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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

Adorers are especially needed on the following hour effective September 5, 2023.

Tuesdays at 5pm

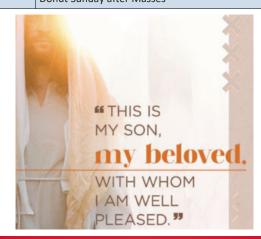
If you would like to be placed on the weekly adoration schedule, please contact Sherry Moening at smoenin1@gmail.com or sign up online at https://www.stncc.net/available-adoration-hours.

This week at St. Nicholas





APPARAGE AND APPAR		
Sun	Aug 6	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): Leon Zweber 🕆
Mon	Aug 7	Mass is not scheduled on this day.
Tue	Aug 8	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Albert and Aurea Zweber中旬 8:35am Fatime Rosary Group - all are welcome
Wed	Aug 9	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Scott Russell 4:45pm Confessions
Thu	Aug 10	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Joe Simon ₽
Fri	Aug 11	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Jamie Russell中
Sat	Aug 12	7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Lillian Kost♥ 8:35am Confessions 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Stephanie Wieskamp
Sun	Aug 13	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): James and Evelyn Chlan ቲቲ Donut Sunday after Masses



Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9 Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26 Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

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

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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. Saturday morning Mass and confessions will be cancelled when there is a wedding or funeral.

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

Transfigured...

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ on the mountain (Matthew 17:1-13, Mark 8:31-33 and Luke 9:28-36) reveals some things about heaven. One is its luminous quality. In the Transfiguration, Jesus was seen as shining like the sun. Saint John saw the same thing in his vision of Christ when he was in exile on the island of Patmos, as he describes in the Book of Revelation. Other people have seen a similar brightness when the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to them, described as not only bright light, but also beauty greater than anything that is merely earthly. Sometimes holy people still living on earth have been seen to have the same light—maybe that's where the custom of putting halos on saints in art comes from.

The light and beauty of heaven come from God. In fact, He is the Light of heaven. As Saint John puts it in his description of the New Jerusalem in heaven, "Night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light" (Revelation 22:5).

The *physical* brightness and beauty of God and the saints—readily apparent to everyone in heaven but sometimes apparent to the eyes of the body even in this life—has a counterpart in the *spiritual* brightness and beauty that can only be seen by the eyes of the heart, so to speak. Have you ever noticed that some people have a kind of radiance about them? It's a kind of peaceful serenity and genuine joy that's never an act, but comes from deep within. I'm reminded of a phrase I read in a book once. A young man was described as having "the radiance of purity." That's purity of mind, soul, and body. They go together.

If you aren't there yet, don't despair! You too can have the radiance of purity. Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened" (Matthew 7:7-8). Of course, that's if we are asking something in accord with what God wants. As Saint John tells us: "And this is the confidence which we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of Him (1 John 5:14-15). We can be sure that Our Lord wants us to be pure. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). If we are really pure in heart, we will also be pure in mind and body.

While we can be sure of such a victory if we sincerely ask God for it, sometimes His gifts come only after a struggle, for our own good, both for our spiritual growth and to help us have compassion for, and empathy with, other people in their struggles.

However arduous the journey, we can be sure that the Lord wants all of His disciples to be transfigured like Him—to share in the Light of Heaven, His own Light, by becoming like Him. All of us have many opportunities for this to happen—for example, Mass and other times of prayer, reading Sacred Scripture, helping others, supportive Christian friendships, and focusing on God and His goodness instead of on ourselves and our problems. Saint John describes this process for us beautifully: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure" (1 John 3:1-3).

Your fellow pilgrim further into the Light,

Father Rudolph

St. Nicholas News & Events



Recently discovered volunteering at St. Nicholas:

Irene Schultz and Anne Fredrickson leading the Sisterhood women's group. Chris McAllister leading the Catholic Watchmen group.

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



FRIDAY, AUG. 11, 6-8:30 PM

Summer gathering at the Nicolai home! Swimming, sand volleyball, pizza & growing in HOLINESS.
Beautiful ladies one piece swimsuits only. Friends are welcome. Contact Angie Nicolai for any questions at Angienshop@msn.com



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DONUT SUNDAY HOSTS NEEDED

Hosting Donut Sunday is shared by parish groups, individuals, and families just about 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:

__9/10/2023 _____10/8/2023 _____11/12/2023

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Saints of the Day – Saints Justus and Pastor

According to the story that has come down to us, Justus and Pastor were two brothers who lived in Spain during a persecution of Christians under Dacian, the governor of Spain for the Roman Emperors Diocletian and Maximian. Dacian came to the town of Complutum, now Alcalá de Henares, and began to torture followers of Christ. Justus and Pastor, one thirteen, the other nine, wanted to share in the victims' glory. They ran from class in their public school and declared that they too were Christians. The persecuting judge was furious to see children defying his authority, and had the boys severely whipped to try to curb their enthusiasm. To the surprise of the spectators, Justus and Pastor encouraged each other and still defied Dacian. At his command, they were beheaded. Their relics are enshrined at Alcalá, and they are the patrons of that city and of Madrid. Saints Justus and Pastor, 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)



Religious Education registration for the 2023-2024 school-year is open!

