

20th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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 4:00 p.m.—Saturday 8:00 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. (no a.m. on 2nd Saturdays)
and 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
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Parish Office Hours

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

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The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus isn't talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it.



MEET OUR TEACHER - LAURA HEIMAN



"...I would hope that my students would step outside of their comfort zone, would try things that are hard, would try things that seem impossible, would make themselves a little bit vulnerable in that way because they then learn how much they are capable of..."

Learn more about our amazing teacher by following this link:

<https://youtu.be/Hbf3YpZd0rg>

It's time to consider Holy Cross!

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August 18, 2019

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week at St. Nicholas		
Sun	Aug 18	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass: Mary & Elmer Karl+
Mon	Aug 19	Mass is not scheduled on this day.
Tue	Aug 20	8:00am No Mass 6:30pm Baptism Class 7:00pm Mass: Sirek deceased family members+
Wed	Aug 21	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Donna Bisek + 4:45pm Confessions
Thu	Aug 22	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am No confessions 8:00am Mass: Aelred Wagner+ 3:00pm Altar Server Appreciation 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting
Fri	Aug 23	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Robert Zweber+ 6:30pm Young Adults meeting
Sat	Aug 24	Food Shelf Weekend 7:35am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 8:00am Mass: Joe & Dorothy Chlan+ 8:30am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Deceased Members of the Sirek Family
Sun	Aug 25	Food Shelf Weekend 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass: Jeff Muelken+ 6:00pm, Youth Group End of Summer Bash


Readings for the Week	
Readings for the week of August 18, 2019	
Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53	
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22	
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30	
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16	
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14	
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40	
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51	
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30	

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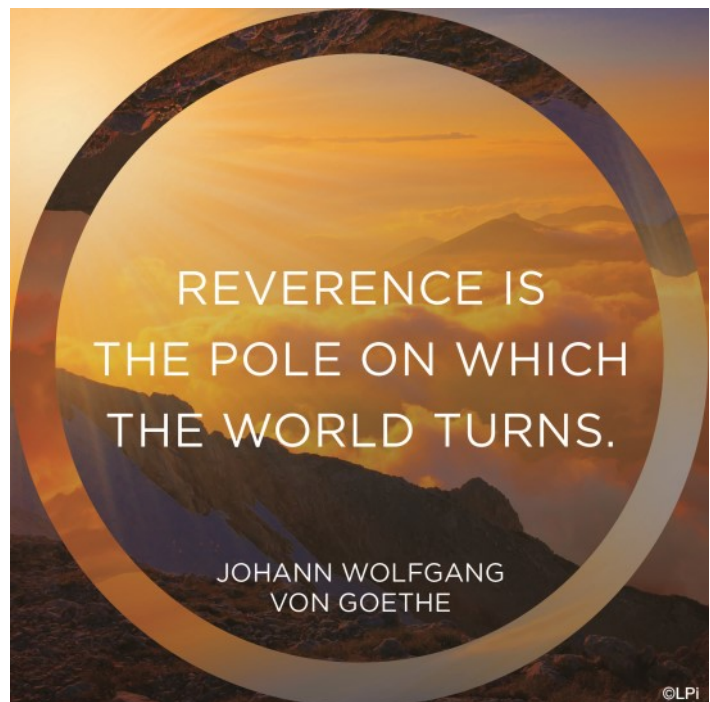
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The **BEST DECISION**
when in a **COLLISION**



SUMMER BASH

YOUTH GROUP END OF SUMMER BASH, 8/25, 6:00 P.M.
Attention ALL 9-12th Graders! If you never attended youth group, no worries! No time like the present and we would LOVE to have you here. For all who have attended youth group, we are excited to see you! Let's catch up about our summer joys, play some games, have some SMORES after the CORE TEAM grill some hamburgers and hotdogs for us!

Date: August 25
Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Location: Patio at St. Nicholas
Any questions contact Angie Nicolai at angienishop@msn.com



Lord, Let it be You who lives in me today.

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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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Set the Earth on Fire

My wife can get so invested in a sporting event where one of her favorite teams is playing that she sometimes must leave the room due to the stress. That is heavy-duty investment! I remember her on the sidelines for our son's soccer games or our daughter's lacrosse games. Her emotions were intense, and she cheered loudly for her children. She never yelled at a referee because it wasn't about them. It was about wanting to see her children, or her favorite team, achieve something great. Her passion was fueled by love and her connectedness to something or someone.

