



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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.

Pastor

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email to kjohnson@stncc.net

From Ryan Flicek

Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

I am very pleased to announce the acquisition of an Allen Digital Pipe Organ! My deepest gratitude is extended to all those who contributed to this cause, either monetarily or prayerfully. Upon arrival at the church, the organ will be staged behind the last pew and will rest in that location temporarily until installation occurs. Some minor carpentry modifications are required in the choir loft prior to installation. It is our hope to have the organ installed during the month of February and have the opportunity to use it for liturgies prior to Ash Wednesday. During Lent, use of the organ is more subdued and reflective to facilitate a penitential atmosphere. If installation is not completed prior to Lent, the full capabilities of the organ will be unveiled during Holy Week!

Once I received the go-ahead to pursue a purchase, I researched several great Allen Organ models that were very suitable for a smaller church building and within our set budget. Any of those instruments would have been wonderful. However, prayers were answered and I came across an incredible and rare opportunity. Through my research, I came into contact with a retired musician in Florida looking to sell her personal organ, an Allen Renaissance 281; it is twice the organ as those I had been reviewing! It was the seller's great desire to see the organ installed in a church rather than a private studio. After some negotiations, she agreed to sell the organ to our parish for less than 1/3 the price she paid for it and within our original budget. Although it is used, this organ is in like-new condition. It is very uncommon to see a digital organ of this merit installed in a church the size of St. Nicholas. We have been blessed!

Due to the capabilities of this organ, we will be able to achieve an antiphonal effect; in layman's terms, the organ sounds will come from multiple directions within the church building, creating a surround effect similar to what you hear in a cathedral or larger church building. This organ is very versatile; it has over 50 Stops (distinct sounds) that can be mixed by the organist much the same way an artist mixes paint on a color palette. To put this in perspective, if this organ was not digital and had actual pipes, it would have over 3,000 individual pipes! This organ will allow us to play in the quiet and somber moods appropriate for Lent or a Funeral, the gentle angelic moods of Christmas, the Fanfare appropriate for Easter Sunday and everything in between!

In Christ, Ryan Flicek

It's time to consider Holy Cross!



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This week at St. Nicholas

Sun	Jan 12	Doughnut Sunday 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Helene & Elmer Friedges+ 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass: For the Parish
Mon	Jan 13	Mass is not scheduled on this day
Tue	Jan 14	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Dircks+ 8:30am Fatima Rosary Group - <i>All are welcome!</i>
Wed	Jan 15	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Peter & AnnaMaria Wagner+ 4:45pm Confessions 6:30pm LNMV Religious Education Classes 8:00pm CORE
Thu	Jan 16	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Mary Rose Rynda 6:00pm Choir/Cantor Practice 7:00pm RCIA
Fri	Jan 17	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Eric Busch+
Sat	Jan 18	7:35am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 8:00am Mass: Julius, Alice & Joseph Dircks+ 8:30am Rosary 8:30am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Deceased Sirek Family Members
Sun	Jan 19	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Richard McNamara+ 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass: For the Parish

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of January 12, 2020
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**The Baptism of the Lord**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is "to be our model of holiness." All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to be. Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. "This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased." And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live in our baptism!



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

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation Board of Directors, I want to express our gratitude for your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal. By reaching and exceeding your CSAF goal, a portion of the donations collected from your parishioners are being returned to your parish for your own ministries.

St. Nicholas has received a check in the amount of \$5,191.50 and may receive another payment depending on additional donations.

Thank you for your generosity!

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Why do Catholics baptize infants, while some other Christian denominations wait until adulthood?

Answer: To understand when we baptize, it's important to know what baptism is. Baptism removes original sin, and we are reborn into the family of God, adopted as His sons and daughters. We become joint heirs with Christ and sharers in his mission. Early on, baptism was given immediately upon personal conversion, such as the three thousand baptized at Pentecost. Some Christian churches today emphasize baptism specifically as personal conversion. As such, they would not baptize young children who have not yet consciously chosen to follow Christ. As the Church slowly grew, whole households were baptized together upon the deep conversion of one of the leaders (Acts 16). From this evidence, we can surmise that may have included children who were just beginning to hear the Christian message. This would not have been uncommon, especially for Jewish converts. Circumcision marked entrance into the Old Covenant for men. This occurred, without the express consent of the infants, to male children eight days after their birth.

In the second century, processes had begun to more gradually incorporate people into the Church. The basis of this "catechumenal model" is still used in parishes today for adults wishing to convert to Catholicism. The familial transmission of faith still retains an important place. Throughout his ministry, Jesus emphasized the importance of baptism for salvation. As Catholics see it, "The Church and the parents would deny a child a priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth. Christian parents will recognize that this practice also accords with their role as nurturers of the life that God has entrusted to them" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1250-1251).

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Lessons from Baptizing a Frog

I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.)

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes.

