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Eucharistic Adoration

Holiday Adoration Schedule

The Adoration Chapel will close on Thursday, August 31, at 5 pm and re-open after morning Mass on Tuesday, September 5.

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

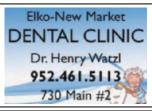
Adorers are especially needed on the following hour effective September 5, 2023.

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





Sun	Aug 27	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): Joan Malecha 한 4:00pm Prayers for the new school year at Holy Cross
Mon	Aug 28	Mass is not scheduled on this day.
Tue	Aug 29	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: John and Joyce Anderson 8:35am Fatime Rosary Group - <i>all are welcome!</i>
Wed	Aug 30	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Kory Kalamaha† 4:45pm Confessions
Thu	Aug 31	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Deceased and Living Members of the Bathke and Vakoc Families 5:00pm Adoration Chapel closes
Fri	Sep 1	Adoration Chapel closed 7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Elijah Johnson
Sat	Sep 2	Adoration Chapel closed 7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Jamie Russell \$ 8:35am Confessions 8:35am First Saturday Prayers 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: MaryLou Thomas \$
Sun	Sep 3	Adoration Chapel closed 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): Leon Zweber&

Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence.
-Pope Francis



Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20 Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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

Powerful Pun...

"You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church and I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." These words, in Latin, fill the circumference of the base of the interior of the dome of Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. The letters are enormous, about 6 ½ feet high. Black on a gold background, the letters are lit up by the light from 16 large windows.

These words from Matthew 16:18 contain a pun in the Greek version of his Gospel. "Peter" is *Petros* and "rock" is *petra*. We don't know if the pun is from Jesus or Matthew. Simon Peter probably knew Greek, so it wouldn't be surprising if Jesus used some Greek words with him. That's because in Galilee, where Simon lived, like in most of the lands around the Mediterranean Sea in the First Century, Greek was the common language, like English is in most of the world today. He probably knew some Greek to communicate with his customers and neighbors. Jesus, in his Divine Nature, knew all languages. Maybe Jesus liked puns. Or maybe Matthew did.

Back to Saint Peter's Basilica—of all the words that could have been put in this conspicuous spot on the building, why "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church and I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven"? Or, to be more exact: "TV ES PETRVS ET SVPER HANC PETRAM AEDIFICABO ECCLESIAM MEAM ET TIBI DABO CLAVES REGNI CAELORVM." (Latin used "V" for both our English "V" and "U" at the time.)

Why? Because the gift of the papacy is one of the greatest gifts, after Himself, that Jesus Christ gave to his Church!

The quote in the dome is part of a larger phrase of Jesus, which is part of this Sunday's Gospel:

Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Peter had just told Jesus that he was the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Our Lord gave Peter a lot of responsibilities in response as leader of the Church under him—as we say, "the Vicar of Christ." "The keys" in the Jewish tradition refers to governance, as we see in this Sunday's First Reading. So does "binding and loosing." As part of this Jesus gave Peter the command to strengthen his brothers, and the call to feed Christ's flock. Would Jesus have meant this only for Peter? Of course not! He intended this gift to continue through the office of the Pope—the Bishop of Rome—until the end of time, to benefit all Christians. By God's grace, the Pope is a guardian of the unity of the Church, her openness to the Holy Spirit, the purity of the deposit of the faith, and the worthy celebration of the sacraments for all Christians. I just wish all Christians knew that already! Let's keep praying.

The Roman Emperor Constantine had the first Saint Peter's Basilica built beginning around 330. It took 30 years to build and lasted almost 1300 years. The present Basilica of Saint Peter was begun in 1504 and completed 107 years later. It is still in good shape, a beautiful church for an even more beautiful faith. With God's help, let's do our part to pass it on to our friends and neighbors and the next generation.

Your fellow pilgrim through this life,

Father Rudolph

St. Nicholas News & Events



St. Nicholas Parishioners,

We are so very excited to get this "small group leader formation" started here at our parish! By agreeing to attend these 7 sessions, please know you are not committing in anyway to being a small group leader. It is merely a call to discern where/if the Holy Spirit may be calling you to take on a more active role in possibly leading or help lead a certain small group or ministry. In the least, by attending these small group sessions, we as community, will be growing in holy wisdom and relationship. This is just simply fabulous!! We hope to see many of you sign up for more info and receive complete schedule by following this link:

https://Inmvtriparish.flocknote.com/SmallGroupFormat

Quick important dates to note:

- Sept. 9/10 info sheet available & team will be available to talk with.
- Sept. 15 deadline to sign up for leader formation series.
- 7 formation series dates all beginning at 7pm @ St. Nicholas:

Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 24 & 30, Nov 7 & 14

Please be praying for all of us to be open and answer whatever call the Holy Spirit may be needing us to answer for Him! Any questions please don't hesitate to call the parish office @952-461-2403 or ask any team member.

Angie Nicolai & The Evangelization Team

Chris McAllister, Lynda and Mike Cole, Marlin Hennen, Rochelle Ibarra, Shawn Overgaard, and Steve Addabbo.

Saint of the Day - Blessed Domenico of the Mother of God

Domenico ("Dominic" in English) Barberi was born the last of eleven children into a peasant family near Viterbo in Italy on June 22, 1792. He taught himself to read and write, entered the Passionists, and was ordained a priest at Rome in 1818. Early on he had a strong desire to dedicate his ministry to work in England. This was supported by a vision Domenico had in 1814, when he was still a novice, and a message from Jesus. Eventually he was able to go to England, where he was assigned to a parish at Lane End, Staffordshire, and began preaching missions.

