From the Desk of Father Barnes

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

Last weekend we celebrated Forty-Hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the main church here at Saint Nicholas. The event closed at 4pm with evening prayer, a reflection, beautiful music, a procession, and Benediction. Thank you to all who helped make this an absolutely wonderful event in honor of Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist. Thank you! The choir did a magnificent job including a reflection piece that led us into prayer and contemplation, which is the goal of liturgical music.

We will be joining together in prayer next weekend in Saint Paul at Planned Parenthood as a part of the Forty Days for Life campaign, the goal being to end abortion and to promote a culture of life and love in our nation. We are not going there to judge anyone, but to peacefully pray and to share in the cup of suffering that Jesus Christ promises His disciples. We share in the suffering of those who may be considering an abortion, helping them carry their burdens through our prayers. **This does make a difference and it saves lives.**

Please join us from 2 to 4pm on Sunday, October 25th. This is very important, we don't want to look back and wish we would have done something when we had the opportunity. Now is the time to step up efforts in the Pro-Life movement. See you there!

We can't do it alone!

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Would you and your family like to bring up the Gifts to Father Barnes during Mass?

What an honor it is to carry the wine and hosts to the priest at Mass for consecration! Any occasion can be a time to serve as a Gift Bearer: a birthday, an anniversary, or just a "happy day." Or maybe you would like to bring up the gifts on the memorial of a loved one. Gift Bearers actively participate in the celebration of the Mass by presenting the gifts of Bread and Wine at the altar and require no special skill or permanent ministerial duty, and yet it *is a beautiful and significant part of the Mass* performed by lay people. We have a sign-up book in the back of church where you can register you or your family.

This week at St. Nicholas

Mon	Oct 19	Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21 6:00pm Good News People Meeting
Tue	Oct 20	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38 7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:35am Rosary 7:35am Confessions **8:00am Mass: Rita & Debbie Feldmann+** 8:35am Fatima Rosary Group 6:30pm Gala & Auction Meeting
Wed	Oct 21	Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48 7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:35am Rosary 7:35am Confessions **8:00am Mass: Rose Dircks+** 4:45pm Confessions 6:45pm Religious Education Classes 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice
Thu	Oct 22	Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53 7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:35am Rosary 7:35am Confessions **8:00am Mass: Albert Chlan+** 3:30pm Children Choir Practice 7:00pm RCIA Class
Fri	Oct 23	Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59 7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:35am Rosary 7:35am Confessions **8:00am Mass: Frank & Mary Tupy+**
Sat	Oct 24	Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9 Archdiocesan Youth Day Food Shelf Weekend 7:35am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) **8:00am Mass: Merrill Hennen+** 8:35am Rosary 8:35am Confessions 9:00am Hill Clean-up 9:00am Pro-Life Rosary in Chapel 3:30pm Confessions **5:00pm Mass: Stuart & Joyce Russell+**
Sun	Oct 25	Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52 Food Shelf Weekend KC's Pancake Breakfast & Gun Raffle Drawing 7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:35am Rosary **8:00am Mass: Don Kremer+** 9:35am Rosary **10:00am Mass: The Parish** 2:00pm St. Nicholas @ Planned Parenthood

All adult men of the parish are invited

to join us on Saturday, October 24th, for Mass at 8am followed by breakfast. After breakfast, we'll head outside to do some clean-up on the hill. If we're still hard at work around lunch time, there is more food included! What a fantastic way to spend time with your fellow parishioners - outside on a beautiful autumn day. Please do make plans to join us.

Eucharistic Adoration

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.

More adorers are needed. If you are unable to commit to a regularly scheduled hour, please consider substituting for an open hour. The table below displays the times that have the greatest need for adorers.

If you would like to become an adorer or for more information, please contact our temporary lead coordinator, Jean Moeller at 952-461-4552 or at maulor@msn.com. You may also sign up online at http://www.stncc.net/available-adoration-hours.

