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Eucharistic Adoration

Holiday Schedule

The Adoration Chapel will close at 4 pm on Wednesday, November 23, and re-open after morning Mass on Tuesday, November 29.

Adoration Hours

Sunday 4 pm to Monday midnight Monday 5 am to Wednesday 2 am Wednesday 4 am to Thursday midnight Thursday 4 am to Friday midnight Friday 5 am to Saturday 8 am

Committed adorers needed especially for these hours:

Monday 9 pm Tuesday 3 pm Thursday 8 pm Friday 9 pm

Saturday 2 am and 3 am

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

This week at St. Nicholas





Sun	Nov 27	Adoration Chapel closed 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live-streamed): Julie & Mitch Schulner
Mon	Nov 28	Adoration Chapel closed Mass is not scheduled on this day.
Tue	Nov 29	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Rita Chlan中 8:35am Fatima Prayer Group - All are welcome! Adoration Chapel opens after morning Mass
Wed	Nov 30	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Glenn Carlson中 4:30pm Confessions (earlier start time for Advent) 6:30pm LNMV Religious Education classes
Thu	Dec 1	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Joe Buckalew廿
Fri	Dec 2	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Gary Erickson 4:00pm 40 Hours Devotion opening 6:30pm Middles School Youth Group at Immaculate Conception in Lonsdale
Sat	Dec 3	8:00am Mass: Jim & Evelyn Chlan 中中 8:35am Rosary and 1st Saturday Prayers 8:35am Confessions 3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Deceased Members of the John Caduff Family中



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CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Craig Zweber⊕

8:00am Mass: For the Parish

4:00pm 40 Hours Devotion closing

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas Trees at the New Market ballfield. Please support the Knights and all their good works.

Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of November 27, 2022

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24 Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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November 27, 2022 1st Sunday of Advent

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: $4:30-5:30\ p.m.$ (earlier start time

for Advent)".

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.

Praver 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

Advent Quadrupled...

"Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "arrival." During the awesome Season of Advent, the Readings at Mass point to two arrivals. Toward the beginning of Advent, the Readings focus on Christ's future arrival at the end of time, an event known as "the Last Day," "the Day of the Lord," or "the Day of Judgment." Then we will be reunited with our bodies to receive the full consequences of what we had chosen in life, in either heaven or hell. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes this event in these words:

678 Following in the steps of the prophets and John the Baptist, Jesus announced the judgment of the Last Day in his preaching. Then will the conduct of each one and the secrets of hearts be brought to light. Then will the culpable unbelief that counted the offer of God's grace as nothing be condemned. Our attitude about our neighbor will disclose acceptance or refusal of grace and divine love. On the last day Jesus will say: "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." [Matthew 25:40]

Then, as we get closer to Christmas, the Readings point toward his coming to earth as a baby almost two thousand years ago. As we say in the Nicene Creed, Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. The full divinity of this little baby is described by Saint John at the beginning of his Gospel in these beautiful words:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only-begotten Son from the Father...And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known" (John 1:1, 14, 16-18).

There are two other arrivals of Jesus Christ. One is our meeting with him at the end of our life, when we will receive from him eternal judgment—either to hell or to heaven, with the possibility of going to Purgatory on the way to heaven. Here's how the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes what the Church calls "the Particular Judgment":

1021 Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul -a destiny which can be different for some and for others.

1022 Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven-through a purification or immediately, -or immediate and everlasting damnation.

"At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love." [St. John of the Cross]

Finally, there is the arrival of the Lord throughout this life. We have fantastic opportunities to encounter him every day—including in the Most Holy Eucharist, the Gospels, other people, circumstances, individual prayer, and in many other ways. Jesus wants us to meet him. Let's not miss his arrival.

Your fellow pilgrim through Advent,

Father Rudolph

St. Nicholas News & Events

40 Hours Devotion

Dec. 2 — Dec. 4, 2022

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins in Church Friday, December 2, 4 p.m.

Adoration

Please join us all weekend, day and night!

Closing Service

Sunday, December 4, 4 p.m.

