

# Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2011



We are the clay and you the potter.

—Isaiah 64:8

## Liturgy News



**Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up** will take place the first two weekends of December. The life of Nativity Parish revolves around the celebration of the Eucharist. Active participation by each parishioner enhances this experience for us all. You are invited to prayerfully consider assisting with one of these liturgical ministries: greeter, Eucharistic minister or lector. If you are currently serving as a liturgical minister at Nativity and would like to continue serving, you will be asked to "renew" your commitment. More information will be available from the pulpit and in the bulletin next weekend.

## Nativity Men's Club News

Thanks again to all who participated in and volunteered for this year's Christmas wreath sale. If we missed you during delivery of the wreaths on November 19, and you have not yet paid for your order, please do so as soon as possible. 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 available at the Tree Lot. Please contact Darcy Tinnes at (612) 987-3450 or Eric Hedman at (651) 338-9070 with any questions.

## Nativity Moms' Club News

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

- **December 5, In-home playdate**, 9:30 a.m.
- **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.
- **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.

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



## 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](mailto: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.

## 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 begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, November 27th and ends on The Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.*

**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 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.

## Nativity News



**Nativity Council of Catholic Women** November 28 Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Steiner Hall  
The turkey's retired, the family's been fed. Instead of Monday TV, come to the NCCW meeting instead. Meet wonderful women, and hear what they do. See if there's a neat task perfect for you. Or just come to munch treats, and enjoy a fun chat. NCCW's mission includes promoting friendship and unity, just like that! Call NCCW President Theresa Lauber at (651) 695-0124 with questions.

**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.

**First Friday Fellowship** is this Friday, December 2nd. All are invited to join us for hospitality and fellowship following the 8:15 a.m. Mass in Steiner Hall.

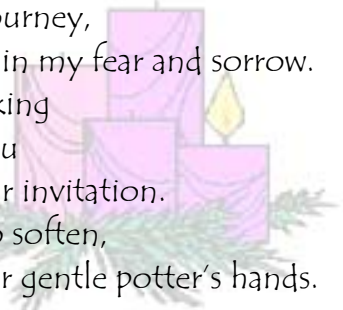
## Pastoral Ministry News

**Nativity Grief Group** meets this Thursday, December 1st at 9:00 a.m. in Steiner Hall. All are invited and welcome to attend. Contact Nancy Shatek-Suek for more information, (651) 696-5444.

**Food Collection for Keystone** is next weekend, December 3rd and 4th. Please consider bringing a bag or two of non-perishable food with you to church next weekend. All food and cash donations are given to the Keystone Food Shelf which serves the hungry in our community neighborhood. If you would prefer to make a cash donation, checks can be made payable to Keystone and write "food shelf" in the memo section. Thank you!

### First Week of Advent...

Lord God, I sense your power, your might  
and I stand in awe, painfully aware  
of how poor and weak I am before you.  
As I begin this Advent journey,  
teach me to turn to you in my fear and sorrow.  
I don't want to keep making  
my heart hard against you  
turning a deaf ear to your invitation.  
Only you can help me to soften,  
to be like the clay in your gentle potter's hands.



## Altar Server & Lector Schedule

### MONDAY, NOV 28 & TUESDAY, NOV 29

**8:15 am:** Katherine Wohletz, Molly Hynes

**5:00 pm:** Emma Dombrow, Izzy Rojas

### WEDNESDAY, NOV 30 & THURSDAY, DEC 1

**8:15 am:** Katie Berthiaume, Katie Cummings

**5:00 pm:** Mary McConville, Sophia Thuente

### FRIDAY, DEC 2

**8:15 am:** Emily Conners, Julianna McKenna

**5:00 pm:** Rachel Wolf, Colleen Scallen

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

**8:15 am:** Emily Conners, Julianna McKenna

**5:00 pm:**

**Servers:** Murphy Pickett, Maggie Johnson, Devon Robinson, Shelby Robinson

**Lectors:** Joe Musolf, Ty Silberhorn

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

**7:00 am**

**Servers:** Chris Huberty, Ian Kies

**Lector:** John O'Donnell

**8:15 am**

**Servers:** Sam Feitl, Peter Fischbach, Seamus Kelly, Jack Ketchum

**Lectors:** Tom Barry, John Jaschke

**9:30 am**

**Servers:** Cliff Hopkinson, Christopher Iverson

**Lectors:** Marty Fischer, Dan Herbeck

**11:00 am**

**Servers:** Nick Johnson, Erik Johnson, Peter Johnson, Joey Lawder, Steven Link, Danny Lumbar

**Lectors:** Michael Rumpza, Gary Bechtold

**5:00 pm**

**Lectors:** Joan Costello, Ed Working

## Weekly Scripture Readings

Nov 28: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Nov 29: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Nov 30: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Dec 1: Is 26: 1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Dec 2: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Dec 3: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Dec 4: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 2:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

## Adoration

*Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.*

*—Mark 13:33*

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](mailto: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 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							

## Mass Intentions

**Nov 28 8:15 a.m.**—Deceased members of the Pererra family +

**5:00 p.m.**—Gracie Lorenz

**Nov 29 8:15 a.m.**—Virginia Murphy +

**5:00 p.m.**—Kendall Cozart

**Nov 30 8:15 a.m.**—Peter Beckett +

**5:00 p.m.**—Harriet Tregilgas +

**Dec 1 8:15 a.m.**—Kristine Bahl

**5:00 p.m.**—Rose & Daniel Ferrara

**Dec 2 8:15 a.m.**—Jane + and Frank Werner, Jr. +

**5:00 p.m.**—Val McGill +

**Dec 3 8:15 a.m.**—Living family of Margaret Ott

## Respect Life News

**Prayers for Life** will meet on Wednesday, November 30th, 7:00 p.m. at the McCann home. All are welcome to join us for prayers and fellowship. Call Karen McCann for more information at (651) 698-0698.

