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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.

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 the pastor.
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.
- All bulletin content is approved by Fr. Rudolph.

From the desk of Father Rudolph

The Desire of Jesus Christ, Part 6...

Today let's continue our look at the Holy Father Francis' recent apostolic letter **Desiderio Desideravi** (With desire I have desired). The title represents the first words in a Latin translation—faithful to the original Greek—of the words of Jesus to his apostles at the beginning of the Last Supper (Luke 22:15). The English translation used by the Vatican is: **"I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."**

6. Before our response to his invitation — well before! — there is his desire for us. We may not even be aware of it, but every time we go to Mass, the first reason is that we are drawn there by his desire for us. For our part, the possible response — which is also the most demanding asceticism — is, as always, that surrender to this love, that letting ourselves be drawn by him. Indeed, every reception of communion of the Body and Blood of Christ was already desired by him in the Last Supper.

I was recently at a wedding that had a display of emotion I hadn't seen before. As the wedding party processed in, the groomsmen each walked up to the groom, shook his right hand with theirs, and hugged him with their left arm. But one of the groomsmen—who, judging from appearances, must have been the groom's brother—went further than that. After the handshake and hug, with tears in his eyes he kissed him on his cheek. I thought—how much he must love his brother and be happy for him! I was deeply moved.

I think that's a good image of the kind of brotherly love Jesus has for each one of us, who are sons or daughters of the same Father in Heaven. Jesus is fully human, and the perfect human. That means he experiences the full range of human emotions and desires that we do, only untainted by effects of original sin like selfishness or possessiveness. In other words, Jesus loves us perfectly, without any conditions or strings attached.

We might know friends or family members who, we think, love us because of what we do for them or give them. We might be afraid deep down that if we stop doing what they like us for, they will drop us like a bad habit.

I know someone that happened to. When he got married, he was a "golden boy." He was intelligent, funny, good looking, and popular. But after a few years of marriage, he came down with brain cancer. The surgeons got it all, but it changed some things about him. He couldn't think or speak as fast, and physical intimacy with his wife was affected. His wife said this wasn't the man she married, and dumped him for another guy. He was heartbroken, slipped into depression, and died.

We never have to be afraid of Jesus treating us like that woman treated her husband—no matter what happens to us, or what we do, Jesus will never kiss us like Judas kissed him. He will only kiss us like that groomsman kissed his brother at that wedding.

I think this love Jesus has for each one of us is all the more amazing because, in his divine nature, he knows everything about us! He knows all our temptations and sins, weaknesses and faults, mistakes and blind spots. And none of those can stop him from desiring us to be united with him in love and friendship. That's why he established the Holy Eucharist. Responding to the desire of Jesus for union with us, letting ourselves be drawn by him, and surrendering to his love leads us to receive Holy Communion.

Pope Francis describes this surrender as "also the most demanding asceticism." What does that mean? Asceticism means self-denial. Receiving Holy Communion is not a mechanical or isolated act, but part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ, who said: **"Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple"** (Luke 14:27) and **"Whoever of you does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple"** (Luke 14:33). Jesus gave up everything to be united with us. Let's return the favor.

Stay tuned.

Yours in the Eucharistic Revival,

Father Rudolph

St. Nicholas News & Events

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of 8/3/2022, the total pledged is \$946,234 and the total payments received is \$602,812. **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.

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

Although more tuck pointing work and other projects are within the scope of the capital campaign, we must be mindful of our available capital campaign funds. The remaining tuck pointing and other projects will be completed when more pledges have been paid and cash is available to pay for these projects.

ADOPT-A-PLEDGE

Thanks to many wonderful donors, the *Faith in Our Future* Capital Campaign has been a great success. To date, more than \$946,000 has been raised to install an elevator lift in our church and address maintenance issues and facility improvements throughout our campus.

As you may recall, pledges made to the campaign are collected over a three-year pledge period. During these three years, situations arise such as deaths, or donors moving out of town or facing financial challenges. Recently the parish learned that a pledge of \$3,000 and another pledge of \$12,500 will be unfulfilled. We kindly ask that members of our parish family prayerfully consider adopting these pledges.

If you are interested in adopting these pledges, please contact Karen Johnson at the parish office, 952-461-2403 or kjohnson@stncc.net.



KC'S CORNER

As we approach the fall and Christmas season, please keep in mind that our knight's council will be selling Christmas trees in the lot by the ball field. The trees have been very difficult to obtain. Our favorite Fraser fir are not available at all, but we have plenty of our second favorite, the Canaan fir that should be delivered just after Thanksgiving. Please keep us in mind as the season approaches. The proceeds go to Holy Cross Education Center. We will also be taking orders for wine and cheese gift baskets.

