

## **General Information**

# PUBLIC MASSES HAVE RESUMED WITH LIMITED CAPACITY.

#### Lord's Day Mass

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

month.

# **Daily Mass**

Tuesday—Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration Chapel Hours - Suspended Sunday 4:00 p.m.—Saturday 8:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation - Updated

Wednesday: 4:45-5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 3:30—4:40 p.m. or by appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Pre-baptism meetings are held with a priest. 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 (Closed to visitors at this time)

Monday: Closed

Tuesday—Friday: 7:45 a.m.—4:15 p.m.

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Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.



August 3, 2020										
This week at St. Nicholas										
Sun	Aug 9	8:00am Mass: Shelley Gifford+ 10:00am Mass (Live streamed): For the Parish								
Mon	Aug 10	No Mass is scheduled on this day								
Tue	Aug 11	8:00am Mass: Lucille Skluzacek+ 8:30am Fatima Rosary Group - All are welcome! 6:30pm Finance Council 6:30pm Divine Mercy Cenacle								
Wed	Aug 12	8:00am Mass: Alice & Robert Saleck+ 4:45pm Confessions 7:00pm Pray with us online								
Thu	Aug 13	8:00am Mass: Lillian Kost+								
Fri	Aug 14	8:00am Mass: Ron & Louise Johnson 7:00pm Vigil Mass: Adam, Paige & Juniper Jandro								
Sat	Aug 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Mary, Merlin, & Lori Merfeld+								
Sun	Aug 16	8:00am Mass: Vurlyn McCabe+ 9:15am The Living Rosary in church 10:00am Mass (Live streamed): For the Parish								

# St. Nicholas News & Events





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# **Readings for the Week** Readings for the week of August 9, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26 Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt

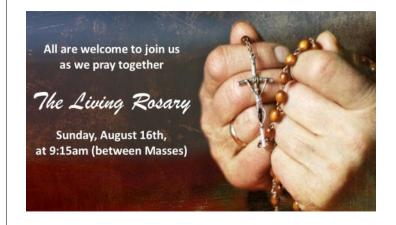
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Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



### **Observances for the Week**

Observances for the week of August 9, 2020 Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Monday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Clare, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Thursday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Friday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Saturday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



If you know anyone outside our Catholic family who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, please prayerfully consider inviting them to look into the Rite of

Christian Initiation (RCIA) program at our parish. For more information or questions, email Anna Laughery at annal@holycrossschool.net

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### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



#### JOIN OUR USHER MINISTRY!

We invite you to be an usher at St. Nicholas. Help your Church as we continue to build a warm and welcoming community.

- Greet and welcome our parish family as we enter the Church for Mass.
- Assist in seating, collections and Communion while establishing a spirit of warmth and celebration!

It's a great way to meet members of our parish family! Please bless us with your talents serving the Lord and our St. Nicholas family. Men and Women. We will provide all the training you need.

Please consider this important ministry.

For questions or to sign up, contact Ron Chlan (952-212-7251)

# WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

#### **Marian Feasts**

Question: Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

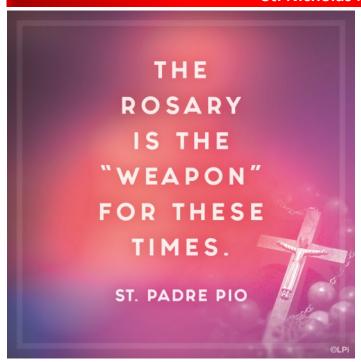
Answer: Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

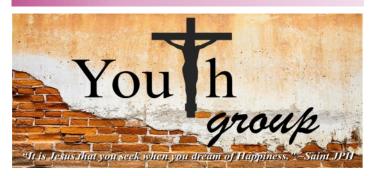
In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65).

