

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord • Pro-Life Sunday January 8, 2012

"The beginning of the liturgical year helps us to relive the expectation of God made flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, God who makes himself small, He becomes a child, it speaks to us of the coming of a God who is near, who wanted to experience the life of man, from the very beginning, to save it completely, fully.

And so the mystery of the Incarnation of the Lord and the beginning of human life are intimately connected and in harmony with each other within the one saving plan of God, the Lord of life of each and every one of us. The Incarnation reveals to us, with intense light and in an amazing way, that every human life has an incomparable, a most elevated dignity."



"TO THE VIRGIN MARY, WHO WELCOMED THE SON OF GOD MADE MAN WITH FAITH, WITH HER MATERNAL WOMB, WITH LOVING CARE, WITH NURTURING SUPPORT AND VIBRANT WITH LOVE, WE ENTRUST OUR COMMITMENT AND PRAYER IN FAVOR OF UNBORN LIFE."

"With regard to the embryo in the womb, science itself highlights its autonomy capable of interaction with the mother, the coordination of biological processes, the continuity of development, the growing complexity of the organism. This is not an accumulation of biological material, but a new living being, dynamic and wonderfully ordered, a new unique human being. So was Jesus in Mary's womb, so it was for all of us in our mother's womb. With the ancient Christian writer Tertullian we can say: "he who will be a man is already one", there is no reason not to consider him a person from conception."

Pope Benedict speaks of the connection between the unborn and Christ's time in the womb during his Homily for the Vigil of Nascent Life

“Making Abortion Unthinkable”

by acclaimed speaker Josh Brahm

Thursday, January 12th
7:00 p.m. in Steiner Hall



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? Josh Brahm 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 Church and the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life.

Respect Life News

Want to learn about pro-life organizations in our community? Stop by the school cafeteria TODAY Sunday, January 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for **Pro-Life Sunday** to chat with representatives from various organizations. Contact Anna Gajdel with any questions, anna.gajdel@gmail.com.

Mass for Life at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, January 22nd—the 39th anniversary of Roe v. Wade’s decision to legalize abortion in the U.S. Archbishop Nienstedt will be the celebrant for this special Mass at the Cathedral. 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 pm.

Join Pro-life Action Ministries for a Prayer Vigil on January 22nd 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the construction site for the new Planned Parenthood complex at Vandalia & Charles Street. More than 53 million individuals have been killed by surgical abortion in this country since 1973. Please spend some time remembering these children by praying at an actual abortion site.

*O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim the Gospel of Life
with honesty and love.*

Nativity Moms’ Club

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.
- **January 29, Sunday Meet & Greet**, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass in Steiner Hall.

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



Thank you to the many people who assisted in making Nativity’s Christmas liturgies so beautiful. A special thank you to those who donated their time and talent to help decorate the worship space: Bill Beltz, Barb Bowman, Mary Fiedler, Rosemary Sonnen Garrity, Lisa Hambidge, Patrick Henning, Joanne Murphy, Laurie Murphy, Celeste Pariana, Judy Regnier, Louise Sonnen Roth, Peter Roth, Susan Sonnen, Gix Ubel.

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Grandparents Apostolate of Saints Joachim and Anne. Nativity grandparents are invited to join the Rosary group in the Adoration Chapel on Tuesdays after the 8:15 a.m. Mass to pray for their grandchildren, all the children of the world and for the intentions of fellow grandparents. All those who wish to join are welcome.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 a.m. Mass will not be in session next Sunday, January 15th due to Martin Luther King, Jr. break. The program will resume on Sunday, January 22nd.

Nativity Men's Club News

Doughnut Sunday is TODAY! All are invited to stop by the school cafeteria following any of the Sunday morning Masses for hospitality and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



Men's Club Board Meeting is this Thursday, January 12th, 7:00 p.m. at Flat Earth Brewery. All men of the parish are welcome. Call (651) 470-9294 with questions.

Nativity Sports Shirt Stag. No bowl game for the Minnesota Gopher football team, but wait until next year. 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. Contact Dave Anglum with questions, (651) 699-8205.

THANK YOU to all Nativity students grades 3-8 and their parents and teachers for a tremendous job selling and delivering Christmas wreaths and for encouraging the students to achieve a successful fundraiser for Nativity School! The number of wreaths sold and the dollars raised set a new record this year. 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 and dropped off at the parish office, in a basket during mass, or mailed to Nativity. This will save us the expense of mailing reminder notices. Any questions, please contact Darcy Tinnes at (612) 987-3450 or Eric Hedman at (651) 338-9070.

All adult male parishioners are members of Nativity Men's Club. Check out our brand new website, <http://www.nativitymen.org> and "like" us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/nativitymen>.

Pro liberis!

School News

Kindergarten Round-Up 2012
January 24th • 6:30 p.m. • School Auditorium



We are excited to welcome all families with children eligible to enroll in kindergarten next fall - September of 2012 - to a special night at Nativity School. Kindergarten Round-Up is the official opening of the registration process for all prospective kindergarten families. The children must be 5 yrs. of age by August 31st, 2012 to enroll in our next kindergarten class. This is a wonderful night for parents to learn more about our school and for our young ones to become a bit familiar with the kindergarten learning space and the teachers. So whether this will be your first kinder or your eighth kinder, we hope you will join us for this important first step on your child's educational journey. *Please park in the school lot and enter the building thru the main entrance on Wellesley Avenue.*

Marriage Minute: Why does the Catholic Church care so much about marriage? The Catholic Church cares about marriage because marriage is a fundamental good in itself and foundational to human existence and flourishing. Following the example of Jesus, the Church cares about the whole person, and all people. Marriage (or lack thereof) affects everyone. Today, people all over the world are suffering because of the breakdown of the family—divorce, out-of-wedlock childbearing, and so on. Marriage is never just a "private" issue; it has public significance and public consequences. One only has to think of the connection between fatherless families and young men in jail to know that this is true. In addition, the proposal to "redefine" marriage to include two men or two women is really a proposal to "redefine" the human person, causing a forgetfulness of what it means to be a man or a woman. This is a basic injustice to men and women, children, and fathers and mothers. Marriage is truly one of the most important social justice issues of our time. (USCCB.org, Marriage: Unique for a Reason) Want to learn more? Visit <http://mncc.org/issues/marriage/>. Want to get involved? Call Kimberly (308)636-8154.

