# **SUNDAY OF ADVENT** "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." - Lk 21:27

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

## Welcome to St. Nicholas Catholic Church!

#### General Information

#### Lord's Day Mass

Saturday: 5:00 p.m., Sunday: \*8:00 & 10:00 a.m. \*Mass with parts in Latin first Sunday of the month.

#### **Daily Mass**

Tuesday—Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration Chapel Hours Sunday Noon—Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Tuesday—Friday: 7:35—7:50 a.m. Wednesday: 4:45— 5:30 p.m. Saturday: 8:35 a.m. & 3:30—4:40 p.m. or by appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Pre-baptism meetings are held with Father Barnes. Please call for an appointment.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements must be made a minimum of six (6) months in advance.

**Communion Call:** If you or someone you care for must receive communion at home or in the hospital, please call the parish office.

**Care Fund:** Help is available for emergency situations & special needs. Please contact the parish office.

**Prayer Line:** This group is designed to help pray for specific concerns or special intentions. To add someone to the prayer line or if you are interested in becoming one of 45+ who pray, please contact Mary Zweber at 952-461-2366 or George Rhein at 952-461-4230.

**St. Nicholas Catholic Church** 51 Church Street Elko New Market, MN 55054 952-461-2403

Parish Office Hours Monday: Closed Tuesday—Friday: 7:45 a.m.—4:15 p.m.

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Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

#### Come for a tour and see the Holy Cross difference!



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#### December 2, 2018

#### 1st Sunday of Advent

This week at St. Nicholas					
Sun	Dec 2	Advent begins Adoration in church during 40 Hours Devotion 7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass: Robert Devine+ and Family 10:00am RCIA Rite of Acceptance 4:00pm 40 Hours Devotion closing with supper to follow. All are welcome!			
Mon	Dec 3	No Mass is scheduled on this day.			
Tue	Dec 4	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Robert Zweber+ 8:30am Fatima Rosary Group - <i>All are welcome!</i> 7:00pm Divine Mercy Cenacle			
Wed	Dec 5	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Dan and Linda Simones 4:45pm Confessions 6:30pm CORE Group at Holy Cross 6:30pm LNMV Religion Classes at Holy Cross 7:00pm Choir Practice - Adults			
Thu	Dec 6	St. Nicholas Feast Day 7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Terry & Andrea Deutsch 8:30am Divine Mercy Cenacle 4:45pm Confessions 6:30pm St. Nicholas CCW gathering, basement 7:00pm KC's meeting, old school building 7:00pm RCIA			
Fri	Dec 7	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Marcella Kaufenberg+ 7:00pm Vigil Mass: For the Parish			
Sat	Dec 8	Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation 8:00am Mass: Maria Damiani 8-10am All are invited to join us as we pray for the unborn at Whole Women's abortion clinic, 825 South 8th Street in Minneapolis 8:35am Rosary 8:35am Confessions 10:30am Golden Hearts caroling at the Lodge 3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Scott and Adrian Fischer 6:00pm CCW Bake Sale after Mass			
Sun	Dec 9	KC's Pancake and Sausage Breakfast CCW Bake Sale <b>8:00am Mass: Andrew Tonkovic+</b> 9:30am Rosary <b>10:00am Mass: For the Parish</b> 10:00am Sunday School 6:00pm Youth Group Gathering			

#### **Readings for the Week**

Readings for the week of December 2, 2018 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31 Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

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# Nov. 30 — Dec. 2, 2018

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins in Church Friday, November 30, 7 p.m. with praise and worship music

Adoration Please join us all weekend, day and night!

Closing Service Sunday, December 2, 4 p.m. Evening Prayer, reflection, music, Eucharistic Procession, and Benediction.

A supper will follow the closing service in the Church basement. Please bring a dish to share if you are able.

40 Hours Devotion is a special time of prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament affirming our belief in the Real Presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.



All are welcome to join us for Mass

Friday, December 7, 7:00 p.m. Saturday, December 8, 8:00 a.m.

