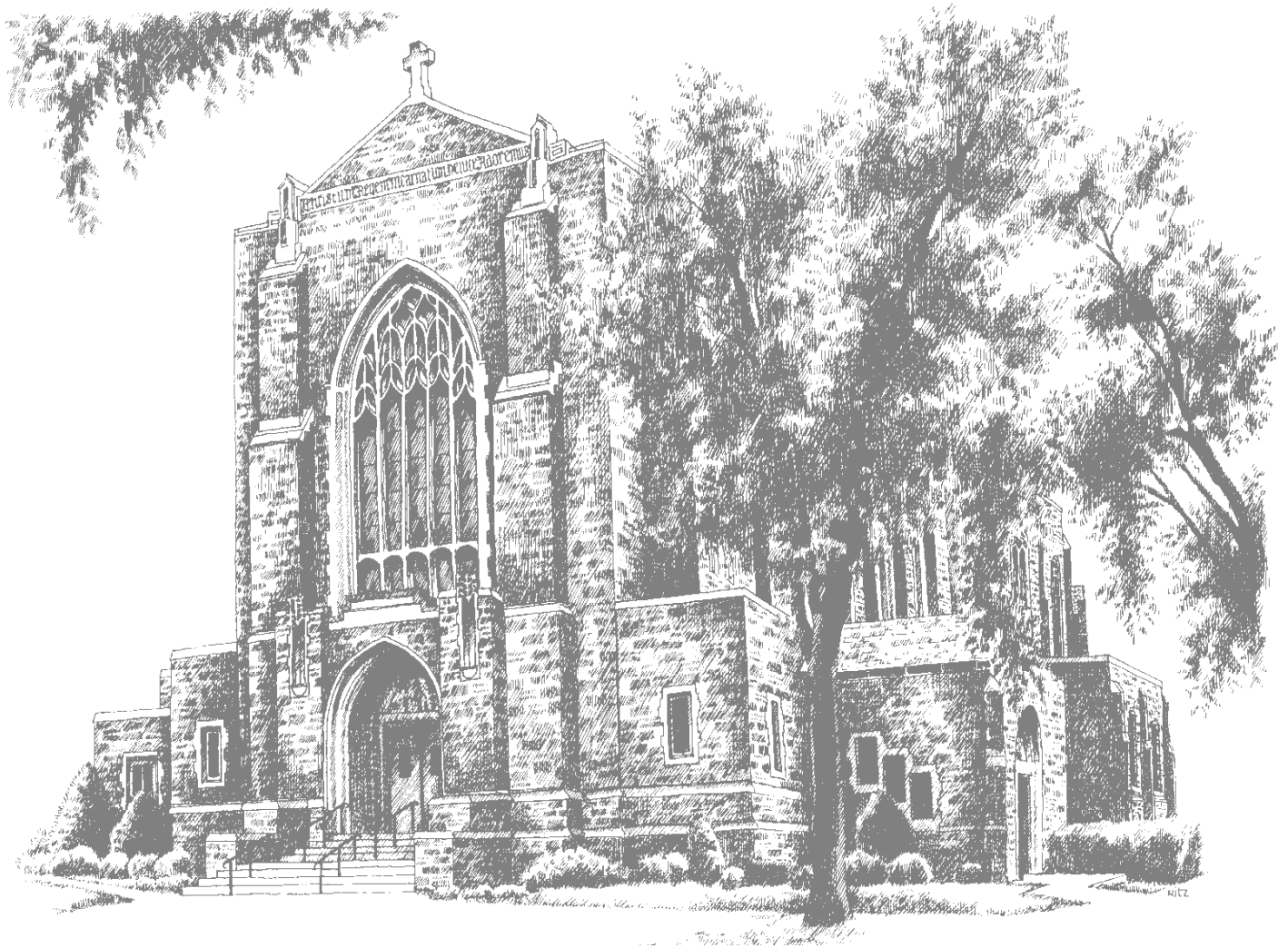


# Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 28, 2011



*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

—Psalm 63



**SEPTEMBER  
16, 17 & 18**

Make plans to join  
the fun!

Interested in advertising or  
sponsorship opportunities?

Great ideas for the Fair?

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS?  
Please contact:

Carol and Tom Thuenta  
at  
2011ncf@gmail.com

[www.nativitycountyfair.org](http://www.nativitycountyfair.org)

## DO YA WANNA PLAY SOME DODGEBALL?

No need to register - it's just pay-n-play this year. \$5 will get you an all you play ticket for non-stop dodgeball pick-up games. Play with your friends, neighbors, bothers, sisters...it's open to everyone! Stop by the Nativity gym for your ticket to dodgeball mania!

## TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS!

Start polishing your act now for the annual Nativity County Fair Talent Show, to be held at 12:45 PM Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> during the Fair. Everyone would love to see you perform your favorite piano piece, magic trick, comedy act or other hidden talent. The Talent Show is open to all Nativity students and family members. Auditions for the Talent Show and National Anthem singer will be held Thursday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:45 to 4:30 in the school auditorium. Mark the audition date on your calendar now!

## DUCT TAPE IS THE NEW BLACK

Ready to get your creative juices flowing and to immortalize your time at this year's Fair? Stop by the Creative Activities booth where you can personalize a button or make your own duct tape accessories (wallets, purses, frames, etc). This year, you can also add a fun photo to your creation. Buttons are at just \$1. Photo Buttons and Duct Tape crafts start at \$3.

## SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

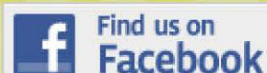
Don't forget to reserve your place for the Auction Dinner. Reservations can be made online at [www.nativitycountyfair.org](http://www.nativitycountyfair.org), or use the reservation form inserted in **Sunday's bulletin or the school registration packet!** While you're at it, reserve a bottle or two of wine for your table!

## RUN TO THE FAIR!

Join the Fun! Run to the Fair **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** at 10 AM. Registration will take place on **Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** from 5-7 PM and on **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** from 8-10 AM. You can print out a form at [www.nativitycountyfair.org](http://www.nativitycountyfair.org). You can do it! It's only a mile!

## JUST TAKE A PEEK!

It's so hard to wait! If you just can't stand it anymore, go to the On-Line auction site to preview the items that will be available for auction. The auction goes live on **Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>** and will be running "24/7" until **Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 PM. Take a look to see what's available!



## School News

### Kindergarten Picnic A Huge Success!



What a great night as we gathered for our annual Kindergarten Family Picnic for the upcoming school year. Almost all of our families with an incoming kindergartner joined in the fun at Wabun Park last Tuesday evening. It was a great way to launch the 2011-2012 school year. Our newest students met

their classroom teachers, made some new friends and enjoyed some great food. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful group of children joining our school community. We can't wait to welcome them on their first day!

### Key Calendar Events:

#### Tuesday, September 6

First day of school for Grades 1-5, 8:10 a.m.—2:40 p.m.

First day of school for Grades 6-8, 8:00 a.m.—2:45 p.m.

#### Wednesday, September 7

Kindergarten Orientation, 9:00—10:30 a.m.

#### Thursday, September 8

First day for Kinders, 8:10—11:30 a.m.

6th Grade Parent/Student Orientation, 6:15 p.m.

#### Friday, September 9

Half day for all Kinders, 8:10—11:30 a.m.

## Pastoral Ministry

**Nativity's Grief Group** will resume next month with a meeting on Thursday, September 8th from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in Steiner Hall. All are welcome. Grief Group is scheduled to meet the first Thursday of each month September through May. The April meeting will be held the second Thursday due to Holy Week. For more information contact Nancy Shatek-Suek at (651) 696-5444.



### More Nativity County Fair News

If you didn't pick up your Nativity County Fair **raffle tickets** last weekend, please do so this weekend. The envelopes are in alphabetical order in the back of church. School families should have received their raffle tickets in their school registration packets. Any envelopes that are not picked up this weekend, will be mailed out on Monday, August 29th, so the more envelopes picked up this weekend, the fewer dollars spent on postage.

Putting your **NCF yard sign** on the boulevard is in direct code violation for the City of St. Paul. These signs will be removed by the city if not placed between the sidewalk and your individual property. Thank you

