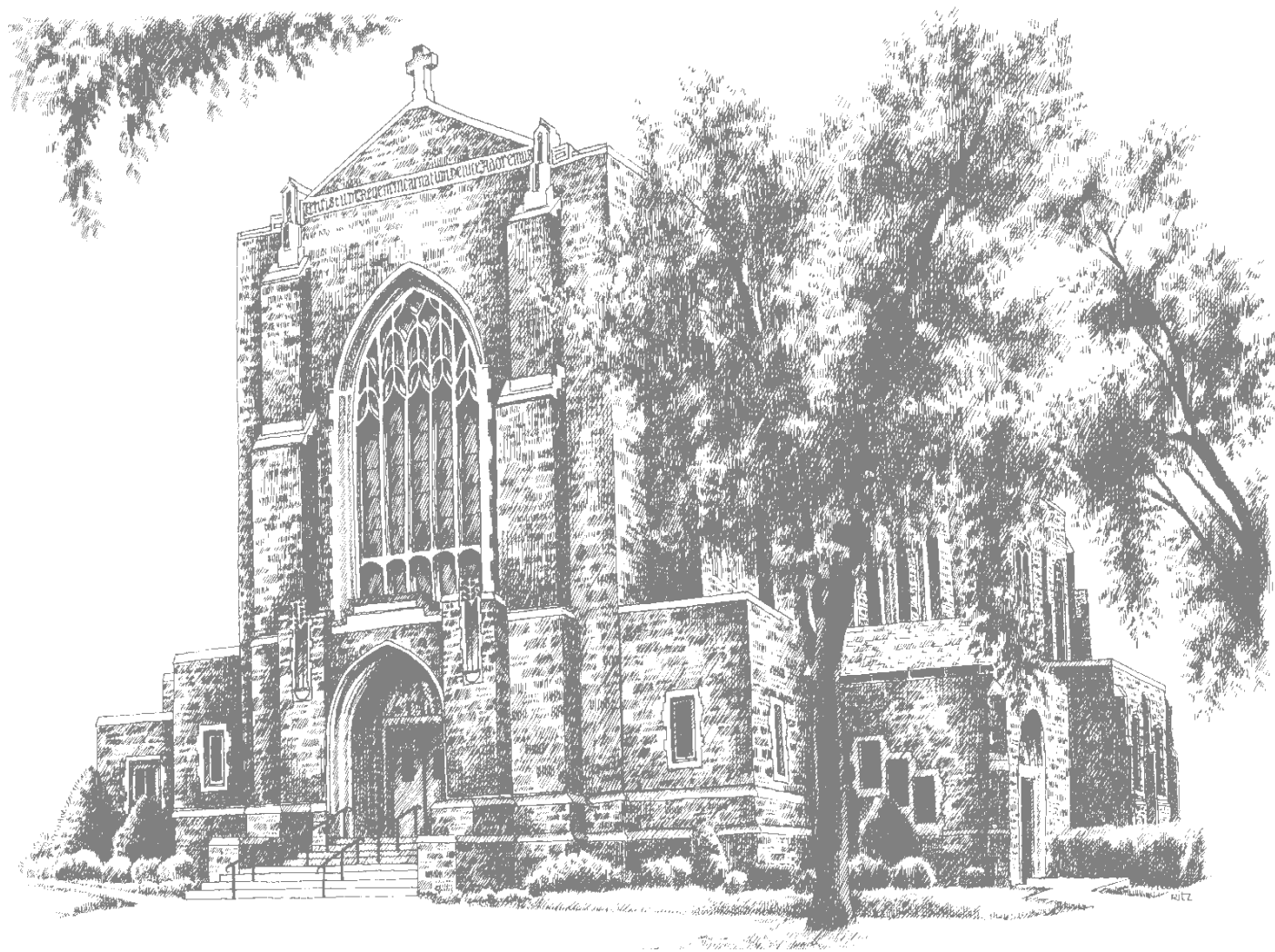


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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 7, 2011



Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.

—Psalm 85



**NATIVITY
COUNTY FAIR**

SINCE 1975

**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 Thuente
at
2011ncf@gmail.com**

www.nativitycountyfair.org

FAMILY FUN AT THE COUNTY FAIR!

Now that the lazy days of summer are setting in, it's a great time to look forward to the **Nativity County Fair**.

This year's Fair will have all the usual family fun activities--games, rides, fair food, and the **Twinkie Walk**--plus don't forget these fun events.

