Nativity parishioner Deacon Michael Daly (far right) to be ordained with Deacons Michael McClellan (far left), Matthew Northenscold (3rd from left), and classmates on May 28.

"God made me queen so that I may serve others" - St. Elizabeth of Portugal

RECAP & REFLECTION FROM DEACON CHAD INSIDE

Catholic Kids Camp 2016
CATHOLIC CHURCH
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 3, 2016
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Photos Wanted!
Have any great photos that you took at Nativity? From weddings to Donut Sunday, we’d love to highlight the vibrancy, faith, and beauty of our parish in the bulletin and other print publications, on the website, and through our various social media outlets. Please send photos to ihuss@nativity-mn.org and let us know who should get the credit. Thank you!

Initiations
Congratulations to our newly welcomed member of the Catholic faith, baptized and confirmed on Sunday, June 26:

Jonathan Crandall

Baptisms are typically held on first and third Sundays at 9:30am in the church. For first-time parents, required baptismal classes are typically held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30pm in the church.

Call the parish office at 696-5401 to register.

Marriage Banns
The following couples are preparing for the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Please keep them in your prayers.

Saturday, July 9, 2016
Erin Dobie & Michael Taylor

Saturday, July 16, 2016
Teresa Hayes & Ben Huntley

To be married at Nativity, the bride, groom, or one of the parents must be an active, registered parishioner for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Contact Leah for more information at ldriscoll@nativity-mn.org.

Pointing to Jesus
By Deacon Chad VanHoose

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” – St. John the Baptist (John 1:29)

During the third full week of my summer at Nativity (June 20-24), I had the privilege to assist with “Catholic Kids Camp,” a weeklong event that drew in 107 kids, grades pre-K to 5, with older kids assisting the various groups. My responsibilities during the week included leading the large group in morning prayer, teaching about Gregorian chant, leading the different age groups in guided meditation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and running around with the kids in the gym during recreation time. Needless to say, at the end of each morning, I was filled with joy and completely wiped out!

Last Friday I also had the opportunity to preach at the closing Mass, which happened to fall on the Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist. I felt inspired to preach the homily as a “guest preacher,” that is, as St. John the Baptist himself, so that I could engage the kids, their parents, and the daily Mass crowd alike. As I explained how I, St. John, point to Jesus by the way I live my life, I encouraged the members of the congregation to point others to Jesus in everything that they do.

After Mass we had a time of singing, snacks, and wrap-up in the parish hall, so the kids could show their parents what they had been learning throughout the week. At the end of the official program, after I had made the rounds and greeted everyone, I went back upstairs in the empty and quiet Church to clean up some things that had been left from the Mass and to swing by the Adoration Chapel and tell Jesus “thank you” for all of the ways that he had provided for us during the week.

As I was passing through the pews, I saw one of the 1st grade girls from the camp with her mother, as if they were looking for something. I asked the mother, “Did she leave something during Mass?” To which she replied, “I’m not sure; honey, what are you looking for? What did you want to show me?” Just then the little girl walked over to the side chapel where we had prayed in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament earlier in the week, and I asked her, “Are you looking for the monstrance?” She quietly nodded her head up and down, and I told her that we usually keep Jesus in the Adoration Chapel just around the corner. I showed the little girl and her mom the way and whispered to her, “Tell Jesus goodbye before you leave,” as I dropped them off.

This encounter was the last gift of the week that Jesus had planned just for me! This little girl had pointed her own mother to Jesus, and I was there to witness and assist. Evangelization is really so easy; all we need to do is see others as God sees them and point them to Jesus. This is what St. John the Baptist did as the forerunner of Christ, and this is what we are called to do as we imitate his example. Show people the Lamb, and He will do the heavy lifting.

Deacon Chad’s homily for the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist can be found at the Nativity blog: Parish.Nativity-MN.org/blog.
Submissions

Publishing Deadlines
Content is typically required by Monday at noon for the following Sunday’s bulletin, while digital content requires at least two business days prior to desired publication.

Online Submissions
Text content can now be submitted online for the parish bulletin, online calendar, social media, and email newsletter at Parish.Nativity-MN.org/Content-Submissions. Images must still be sent via email to ihuss@nativity-mn.org.

