

# Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion April 17, 2011



WE SHOULD GLORY IN THE CROSS  
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
FOR HE IS OUR SALVATION,  
OUR LIFE AND OUR RESURRECTION;  
THROUGH HIM WE ARE SAVED  
AND MADE FREE.

## School News



**Congratulations** to the cast, crew and director's of this year's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade performance of *The Music Man*. The cast brought the junior version of this musical production to life by their singing, dancing and acting. A special thank you to Mr. Bob Galligan, Director; Emily Leininger, Assistant Director; Mr. Matt Riehle, Music Director; Mr. Michael Loonan, Accompanist; Ms. Becky Olson Metzger, Mr. Gary Iverson and Mr. Dan Anderson, Set Designers and Crew Directors and all the parents who gave of their time

and talents. Your dedication and hard work created a wonderful theatrical performance and treasured memories for our students. Thank you!

**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, Alumni Relations Director, (651) 696-5411, [miverson@nativity-mn.org](mailto:miverson@nativity-mn.org) to RSVP or for more information.

## Nativity News



**NCCW Meeting.** Please join us for the next NCCW meeting on Monday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend our Nativity Council of Catholic Women. We hope you will join us! President, Carolyn Wollan: (651) 699-4203 and Vice President, Theresa Lauber: (651) 695-0124.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass will not be in session on Easter Sunday, April 24th.

## Pastoral Ministry News

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet this Wednesday, April 20th at 8:45 a.m. in Steiner Hall. Prayer Shawl Ministry members knit or crochet shawls that are given to persons who are ill, grieving, or are in the midst of a life crisis. Shawls are also made for happy events like a birth. If you like to knit or crochet and would like to become a part of this special ministry, contact Sharon Altman at (651) 690-2767 or [salt\\_man@comcast.net](mailto:salt_man@comcast.net). Prayer Shawl Ministry is co-sponsored by the NCCW.

## Holy Week Schedule

### Parish Penance Service

Tuesday, April 19th, 7:00 p.m.

### Triduum Schedule

*There is no daily Mass or confessions on these days.*

### **Holy Thursday ~ April 21**

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m.

*The Adoration Chapel will be closed at 7:30 p.m. and reopen after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.*

### **Good Friday ~ April 22**

The Lord's Passion, 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### **Holy Saturday ~ April 23**

The Vigil of Our Lord, 7:30 p.m.

*No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday.*

### **Easter Sunday ~ April 24**

Masses at 7:00, 8:15, 9:30 (Steiner Hall), 11:00 a.m.

*No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.*

## Nativity Early Learning Center

If you walk into the Parish offices you will hear the faint laughter of young children engaged in play and learning at our Nativity Early Learning Center. We are fortunate that Nativity Parish offers an extensive pre-school and extended program for the children in our community. We are currently accepting registration for our Fall 2011-2012 school year. Contact Nicole Clausen, NELC Director, at (651)696-5437 or [nclausen@nativity-mn.org](mailto:nclausen@nativity-mn.org) for more information.



### 2011 Nativity Early Learning Center Summer Camp: "Come Play and Explore with Us."

The Nativity Early Learning Center Summer Camp is a 12 week program designed to keep children from ages 33 months-6<sup>th</sup> grade involved in a fun educational atmosphere. Each week is filled with different and exciting themes, hands on activities, arts and crafts, field trips, gardening, trips to the park, and much more. It's an educating, fun filled way for your child to spend their summer!

Some of our field trips include: BBQ at the Highland Shelter, Science Museum, French Park, Pump it Up, Mike the Baker, Stepping Stone Theatre, Crystal Caves, Children's Museum, Highland and Downtown Libraries, Eagles Nest, Circus Juventas, Elm Creek Swimming Pond, Murphy's Landing, Twin's Game and Harriet Island. Contact Nicole Clausen, (651)696-5437 or [nclausen@nativity-mn.org](mailto:nclausen@nativity-mn.org) for more information.

## From the Hip

You will notice a dumpster in front of the Lannan Center sometime this week. We are repairing and renovating the office bathroom. We anticipate the work needed will take place over a two week period. This much needed repair work was funded entirely by a generous donor.

