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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	Sep 3	Adoration Chapel closed 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): Leon Zweber&
Mon	Sep 4	Mass is not scheduled on this day.
Tue	Sep 5	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Joe Simon♥ 8:35am Fatime Rosary Group - all are welcome!
Wed	Sep 6	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Catherine M Bathke and Jerome M Bathke 합다 4:45pm Confessions
Thu	Sep 7	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Grant Maloney † 5:00pm Adoration Chapel closes
Fri	Sep 8	Adoration Chapel closed 7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Bud Zweber and Craig Zweber 中 6:00pm Middle School Youth Group Gathering
Sat	Sep 9	Adoration Chapel closed 7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Eugene and Agnetha Hilpisch中中 8:35am Confessions 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Floyd Hartmann中
Sun	Sep 10	Donut Sunday Adoration Chapel closed 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): Loretta Mahowald \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 5:30pm High School Youth Group Gathering



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 (952461-1963), or Mary Hilpisch (952-894-9272). All parishioners
55+ are welcome to join us!

Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of September 3, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

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

Return to Sender...

Have you ever had a letter returned to you as undeliverable? Or had an email bounce back? It can be frustrating to figure out how it happened and what to do about it.

God sent the Good News of salvation, love, and peace into the world through Jesus Christ. But a lot of people seem to have not gotten the message. Or, if they did get it, they seem to have lost it.

Many of you who are Christian parents know this all too well. You tried to pass on the faith as you knew it to your children, only to see them reject it as teenagers or young adults. What can you do?

Brandon Vogt has some suggestions for you in a book he wrote called *Return*. It's subtitled *How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church,* has a forward by Bishop Robert Barron, and was published by Word on Fire Catholic Ministries in 2021. I read it this summer and am very impressed.

The first part of the book is devoted to understanding the problem. The author looks at why young people are leaving the Church, where they are going, and five big myths about fallen-away Catholics. Next, he lays out a game plan—mistakes to avoid, thresholds your child needs to cross, and how to help him or her find the ultimate Treasure, which is to encounter the Lord Jesus Christ and to personally know and love him). He also explains praying, fasting, and sacrificing; equipping yourself; planting the seeds; starting the conversation; moving the dialogue forward; inviting and connecting; and closing the loop. In the third part of the book, Vogt discusses the biggest objections people have to the Church, including personal objections, moral objections, and theological objections. Finally, he gives helpful pointers about how to take the first step with your son or daughter, and how to proceed from there one step at a time.

It may sound like a lot, but it's like constructing a building—you just do it one brick at a time and keep at it until it's done.

One of the insights that really struck me is the importance of being a good listener to your son or daughter. Don't try to cram information into your child's brain, no matter how important or true it is. First establish rapport, if it has broken down or frayed, by asking helpful open-ended questions and sincerely listening to the answers—for example, about what he or she doesn't like about going to Mass or youth group, what has drawn your child to another church, or if there are some things about the Catholic Church she or he doesn't like or agree with. The purpose is to listen, trying to understand your child, not come up with rebuttal points right away. That can wait for another day and conversation. Also, doing activities with your child that he or she enjoys, even if you don't, can increase trust and openness in the relationship. Vogt gave the example of going to a heavy metal concert.

Another thing I remember from the book is the importance of trying to see the good in whatever point of view your child expresses and affirm it. For example, if your daughter or son mentions sex scandals as a reason to stay away from the Church, you can say something like: "Yah, I think those are really terrible too. Heartbreaking." If he or she says Mass is boring, you can say something like: "I don't blame you for not wanting to be bored. Can you think of something that might make the Mass interesting for you?" Or if she says she likes the music in another, non-Catholic church better, you might try something like: "Music is an important part of worship. It can lift our hearts and minds up to God." You might even consider suggesting another local Catholic parish that has music more to your child's liking. Relationship building is key to helping your detoured teen or young adult return to the Church of the Sender of all the good things he or she is deep down looking for. This book can help.

Yours in Christ,

Father Rudolph

St. Nicholas News & Events



St. Nicholas parishioners, we continue to pray that we here at our parish are open to whatever the Holy Spirit may be wanting to put on our hearts this fall, winter and spring. Important dates to remember as we are getting close to beginning...

