

SUNDAY, December 25, 2011 | NATIVITY OF THE LORD



CHURCH OF THE  
**PRESENTATION**  
*of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

1725 Kennard Street • Maplewood, Minnesota 55109



**NATIVITY**  
OF THE LORD

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Mon-Thurs: 8:00 a.m. Fri: 8:45 a.m.

**Confessions**

Saturday: 3:30–4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7:30–7:50 a.m.  
or by appointment

**Parish Office**

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**Office Hours:**

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Website:**

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## Mass Intentions

### 26-Mon:

8:00 am † Felix Santella

### 27-Tues:

8:00 am † Patricia Dahedl

### 28-Wed:

8:00 am † Pasquale & Christine  
Anzevino

### 29-Thurs:

8:00 am † John McNulty

### 30-Fri:

8:45 am † Rose Raiola

### 31-Sat:

5:00 pm Parishioners

### 1-Sun:

8:30 am Parishioners  
10:30 am Parishioners

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### Infant Baptism:

Contact the Parish Office  
A preparation session is required.  
Session may be taken prior to  
the birth of the child.

### Marriage:

Begin arrangements with  
the priest or deacon at least  
1 year in advance.

### Anointing of the Sick:

This sacrament is available to  
anyone who is seriously ill or  
suffering from a prolonged illness.  
Please call the Parish Office for  
arrangements.

### First Communion, First Confessions, Confirmation, Adult Baptism:

Please call the Parish Office  
at 651-777-8116

Anyone wishing to register  
as a member of the parish  
should call the Parish Office at  
651-777-8116. If you move, or  
change your phone number,  
please call the Parish Office  
and let us know your new address.

### Prayer Line:

Call Bernie Brees at 651-774-5525

## From the Pastor

### CHRISTMAS: A TIME FOR FAMILY

It is a joy to see, this time of year, so many families coming together to celebrate Christmas. This includes our parish family as well: the Christmas Masses are a special time for all of us to come together and celebrate what God has done in our midst.

Being a pastor of this parish family, I have had the privilege to be invited into the family lives of so many wonderful Presentation parishioners. I have witnessed the generous love of parents and the resulting happiness of their children. I have been truly inspired by the goodness of family life lived by so many heroic people and have seen the great blessing that it is for our community.

We remember this is precisely how Jesus began his work of salvation. When Christ took flesh through the Blessed Virgin Mary, he made his home with us. And by his life with Mary and Joseph, he sanctified the life of the home. He showed us, before any of his other teachings and long before his suffering and death, that to love those persons closest to us is our first vocation.

Because of his Incarnation, we can truly say that he is in our midst. In every Christian home he is there to nurture our love for each other, to share in our joys, and to comfort us in our sorrows. He inspires us to make our home, before all else, a dwelling place of love, diffusing far and wide the goodness of God.

I ask God's blessings upon all of our families during this holiday season, and pray that his presence will be even more recognizable in our homes the coming year.

Fr. Mark Huberty



## Save The Date

The upcoming Mother/Daughter Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th. Mark you calendar now! Watch for reservation information at the end of January.

## Faith Formation



### LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

As we celebrate the feast and season of Christ's birth, our Faith Formation staff (40+ dedicated adults and youth) wishes all our parishioners the peace and WARMTH which Jesus came to give and live. Perhaps the little fellow in the following story can help us all offer one another the WARMTH of this blessed season also:

The little ones at the orphanage heard the story of the first Christmas and were "in awe" of how Jesus came to show his love for each of them. They were then given paper to make their own little crèches. When all had finished, it was noted that one little fellow had two babies in the manger. When he was asked about the 2<sup>nd</sup> baby, he clearly explained:

"And when Mary laid the baby in the manger, Jesus asked me if I had a place to stay. I told him I had no mamma nor papa so I really don't have a home. Jesus said I could stay with him but I said I couldn't because I had no gift to give him. I wanted to stay with him so much so I thought my gift could be to keep him warm. I asked Jesus if that was good enough and he said that keeping him warm would be a beautiful gift so I crawled into the manger and laid right next to him. Then Jesus looked at me and said, "You can stay with me ALWAYS."

When the little fellow finished his version of the Christmas story, he put his head down and sobbed uncontrollably. He had finally found SOMEONE who would never abuse nor abandon him, who would stay with him always and who, in turn, would keep him WARM! Thus we see that it is not WHAT we have in this life but WHO we have that really counts...and we have JESUS!

