22nd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited." - Lk 14:8bc

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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
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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Can you imagine if Jesus threw a party? From the wedding feast at Cana, we know he wouldn't let the wine run out. From this Sunday's Gospel, we know there would be quite a lively array of guests! We also knew who the most important people would be - everyone. Jesus advises throwing a party that turns everything upside down. Everyone should assume they're the least important attendee, and the guest list shouldn't include the neighborhood "who's who." Rather, we should go looking for "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" and hope they RSVP. Jesus describes a particular posture towards our own hospitality.

Parties are about the other people. "Do not recline at table in the place of honor." How often can small talk become a one-upmanship of job promotions, home renovations, and our children's achievements? We've all been to parties where being the most interesting guest is the highest achievement. Yet so often, we know the best party guests are the ones who listen well to our stories. Whether we are guests or hosts, we have the opportunity to look on others with humility and awe.

Parties are opportunities to serve. Jesus advises us to be careful who we invite "in case they might invite you back and you have repayment." Does Jesus literally mean we shouldn't invite our friends over? Of course not! But he does invite us to special consideration when we offer hospitality. When we invite people over to our home, what motivates us? Who we want to spend time with? Who we'd like to impress? These ultimately have only ourselves in mind. How about asking: Who could use some extra care right now? Who could benefit from a fun evening out? In other words, who can I serve?

MEET OUR TEACHER - HEATHER GROENKE

"...My hope for my students is that they are not afraid to try new things. I love being a teacher because I get to see all these little kids get so excited when they finally understand the material..."

Learn more about our amazing teacher by following this link:

https://youtu.be/TSoZMUL-luE

It's time to consider Holy Cross!

Holy Cross Catholic School
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Webster, MN 55088

Dr. Constance Krocak, Principal
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This week at St. Nicholas

Sun	Sep 1	Adoration Chapel closed 7:30am Rosary **8:00am Mass: For the Parish** 9:30am Rosary **10:00am Mass: Kevin, Roger & Julianne Carpentier+**
Mon	Sep 2	Labor Day Adoration Chapel closed **9:00am Mass: Jordan Johnson**
Tue	Sep 3	**8:00am No Mass or confessions** **6:30pm Mass: Craig & Nichol Goblirsch** 7:00pm Adoration opens after Mass 7:00pm Divine Mercy Cenacle
Wed	Sep 4	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions **8:15am Mass at Holy Cross, our parish school** 4:45pm Confessions 6:00pm RE - Catechist Workshop Grades 1-10
Thu	Sep 5	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions **8:00am Mass: Albert & Lilian Kalal+** 7:00pm KC Meeting
Fri	Sep 6	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions **8:00am Mass: Eric Busch+**
Sat	Sep 7	7:35am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) **8:00am Mass: Brian & Rose Rynda** 8:30am Rosary, First Saturday Prayers 8:30am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions **5:00pm Mass: For the Parish**
Sun	Sep 8	Doughnut Sunday 7:30am Rosary **8:00am Mass: Ben Rynda** 9:30am Rosary **10:00am Mass: Scott & Adrian Fischer** 6:00pm Youth Group Gathering

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of September 1, 2019
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

St. Nicholas News & Events

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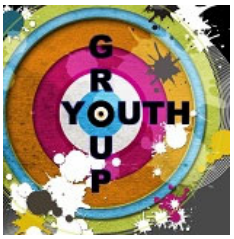
Monday, September 2

All are welcome to join us for Mass at 9:00 a.m.

SEPT. 8, DOUGHNUT SUNDAY HOSTS NEEDED!
Volunteers help serve coffee, juice, milk, and doughnuts and clean up afterward. Call the parish office or sign up online at https://stncc.net/host-a-doughnut-sunday



SUNDAY, SEPT. 8, 6 - 9PM
Students in 9-12 Grades are invited! Youth Group Gatherings are awe-inspiring on all levels! From amazing meals to social time with friends to profound prayer experiences. Come and see why so many teens enjoy gathering for a night out at church.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12, 6 - 7:30PM
Students in Grades 6-8 are invited to gather for fun, games, snacks, and prayer. We will gather in the old school building on the St. Nicholas Campus. ***Students of all faiths are welcome!***

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

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PROGRESSIVE DINNER GROUP EVENT, Sept. 6, 6:30 P.M.
We have room for **three** more to join us!
$70/person, Limited to 12 Adults

Fun and fellowship are what group events are all about!

