

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 28, 2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the beautiful thing about parish life is that it brings us together in the name of Jesus Christ. He is the one who unites us and makes us whole through His healing power.

The woman in the Gospel with hemorrhages would not have been able to fully partake in the community prayer life because she was legally unclean (Ignatius Catholic Study Bible – The Gospel of Mark, p. 26). Jesus made her clean, able to be united with others, once again a part of the community. Jesus does this for us, He brings us together, breaks down walls, heals, hence keeping Him at the center of our families, our parish, our community, is essential for building true communion.

We have a few updates for you here at Saint Nicholas and at Holy Cross, our parish school. First I would like to welcome Dr. Connie Krocak as our new school Principal. Dr. Krocak was able to join us for the Chicken Cookout last weekend on what turned out to be a wonderful Minnesota afternoon. I am very pleased that many of you were able to meet Dr. Krocak and to welcome her to our community. Dr. Krocak most recently served as Principal at Our Lady of the Lake in Mound, previously she taught at Providence Academy in Plymouth. Please continue to welcome Dr. Krocak and please continue to pray for our wonderful Catholic School.

In regard to the Chicken Cookout, thank you to all volunteers who helped make the event go so well. It was awesome to see so many people, including visitors, attend the Cookout. Thank you volunteers!!

The new carpet will be installed in the church this week! Once again thank you for your generous donations to fund this project. This was a 'fund – a – need' item at last year's Saint Nicholas Auction and Gala. Installation will begin Monday!

God bless,

Fr. Barnes

At St. Nicholas This Week

Daily Mass will be held in the basement while the carpet is being installed this week.

Sunday	Jun 28	Food Shelf weekend 10:30am Hall Rented 11:15am KC Raffle 1:00pm Garden Tour
Monday	Jun 29	
Tuesday	Jun 30	8:35am Fatima Rosary Group
Wednesday	Jul 1	
Thursday	Jul 2	4:00pm Wedding rehearsal 7:30pm KC Meeting
Friday	Jul 3	
Saturday	Jul 4	9:00am Morning Mass 11:00am Wedding
Sunday	Jul 5	

*Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer): **Everyone is Welcome**
Tuesday – Friday at 7:20am & Sat at 7:35am in the church.*

Mass Intentions (* indicates a change in mass time)

Saturday	Jun 27	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sunday	Jun 28	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sunday	Jun 28	10:00 am	Luke Fischer
Tuesday	Jun 30	8:00 am	Jerry Simon+
Wednesday	Jul 1	8:00 am	Anna Tompos+
Thursday	Jul 2	8:00 am	Ken DeGross+
Friday	Jul 3	8:00 am	Paul & Therese Leon+
Saturday	Jul 4	9:00 am	Joe & Rose Kunkel Family
Saturday	Jul 4	5:00 pm	Leo Shea Family
Sun	Jul 5	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	Jul 5	10:00 am	Ben & Mary Zweber



Daily Scriptures

Monday:	Acts 12:1-11, 2 Timothy 4:6-8	Matthew 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Genesis 19:15-29	Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Genesis 21:5, 8-20a	Matthew 8:28-34
Thursday:	Genesis 22:1b-19	Matthew 9:1-8
Friday:	Ephesians 2:19-22	John 20:24-29
Saturday:	Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29	Matthew 9:14-17
Sunday:	Ezekiel 2:2-5 2 Corinthians 12:7-10	Mark 6:1-6a

Liturgical Stewardship		July 4 & 5
July 4 @ 5pm	Lector:	Chuch Matthews
	Ministers:	Jan Freeman, Dana Meyer
	Ushers:	Dave DeGonda, David Sheedy
July 5 @ 8a	Lector:	Patty Jo English
	Ministers:	Joyce Anderson, Mike Moelle
	Ushers:	Dan Simones, Mike Cole
July 5 @ 10am	Lector:	Kelly Heselton
	Ministers:	Julie Nelson, Jackie Devine
	Ushers:	Richard Hanke , Leon Meger

Sunday Giving: May 24/Week 47 in Fiscal Year

*These amounts will be updated in the following weeks.
Thanks for your patience during this transition.*

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving	\$6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving	\$313,800
Actual Collection Received	\$4,284
Cemetery Care	\$10
Children's Collection	\$15
Collection Received Year-to-Date	\$288,649
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Capital Improvements \$58	

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Scripture Verse

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39

Text Reflection

"And they ridiculed him." So he hung his head in shame and slunk gloomily out the back door? So he pleaded and whined and called them all names? No. Instead, Jesus "put them all out" and went about his business, raising Jairus' daughter from the dead.