We are mindful of all the adults and children who will feel the WARMTH of the hearts of those who gifted and fed them this Christmas. The bountiful supply of beautiful gifts and generous donations of food gift cards are symbols of the WARMTH your human hearts hold for those who live in poverty. Yes, some of them also sobbed as they received gifts and food gift cards. They now know that SOMEONE cares. To EACH of you who cared and shared with those in poverty this blessed season, THANK YOU and may Jesus wrap your lives in the WARMTH of his love.

- S. Kathy

## H.E.O. Update

Thank you for your donations to area food shelves.  
149 lbs went to North St. Paul on December 19.

December 26— John & Nancy Willy, Roosevelt Homes/Merrick  
**Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you!**



Thank you for your donation of 268 pounds of food items in November to the North St. Paul Area Emergency Food Shelf.

In November 356 families in the North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale area were served and over 31,000 pounds of food were distributed.

115 Thanksgiving packages complete with turkey, pie, and all the fixings along with an additional 3,500 pounds of food items were given. Also, through donations 40 additional turkeys were given to families during Thanksgiving week. Thanks again.

Linda & Dave Zick,  
North St. Paul Area Emergency Food Shelf

## Pastoral Care

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS** meets Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center lower level. For more information, please call Colleen at 651-295-9853.

## Stewardship



The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?

## PCLC News



The school-agers have been enjoying this unseasonably warm weather after school with marble tracks, Wallball, and other fun activities. We were able to sled for two days, much to their delight, and the snowmen made during the week of Thanksgiving looked great for our brief cold snap! We've also been enjoying special snacks including pudding cones, and dessert nachoes, with many more to come! The Christmas season and extended care bring many fun winter activities, crafts, and recipes, including mud snowballs, snowflakes, and making cakes in a cone. Come join us!

- Jamie Snow



## Presentation School News

- ◆ **Merry Christmas!** May you feel the immense love of the Christ Child now and through the new year.
- ◆ The first **Kindergarten Information Night** is Thursday, January 12 at 6:30 pm. All who have children ready to start Kindergarten in the fall of 2012 are invited! **NEW** for the 2012-2013 school year....*All Day Kindergarten!* If you have questions about our Kindergarten program or need more information, please call the School Office at 651-777-5877.
- ◆ **Presentation School Open House** - To kick off Catholic Schools' Week, we will be holding our annual Open House on Sunday, January 29th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Please take advantage of our Open House by joining a tour led by one of our students. We look forward to showing everyone what has been going on in our building and welcoming those who are new to our community or considering joining.
- ◆ **No School** from December 22-January 2.

## Thank You Parishioners

For the following donations which have enabled us to beautify and decorate our church during the Christmas season:

### Donor(s)

Carole Arnold  
Mary Merry  
Catherine Hare  
Sr. Kathleen Casey

Maxine Monno  
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John & Diane Glasow

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The Henkes Family  
Josephine Kusz  
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Jeff & Carol Decaire  
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In honor of Fr. Mark  
lone Eckert

### In Memory of

Ron Arnold  
Robert Merry  
Martin Hare  
Alvin, Margarete, John & Jim  
Casey, Marlene D'Andrea &  
Lorraine Solberg  
Ray Monno  
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The Peck Family  
Joseph & Monica Roy  
Joan Dacko, Wilfred Wolszon,  
Bernadine Ronich  
Michael & Lillian Resline  
Gertrude & Bud Rath  
Parents of Delores & Richard

## Year-End Giving

Many taxpayers use the calendar year-end for charitable giving. If you plan to make charitable gifts, please consider Presentation. Our year-to-date weekly contributions are somewhat behind the needed amount to support our budgeted operations and every extra little bit you give at year end will further help us stay on target for a balanced operating budget.

**IRS Rule Reminder:** The Internal Revenue Service is very clear regarding recording year-end donations: for a contribution to be credited to the 2011 tax year, it must be received on our premises, or postmarked, no later than midnight on Saturday, December 31, 2011. Dropping it into the collection basket on Sunday, January 1, 2012 with a December 31 date on the check does not qualify.

**Christmas:** Since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, we lose one Sunday of collections. Please keep this in mind as you choose to make a special Christmas contribution. Consider how you might be able to be especially generous this year in response to your blessings.

