

I WILL  
PRAISE YOUR  
NAME FOREVER,

*my King.*

PSALM 146

MAY 15, 2022



**General Information**



**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.—5:00 p.m.

**Lord's Day Mass**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 8:00 a.m.  
& 10:00 a.m. (Live streamed on our website  
and Facebook page.)

**Daily Mass**

Tuesday—Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

**Adoration Hours**

Sunday 4 p.m. to Sunday midnight,  
Monday 5 a.m. to Wednesday 2 a.m.  
Wednesday 4 a.m. to Thursday 1 a.m.  
Thursday 4 a.m. to Thursday midnight  
Friday 5 a.m. to Saturday 8 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. and 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.

**Bulletin Guidelines:**

- Bulletin items are due on Tuesdays by 4 p.m.
- Email items to [kjohnson@stncc.net](mailto:kjohnson@stncc.net).
- All bulletin content is approved by Fr. Rudolph.

**From the desk of Father Rudolph**

**Changing the Scoreboard...**

Imagine that every time you went to a Twins, Wild, Vikings or (Holy Cross Catholic School) Crusaders home game, however it was going, at the very end, the numbers on the scoreboard would change so that the local team won. The visiting team and their fans wouldn't like it. But you would get to cheer every time.

Something like that happens when you are on Team Jesus Christ. No matter how life is going, if you remain his disciple, when the game is over, you are assured of victory over the team of the devil.

In this life, it can sometimes seem like the score is against you. Like for Saint Paul, when an angry mob in the city of Lystra stoned him, dragged him out of town and left him for dead. Did Paul give up? Did he abandon Jesus and the mission he had received from him? Did he say, "Enough is enough"? Did he at least avoid that city in the future out of what is now called "an abundance of caution"? No way! After leaving to preach the Gospel in another city, he came back to Lystra and went at it again. He even stayed there long enough to appoint "elders" (priests) for the different churches and strengthen the faith of the understandably anxious Christians. He told them: **"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God"** (Acts 14:22). God has a reason for what he allows. Maybe Saint Paul had to be stoned to help the Christians in Lystra have faith like a rock.

With that kind of faith, we can win the victory even if our enemies think they've got us. Like Jesus, who called his betrayal and crucifixion his glorification (John 13:31-33). The cross, an invention of the devil, was turned by our Lord into a weapon to defeat the purposes of the devil. This is described powerfully in an ancient homily, preserved in the Office of Readings for Holy Saturday. It's a meditation on the phrase "he descended into hell" in the Apostles' Creed, referring to something Jesus did between the time of his death and Resurrection. For reasons of space, I am presenting only parts of it here. You can find the whole thing on the Vatican website.

Truly he goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep; he wishes to visit those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. He goes to free the prisoner Adam and his fellow-prisoner Eve from their pains, he who is God, and Adam's son. The Lord goes in to them holding his victorious weapon, his cross... "I am your God, who for your sake became your son, who for you and your descendants now speak and command with authority those in prison: Come forth, and those in darkness: Have light, and those who sleep: Rise... For you, I your God became your son; for you, I the Master took on your form; that of slave; for you, I who am above the heavens came on earth and under the earth; for you, man, I became as a man without help, free among the dead; for you, who left a garden, I was handed over to Jews from a garden and crucified in a garden. Look at the spittle on my face, which I received because of you, in order to restore you to that first divine inbreathing at creation. See the blows on my cheeks, which I accepted in order to refashion your distorted form to my own image. See the scourging of my back, which I accepted in order to disperse the load of your sins which was laid upon your back. See my hands nailed to the tree for a good purpose, for you, who stretched out your hand to the tree for an evil one."

Jesus Christ did all that not only for Adam and Eve and the other residents of the underworld at the time of his death, but also for everyone on earth. So long as we don't defect to the enemy's team, Jesus will enable us to share in his victory. And in that victory, the One seated on the throne will make all things wonderfully new (Revelation 21:5).

**Your fellow beneficiary of the Resurrection,  
Father Rudolph**

## St. Nicholas News &amp; Events

**FAITH**  
IN OUR FUTURE

**CAPITAL  
CAMPAIGN  
CORNER**

As of 5/11/2022, the total pledged is \$962,407 and the total payments received is \$517,173. **THANK YOU** to all who have made a commitment! **Pledges/donations can still be made.** Please consider supporting this campaign to enhance the life of our parish. Pledge cards are in the back of church or you can pledge online at [stncc.net](http://stncc.net).