Saint of the Day – Saint Symphorian

Symphorian was martyred at Autun in France in the Third Century. At that time Cybele, Apollo, and Diana were among the favorite “gods” of the pagans there. The statue of Cybele was carried through the streets in a chariot on a certain day each year. Symphorian is said to have been disrespectful to the statue and so was seized by the crowd and taken to Heraclius, governor of the province. Heraclius asked him why he refused to honor the statue of “the mother of the gods.” Symphorian replied that he was a Christian and worshipped the true God, and that if he had a hammer, he would destroy the idol. The judge asked him if he was too proud to obey or had not heard the orders of the emperor, and then had them read out. Symphorian still refused to honor the statue, so Heraclius ordered him beheaded for treason. As he was being led out of town, his mother, standing on the wall of the city, cried out: “My son, my son Symphorian, remember the living God and be brave. Don’t be afraid. You are facing a death that will lead to certain life.” His head was cut off and his body buried in a cave near a fountain. Saint Symphorian, 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)



Spaghetti Dinner & BAKE SALE
FUNDRAISER FOR QUINTON MCCABE

Sunday, Sept. 18
4 - 7 P.M.

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Free-will offering

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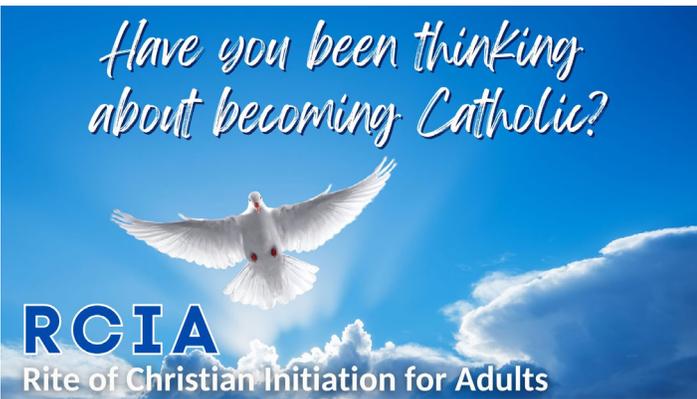


Recently discovered volunteering at St. Nicholas.

Jackie Berry weeding by the flag pole.

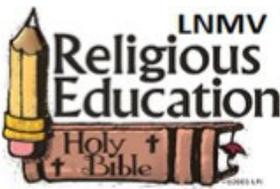
Tom Boyle trimming the trees by the pro-life sign.

Thank you very much! Our volunteers do a lot to maintain and enhance the life of our parish. – Father Rudolph



Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic?

We invite you to join 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. For more information or questions, please contact Father Rudolph.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Religious Education registration for the 2022-2023 school-year is open! Please consider being a catechist or classroom aide to receive a discount. You do not need to have

family in the program to volunteer! Come help pass on the faith to the next generation. Register online at www.lnmvre.net/online-registration.

For more information contact Mary Rose Rynda at maryroser@holycrossschool.net

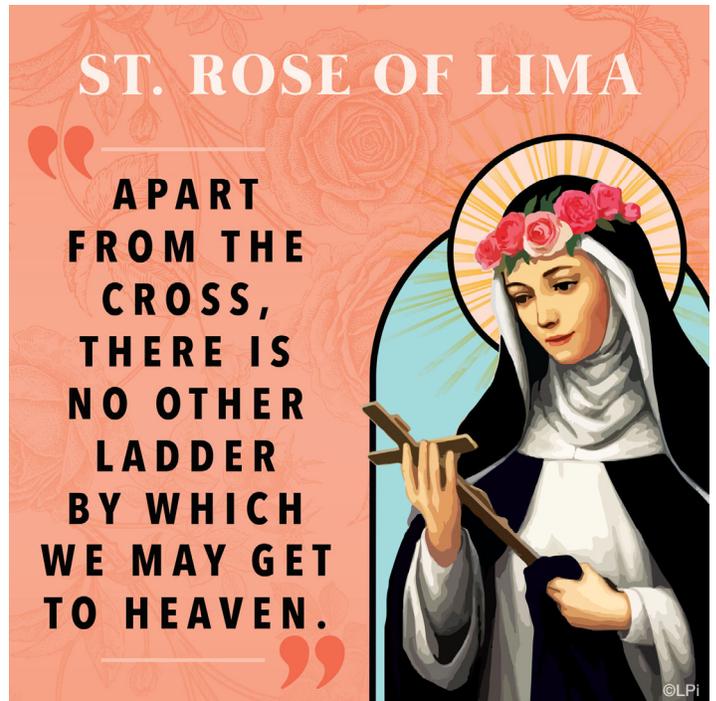


NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Keep your finger on the pulse!

The Heart of the Revival newsletter provides weekly updates on this unprecedented national movement as well as reflections, videos, and resources from Eucharistic Preachers, religious congregations, and Catholic apostolates connected with the Revival. Upcoming content includes special monthly videos from Fr. Mike Schmitz and podcasts from Fr. Agostino Torres, CFR.