Time	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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No adoration at this time
One adorer scheduled, additional adorers welcome
Adorer needed

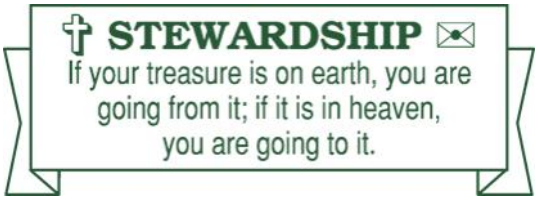
a* 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays
b* January - April, 2016
c* Two Fridays a month

Liturgical Stewardship

Oct 24 @ 5pm	Lector:	Kelly Heselton
	Ministers:	Dana Meyer, Kathy Chlan
	Ushers:	Joe Molitor, Ron Chlan
Oct 25 @ 8am	Lector:	Margo Theisen
	Ministers:	Ralph Wagner, Joyce Anderson
	Ushers:	Dan Simones, Mike Cole
Oct 26 @ 10am	Lector:	Leander Wagner
	Ministers:	Norleen Lane, Tom Streefland
	Ushers:	Dennis Anderson, Steve Addabbo

Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord October 11th, Week 15 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving	$6,522
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving	$97,830
Sunday Plate	$4,092
Children's Collection	$3
Bread & Wine	$45
ACH (Received monthly)	0
Collection Received Year-to-Date	$74,802
	-$23,028
Endowment: $0	
Capital Improvements: $40, YTD $1,458	



Our Parish School News

Head Basketball Coach

A head basketball coach is needed for the boys in grades 4-8 (about 14 are interested). The season begins mid November and ends the last week of February. Each week, there will be two early practices from 3-4:30 and the other two days from 4:30-5:30 with Fridays off. An assistant coach has already been hired. Please consider this opportunity to work with our youth. If interested, please contact our Athletic Director, Cathy Mikel at cathym@holycrossschool.net or 952-652-6100 ext 302.

Box Tops, Campbell Soup Labels & Milk Caps

Please turn in these items in the box located in the main entrance to the church. All support our parish school. Last school year Box Tops paid out about $2,000 to Holy Cross. Every Box Top helps and adds up.

Shop with Scrip

Scrip is an easy way to support Holy Cross Catholic School. By purchasing gift cards at face value, supporters can do their shopping as usual for gas, groceries, clothing, and meals out. The retailers offer a rebate which goes back to the school. So parishioners can support the school without spending any more than usual!

Scrip gift cards are the same gift cards you can purchase from the retailer. With over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery and department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels and home improvement, Scrip has something to appeal to every family .

Weekly Scrip orders are placed every Monday, and are ready for pick-up on the Thursday afternoon of that same week. Cards for many popular retailers are also kept in stock in the school office and are available for immediate purchase. Check out the program and available retailers at www.shopwithscrip.com.

Our goal is to have Scrip cards available to purchase at St. Nicholas during Doughnut Sundays and breakfasts. You may also order online and visit Holy Cross Catholic School to pick up your gift cards.

St. Nicholas News & Events

LNMV Religious Education:

Classes held at the Catholic Education Center (CEC) home of Holy Cross Catholic School

- Regular Classes Wednesday, Oct. 21st 6:30pm - 7:45pm
- Regular Classes Wednesday, Oct. 28th 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Parents of First Communion Students:
God in the Family group meetings on Sundays or Tuesdays Oct. 18 & 20, 25 & 27 and Nov.1 & 3 and 8 & 10
October 18th will be at the home of Mike & Alison Cienciwa and Tuesdays at Martin and Alex Berry's home.
Learning, sharing and building up the faithful through sacramental formation.

There are additional opportunities on Monday nights of the same week at Lonsdale location.
Contact Kathyc@holycrossschool.net with any questions.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS
Attention: 9TH grade Confirmation students along with students who pre-registered in grades 10,11&12. This coming Saturday, October 24th, is ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH DAY (AYD). ***We meet at Holy Cross Catholic School at 11:15 sharp!***

After some ice breakers and a bag lunch, we will board a bus and depart for Roy Wilken's Auditorium at River Centre in St. Paul for the rest of the day. We will join 2,000 youth from throughout the diocese to celebrate our faith, listen to engaging speakers and the band, Sonar! This action-packed day will conclude at 9:00pm. We will return to the Holy Cross Catholic School parking lot between 10:00 and 10:30pm.

