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January 16th, 2022 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR THE PRAYERS IN OUR PARISH BOOK OF INTERCESSIONS.

Please call or email Kathy Schoenecker with any prayer requests for the prayer chain. ekaan@aol.com / 612-581-4633

GENERAL INFORMATION AT NATIVITY OF MARY

Nativity of Mary is currently open on weekdays from 6:30am-4:30pm for private prayer as well as posted Confession, Adoration, and Mass Times. All Masses are celebrated at their usual times.

The bishops of Minnesota have reinstated the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and we are overjoyed to invite and welcome everyone back to Mass! If you are not able to return to church but would still like to receive the Eucharist, please contact Beth Gaetz (bgaetz@nativitybloomington.org) about our homebound eucharistic ministry.

Facemasks: Those fully vaccinated are not at significant risk for contracting or spreading the coronavirus don't need to wear facemasks. Individuals who are more comfortable wearing a facemask may continue doing so but we will no longer require masks in the church buildings. Additionally, masks are strongly recommended in Nativity of Mary School.

Social Distancing: There are no longer any distancing or capacity restrictions in place in the church buildings. For those who prefer more social distancing, the Gathering Space and Chapel areas continue to be available.

Ongoing General Safety Protocols: If you are sick, stay at home. Please take care of yourself and protect others from becoming infected. Vulnerable persons and those caring for them should stay safe. Attend nonobligatory gatherings only to the extent that you judge the risk of infection to be low.

Do what you are comfortable doing. An individual may always practice more restrictive facemask and social distance standards than are required. Sanitization is effective. Washing hands and using hand sanitizer helps avoid both contracting and spreading infection. Vaccines are still recommended.

We will continue to livestream our Saturday 4:00pm Anticipatory Mass, as well as Holy Days of Obligation to our Youtube Channel: @NativityofMaryMN

*An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists anywhere people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. Attendance at liturgies and other events is at your own risk.

	Sunday:	ls 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/	Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
		Jn 2:1-11	Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Weekly Readings:	Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22	Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Mk 3:20-21
January 16, 2022	Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28		Mk 3:20-21
	Wednesday	: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/ Mk 3:1-6	Next Sunday	: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ 1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A Note from our Pastor

HELPING PRIEST

One of the requests that I made to the Archdiocese since I have been here, was that we would be able to have a priest helper for some of the sacramental needs of Nativity of Mary. This was something that was a desire of mine before my Sabbatical, and was only solidified even more while I was away. I have come to the realization that the needs of this beautiful combined parish and school outweighed what I was able to give while remaining personally healthy.

In response to my petition the Archdiocese made me aware of a priest who was currently serving as a hospital Chaplin who was looking to get back into parish work. I reached out to this chaplain, Fr. Cassian, and was incredibly impressed by his deep desire to serve a parish community again.

Thus, after a bit of back and forth, Fr. Cassian and I worked out a schedule that would allow him to be able to serve at Nativity of Mary on a need basis. Already, in three short weeks, Fr. Cassian has been an immense blessing to me, and many members of this parish community who have met him. Below is a brief biography about Fr. Cassian so that you can get to know him. As the weeks and months move forward it is my hope that you will be able to personally interact with him to learn even more about him. Fr. Cassian will be helping out with the occasional daily and weekend Mass into the summer Months, and possibly longer if the Archdiocese allows it. Please join me in welcoming Fr. Cassian to our Parish family.

Fr Cassian Sama, OP, born in Kumba (Yaounde), in the Southwest Province of Cameroon, is one of six children of Dr. Joseph N. Sama and the late Veronica N. Nsom. He attended Bishop Rogan College, Buea, Cameroon, St. Bede's College, Ashing, Kom, Cameroon, and received a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Public Administration from the University of Swaziland in 1998. Fr. Cassian was awarded a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration in 2003 from Kansas State University. He professed religious vows as a member of the Order of Preachers in August 2005. From 2005-2011, he has studied theology at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri. And was ordained on May 14 2011.

Fr. Cassian's first assignment as a priest for 3 years was at St. Paul Newman Center, Indiana University, in Bloomington, Indiana. His second assignment for 6 years was at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center in West Lafayette, IN. And now he presently serves as a Catholic priest Chaplain at the University of Minnesota Medical center since last year.

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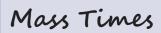


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Jim Byrne with LPI will be working on setting up the advertising for our Bulletin the week of 1-17-2022. Please consider advertising in our bulletin since the revenue from the ads is what will make our bulletin possible and at no cost to our church. The ads are also tax deductible. We also are offering new exclusive (only 3 per landing page) banner sized digital ads on the landing page for the digital format bulletin at www.parishesonline.com.

ADVERTISERS

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, or a sponsor ad can be purchased THANK YOU TO OUR supporting Nativity with a Last Will and Testament or community service organizations such as emergency pregnancy counseling. Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help! If you are interested or want more information, you can call Jim at (651-895-4979). We also ask that you patronize the people who do take ads and help support their businesses.



