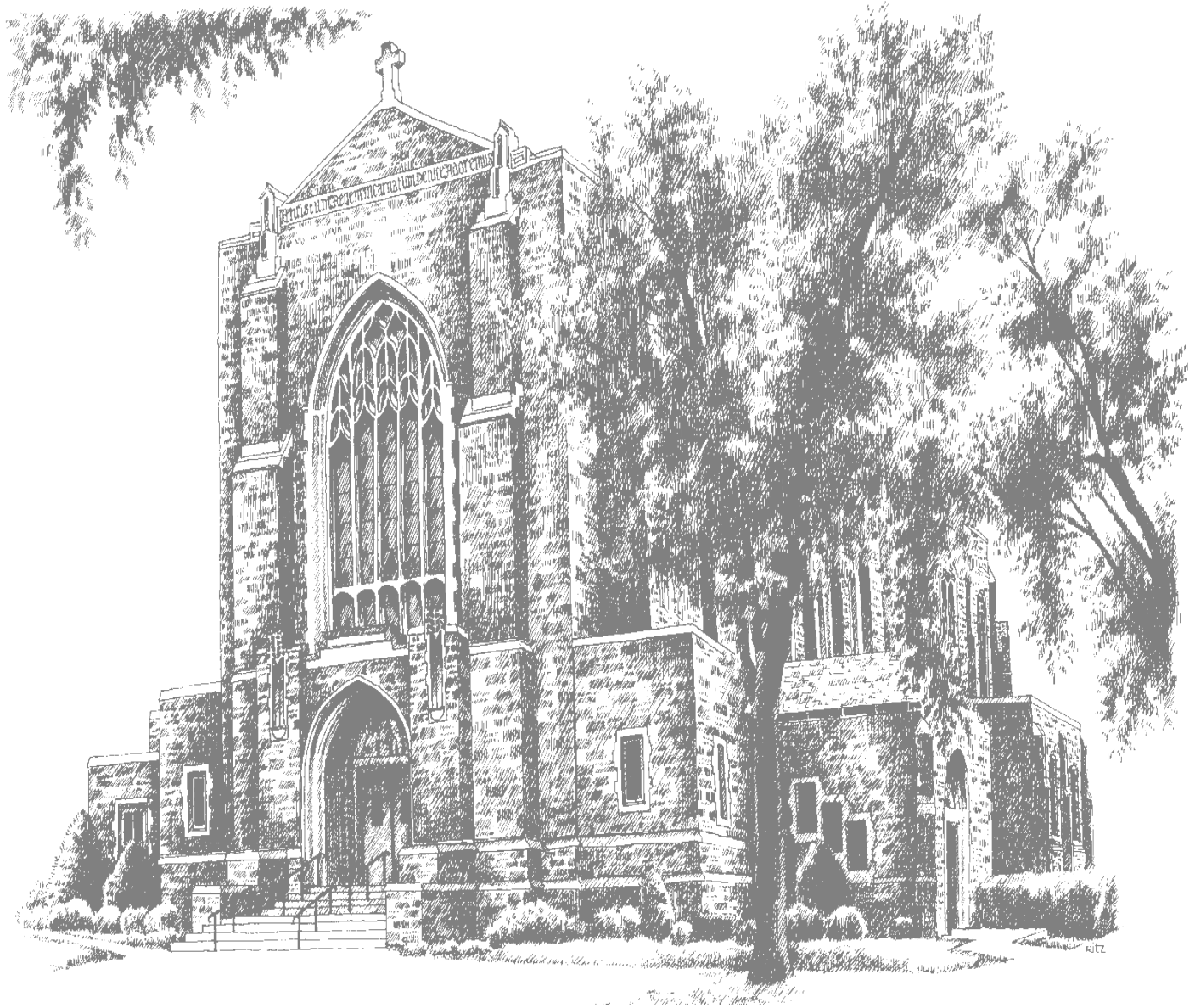


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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 25, 2011



*Have in you the same attitude
that is in Christ Jesus.*

—Philippians 2:5

Important Message from U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops



United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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NATIONWIDE BULLETIN INSERT URGENT: Respond by September 30

Conscience Rights Violated by Sweeping HHS Contraceptive Mandate

In implementing the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the new health care reform law), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently issued a rule *requiring* almost all private health plans to cover contraception and sterilization as “preventive services” for women. The mandate even forces individuals and groups with religious or moral objections to purchase and provide such coverage if they are to receive or provide health coverage at all. This poses an *unprecedented threat* to individual and institutional religious freedom.

