

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2011



Christ, the Savior, is born!

Welcome to Nativity!

Welcome to Nativity parish and the celebration of the solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. If you are a visitor or do not regularly attend Mass, you will notice some changes since the last time you were here. That is because we are now using a revised English translation of the Mass, as are all Roman Catholic churches in the United States. You will find the revised words and music on the laminated cards in the pews and in the worship aid. This revision of words we pray and sing is an opportunity for all of us to renew our participation in the liturgy. For additional information about these newly revised words, please visit www.RevisedRomanMissal.org.

Our Adult Faith Formation program would like you to know copies of the **MAGNIFICAT Roman Missal Companion** are available for purchase and pick up at the Parish Center. This \$2 booklet will give you and your family members a clear and insightful step-by-step commentary for the changes in the Order of Mass, with introductory essays about the background of the Roman Missal, Third Edition. Contact Randy Mueller at (651) 696-5454 or e-mail at rmueller@nativity-mn.org to reserve your copy or order extra for your family and friends this Christmas season.

Christmas Giving Tree

Sponsored by NCCW

Collecting donations for:



Gifts of Hope Sponsor-a-Family Program

Please consider supporting Keystone in their ongoing efforts to provide assistance to families in need.

Help support Keystone's ongoing needs by purchasing a *suggested* item from the list below. **Drop off your new, unwrapped donation(s) and place under the Giving Tree, located in the back of the upper church, by January 8th.**

The Ongoing Needs Wish List includes: Gas and Grocery Gift Cards, Personal care items (soap, toothbrushes, shampoo), Diapers (size 1 and up), Toys, Plates, Towels, Blankets (any size), Sheets (twin/full), Hats, Mittens, Gloves (Adult), Socks/Underwear (adult and children), Gently used Winter Coats (Adult).

Questions? Contact Mary Henseler at (651) 647-4141.

O sweet Child of Bethlehem,
grant that we may share with all our hearts
in this profound mystery of Christmas.
Put into the hearts of men and women
this peace for which they sometimes seek
so desperately and which you alone can give them.
Help them to know one another better,
and to live as brothers and sisters,
children of the same Father.
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity.
Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude
for your infinite goodness.
Join them all together in your love.
And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

—Pope John Paul XXIII

Pastoral Ministry News

Communion to the Homebound. If the winter weather is prohibiting you or someone you know from attending Mass, please contact Nancy Shatek-Suek, Nativity Pastoral Care Coordinator and she will be happy to arrange for you to receive communion in your home. Nancy can be reached at (651) 696-5444.

Nativity Moms' Club News

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

- **January 9, Book Club**, 8:00 p.m. at Aimee Gatti's house. Our book club will be discussing *The Catholic Home: Celebrations and Traditions for Holidays, Feast Days, and Every Day*, by Meredith Gould.
- **January 20, Winter Playdate**, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Steiner Hall.

Contact Aimee Gatti at (651) 699-4976, threecat123@comcast.net or Jessica Quinn at (651) 659-0677, Jessica.quinn50@gmail.com for more information.

Nativity News

Parish Office Holiday Schedule. The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd. In the event of an emergency or death, please call (651) 696-5401 and press the number 1.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 a.m. Mass will not be in session through January 1st due to Christmas break. The program will resume on Sunday, January 8th.

Calendars for 2012 are available at all the entrances of the church. The calendars have been donated by O'Halloran and Murphy Funeral Home.



Save the Date for Girlfriends, Goodies and Gab! NCCW sponsored annual Winter Event on Friday, February 3. Join us for refreshments, socializing and shopping. Contact Erikka Graves at (651) 698-1454 or Michelle Henningsgard at (651) 695-8856 for more information.

Respect Life News

Special Mass for Life. This year a Mass for Life will be celebrated instead of an Ecumenical Prayer Service as the date falls on Sunday, January 22nd. Archbishop Nienstedt will be the celebrant for this special Noon Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. This does count as your Sunday obligation so please encourage families to attend together. The MCCL Rally at the State Capitol will follow with the March for Life beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Acclaimed Speaker to Talk at Nativity. Are you uncomfortable with abortion but can't really articulate why? Are you ambivalent about abortion but turned off by some pro-life tactics? Are you pro-choice on abortion but open-minded? Come hear a fresh voice! **Josh Brahm** will present "**Making Abortion Unthinkable**" on Thursday, January 12, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at Nativity. Josh is Director of Education and Public Relations for Right to Life of Central California, where he hosts "Life Report: Pro-Life Talk. Real World Answers", a youth-oriented weekly netcast at www.prolifepodcast.net. He is passionate about reaching young people through new media and about helping people explain the pro-life position in smart, effective ways, while also respectfully engaging in dialogue with people who disagree. High school and college students are especially welcome! Sponsored by Nativity of Our Lord and the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life.

