Nativity of Our Lord
CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD · JANUARY 1, 2017
**Welcome New Parishioners!**

In 2016, Nativity welcomed 74 new households to our parish family. Please extend your greetings and a warm welcome!

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

-Romans 15:7

Ryan & Christine Bartley
Caitlin & Jordan Bellis
William & Meredith Blee
Nicholas Brooks
Michael & Brooke Brown
Glen Carpenter &
Gretchen McGuire
Ryan & Alexandra Christian
Mark & Krystan Coyle
Jeanine Crowe
Dan DeMarais
Kristin & Sean Doughty
Joe & Agnes Espino
Dan Foley
Dan & Katie Fugina
Richard & Emily Furseth
Mary & Michael Haupt
John & Nicole Heinbigner
Bill & Molly Hickey
Andrew & Rachel Holm
Peter & Katherine Jandric
Emily Jansen
Tess Kavanagh
Paul & Elizabeth Kelly
Matthew Koch
Erin & Casey Kopitzke
Kelly Kracht
Thomas Kueppers &
Kimberly Gottschalk
Thomas LaBossiere
Joey & Jamie Larson
Kathryn & Andrew Larson
Marian Layman
Josie Lonetti
Christine Loza
Shawn Mack &
Kate Reynolds
William & Rachel Matzek
Matthew & Tracy McCollister
John & Anne McCulloch

Patrick & Melissa McElroy
Brittany & Nick McGibbon
Leah Miller
Michael & Katie Morrell
Paul Neumann &
Dena Lind
Joseph & Molly Nietfeld
Sarah & Matthew Oberlander
Mary Jane O’Brien
Gloria O’Connell
Timothy & Amy O’Neil
Joseph & Katie Opack
Cristen & Patrick Ostrom
Brian & Colleen Pollack
Dan Probst
Martha Radtke
Dennis & Courtney Rankin
Laura Rau
Thomas Ross
Charissa Ryan
Lauren & Daniel Ryan
Zachary Ryan &
Jennifer Hansen
Emilie Sabourin
Julie Schweich
Ryan Shannon &
Anka Vela Shannon
Bret & Kelli Snyder
Kraig & Jennifer Stewardson
Molly & Joseph Stormont
Brian & Kate Strauss
George & Julia Struve
Andrew & Stephanie Thigpen
Matt & Meghan Timmel
Ann Utoft
Carol Utoft
Peter & Anne Vars
Katherine & Daniel Vickery
Erika Zabinski
Ashley Zweber

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**Parking**

Additional Courtesy Parking

To assist those with physical limitations, additional courtesy parking is now available on Prior Avenue near the rectory. The signed parking places are reserved for the handicapped, seniors, or those with limited mobility. It is not necessary to have an official handicap designation to take advantage of the courtesy parking. Thank you to all parishioners for complying with the new parking signs, and reserving the courtesy parking for those in need.

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**2017 Guide Book**

2017 Nativity Guide Book & Directory

In the next week or so, registered Nativity parishioners will be receiving the 2017 Nativity Guide Book and Directory in the mail. This Guide Book will provide information that you need to stay current at Nativity, including information about councils, outreaches, and ministries, and contact information for your fellow parishioners. Due to the generosity of our advertisers, this Guide Book has been prepared and will be delivered without cost to Nativity. The advertisers in the Guide Book underwrote all printing and delivery costs. Please keep the booklet for easy reference throughout the year and patronize the advertisers contained within when you are able. Thank you!

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**Marriage Banns**

Please keep the following couple in your prayers as it prepares to receive the sacrament of Holy Matrimony:

Saturday, January 7, 2016

Isabel Sullivan & Joseph Hughes

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.

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**Images**

Cover Art

Madonna and Child by Albin Egger-Lienz / 1921 / Schloss Bruck / Lienz, Austria / oil on canvas mounted on cardboard ([PD-1923])

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!
Information

Pastor
Father Patrick Hipwell (pictured)

Mass & Prayer Times
Lord’s Day Mass Saturday 5pm; Sunday 7am, 8:15am, 9:30am (Steiner Hall), 11am, 5pm
Daily Mass Mon-Sat 8:15am, Mon-Fri 5pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 3:30-4:30pm, Monday-Friday 7:45-8:10am, 4:30-4:55pm

Hearing aid devices are available in the sacristy.