—Fr. Patrick

## RCIA News



### RCIA Candidates Looking Forward to the Easter Vigil

Four of Nativity's RCIA candidates are prayerfully awaiting their Reception into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil this Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. After their Profession of Faith, they will be Confirmed as Catholics and then receive their First Holy Communion. Through God's grace and providence there are also two Elect in this year's RCIA process that will be baptized, confirmed and join us at the Altar for their First Communion at that same Easter Vigil.

In keeping with the tradition of early Church in the Mediterranean world the Easter Vigil has again (since the Second Vatican Council) become the prime time when converts celebrate these Sacraments of Initiation and join us for the first time at the Altar to receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*As Christians who will renew our Baptismal Vows during the Easter Masses let us all keep these women and men in our prayers during this Holy Week "... when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness."*

—From the *Exultet* which is sung during the Easter Vigil liturgy

## 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 available at the church and the parish & school offices.

The deadline for submitting tributes is May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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The tradition continues...  
Nativity's fifth graders will host their annual Mary Shower at all weekend Masses, May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Baby gift items are collected for area pro-life centers. The students hope their tradition is your tradition too!

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## Altar Server & Lector Schedule

### **MONDAY, APR 18**

**8:15 am:** Gaby Regnier, Rachel Wolf, Katherine Wohletz  
**5:00 pm:** Anna Bechtold, Colleen Scallen, Julianna McKenna

### **TUESDAY, APR 19**

**8:15 am:** Lucy Dressen, Emily Conners, Mary McConnville  
**5:00 pm:** Lizzie Schneeman, Claire Hennessey, Emma Hostetler

### **WEDNESDAY, APR 20**

**8:15 am:** Sarah Schuld, Frances Regan, Izzy Rojas  
**5:00 pm:** Claire Weatherly, Molly Hynes, Emma Dombrow

### **THURSDAY, APR 21—Holy Thursday**

**7:30 pm**  
**Servers:** Michael McGurie, Johnny McClure, Chris Huberty, Jeremy Conners, Michael Conners, Andrew Kotta  
**Lectors:** Pat McGuire, Tim Huberty

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 22—Good Friday**

**3:00 pm**  
**Servers:** Alex Mongin, Phoenix Mongin, Bridget Mountain, Franny Nicholson  
**Lectors:** Michael Ross, Terry Wolkerstorfer  
**7:30 pm**  
**Servers:** Mary Rumpza, Maggie Johnson, Molly Levi, Elizabeth Heaney  
**Lectors:** Michael Rumpza, Chris Welsh

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 23—Easter Vigil**

**7:30 pm**  
**Servers:** Patrick Kracht, Jaymik Sands, Patrick Hennessey, Shane Hennessey, Tommy Johnson, Johnny Mueller  
**Lectors:** Tim Dykstal, Greg Kishel, Chris Welsh, Joey Utvik

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 24—Easter Sunday**

**7:00 am**  
**Servers:** Stephen Weiser, Christian Busse  
**Lector:** Linda VanNatta, Julia Stady

**8:15 am**  
**Servers:** Jackie Liska, Ben Liska, Katie Conners, Jeremy Conners, Michael Conners  
**Lectors:** Tom Barry, Rick Wilhoit

**9:30 am**  
**Servers:** Anthony Tillman, Joey Vanderwall  
**Lectors:** Laura Buri, Mary O'Connor

**11:00 am**  
**Servers:** Katie McClure, Johnny McClure, Cecelia Heffron, Peter Rumpza, Mary Rumpza, Ryan Voight-Fitzpatrick  
**Lectors:** Dave Altman, Terry Wolkerstorfer

**No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday**

## Adoration

*Each time we look upon Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, He raises us up into deeper union with Himself, opens up the floodgates of His merciful love to the whole world, and brings us closer to the day of His final victory “where every knee will bend and proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord”. “The reign of God is already in your midst.” The coming of Jesus to us in the Eucharist is assurance of His promise of final victory: “Behold, I come to make all things new.”*

*—Mother Teresa*

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](http://Nativity-mn.org/parish) site/spiritual life/perpetual adoration.

