

AUGUST 13, 2023

Lord,

let us see
your kindness,
and grant
us salvation.

PSALM 85

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Sun	Aug 13	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): James and Evelyn Chlan ✠✠ Donut Sunday after Masses
Mon	Aug 14	7:00pm Mass: Merlin, Mary, and Lori Merfeld ✠✠✠
Tue	Aug 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish office closed 7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 8:35am Fatime Rosary Group - <i>all are welcome</i> 5:00pm Mass: Bud Zweber and Craig Zweber ✠✠
Wed	Aug 16	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Lillian Mathews ✠ 4:45pm Confessions
Thu	Aug 17	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Todd Kniefel
Fri	Aug 18	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: MaryLou Thomas ✠
Sat	Aug 19	7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: John, Joanie, and Molly Mahoney ✠✠✠ 8:35am Confessions 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Bill Vogel ✠
Sun	Aug 20	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): Bill Vogel ✠

DONUT SUNDAY

Join us for donuts and fellowship every
2nd Sunday following Masses



Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of August 13, 2023

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

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/

Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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>.

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

From Z to A...

This coming Tuesday, the Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Pius XII defined this truth of the Catholic Christian faith in his encyclical *Munificentissimus Deus* (Most Bountiful God) on November 1, 1950: **"By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."**

Mary's Assumption can remind us of God's plan for us. He wants all of us human beings to go to heaven. As Saint Peter puts it: **"The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance"** (1 Peter 3:9). But God's wish can collide with our will if we choose ongoing sin instead of repentance.

Thankfully, God continues to inspire people to repent, in many ways. This is shown in a striking way in the short story *Revelation* by Catholic author Flannery O'Connor, first published in 1964. The main character is named Ruby Turpin. She and her husband Claud own a farm in the South. Ruby looks down on black people, poor white people, and mentally ill people, among others. In spite of that, she considers herself a devout Christian. Part of her problem is some of her beliefs. Her Calvinist Protestant theology sees everyone as predestined for either heaven or hell, and her own comfortable existence, self-complacent faith, social status, and gracious manners as indications that she is headed for heaven. She also has a problem with pride. She can find fault with everyone but herself.

The "revelation" that the story is named for began in a doctor's waiting room, where Ruby came to accompany her husband, who was injured in the leg by a kick from a cow. The author lets us hear her unspoken thoughts as she proceeds to make numerous negative judgments about other people in the waiting room.

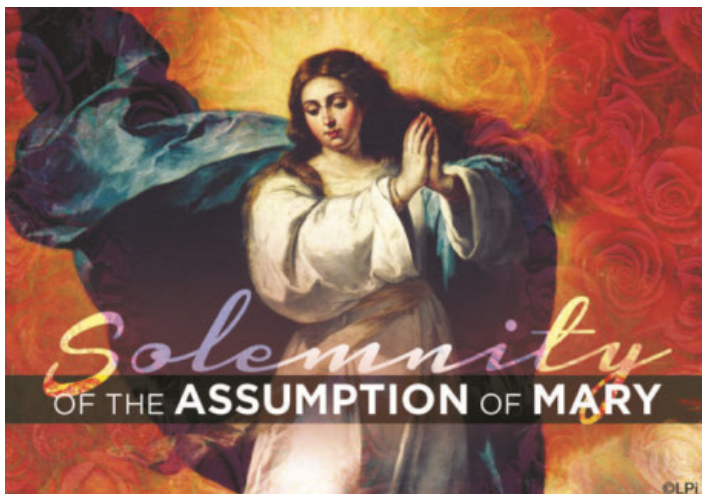
One of them, a young woman named Mary Grace, stared at Ruby a long time, and her "eyes seemed lit all of a sudden with a peculiar light," after which she threw a book at Ruby, hitting her in the head. Ruby was momentarily stunned, but then her "head cleared and her power of motion returned. She leaned forward until she was looking directly into the fierce brilliant eyes. There was no doubt in her mind that the girl did know her, knew her in some intense and personal way, beyond time and place and condition. 'What you got to say to me?' she asked hoarsely and held her breath, waiting, as for a revelation." Mary Grace replied, "Go back to hell where you came from you old wart hog."

After returning home, Ruby was in the pig parlor washing down the hogs and the sty. She shouted questions heavenward: "How am I a hog and me too?," "How am I saved and from hell too?" and "Who do you think you are?" She heard a voice that stopped her questions. Then she had a vision of people crossing a bridge of light from earth toward heaven. The people who ascended first were people she had detested. They were walking along as joyful, disorderly Christian soldiers. The last to begin their ascent were people like her and her husband. They began their march in order, but as they continued upward "she could see by their shocked and altered faces that even their virtues were being burned away." Ruby saw the vision as her future. As she walked back to her house as night fell, she heard crickets chirping as "the voices of the souls climbing upward into the starry field and shouting hallelujah".