This year we will be incorporating Ave Verum Corpus at the beginning of the closing service (Appox. 30 minutes) Evening Prayer, Reflection, and Benediction.

40 Hours Devotion is a special time of prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament affirming our belief in the Real Presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

We ask that all parishioners sign up for at least one hour if possible. This is important because it is life changing to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also important because this is a communal effort and everyone united in prayer will increase the honor shown our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and make for a greater impact on the community.

You may sign up for an hour or more in the book in back of church, by contacting the parish office, or by signing up online

here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ea9a729a3fb6-40hours1

Please note: All regularly scheduled adorers will keep their assigned hours and may also sign up for additional hours.



IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO PRAY FOR OUR

Seven Sister Apostolate has a mission to pray for individual priests in small groups of only seven. Each woman chooses a different day of the week and offers one Holy Hour. Thus, the priest receives a Holy Hour every day. It is a blessing for the priest and

the intercessor! St. Nicholas has had a Seven Sister group praying for the pastor of our parish since 2011. The apostolate would like to cover each of our diocesan retired priests with a group praying for them, the diocese currently has 94 retired priests and only 6 of them have a group. If you feel called to pray for them, please check out https://sevensistersapostolate.org/ or contact Kathy Chlan for more information at ronkathychlan@gmail.com

Saint of the Day - Saint Maximus of Riez

Maximus was born around the beginning of the fifth century near Digne, in the Provence region of what is now southeastern France. His Christian parents brought him up to cherish his faith, and no one was surprised when, as a young man, he applied to the monastery of Lérins and was received by the founder and abbot, Saint Honoratus. In 426, when Honoratus was made bishop of Arles, Maximus succeeded him as abbot. He was known for his good influence on the monastery and for miracles, which attracted crowds from the mainland. (The monastery of Lérins is on an island off the coast of the French Riviera and is still occupied by monks.) Maximus successfully managed to foil the attempts of the clergy and people of Fréjus to make him their bishop by hiding for some days in a nearby forest. But his efforts to avoid becoming bishop of Riez by escaping in a boat were not so successful. Eventually he submitted, and was received enthusiastically by the clergy and people. As bishop, he continued to observe the monastic rule as far as he could, retaining the same love of poverty, spirit of prayer, and humility for which he had been known at Lérins. Saint Maximus of Riez, 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)



FRIDAY, DEC. 2, 6:30PM

Students in Grades 6-8 are invited to gather for adoration, prayer, snacks and games in conjunction with Cor Jesu at **Immaculate Conception in Lonsdale.** *Invite a friend!*



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Registration deadline is November 28, 2022.

We are looking forward to sharing this evening with you and have some fun games and activities planned!

- Live Auctions
- Early Bird & Dinner Ticket Drawings
- Baskets 1 ticket for a chance to win!
- Match Made in Heaven 1 ticket find your match for a chance to win!
- 10x's Fill your red envelope with a bill denomination between \$5 \$20 for a chance to win 10x's the amount you placed in the envelope.
- 50/50 \$5 or \$10 cash to play Win 1/2 the pot (Play for \$5 to win \$130 or play for \$10 to win \$260) several games played throughout the night with a deck of 52 cards
- Food Shelf Donations In keeping with the spirit of our patron saint, we are asking for donations of non-perishable food items. Donations will be given to our local food shelf, Hope for the Community South.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Nicholas Gala & Auction would not be possible without the support of you, our parishioners. Please consider donating some of your time to help out at this event. Sign up by following this link:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ea9a729a3fb6-stnicholas3

Volunteering is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners!

Thank you! St. Nicholas Gala & Auction Committee







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FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

One of the most important aspects of the Fatima message was Our Lady's request for the First Saturday devotion. In the July 13, 1917 apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said to the children, "You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace." She came expressly with the request for this devotion when she appeared to Lucia on December 10, 1925, in Pontevedra, Spain, where she was preparing for religious life. Our Lady repeated the message and promised to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who:

- go to Confession (usually within the week before or after the First Saturday),
- receive Holy Communion on the First Saturday itself,
- recite five decades of the Rosary,
- meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary for an additional 15 minutes,
- do all of these things with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and
- do these things on the First Saturday of five consecutive months.

