



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Now I have seen and testified that he is
the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

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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From the desk of Dr. Constance Krocak, Principal

After a long and well deserved break from the academic and social successes, celebrations, trials and tribulations of school, we are back refreshed and ready to move into the learning challenges of this, the deepest part of the school year. This middle trimester is really the heart of the school year. It is now that we step into the more complex levels of curricula and move through them with increased celerity. To meet these challenges successfully, it is key that our students enter this most important part of the school year not merely with happiness and self-confidence, but with joy. Louise Moore asks and answers, "Happiness? Joy? What is the difference? We know that happy people like themselves; happy people feel in control of their lives; happy people are hope filled and optimistic... real joy, however, is much deeper. It is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude."

With the beginning of this new year, I want you all to know that each day our wonderful students of Holy Cross Catholic School bring me true joy. I love being with them. I love watching them as they navigate their way through the school day and I am ever grateful to be at this school where the light of the Lord shines so very brightly!

With the promise of God's enduring love and with hope to anchor our souls, have a blessed New Year!

Constance L. Krocak, Ed. D.

Isaiah 60:1: *Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.*

It's time to consider Holy Cross!



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This week at St. Nicholas

Sun	Jan 19	7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Richard McNamara+ 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass: For the Parish
Mon	Jan 20	Mass is not scheduled on this day
Tue	Jan 21	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Mr. & Mrs. Walter Dircks+ 8:30am Fatima Rosary Group - <i>All are welcome!</i> 6:00pm Baptism Class 7:00pm Parish Council 7:15pm Book Club
Wed	Jan 22	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Donna Murray+ 4:45pm Confessions 6:30pm LNMV Religious Education Classes
Thu	Jan 23	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Tim Correit+ 6:00pm Choir/Cantor Practice 6:30pm Finance Council 7:00pm RCIA
Fri	Jan 24	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 7:30am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Loraine Irlbeck+
Sat	Jan 25	Food Shelf Weekend 7:35am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 8:00am Mass: Aelred Wagner+ 8:30am Rosary 8:30am Confessions 12:00pm RE - First Reconciliation 3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Joyce & Stuart Russell+
Sun	Jan 26	Catholic School Week Begins Food Shelf Weekend 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 8:00 am - Noon Pancake Breakfast at Holy Cross 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass: Robert Zweber+

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of January 19, 2020

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me." ... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?



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

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: The Bible talks a lot about “testifying” or “giving testimony” to our faith. That makes me think of a courtroom. What does testifying to faith look like in everyday life?

Answer: The courtroom image isn’t too far off for some Christians. The Church has often been persecuted, and it was especially intense in the early days of the Church, when Acts and the various epistles were being written. For persecuted Christians, it did mean attesting publicly to their faith in Jesus Christ, sometimes before harsh judges. To testify is to bear witness, and this is something we are all called to do.

The call of Jesus is, first and foremost, a call to conversion of life. It is a repentance from sin, a casting off of old ways of seeing and moving in the world. The Christian life is one of transformation, becoming more and more like our God of love. In one sense, to testify to faith should happen naturally as we live like Jesus did. Our lives should bear witness in the respect we accord to others and the uncompromising dignity we honor in them. We bear witness in our gratitude, in our joy, in our hope in God’s power and grace. This is where we start! Sometimes others might inquire, as St. Peter puts it, as to “a reason for your hope.” Now you’re on the stand! It’s time to offer, “with gentleness and reverence,” the Good News of the Gospel (c.f. 1 Peter 3:15-16).

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, “Here I Am, Lord”? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing.

“Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.” Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: “I will go if You lead me.” It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops’ pastoral letter, “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response,” to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years.

We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, “I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me.” Then again, I don’t want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?



St. Nicholas News & Events



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 Vosejpk

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

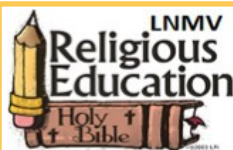
Isaiah spoke of God's desire to have his "salvation reach to the ends of the earth." What would the world look like if this happened?

Second Reading

Today's reading is the opening greeting of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Here and in other letters, Paul speaks of believers as being "called to be holy." Who are some people you consider "holy" in your life?

Gospel Reading

John the Baptist spoke of Jesus metaphorically as "the Lamb of God." What do you think this image means?



LN MV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

More information at:

www.lnmvre.net

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

Weekly classes: Wed., Jan. 29th NO class for students

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.

Catechist Formation Workshop: Wednesday, Jan. 29th, 2020.

