

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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Eucharistic Adoration

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 - 10 am Friday 9 pm

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	May 7	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): Christine Chlan⊕	
Mon	May 8	Mass is not scheduled on this day.	
Tue	May 9	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Peggy Bulthaus 8:35am Fatima Prayer Group - All are welcome!	
Wed	May 10	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Clarence Illies † 4:45pm Confessions	
Thu	May 11	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Ben Zweber	
Fri	May 12	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Merlin, Mary, & Lori Merfeld 中中	
Sat	May 13	8:00am No Mass 8:35am No Confessions 10:00am Mass at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis for the ordination to the diaconate 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: John and Rose Dircks审计	
Sun	May 14	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): Geralda Wagner 🕆	

MAY CROWNING - MAY 14

On May 14 at the 10am Mass we invite children of St. Nicholas to process in front of Father and place a flower in a vase in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue and then Father will crown Mary.

Children who will be making their 1st Communion are welcome to wear their dresses, suites, or other formal clothing again. We will supply the flowers.

If your child is participating, please meet in the back of church before Mass for instructions.



Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of May 7, 2023

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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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 Sue Roufs at 612-759-9892.

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

May—the month of Mary and Many Sacraments...

May is the month of Mary in the Catholic Church. It seems an appropriate time to honor the Mother of God in a special way because May is the month in which Spring is at it's fullest beauty, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, by her "Yes" to God, cooperated with him in bringing Jesus Christ into the world, the author of a new spiritual Springtime. One way the Lord's Springtime blossoms is through the sacraments. This month St. Nick's parishioners will be blessed to receive additional sacraments beyond the usual weekly schedule of Mass and confessions.

On Sunday, May 7th, many of our parishioners who are in second grade will be receiving First Holy Communion at a Mass in our parish at 2:00 pm. I am thrilled that they are taking advantage of this opportunity to receive Jesus Christ—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, and so be strengthened in their union with him, and with their fellow Catholic Christians, and be able to become like Jesus. Thanks to their parents and other people who have taught them the faith and prepared them for this day. It's been a joy and privilege for me to have had some small part in that preparation. Let's pray that these children and their families continue to come to Mass every week, and will come to appreciate the Holy Eucharist and the Christian life more and more their whole life long.

On Saturday, May 13th, St. Nick's parishioner Michael Panka will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders at the Basilica of Saint Mary as he is ordained a deacon. This is an important step toward ordination as a priest in May of 2024. "Deacon" means "servant." When a candidate for the priesthood becomes a deacon it's a reminder that, like Jesus Christ, he is supposed to carry out his priestly responsibilities for the sake of serving God and other people, not for personal gain or privilege of any kind. Becoming a deacon makes a permanent change in the soul, so Michael, like his classmates, will remain a deacon "inside" even after he becomes a priest. On Sunday, May 14th, Michael will be serving as Deacon of the Mass here at St. Nick's at both 8:00 and 10:00 am and will be preaching the homily. I look forward to having him join us for this day and to hearing his homily. I've had the wonderful opportunity to get to know Michael a little, and am impressed by his combination of spiritual depth, intellectual breadth, serenity, joy, and desire to serve—all of which I'm sure is a result of a life of deep prayer, diligent study, and frequent meditation on the lives of Christ and the saints.

Also on May 13th, Meela Chastek will receive the sacrament of Baptism at St. Nick's. Her parents, Carmen and Lance Chastek, are wise in getting her baptized less than three months after her birth, so she can receive eternal life, become a member of the Church, and begin the wonderful adventure of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

On Thursday, May 18th, many of our St. Nick's tenth graders will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, along with many young people from other parishes. I had the joy and privilege of teaching and getting to know them in the confirmation program last year, and recently interviewing them in preparation for this great event. I know how excited they are to be confirmed and so be more fully equipped to live, defend, and pass on the beautiful Catholic Christian faith.

Praise God for the gifts of the sacraments and the wonderful people who will be receiving them!

Yours in Christ,

Father Rudolph

St. Nicholas News & Events



MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

There will be no Mass or confessions the morning of Saturday, May 13, at St. Nicholas. We invite you to join us at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis for Mass at 10:00 am. This will be the ordination to the diaconate of a number of men preparing for the priesthood, including Saint Nicholas parishioner Michael Panka.

