

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day for Consecrated Life
Scout Sunday
February 5, 2012



School News



What an amazing community we have. When good things happen we celebrate together. I'd like to thank everyone for their kind words of support and congratulations for my reception of the

Robert J. Kealey Distinguished Principal Award which will be presented by the National Catholic Education Association this April. It was wonderful to connect with so many current and past families at the reception last Sunday. I feel truly blest to be able to help lead this incredible school community of dedicated teachers and staff, invested parents, incredible children and such a supportive parish community --- Thank you!

—Kate Wollan

Application for Tuition Assistance

Nativity of Our Lord Parish has a wonderful tradition of making a Catholic education available for all parish children. Accordingly, all parish families will be provided the opportunity to apply for tuition assistance for the 2012-2013 school year. We strongly encourage families to visit the school's website to access and complete an online application. However, if you wish to complete a paper application, or if you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to call Mary Super at (651) 696-5441. Applications will be due (submitted online or postmarked) by Thursday, March 1st.

Deaths

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Gerald Donovan and Ruth Maley who passed away recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, John Paul II called for consecrated life to be promoted throughout the universal Church. He declared February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, to be observed as World Day for Consecrated Life. In the United States, when February 2nd is not a Sunday, we celebrate on the Sunday after the Presentation. This celebration invites us all to reflect on the role of Consecrated Life within the Christian community. Over the years, many Christian men and women have responded to God's call to become followers of Jesus through profession of vows and a life dedicated to prayer and service. They live out the consecrated life in different ways. Religious sisters, nuns, brothers, religious priests and monks consecrate their lives through their profession of the evangelical vows and live as part of a community. Those who become followers of Jesus through the consecrated life bless the Church. Pray for these holy men and women.

Nativity News

Nativity Grandparents Apostolate of Sts. Joachim and Anne. You are invited to come and join fellow grandparents to an hour of encouragement, discussion, prayer and fellowship highlighted by a talk by Kathy Laird on the challenges of how to lovingly pass along the faith without appearing "too religious." Wednesday, February 8th, 9:00 a.m. in Steiner Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Nativity Moms' Club News

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

- An evening with Kate Wollan, February 13th, 6:30 p.m. in Steiner Hall. Kate will speak on "Raising Responsible and Faith-Filled Children."

Contact Aimee Gatti at (651) 699-4976, threecats123@comcast.net or Jessica Quinn at (651) 659-0677, Jessica.quinn50@gmail.com for more information.

Nativity Men's Club News

Our next **Board of Directors** meeting is this Thursday, February 9th, 7:30 p.m. in Steiner Hall (Question of the Month faith discussion group starts at 6:30 p.m. **This month's question: "Do you practice your faith socially or religiously?"** If you have any questions about the Men's Club call (651) 470-9294. You can mail your dues in, drop them at the Parish Office or put them in the basket on Sunday.



Nativity Sports Shirt Stag this Friday, February 10th. Come join the Nativity Men's Club for a night of food, beverage and conversation as we host Head Football Coach Jerry Kill as he recaps his first year at the helm of the Maroon & Gold football program. Friday, February 10th, 7:00 p.m., School cafeteria.

St. Paul's Open Bowling Tournament, February 19th, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Ran Ham. Join in an opportunity for the men of Holy Spirit, Lumen Christi, Nativity & St. Marks to come together for a night of camaraderie, competition, fun...and to raise a few bucks for the parishes. Eight teams of 4 players (2 from each parish) compete in a Double Elimination tourney - guaranteed 3 Matches. The winning team will receive The Cathedral Cup trophy and \$600 for their parish. Each parish will share equally in remaining event profits. Individuals are encouraged to come for Open Bowling and a cribbage tournament. Cost per team: \$120; Individuals: \$30 and includes bowling, food, soft drinks and cribbage tourney. Visit www.nativitymen.org/bowling or contact bowling@nativitymen.org for more info.

From the Hip

After a most blessed Christmas season, I am ever mindful and thankful for the faithful community of believers here at Nativity. As we know, however, the successful and viable operation of the church is necessarily more than inspirational liturgies and deep faith life alone. As the pastor of the church, I maintain a close and prudent eye on the parish budget, including revenues and expenditures.

Following the year's end, I together with the Nativity Finance Council again reviewed our parishes' financial status. While that review was very positive in a number of ways, ***I am sorry to report that the stewardship and Sunday plate collections dropped significantly during November and December 2011. In fact, our stewardship and plate collections dropped by nearly \$102,000 over the estimated revenues*** forecasted for this two month period. There are several possible causes for the revenue decline: Christmas was on a Sunday this year which eliminated an otherwise significant collection day and the economy continues to be a concern for many.

Please know that, especially during uncertain economic times, pledging --and your faithful commitment to it--remains more important than ever. Pledging is a vital factor in planning the year's budget. Just as in your own households, financing decisions are made based upon the expected income available to fund necessary expenditures. While our Parish budget has never been more conservative and streamlined, certain expenses--utilities, liturgical costs, ministries and outreaches, Religious Education and RCIA, school support, employees' salaries, and more--continue even when church revenues unexpectedly drop.