- Test your sports skills at the **Hockey Speed Shot and Speed Pitch** booths out on the playground! Practice your aim at the new **Nerf Target Practice**
- Organize your team for the Men's Club **Dodgeball Tournament**.
- Create a fun Fair souvenir at our Creative Activities area. Add your picture to a duct tape creation or button!
- Stay around to help close down the Fair with an epic **Final Bingo!**

Before the Fair event opens, we have plenty to keep the kids busy:

- **Run to the Fair** will have prizes for the fastest runner in different age categories as well as for the fastest family! Every runner wins a prize and will have his or her name entered in a drawing to win a new bike from Boehm's!
- **Talent show** auditions will be held shortly after the first day of school, so start polishing your act now so you're ready to shine!
- Help **open the Fair** with your cover version of the "Star Spangled Banner." Audition times will be set in September.
- Design your entry in the **opening parade**: decorate your stroller, your wagon, your bike or even yourself to show your enthusiasm for the Nativity County Fair.
- Have the kids brainstorm a fun family or neighborhood **basket** to donate to the basket committee.
- Clean out the garage, basement and closet and repurpose those unused items by donating them to the **Collectible Corner**. Holiday items and toys do especially well at the Corner.

Once again for **NELC families** will be a drawing to reward your favorite NELC teacher with a fun St. Paul Sampler package. Look for details in the NELC in late August.

LIVE AUCTION

Stop in at Thomas Liquor and purchase a bottle of wine for Vintage Nativity!

We have 18 bottles left and they are all reasonably priced. Autograph your bottle after you purchase it and be part of a great live auction item! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Dan Cummings Chairs of Live Auction: 651-698-6231 or pocummings@comcast.net

School News

Back To
School!!

Gearing up for School in 2011

It's not too soon to start browsing the ads for deals of school supplies or trying on uniforms to see that they fit just right for the upcoming school year. We're gearing up as well for the new year. We have a few special events already planned for you so please mark your calendars for the following:

Kindergarten Family Picnic at Wabun Park in Minneapolis on August 23rd at 5:30 p.m. Come meet your child's teacher and make new friends in the kindergarten class of 2011!

Fall School Registration Night, August 30 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Tonight is the night when all students in grades 1-8 find out who their teachers are and who are the other students in their classroom...an exciting afternoon for all!

School Alumni News

Interested in getting involved with the Nativity Alumni Association as a board member, class representative or to help plan the All School Reunion Fall of 2013? Please contact Mary Jo Iverson, Alumni Relations Director at (651) 696-5411 or miverson@nativity-mn.org.

Keystone Community Services School Supply Drive

Each year Keystone Community Services strives to ensure that the children of clients using their services have the basic new school supplies necessary to give them a positive start to the upcoming school year. Nativity will once again be collecting new school supplies to donate to Keystone this weekend and next weekend.



Needed items include:

backpacks • pens • #2 pencils • erasers
colored pencils • scissors • markers
crayons • highlighters • notebooks • rulers
loose leaf paper • pocket folders

Donated school supplies can be dropped off in the usher's closet in the church vestibule anytime before August 15th. Thank you!

From the Hip

The series on natural family planning (NFP) began last week by discussing, at a high level, how NFP is godly wisdom, the kind of wisdom for which Solomon asked the Lord in last Sunday's first reading, rather than the prevailing "wisdom" of the culture. As a sign of how countercultural the practice of NFP is, just this week, as part of the new health care law implementation, the Obama Administration announced its decision to force, starting in 2013, insurance plans to cover contraceptives for free, including abortifacients (drugs that cause newly-conceived unborn babies to die, rather than just prevent their conception), since contraceptives are considered standard medical treatments. But just because NFP is countercultural does not mean that modern NFP is based upon wishful thinking. NFP is based upon science with an understanding of the creator's will: it is true wisdom. NFP relies upon the intellectual gifts which God gave us, as well as the gift of a free will to utilize what we know in a moral way. God gave us minds that can understand science & medicine. Think for the moment of the purpose of medicine: to help the body function more fully as God intended it to work. About the only exception to this medical rule is contraception, which seeks to shut down and work against the natural processes of the human body. With contraception, the healthy bodily function of fertility, great blessing that it is, is treated more like an illness to be cured (in its edict, the Obama Administration defined contraceptives as a "preventive service"). In contrast, the ability to understand the body has also been used by a small number of faithful Catholic doctors to scientifically study fertility. And the results have been amazing! NFP research understands the female body as an incredible mystery to be discovered and with which to cooperate. While each woman's body is unique, there are very predictable signs of when a woman is fertile with 99% confidence. Without getting into the details, for most all women, it is less than 10 days per month when there is any possibility of getting pregnant. Hence, if a couple has discerned that it is time to have another child, it is very predictable when physical intimacy will likely lead to procreation. And if the couple has discerned that it is not the right time to have a child, they will almost certainly not get pregnant during the other twenty or more days of the month. In fact, the 99% predictability of NFP, for a couple that is well-trained, exceeds the "success rate" of most contraceptives. Finally, while the focus of NFP is often on delaying pregnancy following discernment that the time is not right for another child, what has been learned through NFP research is also able to help couples who are struggling with fertility yet wish to procreate children in a Godly way.

To be continued...