When we look at our Church, we need to see greater passion. Sometimes that passion is there, but many times, we approach our discipleship as just another aspect of who we have become. It needs to be more than that. As we call ourselves Christian, we need to "put on Christ" so that a world in need sees not us, but Jesus. By being serious about our discipleship and living as transformed Everyday Stewards, we bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in Luke 12, "I have come to set the earth on fire." Those words sound pretty emotional to me! If we are to be like him, then we need to set the earth on fire. We need to be bold and proclaim the Good News without apology. By our actions of love and justice, we need to show the world that with the Body of Christ on earth, it is not business as usual. Surely our emotions about these things should trump the emotions we have about a sporting event. We need to ask ourselves what truly sets us on fire.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: If we are all meant to be united in Christ, why is there so much division in the Church?

Answer: Each Sunday, we profess that we believe in "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church." The Church is indeed one because her source is the Trinity, and she is founded by Christ. The Church also exists in the fallen world and is made up of fallen people. Sometimes, there are tensions over what we believe as Catholics. Who is Jesus really? Are we affected by original sin? How do our traditional sexual ethics play out amidst medical and technological developments? Doctrinal disagreements are rarely just about ideas... they occur within a context.

Tensions are influenced by various social and political factors of the time period. For example, Martin Luther's attempts at reform gained followers, in part, as a reaction against poor moral practices within the Catholic Church. When the schism between the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church occurred in 1028, tensions between the two culturally different regions had been brewing for centuries.

Division still occurs within the bounds of the Church today. Oftentimes, this is about pastoral or practical matters. These questions can vary. Should we incorporate Latin back into the liturgy? What is the best way to reach the youth in our parish? These may not be articles of faith, but people have strong opinions about what ought to be done. We can remember the prayer of Christ - "that all might be one" - and do what we can to grow in understanding and respectful dialogue.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Registration helps us keep you informed of important events, especially regarding sacramental preparation for children. If you are not registered, please fill out this form. Place it in the collection basket, drop off, or mail it to the parish office. Also, if you are registered, use this form to update address or contact information.

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

☐ Update information

☐ Request registration information

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FRAMERS, IT'S TIME TO SHARE YOUR TALENT!



We are looking for some parishioners graced with the talent of framing walls. If you are skilled in this area and would like to share your talent on a project here at St. Nicholas, please contact Karen in the parish office, 952-461-2403 x3 or kjohnson@stncc.net



**DO NOT FORGET
THAT HOLINESS
CONSISTS NOT IN
EXTRAORDINARY
ACTIONS, BUT IN
PERFORMING
YOUR DUTIES
WELL.**

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK INVITE PARISHIONERS TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading

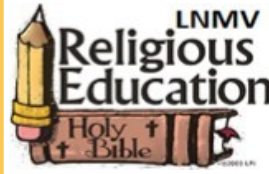
We hear how Jeremiah was persecuted for his prophetic message. Why do you think the prophets suffered so much?

Second Reading

How is Jesus' suffering on the cross a source of inspiration for you?

Gospel Reading

Why do you think Jesus' words cause so much division, even within families?



LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

www.lnmvre.net

Registrations have closed. We are in the process of assigning classrooms, determining class sizes and the number of volunteers needed, ordering books, making and producing classroom materials. Each registered student is a blessing and we look forward to working with you and your children.

Catechist Workshop: There will be a Workshop for all the Grades 1-10 volunteer Catechists and classroom aides of the Religious Education program on Wed., September 4th at 6:00pm at Holy Cross Gym.

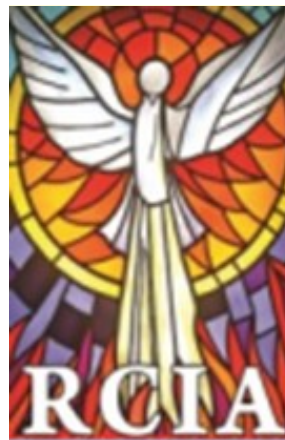
Sacramental Preparation:

Parents mark your calendar!