Jesus wasn't concerned about what others thought. And lest we imagine that everyone around him was constantly worshiping him and adoring his divinity, today's reading reminds us that even in the presence of the Lord, skeptics were a dime a dozen. So should we be surprised if we must deal with a bit of ridicule ourselves?

As faithful Christians, we will at times be called to chart a course that doesn't make sense in the eyes of the world. And, yes, some people will say we're crazy. We may be called to take a stand for the unborn or the elderly in a culture that considers life to be expendable. We may be faced with a decision at work that requires us to adhere to an ethical code that our boss thinks is laughable.

Perhaps we will have to sacrifice a relationship because of pressures to ignore Christian morality. Or maybe the situation could be as simple as dealing with the smirks that arise when we say a prayer before eating at a restaurant.

Whether we face a snicker or blatant discrimination against our religious freedom, we should not flinch or waver when such opposition comes our way. Jesus faced it and so will we. The question is only how we will respond.

Today, Jesus gives us an example of calm confidence as he marches forward with his mission. He knew that he was doing the right thing, and that was enough for him. It should be enough for us too.

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*Thank you to everyone who has responded to the parish needs,
through prayer, treasure and talent! God Bless You!*

All these projects are complete!

We still need continued financial support for these projects.

- \$2,236.50 - Sidewalk replacement
- \$11,250.00 - Replacement of flat roofs over basement bathrooms & south basement entrance
- \$1,755.00 - Mold removal in parish basement
- \$600.00 - Mold removal in school building
- \$620.00 - Leaf guards for gutters on rectory
- \$1,952.00 - Additional Mold Removal (*not in original bid*)
- \$568.00 - Air Quality Tests (*not included in original bid*)
- \$18,981.50 - Total cost of current needed repairs**
- \$16,009.00 - Total Donations to date – Thank You**
- \$ 2,972.50 - Balance**

We are also in the process of identifying and prioritizing a number of other projects (solving our water problems is a big one). If you are able to contribute to the parish for these expenses, you can make your donation two different ways. In your current Sunday envelopes, on the left side of the envelope it reads Capital Improvement and Endowment Fund Offering. Simply circle Capital Improvement and then list the dollar amount you would like to contribute to the projects.

You may also stop in the parish office and leave your donation. As the donations continue to come in, the dollar amounts will be listed in the bulletin. If you have any questions please contact the parish office at 952-461-2403.

Thank you from the Parish Leadership

46th Annual Chicken Cookout

*Thank you to the many volunteers who
helped make this event a success.*



Q & A *Earlier this week on June 24th we celebrated the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. How was that date chosen and why?*

The date set for John the Baptist's birth only came into existence once the date to celebrate Jesus' birth was set. Evidence shows that by the middle of the fourth century Christians were celebrating the birth of Jesus around December 25. No one at that time knew when Jesus was born, but the date seemed to be selected to counter the Roman festival to the sun god.

Once December 25 had been selected for the birth of Jesus, a number of other dates could be set, using the biblical evidence at hand. When the angel appeared to Mary and she conceived, her cousin, Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, was in her sixth month. If Jesus was born on December 25, then he had to be conceived nine months before, on March 25. If Elizabeth was then in her sixth month, then John the Baptist was due three months later on June 25.

Then why June 24? A rather convincing reason stems from John's witness in John's Gospel. There John the Baptist says that Jesus must increase and he, John, must decrease. The other Gospels also have John point to Jesus and not himself as the chosen One of God. In making John's birth a day less than Jesus' full nine months the Christian community communicated this Gospel reality in its liturgical calendar. Thus the Christian community continued to highlight John's mission and ministry. Maybe we could strive toward that same mission in our own lives.