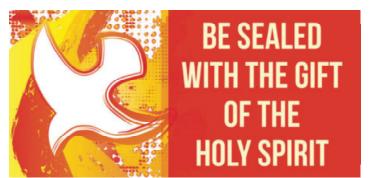


The Pro-life Committee will be selling plants after all the masses on Mother's Day weekend. The begonia plants are \$6.00 each, and the mini rose bush plants are \$8.00 each. All proceeds go to prolife parish activities. Thank you in advance for your support!

Saint of the Day – Saint John of Beverley

John was born at Harpham in the Yorkshire region of England in the seventh century. He went to a school run by monks in Canterbury and then returned to Yorkshire, where he became a monk at St. Hilda's monastery in Whitby. There he became known for his care for the poor and for his learning. In 687 John was consecrated bishop of Hexham. Even with his busy schedule, he used to get away for periods of prayer in a nearby chapel of St. Michael. One of the many kind and remarkable things John did was to teach a boy who was mute how to speak. Little by little he went from learning how to say letters of the alphabet to being able to speak in words and sentences. Eventually the boy moved in with John and the other people in his household. In 705 John was appointed bishop of York. In that role he founded at least one church as well as the monastery of Beverly, to which he eventually retired and where he died in the year 721.

Julian of Norwich, an English mystic and anchoresss, in the book she wrote titled Revelations of Divine Love, based on visions she had in 1373, stated that God had spoken to her about John. She wrote, "God called him Saint John of Beverley plainly as we do...shewing that he is a full high saint in Heaven...And with this he made mention that in his youth and tender age he was a dear worthy servant to God, greatly Godfearing and dreading, and yet God suffered him to fall, mercifully keeping him that he perished not, nor lost no time. And afterward God raised him to manifold more grace, and by contrition and meekness that he had in his living, God hath given him in Heaven manifold joys, over passing that which he would have had if he had not fallen. And that this is sooth, God sheweth in earth with plenteous miracles doing about his body continually." Miracles also happened when some of John's relics were discovered in 1644. Saint John of Beverley, 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)



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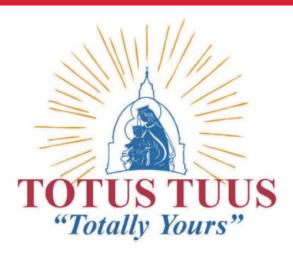
Recently discovered volunteering at St. Nicholas:

Ron Chlan installing a shelf in the sacristy.

Our volunteers do a lot to maintain and enhance the life of our parish. – Fr. Rudolph

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IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Learn about the Mystery of Salvation and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord!

For more information: 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, July 10 - Friday, July 14, 2023

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, July 9 - Thursday, July 13, 2023

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.



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Area News & Events

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION - FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The National Eucharistic Congress is a milestone moment of a three-year initiative of the USCCB designed to renew the Catholic Church in the U.S. by bringing forth an encounter with the living Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The last National Eucharistic Congress in the USA was in 1941. The 10th National Eucharistic Congress invites a movement of the faithful, by way of pilgrimage, to share in a celebration of the gift of Christ's love in the Eucharist July 17-21, 2024, at Lucas Oil Stadium and surrounding venues in Indianapolis, IN. Individuals and groups can register now at eucharisticcongress.org.

TRANSITIONAL DIACONAL ORDINATION

Saturday, May 13, 10-11:30 a.m., Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis

All the faithful are invited to the diaconal ordination for seminarians of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis completing Theology III. Please pray for these men.

SPRING GATHERING OF MEMBERS OF CONSECRATED LIFE

10 a.m., Sunday, May 14, Cathedral of Saint Paul All members of consecrated life are invited to attend this spring gathering with Archbishop Hebda. 2023 Jubilarians along with "COVID Jubilarians" of 2021 and 2022 will be recognized. Reception to follow.

ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTHOOD

Saturday, May 27, 10-11:30 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, Saint Paul

All the faithful are invited to attend this joyous celebration of the presbyteral ordination for seminarians of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis completing Theology IV. Please pray for these men.

