

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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LIFE MATTERS:
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



RESPECT LIFE

Respect Life News

The trend toward doing away with lives based on their disabilities reflects a fear of embracing those who pose a challenge to our love and generosity, who upset our comfort levels. And it is a measure of our worth as people how we embrace that challenge, as the Blessed John Paul II has explained: *the measure of civilization, a universal and permanent measure which includes all cultures, is its relationship with life. A civilization which rejected the defenseless would deserve to be called a barbarian civilization, even though it had great success in the field of economics, technology, art and science.* Not every person with a disability can make a concretely measurable contribution to society and some will simply require our care and service, but in meeting this need, we discover a great truth: persons with disabilities challenge us to be more fully human and compassionate, to recognize the presence of God in each human being. This requires us to sacrifice, to gradually become more like Christ, which is the goal of every Christian life. People with disabilities share their gifts and needs and they bring out the best in our mutual humanity. They challenge us to live the Gospel precepts of charity in the real world, to sacrifice some of our comfort for others, to take the time to enable them to be full members of society. they need to feel our solidarity with them, and to know their true dignity and worth as fellow sisters and brothers in Christ. Our own future with Christ depends on it.

Today! Midpoint prayer vigil for 40 Days for Life Twin Cities. Join others at 3:00 p.m. **TODAY, October 16**, outside HealthPartners' Regions Hospital, for the midpoint of this campaign of prayer, peaceful vigil and community outreach to end abortion. Nativity has also joined with the Lumen Christi and St. Mark's parishes in pledging to provide at least two people to pray on-site Saturday, October 22 each hour between 12:00 a.m. through midnight. To participate, register online at www.40daysforlife.com/twincities or call Anna Gajdel (651) 699-0577. If you register online, we would still appreciate a call so we know how many parishioners are participating and we can communicate with you. Regions Hospital has a self-contained unit--GYN Special Services--that performs abortions (696 in 2009). The first hospital in the Upper Midwest to be certified as a Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center, Regions commits late-term abortions up to 20 weeks from conception and trains medical residents to perform them. The closing prayer vigil for 40 Days is 3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 6, on Jackson Street in front of the hospital.

Prayers for Life, this Wednesday, October 19th, 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.

School News

Our Third Pillar: Character Development

Helping our young people grow in character is a priority at Nativity School. Honesty, integrity, empathy, compassion, and tolerance are some elements of character development that are a part of daily life for our students. We try to provide many opportunities for service and leadership so that our students recognize the gifts they have been given and their responsibility to use them wisely. We expect our students to demonstrate good sportsmanship through our athletic program and appreciate the gifts of their classmates who have committed themselves to the Arts, by being a positive, attentive audience during their performances. Our students learn the value of cooperation and collaboration as they work in small groups toward a common goal. Our older students enjoy working with the younger students as they explore new ideas. Finally, we help our students accept responsibility for the choices they make, the good and the bad - recognizing when they make a mistake they need to take responsibility for it and find a solution to the problem. We are here to guide them, along with their parents, as they develop into the young people God has called them to be.



School Alumni News



Nativity Alumni Association Board Meeting.

If you are interested in a Nativity Alumni Board position, getting in touch with old classmates or help with the planning of the All School Alumni Reunion fall of 2013, please join us on October 24 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Nativity School library, 1900 Stanford Avenue (enter from Wellesley Avenue). For more information or to RSVP, contact Mary Jo Iverson, Alumni Relations Director at (651) 699-5411 or miverson@nativity-mn.org.

Nativity News



What Does NCCW Do? To find out, all women of the parish are invited to the regular monthly meeting of the Nativity Council of Catholic Women 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 17, in Steiner Hall. Whether you want to get involved, meet new people, or escape the bedtime routine, we welcome you to the table! Join us for prayer, updates and socializing. Call NCCW President Theresa Lauber at (651) 695-0124 with questions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 a.m. Mass will not be in session next Sunday, October 23rd due to MEA break.



Save the Date for Nativity's Blood Drive, Thursday, October 27th, 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Steiner Hall. Please consider giving the gift of life by donating blood. Donors will be treated to a bowl of homemade chili. Contact Julie Bauchle at (651) 644-1526 to schedule a time to donate or for more information. Sponsored by NCCW.

The NCCW Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, November 5th at the 8:15 a.m. Mass. All those who have died this past year will be remembered during the Mass. If a relative or parishioner's funeral took place elsewhere this past year and you would like them to be remembered at this Mass, please call the parish office at (651) 696-5401 with their name. All are invited to a continental breakfast in Steiner Hall following the Mass.

Mark your calendars for the annual **Turkey Bingo** on Sunday, November 13th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Join us for your chance to win a turkey or cash prizes. Sponsored by NCCW.