- We have received an updated estimate for the door replacements in the JP11 Building which has been approved. Work is scheduled to begin in the fall.

To see all updates for the Faith in Our Future Campaign, please visit: <https://www.stncc.net/capital-campaign-corner>

**Saint of the Day – Saint Isaiah of Rostov**

Isaiah was born in Kyiv, in what is now Ukraine, in the early 11<sup>th</sup> century. He became a monk in the Monastery of the Caves in Kyiv, then in 1062 was chosen to be abbot of the Monastery of Saint Demetrius, also in Kyiv. In 1077, Isaiah was chosen bishop of Rostov, a city north of Moscow. This area still needed vigorous evangelization and catechesis, so he devoted his energies both to converting the heathen and to strengthening the faith of those already baptized. He was tireless in works of mercy and preached very effectively, with what he said being confirmed by miracles. He was venerated as a saint as soon as he died in 1090. Saint Isaiah of Rostov, pray for us! (Excerpted and adapted with permission of the Publisher from *Butler's Lives of the Saints, New Full Edition* ©Paul Burns 2003, Published by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN)



Thank you for participating in the Pastoral Council nomination process. The Pastoral Council will be contacting parishioners who have been nominated for the Pastoral Council.



**CAMPUS MAINTENANCE ITEMS**

We have some campus maintenance projects that we want you to be aware of.

Now that we have the new handicap entrance with the elevator-lift, we will be removing the old wooden handicap ramp on the south side of the church.

Some of the flashing and shingles on the steeple have been damaged from storms and will be repaired.

The trees on the top of the old cemetery on the north side will be removed soon. The trees are old and some are hollow and are now posing a risk in damaging the church or rectory if they were to fall.



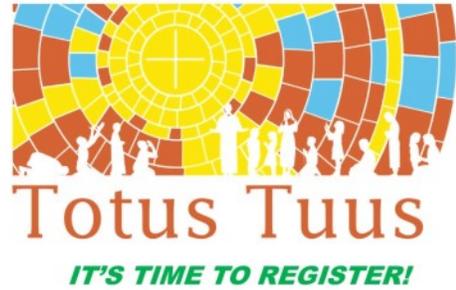
**WELCOME SAINT JOSEPH**

May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. That's one reason we honored her via a statue of her last Sunday, when children brought up roses and put a crown of flowers on her head. (OK, they weren't really flowers and it wasn't really her head, but you know what I mean.)

Thanks to God and the Knights of Columbus we can also honor Mary's most just, courageous, and chaste spouse, Saint Joseph, via a travelling icon of him that's in our church this month. I put it in front of the Marian side altar. Along with the statue came two items that I put on the table in the back of the church. One is an "Act of Consecration to St. Joseph by St. Alphonsus Liguori" on a yellow sheet of paper. The other is a holy card of St. Joseph with the "Patris Corde" (Latin for "with a father's heart) Prayer on one side and an image of Saint Joseph on the other.

Saint Joseph, Terror of demons, pray for us! – Father Rudolph

St. Nicholas News & Events



Learn about the Prayer, The Our Father and the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord!  
 Register Early at <https://www.stncc.net/totus-tuus-registration>

**The Day Program** is for students entering grades 1 - 6 and strives to show students how to be humble and courageous seekers of faith through exploring the Word of God.

**DATES:** Monday, June 27 - Friday, July 1, 2022  
**TIME:** 9:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Holy Cross Catholic School, 6100 W. 37th Street, Webster  
**COST:** \$50 per child (Family cap of 3 students for combined day and evening sessions.)  
**WHO:** Students entering grades 1 - 6  
**NOTES:** Must bring a bag lunch every day. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**The Evening Program** is for students entering grades 7 - 12 and includes large group presentations, small group discussions, quiet meditation, prayer, and fellowship.

**DATES:** Sunday, June 26 - Thursday, June 30, 2022  
**TIME:** 6:30 P.M. - 8:45 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Holy Cross Catholic School, 6100 W. 37th Street, Webster  
**COST:** \$50 per child (Family cap of 3 students for combined day and evening sessions.)  
**WHO:** Students entering grades 7 - 12  
**NOTES:** Snacks and drinks will be provided.