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ST. NICHOLAS NEWS & EVENTS

2015 St. Nicholas Catholic Church Garden Tour Sunday, June 28th 1:00pm-5:00pm Come explore 6 Hidden Wonders of Elko/New Market



The **St. Nicholas Garden Tour** will take place on Sunday, June 28 from 1-5 pm. Tickets are available to purchase at the parish office. Cost will be \$10 per person. For more information call Joyce Hanke (952) 461-1963 or Linda Fischer (952)-461-2230 or visit the parish website at www.stncc.net or Facebook at www.facebook.com/stncc.net. All proceeds will go directly to maintaining the grounds at St. Nicholas Catholic Church.



St. Nicholas will be holding food drives the last full weekend of every month. All donations will be going to the Scott County Food Shelf. Mark your calendar and thanks in advance for your donations! **Food Drive weekends: June 27/28. Please bring food and drop in alcoves on sides of church.**



Altar server appreciation: The St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus are hosting an Altar Server appreciation day at the New Market Muskies 2:00 game on Sunday July 12, 2015. RSVP's required to Leon Meger at 952-652-2826. Thank you!

New Market Knights of Columbus is holding its Annual Big Ticket Raffle on Sunday, June 28, 2015 at approximately 11:15 a.m. We have wonderful prizes **1st Prize \$3,000, 2nd Prize \$2,000, 3rd Prize \$1,000.** Tickets are \$40 each or a book of 3 for \$100. Profits go to the Catholic Education and Pro-Life causes. Please support the Knights and all their good works.



LNMV Religious Education Keep in touch by checking out the RE website at www.lnmvre.net. Registration information will be posted by the first of July and watch for 2015-16 school year information to be sent in mid-July.

****Future catechists and aides:** Please discern your call to help your parish by passing on the faith through teaching. We

will be working toward filling our teaching spots by August 15th. Please email Kathy Chlan @ kathyc@holycrossschool.net if you have any questions or are interested in teaching, co-teaching or being an aide in a room, hall monitors or substitute teaching. You do not need to have children in the program to help teach or aide in classrooms. ***This ministry is vital to the life of our parishes as we pass along the faith and prepare our students for a sacramental life.***

RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults)



ARE YOU interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? or DO YOU know someone who....

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation?
- Curious about what Catholics believe and want to learn more?

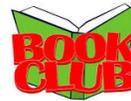
September 8th at 7:00pm at the Catholic Education Center (home of Holy Cross School) we will have an information night and sign up for those interested in exploring the journey to become Catholic. Classes will begin on Thursday, Sept. 17th and continue on Thursday evenings and will be an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Classes will focus on the teachings, Traditions and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. If you would like more information please call the parish office or Kathy Chlan at 952-652-6100 ext. 501 or email Kathy at kathyc@holycrossschool.net



Holy Cross News:

Holy Cross is pleased to introduce our new principal, Dr. Connie Krocak! Dr. Krocak was formerly the principal at Our Lady of the Lake in Mound. She previously designed and established a Pre-K program at Providence Academy in Plymouth, where she taught for 12 years, and she also has experience as a Family and Consumer Science teacher for grades 6 through 12.

Dr. Krocak has a deep love of Catholic education and a passion for bringing service and values-based education to all students. She is looking forward to working with our teachers to bring the very best teaching to our classrooms, and working with our families to build a positive, peaceful school culture together. We are blessed to have her accept this role and are looking forward to a successful future.



Book Club meets one Tuesday a month @ 7:15pm at Deb Streefland's home. If you are interested in joining us, please call Deb Streefland at 952-652-2349. **2015 Schedule; Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 17 & Dec. 15.**



Choir practice has adjourned for the summer. Choir practice will resume again in September. Exact day and time will be announced in August. If you are interested but have questions, please contact Deb Carlson at 952-884-8251 or debc@stncc.net



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Fourth of July schedule – The Adoration Chapel will close on Thursday, July 2nd at 5pm. The Chapel will stay closed through the weekend and will reopen on Tuesday, July 8th at 8:30am following 8am Mass.