LNMV CEC MORTGAGE BALANCE UPDATE

As of December 15, 2019: \$157,052.21

Last month's balance: \$330,797.93

Questions or comments: 507-403-0252 or email to lnmvcec@gmail.com

Exciting announcement: We have had a successful kick-off on our 2019-2022 capital campaign for the Catholic Education Center, and thus we have been able to make a substantial payment toward our CEC loan, dropping it from \$330,797 to \$157,052! The result is that our monthly interest payment has also been cut in half! We are so thankful to everyone who is giving toward the current campaign, and look forward to completely paying off the loan later this year.

- The LNMV CEC Board

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St. Nicholas Gala & Auction

FUND-THE-NEED UPDATE

Additional Fund-the-Need donations were received after the Gala which includes a donation to cover the remaining cost of the Allen Digital Organ. ***We thank you for your generosity!***

GROUP EVENTS SPACE AVAILABLE

Fun and fellowship are what Group Events are all about and there is room for a few more to join in on these events.

Payments can be made at the parish office or on our parish website at <https://www.stncc.net/2019-gala-group-events>

DINNER IN THE GARDEN

Date: Saturday, June 6, 6:45 p.m.

Hosts: Gary and Maureen Vosejka

Cost: \$50 per person

Limited to 25 adults (21 years old)

Come for a relaxing evening at Thorn Crest Farm. We'll enjoy a wonderful assortment of hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, wine, and beer served in the garden, followed by a bonfire.

HALFWAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Date: Saturday, Sept. 12, 6:00 p.m.

Hosts: Dywane Schumacher and Alex Berry

Cost: \$50 per person

Limited to 10 adults (21 years old)

Enjoy delicious Irish cuisine with friends of St. Nicholas!

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

INVITE PARISHIONERS TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading

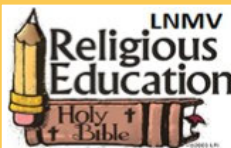
Today's reading is often called one of Isaiah's "servant of the Lord" poems. According to Isaiah, the Lord's servant "shall bring forth justice to the nations." What do you think this type of justice looks like?

Second Reading

Peter came to the insight that God "shows no partiality" to those who are baptized and believe in Jesus. Why does this message remain challenging to many believers today?

Gospel Reading

What do you find most remarkable about Matthew's account of the baptism of Jesus?



LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

More information at:

www.lnmvre.net

Weekly classes: Wed., Jan. 15th 6:30-7:45pm

Weekly classes: Wed., Jan. 22nd 6:30-7:45pm

First Reconciliation:

In classroom interviews will be held the week of January 22nd. First Reconciliation for St Nicholas will be on Saturday, January 25th, 2020 at 12:00 noon

Confirmation Information:

Confirmation 2 student folders are to be completed and handed in NO LATER than January 22, 2020 for preparation for Individual interviews to begin for Confirmation. Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at the Cathedral of St Paul at 2:00pm.

Confirmation 1 student folders are to be completed and handed in by March 11th, 2020.

FORMED:

Learn and enjoy your faith at home and on the go, from any device. Sign up for free at formed.org/signup. Select "I belong to a parish" and then select parish by zip code: use 55054. St. Nicholas is the parish it is registered at. No passwords, only your email.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

Symbolon: Living the Faith
Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person



January 22 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. In an age when life itself seems disposable, how can we follow God's call to protect and promote the dignity of the human person in all places and circumstances?

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FOR
SOMEONE
NEW
EVERY
DAY!**



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Jesus, I trust in You!

Area News & Events

Archdiocesan Synod – Upcoming Prayer and Listening Events

What's working and what's not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. There are 20 Prayer and Listening Events. The next three are:

Saturday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.-noon at St. Peter Claver, St. Paul

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6-9 p.m. at Pax Christi, Eden Prairie

Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes beginning soon

Classes teach couples the Church approved methods on how to achieve or postpone pregnancy while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality.

The **Creighton Ovulation Method** is taught by the Twin Cities FertilityCare Center on:

January 14 at Epiphany, Coon Rapids

January 18 at Woodwinds Hospital, Woodbury

Register online at www.tcnfp.org.

The **Sympto-Thermal Method** will be taught by the Couple to Couple League on:

January 16 (live and online)

January 26 (live and online)

Register at www.ccli.org.

For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, visit www.archspm.org/family or call 651-291-4489.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 7-8 p.m., Church of St. Paul, Ham Lake

All people of the Archdiocese are invited to participate in the Holy Hours for Vocations. Each month, the event will take place at another parish in the Archdiocese. Come spend an hour with Jesus each month to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and diaconate. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890 or visit 10000vocations.org.

St. Agnes PreK-6 Grade Lower School Showcase

January 14, 4:30-7 p.m. at St. Agnes School, 530 Lafond Ave., St. Paul.