You'll start out the evening with appetizers and the main course at Dywane and Maggie Schumacher's home and end the evening with desserts and cordials at Shawn and Alice Overgaard's home.

Join in on the fun and register to attend this group event by calling the parish office or registering online: https://stncc.net/2018-gala-group-events

CALLING ALL JUNIORS & SENIORS - A ministry just for you! Please come check out CORE! September 18th, 8-9pm, St Nicholas Campus in old school building. We have lots to discuss & plan! We will be meeting twice a month this year on Wednesday evenings from 8-9pm. You're welcome to bring a friend or 2... just need to be a junior or senior. Any questions please contact Angie Nicolai at Angienshop@msn.com.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Give Graciously

I love the verse in Sirach where it says, "My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." This is an interesting concept for those of us who think a stewardship way of life is all about the giving of gifts. When we start to think that all we are called to do is give for the sake of giving, we have missed the point.

We are called to be gracious givers. We are called to allow the Jesus in us to encounter the Jesus in others. Humility does not mean that we hide away after we give, but we give in a way that has less to do with us and more to do with the one in whose name we give. Our world needs philanthropy and generosity, but it needs Jesus even more. We want to be good examples to others of how to be generous, not because we want them to be like us but like Jesus.

Give all things with a gracious heart and disposition. Do not take any credit for that generosity but instead let it point to Jesus. After all, it is Jesus who calls us to a mature faith where we answer the call every day regardless of the cost. Without that maturity and answering the call, would we really be driven to be generous givers? Knowing that left to our own devices we would probably not be very successful as a giver of gifts should make us very humble anyway.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What is the virtue of humility?

Answer: In many ways, humility is the foundation of the spiritual life. It's the virtue by which we know ourselves accurately in relation to God and others. Humility reminds us that we are not the center of the universe. We recognize that we are created beings, totally dependent on God. We are nothing apart from Him. The more we recognize this, the more we're able to open ourselves to God's grace working in our lives. The closer we grow to God, the more we can love others. Humility also recognizes that we're "on par," so to speak, with others. Made in the image and likeness of God, we are all equal in dignity.

Growth in humility is not an easy process. It can mean accepting the humiliations and embarrassing mistakes of our life, learning from them graciously, rather than ignoring them or blaming others. It also means responding to those in authority with respect. We can practice humility by not bulldozing ahead or assuming our opinion or way of doing things is always right. Consider asking yourself: "I wonder what so-and-so would think of this?" It's also important to remember that humility isn't only the opposite of pride. It's also the opposite of excessive self-debasement. We've all experienced the negative self-talk that ignores God's gifts in our lives and in our own person. True humility thanks God for His many gifts... and recognizes that He was the One to give them.

OFFICE RELOCATION PROJECT

We are making plans to relocate the parish office to the old school building. There are several reasons for this move. One big reason is the lack of storage space in our current office.

We wanted to make sure this is the right move for the office and had an energy auditor inspect the building (free of charge). The inspector advised us of a few minor changes that would allow us to experience a 50% savings in energy expenses.

Our goal is to move the office with little or no expense to the parish. We are confident we can do this with the help of our generous volunteers!

We are looking for interior painters that have an eye for detail and like to scrape, sand, and paint - making old wood trim beautiful again. If you are interested in sharing your talent of interior painting, please contact the parish office at 952-461-2403.

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Can you help please?

Providing a meal for our Youth Group is a great way to show our kids how important they are to the church and to show we care.

We welcome participation by all of our parish families!

Sign me up!

I would like to provide part or all of a meal for our Youth Group.

Name :

Phone Number:

Email:

Meal Tips and Tricks:

- The meal is served at 6:45pm
- Simple food is all you need
- You will serve 20 - 30 people
- We will provide beverages
- You may prepare your meal at home and simply heat it up in our oven/ stove.
- All dishes, silverware, cups, and napkins are provided by the church.
- Church utensils and serving dishes are available for your use.