MORE ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR HOLY HOURS WITH JESUS. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH AN HOUR.

Adorers are needed especially for the following hours: **Sunday:** 1 pm (1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays), 4 pm (from June - Sept), 5 pm (into Sept.), **Tuesday:** 7 pm, 1pm, **Wednesday:** noon, **Friday:** 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 7 pm (2 Fridays a month), **Saturday:** 5am, 1 pm (on 2nd & 3rd Saturdays of the month). To sign up as an Adorer or for more information on Adoration, please contact Dan and Lynne Soderlund at (507) 645-6012 or at lynsod@yahoo.com

Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Chapel:

We are looking for a new head coordinator(s) for our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Please prayerfully consider lending your talents to this beautiful ministry. If you are interested in this volunteer position, please contact Father Barnes for more information.



MOTHER'S GROUP

For information please call Lisa Damiani: [651-203-7734](tel:651-203-7734)



PRO-LIFE

We invite you to the chapel for the Pro-Life Rosary, every Saturday at 9am.



The maintenance committee would like to ask that you remove all flowers, flower pots, hanging baskets, etc. from the cemetery that are *located in the grassy areas* by July 1st. Items in grassy areas take extra time in trimming which hinders time needed for other maintenance duties. All flowers not removed by July 1st will be placed behind the church by the chicken cookout pit for your retrieval. Thanks for understanding.

St. Nicholas apparel items and accessories are available to order online. Please visit the parish website (stncc.net) and follow the link provided or visit <https://ssastores.com/store/st-nicholas-catholic-church-elko-new-market-mn/>
Please note all ordering, payment, shipping and returns are handled through SSA Stores and not the parish office.

AREA NEWS & EVENTS

Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday – June 28, 2015 Hosted by: Most Holy Trinity, Veseli, Location: Metogga Lake Dairy – The Pieper Family Farm, 6565 Kent Ave., New Prague. Polka Band Playing for Mass at 1:30pm – Celebrated by Bishop Lee A. Piche featuring the Veseli Ho-Down Choir & Band. Please bring your own lawn chairs. In case of rain the celebration will go forward as planned underneath tents. Lunch following mass with a free will offering. Music, kids' games and activities – see the animals.

St. Mary's Church Festival on Sunday, June 28th. 165 N. Waterville Ave. Le Center. Polka Mass at 10am. Roast beef dinner served family style in our air conditioned social hall. \$12 Adults 10 yrs and up, \$5 children 5-9 yrs, 4 & under free. Outdoor food court: hot beef sandwiches, hotdogs, pie, Mexican foods, root beer floats, and beer garden. Loads of things to do and see - Country Store, silent auction, white elephant, wall of wine, large raffles, kids' games, live music, horse-drawn wagon rides, bingo, meat raffles & pull tabs. Fun for the whole family!

★ JUNE 21 to JULY 4, 2015 ★
FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM
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Fortnight for Freedom June 21 – July 4 - This is a time where we reflect on the state of our religious liberties in the United States. Find information and resources at archspm.org, search keyword: Fortnight. Please join us for our local Fortnight for Freedom events:

- Light for Freedom Speaker Series – “Building Babylon's good without bending to its gods” featuring Jason Adkins from Minnesota Catholic Conference. June 24, 7 p.m. at the Church of Saint Paul, Ham Lake
- Holy Hour and Mass for Religious Freedom with Archbishop Nienstedt. June 27, Holy Hour begins at 6 p.m.; Mass at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

Cathedral Young Adults Theology on Tap – please download and print the flyer <http://www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/sites/default/files/files/2015%20Summer%20Flyer.pdf>
All young adults ages 18-39 are invited to come to the next Theology on Tap series, presented by the Cathedral of Saint Paul Young Adults. Connect with others for an evening of food, fellowship, and faith. The series will be held on Wednesday evenings June 17 – July 22 at O'Gara's, 164 Snelling Avenue North, Saint Paul. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. and the speaker begins at 7:30 p.m. Topics focus on faith and contemporary issues that directly affect the lives of young adults. All evenings are free of charge. For more information, visit www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/cya or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/19770161424/>