The rule includes a religious exemption so extremely narrow that it protects almost no one. It covers only a “religious employer” that has the “inculcation of religious values” as its purpose, primarily employs and serves persons who share its religious tenets, and is a church organization under two narrow provisions of the tax code. A great many religious organizations -- including Catholic colleges and universities, as well as hospitals and charitable institutions that serve the public -- will be ineligible. Individuals and religiously affiliated health insurers will not qualify for the exemption.

The new rule would force insurance plans to cover “*all Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity.*” Never before has the federal government required private health plans to include such coverage. The FDA-approved “emergency contraception” (EC) drugs that are covered by this mandate can work by interfering with implantation of a newly conceived human being. Also, the drug the FDA most recently approved for EC, “Ella,” a close analogue to the abortion drug RU-486, has been shown in animal tests to cause abortion. Thus, the mandate includes drugs that may cause an abortion both before and after implantation.

The public comment period on this interim final rule ends **September 30**.

ACTION: Please send an e-mail message to HHS by visiting www.usccb.org/conscience. Once you send your comments to HHS, you will be automatically invited to send a message to your elected representatives in Congress, urging them to support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179/S. 1467) to ensure that such federal mandates do not violate Americans’ moral and religious convictions.

MESSAGE TO HHS: “Pregnancy is not a disease, and drugs and surgeries to prevent it are not basic health care that the government should *require* all Americans to purchase. Please remove sterilization and prescription contraceptives from the list of ‘preventive services’ the federal government is *mandating* in private health plans. It is especially important to exclude any drug that may cause an early abortion, and to fully respect religious freedom as other federal laws do. The narrow religious exemption in HHS’s new rule protects almost no one. I urge you to allow all organizations and individuals to offer, sponsor and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions.”

WHEN: Please send your comments to HHS by the **September 30** deadline. Thanks! 9/9/11

Nativity News

NCCW Meeting 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 27th in Steiner Hall. Women of the parish, if you're wondering what the Nativity Council of Catholic Women is all about, feel free to join us for our first meeting Tuesday. By virtue of being a female parishioner, you are already a member! The meeting will provide a good overview of annual activities, as it will include voting on the 2011-12 budget, as well as updates from chairwomen of upcoming events and a short social time at the end. Whether you're looking to get more involved or are just curious, we welcome you for whatever time you have. Call Theresa Lauber with questions, (651) 695-0124.

Liturgy of the Word for 4 and 5 year old preschoolers, kindergarten and first graders at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass will resume next Sunday, October 2nd. A big thank you to the returning and new parent teacher volunteers and the 7th grade helpers. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

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. Contact Julie Bauchle at (651) 644-1526 to schedule a time to donate or for more information. Sponsored by NCCW.

School News

The **Marathon for Non-Public Education** is Friday, September 30th. All Nativity students will be participating and hope to collect donations to surpass our \$25,000 goal. Every penny raised goes directly to Nativity School. This week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. some of our 8th graders will be calling parishioners **who do not have students at the school** to ask for pledges and sponsorship of Miss Wollan and Mrs. Morrison who will also be participating alongside our students. Thank you for your generosity and support.

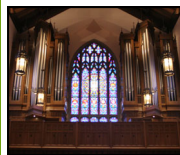
School Alumni News



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 this **Monday, September 26, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** in Nativity School library, 1900 Stanford Avenue (enter from Wellesley Avenue). For more information or to RSVP please contact Mary Jo Iverson, Alumni Relations Director, at (651) 696-5411 or miverson@nativity-mn.

