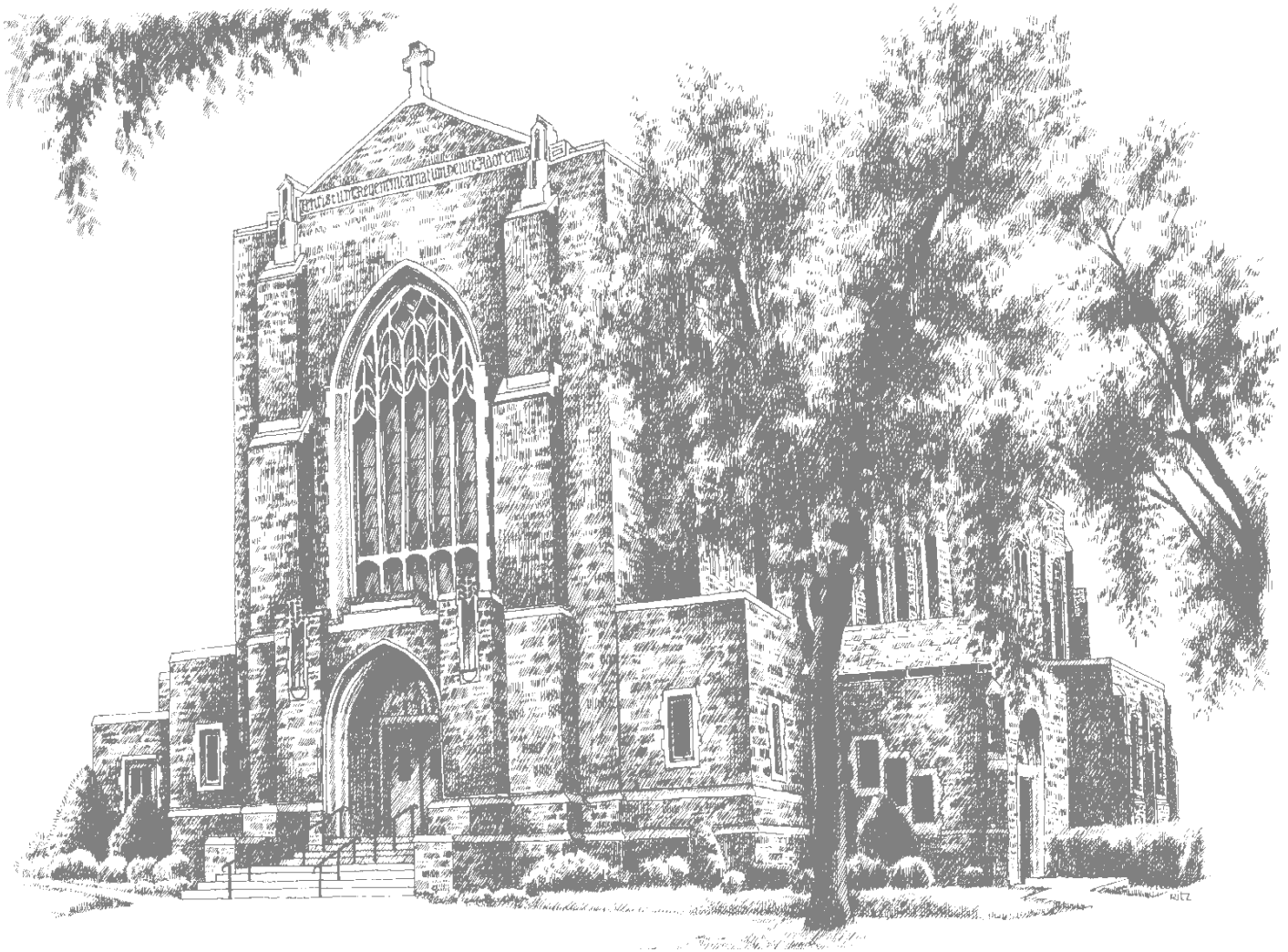


Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2011



Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love.

—Romans 13:8-10



**SEPTEMBER
16, 17 & 18**

Make plans to join
the fun!