Registration can be done at www.lnmvre.net/online-registration.

Consider being a catechist or classroom aide to receive an additional deduction.

Late fee of \$25 is added - if registered after August 15th!!

If you are interested in helping this coming school year, please contact Mary Rose Rynda with any questions. You do not need to have family in the program to volunteer! Come help pass on the faith to the next generation.

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

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and our Mother, Mary, thou seest the attacks that are everywhere made by the devil and the world upon the Catholic faith, in which, by God's grace, we intend to live and die, in order that we may gain eternal glory. Do thou, the Help of Christians, renew thine ancient victories and save thy children. They entrust to thee their firm purpose never to give allegiance to societies hostile to our holy religion, do thou, who art all holy, present to thy divine Son our good resolutions and obtain for us the grace we need to stand firm in their observance, even to the end of life. Console the visible Head of the Church, sustain the Catholic bishops, protect the clergy and people who proclaim thee Queen; by the power of thine intercession hasten the day when all nations shall be gathered at the feet of the chief Shepherd. Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us! Amen

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St. Nicholas News & Events



Have You Heard?

GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW—AND HE IS CALLING YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!

Jesus desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world. How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith—the Holy Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation.

Scan the code below to learn more about the exciting journey ahead, and sign up for weekly updates on what's happening in this unprecedented national movement!



Area News & Events

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: STAY CONNECTED WITH THE MOVEMENT!

For beautiful reflections and resources on the Eucharist, as well as updates on the Revival, subscribe to receive the "Heart of the Revival" weekly newsletter at eucharistic revival.org.

DISCOUNTED TICKETS TO NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS NOW AVAILABLE

July 17-24, 2024, Indianapolis, IN

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years! Encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and be sent out on mission for the life of the world. With tens of thousands of pilgrims expected, the best time to secure your spot at this historic event is now. One more reason to register early: The Archdiocese has a limited number of discounted tickets available! Find out more and begin your registration at archspm.org/eucharisticrevival.

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Our Parish School News

Thank you, parishioners, for praying for good and holy teachers and staff members. God has been answering our prayers as we have exciting news to announce that we have 7 new wonderful new hires and only one or two more to go to make the recruitment campaign a success. About one-half of our hires are in the midst of long and illustrious careers. We are so fortunate to sign them on with us. They will be complimented by some equally promising candidates right at a crossroads in their careers. Most importantly, they are all men and women of God. We look forward to introducing them to you as the year progresses. The hiring of these team members would not have been possible were it not for the flexibility of our current faculty, who have generously volunteered to teach certain subjects and give up others. With two of our new hires ready to hit the ground running in administrative roles in key areas of need, we are more than ready to take on all previously planned school improvement goals and strategies.

What else has been going on this summer? Kudos to Ron Peiper who has been busy fixing up the school with several projects and to Gene Tupy who has been helping with various jobs also. There has also been a committee consisting of Father VanDenBroeke, myself, Mr. Smith, a school board member, and some experts within our parent community meeting about school safety (lockdown drills, building security, emergency plans). We are excited for the results of our planning to be implemented. Rose Rynda was even busier than normal as we're taking on our 3-year Archdiocesan audit. Many of our teachers are still quite busy helping me plan the school year and getting all our scheduling, teacher onboarding, summer school, and student planning done so that we have everything ready for the year. Summer Stretch, led by Bridget Leirer and Maria Eischens, has met or will be meeting 8 times with about 15-20 participants most Wednesdays. They have been doing service projects in the morning and fun trips in the afternoon.

God Bless,

Jim Grogan, Principal



Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord July 30, 2023 - Week 5 in Fiscal Year Weekly Giving: Weekly Needed: Weekly Over/(Under): \$3,797 \$6,365 (\$2,568) YTD Giving: YTD Needed: YTD Over/(Under):

\$31,827



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- St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 51 Church St.



"If I am distracted, Holy Communion helps me to become recollected...I draw nigh to my Savior and seek counsel and light from him."— St. Thomas More



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of 8/2/2023, the total pledged is \$971,156 less \$24,513 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$946,643 in pledges. The total payments received is \$843,328. **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.

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