Organ Concert at Nativity, September 25



A concert of American organ music will be presented at 2:00 p.m. **TODAY**, September 25, on the Sitzmann Organ at Nativity Church. Dr. Charles Echols, SCSU Emeritus Professor, performs American music from the decade 1900-1910. Donations will be accepted. This concert is the first of a series of five concerts sponsored by Nativity and the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The other concerts are October 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. Performers are Helen Jensen, Kathrine Handford, Catherine Rodland, and Aaron David Miller.

NELC News

The Nativity Early Learning Center (NELC) currently has openings in our half day preschool classroom and our full day 3 and 4 year old preschool classroom. If interested in enrolling your child in one of these programs, please contact Nicole McGie, NELC Director, at (651) 696-5437 or nmcgie@nativity-mn.org.

Pastoral Ministry News

Anointing Mass and Reception is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th at 2:00 p.m. A reception in Steiner Hall will follow the Mass. Please call the parish office at (651) 696-5401 to reserve your spot at the Mass.



The sacred anointing of the sick is a sacrament 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.

We are looking for volunteers to bake sweet treats for the reception following the Anointing Mass. If you are interested and able, please call Anne Ryan at (651) 695-8959.

Deaths

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Timothy Maley and Virginia Murphy who passed away recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Altar Server & Lector Schedule

MONDAY, SEPT. 26 & TUESDAY, SEPT. 27

8:15 am: Kevin McQuillan, Jack Lawder

5:00 pm: Joe Mountain, Ethan Hyland

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28 & THURSDAY, SEPT. 29

8:15 am: Chris Cullen, Danny Ryan

5:00 pm: John Stang, Bobby Hahn

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

8:15 am: Charlie Anderson, Danny Greenheck

5:00 pm: Dmitry Rock-Gilbertson, Dan Johnson

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:15 am: Charlie Anderson, Danny Greenheck

5:00 pm:

Servers: Johnny Donohue, Patrick Hennessey, Shane Hennessey, Matthew Hughes

Lectors: Tom Galligan, Anna Gajdel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00 am

Servers: Emily Berthiaume, Rose Anderson

Lector: John O'Donnell

8:15 am

Servers: Erin Scallen, Marta Thuente, Kelly Anderson, Nicole Anderson

Lectors: Tom Barry, Michaela Wentz

9:30 am

Servers: Sara Schuld, Clare Schwab

Lectors: Dan Coughlan, Marty Fischer

11:00 am

Servers: Mary Rumpza, AnnaRose Schneider, Emma Sullivan, Annie Thompson, Natalie Trueman, Gretchen Thom

Lectors: Michael Ross, Gary Bechtold

5:00 pm

Lectors: Joan Costello, Todd Boys

Stewardship

| September 18, 2011 | Current | Fiscal YTD | Budget YTD |
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| Stewardship Offering | 13,432.00 | — | — |
| Stewardship Offering— Electronic Funds Transfer | 22,031.08 | — | — |
| Total Stewardship | 35,463.08 | 307,855.33 | 335,938.00 |
| Plate | 998.20 | 18,012.86 | 19,615.00 |
| Hunger Box | 103.16 | 1,920.36 | 2,308.00 |

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 |
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| 10 - 11 pm | | | | | | | |
| 11 - 12 am | | | | | | | |

Wedding Banns



The following couples are preparing for marriage.
Please keep them in your prayers.

Erin Paradise & Pedro Malvonado
September 30, 2011

Christina Gonzalez & Jared Hansen
October 1, 2011

Lauren Bisanz & Dan Ryan
October 7, 2011

Ashley Tracy & Danny McMullen
October 8, 2011

Molly Budzien & Adam Keim
October 15, 2011

Nativity Men's Club News



You can still sign up for the Second Annual **Nativity Men's Club Garage Tour**, on Saturday October 1st. Load up on the green bus for an architectural tour of Saint Paul garages. Each garage is themed after a famous Nativity Men's Club event. Enjoy the camaraderie, beverages and food. Plus, we have special guest Matt "The Rookie" Michalski! Cost is \$50 per person (men and **Women** are invited!). This includes all food and beverage you can handle throughout the five garage stops. We also provide a safe ride home. To sign up, contact Darcy at (612) 987-3450 or dhtinnes@gmail.com. All proceeds go to the County Fair.