- Sept 9/10 Kick off information weekend.
- Sept 15 Sign up either by seeing a team member and/or by going to https:// Inmvtriparish.flocknote.com/SmallGroupFormat

Lastly, please know you are not committing in anyway to being a small group leader. You are merely discerning what the Holy Spirit may be calling you out to do. It may be simply to grow in holiness with Jesus, your family and all around you. Beautiful!!

Any questions please reach out to parish office at 952-461-2403 and/or any team member.

Angie Nicolai & The Evangelization Team Chris McAllister, Lynda and Mike Cole, Marlin Hennen, Rochelle Ibarra, Shawn Overgaard, and Steve Addabbo.



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Saint of the Day - Saint Ida of Herzfeld

Ida was born about the year 766 in what is now Germany. She was the only one of five brothers and sisters to not become a religious. She was happily married to a man named Eckbert, who was a member of the nobility. They had five children together, of these, three entered religious life. While Ida was still young, her husband came down with a long and painful illness, through which she lovingly took care of him. After he died from it, she embarked on a life of prayer and strict selfdenial. When one of her sons, Warin, went to be a monk at the monastery of Corvey, she moved from her home in Hofstadt castle to nearby Herzfeld. There she built a small chapel for her own use in a church that she and her husband had built and used most of the income from the estates she owned to help the needy. She remained at Herzfeld, doing good works, for the rest of her life. As a reminder of her eventual death and of her duty to her neighbor, she is said to have had a stone coffin which she made sure was filled up daily with food for the poor. Toward the end of her life she suffered from a persistent and painful illness, which she bore with great patience. She was buried near her husband at Herzfeld in the cemetery of a convent she had founded there. Saint Ida of Herzfeld, 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)



We thank Pete Mahowald with Mahowald Services, LLC for removing the stairs, cheek walls, and sidewalks on the west side of the church in preparation for new. Pete and his crew donated this work for St. Nicholas with a value of \$6,397.50. We appreciate your generosity!

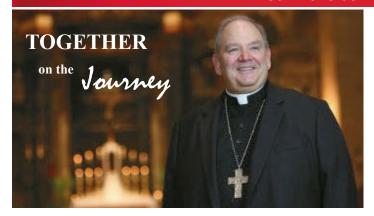


Recently discovered volunteering at St. Nicholas:

Pat Berry watering the flowers and plants on campus, Gail Mathews and Jean Moeller replacing candles in church, Sue Roufs, Steve Addabbo, Jenny Ward, Pat Caduff, Ben Zweber, Mike and Jean Moeller visiting the homebound.

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

St. Nicholas News & Events



FLOCKNOTE UPDATE

Our parish and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis are partnering with Flocknote to bring monthly video messages from Archbishop Bernard Hebda straight to your inbox. The purpose of Archbishop's messages, titled "Together on the Journey," is to inspire and encourage you in your journey of faith. Watch for a new video to arrive the first Monday of each month, beginning Labor Day, September 4.

If you get email communications from us, then you're already in! If not, be sure to sign up here: https://
Inmytriparish.flocknote.com/STNCC

Want to hear from Archbishop each week? Opt-in to receive the "Together on the Journey: A Weekly Word" newsletter. Following the monthly video, Archbishop will offer bite-sized reflections on happenings in our local Church and insights into our beautiful Catholic faith. Those who sign up for the weekly edition will also hear about local Catholic events, recent Practicing Catholic podcast interviews, and the latest news from The Catholic Spirit. Sign up at archspm.org/ togetheronthejourney.



FRIDAY, SEPT. 8, 6 - 8:00 PMStudents in Grades 6-8 are invited to gather for fun, games, pizza, and prayer.

We will gather on the St. Nicholas Campus. *Invite a friend!*



SUNDAY, SEPT. 10, 5:30 - 8:00 PM Students in 9-12 Grades are invited! Youth Group Gatherings are aweinspiring on all levels, from social time with friends to profound prayer experiences. Students of all faiths are welcome! We will gather on the St. Nicholas Campus.