The Blessed Virgin Mary probably wasn't considered anyone special during her lifetime, except by those who knew Jesus Christ. Her Assumption illustrates in a beautiful way the words of Jesus that **"many that are first will be last, and the last first."**

Your fellow pilgrim on the Way,
Father Rudolph

St. Nicholas News & Events



All are welcome to join us for Mass

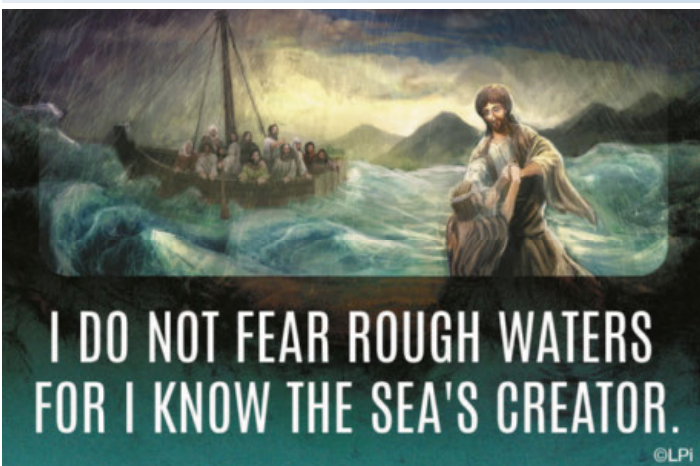
Monday, August 14 at 7pm

Tuesday, August 15 at 8am and 5pm

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and our Mother, Mary, you see 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. Help of Christians, renew your ancient victories and save your children. Entrust to you our firm purpose never to give allegiance to societies hostile to our holy religion. You who are all holy, present to your 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 you Queen; by the power of your intercession hasten the day when all nations shall be gathered at the feet of the chief Shepherd. Amen.

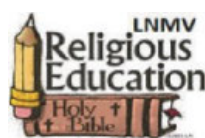
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us! Amen



Saint of the Day - Saint Radegund

Radegund was born in the year 518 in what is now Germany. When she was twelve she was kidnapped by invading members of the tribe of Franks. Clothaire, the king of the Franks, had her educated in the Christian faith and baptized. She did not want to marry, but finally at the age of eighteen agreed to become Clothair's wife. He was violent and unfaithful to her. She occupied herself with prayer and good works, helping the poor and taking care of lepers in a hospital she founded for them. She left her husband after he murdered her brother, going to France where she founded a monastery for men and one for women, where she moved herself. Radegund spent the next thirty years of her life there in prayer, scholarship and good works with other like-minded women. They had a considerable influence on the culture of their day. Radegund also hated violence and wrote letters advising peace to people whom she heard were preparing to fight. In addition, she had an extensive collection of first class relics of saints, with which she adorned her church, as well as a fragment of the true cross decorated with gold and precious stones, which was a gift from the Emperor Justin II. She died peacefully on August 13, 587. Saint Gregory of Tours described her face as she lay in her coffin as "shining more beautifully than lilies or roses."

Miracles were recorded before and after her death, including the cure of a blind man at her funeral. Saint Radegund, 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



Have You Heard?

WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



eucharisticrevival.org

Our Parish School News

*Holy Cross Welcomes:*

Adam Dudash as our 5th grade homeroom teacher who will be teaching math, religion, history and science as well as 6th grade science. Adam and his family have just moved to Elko New Market from Southern California where he has been working in law enforcement for the last sixteen years. He is getting his educator formation and credentials from the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education (ongoing now through 2024). He is also currently working on a Master of Arts in Theology (2026). Adam has been active in several types of ministries in the Church, including youth ministry and music ministry, at his prior parishes.



Melissa Grogan as its 4th grade teacher. Melissa is coming to us after teaching for the last 4 years as a Catholic school teacher (2 years as a Kindergarten teacher and 2 years as the 2nd grade teacher). She has had 7 years of previous teaching experience in various K-4th grade positions at Catholic schools in Arkansas and New Mexico. Melissa has a Bachelor of Science in Education as well as a Masters degree and loves teaching religion and preparing her students for the sacraments.



Cheryl Kapler as its 6th and 7th grade Math teacher, Assistant Principal, and school-wide Math Coach. Cheryl is coming to us after serving for 15 years as a Catholic school Middle School Math and Religion teacher/coordinator. She also had 7 previous years experience as a Math teacher in various Catholic schools. Cheryl loves the Church and is very involved at her parish in music and catechetical ministries.



Anne Wesely as its Kindergarten teacher. Anne is coming to us after serving for 7 years as Kindergarten teacher at another Catholic school in Minnesota. Anne has taught for 27 additional years in Kindergarten and in other elementary teaching positions. She has a BA in Elementary Education and a Masters in Special Education. Anne loves her faith and enjoys including her Kindergarteners in the many devotions she has to Our Lady and to various saints (her class will be dedicated to the Fatima children: Jacinta, Lucia, and Francisco). Her kindergarten program includes a unique synthesis of the tried and true methods for teaching reading. Anne looks forward to continuing the pursuit of excellence in the Holy Cross kindergarten.

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 eucharisticrevival.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.

**Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord
August 6, 2023 - Week 6 in Fiscal Year**

Weekly Giving: \$6,919	Weekly Needed: \$6,365	Weekly Over/(Under): \$554
YTD Giving: \$34,373	YTD Needed: \$38,192	YTD Over/(Under): (\$3,819)

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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.
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St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 51 Church St.



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Christ is present in the Eucharist:
body, blood, soul, and divinity.



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As of 8/2/2023, the total pledged is \$971,161 less \$24,513 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$946,648 in pledges. The total payments received is \$844,283. **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](https://www.stncc.net).

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

56th Annual

Ho-Down

Sunday, August 20, 2023
Most Holy Trinity Church, Veseli
(Between New Prague and Lonsdale, Hwy 19W off of 135)

Polka Mass
11 a.m.

**Grilled Pork and
Dumpling Dinner**
11 a.m. until sold out

Continuous Music
Noon-6:15 p.m.

Prizes & Cash Drawings,
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Silent Auction,
Food & Refreshments,
Shuttle Service

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Charlie Sticha Band • Jolly Peas Band • Jaw's Band • Colton Tupy
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