Holy Mass (Church) Mondays: 8am, Tuesdays: 6pm, Wednesdays-Fridays: 8am, Saturdays: 4pm, and Sundays: 8:30am & 10:30am

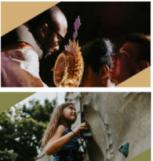
Adoration (Church) Monday-Friday: 7-8am, Mondays: 8:30am-2pm, and Tuesdays: 5pm-5:50pm

Confessions (Confessional) Tuesdays: 5pm, Wednesdays: 7:30am, Thursdays: 8:30am, and Saturdays: 3pm

Faith Formation

Catholic Youth Summer Camp All students entering grades 6-9 in 2022 are invited to join us for a week at Catholic Youth Summer Camp June 19-24. Camp is sure to be the best week of the entire summer! With awesome camp activities like rock climbing, archery, water inflatables course, canoeing, paddle boarding, fishing, arts and crafts, and so much more! Catholic Youth Summer Camp is also a place where teens will grow in their faith with inspiring talks, small group discussion, Mass, and Adoration. Registration is now open!





Nativity has a limited number of spots and they will fill fast! For more information and registration please see our website (QR Code to the left).

Become a Stephen Minister

Has God given you the gift of a caring, listening heart? Are you energized by knowing others deeply, praying together, and offering faith-filled support? If so, might you consider using these gifts as a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers undergo 50 hours of training and then provide weekly one-on-one Christian care to those experiencing difficulties such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. From February - May 2022, Nativity of Mary and St. Edward's Church will collaborate to train a new group of Stephen Ministers--which will likely not happen again until Fall of 2023.

Current Stephen Ministers will be available in the Caritas Room after all Masses this weekend to provide more information and answer questions.

You may also review the Stephen Ministry information on the Pastoral Care page of our website for more details, and if still interested, contact Jim Eddlestad, NOM Stephen Ministry Leader, at 952-895-9808 or Beth Gaetz, Ministry Coordinator, at 952-881-8671, extension 8070.

The deadline for receipt of applications is January 21st, 2022. May God bless your discernment!

Prayer Service for Life

life or call 651.291.4488.

Saturday, January 22, 10:30 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome. Saint John Paul II Champions for Life Awardees will be

recognized during the prayer service. This event is sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family and Life. For more information visit archspm.org/prayer-service-



Community Life

- Boots



🖌 Support Every Third Sunday, a veteran support organization, this weekend and next weekend with your donations! Large donation boxes will be placed at the main entrance for your gently used items. Below you will find a list of some of their most needed items.

- Hats

ETS is in desperate need of: - Gloves

- Winter coats

- Winter underwear

Other accepted items:

- Diabetic socks
- Sweat clothes (XL,2X)
- Blue jeans
- Men's boxer underwear
- Shoes
- Shirts
- Women's briefs (M (6), L(7), XL (8))

Grief Support Options, in-person & virtual

The topic of the next in-person session of the Bloomington-Richfield Grief Support Coalition on Thursday, January 20th from 4:30 - 6pm at Peace Lutheran Church (8600 E Bush Lake Rd, Bloomington, 952-944-6510) is "Grief and Resilience", presented by Catherine Duncan. No RSVP is needed. Brochures at each entrance provide more information, or see www.brgriefcoalition.com. Call Peace Lutheran for weather-related closures.

The Southwest Grief Coalition's (www.swgriefcoalition.org) Winter 2022 Grief Series will take place every Monday from January 24 - March 7 from 6:30 - 8:00pm at Pax Christi Catholic Community (12100 Pioneer Trl), Eden Prairie). Both a Zoom and in-person option will be offered. Registration is requested, Register online or by calling or emailing Kyle Finken at 952-405-7231.

Racial Justice: Letter from Birmingham Jail

Monday, January 17, 7:00 at Pax Christi Catholic Community

Join us for an inclusive event on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 17, 2022 at Pax Christi Catholic Community at 7:00pm. The event has an in-person and virtual option. We start with a public reading of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter from Birmingham Jail, followed by an opportunity for sharing in small groups. It is our expressed purpose to build relationships of individuals, religious institutions, and community

organizations in the Twin Cities that are dedicated to working together for racial justice. All people are welcome to join in this event! This event is free, but registration is required. Please register by using the QR code.







Greetings,

Before leaving for Christmas break, our first graders did a STEAM project and learned about snowflakes. They read the story "Snowflake Bentley" by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and learned that Wilson Bentley was the first person to photograph snowflakes.

They learned that each snowflake is different and then they were then challenged to make their own snowflake out of toothpicks and marshmallows!



Registration for the 2022-2023 school year opened this past week and there is excitement about our future! This year we welcomed many new families into our school and saw growth of 20% in our K-8 student population. We are anticipating high retention rates and expecting that we will have waitlists in several grades for the next school year. Our students continue to thrive thanks to the wonderful teachers of Nativity!