**Securing Our Future – Home Stretch:** Our ongoing capital campaign remains essential to us in finishing the payment of our debt to the Archdiocese. This may be an opportune time to catch up or pay forward on your campaign pledge.

**Stock Contributions:** Appreciated assets such as stocks and mutual funds are a great way to make a special contribution and maximize your tax benefit. If you transfer the asset to the parish before it is sold, you can deduct the appreciated value and avoid any applicable capital gains tax.

If you would like more information about year-end giving opportunities or estate planning considerations, please contact our administrator, Steve Blessing at 651-842-6017.

## Hill-Murray Open House

Hill-Murray School invites prospective students and their families to an Open House for grades 7-12 on Thursday, January 5, 2012. Classroom presentations and optional meetings on Financial Aid, Middle School, and other Q&A sessions will be available throughout the evening. Please go to [www.hill-murray.org](http://www.hill-murray.org) for a full schedule. Please call 651-748-2406 with questions-no RSVP needed.



## Mass Readings (Week of December 26)

**26-Mon:** Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59; Ps 31: 3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17; Mt 10: 17-22  
**27-Tues:** 1 Jn 1: 1-4; Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20: 1a, 2-8  
**28-Wed:** 1 Jn 1: 5-2: 2; Ps 124: 2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2: 13-18  
**29-Thurs:** 1 Jn 2: 3-11; Ps 96: 1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2: 22-35  
**30-Fri:** Sir 3: 2-6; Col 3: 12-17; Ps 128: 1-5; Lk 2: 22, 39-40  
**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**31-Sat:**  
**1-Sun:** NM 6: 22-27; Ps 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21

## Homebound Communion Ministers

Homebound Communion Ministers scheduled to deliver Communion on:

<b>December 25th</b>	Assigned	
<b>January 1st</b>	Ellen LaScotte Tom Nikolas Bob & Mary Ann Leo—MCC	Chris Jacobson Tom Mogren

## Altar Servers Schedule

**Saturday, December 31—5:00 pm**  
Lauren & Tim Zimitsch, Emily Schabert  
**Sunday, January 1—8:30 am**  
Matt, Carrie & Luke Heimer  
**Sunday, January 1—10:30 am**  
Malgorzala, Beata & Zosia Wasienki

## All Parish Advent Collection

During Advent we prepare our hearts for the birthday of Jesus. Let us remember moms-in-need and their infants. Contributions will be divided between the Birthright Organization and our Presentation Community Caring for Life “basic-outreach” layettes. Our greatest need is for the following items:



Disposable diapers  
Crib blankets  
Crib sheets  
Receiving blankets  
Onesies



Please place your items in the crèches in front of the confessionals. Monetary contributions will also be accepted in the boxes near the crèches. Donations will be accepted until January 8, 2012.

## Stewardship of Treasure

*What I am is God's gift to me ...*

Due to the early printing of the bulletin, Stewardship numbers will not be available until next week.

*...what I become is my gift to God.*

Archdiocesan debt from past obligations is \$99,000. The most recent payment of this debt was made on November 21, 2011 in the amount of \$13,223. The elimination of the remaining debt is the principal goal of the final-year “Home Stretch” of the Securing Our Future capital campaign.

## Parish Calendar

**25Sun:**  
**26-Mon:** OFFICE CLOSED  
**27-Tue:**  
**28-Wed:** 1:30 pm Hazel Ridge Communion Service  
**29-Thur:** 2:30 pm Rosary Ramsey Care Center  
7:00 pm GA (MR/FR/KR)  
**30-Fri:** 10:45 am Ramsey CCC Communion Service  
**31-Sat:**  
**1-Sun:**

### KEY TO MEETING PLACES:

**Parish Center:** PC-Parish Center, SFC-St. Francis Chapel, CR-Conference Room, FR-Fireplace Room, KR-Kircher Room, MR-Modesta Room, UCR-Upper Conference Room, AR-Assisi Room

**Other Areas:** C-Church, KH-Kenney Hall, G-Gym, S-School, BR-Band Room, FL-Faculty Lounge, FFC-Faith Formation Center, MRS-Mary's Room in School, R-Rectory, RF-Raymond Field, WR- Wold Resource



Our parish welcomes the newly baptized:

**Nathan Anton Gerding**

Please pray for him as he continues to grow in Christ.

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