Pastoral Ministry News

Prayer Shawl Ministry is this Tuesday, October 18th, 8:45 a.m. in Steiner Hall. If you like to knit or crochet and would like to become a part of this special ministry, contact Sharon Altman at (651) 690-2767 or salt_man@comcast.net. Prayer Shawl Ministry is co-sponsored by NCCW.

A generous parishioner has donated an electric chairlift to Nativity. It is for 12 steps or less and supports up to 250 pounds. Please contact Nancy Shatek-Suek at (651) 696-5444 if you or someone you know could benefit from this donation.

From the Hip

When we gather for Sunday Mass on the weekend of November 26/27, there will be numerous changes to the words we pray together. In order to prepare for and understand the forthcoming changes, Nativity will offer a variety of opportunities to learn more about the coming changes, and about the Mass in general.

One set of opportunities is through the Sunday Mass homilies. Two weekends ago, Fr. Patrick and I preached on *some of the basics of the Mass and its rooting in history*. This weekend, the theme of the homily that Archbishop Nienstedt is preaching at our 11:00 a.m. Mass and of the homilies that Fr. Patrick and I are preaching at the other Sunday Masses is *an explanation of why the changes are being made*. Two weekends from now we will look more specifically at *the changes impacting the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word* (essentially the first half of Mass). And on the last Sunday before the changes occur, we will examine *the changes in the Liturgy of the Eucharist* (essentially the second half of Mass). We plan to electronically record these 3 sets of homilies and post them on our parish Web site. For parishioners who do not use the Web, copies on CD or DVD can be requested through the parish office.

For those who desire a deeper look at what is happening, an hour-long session will be repeated on a number of occasions in the coming weeks. The schedule of these sessions, which will be held in the Upper Church and will be substantially similar in content, is:

Immediately after 8:15 Mass: October 19 (Wed); October 25 (Tues); November 23 (Wed); December 7 (Wed).

At 7:00 p.m.: October 25 (Tues); November 3 (Thurs); December 5 (Mon).

In addition, on November 15, Fr. John Paul Erickson, Archdiocesan Liturgy Director, will give a joint-parish presentation at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's.

For those interested in diving even deeper into the Mass and the changes to it, our faith formation director Randy Mueller will offer a five-part Saturday morning series in Steiner Hall, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Entitled, *Mystical Body, Mystical Voice: Encountering Christ in the Words of the Mass*, each session will have its own presentation/DVD, exploring in even more detail the coming changes and the beauty of the Mass. The dates of this series are: October 29, November 12, 19 and December 3, 10.

On the most practical level, in church starting on the weekend of November 26/27 there will be cards with the Mass prayers on them so that we can pray together well. In addition, at each of the sessions, and in the back of church, additional materials will be available for those who want to learn/read more.

I wish you all a blessed week, and may these changes help us to praise God ever more deeply, Fr. Joe.

Altar Server & Lector Schedule

MONDAY, OCT 17 & TUESDAY, OCT 18

8:15 am: Emma Dombrow, Emily Conners

5:00 pm: Mary McConville, Rachel Wolf

WEDNESDAY, OCT 19 & THURSDAY, OCT 20

8:15 am: Molly Hynes, Katie Berthiaume

5:00 pm: Katherine Wohletz, Katie Cummings

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:15 am: Monica Harris, Sophia Thuente

5:00 pm: Colleen Scallen, Izzy Rojas

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:15 am: Monica Harris, Sophia Thuente

5:00 pm:

Servers: Shannon Silberhorn, Tess Bauer, Maddie Casper, Leslie Fenske

Lectors: Chris Welsh, Julie Balamut

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00 am

Servers: Rob Kranz, Joe Stang

Lector: Julia Stady

8:15 am

Servers: Jacob Margarit, Philip Margarit, John Oberst, Danny Odlaug

Lectors: Judy Clasen, Margaret Mary Underwood

9:30 am

Servers: Christopher Iverson, David Maslow

Lectors: Laura Buri, Tony Juarez

11:00 am

Servers: Jack Mazzitello, Geoff McQuillan, Ryan McQuillan, Louis Page, Seamus Ryan, Tommy Schneeman

Lectors: Terry Wolkerstorfer, Dave Hrbacek

5:00 pm

Lectors: Tim Dykstal, Joan Costello

Adoration

“Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them.”

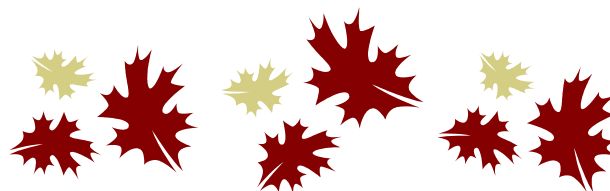
—St. Peter of Alcantara

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							

Stewardship

October 9, 2011	Current	Fiscal YTD	Budget YTD
Stewardship Offering	16,235.00	—	—
Stewardship Offering— Electronic Funds Transfer	—	—	—
Total Stewardship	16,235.00	374,332.25	415,786.00
Plate	1,381.58	22,383.90	24,519.00
Hunger Box	80.69	2,394.70	2,885.00



Deaths

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



Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next weekend we are invited to unite with Catholics around the world to “celebrate the hope that saves” through prayer, participation in the Eucharist and by giving generously. In this way, we stand in solidarity with the young and developing churches in over 120 countries through our support for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith through this special collection. Please be generous in your prayer and support for the Church in mission around the world.