Thanks to all the volunteers and kids who came out for **Dodgeball at the County Fair**. Check out the video on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/nativitymen>.

Respect Life News

Nativity is participating in 40 Days for Life: Do you have one hour on October 22 to pray with our Lumen Christi & St. Mark's Neighbors?

A worldwide movement, 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that uses prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil, and outreach to show local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods. The fall campaign, which runs from September 28 through November 6, will be held outside HealthPartners' Regions Hospital, which has a self-contained GYN Special Services unit that performs abortions (696 in 2009). Our three parishes have pledged to provide at least two people to pray on-site each hour between 12:00 a.m. through 11:00 p.m. Saturday, October 22. Also, plan to join others at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, outside HealthPartners' Regions Hospital, for the opening prayer vigil. This is a campaign of prayerful, peaceful vigil and community outreach to end abortion. Parishioners who would like to participate can call Anna Gajdel at (651) 399-0577 or register online at www.40daysforlife.com/twincities. If you register online, we would still appreciate a call so we know how many parishioners are participating and so that we can communicate with you. The campaign mirrors Biblical history, in which God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities, and the world.

Weekly Scripture Readings

Sept. 26: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
Sept. 27: Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Sept. 28: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
Sept. 29: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
Sept. 30: Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
Oct. 1: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
Oct. 2: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Mass Intentions

Sept 26 8:15 a.m.—The forgotten souls +
5:00 p.m.—Harriet Tregilgas +
Sept 27 8:15 a.m.—Marie Byer +
5:00 p.m.—Ronald Jack +
Sept 28 8:15 a.m.—Noah Johnson & Jessica Fiedler
5:00 p.m.—The Osborne Family
Sept 29 8:15 a.m.—Francis D. McLeod +
5:00 p.m.—Louise Schwingle +
Sept 30 8:15 a.m.—Emerence Rezutek +
5:00 p.m.—Emmett Jewell +
Oct 1 8:15 a.m.—Lowell Helmer +

Community News

Episcopal Homes Art Affair, October 1, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and October 2, Noon – 5:00 p.m. A portion of the sale's proceeds will help support the senior housing and services that Episcopal Homes provides. Located at 1840 University Avenue (University and Fairview Avenues) in Cornelia House and Coventry Chapel.

Keystone Senior Programs is sponsoring the following upcoming events: **Flu and Pneumonia Shots**, Wednesday, October 5th, 10:00 a.m. to Noon at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1895 Laurel Ave. Bring you Medicare and or your health insurance card. **55 Alive Refresher Course**, October 11 and November 8, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Merriam Park Center. **Fall Foliage Trip** to Stillwater and Apple Orchard, October 6, 10:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Call (651) 645-7424 to register.

Archbishop's Annual White Mass for Catholic healthcare workers, Saturday, October 15, 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sonya Flomo at (651) 291-4488.

Anthony Kearns in Concert, October 23, 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 920 Holley Avenue, St. Paul Park. Tickets are on sale at the parish office of St. Thomas and on-line at www.st-thomas-aquinas.com. \$75 includes dinner reception at Tinucci's and reserved seating at the concert. \$25 general admission tickets available as well. Call (651) 459-2131 for more information.

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 (651) 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

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Nancy Shatek-Suek 696-5444

Principal

Kate Wollan 699-1311

Assistant Principal

Sandy Kane 699-1311

Alumni Relations

Mary Jo Iverson 696-5411

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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 26~October 2, 2011

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |
| School Alumni Meeting School Library 6-7pm | RCIA Lannan Center Conf. Room 7pm NCCW Meeting Steiner Hall 7pm | Religious Ed Program School 6:45pm | | Paradise/ Malvonado Wedding Church 6pm | Gonzalez/ Hansen Wedding Church 2pm | Baptisms Church 9:30am |