First Communion preparation Parent meeting @ 6:00pm, Sept. 11th at Holy Cross Gym

Confirmation Parent-Student meeting @ 7:30pm, Sept. 11th @ Holy Cross Gym

If you have any questions please contact Kathy at [952-652-6100 ext. 130](tel:952-652-6100) or by email at kathyc@holycrossschool.net



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Is God Calling you into a deeper relationship with him?

Are you searching for something more in your life: its meaning, its purpose?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions (or if you know someone who is asking these questions), we invite you to explore RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults).

Through RCIA, the Church invites you to learn more about its rich traditions and deep roots as the family of God. We will have an inquiry night on Thursday, September 26, from 7-8:30pm. This meeting will give you an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic or returning to the Catholic Church. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office or Kathy Chlan, Director of Religious Education at 952-652-6100 ext. 130 or email kathyc@holycrossschool.net.

Jesus, I trust in You!

Area News & Events

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

This Pentecost (June 8-9, 2019), the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis began a Synod process. The goal of the Archdiocesan Synod is to help Archbishop Hebda discern, through a consultative process, the pastoral priorities of our local Church today – and into the near future. Your participation, as the Catholic faithful, is key to a successful Synod. You are invited to participate by offering your prayers, pastoral concerns, and ideas for moving this Archdiocese forward. Learn more about the Synod and see a listing of Prayer and Listening events scheduled for fall 2019 – winter 2020 at archspm.org/synod.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENT CONFERENCE

Saturday, August 24, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Epiphany, Coon Rapids

Learn about God's plan for Grandparents and be equipped to pass on a Heritage of Faith. The conference will include keynote speaker, Mary Ann Kuharski, founding member and Director of PROLIFE Across America as well as Father Joseph Bambenek who will be speaking on the topic of bringing healing to your family. We will also have an hour of Adoration led by Archbishop Bernard Hebda and more. Find details and register at www.CatholicGrandparenting.org and click on events. Questions? Contact Susanna Parent at parents@archspm.org or 651-291-4411.

MASS WITH THE BASILICA CATHEDRAL CHOIR

August 25, 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph in Rosemount

St. Joseph welcomes the Basilica Cathedral Choir. Touring extensively, the choir has received many international awards and accolades.

BETHANY HOUSE OPENING FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 – MAY 2020 SEASON OF DISCERNMENT

Applications are currently being accepted for women interested in Bethany House. Bethany House is a home for women who live in community, pray together, take meals together and discern whether they are called to consecrated life. It is sponsored by the Office of Vocations and is located in North East Minneapolis. Qualities of a good candidate for Bethany House include single women, ages 20 – 27, who are interested in dedicating a year to intentionally discerning a vocation to religious life. If this describes you, we invite you to contact us by completing the interest form at www.10000vocations.org/bethany-house.

12-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ABOUT MARY!

Begins September 16, St. Joseph, Rosemount

Join us! Registration and payment are due September. Cost is \$35 per person (or \$25 if you just want a black/white photocopy of the study guide). Session options include: Saturday 9-11 a.m., Tuesday (after Mass) 9:30-11:30 a.m., or Tuesday 7-9 p.m. Pick up a registration form at the parish office, in the kiosk, or on the website. Questions? Contact the Parish

Office at 651-423-4402.

CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS - A TEN-WEEK BOOK AND VIDEO GROUP RETREAT

Register by Sept. 16, Program Wednesdays Oct. 9 – Dec. 18, 9–10:30 a.m.

Church of St. Joseph, Rosemount

For ten weeks, we'll gain new insights into how you can console Jesus; learn the keys to the great sanctity of the saints like Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska and Mother Teresa; and have all the tools you'll need to become a saint, a great saint. In our weekly meetings, we'll watch a 30-minute video by popular author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, and share our insights within our small group. Registration forms can be found at <https://www.stjosephcommunity.org/faith-formation/adult/>

DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG WOMEN AGES 18-28

Friday, September 20 to Sunday, September 22

Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN

We are pleased to announce that Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat is coming to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Single women age 18-28 who are seeking to do God's will are invited to attend the retreat on September 20 – 22, 2019 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo MN. Religious sisters from various religious orders assist at the retreat by giving talks, leading small groups, giving their testimonies, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated Religious Sister. The Fiat Discernment Retreat seeks to foster prayer, self-knowledge, and authentic discernment in young women to re-center their focus back on God and the universal call to holiness. The cost of the retreat is \$25 which includes meals, lodging and materials. Registration and more information can be found at www.fiatministries.org.