Emergency Anointing of the Sick (24 hours)
(651) 696-5401 (press 1)
Prayer Line 9-7pm Bette Hoffman (651) 699-8249
Mary Kay O'Rourke (651) 698-5638

Staff Contacts
Pastor Father Patrick Hipwell (651) 696-5401
Parochial Vicar Father John Powers (651) 696-5440
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Secretary/Assistant to Pastor Leah Driscoll (651) 696-5401
Principal Kate Wollan (651) 699-1311
Early Learning Center Director Nicole McGie (651) 696-5437
Faith Formation Director Randy Mueller (651) 696-5454
Director of Music & Liturgy Patrick Henning (651) 696-5430
Director of Nativity Choir Rob Pontious (651) 653-3655
Pastoral Care Coord. Nancy Shatek-Suek (651) 696-5444
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Communications Manager Isaac Huss (651) 696-5425
Pastoral Council Chair Tom Kirchner
kirchner51474.tk@gmail.com

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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. Visit Parish.Nativity-MN.org/Content-Submissions for more information or to submit copy online for the parish bulletin, online calendar, social media, and email newsletter. 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

Bridge

Brush Up on Your Bridge with Fr. Patrick
It’s time to Brush Up on Your Bridge! Fr. Patrick has asked Jolene Gust to present a crash course on the essential elements of a well-rounded Bridge player on Tuesday evenings this winter (January 10, 24, 31, and February 7). Those who are already somewhat knowledgeable and able but want to improve their abilities are invited to participate. We will learn the modern conventions and usual bidding procedures that are part of the usual ACBL-sanctioned games, as well as maneuvers such as the Stayman Convention, Bidding Transfers, No Trump Communication, and other fine-tuning hints.

The sessions will begin promptly at 7pm, and an RSVP is requested for planning purposes. Contact Fr. Patrick at (651) 696-5401, Gix Ubel at (651) 698-2889, or Pat Berendt at (651) 698-1056 for more information or to sign up.

Pastoral Care

Grief Support - Thursday, January 5, 9-10am
Nativity’s grief group will meet this Thursday in the bride’s room from 9-10am. All are welcome! The Capital City Grief Coalition will continue to meet every Thursday from 5:30-7pm at House of Hope on Summit.

Reception of Holy Communion
If the weather, an illness, et al. prevents anyone from attending Mass and they would like to receive Communion sometime in the week that follows, contact Nancy at (651) 696-5444 or nshatek-suek@nativity-mn.org.

Video or Audio Masses
Mass is broadcast on AM 1330 from the Cathedral on Sundays at 11am. Also, EWTN.com/live streams a mass live on Sundays at 7am and replays it at 11am and 11pm (EWTN is also on cable TV; check local listings).

Meals on Wheels
Keystone volunteers will deliver freshly-made cold, frozen, or hot meals daily for anyone who needs help to ensure that they have healthy, regular meals in their homes. The cost is computed on a sliding fee scale. Call Keystone at (651) 645-7424 to learn more or to make arrangements for Meals on Wheels delivery.

Bulletin by Mail
To request a bulletin in the mail, contact the parish office at (651) 696-5401. The bulletin is also available online at Parish.nativity-mn.org/bulletins/.

Highland Leisure Age - Wednesdays at 8:30am
Highland Leisure Age meets every Wednesday from September-June at 8:30am at Gloria Dei. Activities can include card games, sewing, crafts, quilt making, sewing, and walking. Lunch is served at noon for $8. Lunch tickets should be purchased by 11am. All seniors are invited to join in the fun and fellowship at this ecumenical senior group, co-sponsored by Nativity and seven other local Christian assemblies. For more information, contact Aleda at (651) 699-4083.
**Respect Life**

**Respect Life Meeting - January 10**
The Respect Life Committee will meet Tuesday, January 10 from 7-8:30pm in the Gathering Room, which includes a Rosary to be said at 8pm. Newcomers are very much encouraged and welcomed as always! Dessert will be served.

We pray that you will consider joining the Nativity Respect Life committee this year as a part of a New Year's resolution to uphold and defend all human life, from the womb to the tomb. We are also looking for a co-chair to help with events, especially 40 Days for Life efforts. Please prayerfully consider helping in this way. To find out more or to join our contact list contact Karen McCann at (612) 964-4522 or karmccann@comcast.net.

