention All Men and High School Boys: Mark your calendars for the 2011 Men's Conference, Saturday, March 12th. Registration, rosary and confessions begin at 7:00 a.m. followed by the program from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Speakers include Archbishop Nienstedt, Fr. Bill Baer, Dr. John Buri from University of St. Thomas and David Rinaldi from NET Ministries. Contact Bill Dombrow at (651) 699-1649 for more information.

St. Joseph's Dinner hosted by Mama D's, her family and friends, Sunday, March 20th at the Caffe Biaggio, 2356 University Ave, St. Paul. Serving begins at 1:00 p.m. and continues through the afternoon. Dinner is free, but donations are accepted and given to charity. For more information call (651) 917-7997.

Baby Cribs Needed. If anyone has a crib to donate, it would be very much appreciated for needy moms. Call Marge at (651) 227-2076 for more information.

Mass Intentions

- Feb 28 8:15 a.m.**—Eileen Reardon +
5:00 p.m.—Wini Bettenburg +
Mar 1 8:15 a.m.—Ted Foss +
5:00 p.m.—Nick King +
Mar 2 8:15 a.m.—George Dixon +
5:00 p.m.—James Voight +
Mar 3 8:15 a.m.—Deacon Erve Barrett
5:00 p.m.—Dan Donohoo +
Mar 4 8:15 a.m.—Mary Strub +
5:00 p.m.—Marie Klosterman +
Mar 5 8:15 a.m.—Don Giefer +

Weekly Scripture Readings

- Feb 28: Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27
Mar 1: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
Mar 2: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45
Mar 3: Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52
Mar 4: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26
Mar 5: Sir 51:12c-20; Mk 11:27-33
Mar 6: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32; Rom 3:21-25, 28;
Mt 7:21-27

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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 · February 28~March 6, 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
	RCIA Lannan Center Conf. Room 7pm	Religious Ed Classes School 6:45pm	Early School Dismissal 11:30am Men's Club Meeting Steiner Hall 7:30pm	First Friday Fellowship Steiner Hall 8:45am Men's Club Stag Cafeteria 6:30pm		Baptisms Upper Church 9:30am