NIGHT OF LIGHT -- HELP MORE CHILDREN ATTEND A CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

September 27, 2019, at the Intercontinental Saint Paul Riverfront

Join us, our keynote speaker, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, and our distinguished guest, Archbishop Bernard Hebda, for the 7th annual Night of Light. The gala is the 12 county metro area's premier fundraiser directly supporting children in all K-8 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. Proceeds of last year's event helped more than 1,300 children attend a Catholic school in 2018-19. Tables and tickets are still available. To register, visit <https://nightoflight.info> or contact the Aim Higher Foundation at 612-819-6711.

Our Parish School News



A ROUND FOR THE

3RD ANNUAL ALUMNI & COMMUNITY GOLF OUTING

Friday, September 13, 2019

CreeksBend Golf Course, New Prague

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start · Best Ball Scramble

Includes lunch and dinner · Sponsorships available

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

Golfers, Register by 8/22/19 and save 10%!

www.HolyCrossSchool.net/golf-outing

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Dear Holy Cross Friends,

On behalf of Holy Cross Catholic School, we invite you to our 3rd Annual Alumni and Community Golf Outing at CreeksBend Golf Course in New Prague on Friday, September 13, with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. This is a best-ball scramble for golfers of all abilities. The event will include lunch, an afternoon of golf followed by awards and dinner.

Last year our golf outing was highly successful and well-attended and we anticipate this year to be even better! Show Holy Cross Catholic School students, alumni, and friends your company's commitment to quality education and become a sponsor.

For your convenience, online registration is available at <https://www.holycrossschool.net/golf-outing> or contact Karen Johnson at 952-652-6100 x105.

Holy Cross Catholic School is a non-profit 501(c-3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code (Tax ID # 41- 0954737). Your contribution may be tax deductible.

Attention Golfers! Save 10% by registering on or before August 22!

Not a golfer? Join us for dinner!

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 farmgirl950@gmail.com or sign up online at <http://www.stncc.net/available-adoration-hours>.

OPEN ADORATION HOURS:

Thursday 2 am, 3 am

Saturday 1 am

We will need a long term sub for Friday 7pm, starting in September through November.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our baptismal rite instructs the parents and godparents of the newly baptized children, "May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts." Faith has often been associated with fire. While fire can be useful and welcomed as a source of light and warmth, it can also be devastating and destructive. The Gospel is very much like this. On the one hand, Jesus speaks of healing, liberty, mercy, and forgiveness. On the other, he challenges the secular mindset and ideology, risks opposition, and pushes people out of their comfort zones. We are more attracted to things that make us feel better about ourselves. Equipped with the flame of faith, are we willing to see the bigger picture and risk popularity and self-preservation in favor of the kingdom of God?

Liturgical Stewardship

Aug 24, 5:00pm	Lectors:	Kathy Chlan
	Ministers:	Chuck Mathews, Dana Meyer
	Ushers:	Ron Chlan, Jan Freeman
Aug 25, 8:00am	Lector:	Leander Wagner
	Ministers:	Jolene Pierson, Tom McCabe
	Ushers:	Gary Vosejpka, Marlin Hennen
Aug 25, 10:00am	Lectors:	Maggie Havlicek
	Ministers:	Chris Kuehl, Angie Nicolai
	Ushers:	Steve Addabbo, Lenae Addabbo

Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord

August 4, 2019 - Week 6 in Fiscal Year
August 11, 2019 - Week 7 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving	\$8,109
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving	\$56,763
Sunday Plate & Envelope	\$7,710
Grounds	\$732
Cemetery Care	\$0
Ascension	\$0
ACH (Received monthly)	\$0
Collection Received Year-to-Date	\$41,327
Budget Variance	-\$15,436
Endowment: \$10	
Bell Tower Maintenance Project Total: \$23,200	
Capital Improvements: \$95 Current; -\$3,501 Remaining Balance	
Contributors this week 138 (estimated) out of 428	
Second Collection - Conventual Franciscan Friars \$2,013	

St. Nicholas, Pray for us!