



ON DISPLAY AT
Queen of Angels
Catholic Church
 1001 Oakland Ave E,
 Austin, MN 55912



OPERATED BY
Knights of Columbus
Council 1201

**AUSTIN,
 MINNESOTA**

NATIVITY HOUSE



**THE LARGEST KNOWN
 NATIVITY COLLECTION
 IN MINNESOTA**

What began as a personal collection in 1968 has grown into a beloved annual display of faith and community. The Nativity collection of Helen and Bill Holder features more than **970 unique scenes** depicting the birth of Christ, making it **the largest known Nativity collection in Minnesota**. Since 2002, the Holders have opened their home each year to share these remarkable displays with visitors from near and far.

Collected from around the world, each Nativity showcases a different artistic and cultural interpretation of the Christmas story. For Helen, the display has always been about more than the collection itself – it's about sharing the deeper meaning behind it.

"It is just so fun to see people's reactions," she said. "The memories they share about the Nativity are part of the fun."



Beginning in **2025**, the Nativity House will find a new home at **Queen of Angels Catholic Church**, where it will be lovingly operated by the **Knights of Columbus Council 1201**. Visitors are invited to continue this cherished Austin tradition and experience the wonder and faith that inspired the Holders' collection – ensuring its message and joy will be shared for generations to come.

**OPEN NOVEMBER 30, 2025
TO JANUARY 11, 2026**

**Saturday Noon – 5 pm • Sunday 10 am – 5 pm
Or by Appointment.**

*For groups of 10 or more, please call 507-437-4563
to make a reservation.*

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