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

**The parish office will be closed on Good Friday, April 22nd and Easter Monday, April 25th. In the event of an emergency or death, please call (651) 696-5401 and press the number 1.**

## Faith Formation News

Pope Benedict's new book **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 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in Steiner Hall as he presents his talk, **"Benedict, the Bible, and the Death and Resurrection of Jesus."**

This year Nativity's Faith Formation Program is offering an additional **Vacation Bible School** opportunity for Nativity families who are interested in a totally Catholic approach to Vacation Bible School. It will be held at St. Agnes School, June 13-17 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and is open to children ages Pre-K (4) through grade 6. The theme will be, **"Assorted Saints and the Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love"**. Classes will be taught by the nuns who teach at St. Agnes School. For more information visit [www.stagnes.net](http://www.stagnes.net) or call Sue Michel at (651) 690-3307.



**"There Be Dragons"**, an epic action film based on episodes from the life of St. Josemaria Escriva is scheduled to be released on May 5th. 'There Be Dragons' is a story of faith, love, forgiveness,

and redemption set during the horrors of the Spanish Civil War in the 1930's. It is a beautifully moving and accurate portrayal of a courageous and holy priest, and of the power of forgiveness and love in the face of the challenges (dragons) encountered in life. As with "The Passion" and "Bella" the best way to ensure this movie's success is to purchase tickets in advance for opening weekend. Please contact Dan Costanzo at (651) 260-8380 or [dan-costanzo1@gmail.com](mailto:dan-costanzo1@gmail.com) to order your tickets. Thank you for helping us send a message to Hollywood that a movie that brings a message of Hope and Truth is a movie we will support.

## Community News

**Holy Week and Easter on EWTN.** Join EWTN in remembering Christ's love for us through His passion, death and resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming and live Easter Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington D.C. For more information, visit [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com).

## Respect Life News

**Witness to the Humanity of the Unborn on Good Friday.** Join other Nativity families and neighbors of all faiths from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. outside the Ford Parkway Planned Parenthood to commemorate Christ's redeeming act by praying for those killed by abortion, their families, and the cause of life. Archbishop Nienstedt will start prayer in the morning and other local clergy will lead short reflections every half hour. This prayer-focused vigil is a peaceful and powerful time of meditation. More than 2,000 people of all ages attended last year's vigil, including many families.

**Earth Day 2011.** While Earth Day falls on Good Friday this year, many related events are being held the weekends before and after. This year's Living Green Expo will be held May 8 & 9 at the State Fairgrounds. Catholic tradition insists that we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. We are called to protect both people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. In Pope Benedict's encyclical Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth, July 2009), he warned about losing the concept of environmental ecology if the concept of human ecology is lost. "It is contradictory to insist that future generations respect the natural environment when our educational systems and laws do not help them to respect themselves. The book of nature is one and indivisible; it takes in not only the environment but also life, sexuality, marriage, the family, social relations--in a word, integral human development. Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relation to others."

## Weekly Scripture Readings

- Apr 18: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
- Apr 19: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Apr 20: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
- Apr 21: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Apr 22: Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
- Apr 23: Gn 1:1—2:2; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ez 36:16-17a, 8-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10
- Apr 24: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

## Mass Intentions

- Apr 18 8:15 a.m.**—Helen Hintz +  
**5:00 p.m.**—Philip Shepard +
- Apr 19 8:15 a.m.**—Joseph McErlane +  
**5:00 p.m.**—Bill Dunford +
- Apr 20 8:15 a.m.**—Sr. Fidelis Siewert +  
**5:00 p.m.**—Donald LaValle +

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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

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## 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 18~24, 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Pope Benedict Book Speaker Steiner Hall 7-8:30pm	RCIA Lannan Center Conf. Room 7pm	Prayer Shawl Steiner Hall 8:45am	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm	Good Friday The Lord's Passion 3:00 & 7:30pm	Holy Saturday The Vigil of Our Lord 7:30pm	Easter Sunday Masses 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 11:00am
NCCW Meeting Lannan Center Conf. Room 7pm	Parish Penance Service Main Church 7pm	Religious Ed. Classes School 6:45pm	No School	No School Parish Office Closed		 No 5:00pm Mass