## From the Hip

Last week's discussion of Natural Family Planning (NFP) addressed the difference between the NFP and artificial contraception mindsets. An illuminating difference is seen in the frequent reaction when there is an unplanned pregnancy. When a baby is created in spite of contraception, the child is often described as an "accident;" whereas NFP-practicing couples will often use the term "surprise." Nevertheless, some could still be wondering: Why does the Church teach that God calls married couples to act in such a counter-cultural way? How does the Church's teaching, and in particular, the practice of NFP, fulfill our longings better than the contraceptive mentality? Before I answer those questions, I must begin with the frank admission that, like much of Christianity – starting with Jesus hanging on the cross – the Church's teaching is not the way that seems the easiest nor is it the most immediately gratifying. What is best for us rarely is the easy way, and Jesus clearly states that His way is the narrow gate that leads to life; in contrast to the wide gate that leads to destruction (Matt 7:13). The Church understands that the most directly intimate connection that exists between people on the human level is that of a man and woman in physical intimacy. Just as food nourishes our natural life, and the Eucharist nourishes our spiritual life, God made conjugal love to nourish and give life – emotionally, spiritually, and physically – to those who share in it. This life comes through the two equal and intertwined meanings of human sexuality: the unitive and the procreative. The unitive meaning is that through the emotional intimacy and physical pleasure of marital relations, a husband and wife come closer to each other, to the point of becoming one. By literally giving themselves and receiving the other through their bodies, they nourish their relationship. Physical intimacy is intended by God to be the glue that bonds a man and woman together in love so as to experience the beauty of life together, and to stay together during the inevitably difficult periods of life. The procreative meaning is that according to God's design for humanity, He creates new human beings through this most amazing experience of love. Just as our body and souls are united as one, and death occurs when they become separated; God designed the unitive and procreative meanings of sexuality to be one fully integrated package. They are not morally separable, and when they are deliberately separated, harm is done to those who separate them. That does not mean that each time a couple unites in intimacy they are to procreate a child, for God decides when a child will result from intimate relations. Nor does it mean that it is wrong for a married couple to engage in intimate relations during the approximately two-thirds of the time when God designed women to be infertile, although they must at least be open to God choosing to create a child in that act of self-giving love of one to the other, and that spouses view children as an essential aspect of their marriage. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "Married couples should regard it as their proper mission to transmit life and to educate their children; they should realize that they are thereby cooperating with the love of God the Creator." To be continued...

Wishing you God's peace, fruitfulness, & joy, Fr. Joe

## Altar Server & Lector Schedule

### MONDAY, AUG 29 & TUESDAY, AUG 30

**8:15 am:** Danny Ryan, Chris Cullen

**5:00 pm:** Jack Lawder, Kevin McQuillan

### WEDNESDAY, AUG 31 & THURSDAY, SEPT 1

**8:15 am:** Danny Greenheck, Charlie Anderson

**5:00 pm:** Ethan Hyland, Joe Mountain

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**8:15 am:** Billy Olander, Dan Johnson

**5:00 pm:** Bobby Hahn, John Stang

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

**8:15 am:** Billy Olander, Dan Johnson

**5:00 pm:**

**Servers:** Danny Lumbar, Joe Page, Edward Penson, Darby Regan

**Lectors:** Anna Gajdel, Tom Galligan

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**7:00 am**

**Servers:** Alex Mongin, Bridget Mountain

**Lector:** Cheryl Talbot

**8:15 am**

**Servers:** Lauren Kohlbeck, Sarah Kohlbeck, Jackie Liska

**Lectors:** Joey Utvik, John Jaschke

**9:30 am**

**Servers:** Hanna Hamilton, Laura Hamilton

**Lectors:** Rick Johnson, Cate Dombrow

**11:00 am**

**Servers:** Annie Keough, Allie Lawder, Claire Lewis, Lindsey Mazzitello, Kathleen McClure, Theresa Mueller

**Lectors:** Jerry Alfveby, Jean Stepan

**5:00 pm**

**Lectors:** Pat McGuire, Paul Timmins

## Stewardship

August 21, 2011	Current	Fiscal YTD	Budget YTD
Stewardship Offering	21,488.58	—	—
Stewardship Offering— Electronic Funds Transfer	—	—	—
Total Stewardship	21,448.58	206,088.74	210,376.00
Plate	1,689.91	13,390.00	13,077.00
Hunger Box	193.51	1,262.78	1,538.00

## Adoration

*Father, I don't want to wait until I get to heaven to enjoy your power, your presence, and your peace. Help me to receive all that you have for me each day. Amen.*

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
12 am-1am							
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2 - 3 am							
3 - 4 am							
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5:30 pm							
6 - 7 pm							
7 - 8 pm							
8 - 9 pm							
9 - 10 pm							
10 -11 pm							
11 - 12 am							

## Deaths


Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Joe Juelich who passed away recently. May his soul 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.

*Elisabeth Flood & David Patterson*  
*September 2, 2011*

## Faith Formation News

 **Wednesday Evening Religious Education Program.** Parishioners whose children do not attend Nativity of Our Lord School and would like to register their child for or inquire into our Wednesday evening Religious Education Program for children in grades 1-8 are asked to call Randy Mueller, Nativity's Director of Religious Education, at (651) 696-5454. The program will begin at 6:45 pm on September 21<sup>st</sup> with an Orientation Evening in Steiner Hall.