At first Domenico was ridiculed for his poor English and less than elegant appearance, but people—especially the poor—were soon impressed by his voluntary poverty and his Christ-like response to the persecution that came his way. For example, one time when stones were thrown at him, he picked them up and kissed them. He also developed a reputation for being able to do miracles. For example, in spite of his poverty, it seemed like he was endlessly giving alms to the poor. And there's as story that a shoemaker who had met Domenico went home, drew a cross on the wall of his house and hurled things at it, while mocking Domenico. Suddenly his arm withered in front of the horrified gaze of his family. Soon people were falling silent when Domenico passed by in the street, children knelt to receive his blessings, and mothers held their babies out to be blessed.

Saint John Henry Newman was received into the Catholic Church by Domenico on October 8, 1845. Earlier that day, he wrote the following to some friends about Domenico: "I am expecting this night Father Dominic, the Passionist, who, from his youth, has been led to have distinct and direct thoughts, first of the countries of the North, then of England. After thirty years' (almost) of waiting, he was without his own act sent here. But he has had little to do with conversions. I saw him here for a few minutes on St John Baptist's day last year. He is a simple, holy man; and withal gifted with remarkable powers. He does not know of my intention, but I mean to ask him admission into the One Fold of Christ..." Blessed Domenico of the Mother of God, 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:

Pete Mahowald with Mahowald Services, LLC removing the stairs, cheek walls, and sidewalks on the west side of the church, Mark Hessian finding and fixing the plumbing issues in the women's restroom, Ron Chlan changing the battery in the handicap entrance door opener and filling the tent stake holes in the parking lot.

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



With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly baptized.

Paige Margaret, Daughter of Patrick and Kellie McCabe

and

Ignatico Chavez, Son of Otilio Segundo Chavez Loyo and Eurimar Cristina Montes Aguillon



"AVE VERUM CORPUS" - RETURNING, FALL OF 2023!

Our popular "Ave Verum Corpus" events return this Fall, following a summer break. "Ave Verum Corpus" (Latin for "Hail, True Body") is a two-part Eucharist event held in the main worship space of our beautiful Church. Part one combines Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration with Classical Sacred Music presented by the St. Nicholas Choir. Part two is a Vespers service (Evening Prayer, from Liturgy of the Hours) which concludes with Benediction. Many who have attended past events describe the experience as deeply spiritual, unique, and a powerful way to enter into His Real Presence. What a great way to celebrate this year of Eucharistic Revival!

Our Fall events will be held on **Friday Evenings at 7pm (Sept. 15, Oct. 13, and Nov. 10**). We are very pleased and excited to announce that **Archbishop Hebda** will be present at our **Nov. 10** event! More details to come. Mark your calendars. Tell your friends and family.

If you are interested in becoming involved in our music ministry for "Ave Verum Corpus" please contact Ryan Flicek, our Director of Music Ministry or the Parish Office.



Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic?

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Or is there someone you could invite to consider it? It's as simple as asking if they would like to learn more about the Catholic Church and take classes.

The information night for the OCIA program (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, formerly RCIA) is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 7pm, at Holy Cross Catholic School.

OCIA is for all who desire to become Catholic or to learn about what the Catholic Church teaches, as well as for those who grew up Catholic but did not receive all their sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, and Eucharist).

For more information, please contact Mary Rose Rynda at Inmvre@holycrossschool.net

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BOOK CLUB INVITE

A welcome to any and all women who enjoy reading! Our group reads a variety of Christian and Catholic books while enjoying comfortable and thought-provoking conversation that engages and challenges our growth in Faith. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. The first meeting will be on September 19. For more information, please contact Sue Roufs at roufssue@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1:00 PM

The St. Nicholas Golden Hearts will be meeting at Lone Oak Winery on Saturday, September 9th, at 1:00 PM for wine-tasting and a picnic (indoors if the weather is inclement).

The winery is located at 22598 Inga, Hastings. Please bring a dish to share and whatever beverage you would like. RSVP to Joyce Hanke (952-461-1963), or Mary Hilpisch (952-894-9272). All parishioners 55+ are welcome to join us!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

We invite you to join us for our First Saturday Devotion following 8 am Mass. We pray to fulfill the Blessed Mother's request at Fatima to pray, especially the rosary, for the conversion of sinners and peace in the world. Booklets will be provided so that all can follow along. The sacrament of reconciliation will also be offered during this time.

Website: stncc.net

Area News & Events

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – FOR WORLD YOUTH

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.

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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.



Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord August 20, 2023 - Week 8 in Fiscal Year Weekly Giving: \$8,133 \$6,365 YTD Giving: \$47,318 \$50,923 Weekly Over/(Under): \$1,768 YTD Over/(Under): \$47,318 \$50,923 \$(\$3,605)



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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:

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- Give Online: https://www.stncc.net/give-now
- Mail in your weekly contribution:
 - St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 51 Church St.



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." - Jesus | John 6:56



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of 8/23/2023, the total pledged is \$971,834 less \$23,723 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$948,111 in pledges. The total payments received is \$850,632. **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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