Meal Ideas:

- Main Course: Pasta, Walking tacos, Sub sandwiches, Make your own sandwich bar, Salad bar, Baked potato bar, Sloppy Joe's, Hot dishes go a long way ;)
- Veggies or Salads: Fresh or cooked veggies, Any salad will do
- Desserts: Cake, Cookies, Cupcakes, Fruit

I can help by providing (check all that apply):

___ The main course
___ A salad or vegetable
___ The dessert

The date I can help provide all or part of a meal is:

___ I can help whenever you need me, just let me know.
___ Sunday, 9/08/2019
___ Sunday, 10/13/2019
___ Sunday, 11/10/2019
___ Sunday, 12/8/2019
___ Sunday, 1/12/2020
___ Sunday, 2/09/2020
___ Sunday, 3/08/2020
___ Sunday, 5/17/2020

Please clip this form and drop off at the parish office or place in the collection basket. ***Thank you for showing our Youth Group you care!***

You can also sign-up online at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ea9a729a3fb6-youth

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

www.lnmvre.net

Sacramental Preparation:

Parents mark your calendar! First Communion preparation Parent meeting @ 6:00pm, Sept. 11th @ Holy Cross Gym

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

Classes Begin September 18th

Religious Education classes begin at 6:30pm on Sept. 18. Parents please watch your email on Monday, Sept. 16 for classroom locations and a map for your child. This is important so they know the name of their catechist and are not confused where they are going in the school building.

LNMV Religious Education has renewed the FORMED subscription!

Sign up FREE at www.lnmvre.net or click on the LNMV Religious Education page on your parish website and register for this free online platform that provides access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, ebook, and video-based studies!

If you have any questions please contact Kathy at 952-652-6100 ext. 130 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.

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.

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 16. 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.

CELEBRATE LIFE AT THE 7TH ANNUAL HARVEST OF HOPE GALA

Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park

Benefit for Options for Women/Cornerstone, a pro-life pregnancy medical center located in St. Michael. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with social hour, games and silent auction. Dinner, live auction and speaker are from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Our keynote speaker this year is Ashley Bratcher, who starred as Abby Johnson in the recent film *Unplanned*, the true story of Johnson's inspiring transformation from Planned Parenthood clinic director to pro-life activist. Our emcee is Matt Birk, former Minnesota Viking and 15-year veteran of the NFL. A very limited number of VIP Meet & Greet tickets are available to meet Ashley and Matt. Make your plans now to enjoy an evening celebrating life and the work of this vital ministry in the greater Wright County community! Visit www.cornerstoneoptions.org or call (612) 584-9449 for tickets and more information. To become a sponsor, call Chad at (612) 250-1544.

Our Parish School News

SEASONAL REFELCTION

Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of learning! I want to grow closer to you in everything I do at school.

In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan in the world. Help me to discover new stories and values as I read and write. In arts and music, help me to be creative.

In sports, help me to treat my teammates and my opponents fairly. Help me to learn new skills in technology.

Jesus, you are the perfect teacher. Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school. Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect.

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.

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

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS 9/6/2019

Eucharistic Adoration

HOLIDAY ADORATION CHAPEL SCHEDULE

The Adoration Chapel will close on Thursday, August 29, at 5:00 p.m. and re-open on Tuesday, September 3, after 6:30 p.m. Mass.

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:

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

Humility is often misunderstood as feeling inferior about ourselves and carrying around feelings of unworthiness. For many, humility is not considered a strength of character but a negative attribute and sign of weakness. Conversely, in fact, authentic humility is found in the person who is firmly grounded in reality, able to be honest with him or herself, and in right relationship with others and God. A humble person understands his or her place in life and who they are. While placing themselves at the service of others, they are comfortable in their own skin and able to step aside and let others go first. Knowing our proper place in life, offering appropriate respect, and looking to the needs of others are things that will enhance our lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters. Are you humble?

Liturgical Stewardship

Sep 7, 5:00pm	Lectors:	Kendra Caduff
	Ministers:	Chuck Mathews, Dana Meyer
	Ushers:	Dan Heselton, Doug Serie
Sep 8, 8:00am	Lector:	Marlin Hennen
	Ministers:	Margo Theisen, Leander Wagner
	Ushers:	Todd Hertaus, Joe Molitor
Sep 8, 10:00am	Lectors:	Mike Cole
	Ministers:	Lenae Addabbo, Denise Anderson
	Ushers:	Tom Wagner, Richard Hanke

Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord
August 25, 2019 - Week 9 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving	$8,109
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving	$72,981
Sunday Plate & Envelope	$4,886
Grounds	$0
Cemetery Care	$0
Assumption	$20
ACH (Received monthly)	$0
Collection Received Year-to-Date	$57,222
Budget Variance	***-$15,759***
Endowment: $0	
Bell Tower Maintenance Project Total: $23,200	
Capital Improvements: $30 Current; -$3,276 Remaining Balance	
Contributors this week 128 (estimated) out of 428	