So, I urge you: please faithfully fulfill your pledge for 2011. It is not too late to be faithful to your 2011 stewardship promise. If you did not commit in 2011, please give generously in the coming weeks and months to help us overcome this deficit. Finally, if you have not already done so, please pledge and pledge generously for 2012. You may do so by contacting the parish office. If you are one of the many committed, dedicated parishioners who have completed and faithfully fulfilled your 2011 pledge--thank you so much. Together, we can continue to be a place of beautiful liturgies, Christian and compassionate outreach and ministry, a source of Catholic education to all of our Nativity children, a fair and faithful employer, and a supportive community of believers.

—Fr. Patrick

Archbishop Nienstedt recently appointed Deacon Russ Kocemba to serve Nativity of Our Lord parish as a permanent deacon effective February 6th. Deacon Jerry Devine will continue to assist us in our ministerial duties. Below is an introduction from Deacon Russ. —Fr. Patrick



In October of 2000 I began the application process to diaconate formation for the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis. I was accepted to the formation program in July of 2001 and began instruction in September. For the next three years, study focused on human and spiritual growth, diaconate vocation and discernment, doctrinal and pastoral formation. I completed studies in July of 2004. With nine other men, I was ordained as a permanent deacon on September 25th, 2004. My first parish assignment as deacon was at Our Lady of the Lake in Mound. Currently, my outreach ministry of charity assignment is with Catholic Charities at St. Joseph's Home for Children; Hope Street Shelter, providing a spiritual presence for homeless youth ages 16–20 and instruction in resume preparation helping homeless teenagers to get back into mainstream society. Most of my life I have lived in St. Louis Park, attending Holy Family Catholic Church. Growing up I attended Holy Family Grade School, Benilde High School, entered military service, returned to complete a BA Liberal Arts/BA Business at the College of St. Thomas in 1974, and then completed a successful 30 year business career at General Mills. My wife, Lorrie, grew up in Hopkins. We have two adult children and four grandchildren. I am truly blessed by God our Father, through His Son Christ Jesus, by the love of the Holy Spirit to be called to serve as deacon. And God's graces continue in my calling to serve you as deacon. I am blessed to be here with you!

—Deacon Russ Kocemba

Altar Server & Lector Schedule

MONDAY, FEB 6 & TUESDAY, FEB 7

8:15 am: Molly Hynes, Gwen Sullivan

5:00 pm: Claire Hennessey, Izzy Rojas

WEDNESDAY, FEB 8 & THURSDAY, FEB 9

8:15 am: Sophia Thuente, Gwen Sullivan

5:00 pm: Rachel Wolf, Emma Maslow

FRIDAY, FEB 10

8:15 am: Mary McConville, Emily Conners

5:00 pm: Katie Cummings, Katie Berthiaume

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:15 am: Mary McConville, Emily Conners

5:00 pm:

Servers: Jayne Gephart, Maddie Casper, Leslie Fenske, Sarah Foley

Lectors: Anna Gajdel, Julie Balamut

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 am:

Servers: Ian Kies, Rob Kranz

Lector: Dave Seykora

8:15 am:

Servers: Andrew Laird, David Laird, Matthew Markert, Charlie Neil

Lectors: Rob Hahn, Margaret Mary Underwood

9:30 am:

Servers: Christopher Iverson, Joey O'Neill

Lectors: Dan Herbeck, Sally Hopkinson

11:00 am:

Servers: Geoff McQuillan, Patrick McQuillan, Ryan McQuillan, Peter Nicholson, Josh Peine, Edward Penson

Lectors: Dave Altman, Arlene Leyden

5:00 pm:

Lectors: Jim Zenk, Gina Kastel

Adoration

"Your faith will help you to realize that it is Jesus Himself who is present in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for you to spend one special specific hour with Him each week."
—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](http://Nativity-mn.org/parish/site/spiritual%20life/perpetual%20adoration).

Time	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
12 am-1am							
1 - 2 am	Yellow						
2 - 3 am	Yellow			Red	Red		
3 - 4 am	Yellow						
4 - 5 am	Red						
5 - 6 am					Yellow		
6 - 7 am							
7 - 8 am							
9 - 10 am			Yellow				
10 - 11am		Yellow			Yellow		
11 - noon		Yellow			Yellow		
12 - 1 pm							
1 - 2 pm					Yellow		
2 - 3 pm	Red		Yellow				
3 - 4 pm		Yellow				Yellow	
4 - 5 pm	Red	Yellow					
5:30 pm				Yellow	Yellow		
6 - 7 pm							Red
7 - 8 pm						Yellow	
8 - 9 pm						Yellow	Yellow
9 - 10 pm							
10 -11 pm						Yellow	
11 - 12 am			Yellow			Yellow	Yellow