Dead Theologians Society: Grades 9-12 are invited to attend the meeting of the *Dead Theologians Society*. Students will experience a variety of activities from sports, learning about a saint, pray, enjoy a meal together and lots more. First gathering will be Sunday night, October 18th from 6:00-9:00pm at the St. Nicholas Campus.

Parent Volunteers: We are in need of volunteers to help put together a meal and serve the DTS youth on Oct. 18th and every 2nd Sunday of the month. Please contact Kathy Chlan at kathyc@holycrossschool.net or 952-652-6100. You can sign up to host, bring part or all the meal for about 20-25 students. This is a great event to get your students involved in each month. Students from each parish attend. Please consider volunteering. You do not have to have teens to support the youth!

St. Nicholas News & Events Continued

This year, the Pontifical Mission Societies, which sponsors World Mission Sunday, is focusing on the Gospel passage from Matthew, "I will build my church" (16:18).

Throughout the world, the Pontifical Mission Society spreads the good news of the Gospel far and wide. Let us pray, and offer our gift of support and money to the spread of the Gospel in faraway lands, and in our own cities and towns.

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God, we humbly ask your blessings upon our brothers and sisters in lands far from us. Your Gospel message was handed to us through our parents and nurtured in our communities by priests, brothers, and sisters who have dedicated their lives to spread God's good news.

Help us to be generous in our offering of monetary gifts to the Pontifical Mission Society. May our gifts continue the work of evangelization of countries throughout the world.

We ask this in Christ's name, who is our brother and savior. Amen.

World Mission Sunday ©LPi

Q & A *What is a transitional deacon?*

There are two types of deacons in the church. Both are members of the clergy. Both have the same liturgical role. Both have the service of the community as their primary work. One is called a permanent deacon, usually a married man ordained as a deacon with no intention of becoming a priest.

They preach, baptize, witness marriages, conduct funeral services, and look after the needs of the poor. They also visit the sick and take Communion to them, although they cannot celebrate the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. They might also assist the pastor in his administrative duties. Permanent deacons are usually well known and respected in their communities and have roots there.

A transitional deacon is one who functions as a deacon for a period of time prior to ordination as a priest. His diaconate assignment serves as a kind of internship of ordained ministry. During his year or two as a deacon, he will learn the practical aspects of parish life, getting a firsthand look at the life of a priest. His work has a different focus than a permanent deacon in that he is looking forward to ordination as a priest.

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Please submit bulletin announcements by 4 pm on Wednesdays.

Thank you!

DEADLINE

Everyday Stewardship

How many times have we seen our children latch on to some instrument, sport, or other activity only to abandon it a few months later? It has happened to all of us. There's the child who insists that he or she is going to play the trombone forever, picks up the instrument, faithfully goes to lessons, and just after mom and dad finally make the outlay on a brand new instrument, the child decides that music is not an interest anymore. Or there's the son or daughter who is intensely interested in soccer, but a year after joining the special teams' league decides soccer isn't that important. A parent could go mad, until we realize that childhood is exactly for this kind of experimentation, finding out what fits and what doesn't.

In some ways this weekend's Gospel is a bit like this. James and John come to Jesus much like the child who asks for the new drum set because he is absolutely going to practice every day! James and John want their reward for walking all over Galilee and Judea with Jesus. When he asks them if they are ready to endure what will come, they answer like the child who says to the parent, "Oh yes, of course. I will practice (piano, basketball, swimming, saxophone-choose one) every single day!" Jesus tells James and John that they will have the hard work and the tribulation, but the reward is given by the Father.

Our children discover over time what the things of value they want to work towards are, and what talents they want to develop. Jesus points out to his disciples that one value is being a servant. A life lesson that we can impart to our sons and daughters as they grow up is one that comes from our faith: how we act toward others and how we care for those in need are important, more important than playing trombone or soccer well.