From the Hip



Where is heaven? How near is God? These are more than questions asked by children. At times of loss, in despairing moments, in dark loneliness, an eternal inquiry takes place. Christmas bestows a radical response. The birth of Jesus is God's manifestation of Divine intimacy. God dares to be human, to live and die as one of us. When we look into the stable, we see the face of Christ. Throughout our lives we can encounter God, in Christ, face to face. All babies come from God, just as all of us return to God. In a lowly setting two thousand years ago, this newborn was no different. But the distance seemed further. As one great author wrote, God had to go to "immoderate length" to show the Christmas love. Immoderate means more than, not moderate. It connotes something extreme, excessive. Christmas begins a wonderful journey in God's companionship with us. The journey is extreme for Him. It winds from Nazareth to Bethlehem, from Galilee to Jerusalem. It must be extreme to overcome the brokenness and isolation He meets. Finally, from the empty tomb He will promise to walk with us forever.

May this Holy Season fill you and those you love with the hope and peace that come from companionship with the Christ Child.

Merry Christmas!

—Fr. Patrick

Nativity Men's Club News

Save the date for the Fr. John Kelley Cribbage Open, Friday, January 6th. More details to follow.

Nativity Sports Shirt Stag. With his first year under his belt come join the Nativity Men's Club for a night of food, beverage and conversation as we host new **University of Minnesota Head Football Coach, Jerry Kill** as he recaps his first year at the helm of the Maroon & Gold football program. A must attend for any Minnesota sports fan. Friday, February 10th, Nativity School Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m. social hour, 7:30 p.m. introductions & Q&A. Contact Dave Anglum (651) 699-8205 with questions.

All adult male parishioners are members of the Nativity Men's Club. Check out our brand new Website, <http://www.nativitymen.org> and "like" us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/nativitymen>. If you have any questions about the Men's Club call (651) 470-9294. *Merry Christmas from the Men's Club!*

Altar Server & Lector Schedule

MONDAY, DEC 26 & TUESDAY, DEC 27

8:15 am: Monica Harris, Gwen Sullivan

5:00 pm: Clare Hennessey, Katie Cummings

WEDNESDAY, DEC 28 & THURSDAY, DEC 29

8:15 am: Eliza Harris, Katie Berthiaume

5:00 pm: Colleen Scallen, Rachel Wolf

FRIDAY, DEC 30

8:15 am: Jackie Blake, Mary McConville

5:00 pm: Julianna McKenna, Emma Maslow

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:15 am: Jackie Blake, Mary McConville

5:00 pm:

Servers: Katie McCloughan, Bridget Mountain, Theresa Mueller, Kate Nitti

Lectors: Ty Silberhorn, Larry Gallatin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

7:00 am:

Servers: Ryan Tracy, Branick Weix

Lector: Linda VanNatta

8:15 am:

Servers: Cameron Ubel, Erik Ubel, Joey Vanderwall, Andy Zobel

Lectors: Rick Wilhoit, Rob Hahn

9:30 am:

Servers: David Maslow, Evan Bannick

Lectors: Laura Buri, Steven Sheridan

11:00 am:

Servers: Curran Yarano, Rudy Thomey, Luke Bishop, Bobby Buckley, Brooks Budelis, Alex Wolf

Lectors: Terry Wolkerstorfer, Mary Kisch

5:00 pm:

Lectors: Greg Kishel, Ed Working

Adoration

“The surest and most effective way of establishing peace on the face of the earth is through the great power of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.”

—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							

End of Year Contributions: For tax purposes, any 2011 contributions must be received at Nativity no later than December 31, 2011. Contributions for 2011 can be dropped in the parish office door mail slot through Saturday, December 31st.

2012 Stewardship Commitment Forms. If you have not returned yours, please do so as soon as possible. The parish relies on your commitment forms to forecast parish income and set plans for the parish and school for the coming year. Thank you.

Mass Schedule for December 31 & January 1 The Solemnity of Mary

The regular weekend Mass schedule will be celebrated next weekend, New Year's Eve and Day.

Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st

7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Nativity Heroes

Below is a list of Nativity parish family members who are currently serving in the military. Please include these men and women and their families in your prayers.