**IT'S TIME TO SHARE YOUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE!**  
 Calling all parish families! We need your help in supporting this year's Chicken Cookout to make it an even bigger success than in the past.

**TIME**  
 We are requesting that each parish member sign up to work a minimum of one shift. (Many hands make light work!) The signup book is in the back of church or you may sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ea9a729a3fb6-chicken4>

**TALENT**  
 We ask that each family donates a baked item and/or craft item for the Country Store and a cake and/or cupcakes for the Cake Walk.

**TREASURE**  
 We ask that each parish family buy or sell a raffle ticket for the Raffle.

*Working together we can make a difference!*

**Pre-order your home-made pies with this form or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ea9a729a3fb6-chicken4>**

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- Complete this form and submit to the parish office or drop in the collection basket **by Sunday, June 5.**
- Pies will be ready for pick-up and payment in the Church basement during the Chicken Cookout.

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*Retirement Brunch*

We invite you to join us for a potluck brunch after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 29, to thank Jackie for her hard work and dedication to St. Nicholas over the years and to wish her well in her retirement.

If you would like to bring a dish for the potluck brunch, please follow this link to sign up: <https://lnmvtriparish.flocknote.com/signup/90490>

**HELPING THE PRIESTS WHO'VE HELPED US**

Did you know there's a home for retired priests of the Archdiocese? There is and you have an opportunity to share your gratitude by supporting the men who've ministered to you and your family for many decades including Fr. George Welzbacher, who served here at St. Nicholas. The Leo C. Byrne Residence offers 29 individual apartments for priests who have reached retirement age, most of whom continue to actively serve parishes and organizations around the Archdiocese. The GRATITUDE Capital Campaign Renovation Project (coordinated by the Catholic Community Foundation) will fund work required to bring the entire Byrne Residence to a level of security and efficiency suitable for the safety and well-being of each resident priest. We ask for your support of this much needed renovation. Make your check payable to: CCF / Byrne Residence" Mail to: CCF / Byrne Residence Renovation Fund Court West Suite 500 2610 University Ave W St. Paul, MN 55114 To donate online, visit the CCF website: [www.CCF-MN.org/ByrneResidence](http://www.CCF-MN.org/ByrneResidence)



**DONUT SUNDAY HOSTS NEEDED**

Hosting Donut Sunday is shared by parish groups, individuals, and families every second Sunday of the month after both Sunday Masses. Volunteers help serve coffee, juice, milk, and donuts and clean up afterward. A free will offering is collected and helps to provide the donuts and beverages.

Easy instructions are given and help is always there to guide you. This is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners and to volunteer and involve the whole family or join with others to serve fellow parishioners. For more information or to sign up to host, call the parish office or visit our parish website:

<https://www.stncc.net/host-a-donut-sunday>

**Donut Sundays:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **6/12/2022** \_\_\_\_\_ **7/10/2022** \_\_\_\_\_ **8/14/2022**

**Area News & Events**

**HELPING UKRAINE**

Because the situation in Ukraine is so fluid, one of the fastest and best ways to contribute is directly to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which has teams on the ground. Funds directed to Ukraine will go there. Please go to [archspm.org/helping-ukraine](http://archspm.org/helping-ukraine) to donate and to see the CRS Emergency Factsheet for more information about relief efforts already underway. And please pray for our sisters and brothers in need and for peace.

**ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Fr. Nick VanDenBroeke, who served as an parochial administrator here, is celebrating his 10th anniversary of ordination this May. In honor of this, he is inviting past parishioners to a special anniversary celebration at his parish, Immaculate Conception in Lonsdale. There will be a 10am Mass on Sunday, May 22nd, followed by a barbecue. Anyone is welcome to attend. An rsvp to his parish is appreciated but not required: [office@icchurch.cc](mailto:office@icchurch.cc). Church address is: 202 Alabama St SE, Lonsdale, MN 55046

**PRESBYTERAL ORDINATION**

Saturday, May 28, 10 a.m., Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul and livestream

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis joyfully announces the ordination of Samuel Robert Gilbertson, Connor Thomas Z. McGinnis, Joseph Hoan Nguyễn, Michael Patrick Selenski and John Joseph Utecht, to the Sacred Order of Priesthood through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Excellency The Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda. The general public is welcome to join in this joyous celebration! The event will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral's Facebook page.