All Catechists and classrooms aides will meet at All Saints in Lakeville. We will be attending the ticketed event "Made for More" presented by Christopher West and Mike Mangione reflecting on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny.

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?

[WATCH ON FORMED.ORG](http://WATCHONFORMED.ORG)

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

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.

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.

Newly Married Retreat: Living in Love

February 1, 2020, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church in Mendota

A day for all couples just married through 7 years of marriage. Join us for lively presentations with practical, relevant, and inspirational examples from the creators, Brad and Libby, that will open up conversations for you and your spouse. Living in Love provides an extraordinary opportunity for married couples to reconnect with their own love history through private couple time, brief communal prayers, and a renewal of vows. There is no large group discussion or open sharing. \$40 per couple and includes a course book, light breakfast and a catered lunch. Register at www.archspm.org.

Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute: School of the Holy Spirit

Thursdays, February 6-April 30, 7-9 p.m. at St. Andrew's in Elk River

This dynamic course offers participants the opportunity to personally experience the Holy Spirit, and to receive the charisms which God desires specifically for each person. Taught by Fr. Michael Becker and a Spirit-filled team, students learn how to be open to the Holy Spirit, grow confident in the art of prayer ministry and discernment of spirits. The course features a "Life in the Spirit Seminar" on February 28 & 29. The cost for the course, materials, and seminar is \$125/person by January 6 and \$150/person after. Online registration: ci-holyspirit2020.eventbrite.com For more information visits semssp/ci.

Young Adult Winter Weekend: Lutsen Mountain Ski Resort

February 7-9 at Cascade Resort and Lutsen Mountain Ski Resort

In the spirit of St. John Paul II, Into the Deep invites you to join Fr. Aric Aamodt and Jen Messing for a 3-day winter getaway. This event will bring together young adults from around the Twin Cities area and beyond to share common interests, good conversation, and time away from electronics. Casual talks about our Catholic faith and the Theology of the Body, as well as daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, will be included in our time together. Participants may choose from an "a la carte" menu of activities on Saturday & Sunday: downhill skiing (free instruction will be available), snowboarding, XC skiing, snowshoeing, or lounging. Contact Jen at info@idretreats.org or 612-226-5637. **Register by January 13!**

Our Parish School News

YOU'RE INVITED!**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast****Sunday, January 26, 2020****8:00 a.m. - Noon****\$8/person, \$25 family cap**

Hosted by:

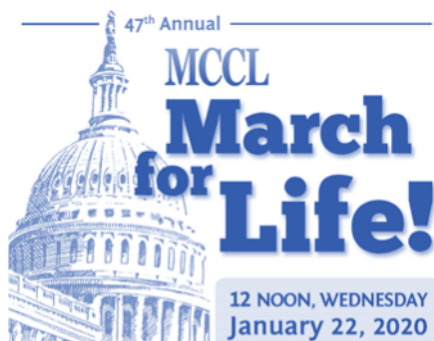
Lonsdale Knights of Columbus

St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus

Most Holy Trinity Men's Group

*Kick-off Catholic Schools Week with us!**Call us to register for a new student admissions tour and breakfast is on us!*

Breakfast to be held at:
Holy Cross Catholic School
 6100 37th Street West, Webster
 HolyCrossSchool.net 952-652-6100

**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**

Our relationships ground and define us. Understanding where we come from, who matters to us, and to whom we have an allegiance all frame and direct our lives. One unchangeable about who we are is that God formed us in our mother's womb. Unless understanding of ourselves begins with this solid fact about ourselves, our knowledge will always be incomplete. John the Baptist and Jesus knew who they were and where they came from. This allowed them to understand their purpose and express their identity. To whom do you matter? If your primary answer is God then you are on your way to knowing who you are. Each of us has a purpose and mission to fulfill. See God as your strength and get about the business of meeting life's challenges.

**Liturgical Stewardship**

Jan 25, 5:00pm	Lectors:	Jan Freeman
	Ministers:	Gail Mathews, Mary Kay Forland
	Ushers:	Doug Serie, Joe Molitor
Jan 26, 8:00am	Lector:	Kendra Caduff
	Ministers:	Jolene Pierson, Leander Wagner
	Ushers:	Marline Hennen, Ron Chlan
Jan 26, 10:00am	Lectors:	Maggie Havlicek
	Ministers:	Denise Anderson, Mike Cole
	Ushers:	Richard Hanke, Tom Wagner

Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord
January 12, 2020 - Week 29 in Fiscal Year

The collection numbers were not available at the time of the printing of this bulletin.

St. Nicholas, Pray for us!