Publishing is not guaranteed, and is generally granted on a first-come, first-served basis, giving priority to official Nativity events. Bulletin submissions can be sent to bulletin@nativity-mn.org.

–Isaac Huss, Communications Manager and Bulletin Editor

From the Hip

Dear parishioners and friends,

Father John, Deacon Chad, and I would like to offer the opportunity for a home blessing during the month of July. This is a great opportunity to consecrate your home (and household) to the Lord and a great tradition of our Church which we inherited from our Jewish forefathers. Contact the parish office at 696-5401 to schedule a blessing or for more information.

May God bless your week!

Father Patrick

Independence Day

Happy 4th of July!
There will be one mass on Monday, July 4 at 9am, and no confessions (no 8:15am or 5pm masses). The school, NELC, and parish offices will be closed.

Stewardship

Online Giving
Visit Parish.nativity-mn.org/online-giving to sign up securely using a checking account, credit card, or debit card. You can give one-time gifts or arrange a recurring monthly payment, and choose particular funds for allocation. Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Services Appeal
It is not too late! If you have not given your gift in support of the 17 Collective Ministries of this Archdiocese to the Catholic Services Appeal, either drop your pledge in the collection basket at Mass, utilize the prepaid envelope from the mailing and send it directly to CSAF’s processing center, or visit Parish.nativity-mn.org/catholic-services-appeal to donate online. You can also watch the video there and explore the different ministries supported by your donation. Thank you for your generosity!

Pastoral Care

Local Grief Group - Thursdays 5:30-7pm
The Capital City Grief Coalition continues to meet every Thursday from 5:30-7pm at Assumption Catholic Church in July.

Food Shelf

Food Donations Needed!
Please consider bringing non-perishable food items with you to church this week, as our shelves in back of church have been empty for three weeks, and the total food collected in June was very low. Thank you!
**HIGH SCHOOLERS**

**Saint Paul Saints Game - July 25**

All high school youth are invited to join Deacon Chad VanHoose for a Saint Paul Saints baseball game at CHS Field in Lowertown St. Paul on Monday, July 25 at 7:05pm. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact the parish office at 696-5401.

**Pilgrimage Hike to Cathedral - August 7**

All high school youth are invited to join Deacon Chad VanHoose for a true test of perseverance not for the feint of heart: a 4.5 mile walk from Nativity to the Cathedral of St. Paul. Archbishop Hebda will greet the hikers and then lead them through the Holy Door into the historic Cathedral, where they’ll participate in a private Lord’s Day mass with Fr. John Powers. Students should meet (well-fed!) outside in front of the Nativity rectory on Prior Ave. at 11am on Sunday, August 7 and arrange to be picked up from the Cathedral at 2:45pm. Please RSVP to the parish office at 696-5401 by noon Friday, August 5.

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**Saint Paul Saints Game - August 4**

All young adults ages 21-35 are invited to a Saint Paul Saints baseball game at CHS Field in Lowertown St. Paul on Thursday, August 4 at 7:05pm. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact the parish office at 696-5401.

**SAVE THE DATES**

Urban Catholic will meet again on the fourth Sundays of July (24th) and August (28th).

Visit ParishNativity-MN.org/Urban-Catholic or facebook.com/groups/UrbanCatholic/ for the latest information. Come and connect with fellow young adults in the Nativity community and #JointheMovement!
**2016 Spirit of Mary Award**

**The Nominees**

Each year the NCCW recognizes an outstanding young woman with the Spirit of Mary Award. The award winner must have demonstrated acts of faith, humility, generosity, and kindness through her school, parish, and community involvement. Female parishioners who are currently seniors in high school may apply or may be nominated. The award is a cash prize of $500, with $100 designated to the winner’s charity of choice. This is the second of a two-part series honoring our Spirit of Mary Award nominees. The rest of the nominees can be found at [Parish.Nativity-MN.org/NCCW](http://Parish.Nativity-MN.org/NCCW).