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People often ask if the prayer vigil should indeed be a family activity – that is should you bring the children?

Of course, there are places where the vigil is on a narrow sidewalk on a high-traffic road, so there's always safety to consider.

But children show everyone what's really at stake when it comes to abortion. The women arriving at the abortion center – and the people who work there – need this reminder.

Even more importantly, children bring joy to a cold place that calculates the value of a human life. Outside the abortion center, the joy of children is a powerful and needed weapon.

Prayer
Thank you God for being the Creator of my life and every life. Please give me, and the society in which I live, an appreciation for your gift of life. Please help us set aside our pride and acknowledge that we need you.

Show me how I can honor you today in response to all the blessings you bestow so freely. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Please help to close these abortion mills with your prayers and join St. Nicholas as a group on Sunday, October 25th, from 2—4pm at Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandalia, St. Paul.

Prayer will be from 6a.m.-6p.m. daily, but come and pray ANY TIME!

- Closing Prayer Vigil is Sunday Nov 1 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. led by local pastors.

For more information about 40 Days for Life Twin Cities please contact Rev. Brian Walker, Program Coordinator via phone at 651-797-6363, via email brian.walker@plam.org. or visit www.plan.org/programs/40-days-for-life/

St. Nicholas Apparel
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For more information and to order please follow this link: 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.

St. Nicholas Gala & Auction

Did you get your Gala and Auction tickets? If you didn't pick them up at church, watch your mail. You don't want to miss this event! The Gala and Auction is coming up on Saturday, November 14th, and promises to be a wonderful evening of fellowship that will include a delicious dinner, games, raffles, prizes, and a silent and live auction. Make sure to return your tickets with payment to the church office by Friday, October 30th .

This is one of the largest fundraisers for our parish and each family is asked to purchase and/or sell at least one ticket.

There are two ways to stay updated:
1) Visit the parish website, www.stncc.net/gala-auction
2) Visit www.facebook.com/stnccGalaAuction. Please note, a Facebook account is not necessary to view the St. Nicholas Gala & Action Facebook page.

For questions, please email GalaAuctionInfo@gmail.com or call Anne or Duane Fredrickson at 612-616-8133.

Food Shelf Weekends: 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 Shelf weekend: October 24/25. Please bring food and drop in the alcoves on the sides of church.**

The KC's have 3 beautiful Firearms to raffle off. Tickets are $10 each or 5 for $40. Tickets will be sold after all masses up until their pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 25th, when they draw the winners after the 10am Mass. Proceeds will go to our parish school, Holy Cross. Please support the Knights and all their good works.

As members of our parish Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild, all female parishioners from the ages of 18 and older are invited to join us on Thursday, Oct. 22nd, for the CCW Mission Event at St. John the Baptist in Jordan at 6pm. We donate basket items for raffles, have a nice dinner, listen to a great speaker and wait for our names to be called as raffle winners. It's a great time for a great cause! For more information, please contact Sara Bertram at skbbake@msn.com.

Area News & Events

Listening Sessions with Archbishop Hebda to help inform Pope Francis' choice for our new archbishop

Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of dialogue in the life of the Church. And in the spirit of speaking and listening in charity, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is hosting a series of listening sessions. Archbishop Hebda will lead the sessions to hear your input on our strengths, our challenges, and what characteristics are important in a new archbishop. Feedback gathered during these sessions will be shared with those responsible for advising Pope Francis as he makes this important choice and with the new Archbishop whenever he is named. Summaries will be published in The Catholic Spirit.

Tuesday, November 3:
7 – 9 p.m., Divine Mercy, Faribault

Wednesday, November 4:
7 – 9 p.m., Woulfe Alumni Hall, Anderson Student Center, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul

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Calling All Young Adults
Tuesday, November 3rd, 6:30pm

Come learn about the Eastern Rite Catholic Church. Talk to be given in the Young Adult room on the lower level of Mary Mother of the Church in Burnsville. The speaker is George Younes a parishioner of St Maron's in Minneapolis.