Remaining schedule:

July 1: Grill the Priest, by Fr. Thomas Dufner

July 8: The Parables of Jesus, by Fr. Charles Lachowitz

July 15: Old vs. New Liturgy, by Fr. John Paul Erickson

July 22: How Are We Saved? by Dr. William Stevenson



Time to focus on your Vocation? – Marriage or Holy Orders Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – July 17-19th Buffalo MN

The car, the house, the grass, the garage...the list of things to do seems to never end. What about your vocation? Isn't it time to place your relationship at the top of the list? Make a WWME Weekend and give your vocation a tune-up. This short weekend can reap benefits for years to come. For more details about a weekend or to complete an application go to www.twincitieswwme.org.

Already Encountered? - Refresh your relationship and find a community of encountered couples and priests in your area. Come when your schedule allows for encouragement and joy while living out God's Call. www.twincitieswwme.org

There is Still Time to Join the Pilgrimage to See Pope Francis!– The registration form is available for download & printing at http://www.archspm.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/World-Meeting-of-Families-2015-Archdiocese-of-St-Paul-and-Minneapolis_Monday-September-28-return2.pdf

Join the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to the World meeting of Families and the Papal visit, Sept 22-28, 2015. Accommodations in and around Philly are very limited, so ensure your spot with us. Register today! Visit archspm.org/WMF or call Sonya at 651-291-4488.

Totus Tuus – Vocation Day for Young Men/ Daughter of God Retreat – please download and post the flyer http://www.archspm.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/FlyerVocDay_TotusTuus_MFL_2015_F.pdf

Saturday, August 15 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Vocation Day for Young Men at Saint John Vianney Seminary

Daughter of God Retreat at The Saint Paul Seminary

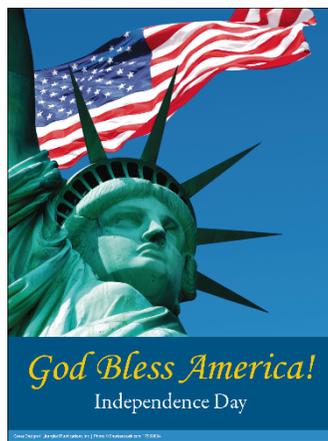
Young Catholic men and women, ages 12-17, are invited to these one-day events to deepen their faith and better discern God's calling in their life. \$10 per person; \$20 family maximum. Lunch will be provided. Parents are invited to a Parent Coffee, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

For more information and to register, go to “Events” at archspm.org. Questions? Contact Patty McQuillan 651-962-6890 or Nancy Schulte Palachek 651-291-4489.

Basic Evangelization Two-Day Workshop - September 18-19, St. John the Baptist, New Brighton

St. Paul Street Evangelization is a non-profit Catholic organization dedicated to preaching the Gospel to all nations, and one of the ways they do this is by bringing the Catholic faith to the streets. They provide a hands-on experience of being a street evangelist, but the training goes beyond street evangelization, it also provides effective tools to share the Gospel with the people in your parish, school or workplace! The workshop starts on Friday, September 18, 7-10pm and goes through Saturday, September 19 8am-4pm. Registration is now open! To find out more visit the [St. Paul Street Evangelization page](http://St.PaulStreetEvangelization.org) at rediscover-faith.org. If you have questions, please email Susanna Bolle in the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis at bolles@archspm.org or call 651-291-4411.

Please join us July 4th
For Mass at 9am



Prayer for Independence Day

Dear God,

As we celebrate this day with fireworks and festivals, help us never to forget the reason for our joy.

Help us remember that our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness

were signed into our heritage with the willing blood of American patriots.

Most of all, help us remember that the rights of all people are more than words on a document,

and that all people have rights

because you have given us the dignity of human life.

Grant freedom to all,

and give us the strength to protect the rights of others.

Amen