**Volunteer Catechists Needed.** Could God be calling you to be a catechist in Nativity's Religious Education Program? Please call Randy Mueller at (651) 696-5454 if you would be available to serve as a regular or substitute teacher during our Wednesday evening program for this coming school year.

**Interested in Exploring the Catholic Faith?** Do you or someone you know desire to become a Catholic? Nativity's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program begins on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room in the Parish Center, 1900 Wellesley Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. For more information or to register, please contact Randy Mueller, RCIA Director at (651) 696-5454 or [rmueller@nativity-mn.org](mailto:rmueller@nativity-mn.org).

**Have you ever considered being a RCIA Sponsor?** We are blessed to have folks looking into the RCIA process but we are short of parishioners – young and young in heart– who can sponsor them. (An RCIA sponsor is a person who accompanies an inquirer on their journey into the Catholic Church.) Call Randy to explore that possibility.

## Mass Intentions

<b>August 29</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b> —Helena Ritschel + <b>5:00 p.m.</b> —Russ Connors + & family
<b>August 30</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b> —Russell Connors + <b>5:00 p.m.</b> —William Archambeau +
<b>August 31</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b> —Don Falvey + <b>5:00 p.m.</b> —Rosalie LaPointe +
<b>September 1</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b> —Seth Warner + <b>5:00 p.m.</b> —Mary Slater
<b>September 2</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b> —Michael Peterson <b>5:00 p.m.</b> —Marilyn Minea +
<b>September 3</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b> —Eileen Reardon +

## Weekly Scripture Readings

Aug 29:	1 Thes 4:13-18; Mk 6:17-29
Aug 30:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Aug 31:	Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
Sept. 1:	Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Sept. 2:	Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
Sept. 3:	Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
Sept. 4:	Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

## Nativity News

**Are you the man you want to be?** Once per month members of the Nativity Men's Club gather to discuss a "Question of the Month" and explore how faith plays a role in our lives. The discussion is open to all men and is held one hour before the monthly board meeting. Join us on Thursday, September 8th, 6:30 p.m. in Steiner Hall as we discuss, "When is it time to panic?" For more information contact Mike Pickett at (651) 964-9050

**Liturgy of the Word.** We are looking for energetic volunteers to share their enthusiasm, time and Catholic faith with preschoolers/kinders/first graders during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. The program runs October through May and involves a commitment to teach 20 minutes on five Sundays. No experience is necessary other than a love of young children and willingness to share your faith. All materials and instruction are provided. Team teaching with friends or spouses is highly encouraged. To learn more about this opportunity or to sign-up, contact Celine Vachon Seuntjens at (651) 207-8375 or [c.seuntjens@gmail.com](mailto:c.seuntjens@gmail.com).

**Congratulations to the August winners of the Nativity Men's Club Raffle:** Florence Regan, \$300; Morgan Catlin, \$200; Craig & Mary Jensen, \$100; John Oberst, \$100; Maureen Curran, \$100. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets this year. The proceeds from the raffle are used to fund various projects and needs of the school. Your generosity is a great benefit to the children of our school. Remember to look for your name again next month. We will draw 5 winners every month through October. Pro Liberis!

## Community News

**Host Family** needed for an F-1 student from China attending Cretin-Derham Hall. Martin is 16 years old, speaks English, pays full tuition and is covered by insurance. He loves sports and music (is allergic to cats). A host family provides a warm environment and receives a monthly stipend in appreciation. Call Faith at (952) 406-8676 for more information.

**Mass of Thanksgiving & Remembrance** to honor law enforcement and emergency personnel, Sunday, September 11th, 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. Join us on the 10th anniversary of 9-11 as we come together to publicly thank all of our civic servants who look after our safety.

**Lawyers Guild of St. Thomas More's 61st Annual Red Mass & Brunch**, Sunday, September 25, 9:00 a.m. Mass at the University of St. Thomas Chapel with brunch following at Murray-Herrick Hall. RSVP by September 19th to David Bateson, (651) 962-4977 or [dmbateson@stthomas.edu](mailto:dmbateson@stthomas.edu). For more information go to [www.thomasmoremn.org](http://www.thomasmoremn.org). Thank you for supporting the Lawyers Guild.

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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](http://www.nativity-mn.org)

## E-Mail:

[info@nativity-mn.org](mailto: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 & Liturgy

Patrick Henning 696-5430

## 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 McGie 696-5437

## Facilities Director

Bill Beltz 696-5434

## Bulletin

Molly Dressen ([bulletin@nativity-mn.org](mailto: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 · August 29~September 4, 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	School Registration Night School Gym 4-6pm			Flood/Patterson Wedding Church 6pm		Baptisms Church 9:30am