**Pizza & Movie Night - January 19**
We will present the film, **Changing Sides: the Abby Johnson Story** on Thursday, January 19 from 6-8pm in Steiner Hall. This is the true story of her conversion from a dedicated Planned Parenthood director to a leading Pro-life Activist. The film includes great "bonus" material featuring David Bereit, Shawn Carney, Peter Kreeft, and former abortion provider Carol Everett! We hope many of you can come. Please RSVP to Karen McCann at (612) 964-4522 or karmccann@comcast.net.

**Volunteers Needed at Birthright**
Birthright of St. Paul is an all-volunteer pregnancy help center located on Snelling just one block south of I-94. We are urgently seeking compassionate and committed pro-life volunteers, including board members, special event coordinators, and mentors to work directly with clients. Please join us in serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies. Sometimes a listening ear or caring words can actually save a life! Training is provided. For more information, please contact Julie Costa at (651) 730-8222.

**January Book discussion - January 31**
January 22, 1973 was the fateful day that abortion was legalized in America. To bring awareness to this event and its victims, both the unborn and their families, we will discuss **The Walls are Talking, Former Abortion Clinic Workers Share Their Stories** by Abby Johnson. This work narrates the harrowing and life-changing experiences of former abortion clinic workers, including the author, who once directed abortion services at a large Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas.

We will meet on Tuesday, January 31 at the home of Karen McCann. Dessert will be served. Break out of your house and comfort zone and join with us in discussing this important work. Newcomers are encouraged and welcomed to attend! Contact Karen McCann at karmccann@comcast.net or (612) 964-4522 for a copy ($16) and to RSVP.

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**NCCW**

**First Friday Fellowship** - Friday, January 6, 8:45-9:45am
All are welcome to join us in Steiner Hall for coffee, doughnuts, and camaraderie!

**Christmas Giving Tree - Ending January 1**
Please consider supporting Keystone Community Services in their ongoing efforts to provide assistance to families in need. There are two ways to give:

1. Help support Keystone's Gifts of Hope Sponsor-a-Family Program by purchasing a suggested item from the wish list below. Drop off your new, unwrapped donation(s) and place them under the Giving Tree, located in the back of the church.

   The Gifts of Hope Wish List includes: blankets, clothing (girls and boys ages 2-12), pots and pans, coffee makers, dish sets, toaster ovens, books (preschool through teen), sports equipment, toys, games for younger kids (Candyland, Connect Four, Trouble), games for teens (Cranium, Scene It, Blokus), and passes for family entertainment: movie theaters, museums, zoos, etc.

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 them under the Giving Tree by January 1.

   The Ongoing Needs Wish List includes: gas and grocery gift cards, personal care items (soap, toothbrushes, and shampoo), diapers (size 1 and up), toys, plates, towels, blankets (any size), sheets (twin and full), hats, mittens, gloves (adult), socks and underwear (adult and children), and gently used winter coats (adult).

For more information, please contact Emily Thurman at (612) 251-0604.

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**Email Newsletter**

Have you signed up for Nativity News yet? Nativity’s weekly email newsletter is delivered every Thursday, highlights events of the upcoming weekend, and connects parishioners to helpful resources on the web. Visit parish.nativity-mn.org/email-newsletter to sign up.

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**Adoration**

Adorers are most greatly needed:
- Sunday: 10pm, 12am, 2am, 4am
- Tuesday: 11pm
- Thursday: 3pm
- Friday: 2am
- Saturday: 2am

Please contact Jim at mcquillanj@rjffs.com or (763) 746-8244 to sign up for a peaceful hour with Jesus!
**Faith Formation**

*Catholicism: The Pivotal Players Video Study*

Beginning January 12, all are invited to join a presentation of Bishop Robert Barron’s *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players* video series on Thursday mornings in the Gather Room immediately following the 8:15am mass. This group study will take place over the course of 13 90-minute sessions of video and discussion led by Linda Kracht and will explore the lives of some of the greatest influencers and shapers of civilization, namely holy men and women of the Catholic Church. The study will cost $30 per person and will include individual study guides. Please contact Randy Mueller at (651) 696-5454 or rmueller@nativity-mn.org to register.