**FR. LARRY RICHARDS - BE A MAN: SAVE THE DATE**

A gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, and author, Fr. Larry Richards will be at St. Thomas Academy on Thursday, June 16, at 5pm. Fr. Larry will challenge and inspire you to become the man God created you to be. For ALL men and boys 13+. Register at [cadets.com/larry](http://cadets.com/larry).

**STAY IN THE KNOW: GET THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT — FOR FREE!**

Be in-the-know with news from your Catholic community and the Church around the world. Get The Catholic Spirit, the award-winning newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, in your home. Free subscriptions for parishioners are available via each parish. Contact your parish office to be

added to the mailing list. Or purchase an annual subscription for yourself or a friend at [TheCatholicSpirit.com](http://TheCatholicSpirit.com).

**Our Parish School News**



Dear Families and Friends,

By the time you get this update, we will have had our Spring Music Program, our Grandparent’s Day (we were filled to the brim at our Mass and reception), our 8th graders’ last hurrah, and we will be heading to the home stretch for everyone with just a few weeks left of school. What a great year it has been here at Holy Cross Catholic School! We could not have done it without the wonderful support and prayers from our sponsoring parishes. You should know just how impactful your support of our beautiful school has been in terms of building Catholic family life, providing a challenging academic program replete with a full amount of virtues training, and building the future of the Church here in the surrounding area (which goes pretty far to the North, South, West and East). Speaking of the scope of our program, we are very excited to be looking at another year of double-digit percentage growth (we could be as high as 160 or even 170 preschool through 8th grade students next year). It helps that we will now have three bus routes, each stretching a little farther and the new one going across 260th street towards New Prague. (helps also with students not having to get on the bus at 6:45 also to come 10 miles). Spread the word to your family and friends about the new opportunity.

There are several employment opportunities here at our school. We are in need of a head cook/lunch program coordinator, part-time Middle School Math teacher, school bus driver, and a preschool through 4th grade P.E. teacher. As you know, the job market is tight. but we have fringe benefits that very few employers can offer: Catholic school employees get to work in a faith-filled environment with one of the best missions a job could possibly give someone. Please spread the news around that these positions are open. This is how we find good people: through our network of friends and benefactors. Finally, I ask you to pray for us this summer and always. We’ll have many projects to take on for school improvement and we have more than a few opportunities for our students to continue in their spiritual and academic growth. Thanks once again for all your support.

In Christ,

Jim Grogan, Principal

**Eucharistic Adoration**



**Holiday Adoration Schedule:** The Adoration Chapel will close on Thursday, May 26, and re-open on Tuesday, May 31, after morning Mass.

All are welcome to spend time in adoration during the scheduled hours below:

**Adoration Hours**

- Sunday 4 p.m. to Sunday midnight
- Monday 5 a.m. to Wednesday 2 a.m.
- Wednesday 4 a.m. to Wednesday midnight
- Thursday 4 a.m. to Thursday midnight
- Friday 5 a.m. to Saturday 8 a.m.

**Committed adorers needed especially for these hours:**

- Tuesday 2 p.m. (Starts May 31 or sooner)
- Wednesday 1 p.m. (Starts mid August)
- Thursday 5 a.m.
- Saturdays 2 a.m. and 3 a.m.

If you would like to be placed on the weekly adoration schedule, please contact Sherry Moening at [smoenin1@gmail.com](mailto:smoenin1@gmail.com) or sign up online at <https://www.stncc.net/available-adoration-hours>.

**Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord  
May 8, 2022 - Week 43 in Fiscal Year**

Weekly Giving: \$5,990	Weekly Budgeted: \$7,210	Weekly Over/(Under): (\$1,220)
YTD Giving: \$312,274	YTD Budgeted: \$344,275	YTD Over/(Under): (\$32,001)



**STEWARDSHIP OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

We appreciate your financial support. Every gift you make advances our mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved and enables us to continue our parish operations.

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- **Text GIVE** to 1-952-209-7799.
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