

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2011



Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.

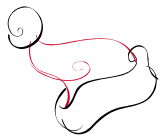
—Mark 1:3

Nativity Men's Club News

Thanks again to all who participated in this year's **Christmas wreath sale**. If you have not yet paid for your order, please do so as soon as possible. Checks can be made out to Nativity Men's Club. This will save us the expense of mailing reminder notices. All proceeds from the wreath sales are used to fund various projects and needs for the students of Nativity School, so payment is appreciated. Additional wreaths, garlands, and swags are also available at the Nativity Tree Lot. Any questions, please contact Darcy Tinnes at (612) 987-3450 or Eric Hedman at (651) 338-9070.



The Men's Club Monthly Board Meeting is this Thursday, December 8th, 7:30 p.m. at the Tree Lot. All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions regarding the Men's Club call (651) 470-9294. Our faith discussion group, **Question of the Month**, will meet at 6:30 p.m. prior to the start of the Board meeting. This month's question: **"Why do we need the Church?"**



Donut Sunday is next weekend, Sunday, December 11th. With special guest, Santa Claus making an appearance, please plan to join us in the school cafeteria following one of the Sunday morning Masses for hospitality and fellowship!

Nativity Moms' Club News

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

- **December 12, Christmas Party**, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Steiner Hall. Christmas crafts, games & festive treats. Please bring new, unwrapped winter outerwear, toys, and personal care items to be donated to local charity Families Helping Each Other.
- **December 12, Book Club**, 8:00 p.m. at Aimee Gatti's house. The next two months we will be discussing how we can incorporate Catholic rituals and traditions into our lives. For December 12th we will be discussing Advent and Christmas rituals and traditions. Our book is *Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany in the Domestic Church*, by Catherine & Peter Fournier. Feel free to bring a ritual or tradition to share from another source.

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

School Alumni News

Nativity Alumni Association Board Meeting. Interested in getting in touch with old classmates or helping with the planning of the All School Alumni Reunion fall of 2013, please join us on December 19th from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Nativity School library, 1900 Stanford Avenue (enter from Wellesley Avenue). For more information or to RSVP, please contact Mary Jo Iverson, Alumni Relations Director at (651) 696-5411 or miverson@nativity-mn.org.

Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot

The Men's Club is sponsoring their annual Christmas Tree Sale now through December 18th. Come and see us soon for the best selection of the always popular fraser fir, balsam, spruce and other quality Christmas trees. There will also be a limited number of wreaths, garland and spruce tips for sale. Peanuts, beverages and the usual good cheer will be served. As always, free delivery and set-up of any Christmas tree is provided for those in need. Contact Jim Lonetti at (651) 339-5155 or jimlonetti@gmail.com with any questions.

Monday-Thursday	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday	3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Nativity News

New Roman Missal. Now that you have experienced the changes to the translation of the Mass, do you want to learn more about their whats and whys? The last two general education sessions on the New Roman Missal will be held this week: Monday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 7 immediately after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. Both sessions will occur in the upper church.

The new schedule for lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and greeters was sent out last week and is posted on the Nativity website. This schedule goes through the end of February and includes the Christmas Eve and Day schedule for liturgical ministers. Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve at your scheduled time. Thank you.



SING WITH THE NATIVITY CHOIR!!

The Third Sunday of Advent (December 11) is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a latin verb that means "To Rejoice!". In these days of penance and preparation leading up to the feast of our Savior's birth, it reminds us of the joy that is to come. Gaudete Sunday is also "Choir Sunday" when we invite anyone to join the choir for one Sunday. You do NOT need to be able to read music or even have a great voice, just a love of music. If you've ever wanted a "choir loft view" this is your chance! We will meet on Sunday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the school choir room. Enter the school through the door across from the Adoration Chapel, go down the stairs to the choir room. No commitment beyond this Sunday is required but we'd like to know if you're coming. Please RSVP to Patrick Henning, (651) 696-5430, or phenning@nativity-mn.org

Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious will take place at all the weekend Masses December 10/11. Please consider showing your support for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many lives.

The Nativity Middle School Choir and Parish Youth Choir will perform a Christmas Concert and Sing-a-long on Monday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the main church. All are welcome.



Make a joyful noise on Christmas Eve.