Young Adult Catholics Hanging Out Together (YACHT) meets Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. This group is for adults ages 18-35, single and married. It offers a place for you to enjoy and share your Catholic faith with other young adults.

Holy Hour, Vespers and Talk
for Consecrated Men, Women and Discerners of Consecrated Life
Sunday, November 8
3 – 5 p.m.
St. Mary's Chapel at The Saint Paul Seminary

In celebration for the Year for Consecrated Life, the Vocation Office and The Saint Paul Seminary are hosting a Holy Hour with Vespers, and a talk by Bishop Andrew Cozzens, entitled: Consecrated Life, Imitating Mary's Yes. Consecrated men and women and those discerning consecrated life are particularly encouraged to attend! For more information, call 651-962-6890 or see www.10000vocations.org.

Sherry Weddell Speaking at St. Hubert's in Chanhassen
Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church is hosting Sherry Weddell, author of *Forming Intentional Disciples,* creator of the *Called and Gifted* charism discernment process, and Co-Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute. Come grow in your personal relationship with Jesus, learn how to help others grow in their relationship with him, and start discovering the spiritual charisms God has given you! This event is open to the public. The cost to attend is $25 with lunch and refreshments provided. You do not have to have read *Forming Intentional Disciples* to attend. To register, go to www.sthubert.org or contact sharon.wilson@sthubert.org.

Keepers of the Fire Joins Archdiocesan Youth Day
Saturday, October 24, 1 – 9 p.m.
Transfiguration, Oakdale and All Saints, Lakeville

Keepers of the Fire is a new Men's Initiative from the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis and is partnering with the Office of Marriage, Family and Life to cover our youth in prayer during AYD. All men 18 and older are invited to gather around the fire pit for one hour between 1 and 9 p.m. at one of the host parishes: Transfiguration, Oakdale, or All Saints, Lakeville, to pray for our youth, our schools and our culture. It is important for MEN to protect the family! Please contact Susanna Bolle with questions at bolles@archspm.org or 651-291-4411.

Responding to Abuse:
Defining Abuse, Warning Signs, Prevention, and Recovery
Sundays, November 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
The Basilica of Saint Mary, 88 N 17th St, Minneapolis

This series will discuss types of abuse found in corporate, institutional and family settings, the impact of abuse on the brain, the cycle of abuse, warning signs, prevention, proper responses and models of healthy power. Panelists include psychotherapists, attorneys, law enforcement, clinical psychologists, corporate managers and others in the field. Please see www.mary.org for bios of panelists and more information on this series. Registration is not needed and there is no cost to attend. For questions, contact Paula Kaempffer at pkaempffer@mary.org or (612) 317-3400.

Operation Andrew Dinner
November 3rd 6- 8 pm
Archbishop's Residence, 230 Summit Ave, Saint Paul

Operation Andrew Dinner is hosted by Bishop Andrew Cozzens for men, ages 16 – 50, who have a genuine interest in the priesthood or religious life. Plan to attend with your Pastor, Religious Brother or Youth Director. Reserve your spot at the table before October 27.

Call 651.962.6890 or email stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org.

Miryam Dinner
November 10, 6 – 8 p.m.,
Archbishop's Residence, 230 Summit Ave., Saint Paul

The Vocation Office invites you to the Miryam Dinner hosted by Bishop Andrew Cozzens. The event is for women, ages 16 – 35, who are discerning consecrated life. It is typical for women discerners to be accompanied by their Pastor, Consecrated Religious, or Youth Minister.
The evening begins with prayer, followed by dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocation testimonies. Reserve your spot at the table before November 3. Call 651.962.6890 or emailstpaulvocations@10000vocations.org. For more information on this and other events, watch the Vocations Office website: www.10000vocations.org.

Lonsdale area wide seniors club (Golden Agers)
October 20th, 1pm

Will meet at I.C.Civic Center for cards and bingo. A supper will be served at 4:00. All adults over 60 are invited to attend. For more information, please call Don at 507-744-2408.