

# Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
May 1, 2011



“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN  
AND HAVE BELIEVED.”

—JOHN 20:29

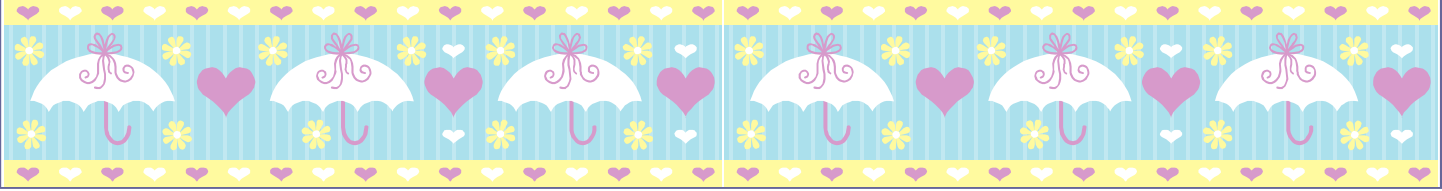


## Nativity's Mary Shower

A 27 year tradition continues as Nativity's fifth graders host this year's Mary Shower at all weekend Masses, May 14th & 15th.

You can help by bringing an unwrapped baby gift to Mass with you that weekend.

All gifts will be donated to area pro-life centers.



### Pastoral Ministry News

**Nativity Grief Group** meets this Thursday, May 5th at 9:00 a.m. in Steiner Hall. All are welcome to attend. Contact Nancy Shatek-Suek at (651) 696-5444 for more information.

**Food Collection Sunday** is next weekend, May 7th & 8th. All food and cash collected is donated to Keystone Community Food Shelf. Please consider bringing a bag of non-perishable food to church with you next weekend. Cash donations are also appreciated. Checks can be made payable to Keystone and write "food shelf" in the memo section. Thank you for helping feed the hungry in our neighborhood community.

**Communion to the Homebound.** If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass, please contact Nancy Shatek-Suek at (651) 696-5444. Nancy will be happy to arrange for you to receive communion in your home. Also, if you are an extraordinary minister and have a pyx at home that is not being used, please return it to the sacristy or the parish office. Thank you.

**Anointing Mass & Lunch** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th. Watch the bulletin for more details.



You can still volunteer for the **2011 Nativity County Fair**. Forms are available at the Parish Office or you can volunteer online at [www.nativitycountyfair.org](http://www.nativitycountyfair.org) and click on Volunteer Sign Up.

**Parking and Driving Issues:** A reminder to all parishioners and parents to please be aware of where you are parking when you are at Nativity. Whether you are here to worship in church, attend an event at church, school or early learning center, or to drop off or pick up your children from school or the early learning center, **there is no parking or idling allowed on the North side of Wellesley Avenue or in the area by the priests' garages along Wellesley Avenue.** In the event of an emergency or death of a parishioner, the priests' driveway must always be clear so they can minister to those in need. Also, please do not drive into the school driveway marked "DO NOT ENTER" in order to turn your car around. We have witnessed some dangerous movement of vehicles near our pedestrians and want to highlight the need for all of us to work together to ensure the safety of all.



## Nativity News

### Nativity Moms' Club upcoming events:

- May 9th, Book Club, 8:00 p.m. at Aimee Gatti's house
- May 20th, Spring Playdate, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Mattocks Park
- May 29th, Sunday Meet & Greet, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., School playground

Contact Aimee Gatti, (651) 699-4976, [threecats123@comcast.net](mailto:threecats123@comcast.net) or Jessica Quinn, (651) 659-0677, [Jessica.quinn50@gmail.com](mailto:Jessica.quinn50@gmail.com).

**First Friday Fellowship** is this Friday, May 6th. Please join fellow worshipers in Steiner Hall following the 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 on Mother's Day, May 8th.



**Nativity Women's Softball Team** is recruiting players for our Friday night league. Must be at least 25 years old and have some knowledge of the game. Games run May through July. Call Jane Maguire at (651) 699-6646 to learn more or sign-up.

## Mother's Day & Father's Day Tribute Nativity Scholarship Fund



Honor your mother and/or father this year with a gift to the Nativity Scholarship Fund.

Tribute cards and envelopes are at all the church entrances.

A list of mothers and donors will be published in the bulletin on **Mother's Day, May 8th.**

A list of fathers and donors will be published in the bulletin on **Father's Day, June 19th.**

The deadline for submitting tributes is May 3rd.