High school students and college band/orchestra musicians are invited to play for the 4:00 p.m. family Christmas Eve liturgy in the school auditorium. Rehearsals will be Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Steiner Hall and before Mass. Please contact Amy Kuebelbeck at amy.kuebelbeck@mac.com or (651) 698-5554 and specify which instrument you play.

From the Hip



Classic Opportunity. This winter beginning in the first week of January there will be Bridge lessons for beginners. The beginning and basics of Bridge are being taught by a foursome from the pews (and altar). Since Nativity is still a citadel for such a classic game in St. Paul we thought it might be opportune to teach Nativityites who are interested. However, space will be limited considering the nature of the game and instruction. This is a golden opportunity to learn the quintessence of all card games. If interested, please call one of the following: Gix Ubel, 698-2889; Patt Berendt, 698-1056; Jolene Gust, 681-1510; Fr. Patrick 696-5401.

This instruction is for beginners and not for intermediate or experienced players. The latest rules and regulations from the American Contract Bridge League will be taught and used during instruction and play of game.

—Fr. Patrick

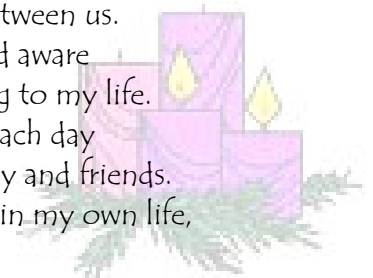
RCIA News



Two weeks ago we celebrated two Rites of initiation for inquirers in the RCIA process: the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (for those preparing for their Baptism) and the Rite of Welcoming (for those already baptized in another Christian tradition who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church). The following catechumens celebrated the Rite of Acceptance: Anna Hansen, Michelle Klein, Elizabeth Schrag. The following candidates celebrated the Rite of Welcoming: Brianna Garman, Scott Goings, Kyle Hammer, James Knapp, Angela Salvesson, Erica Skog, Traci Skog. Please continue to pray for our catechumens and candidates as they now enter into a period of deeper formation in the RCIA process.

Second Week of Advent...

Lord, through the darkness, I look for your wisdom.
I want my heart to be open to you.
But sometimes in these days, it seems that
so many things come between us.
Help me to be awake and aware
of the radiance you bring to my life.
Help me to be grateful each day
for the blessings of family and friends.
Let me be a peacemaker in my own life,
and in the world.



Altar Server & Lector Schedule

MONDAY, DEC 5 & TUESDAY, DEC 6

8:15 am: Kevin McQuillan, Jack Lawder

5:00 pm: Johnny Goodson, Ethan Hyland

WEDNESDAY, DEC 7

8:15 am: Shaymus O'Brien, Dominick Blake

5:00 pm: Jack Johnson, Chris Cullen

THURSDAY, DEC 8—Immaculate Conception

8:15 am: Shaymus O'Brien, Dominick Blake, Charlie Anderson

5:00 pm: Jack Johnson, Chris Cullen, Joe Mountain

7:00 pm: Peter Rumpza, Charlie Neil

FRIDAY, DEC 9

8:15 am: Billy Olander, Logan Cunningham

5:00 pm: Ray Amsden, Dmitry Rock-Gilbertson

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:15 am: Billy Olander, Logan Cunningham

5:00 pm:

Servers: Matthew Hughes, Tommy Johnson, Connor Keane, Nolan Lauber

Lectors: Larry Gallatin, Melissa Easton

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00 am

Servers: Emily Berthiaume, Jayne Gephart

Lector: Dave Seykora

8:15 am

Servers: Maddie Blumberg, Amanda Conlin, Sarah Foley, Hannah Gibbemeyer

Lectors: Patrick Waters, Aaron Schroers

9:30 am

Servers: Tess Bauer, Alexandra Bishop

Lectors: Sally Hopkinson, Dan Herbeck

11:00 am

Servers: Anna Bechtold, Kelly Cullen, Sarah Haley, Kristin Hansen, Cecelia Heffron, Caitlin Hottinger

Lectors: Arlene Leyden, Gary Bechtold

5:00 pm

Lectors: Steven Rau, Pat McGuire

Stewardship

November 20 & 27, 2011	Current	Fiscal YTD	Budget YTD
Stewardship Offering	35,166.83	—	—
Stewardship Offering— Electronic Funds Transfer	8,678.17	—	
Total Stewardship	43,845.00	562,250.39	629,620.00
Plate	2,795.92	32,917.50	35,962.00
Hunger Box	208.73	3,373.58	4,231.00

Adoration

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

—Psalm 85

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							

Liturgy Calendar

Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 8th

7:00, 8:15 a.m., 5:00, 7:00 p.m.

Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 20th ~ 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses

Saturday, December 24th ~ 4:00 p.m. (Main church); 4:00 p.m. (School auditorium); 6:00 p.m. & Midnight

Sunday, December 25th ~ 7:00, 8:15, 11:00 a.m.

NOTE: There is no 9:30 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Mass.

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. **Collection ends on The Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 8th.**

There are two ways to give:

1. Help support Keystone's Sponsor-a-Family Program 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 the deadline of December 9th.**

The Gifts of Hope Wish List includes: Blankets, Clothing (Girls/Boys ages 2-12), Pots/Pans, Coffee makers, Dish sets, Toaster ovens, Books (preschool through teen), Sporting equipment, Toys, Games for younger kids (Candyland, Connect Four, Trouble), Games for teens (Cranium, Scene It, Blokus), Passes for family entertainment: movie theaters, museums, zoo.

2. 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.

Weekly Scripture Readings

Dec 5: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Dec 6: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Dec 7: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Dec 8: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Dec 9: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Dec 10: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Dec 11: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Deaths

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Jonathan McClure, Larry Norder and Richard Pappenfus who passed away recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Respect Life News

Regions Hospital announced that the abortuary within the hospital will close on December 9. This comes after seven 40 Days for Life campaigns, involving thousands at the hospital, petitions drives, phone call and email campaigns, and millions of dollars lost in business for HealthPartners over its ownership of the hospital and the abortion clinic. This is the first abortion facility to close in Minnesota in more than two decades! Brian Gibson, Pro-Life Action Ministries stated, "We thank God first and foremost for this great victory. It is the Lord of Life who has moved hearts and changed minds. We also thank all those who prayed ardently, kept vigil or stood in witness at Regions, who signed petitions, sent correspondence, picketed at HealthPartners clinics and annual meetings, and who aided the boycott of HealthPartners medical insurance these past six years."

The National Night for Life Vigil, December 8, 9:00 p.m. thru 1:00 a.m. on December 9 at St. Mark's Church. Join us for part or all of this vigil for life.

Mass Intentions

Dec 5 8:15 a.m.—Val McGill +
5:00 p.m.—Alexandra Doller
Dec 6 8:15 a.m.—Mary Grundner +
5:00 p.m.—Adelaide Fargo +
Dec 7 8:15 a.m.—Rosella Fesenmaier +
Dec 9 8:15 a.m.—Dr. Joseph Teynor +
5:00 p.m.—Morning Schoberg +
Dec 10 8:15 a.m.—Vera Falbo +

Community News

Christmas with The Singers, Sunday, December 11th, 2:00 p.m. at Nativity Church. "What Sweeter Music," a mix of new and old carols, hymns and works written for the holiday season. Tickets available by calling (651) 917-1948 or visit www.singersmca.org.

Christmas Lights Tour, December 15th, 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. Keystone seniors have been invited to join St. Anthony Park seniors for a tour of Christmas lights in the metro area. Cost is \$15 and the bus will pick up at Merriam Park at 6:00 p.m. Call (651) 642-9052 to register.

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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

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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 5~11, 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Tree Lot 5-8pm	Tree Lot 5-8pm	Roman Missal Presentation Church 8:45-9:45am	<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i> Mass Schedule: 7, 8:15am 5, 7pm	Tree Lot 3-8pm	Tree Lot 9am-8pm	Donut Sunday <i>Cafeteria</i>
Roman Missal Presentation Church 7-8pm	RCIA Lannan Center Conf. Room 7pm	Tree Lot 5-8pm	Tree Lot 5-8pm		Roman Missal Presentation Steiner Hall 9-10:30am	Tree Lot 9am-7pm
		Religious Ed Program School 6:45pm	Men's Club Mtg Tree Lot 7:30pm			