Nativity Moms’ Club

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

- October 26th, “Scream-free Parenting”. Guest speaker Rita Ryan, PCI Certified Parent Coach will speak about parenting without losing control, 6:30 p.m., Steiner Hall.
- November 14th, Book Club at Aimee’s house, 8:00 p.m. This month’s book is The Saint for the Third Millennium: St. Therese of Lisieux by Rev. Charles Connor.

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

Nativity Men’s Club News



By now, you should have received your **Nativity Men’s Club Wreath Sales** mailing. Nativity 3rd-8th grade students are out selling wreaths and collecting orders through November 3. If no student has yet to visit you, please call a neighborhood student, and he or she will be happy to take your order. You may also mail your order form to the parish office, place your order in the collection basket, or place your order online at www.nativitymen.org/Wreath_Sales.html.

We are also looking for Super Saturday volunteers and route drivers who would be available to deliver wreaths on Saturday morning, November 19. If you’d like to help, please sign up via www.nativitymen.org and click on the wreath and follow the links. You may also contact Darcy Tinnes (612) 987-3450 or Eric Hedman (651) 338-9070.

All adult male parishioners are members of the Nativity Men's Club. See what it's all about on our website, <http://www.nativitymen.org> and our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/nativitymen> as we prepare for wreaths, Super-Saturday and the Tree Lot. Our next board meeting is Thursday, November 10, 7:30 p.m. in Steiner Hall. If you have any questions about the Men's Club call (651) 470-9294. *Pro liberis!*

Mass Intentions

- Oct 17 **8:15 a.m.**—Sr. Francis Gerald
5:00 p.m.—Tony Weber
- Oct 18 **8:15 a.m.**—Sr. Cassian Lenz +
5:00 p.m.—Harriet Tregilgas +
- Oct 19 **8:15 a.m.**—Norene + & Donn Eiden
5:00 p.m.—Tamie Brennan +
- Oct 20 **8:15 a.m.**—Anthony Simons +
5:00 p.m.—Jessica Harapan +
- Oct 21 **8:15 a.m.**—Edward Ritschel +
5:00 p.m.—Val McGill +
- Oct 22 **8:15 a.m.**—Norene Eiden +

Weekly Scripture Readings

- Oct 17: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
- Oct 18: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
- Oct 19: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
- Oct 20: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
- Oct 21: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
- Oct 22 : Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9
- Oct 23: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Community News

Team Vianney meets at St. John Vianney College Seminary, on the University of St. Thomas (UST) campus, October 20th at 5:00 p.m. High school and college aged men are invited to join college seminarians for supper, a dynamic talk on our Catholic faith and participate in Mass. Contact St. John Vianney Seminary at (651) 962-6825 with questions. **Theotokos** invites high school women in grades 10-12 for a meal at 5:00 p.m. on October 20th in Koch Commons, UST, followed by discussions led by UST Catholic college women students on the dignity and vocation of women. Mass at 7:30 p.m. with Team Vianney participants. Call the Vocation Office at (651) 962-6890 for more information.

Pambazuka Africa Silent Auction Fundraiser, October 29th, 6:00 p.m., Embassey Suites, Bloomington. This non-profit organization founded by Nativity parishioner Rebecca Busch, serves those with disabilities in Tanzania by providing support and education in areas of healthcare, rehabilitation, and education. For more information, visit www.pambazukafrica.org or contact Rebecca at rebecca@pamabuzukafrica.org.

Keystone Seniors Halloween Party, Monday, October 31st, 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. at Keystone Community Center. Lunch, prizes and fun for all. Only \$5 for a delicious spaghetti lunch and an afternoon of fun. Costumes are optional. Call (651) 645-7424 to make your reservation.

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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

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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

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Father Joe Bambenek 696-5440

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Carol Thuente 696-5401

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Randy Mueller 696-5454

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Patrick Henning 696-5430

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Rob Pontious 653-3655

Pastoral Care Coordinator

Nancy Shatek-Suek 696-5444

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Kate Wollan 699-1311

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Sandy Kane 699-1311

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Mary Jo Iverson 696-5411

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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 · October 17~23, 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
NCCW Meeting Steiner Hall 7pm	Prayer Shawl Steiner Hall 8:45am RCIA Lannan Center Conf. Room 7pm	Roman Missal Presentation Church 8:45am Religious Ed Program School 6:45pm	No School	No School		