## NCCW News



### NCCW welcomes all women of the parish to join us for the annual Madonna Dinner.

This year's dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 18th beginning with 5:00 p.m. Mass, followed by dinner and our featured speaker in Steiner Hall. Entitled "No Time for Fear: Catholic & Confident in a Time of Change," Fr. Bill Baer will challenge us to live our Catholic values "out loud." Fr. Baer believes there is no time like the present to be proud of being Catholic. A commitment to living our faith in an exemplary way will profoundly influence others, and we must recognize the importance of passing on our values to those of the next generation. If you have not yet received your invitation, either in the bulletin or via email, please call Becky Devine at (651) 788-7052 or Mary Kay Devine at (651) 699-6939.

**Spirit of Mary Award.** Each year NCCW recognizes an outstanding young woman of our parish with the **Spirit of Mary Award.** Any female parishioner in grades 10-12 may apply or be nominated. The Award is a cash prize of \$250, with \$50 designated to the winner's charity of choice and the remaining \$200 for the student's ongoing educational needs. The award winner must have demonstrated acts of faith, humility, generosity and kindness through her school, parish and community involvement. Applications can be found at the Nativity School Office, Parish Office and online at the Nativity website. Applications will be reviewed by a committee and selected according to the written criteria attached to the applications. Applications are due by **Monday, May 9th.** The winner will be acknowledged at the Annual Madonna Dinner on Wednesday, May 18th. Please contact NCCW President, Carolyn Wollan at (651) 699-4203 or [cswollan@aol.com](mailto:cswollan@aol.com) with questions.



**Thanks Mom, for Life!** On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th, St. Paul Birthright will be offering gorgeous, long stemmed roses after all the all the weekend Masses for \$5 each. The proceeds go directly to Birthright, which helps women who are facing a crisis pregnancy. What a great way to thank Mom—or brighten anyone's day—and help moms in need at the same time. Thank you in advance for helping moms choose life.

**Catholic Services Appeal Update.** Nativity has received \$66,535.49 which is 48% 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.

## Altar Server & Lector Schedule

### MONDAY, MAY 2 & TUESDAY, MAY 3

**8:15 am:** Kate Nitti, Katie Berthiaume, Jackie Blake  
**5:00 pm:** Theresa Mueller, Sophia Thuente, Colleen Scallen

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 & THURSDAY, MAY 5

**8:15 am:** Shannon Silberhorn, Gwen Sullivan, Eliza Harris  
**5:00 pm:** Jayne Gephart, Katherine Wohletz, Rachel Wolf

### FRIDAY, MAY 6

**8:15 am:** Rose Anderson, Monica Harris, Katie Cummings  
**5:00 pm:** AnnaRose Schneider, Claire Hennessey, Emma Hostetler

### SATURDAY, MAY 7

**8:15 am:** Rose Anderson, Monica Harris, Katie Cummings

### **5:00 pm:**

**Servers:** Claudia Meyer-Samargia, Maddie Casper, Cara Gibbs, Elizabeth Greenheck

**Lectors:** Joe Musolf, Anna Gajdel

### SUNDAY, MAY 8

#### **7:00 am**

**Servers:** Matt Berthiaume, Peter Fagrelus

**Lector:** Cheryl Talbot

#### **8:15 am**

**Servers:** David Laird, Cameron Ubel, Jack Donovan, Andy Zobel

**Lectors:** Diane Reisdorfer, Rob Hahn

#### **9:30 am**

**Servers:** Steven Link, Evan Bannick

**Lectors:** Deborah Percic, Dan Coughlan

#### **11:00 am**

**Servers:** Ryan Tracy, Jack Ketchum, Jack Ankerstjerne, Curran Yarano, Bobby Buckley, Brooks Budelis

**Lectors:** Jean Stepan, Aaron Schroers

#### **5:00 pm**

**Lectors:** Tim Dykstal, Joe Dunford

## Adoration

As indicated below, there are a number of “red” hours appearing on the Adoration schedule. This indicates hours currently without Adorers. Please prayerfully consider signing up to become a regular adorer during one of these hours. 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](mailto: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
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2 - 3 am							
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5 - 6 am							
6 - 7 am							
7 - 8 am							
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10 - 11am							
11 - noon							
12 - 1 pm							
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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

April 17 & 24, 2011	Current	Fiscal YTD	Budget YTD
Stewardship Offering	47,106.01	—	—
Stewardship Offering— Electronic Funds Transfer	22,121.08	—	—
Total Stewardship	69,227.09	1,402,744.65	1,419,477.00
Plate	4,561.41	67,753.79	70,288.46
Hunger Box	336.80	7,794.23	8,682.69
Holy Land Collection	2,557.79	—	—

## Deaths

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of James Budge, Donald Geng, Donald Jones, Patricia Kinn and Helen Murphy who passed away recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## Wedding Banns



The following couple is preparing for marriage.  
Please keep them in your prayers.