**Classes for Students with Special Needs**

Beginning January 11, Nativity will again begin its Catechesis program for Persons with Special Needs. To register, please contact Randy Mueller at rmueller@nativity-mn.org or (651) 696-5454. To discuss class focus and curriculum, contact Linda Kracht, co-leader of the program with her husband Dave, at (651) 699-0492.

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**Men’s Club**

**32nd Annual Fr. John W. Kelley Cribbage Open - January 6**

Calling all cribbage players: The mid-winter classic is back! Grab a partner, young or old, man or woman, and come to Steiner Hall this Friday, January 6 to play in the 32nd Annual Fr. Kelley Open. Registration starts at 6pm and play at 6:30. The event is free and food and beverage are provided. If you don’t have a partner, stop by and we’ll try and find you one. Contact Stephen at (651) 470-9294 with questions.

**2017 Dues**

Letters requesting dues for the coming year ($20) are now arriving. You can mail them in or bring them to the Sports Stag.

**Sports Stag - January 27**

Save the date! The annual Men’s Club Sports Stag is coming Friday, January 27, featuring guest speaker Mike Veeck (pictured at right), owner of the Saint Paul Saints baseball club.

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**Looking for an exciting preschool program for your 3 or 4-year old?**

The Half Day and Full Day Preschool Programs invite you to our respective Open Houses on Monday, January 9th from 6-7:30pm.

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**Nativity Early Learning Center**

**Full Day Preschool**

- 2-5 days per week (days can be flexible)
- 6:30am – 6pm

**Before and After School K-6**

- No weekly minimum
- 6:30am - 8:10am, 2:40pm - 6pm (Extra care available on non-school days)

**Summer Camp**

- 2-5 days per week (days can be flexible)
- 6:30am – 6pm

For more information, contact Nicole McGie at (651) 696-5437 or nmcgie@nativity-mn.org, and follow us on Facebook at Facebook.com/NativityELC.

Located in the Lannan Parish Center at 1900 Wellesley Avenue

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**Half Day Preschool at Nativity School**

**3-Year-Olds**

- 2 Day Program | T/Th | 8:15am - 11am

**4-Year-Olds**

- 3 Day Program | M/W/F | 8:15am - 11am
- or
- 4 Day Pre-K Program | M-Th | 11:45am - 2:30pm

**Lunch Bunch**

- M-Th | 11am - 11:45am

For more information, contact Barb Thukral at (651) 699-1311 or bthukral@nativity-mn.org, and follow us on Facebook at Facebook.com/NativityPreschool.

Located in Nativity of Our Lord School at 1900 Stanford Avenue
## Parish Calendar · January 2-8, 2017

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<td>Grandparents’ Apostolate Rosary Marian Chapel 8:45am</td>
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<td>Father Kelly Cribbage Tournament Steiner Hall 6pm</td>
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**Heritage Room**

*Relics on display for January;*

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 1/4 (feast day)
- St. John Neumann 1/5
- St. Agnes 1/21
- St. Angela Merici 1/27
- St. John Bosco 1/31

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

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**Liturgy**

**Volunteers Needed**

We are in great need of volunteers for the following:

- Lectors: Daily 8:15am (Mon-Sat) and 5pm (Mon-Fri) masses
- Eucharistic Ministers: (same as above)
  ⇒ Weekday lectors and greeters are our greatest need
- Greeters: Sunday 9:30am mass

If you are able to help, please contact Patrick Henning at (651) 696-5430 or [phenning@nativity-mn.org](mailto:phenning@nativity-mn.org). Thank you!

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**Mass Intentions**

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**Nativity School**

**Come Tour Nativity of Our Lord School!**

This is an exciting time as we begin the process of welcoming prospective families to Nativity School. Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions for parents. We will be offering individual tours this fall and early winter for those interested in learning more about Nativity School. We are always pleased to meet prospective families as they seek to find a school in which their children will thrive during their formative years.

Touring during a typical school day provides an opportunity for parents to see the learning process which is grounded in our Catholic faith. We would love to partner with you as your child embarks on this educational journey. If you would like to schedule a tour, please call the school office and speak to Mary Jo at (651) 699-1311. We look forward to meeting you!

Kate Wollan, Principal
Sandy Kane, Assistant Principal

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**Mass Readings**

- **Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- **Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29–3:6; Ps 98:1, 3-6; Jn 1:29-34
- **Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- **Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 4:14-22
- **Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28
- **Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6, 9; Jn 2:1-11
- **Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12