Wishing you a fruitful week filled with God's blessings of love, joy, peace & hope, Fr. Joe

Altar Server & Lector Schedule

MONDAY, AUG 8 & TUESDAY, AUG 9

8:15 am: Claire Hennessey, Izzy Rojas
5:00 pm: Colleen Scallen, Sophia Thuente

WED, AUG 10 & THURSDAY, AUG 11

8:15 am: Eliza Harris, Katie Berthiaume
5:00 pm: Rachel Wolf, Mary McConville

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

8:15 am: Gwen Sullivan, Monica Harris
5:00 pm: Katherine Wohletz, Katie Cummings

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

8:15 am: Gwen Sullivan, Monica Harris

5:00 pm:

Servers: Shannon Silberhorn, Natalie Trueman, Kelly Anderson, Nicole Anderson

Lectors: Larry Gallatin, Ty Silberhorn

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

7:00 am

Servers: Ian Kies, John Oberst

Lector: Jack Schubert

8:15 am

Servers: Peter Fischbach, Connor Keane, Andrew Laird, David Laird

Lectors: Rick Odgers, Rick Wilhoit

9:30 am

Servers: Cliff Hopkinson, Christopher Iverson

Lectors: Tom Howard, Katherine Howard

11:00 am

Servers: Jack Ketchum, Matt Kotta, Gino Marchio, Jacob Margarit, Philip Margarit, Matthew Markert

Lectors: Michael Ryan, Michael Rumpza

5:00 pm

Lectors: Steve Kuncio, Joe Dunford

Stewardship

July 31, 2011	Current	Fiscal YTD	Budget YTD
Stewardship Offering	13,270.52	—	—
Stewardship Offering— Electronic Funds Transfer	8,853.17	—	—
Total Stewardship	22,123.69	127,608.44	130,975.00
Plate	2,165.02	8,615.21	8,173.00
Hunger Box	101.80	832.87	962.00

Adoration

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							

Wedding Banns



The following couples are preparing for marriage.
Please keep them in your prayers.

***Marisela Marquez & Bryan Rolfes**
August 12, 2011*

***Houa Lee & David Rausch**
August 13, 2011*

***Janelle Gapp & Brian Gehling**
August 20, 2011*

***Anne Casper & Ryan Baker**
August 27, 2011*



Congratulations Nativity 4 softball team who turned a 4-3-6 triple play in their game on July 27th. Pictured are Paul Markert (second base), Greg Olson (shortstop), and John Wetschka (first base).

Mass Intentions

August 8	8:15 a.m. —Msgr. Clarence Steiner + 5:00 p.m. —Peggy Todd +
August 9	8:15 a.m. —Wesley Hintz + 5:00 p.m. —Peter & Patricia Streiff +
August 10	8:15 a.m. —Fr. Richard Hogan + 5:00 p.m. —Agnes Simecek +
August 11	8:15 a.m. —Thomas Doller + 5:00 p.m. —Rachel DuMoulin +
August 12	8:15 a.m. —Mary Therese Loonan + 5:00 p.m. —Kelly Jewell +
August 13	8:15 a.m. —Kathryn M. Grimes +

Deaths

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Judge John Simonett who passed away recently. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Baptisms at Nativity

Baptisms are held the first and third Sundays of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the main church. For first-time parents, required baptismal classes are held the fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the main church. To schedule a baptism or reserve a spot at the baptism class, please call the parish office at (651) 696-5401.

Nativity News



The Nativity Men's Club **First Annual Trap Shoot** at Metro Gun Club in Blaine is Sunday, August 21st from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. \$15 gets you brats, hotdogs, beverages and trap is \$10 per round. This is an event for both ringers and rookies, but no children or teenagers, please. For more information and to sign-up, go to the Men's Club website at www.nativitymen.org or contact Gary Fischbach at (651) 247-6735 or garyandmaryf@msn.com.

Weekly Scripture Readings

Aug 8: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
 Aug 9: Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Aug 10: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
 Aug 11: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21—19:1
 Aug 12: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
 Aug 13: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15
 Aug 14: Is 56: 1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Community News

Confirmation Classes for persons with disabilities ages 16 and older will be held on August 20th and 27th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Peter's Church in Richfield. Both classes are mandatory for guardians and candidates. Those who complete the classes will be able to be confirmed at the Archbishop's Mass for Persons with DisAbilities on September 11th at the St. Paul Seminary. Pre-registration is required by contacting Deacon Sean Curtain at (651) 291-4543 or curtans@archspm.org.

Come discover the plan that will transform your work, your marriage, your family, your community...your life! This fall, the **Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute** will begin another two-year course at The Saint Paul Seminary. Under the direction of Mr. Jeff Cavins and taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities, the program follows the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and lay out the roadmap to heaven. The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules and meet on Monday evenings, 7 to 9 pm, with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Applications are now being accepted for the class beginning September 2011. For more information and an application, call (651) 962-6890 or visit www.saintpaulseminary.org.

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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 & 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) 696-5425

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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 8~14, 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					Lee/Rausch Wedding Main Church 2pm	