If you or others you know are interested in learning more about our fantastic PK-8 school, check out our website at school.nativitybloomington.org and reach out to our admissions coordinator, at admissions@nativitybloomington.org or 952-881-8160.

Gratitude is happiness! Ryan Pajak Principal

TWEETS OF WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS



We belong to Christ, we are joined to him through Baptism; His presence is in us, His light is in us, His life is in us. Let us therefore walk joyfully in hope sustained by his Word: it is the Word of life.

Parish Happenings

Saturday, January 15

3:00	PM
4:00	PM

Reconciliation, Confessional Mass, Church (*†Larry & Violet Plonty*)

Sunday, January 16

8:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:45-1:00 PM

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass, Church (Nativity of Mary Parish) Mass, Church (Susan Palmer) Book Club, John Paul II Room

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 17

7:00-8:00 AM 7:30 AM 8:00 AM 8:30-2:00 PM

Adoration, Church Rosary, Chapel Mass, Church (*†Leland Raley*) Adoration, Church

Tuesday, January 18

Adoration, Church
Reconciliation, Confessional
Adoration, Church
Mass, Church (Katherine Quilling)

Wednesday, January 19

7:00-8:00 AM	Adoration, Church
7:30 AM	Reconciliation, Confessional
7:30 AM	Rosary, Chapel
8:00 AM	Mass, Church (Mary Jo Anderson)
6:30-8:00 PM	RE/Confirmation Meeting ,
	Gathering Space

Thursday, January 20

'hursday, January	20 St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr
7:00-8:00 AM	Adoration, Church
7:30 AM	Rosary, Chapel
8:00 AM	Mass, Church (John Carlson)
8:30 AM	Reconciliation, Confessional
8:30 AM	Coffee & Conversation,
	Gathering Space

Friday, January 21

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 7:00-8:00 AM Adoration, Church 7:30 AM Rosary, Chapel 8:00 AM Mass, Church (†Peter Sinclair Wilson)

Saturday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

3:00 PM 4:00 PM **Reconciliation**, Confessional Mass, Church (†Elisabeth Millner)

Sunday, January 23

8:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:45-1:00 PM

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Dcn. & Martyr Mass, Church (Nativity of Mary Parish) Mass, Church ([†]Carey Long) Book Club, John Paul II Room



Coffee & Conversation Come join your community for Coffee & Conversation after daily Mass on Thursday mornings. Anyone is welcome! Meet in the Gathering Space.

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Sharing Our Treasure

During the month of January, our weekly budgeted contributions are \$19,700 (5 weeks).

Offering for Weekend (Week 28) January 8/9, 2022

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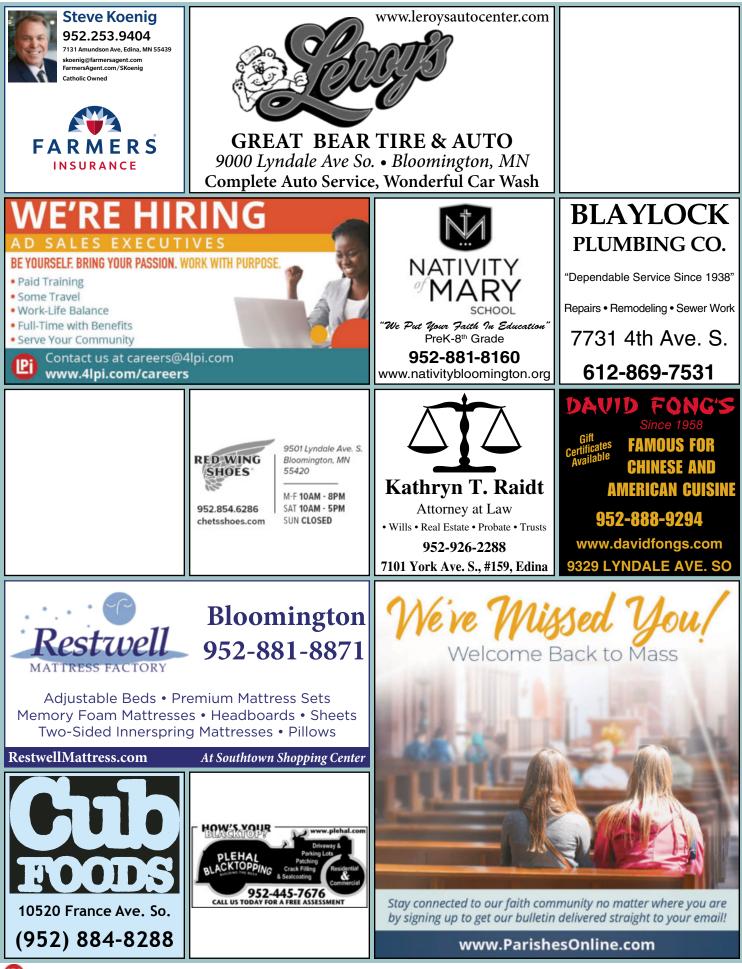
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