

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
May 8, 2011



*“You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.”*

—Acts 2:28




Nativity's Mary Shower

A 27 year tradition continues as Nativity's fifth graders
host this year's Mary Shower
at all weekend Masses, May 14th & 15th.

You can help by bringing an unwrapped baby gift
to Mass with you next weekend.

All gifts will be donated to area pro-life centers.



Pastoral Ministry News

Communion to the Homebound. If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass, please contact Nancy Shatek-Suek at (651) 696-5444. Nancy will be happy to arrange for you to receive communion in your home. Also, if you are an extraordinary minister and have a pyx at home that is not being used, please return it to the sacristy or the parish office. Thank you.

Anointing Mass & Lunch is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th at 11:00 a.m in the church followed by a lunch in Steiner Hall. A freewill offering will be taken for the lunch. Please call the parish office by June 6th to let us know if you are planning to attend.

The sacred anointing of the sick is a sacrament of the Church instituted by Christ to give spiritual aid and strength to individuals who are ill, facing serious illness or aging. It is our belief that through this sacrament Christ strengthens those that they might be at peace and filled with courage. Anointing may be repeated if an illness worsens.

Keystone Community Services Senior Program offers many classes, speakers, social events, and health clinics. The Center is located at 2000 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul. To learn more about all of these programs, call (651) 645-7424 and ask to be added to the *Senior Hi-Lites* mailing list. *Senior Hi-Lites* is a quarterly newsletter published for seniors.

NCCW News



NCCW Madonna Dinner. Reservations are due this Monday, May 9th for the annual NCCW Madonna Dinner. All women of the parish are welcome to join us on Wednesday, May 18th for 5:00 p.m. Mass followed by dinner and a speaker in Steiner Hall. Fr. Bill Baer presents, "No Time for Fear: Catholic and Confident in a Time of Change." Registration forms are available at the parish office or by calling Becky Devine at (651) 788-7052.

Last Call for Nominations. Each year NCCW recognizes an outstanding young woman of our parish with the **Spirit of Mary Award**. Any female parishioner in grades 10-12 may apply or be nominated. The Award is a cash prize of \$250, with \$50 designated to the winner's charity of choice and the remaining \$200 for the student's on-going educational needs. The award winner must have demonstrated acts of faith, humility, generosity and kindness through her school, parish and community involvement. Applications can be found at the Nativity School Office, Parish Office and online at the Nativity website. Applications will be reviewed by a committee and selected according to the written criteria attached to the applications. **Applications are due by Monday, May 9th.** The winner will be acknowledged at the Annual Madonna Dinner on Wednesday, May 18th. Please contact NCCW President, Carolyn Wollan at (651) 699-4203 or cswollan@aol.com with questions.

Respect Life News

Nativity Respect Life Meeting. Whether new or old to respect life efforts at Nativity, join us 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 9, in Steiner Hall to network with other parishioners working on behalf of life, meet contacts for upcoming events, and share ideas.

Mothers' Mourning of Prayer. Join women from across the metro area Monday, May 9, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the construction site of Planned Parenthood's new building at University and Vandalia streets--its third largest abortion center in the country when complete. One of the morning's primary goals is to show workers who they are hurting by participating in its construction. Attendees are not encouraged to bring children since the area is congested. For more information, contact ProLife Action Ministries at (651) 771-1500.

Pledge sheets available for Walk for Life. If you plan to join Fr. Joe Bambenek and 7th grade teacher Pat Thuente in this year's Walk for Life to support the work of Highland LifeCare Center, you can pick up a pledge sheet at either the school or church office. When you hand in the sheet at the walk, HLCC will send reminders to those who pledge to sponsor you. This year's walk will take place at Lake Como May 14 from 10 a.m. to noon, with 9:30 a.m. registration. To sponsor Fr. Joe or Mr. Thuente, send your donation to HLCC, 1999 Ford Pkwy., St. Paul, MN 55116 or donate via credit card at www.highlandlifecare.org.

From the Hip

Many thanks are due to all the volunteer parishioners who assisted in the Holy Week liturgies. Many hours and dedicated energy were a great help to all of us in assisting our communal prayer and worship.

The Catholic Services Appeal continues. We are at the 74% point of attaining our goal. If you have not contributed to the appeal and can help us—we would appreciate the help. Thank you.

—Fr. Patrick

Nativity News

Nativity Moms' Club upcoming events:

- May 20th, Spring Playdate, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Mattocks Park
- May 29th, Sunday Meet & Greet, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., School playground

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

Doughnut Sunday is next weekend, May 15th. All are invited to stop by the cafeteria following any of the Sunday morning Masses for fellowship and hospitality.

Nativity Women's Softball Team is recruiting players for our Friday night league. Must be at least 25 years old and have some knowledge of the game. Call Jane Maguire at (651) 699-6646 to learn more or sign-up.

Mary Meditation

Mary, the mother of God was more than just the mother of God. She was a person, just like you and me. This is something many people overlook but is something we should reflect on. In her situation, would we be as strong? Would we have her courage? Would we have her trust in the Lord? There are many hardships in life that we all face. We need to face these as Mary did, and rely on the Lord. Too often we believe in our bodily strength to get us through the day. But that, in the end, will only get us so far. Our Lady trusted God in everything and believed wholeheartedly in Him. She gave up her life to his service.

Let us pray to Mary:

Mary, help us to see as you saw and hear as you heard. Help us to be open to God's love and grace, not push him away but draw close to Him as a friend. What you knew we do not recognize as easily. You knew that when all else was gone, he would remain. You knew what was important and you knew your priorities. Oh Mother, give each of us a heart similar to yours—open and accepting of God.