Stay on top of news from the Revival throughout the U.S. and be inspired as we keep our eyes on the primary focus of the Eucharistic Revival, which is for each of us to personally fall in love with Jesus Christ. Sign up today: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/heart-of-the-revival-newsletter>



Area News & Events

COR JESU - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LONSDALE

August 26, 2022 at 6:45pm - 8pm
 Encounter the beauty of His Love during this candle lit event with music, prayer and confessions. Invite a friend, spread the word!

EQUIPPED FOR LIFE: A FRESH APPROACH TO CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ABORTION

Saturday, October 1, 2022 – Lumen Christi Catholic Church
 Learn how to respond to the toughest pro-choice arguments with truth and love. This training day sponsored by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) features national pro-life leader Emily Albrecht of the Equal Rights Institute. The day will equip you with practical tools and the confidence to engage any pro-choice advocate who defends abortion with arguments based in difficult circumstances, biology, personhood, or bodily autonomy. For registration and training day details, please go to: MNCatholic.org/EquippedForLife.

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES - RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

September 13, Saint Thomas More, Saint Paul
 The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius to help one deepen one's relationship with God. This retreat will allow you to experience the Spiritual Exercises with a spiritual director who will guide you over the course of 9 months. We offer virtual and in-person options. Learn more at morecommunity.org/spiritual-exercises-retreat.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WORKERS

September 23-25, Kings House, Buffalo
 Catholic healthcare workers are invited to revitalize their spirits and rest their souls on weekend retreat. Enjoy daily Mass, adoration, spiritual direction and a series of five talks unpacking the theme, "The Light Shines in the Darkness." Retreat master Fr. Robert Shea serves as ethicist and moral theologian for healthcare in Bismarck, ND. Registration includes two nights of lodging, five meals, and retreat materials. Enjoy beautiful fall views of Lake Buffalo! Registration is due September 6

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Have you been intrigued with going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? Good News: A WWME Weekend is coming to you! There will be a non-residential WWME Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, November 12-13 at **Holy Cross Catholic School in Webster**. With a non-residential Weekend, couples arrive on Saturday morning, take in the presentations, go home in the evening and return Sunday morning for more presentations. The Weekend concludes with Mass on Sunday afternoon. A non-residential Weekend is the same as a residential WWME Weekend, the only difference is you go home and sleep in your own beds. All meals are provided. If a residential WWME Weekend is what you are looking for, there will be a -WWME Weekend held at Kings House in Buffalo, MN on October 7-9. To register for a Weekend, go to twincitieswwme.org or call 612-234-7440.

Our Parish School News

PRAYERS
for the
NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Sunday
August 28
1:00 p.m.

PRAYERS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Each year the Mom's In Prayer group from the New Prague school district organizes a day of prayer at each of the schools in the district. This includes Holy Cross Catholic School. All are welcome to join us to pray the rosary and offer up intentions for the new school year. If your child attends a different school in the New Prague school district, you are welcome to join the prayer at that school which will be the same day and time. Please bring a lawn chair.

A ROUND FOR THE KIDS

6TH ANNUAL ALUMNI & COMMUNITY GOLF OUTING

Friday, September 16, 2022

CreeksBend Golf Course, New Prague
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**Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord
August 14, 2022 - Week 7 in Fiscal Year**

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| Weekly Giving: \$6,893 | Weekly Budgeted: \$7,037 | Weekly Over/(Under): (\$144) |
| YTD Giving: \$38,702 | YTD Budgeted: \$49,259 | YTD Over/(Under): (\$10,557) |



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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.

Here's how you can to help:

- **Text GIVE** to 1-952-209-7799.
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- **Mail** in your weekly contribution:
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MAINTENANCE NEEDS

Here at St. Nicholas we have some maintenance needs that cost beyond what is in our operating budget or capital campaign budget. Below is the list of the needs. **Would you like to provide the financing for all or part of the items?** If so, please send payment to the parish office with a note "for maintenance items". No donation is too small. We will update this list as donations come in. Thank you for considering!

| Items | Amount | Paid | Still Needed |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Insurance deductible for steeple repairs | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| Repair parking lot | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$0 |
| Brick over window wells on east side of JP11 Building. | \$2,500 | \$0 | \$2,500 |
| Replace chimney & liner of JP11 Building. | \$5,700 | \$3,000 | \$2,700 |
| Rebrick, cover and waterproof chases on roof of JP11 Building | \$6,099 | \$0 | \$6,099 |
| Fix retaining walls along lower steps below church building - bid at \$1,400. | \$1,400 | \$1,400 | \$0 |
| Total for Projects | \$18,699 | \$7,400 | \$11,299 |

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