Interested in advertising or
sponsorship opportunities?

Great ideas for the Fair?

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS?
Please contact:

Carol and Tom Thuente
at
2011ncf@gmail.com

www.nativitycountyfair.org

SHOPPING GALORE!

Check out the art and craft sale in the cool, air conditioned comfort of the auditorium. You'll see some of your past favorites as well as some new vendors. Handmade jewelry, stationery/greeting cards, decorative purses and animals, Christmas ornaments, American Girl doll clothes and lots more await you.

CALLING ALL NATIVITY BAKERS!

Do you have a favorite recipe? Please consider sharing it by donating to the **Nativity Market** and entering our new **expanded baking contest**. Breads, pies, cakes, cookies, salsas, jams/jellies, candies, tarts, granolas are just some ideas. Drop off at the school auditorium, Friday, Sept. 16th, between 4 and 6 pm, and any time during the Fair.

We will award blue and red ribbons for 1st and 2nd place in each of these categories: 1) cookies and bars, 2) pies 3) cakes 4) breads. Are you creative with packaging or a great decorator? There will also be a blue ribbon for the best presentation! Your entry needs to be in by 11:00 on Saturday to be entered in the contest. Winners will be announced on Saturday!

START YOUR BIDDING!

The Online Auction starts on Monday, September 5th. Go to www.nativitycountyfair.org to view the auction items and place your bids.

Did you know that most of the Gift Certificates that we receive from local vendors are located at the Online Auction? This is also where you can purchase from one of the **Dinner Boards**. Happy bidding!

TALENT SHOW & NATIONAL ANTHEM AUDITIONS

Talent Show and National Anthem auditions have been moved to **Friday, Sep 9th** from 2:45 - 4:00 in the Nativity school auditorium.

...AND DON'T FORGET!

Turn in those Raffle Tickets! You can't win if you don't enter!



Nativity News



Are you the man you want to be? Once per month members of the Nativity Men's Club gather to discuss a "Question of the Month" and explore how faith plays a role in our lives.

The discussion is open to all men and is held one hour before the monthly board meeting. Join us on Thursday, September 8th, 6:30 p.m. in Steiner Hall as we discuss, "When is it time to panic?" For more information contact Mike Pickett at (651) 964-9050

Men's Club Trap Shoot. Thanks to all who participated in the first Nativity Men's Club Trap Shoot at Metro Gun Club. It was such a success that another trap shoot will be scheduled next Spring. For pictures of the event, go to www.nativitymen.org.

Liturgy of the Word. We are looking for energetic volunteers to share their enthusiasm, time and Catholic faith with preschoolers/kinders/first graders during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. The program runs October through May and involves a commitment to teach 20 minutes on five Sundays. No experience is necessary other than a love of young children and willingness to share your faith. All materials and instruction are provided. To learn more about this opportunity or to sign-up, contact Celine Vachon Seuntjens at (651) 207-8375 or c.seuntjens@gmail.com.

Nativity Moms' Book Club returns this fall. The book for the September & October meetings is Signs of Life: 40 Catholic Customs & Their Biblical Roots by Scott Hahn. We will meet September 12th and October 10th, 8:00 p.m. at Aimee Gatti's house. For more information, contact Aimee at threecats123@comcast.net.



Nativity Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, October 27th from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar and consider donating blood this year. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Pastoral Ministry

Nativity's Grief Group will resume this month with a meeting this Thursday, September 8th from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in Steiner Hall. All are welcome. Grief Group is scheduled to meet the first Thursday of each month September through May. The April meeting will be held the second Thursday due to Holy Week. For more information contact Nancy Shatek-Suek at (651) 696-5444.

The Fall Anointing Mass is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. Watch the bulletin for more information.

From the Hip

The conclusion of Fr. Joe's column on Natural Family Planning will take place in next week's parish bulletin.

Two weeks from now Nativity will be celebrating her annual County Fair. It is a time when we reconnect in support of our parish. We do so to support one another and, renew old friendships—and perhaps meet new people. I hope you have a good time at the fair and make God bless all of you who have given up time and self to make our celebration a wonderful weekend.