Our Lord revealed to Sister Lucia the meaning of the five Saturdays emanating from the five ways in which people offend and blaspheme against the Immaculate Heart of Mary as follows:

- 1. Against her Immaculate Conception.
- 2. Against her Perpetual Virginity.
- 3. Against her Divine Maternity, while refusing to receive her as the Mother of Mankind.
- 4. By those who try to implant in the hearts of children indifference, disrespect and hate against the Immaculate Mother.
- 5. By those who insult her directly in her Sacred Images.

We invite you to join us for our First Saturday devotion on Saturday, December 3rd immediately following our 8am daily Mass. Our parish has acquired 50 new booklets, Treasures of First Saturday Devotion, by Father Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R, to use for the reflections and prayers. Confession will be offered during this time.



Recently discovered volunteering at St. Nicholas.

Marion Hertaus, Sherry Moening, Felice Steele, Mark Steele, and Pat Steele for planting flower bulbs in the new boulder retaining wall. Thank you very much! Our volunteers do a lot to maintain and enhance the life of our parish. – Fr. Rudolph



OPPORTUNITY TO SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER

Our parish is sponsoring a "Giving Tree" this Advent season. Your family can bring joy to others by:

- 1. Selecting an angel tag from the Giving Tree or gift idea from the 2022 Giving Tree Wish List.
- 2. Purchasing the gift.
- **3.** Placing the unwrapped gift under/near the Giving Tree by **Sunday, December 18th.**You are welcome to purchase as many gifts

as you want. If you prefer to make your donation online, please go to https://www.cctwincities.org/

donate/donate-now/.

Donations will be given to Catholic Charities.

PACK THE PEWS WITH FOOD

We invite you to Pack the Pews with non-perishable and non-expired food items the weekend of December 10 & 11. Donated food will support our local food shelf, Hope for the Community South, which is led by our parishioners, Jim and Jodi Muelken.



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Christmas Flowers

We are accepting donations for Christmas Flowers. For those of you who do not receive weekly collection envelopes and would like to contribute to Christmas Flowers, please feel free to use this form and return with payment to the parish office or drop in the collection basket by *Wednesday, December 14*.

For your convenience, you may also make your donation online at https://www.stncc.net/give-now or by texting GIVE to 1-952-209-7799.

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Our Parish School News

GIVE in Gratitude

THE SEASON OF GIVING IS UPON US!

We would be incredibly humbled to receive any blessings from you during this time. Your gift will allow Holy Cross Catholic School to bridge the per-student gap between what is received in tuition and fees and the actual cost to educate a Holy Cross student; We have gone to the max already this year in our investments in the curriculum:

- New science curriculum in the middle school
- New grammar textbooks for 4th-8th grades
- Finishing the math adoption in middle school
- New history curriculum for 2nd-6th grades
- Equipping and buying the curriculum for a Montessori preschool

We're meeting enrollment growth with greater staff and better resources. More than ever, we all are called to make a difference as we work aggressively to preserve Catholic, traditional education for all who want it. Not a subject is taught without adherence to the truths of our faith of the moral compass represented by the mystical Body of Christ. Through prayer and planning, we hope you will discern how to share your blessings with Holy Cross Catholic School. With your help, we can and will continue to shape our community's future.

Any donations given in a family or student's name will go directly to their 2022 -2023 fundraising requirement.

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Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord November 20, 2022 - Week 21 Fiscal Year

The collection numbers were not available at the time this bulletin was submitted for printing.



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.

Here's how you can to help:

- Text GIVE to 1-952-209-7799.
- Give Online: https://www.stncc.net/give-now
- Mail in your weekly contribution:
 St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 51 Church St.
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"The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, It produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life." — St. Thomas Aquinas



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of 11/16/2022, the total pledged is \$936,024 and the total payments received is \$649,540. **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 struct.net.

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



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