Stewardship

January 29, 2012	Current	Fiscal YTD	Budget YTD
Stewardship Offering	45,538.62	—	—
Stewardship Offering— Electronic Funds Transfer	—	—	—
Total Stewardship	45,538.62	975,424.14	1,056,369.00
Plate	1,309.85	50,906.55	50,673.00
Hunger Box	64.00	4,626.95	5,962.00

Mass Intentions

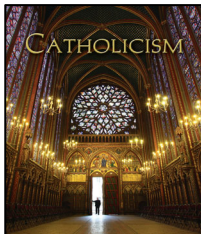
Feb 6	8:15 a.m. —Kathryn Jones
	5:00 p.m. —Ed & Leslie Gross
Feb 7	8:15 a.m. —Johnny McClure +
	5:00 p.m. —Val McGill +
Feb 8	8:15 a.m. —Charles Buzicky +
	5:00 p.m. —Raymond Subialka +
Feb 9	8:15 a.m. —Jim Basta +
	5:00 p.m. —Janelle & Craig Peine
Feb 10	8:15 a.m. —Peggy Todd +
	5:00 p.m. —Larry Beard +
Feb 11	8:15 a.m. —Emily Reilly +

Adult Faith Formation News

“Youth Culture Unveiled,” a short look at youth culture, how youth think, and how parents can best respond. Wednesday, February 15th, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Steiner Hall. Come learn about the ins and outs of today’s Youth Culture from Michael Shaughnessy, a youth minister who has been in the trenches for over 25 years ministering the love and truth of Christ and His Church to youths. Michael is the Director of Kairos International, the editor of the Kairos Youth Culture Newsletter.

COMING THIS LENT: Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith.

Journey around the world and deep into the faith. With creator and host Father Robert Barron, you will learn what we as Catholics believe and why, so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. Not a video lecture, Church history or scripture study, this engaging and interesting formational program uses the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church. Father Robert Barron is an acclaimed author, theologian and podcasting priest from Chicago, and one of the world’s most innovative teachers of the Catholic faith. He is the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. **Watch the bulletin and Nativity website for more information on how you and your fellow parishioners, friends and neighbors can participate in this dynamic 10 part DVD series this Lenten season.** For more information on these programs, contact Randy Mueller, Director of Faith Formation at (651) 696-5454 or rmueller@nativity-mn.org.



Theology of the Body: What is it? What’s in it for me? What insights does it give to who we are as women and men? Plan now on taking advantage of this great opportunity to hear nationally known speaker, Katrina Zeno share her insights into John Paul II’s Theology of the Body and the Nature of Men and Women. Saturday, March 10th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon in Steiner Hall. A continental breakfast and seating begins at 8:30 a.m. Katrina Zeno specializes in the theology of the body, the single life, the genius of woman, chastity formation, marriage and the Eucharist. She brings a dynamic and personal dimension to her speaking.

Contact Randy Mueller, Director of Faith Formation (651) 696-5454 or rmueller@nativity-mn.org for more information on any of these events.

Respect Life News

President Obama and the Health and Human Services Department has issued a mandate that forces nearly all private health care plans, including those from religiously affiliated hospitals and schools, to provide coverage for all FDA-approved prescription contraceptive drugs and devices (including abortive drugs), as well as surgical sterilization free of charge to women as a part of a preventive care. All employers must be compliant by August. Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan, president of the USCCB, criticized the measure as it "ordered almost every employer and insurer in the country to provide sterilization and contraceptives, including some abortion-inducing drugs, in their health plans....Never before has the federal government forced individuals and organizations to go out into the marketplace and buy a product that violates their conscience. This shouldn't happen in a land where free exercise of religion ranks first in the Bill of Rights." He urged Catholics and the public at large to speak out in protest. To find out more about how you can help support the introduced “Respect for Rights of Conscience Act” please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at: <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection/index.cfm>

Weekly Scripture Readings

Feb 6: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Feb 7: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Feb 8: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Feb 9: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Feb 10: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Feb 11: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Feb 12: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Community News

Considering a Vocation to be a Permanent Deacon? “*The Living Icon of Christ the Servant in the Ministry of the Word, of Sacrament, of Charity.*” For single or married men between 30 and 60 years old who want to follow Christ Jesus, who came not be served but to serve. Diaconate inquiry sessions, February 16, 23, March 1, 10 at the St. Paul Seminary. To register, contact Patty McQuillan at patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu or (651) 962-6891.

The 3rd Quarterly Meeting of St. Paul Deaneries Council of Catholic Women, Thursday, February 16th at Holy Spirit Church. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. and the day ends with Mass at Noon followed by lunch. Cost is \$12 and includes lunch. Reservations due by February 10th and can be made by calling (651) 644-5651.

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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:

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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 · February 6~12, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	RCIA Lannan Center Conf. Room 7pm Beginner Bridge Steiner Hall 7pm	Grandparents Apostolate Steiner Hall 9am Religious Ed Classes School 6:45pm Covenant Mass Upper Church 7pm	Men's Club Board Meeting Steiner Hall 7:30pm	Men's Club Stag Cafeteria 7pm		