



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday, March 28, 2026

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this, the eve of Palm Sunday, I have several important parish staff updates to share.

First, I am pleased to announce that we have hired **Jarred McKinney** as our new, full-time Director of Formation and Evangelization. Jarred is a convert to the Catholic faith, was previously discerning the Anglican priesthood, and most recently served in the Donor Relations office at St. Olaf College. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University, a Master of Theological Studies, Global Religions from Emory University, and a Bachelor of Arts in History from King University. Jarred will begin on Monday, April 20. Stay tuned for more information, including an introduction from Jarred himself.

Second, **Beth Giese** has submitted her resignation, effective Friday, April 10. Beth joined the parish staff in April of 2023 as Director of Advancement, and since April of 2025 has served as Parish Administrator. Beth wished to offer the following message:

*It is with a heavy heart that I share my decision to resign from Nativity. As Director of Advancement, I had the privilege of leading the stewardship program, guiding the Centennial Campaign, and supporting key fundraising events such as the Nativity County Fair and the Night to Shine Gala.*

*I then transitioned into the role of Parish Administrator, helping to onboard Lighthouse Strategic Solutions as our finance and payroll partner, complete the Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) review and annual audit, implement a new employee handbook, and other accomplishments.*

*More meaningful than any of these accomplishments has been the opportunity to serve alongside a strong and forward-looking leadership team, including Fr. Rolf Tollefson, Ms. Kate Wollan, and Fr. John Paul Erickson. I am deeply grateful for their partnership, guidance, and shared commitment to this community.*

*I will always cherish the friendships I have formed with members of the Nativity community — both parish and school. It has been a blessing to be part of such a connected, compassionate, and faith-filled community.*

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*While I have not yet fully discerned the next chapter of my journey, I trust that it will unfold with purpose and new opportunities, guided by His plan. I carry with me deep gratitude for my time at Nativity and for all of you who made it so meaningful.*

Third, **Isaac Huss** has submitted his resignation as Director of Marketing and Communications, and his last day of work will be this Thursday, April 2. Isaac joined the parish staff in November of 2014 and has led our marketing and communications efforts since January of 2019. Isaac wished to offer the following message:

*Nativity of Our Lord as both a spiritual home and as a workplace has held pride of place in my life now for over a decade. I truly love the parish, the community, the staff and parishioners alike. My life has been indelibly marked by my time serving Nativity, and for that I'll be eternally grateful to Almighty God.*

*I am particularly grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Nativity. I wish to thank Fr. Rolf Tollefson for his leadership and Fr. Patrick Hipwell for hiring me; Fr. John Paul Erickson and all of the Vicars over the years, my fellow staff members past and present, and most importantly all of you parishioners, without whom there is no Nativity of Our Lord. It has been an honor and a privilege. Please pray for me as I for you.*

Fourth, as you may know, our Parish Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator **Sonny Herrington** is expecting her first child with her husband Shawn. Sonny's last day will be this Thursday, April 2 and she will begin her maternity leave after Easter. Please join me in praying for Sonny, Shawn, and their new baby!

Fifth and finally, I am pleased to announce that longtime parishioner (and current NCCW president) **Therese Steinhoff** is joining the parish staff in an interim role as Hospitality, Outreach, and Communications Coordinator. Therese earned a Masters degree in Advertising from Syracuse University and a Bachelor's degree in Communication and Media Studies from St. John Fisher University. Therese will lend her significant creative talents in our communications office, including on the weekly bulletin and Nativity News email, as well as helping to fill in for Sonny in her absence. Therese began training this past week and will begin her role officially on Thursday, April 9. Please help me welcome Therese to the team!

In Jesus Christ Our Lord,



Fr. Rolf Tollefson  
Pastor of Nativity of Our Lord