Major Kristin Aberg, U.S. Army, Virginia
1st Lt. Justin T. Archer, US Army, Afghanistan
SSG Gary Baccus, US Army, Iraq
Capt. Adrian Bauer, U. S. Army, Iraq
SGT Timothy Bode, Marines, Camp Pendleton, CA
Lt. Col. Andrew Burda, Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL
CDR. Patricia May Burns, Navy, Pearl Harbor
CPT Kate Thornton Buzicky, US Army, 1st Cavalry, Iraq
2nd Lt. Timothy Flesch, Air Force, Eglin AFB, FL
Lt. Andrew Froistad, U.S. Navy, San Diego, CA
Major Mark Hesse, Air Force, Ramstine, Germany
Pfc. Thomas Kemp, Army, Baghdad, Iraq
Capt. Brian Knutson, U.S. Army, Baltimore, MD
1st Lt Michael Kracht, Air Force, Luke AFB, Phoenix, AZ
E5 Michael Mandler, USN Seabees, Djibouti, Africa
PFC Andrew McGillivray, Army, Fort Eustis, VA
Sgt. Saul Mellado, Marines, Iraq
Sgt. Aaron Michaud, Marines, Afghanistan
SR John Minea, Naval Reserve, San Diego, CA
2nd Lt. Patrick M. Murphy, US Army, Iraq
CPL Tyler Murray, Baghdad, Iraq
Capt. Daniel J. Nilsson, Marines, Marjah, Afghanistan
Major Jeremy Olson, Air Force, Vandenberg AFB
CDR. Stephen Perry, Navy, SS Santa Fe
Sr. Airman Anthony Quinn, Luke AFB, Arizona
Major Mark Reineke, Air Force, Minot AFB, ND
Major Michael Reineke, Army National Guard
Lt. Col. Myron Reineke, U.S. Army, Wilzek, Germany
Sgt. Sam Root, Army National Guard, Iraq
Capt Anna (Wieser) Shebesta, U.S. Army, Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX
1st Lt Timothy Shebesta, U.S. Army, Iraq
ET1 (SW/AW) Matthew Skillrud, U.S. Navy, NAS Brunswick, ME
Lt. Col. Thomas Sonnen, U.S. Army, Pentagon, Washington DC
Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, Army National Guard
LT Bryan Swintek, U.S.Coast Guard, Milwaukee, WI
CPT Philip Swintek, U.S. Army, Germany
PFC Phillip (Kenefick) Sze, Marines, Camp Pendleton, CA
Lt. David Tancabel, U.S. Navy, Washington, D.C.
CPL Matthew Weaver, Marines, Camp Pendleton, CA
Commander Julie Working, USN Patuxent River NAS, MD
MSGT Ken Working, USAF, Oklahoma ANG, OKC
SMSGT Terri Working, USAF, Oklahoma ANG, OKC

To add your family member's name to this list, email mdressen@nativity-mn.org with the correct spelling, rank and branch of service and location.



Mass Intentions

Dec 26 8:15 a.m.—Helen DeZoysa +
5:00 p.m.—Donald LaValle +
Dec 27 8:15 a.m.—Val McGill +
5:00 p.m.—Isabel & William Gavin +
Dec 28 8:15 a.m.—Frances Witt +
5:00 p.m.—John Thames +
Dec 29 8:15 a.m.—Jadine Davis +
5:00 p.m.—John & Gertrude Costello +
Dec 30 8:15 a.m.—Stephanie Maxam +
5:00 p.m.—William Gavin +
Dec 31 8:15 a.m.—David Andring +

Weekly Scripture Readings

Dec 26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Dec 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Dec 28: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Dec 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Dec 30: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40
Dec 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Jan 1: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Community News

Open Window Theatre, a project of Epiphany Studio Productions, presents "**The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge**," a delightful comedy for the Christmas season. The play runs through Friday, December 30th. For more information visit www.openwindowtheatre.org or call (651) 955-9123.

Jeff Cavins Live! Join us for his newest study, *Walking Toward Eternity: Making Choices for Today*. Discover ways to meet life challenges and walk closer with God. Topics are Love, Forgiveness, Humility, Wisdom, Prayerfulness, Simplicity, Sacrifice, Gratefulness and Holiness. Study includes lecture, small group and prayer. Ten-week series at Transfiguration in Oakdale runs Tuesdays, January 24th through March 27 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$60 per person. Registration and information online at www.transfigurationmn.org. For questions call (651) 501-2233 or email WTE@transfigurationmn.org.

Centro Guadalupano needs volunteer teachers and substitutes for the evening Adult ESL program. The time commitment for teachers is 2-3 hours once a week from January 3rd to May 24th. Evening classes are Monday-Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. You will teach a classroom of approximately 10 non-English speaking students of various ethnicities. No experience is necessary. Training provided through the Minnesota Literacy Council. Centro Guadalupano is located at Holy Rosary Church in South Minneapolis. Contact Ginger Graham at (612) 724-3651 ext. 214 or vcgm.centro@gmail.com.

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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

Nancy Johnson, Chair 690-9809

Prayer Line Times: 9:00-11:00 a.m. & 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Mary Kay McQuade 454-7431
 Bette Hoffman 699-8249

Nativity Welcoming Committee

Sara & Patrick Cotter (612) 695-2552

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

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 · December 26~January 1, 2011

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
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No School Parish Office Closed	No School	No School	No School	No School	Mass Schedule 8am & 5pm	Mass Schedule 7, 8:15, 9:30, 11am & 5pm