By Sarah Underwood, 8th Grade Nativity Student



Altar Server & Lector Schedule

MONDAY, MAY 9 & TUESDAY, MAY 10

8:15 am: Jo Jo Dean, Liam Kelly

5:00 pm: Ray Amsden, Jack Johnson

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 & THURSDAY, MAY 12

8:15 am: John Stang, Danny Greenheck

5:00 pm: Kevin McQuillan, Logan Cunningham

FRIDAY, MAY 13

8:15 am: Dan Johnson, Charlie Anderson

5:00 pm: Chris Cullen, Jack Lawder

SATURDAY, MAY 14

8:15 am: Dan Johnson, Charlie Anderson

5:00 pm:

Servers: Brannick Weix, Matt Kotta, Alex Wolf, Rick Anderson

Lectors: Julie Balamut, Melissa Easton

SUNDAY, MAY 15

7:00 am

Servers: Meghan Kies, Anne Johnson

Lector: Gix Ubel

8:15 am

Servers: Amanda Conlin, Sarah Schuld, Jackie Liska, Annie Keough

Lectors: Judy Clasen, Patrick Waters

9:30 am

Servers: Erin Goodson, Janie Goodson

Lectors: Jamie Tracy, Will Harris

11:00 am

Servers: Anna Bechtold, Gaby Regnier, Sarah Haley, Caitlin Hottinger, Grace Hyland, Allie Lawder

Lectors: Mary Kisch, Mark Schulzetenberg

5:00 pm

Lectors: Todd Boys, Steven Rau

Adoration

"For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

—St. Therese of Lisieux

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							

Deaths

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

Wedding Banns



The following couple is preparing for marriage.
Please keep them in your prayers.

Laurie Kelzer & Steven Pikala
May 21, 2011

Stewardship

May 1, 2011	Current	Fiscal YTD	Budget YTD
Stewardship Offering	17,924.50	—	—
Stewardship Offering— Electronic Funds Transfer	9,125.17	—	—
Total Stewardship	27,049.67	1,429,794.32	1,442,025.00
Plate	1,534.65	69,288.44	71,923.08
Hunger Box	212.00	8,006.23	8,884.62

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, Afghanistan
CDR. Patricia May Burns, Navy, Pearl Harbor
CPT Kate Thornton Buzicky, US Army, 1st Cavalry, Iraq
Lt. Andrew Froistad, U.S. Navy, San Diego, CA
Major Mark Hesse, Air Force, Ramstine, Germany
Pfc. Thomas Kemp, Army, Baghdad, Iraq
SPC Timothy Knippel, U.S. Army, Fr. Stewart, GA
Capt. Brian Knutson, U.S. Army, Kabul, Afghanistan
2nd Lt Michael Kracht, Air Force, Vance AFB, Enid, OK
E5 Michael Mandler, USN Seabees, Djibouti, Africa
PFC Andrew McGillivray, Army, Fort Eustis, VA
Sgt. Saul Mellado, Marines, Iraq
AT3 Daniel Meyers, USN, Al Udeid, Qatar
SR John Minea, Naval Reserve, San Diego, CA
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, contact Molly Dressen at mdressen@nativity-mn.org with the correct spelling, rank and branch of service and location.

*Our mothers have magnified the Lord.
They have taught us to rejoice in God.*



Congratulations to Jerry & Cathy Brennan who celebrate 40 years of marriage on May 7th.

*May God bless you and grant you joy.
May He deepen your love for each other.
May He bless you in your family and friends.
And lead you to unending happiness in Heaven.*

Weekly Scripture Readings

May 9: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
May 10: Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
May 11: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
May 12: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
May 13: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
May 14: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
May 15: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Mass Intentions

May 9 8:15 a.m.—Agnes Simecek +
5:00 p.m.—Rose & Lloyd Huntington +
May 10 8:15 a.m.—Lois Strupp +
5:00 p.m.—Dick Schweickert +
May 11 8:15 a.m.—Cecelia Lenz +
5:00 p.m.—Mag & Herman Koller +
May 12 8:15 a.m.—Living family of Margaret Ott
5:00 p.m.—Marcella Archambeau +
May 13 8:15 a.m.—Ruth Kemp +
5:00 p.m.—Philomena & Richard Sandvig +
May 14 8:15 a.m.—Michael Joseph Rachac +

Community News

Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home's First Annual Fundraising Luncheon, Thursday, May 19th, Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Prom Center in Oakdale. There is no cost to attend the luncheon with the idea that guests will be invited to support Our Lady's mission through a charitable donation either at the luncheon or at a later time. If interested in attending, contact Mark Zobel, Nativity parishioner at (612) 366-0422 or zobelmark@comcast.net.

Grande Olde Saint Mark's Day parish festival May 20 & 21. The fun starts on the corner of Dayton & Prior Friday night with kids' games, carnival rides, and a square dancing Hoe Down! Saturday's entertainment includes bands, Bingo, and an evening street dance. Don't miss the delicious food, refreshing drink and fellowship of our community. Hours are Friday, May 20 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday, May 21 Noon to 10:00 p.m.

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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

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

Patrick Henning 696-5430

Interim Youth Choir Director

Jean Olson 696-5407

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 Clausen 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 · May 9~15, 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	RCIA Lannan Center Conf. Room 7pm	Religious Ed. Closing Mass Church 7pm	Nativity Men's Club Meeting Steiner Hall 7pm	First Friday Fellowship Steiner Hall 8:45am		Baptisms Church 9:30am Doughnut Sunday Cafeteria High School Sr. Ministry Recognition 11am Mary Shower