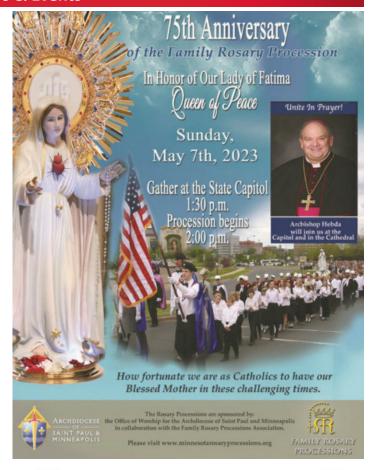
RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

June 25, 1:30 p.m. Mass, Tim & Amy Leonard Family Farm, Norwood Young America

Join Archbishop Hebda at this celebration of rural life. Mass will be followed by lunch, music, children's activities, games and the chance to see the farm animals. All are welcome.

SILENT RETREATS

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com Open dates are May 11 - 14, May 18 - 21, June 1 - 4, and June 8 - 11.



JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM AS A STORY FROM BLESSING TO BLESSING

Applications are now being accepted for the Class of St. Thérèse of Lisieux in the Catechetical Institute's popular two-year Pillars Program beginning this fall!







SCAN FOR INFO AND APPLICATION

Our Parish School News



Dear Parishioners,

What is true joy and how does one balance the prayer, work, leisure and service time-allotment decisions that we face every day? Our tag line here at Holy Cross Catholic School is 'Joyful, Faithful, Successful'. In the midst of the pressures and demands of modern life, many of us might get confused as to how this plays out in our short and long term decision making. It helps to go back to the teachings of the Catholic Church to review the definitions of joy; the very essence of living the Good life. Jesus answered this question to the young man who asked how he can be saved, by referring him to what we now call the Great Commandment. The young man definitely asked the right question for a joyous life because the catechism assures us that the purpose of our life is to know, love, and serve God so that we can join Him for eternity in Heaven.

So if loving Jesus and living and experiencing the Greatest Commandment given to us, "To love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength – to love with the love of God, with our whole being united with Him," is what brings us joy, how can Holy Cross assist parents in the joyous education of their children?

It goes back to that 2nd item in our tagline: Faith. If we do not prioritize faith in God, worshipping Him, and doing everything He says so we can attain His Graces, we will not be joyful or successful. It is in the gratitude gained by the gift of faith that the answer to our question of how to arrange and balance our schedules are naturally answered. Yes, living with gratitude is what makes our students joyful, not candy and treats and leisure time (although every person needs those breaks).

Speaking of service, a big shout out to two of our 8th graders, Gabbie Pavek and Cora Crow. They represented Holy Cross wonderfully in the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE) inaugural Genesis Competition (shark tank for Middle Schoolers). Gabbie and Cora were selected as one of six finalist out of 37 entries. Their idea to pitch: an Holy Cross Swag website with customized designed products replete with top-notch marketing ideas such as affordability, suitability to multiple markets (grandparents, parents, students, newborns), comfortability and style (the two designed the products using an online clothing design website). Our 8th graders went to the finals for this competition on April 22nd at the University of St. Thomas. There were judges, a big crowd. and they presented and defended their idea representing Holy Cross wonderfully. What I liked best about their project was that it was all for the benefit of our school (under the direction of teacher Cathy Mikel they generously spent their time perfecting and following through with their idea). I hope we can all see the project through to fruition in the years to come.

In Christ,

Jim Grogan, Principal

Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord April 30, 2023 - Week 44 in Fiscal Year

Weekly Giving:	Weekly Needed:	Weekly Over/(Under):
\$3,735	\$8,011	(\$4,276)
YTD Giving:	YTD Needed:	YTD Over/(Under):
\$296,834	\$378,793	(\$81,959)



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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.

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- Text GIVE to 1-952-209-7799.
- Give Online: https://www.stncc.net/give-now
- Mail in your weekly contribution:
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Any time spent before the Eucharistic presence, be it long or short, is the best-spent time of our lives.

~ Saint Catherine of Genoa



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of 5/3/2023, the total pledged is \$963,634 less \$25,278 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$938,356 in pledges. The total payments received is \$804,554. **THANK YOU** to all who have made a commitment! **Pledges/donations can still be made and we welcome adoption of pledges that have been withdrawn.** 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.



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