Traffic Alert around Nativity School and Parish. We were just informed by the city of St. Paul that the project on Fairview Avenue will not be completed in time for the school year to begin. They are anticipating opening the street the week of September 12th. The school has devised an alternate drop off plan for all school children. Please note there will be a significant increase of traffic on Prior Avenue during drop off times (7:45 to 8:15 a.m.) and pick up times (2:30 to 3:00 p.m.). We will do our best to ensure the safety of everyone on and around the property and we ask everyone to use extreme caution while driving vehicles on and around the school and parish grounds. Please allow yourself some additional time due to the potential traffic condition. As soon as Fairview opens up again, we will return to our traditional drop off route. Thank you for your patience. It is important that we all work together to ensure the safety of all.

Nativity School starts on Tuesday and the kinders start on Wednesday. Miss Wollan, Mrs. Kane and I will welcome the kinders on Wednesday morning as they arrive for orientation.

Parishioner Marisa Peine is doing overseas ministry in Belgium. She is part of Kairos—a student outreach program—and will be involved in planning and working at Christian conferences and retreats. She is raising funds to assist in the costs of training and mission expenses. If you are able to help her with a donation, checks should be made payable to Kairos and mailed to 110 Crusader Avenue West, West St. Paul, MN 55118. Please include Marisa Peine's name in the memo section. Any funds donated are used for direct program costs, not personal items and meet tax deductible qualifications.

—Fr. Patrick

School News

Tuesday, September 6

- First day of school for Grades 1-5, 8:10 a.m.—2:40 p.m.
- First day of school for Grades 6-8, 8:00 a.m.—2:45 p.m.

Wednesday, September 7

- Kindergarten Orientation, 9:00—10:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 8

- First day for Kinders, 8:10—11:30 a.m.
- 6th Grade Parent/Student Orientation, 6:15 p.m.

Friday, September 9

- Half day for all Kinders, 8:10—11:30 a.m.

Altar Server & Lector Schedule

TUESDAY, SEPT. 6

8:15 am: Colleen Scallen, Sophia Thuente
5:00 pm: Katie Cummings, Katie Berthiaume

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7

8:15 am: Emily Conners, Izzy Rojas
5:00 pm: Katie Cummings, Katie Berthiaume

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

8:15 am: Emily Conners, Izzy Rojas
5:00 pm: Emma Hostetler, Julianna McKenna

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:15 am: Eliza Harris, Jackie Blake
5:00 pm: Emma Hostetler, Julianna McKenna

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:15 am: Eliza Harris, Jackie Blake
5:00 pm:
Servers: Maggie Johnson, Murphy Pickett, Rosemary Johnson, Katie McCloughan
Lectors: Ty Silberhorn, Larry Gallatin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00 am
Servers: Ryan Tracy, Stephen Weiser
Lector: Meghan Kies

8:15 am
Servers: Cameron Ubel, Erik Ubel, Alex Wolf, Andy Zobel
Lectors: Rob Hahn, Rick Wilhoit

9:30 am
Servers: Joe Thuente, Joey Vanderwall
Lectors: Deborah Percic, Mary O'Connor

11:00 am
Servers: Peter Rumpza, Seamus Ryan, Rudy Thomey, Alex Thonet, Charlie Thonet, Curran Yarrano
Lectors: Greg Page, Mark Schulzetenberg

5:00 pm
Lectors: Gina Kastel, Joe Dunford

Stewardship

August 28, 2011	Current	Fiscal YTD	Budget YTD
Stewardship Offering	14,868.50	—	—
Stewardship Offering— Electronic Funds Transfer	—	—	—
Total Stewardship	14,868.50	220,957.24	236,843.00
Plate	1,012.32	14,402.32	14,712.00
Hunger Box	213.57	1,476.35	1,731.00

Adoration

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							
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							

Labor Day Monday, September 5th. There will be one Mass celebrated at 9:00 a.m. The parish office will be closed that day. In the event of an emergency of death, please call (651) 696-5401 and press the number 1.