Altar Server & Lector Schedule

MONDAY, JAN 9 & TUESDAY, JAN 10

8:15 am: Katherine Wohletz, Molly Hynes

5:00 pm: Colleen Scallen, Julianna McKenna

WEDNESDAY, JAN 11 & THURSDAY, JAN 12

8:15 am: Emma Hostetler, Mary McConville

5:00 pm: Emma Dombrow, Sophia Thuente

FRIDAY, JAN 13

8:15 am: Katie Cummings, Katie Berthiaume

5:00 pm: Izzy Rojas, Rachel Wolf

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

8:15 am: Katie Cummings, Katie Berthiaume

5:00 pm:

Servers: Rachel Oberst, Maddie Palmer, Murphy Pickett, Maggie Johnson

Lectors: Julie Balamut, Chris Welsh

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 am:

Servers: Vince Anderson, Christian Busse

Lector: Gix Ubel

8:15 am:

Servers: Jeremy Connors, Michael Connors, Peter Fischbach, Sam Feitl

Lectors: Diane Reisdorfer, Tom Barry

9:30 am:

Servers: Ben Dombrow, Will Harris

Lectors: Rick Johnson, Tim Sobocinski

11:00 am:

Servers: Josh Peine, Johnny Donohue, Colin Dean, Kyle Glasgow, Patrick Hennessey, Shane Hennessey

Lectors: Jerry Alfveby, Janelle Peine

5:00 pm:

Lectors: Joe Dunford, Tim Dykstal

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

Stewardship

January 1, 2012	Current	Fiscal YTD	Budget YTD
Stewardship Offering	78,834.32	—	—
Stewardship Offering— Electronic Funds Transfer	8,933.67	—	—
Total Stewardship	87,767.99	838,016.59	949,918.00
Plate	1,703.93	45,216.75	44,135.00
Hunger Box	137.50	4,098.00	5,192.00

Mass Intentions

Jan 9	8:15 a.m. —Michael Nardoza + 5:00 p.m. —Bob & Mary Doerr
Jan 10	8:15 a.m. —David Andring + 5:00 p.m. —Larry Beard +
Jan 11	8:15 a.m. —Chuck Michel + 5:00 p.m. —Stewart & Kathy Laird
Jan 12	8:15 a.m. —Gordon Tollefson + 5:00 p.m. —Robert Duhaime +
Jan 13	8:15 a.m. —Ronnie Freeman 5:00 p.m. —Sr. Francis Gerald
Jan 14	8:15 a.m. —Helen Esch +

Baptisms

Congratulations to the following children who were welcomed into the Catholic faith through the sacrament of Baptism:

Georgia Rae Gibbons

Daughter of Andrew & Krysta (Goligoski) Gibbons

Mack Joseph Longval

Son of Scott & Liz (Caturia) Longval

Elijah Kai Sebold

Son of Matthew & Rachel (Benham) Sebold

Avery Anne Shuster

Daughter of Dan Shuster & Katie Merkel

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.

Weekly Scripture Readings

Jan 9: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11
Jan 10: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
Jan 11: 1 Sm 3:1-10; 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Jan 12: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Jan 13: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Jan 14: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
Jan 15: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;
Jn 1:35-42

Lord Jesus,
may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you,
the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father,
the King of nations, the Savior of mankind;
to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Community News

”**Growing In Christian Faith**” seminar will be held on Saturday January 21, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, Minneapolis. Handicap Accessible. Space is limited. To register contact Vince Doriazio at (612) 243-9411.

Single Parent Morning Retreat, Saturday, February 4th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Maternity of Mary Church. The retreat is meant to provide Christian support and renewal for single parents through presentation, fellowship and meaningful discussion. Cost is \$10/family. Free child-care will be provided. Sponsored by the Archdiocese Family Life Office. Call (651) 291-4488 for more information.

Newly Married Retreat for couples married 0-7 years, Saturday, February 11th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church. Fr. Rocky from Relevant Radio will present on how to insure your marriage stays happy, holy and healthy. Sponsored by the Archdiocese Family Life Office. Call (651) 291-4488 for more information or to register. Cost is \$40 per couple.

”**Becoming a Love and Logic Parent**”, a six week workshop series facilitated by Katie Solem. Using humor, hope and empathy to build up the adult-child relationship, it emphasizes respect and dignity both for children and adults, provides real limits in a loving way and teaches consequences and healthy decision making. *Love* allows children to grow through their mistakes and *Logic* allows them to live with the consequences of their choices. Tuesday evenings from February 21—March 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit School Commons. Register by calling Shannon Skally at (651) 707-6793 or aishan-nons@yahoo.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

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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

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Carol Thuente 696-5401

Faith Formation Director

Randy Mueller 696-5454

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Patrick Henning 696-5430

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Rob Pontious 653-3655

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Kate Wollan 699-1311

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Sandy Kane 699-1311

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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 · January 9~15, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Beginner Bridge Steiner Hall 7pm	1st Reconciliation Main Church 7pm	1st Reconciliation Main Church 6pm & 7pm	Pro-Life Speaker Steiner Hall 7pm			Baptisms Main Church 9:30am