**Laurie Kelzer & Steven Pikala**  
May 21, 2011

## School News

**Organizational Meeting for the Nativity Alumni Association.** Announcing the formation of the Nativity Alumni Association! Are you interested in getting in touch with old classmates, planning class reunions and sharing information with your classmates? We are looking for alumni from every year to serve in leadership roles for their classes, their decades and the Nativity Alumni Association. There will be an organizational meeting on Monday, May 2nd, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Nativity School (use Wellesley Avenue entrance). Please join us—even if you just want to know what it's all about. Contact Mary Jo Iverson, (651) 696-5411, [miverson@nativity-mn.org](mailto:miverson@nativity-mn.org) to RSVP or for more information.

**Applications Now Being Accepted for Grade 7 for the 2011-2012 academic year.** Now that we have completed the registration process for our current school families, we have identified open spots for students interested in enrolling in our 7th grade this fall. We are pleased to offer an academically challenging program which is grounded in our Catholic faith and traditions. We offer a wide range of extra curricular activities to enhance the daily learning experience. This year we have created a summer Spanish program to prepare students entering the seventh grade for our middle school Spanish curriculum. If you are interested in learning more about our middle school program, please contact Rose Congdon in our school office at (651) 699-1311. We would be happy to welcome some new members to this outstanding class!

## 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](http://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.

## Weekly Scripture Readings

May 2: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8  
May 3: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14  
May 4: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21  
May 5: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36  
May 6: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15  
May 7: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21  
May 8: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

## Mass Intentions

**May 2 8:15 a.m.**—Tony Stephens +  
**5:00 p.m.**—Jerry Ernster +  
**May 3 8:15 a.m.**—Deceased members of Probst & Wollan families +  
**5:00 p.m.**—Jade Elizabeth Fish +  
**May 4 8:15 a.m.**—Beatrice Witt +  
**5:00 p.m.**—Ruth & Bill Schubert +  
**May 5 8:15 a.m.**—Joseph McErlane +  
**5:00 p.m.**—Margaret Campbell +  
**May 6 8:15 a.m.**—Alfred Bartkowski +  
**5:00 p.m.**—Jim Thuente +  
**May 7 8:15 a.m.**—Anna Johnson +

## Respect Life News

**Walk for Life to be held at Como!** Support the life-saving work of the Highland LifeCare Center by walking with or sponsoring Fr. Joe Bambenek, 7th grade teacher Pat Thuente, and other Nativity parishioners and families on Saturday, May 14. This year's walk will take place at Lake Como from 10:00 a.m. to noon, with 9:30 a.m. registration. If you want to walk, simply show up the morning of the event or collect pledges from family and friends during the time leading up to May 14. Pledge forms can be obtained through [www.highlandlifecare.org](http://www.highlandlifecare.org). You do not need to collect money; just bring the pledge sheets the day of the walk and HLCC will send follow-up reminders. To sponsor Fr. Joe or Mr. Thuente, indicate that with a note and send your donation to HLCC, 1999 Ford Pkwy., St. Paul, MN 55116. You can also donate via credit card at the website. The HLCC serves those facing the challenges of unplanned pregnancies, both before and after children's births. Nativity parishioners have an active presence at the center as volunteers and board members.

**40 Days for Life Campaign Gives Witness.** Thank you to the approximately 30 parishioners who prayed April 13th outside HealthPartners' Regions Hospital with our neighbors from St. Mark's and Lumen Christi as part of the 40 Days for Life Lenten campaign. This worldwide campaign focuses on peaceful vigils to pray for life and draw attention to abortion in local communities.

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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.

Hearing aid devices available in the sacristy for the hearing impaired.

## 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

## 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 · May 2~8, 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Nativity School Alumni Meeting School 6:30-7:30pm	RCIA Lannan Center Conf. Room 7pm	Religious Ed. Classes School 6:45pm	Grief Group Steiner Hall 9am	First Friday Fellowship Steiner Hall 8:45am	First Communion Nativity School 2nd Graders 10am	Mother's Day 
Food Collection Weekend						