**The Terrence J. Murphy Institute for Catholic Thought, Law, and Public Policy** presents a new speaker series at the University of St. Thomas School of Law that explores both the Catholic positions and some challenging perspectives on major policy issues likely to be the focus of debate in the 2012 election. Each program consists of two expert speakers respectfully engaging in to one of these hot topics: Healthcare Reform, Same-Sex Marriage, Balancing the Budget, Embryo Rights and Stem Cell Research, Challenges to Institutional Religious Liberty, Immigration Policy, Punishment Theory, and Responsible Citizenship. For more information and registration, visit: <http://www.stthomas.edu/murphyinstitute/>.

**The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the main lawsuit seeking to challenge the Obamacare law that pro-life groups opposed** because it allowed taxpayer funding of abortions and failed to protect conscience rights. The high court will take the case of Florida and more than two dozen other states filed against the health care reform law, saying that its individual mandate — requiring people to purchase health insurance that could fund abortions with taxpayer dollars or premiums—is unconstitutional. Last month, the House of Representatives approved legislation, the *Protect Life Act*, to stop abortion funding in Obamacare. H.R. 358, *Protect Life Act*, makes it clear that no funds authorized or appropriated by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), including tax credits and cost-sharing reductions, may be used to pay for abortion or abortion coverage. It specifies that individual people or state or local governments must purchase a separate elective abortion rider or insurance coverage that includes elective abortion but only as long as that is done with private funds and not monies authorized by Obamacare. Much of the debate surrounded whether or not the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal taxpayer funding of abortions only in discretionary spending related to the HHS department, applied to Obamacare. The bill also specifies that insurance issuers may offer health plans that include elective abortion and may offer separate elective abortion riders, so long as they ensure PPACA funds are not used for premiums or administrative costs. The bill also clarifies that issuers who offer elective abortion coverage must also offer a qualified health benefits plan that is identical except that it does not cover elective abortion. The pro-life measure also ensures that state laws “protecting conscience rights, restricting or prohibiting abortion or coverage or funding of abortion, or establishing procedural requirements on abortion” are not abrogated by Obamacare. It also makes it so any state or local governments receiving funding under Obamacare may not subject any health care entity to discrimination or require any health plan to subject any entity to discrimination on the basis that it refuses to undergo abortion training, refuses to require abortion training, refuses to perform or pay for abortions, or refuses to provide abortion referrals.

## Baptisms

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

**William Andrew Austerman**

*Son of Andrew & Erica (Gilbert) Austerman*

**William David Buchanan**

*Son of David & Lisa (Reubish) Buchanan*

**Kieran Bradley Cronin**

*Son of Christopher & Teresa (Briel) Cronin*

**Charlotte Sophia Johnson**

*Daughter of Michael & Claire (Mulligan) Johnson*

**Molly Catherine McGlynn**

*Daughter of Bill & Marisa (Smith) McGlynn*

**Thomas James Richardson**

*Son of Greg & Elvina (Lam) Richardson*

**Emery Kathryn Shearen**

*Daughter of Christopher & Sarah (Hayes) Shearen*

## Community News

**Merriam Park Keystone Meals on Wheels** is available to anyone who is in need. Delivery is available for hot daily, frozen weekly pack of meals or fresh meals. Call (651) 645-7424 to register or with questions.

Lumen Christi Catholic Community Senior Wellness Education presents: **Driving No More: A Guide for Families of Impaired Drivers.** It can be agonizing to talk to your loved one about the need to stop driving. Come and learn strategies for approaching and talking about this difficult topic, December 13th, 7:00 p.m. at Luman Christi's Community Room. Call (651) 698-5581 to RSVP.



**The Rose Ensemble** will present a concert at Nativity Church on Thursday, December 22nd at 7:30 p.m. The concert is titled *Slavic Wonders: Feasts and Saints in Early Russia, Ukraine, Poland & Bohemia.* Visit these ancient places where mysterious chants, joyful hymns, and magnificent choral works are mingled with legends of folk heroes and the Christmas story. Tickets are available at [www.roseensemble.org](http://www.roseensemble.org) or by calling (651) 225-4340.

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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](http://www.nativity-mn.org)

## E-Mail:

[info@nativity-mn.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 · November 28~December 4, 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Tree Lot 5-8pm	Tree Lot 5-8pm	Tree Lot 5-8pm	Grief Group Steiner Hall 9am	First Friday Fellowship Steiner Hall 8:45am	Tree Lot 9am-8pm	Tree Lot 9am-7pm
NCCW Meeting Steiner Hall 7pm	RCIA Lannan Center Conf. Room 7pm	Religious Ed Program School 6:45pm	Tree Lot 5-8pm	Tree Lot 3-8pm	Roman Missal Presentation Steiner Hall 9-10:30am	Baptisms Church 9:30am
					Food Collection Weekend	