Wedding Banns



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

Valerie Johnson & Michael Corrigan
September 23, 2011

Faith Formation News

Wednesday Evening Religious Education Program.



Parishioners whose children do not attend Nativity of Our Lord School and would like to register their child for or inquire into our Wednesday evening Religious Education Program for children in grades 1-8 are asked to call Randy Mueller, Nativity's Director of Religious Education, at (651) 696-5454. The program will begin at 6:45 pm on September 21st with an Orientation Evening in Steiner Hall.

Volunteer Catechists Needed. Could God be calling you to be a catechist in Nativity's Religious Education Program? Please call Randy Mueller at (651) 696-5454 if you would be available to serve as a regular or substitute teacher during our Wednesday evening program for this coming school year.

Interested in Exploring the Catholic Faith? Do you or someone you know desire to become a Catholic? Nativity's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program begins on Tuesday, September 13th in the 2nd Floor Conference Room in the Parish Center, 1900 Wellesley Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. For more information or to register, please contact Randy Mueller, RCIA Director at (651) 696-5454 or rmueller@nativity-mn.org.

Have you ever considered being a RCIA Sponsor? We are blessed to have folks looking into the RCIA process but we are short of parishioners – young and young in heart– who can sponsor them. (An RCIA sponsor is a person who accompanies an inquirer on their journey into the Catholic Church.) Call Randy to explore that possibility.

Mass Intentions

September 6	8:15 a.m.—Don Falvey + 5:00 p.m.—Irene Christy +
September 7	8:15 a.m.—Michael R. Murphy + 5:00 p.m.—Fr. Syl Brown +
September 8	8:15 a.m.—Danielle & Jayda's Baptism 5:00 p.m.—Zygmund Rajewski +
September 9	8:15 a.m.—Emily & Raymond Reilly + 5:00 p.m.—Donald LaValle +
September 10	8:15 a.m.—Dick Young +

Weekly Scripture Readings

Sept. 5:	Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11
Sept. 6:	Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Sept. 7:	Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Sept. 8:	Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Sept. 9:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
Sept. 10:	1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49
Sept. 11:	Sir 27:30—28:9; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Baptisms

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

Audrey Elizabeth Buhr

Daughter of Nichole & Erin (Dierks) Buhr

James William Buhr

Son of Nichole & Erin (Dierks) Buhr

Lucy Elizabeth Johnson

Daughter of Glenn & Katie (Geyer) Johnson

Theodore DeCourcy Knapp

Son of James & Kate (DeCourcy) Knapp

Eleanor Mary Miller

Daughter of Scott & Renee (Daniels) Miller

Zachary Michel Nelson

Son of Dorian & Mindy (Michel) Nelson

Josephine Ann Ryan

Daughter of Andrew & Marissa (Lareau) Ryan

Mason Michael Sobocinski

Son of Timothy & Esther (Frick) Sobocinski

Community News



Mass of Thanksgiving & Remembrance to honor law enforcement and emergency personnel, Sunday, September 11th, 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. Join us on the 10th anniversary of 9-11 as we come together to publicly thank all of our civic servants who look after our safety.

The First Quarter Meeting of the St. Paul Deaneries Council of Catholic Women will be held at St. Peter's Church, Mendota on Thursday, September 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$12 and includes lunch. For reservations call (651) 644-5651 by Friday, September 9th.

Families Growing Through Grief, a weekend retreat for widowed parents and their children (ages 3-20) co-sponsored by HealthEast Hospice, October 15 & 16 at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. This family-focused retreat combines the fun of an overnight experience with time to connect with your family and with other families who have experienced the death of a parent. Cost is \$150 per family and registration deadline is October 1st. For more information contact Allison Chant at (612) 262-7024.

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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

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 · September 5~11, 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Labor Day Mass 9am Parish Office Closed	First Day of School Grades 1-8	Kinder Orientation 9-10:30am	First Day of School for Kinders 8:10-11:30am Grief Group Steiner Hall 9-10am Men's Club Meeting Steiner Hall 7pm	Half Day for all Kinders 8:10-11:30am		