**Anna Mae Hendricks** is an Honors student at Cretin-Derham Hall. She is co-president of the Student Council and participates in People Finding People, Leadership Academy, and Link Crew. Anna has reached the highest levels in the Girl Scouts organization, receiving the Gold Award, Silver Award, and being selected to attend Girl Scouts Survival Camp. She is captain of the basketball team and also participates in volleyball, trap shooting and ultimate Frisbee. Anna has worked as a basketball evaluator for St. Paul Traveling Basketball, as a summer nanny, and as a Personal Care Assistant for people with disabilities. She volunteers at Nativity as an Eucharistic Minister, through Highland Friendship Club, and she leads Brownie troops. **Anna Mae is confident enough to go against the norm and stand up for what is right. She challenges others to put forth their best effort every day. Her presence is a constant reminder to treat everyone as I would like to be treated, and to put the needs of others before myself.**

**CeCe Johnson** is an Honors and AP student at Visitation, earning a place on the High Honor Roll all four years. She participates in Musical Theater and Full Circle Dance Performance and serves as captain this year. She is the recipient of the AP Scholar Award and the Stonehill College Book Award. CeCe plays tennis and enjoys hiking, camping, many water sports, snow skiing and acting. She has worked as a summer hostess and waitress at Paradise Landing Restaurant and as a private tutor. She volunteers as a camp counselor at Dodge Nature Center, Playteam Lead at the Minnesota Children’s Museum, and she assists mentally challenged adults at the Interact Theater Company. **CeCe is an example of humility who is known to express her faith when others doubt. She is a person who carries with her all that is good, who looks for ways to answer God’s call, and is selfless in sharing her heart.**

**Mary Caitlin McConville** is an Honors and AP student at Cretin-Derham Hall, achieving the President’s list all four years. She is the Managing Editor of the Chronicle, the school newspaper, and participates in theater, the Political Affairs Club, International Business Alliance, Student Council, book club, CHOICE, and Girl Scouts. Mary Caitlin received the Derham Hall Carondolet Award. She is captain of the swim team, has participated in Irish Dance for twelve years and completed the Twin Cities Marathon in 2014. Mary Caitlin loves yoga, running, hiking, traveling, reading, and rollerblading. She has worked as a full-time summer nanny, HGRA soccer coach, and babysitter. **Mary Caitlin is a young woman with a very full life, saying “Yes” to challenges every day, opportunity, risk, service, faith, kindness, to being present to the many people in her life. She is a very good friend. Mary Caitlin continually says “Yes” to God and her community at Nativity Parish.**

**Ahna Neil** attended Trinity through the 11th grade and is now in a Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program, where she will earn 36 college credits this year. She was an Honors student throughout high school, and is now on her College Dean’s list and Phi Theta Kappa. She received All-Conference Honorable Mention for softball and participates in triathlons, cross-country, and basketball. She served as team captain for softball and cross-country and will join the cross-country team at St. Kate’s in the fall of 2016. Ahna enjoys traveling, biking, sewing, and making scrapbooks. She has worked as a lifeguard, swim instructor, and nanny. Ahna joined Girl Scouts in Kindergarten and continues to volunteer as a counselor and role model to young scouts, including her younger sister’s troop. She is an Eucharistic Minister at Nativity, has volunteered at Nativity’s Catholic Kids Camp, and helped establish a Healthy Eating and Exercise Clinic at a local Boys and Girls Club. **Ahna is a born leader. She treats each girl she’s working with as though they are the most important person in her world. I’ve watched her pray with them, lead them, and complete service with them. She models what it means to be a young woman of faith.**
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**Heritage Room**

Relics on display for July:

- St. Thomas the Apostle 7/1 (feast day)
- St. Elizabeth of Portugal 7/4
- St. Maria Goretti 7/6
- St. Juan Gualbert 7/12
- St. Bridget of Sweden 7/23
- St. Anthony Zaccharia 7/5
- St. Benedict of Norcia 7/11
- St. Bonaventure 7/15
- St. Juan Gualbert 7/12
- St. Ignatius of Loyola 7/31

For more information about Nativity’s relics, visit [Parish.nativity-mn.org/blog](http://Parish.nativity-mn.org/blog).

**Mass Readings**

**Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Hos 4:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8-9; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37; or Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

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**Bridge**

Nativity Couples Bridge

We would welcome a couple who enjoys bridge to join our group which meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 1pm. If interested, contact Dan and Mary Ryan at 646-5218 or [danielryan2@comcast.net](mailto:danielryan2@comcast.net).

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**Adoration**

Adorers are most greatly needed:

- Sunday 12am, 2am, 4am
- Tuesday 11am
- Friday 2am, 3am
- Saturday 2am

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- J.R.R. Tolkien -