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# LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

There is something very sacred about silence. Silence connects us. It is where the heartbeat of all of creation — and its life blood and source — are embraced and where oneness is experienced. When in the presence of an environment that is silent, the worries, tribulations, struggles, and challenges of life seem to fade away, and we can experience a peaceful whisper. We can call that whisper God. Through the practice of contemplative prayer, we can find our way to that inner place of silence even in the midst of great distraction, busyness, and noise. The silence becomes one with us and grounds us. When we become friends with silence, friends with God, we can hear the gentle whisper of God's voice saying, "Come, stay here. Trust me and you will not fall."



### **ATTENTION TEENS! (Grades 9 - 12)**

Super excited... Wednesdays throughout the summer, with our spiritual fathers & the Blessed Mother, we will be praying the rosary together in the church then hang out for a bit after... games, music, & fellowship! Please do bring a friend or 2. Any questions, contact Angie at <a href="mailto:angienshop@msn.com">angienshop@msn.com</a>.



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More information at:

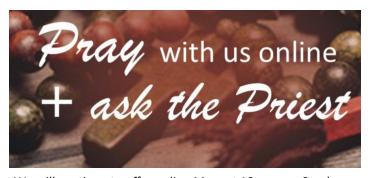
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### **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Registration for the 2020-2021 LNMV Religious Education Program is now open! Register quickly to qualify for early bird discount pricing and consider being a catechist or classroom aide to receive an additional deduction.

Link to our online registration can be found here: <a href="https://mytads.com/a/Inmvreligiouseducation">https://mytads.com/a/Inmvreligiouseducation</a> or can be found on the LNMV RE website. For questions, please contact Anna Laughery at <a href="mailto:annal@holycrossschool.net">annal@holycrossschool.net</a>

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR FALL: Consider becoming a catechist teacher. We are inviting men and women of the parish to seriously consider being a part of this vital ministry. We are not only called to Faith but to action. You do not need to be an expert in the faith, just a desire to pass on the faith to our children. We can help you with the rest with classroom materials. If you are not comfortable in teaching or just want to take a year to discern your call, consider being a classroom aide. We will have a need for several new catechists and classroom aides. If you are interested in learning more about teaching, co-teaching or being a classroom aide, please contact Anna Laughery, Director of Religious Education, annal@holycrossschool.net or 952-652-6100 ext. 130.



We will continue to offer online Mass at 10 a.m. on Sundays and prayer opportunities at 7 p.m. one evening during the week through streaming online. *We invite you to join us to pray virtually.* 

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Join us through our website: <a href="https://www.stncc.net/">https://www.stncc.net/</a>.

# **Area News & Events**



### Hello fellow parishioners of St. Nicholas!

My name is Annie Bunnell and I've been a parishioner at St. Nicholas all twenty-one years of my life. I am the 8<sup>th</sup> of 9 kids and was homeschooled my whole life. I spent two years at the University of Mary in North Dakota and was studying Psychology and Catholic Studies. While at school, the Lord put mission work on my heart and so I joined a Catholic

organization called NET Ministries! NET is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to *Challenge Young Catholics to Love Christ and Embrace the Life of the Church*. NET is an acronym and it stands for National Evangelization Team. This organization has teams that travel throughout the country putting on retreats for middle and high school youth!

This past year I had the amazing opportunity to serve as a missionary on a team to put on retreats. My mission year was such a life changing experience! The Lord blessed us all so much and it was quite beautiful to see Him work through us and for us throughout our time serving on the road – and even now after that! After serving one year traveling around the country reaching out to youth and spreading the Gospel message, the Lord has called me to another year of mission work! This year, I'm excited to announce that I'll be working in St. Paul at the NET Ministries headquarters as a schedule assistant on our scheduling team!