Please note: This is a holy day of obligation The 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 8, is the vigil Mass for the 2nd Sunday in Advent and does not fulfill your obligation for the Immaculate Conception Mass.

Lord. Let it be you who lives in me today.

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NEXT GATHERING IS THURSDAY, 12/6/18, 6:30 P.M.



#### **BOOK AND FILM FAIR - DECEMBER 8 AND 9**

St. Nicholas is sponsoring the IGNATIUS PRESS "I'M DREAMING OF A CATHOLIC CHRISTMAS" BOOK AND FILM FAIR offering a large selection of extraordinary DVDs, books, CDs, and other Catholic gift items from Ignatius Press, one of the world's leading Catholic publishers and suppliers of quality Catholic materials. Proceeds will benefit the Gardening Angels Ministry and their work in beautifying our parish grounds.



The Golden Hearts will be Christmas caroling at the Lodge Hospice on December 8th, at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch at the Firehouse. For directions or questions please call Mary Hilpisch at 952-894-9272.



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 6 - 9PM** All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to The Youth Group Gathering here on the St. Nicholas campus. Youth Group gatherings are awe-inspiring on all levels! Students of all faiths are welcome!



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - UPDATED DATES** If your child is 4 years of age or older and would like to be in the Christmas Pageant, please contact the parish office at 952-461-2403. Practice will be held on Sundays, December 16 and 23, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Website: stncc.net





#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**

As a way of honoring the Feast of St. Nicholas, we will once again be following in the steps of our parish patron by giving to others by collecting toys for tots!

Parishioners are encouraged to donate new unwrapped toys to help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children. Please bring donations and place in the Toys for Tots box located in the side alcove of church or the parish office on or before December 9. Thank you for your participation!





**CCW Holiday Bake Sale** will be after all Masses the weekend of December 8 and 9. Baked goods can be dropped off at the table in the church basement before the Saturday evening Mass on December 8, or before either Sunday Mass on December 9.



OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THIS SEASON Once again our parish will be participating in a "Giving Tree" for the Christmas season! Your family can help bring joy to one of many children in our area by choosing an ornament tag from the tree and purchasing the item listed. Please see posted directions by the tree.

Unwrapped gifts should be returned by the tree area by Sunday, December 9.



#### THE ST. NICHOLAS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TREE LOT IS OPEN It's that time of year when we ask you to

support the KC'S by purchasing your Christmas trees and wreaths from their new location at the ball field behind

church on County Road 2.

Lot hours are: Sat. & Sun., 9:00 a.m.— 8:00 p.m. and Wed. through Fri., 3—7:30 p.m. The lot will remain open

until the week before Christmas. More volunteers are needed to help sell the trees. Please call Leander Wagner at 952-457-4429 or George Rhein at 952-461-4230.



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#### R.C.I.A. - THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOMING

This ancient Rite of the church recognizes the Catechumens decision to begin the process of becoming a member of the Catholic Church through Baptism and Welcomes the Candidates, those who have been baptized in another faith or baptized Catholic as a child but have not received all the sacraments as a child, into the process of full communion with the Church. St. Nicholas will be welcoming two Candidates and one Catechumen at the 10am Mass this weekend.

An important part of the RCIA is the role of the parish Sponsor; an active member of the local parish Church that walks the journey with his/her candidate.

St. Nicholas is looking for a volunteer to be a parish sponsor for an RCIA candidate. Sponsors must be active, practicing Catholics, from the St. Nicholas parish so as to connect their candidate to the parish, via parish activities, ministry, and overall parish life; The role of the sponsor is to both support and witness the person's conversion and readiness to receive the sacraments of the Catholic Church. This is accomplished by attending the Thursday evening RCIA classes as often as

possible, special rites and events with the candidate and offering encouragement, listening, prayers, during and outside of the regular meetings as necessary.



Men and women take time this Advent to look at the big picture of who God is, what he has revealed to us in the Church, and how he will bring about profound change in the world and our lives if we let him.