We're on a mission to support parents as the primary educators of their children through high-quality, Catholic education in the liberal arts/classical tradition. A complimentary dinner (hot dogs, sides, beverage) will begin at 4:30 p.m., and the showcase program will start at 5:30 p.m. in our Helene Houle Auditorium. Meet with faculty members, administrators, and current parents

to have all your questions answered! Please RSVP and let us know if your family will be joining us for dinner. <http://www.saintagnesschool.org/admissions/open-houses-tours>.

Giving Insights: Homelessness

Tuesday, January 14, 6-8:30 p.m. at University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis

The Catholic Community Foundation's (CCF) popular Giving Insights forum series is back for its third year. And, it's growing. CCF has invited Catholic Charities, in celebration of their 150th anniversary, to co-host the next forum. Giving Insights explores the intersections of need and resources in our local community. Join the discussion on homelessness in Minnesota: How did we get here? And, what can we do to solve it? Visit www.ccf-mn.org/forums. Brianna Thompson at 651-389-0646 or thompsonb@ccf-mn.org.

Made for More

Tuesday, January 28 (7 pm), St. Joseph in Lino Lakes and Wednesday, January 29 (7 pm), All Saints in Lakeville

An event that blends presentation, live music, and art to explore the Gospel and the deepest longings of our human hearts through the lens of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Invite family and friends to hear international speaker Christopher West and musician Mike Mangione. Tickets on sale now at: www.CorProject.com/MadeforMore/

Cana Parish and School Seminar

Thursday, January 30, 1-2:30 p.m. OR 7-8:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Raphael, 7301 Bass Lake Road, Crystal

Come and see the impact The Cana Experience is having on families all around the nation and how to bring it to parents of young children in your parish or Catholic school. The Cana Experience gives parents the opportunity grow closer to God, their spouse and their children while meeting with other parents who want the same things as them - to raise great kids and have a strong and fulfilling marriage.

canafamilyinstitute.com/events. Cathy at 763-391-0205 or cathy@canafamilyinstitute.com.

Totus Tuus Team Missionary

Application deadline is Friday, February 3, 2020

Is God calling you to serve as a Totus Tuus Team Missionary in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis this summer? We need men and women age 18-26 committed to their Catholic faith who feel called to share it with youth (grades 1-12) in local parishes, May 29-July 28, 2020. Missionaries will receive \$2,520 for their service. To apply visit www.archspm.org/totustuus or contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or schulten@archspm.org for additional information.

Our Parish School News

Family ENGINEERING Night



Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.

The evening will include three hands-on activities, one of which is a team challenge families can work on together.
All are welcome!



Interactive workshop provided by:



HOLY CROSS INVITES YOU TO RIDE WITH US!

Our Middle School students are going to the Prayer Service and March for Life in St. Paul on January 22 and we have room for 20 to join us! Please call the school to register to ride with us, 952-652-6100. To recover some of the expenses for the bus, we will be asking for a fee of \$5/person when we leave that morning. Lunch will be on your own.

Approximate schedule for the day:

- Leave school at approx. 9:30 a.m.
- 10:30 Prayer Service for Life at the Cathedral
- Walk to Capital from Cathedral
- 12:00 - 1:00 March and Speakers
- 1:00 Leave for School
- Stop for lunch along the way
- Return to school by approx. 2:30 p.m.

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, 9 am, and 5 pm

Friday - 3 am

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Baptism of Jesus is similar in purpose to our own. As Jesus was distinguished as the beloved Son in whom God is well pleased, so, too, are we. We share that same special favor with God and are brought into an intimate relationship with Him. Does this reality change how we feel about ourselves? It certainly does. Baptism forever changes us and calls us to the ministries of mercy and humility. God has formed each of us in our mother's womb and asks us to be a light.

for all people. We carry this light humbly as we know who ultimately has a claim on us and to whom we belong. We then are called to live our lives in imitation of Christ and become incarnate vessels of mercy. Our world needs to be touched by compassion and only we can complete the task.

Liturgical Stewardship

Jan 18, 5:00pm	Lectors:	Chuck Mathews
	Ministers:	Dana Meyer, Gail Mathews
	Ushers:	Doug Serie, Joe Molitor
Jan 19, 8:00am	Lector:	Tom McCabe
	Ministers:	Vicky Chlan, Mike Moeller
	Ushers:	Marline Hennen, Ron Chlan
Jan 19, 10:00am	Lectors:	Paul Panka
	Ministers:	Jackie Devine, Angie Nicolai
	Ushers:	Richard Hanke, Tom Wagner

Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord January 5, 2020 - Week 28 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving	\$8,109
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving	\$227,052
Sunday Plate & Envelope for Jan. 5, 2020	\$3,205
Flowers	\$0
Fuel	\$0
Grounds	\$0
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$1,616
Christmas	\$12,790
ACH (Received monthly) Christmas	\$645
Collection Received Year-to-Date	\$216,639
Budget Variance	-\$10,413
Endowment: \$2,555	
Contributors this week 130 (estimated) out of 432	
Second Collection for Retirement for Religious \$1,426	

St. Nicholas, Pray for us!