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Being altar servers at Mass is a privilege and an honor. It is a special way to serve God and his people. The service that you provide plays an important role in the life of St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Being an altar server, like anything worth doing, is worth doing well. For that reason we have two training sessions coming up.

We invite all boys from Fourth Grade through High School who have made their First Holy Communion to participate in this important ministry.

Trainings

- Sat., Sept. 16, 11am All current altar servers who don't know how to use incense yet
- Sat., Sept. 23, 11am Boys who would like to start being altar servers

We look forward to seeing you there!



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 basic sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, and Eucharist).

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

Area News & Events



HOLY CROSS / LNMV CEC BUILDING DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Holy Cross Catholic School building in Webster is also and more officially called the Lonsdale, New Market, Veseli Catholic Education Center (or LNMV CEC for short)? The LNMV CEC is owned and operated by our three parishes together. Holy Cross Catholic School is the primary user of the building, however, it is also used for Religious Education on Wednesday nights, for OCIA (RCIA) on Thursday nights, and by other parish and community events.

The Holy Cross / LNMV CEC building is available for rental by parishioners from our three parishes, as well as families attending Holy Cross. It is possible to be rented by approved outside groups as well, though on a more limited basis. If your family would want to rent Holy Cross / LNMV CEC for an event like a birthday party, please contact the Holy Cross Catholic School office to inquire. The fee for parish or school families starts at \$150.

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.

THE EUCHARIST SOURCE AND SUMMIT

Sunday, September 10, 11 a.m.-noon, Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis

Father Daniel Griffith presents an introduction to the Eucharist as Source and Summit of our Christian Life. Go to mary.org/the-eucharist-source-and-summit-series for more information.

CALL ME: A CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT'S GUIDE TO DATING, DISCERNMENT, AND I DO

Monday, September 18 and 25, October 2, 9, and 16, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Grace, Edina, \$30

Hosted by Ashley Cermak and Kory LaCroix, Call Me will feature Ryan O'Hara and Pat and Kenna Millea of the Martin Center. Discover practical tips and advice on navigating the dating scene while staying true to your Catholic values. We'll explore topics like building healthy relationships, discerning God's call for your life, and preparing for the sacrament of marriage. Go to olgparish.org for more information and registration.

VOICES OF INTERGENERATIONAL CATHOLIC PHILANTHROPY

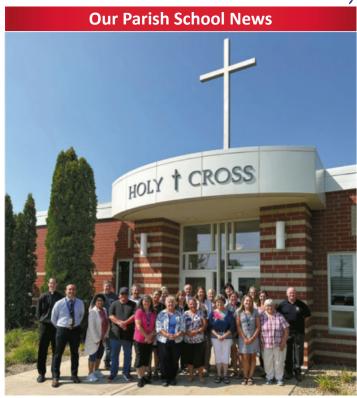
Tuesday, September 26, 6-8:30 p.m., McNeely Hall, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul

This event, presented by the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota (CCF) in partnership with Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities (FADICA), offers families a venue to explore best practices, ask critical questions, and gain insights from others who practice family philanthropy. Learn more and register at ccf-mn.org/events/intergenerational.

SPEND THE DAY WITH THE WOMEN DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH RETREAT

Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Church of St. Patrick,

Join with women from around the Archdiocese for a Women's Day Retreat to discuss the spirituality of the Four Women Doctors of the Church. Learn about these saintly Women and how we can relate to them as women in today's world. October is Pro-Life month and we are collecting needed items for SouthWest Options.



Holy Cross teachers and staff were excited to welcome students and families back to school this week.



Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord August 27, 2023 - Week 9 in Fiscal Year Weekly Giving: Weekly Needed: Weekly Over/(Under): \$2,954 \$6,365 (\$3,411) YTD Giving: YTD Needed: YTD Over/(Under): \$50,272 \$57,288 (\$7,017)



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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:

- 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.



"Our goal is to lead people to a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist so that their lives can be transformed."
- Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of 8/30/2023, the total pledged is \$971,839 less \$23,703 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$948,136 in pledges. The total payments received is \$850,747. **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 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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