> Join us as your schedule allows: ⑦ 7:00 a.m. Adoration
> ⑦ 8:00 a.m. Mass
> ⑦ 8:30 a.m. Confessions and Rosary
> ⑦ 9:00 a.m. Breakfast followed by Speaker

JON LEONETTI is a nationally known Catholic speaker, bestselling author, and radio host who conveys a message of lasting fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Through Jon's keynote presentations and parish missions, thousands of Catholics each year discover the freedom Christ offers by way of his life and love.

COST: \$15 REGISTER: <u>https://www.stncc.net/advent-morning</u> or at the parish office

> Líght a candle, Say a prayer

Saturday, December 15 3-5:00 p.m.

Here you can light a candle, say a prayer, and perhaps take time for reflection.

Come and go as you please during this time. peaceful—simple—no pressure

This event is open to all Faith communities so please do extend our invitation.

All children must be accompanied by a parent.



LNMV Eligious Education More information at www.lnmvre.net

> Weekly class: Wed., Dec. 5, 6:30-7:45pm Weekly class: Wed., Dec. 12, 6:30-7:45pm

Sponsor Night for Year 2 (10<sup>th</sup> grade) Confirmation Students:

This is a mandatory Sponsor Night Event on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Plan on attending the 5:00pm Mass. A program will follow in the Church basement. A meal will be served by Confirmation 1 students. Please invite your confirmation sponsor early.

#### ADVENT

Prepare for Christmas like never before.

Enrich your Advent with daily reflections for you and your kids sent directly to you. Short daily reflections for you and to help your kids. Brother Francis has joyful Christmas songs and valuable lessons. If you have not signed up yet for the free formed account, go to our RE website at <u>www.lnmvre.net</u> and click on "Register Now".



Sunday, December 16 7:00 p.m.

Men, Women, Boys, and Girls!

Your enthusiasm is requested to spread the joy of Christmas as we go caroling throughout our neighborhood of Elko New Market.

We'll meet at church and head out to sing at some lucky homes in the neighborhood!

All children must be accompanied by a parent.



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# Dec 2018 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sat	1 40 Hours Devotion 8:36am - 1st Saturday Prayers 3:30pm - Confessions 4:30pm - Lifeline - Youth Group 8	Bam - Join us to pray for the Bam - Mass - Immaculate 3:30pm - Confessions 5pm - Advent Mass (Not 6pm - Bake Sale - CCW	15 7am - Advent Retreat 3pm - Light a Candie, Say a 5:3opm - Confessions 5pm - RE - Confirmation Student 5pm - RE - Confirmation Student 3:30pm - Confessions	29 Food Sheir Weekend 3:30pm - Confessions	
Fri	30		14 21 12am - Adoration Chapel closed	4	
Thu	ο 	St. Nicholas Feast Day 8:30am - Divine Mercy Cenacle 6:30pm - CCW Meeting - St. 7pm - KC Meeting - Old School 7pm - RCIA Class	13 19 m - Holy Cross Christmas 6:30pm - Holy Cross - Christmas 7pm - RCIA Class 20 4pm - Adoration Chapel closes 7pm - Choir Practice - Adult 7pm - Parish Council Meeting	57	
Wed	28 28	4:45pm - Confessions 6:30pm - CORE 6:30pm - Religious Education 7 pm - Choir Practice - Adult	12 4:45pm - Confessions 6:30pm - CORE 6:30pm - CRE 6:30pm - Choir Practice - Adult 7pm - Choir Practice - Adult 7pm - Advent Penance Service 7pm - Advent Penance Service	26	
Tue		8:30am - Fatima Rosary Group 7 pm - Divine Mercy Cenacle	11 8:30am - Fatima Rosary Group 6:30pm - Finance Council 18 8:30am - Fatima Rosary Group 5 pm - Baptism Class 7:15 pm - Book Club	25 Christmas Day 9 am - Mass	
Mon	9 0 0		17	24 1 1 am - Confessions 3:40 pm - Children's Christmas 4 pm - Mass 9:30 pm - Caroling 10 pm - Mass	Spm - Mass
Sun	59	Advent Begins 10 am - RCIA Rite of Acceptance 4 pm - 40 Hours Devotion Closing	9 Bake Sale - CCW KC'4 Pancake Breakfast 10 am - Sunday School 6 pm - Youth Group Gathering 6 pm - Youth Group Gathering 7 pm - Caroling 7 pm - Caroling	23 Adoration Chapel closed 11 am - Christmas Decorating 11 am - Pageant Practice	Food Sheif Weekend Adoration Chapel closed