Because NET is a nonprofit organization, we as missionaries are asked to raise \$6,000-\$7,000. This is a small amount compared to the amount it takes to house us, feed us, and care for us as missionaries, which is \$22,000. So, I'm asking if you would like to partner with me in this mission - to be part of spreading the Lord and His love to others around our country! You can donate by going to the NET Ministries website at <a href="https://www.netusa.org/">www.netusa.org/</a> supportamissionary, typing in my name under the missionary line and following the prompt from there! You also have the option of donating one time or making it a monthly donation. Thank you for your consideration and generosity in advance every little bit counts! There's no donation that's too small! If you're not able to support me financially, please hold me and the ministry in your prayers! Thank you so much for your love, support and prayers and know of my continued prayers for all of you!

Annie Bunnell

# Pray for COVID-19 Anointing Corps, Patients, Families and Medical Support Teams

Parishioners across the Archdiocese are invited to prayerfully support those who are suffering most intensely, usually in sterile isolation, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Website: stncc.net Twitter.com/Stnccnet

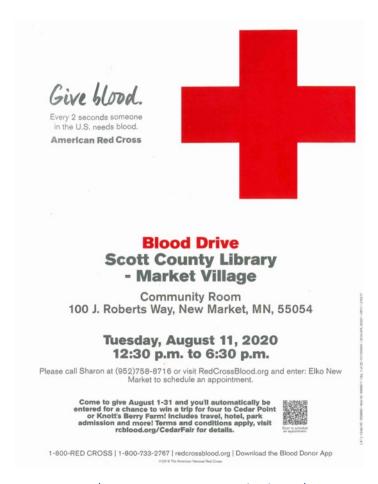
Text archspm-anointing to 55321 or visit eva.us/archspm-anointing to receive a text each time a COVID-19 Anointing Corps Priest is dispatched to give the Last Rites. Upon receipt of the text, those in this ministry commit to take a moment to pray:

- One Our Father for the patient who is in danger of death, as they prepare to meet our Heavenly Father face-to-face;
- One Hail Mary for the patient's family and friends, asking the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows, to intercede to comfort them; and
- One Glory Be in thanksgiving for the priest and for his protection, as well as the medical team attending to the patient.

For more ways to pray for those affected by COVID-19, visit archspm.org/covid19prayers.

#### Prayer for an End to the Sin of Racism in Our Land

The Interim Commission for Consecrated Life in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis has designed this prayer for use by parishes at weekend liturgies. The prayer can be downloaded <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. Feel free to copy and paste the text into your communications if it works better for your format.



## **Our Parish School News**



### **OUR PLAN IS TO OPEN THIS FALL WITH** STUDENTS IN CLASSROOMS ON CAMPUS

We have openings in most grades and would love to have you join the Holy Cross family! Please contact Amy Lemke to set up a tour, amyl@holycrossschool.net

This is the perfect opportunity to experience the Holy Cross difference!



### WE'RE HIRING!

Holy Cross is in need of a supervisor for the After School Care Program.

This position works Monday through Friday, 2:45-6:00 pm, during the school year.

Please call us at 952-652-6100 for more information.

### FOOD TRUCK EVENT AT HOLY CROSS

Thank you, Lord, for blessing us with such a beautiful evening for the Food Truck Event at Holy Cross.

Thank you to all those who joined us! We had a lot of fun and hope you did too.



# **Eucharistic Adoration**

### **ADORATION TO RESUME IN CHURCH - UPDATE**

We are still in need of more adorers to cover the open hours. Until we can cover the open hours, we will not be able to start up Adoration in the Church. Please consider taking an hour and inviting a friend or family member to consider one. Together we can fill the schedule to be able to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you have any questions or if you had a scheduled hour prior to closing and still have not contacted Mary Rose, please do so this week. Farmgirl950@gmail.com or 612-756

Below are the open hours. Please contact us if you would like to spend an hour with the Lord in Adoration.

12am				Tue	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8pm	-1	9pm					
9pm	-3	10pm					
10pm	-	11pm					
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One adorer scheduled, additional adorers welcome Adorer needed

Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord August 2, 2020 - Week 5 in Fiscal Year

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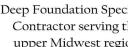


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