#### Have a great week!

#### Our Parish School News



#### GIVE TO THE MAX RESULTS!

November 15 was an extraordinary day for Holy Cross. We met our goal and raised a grand total of \$5,000 in 24 hours! Our school is stronger because of your generous contributions and we thank you!





On November 28 students in Grades 5—8 participated in a 4 His Glory basketball clinic. They heard inspiring messages, learned basic skills, participated in age-appropriate drills, and were given an in depth introduction into what it means to be a 4HG student-athlete and play FOR HIS GLORY!

#### WHAT IS 4HG?

4HG is a movement to create a healthy sports culture in our Catholic schools. We believe athletics, when done right, serve as an invaluable tool for developing well-rounded children.

In grade school, students should be encouraged to play all sports. 4HG will equip coaches to ensure kids have fun and get better while keeping a Christian focus. Effort and teamwork are valued above talent and results. 4HG reinforces that the family is central and sports should fit around the family, not vice versa. 4HG programs will be a viable alternative to expensive and time- consuming traveling leagues. 4HG will aid principals in the mission of cultivating excellence within their students. The 4HG program will boost the visibility of Catholic schools and be an asset in growing enrollment.

When sports are used For His Glory, our kids will embrace The Good In Sports.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

#### CAN YOU SPEND JUST ONE HOUR WITH THE LORD?

Adorers are needed. If you would like to spend time with our Lord in adoration, please contact our lead coordinator, Mary Rose Rynda at <u>farmgirl950@gmail.com</u> or sign up online at <u>http://www.stncc.net/available-adoration-hours</u>.

#### **OPEN ADORATION HOURS:**

Tuesday at 12:00 a.m. (Midnight) and 1:00 a.m. Friday at 6:00 p.m.



*Marriage in Christ Seminar* is for all married couples. Develop daily habits of prayer, kind actions, and meaningful conversations to grow your relationship. Join us in the comforts of a parish family's home on Fridays, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., January 18, February 1, 8, 15, 22. Cost is \$25/ couple. For more information or to register, visit <u>https://stncc.net/marriage-in-christ</u>

Liturgical Stewardship			
Dec. 8, 5:00pm	Lectors:	Mary Kay Forland	
	Ministers:	Mary Christiansen, Jan Vogel Freeman	
	Ushers:	Dave DeGonda, Joe Molitor	
Dec. 9, 8:00am	Lector:	Mike Moeller	
	Ministers:	Kendra Caduff, Leander Wagner	
	Ushers:	Scott Steele, Gary Vosejpka	
Dec. 9, 10:00am	Lectors:	Paul Panka	
	Ministers:	Jackie Devine, Julie Nelson	
	Ushers:	Steve Addabbo, Lenae Addabbo	

#### Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord November 18, 2018 - Week 21 in Fiscal Year November 25, 2018 - Week 22 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving	\$7,586			
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving	\$166,892			
Sunday Plate & Envelope	\$16,467			
Bread and Wine	\$0			
Fuel	\$625			
Flowers	\$210			
Grounds	\$0			
ACH (Received monthly)	\$4,840			
Collection Received Year-to-Date	\$129,277			
	-\$37,615			
Endowment: \$619				
Capital Improvements: \$588 Current; \$14,861 Cumulative				
Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$812				
Contributors this week 136 (estimated) out of 439				

St. Nicholas, Pray for us!



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