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This week at St. Nicholas





Sun	Oct 1	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): Mark and Phyllis Bierman 강 합	
Mon	Oct 2	Mass is not scheduled on this day.	
Tue	Oct 3	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Deceased and Living members of Bathke and McCord families 8:35am Fatima Rosary Group - all are welcome! 6:00pm Animal blessing outside in front of the church.	
Wed	Oct 4	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Lillian Mathews中 4:45pm Confessions 6:30pm LNMV RE Classes at Holy Cross Catholic School	
Thu	Oct 5	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Henry and Elizabeth Gregory 中中 7:00pm KC meeting	
Fri	Oct 6	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Gretchen Rhein **	
Sat	Oct 7	7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Barbara Leon中 8:35am Confessions and First Saturday Prayers 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Dan King中	
Sun	Oct 8	Donut Sunday after Masses 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): LeRoy and Mary Lou Thomas 中 5:30pm High School Youth Group gathering	

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 hours:

Monday at 2pm Wednesday at Midnight - 2am

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.



Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of October 1, 2023

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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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

The Rosary, Sinners, and Saints...

October is the month of the Rosary. The fourth luminous mystery, the Transfiguration, is first of all about the event on the mountain where Jesus changed in appearance, shining in heavenly glory, in the sight of his apostles. But it's also about how you and I, by God's grace, can be changed to be like Jesus. The fifth luminous mystery, the Institution of the Eucharist, is first of all about the Last Supper. But it also reminds us of who we are called to be after we are transfigured.

This Sunday's readings for Mass reminds us that God in his great love *both* pardons sinners, *and* helps them to move toward holiness. To become transfigured to be like Jesus Christ means to become like the Eucharist, that is, to so live that we are both a sacrifice and a gift to others. And we don't have to become perfect before starting to do that. If we let him, God takes us just as we are, and moves us forward.

For example, Servant of God Jacques Fesch was a Frenchman who in his early 20's entered a life of crime and shot and killed a policeman while fleeing from an attempted robbery. He had grown up with little or no moral or religious guidance, but three men came to visit him while he was in prison who had gradually helped him turn to the Lord—the prison chaplain, and old and loyal friend who was ordained a priest during Jacque's imprisonment, and his attorney, who was a devout Catholic. After eight months, he experienced a beautiful conversion and found deep peace. Even now, decades after his execution on October 1, 1957, people all over the world can find spiritual inspiration by what he wrote in the journal he kept in prison, and in letters he wrote to family members, full of confidence in God's merciful love, comforting presence, and looking forward to eternal life. His last journal entry was: "In five hours, I will see Jesus!" You can read more in the book Light Upon the Scaffold: The Prison Letters of Jacque Fesch, edited by Augustin-Michel Lemonnier and translated by Matthew J. 'Connell.

Another example is Blessed Franz Jägerstätter, an Austrian peasant farmer who lived in the last century. Before his marriage he was known for his rowdy life. He got in fights and fathered a daughter out of wedlock. Then he got married to a woman named Franziska—whom he affectionately called "Fani"—who was beautiful, lively, full of fun, and a mature and devout Catholic. For their honeymoon, the couple travelled by motorcycle all the way to Rome and back. Franz settled down, grew in faith, became the sacristan in the local parish church of Saint Radegund, and had three daughters with Franziska. Then life got difficult. When drafted by the Nazis—who had annexed Austria to Germany—to fight in World War II, he refused to serve because of the injustice of the Nazi cause and the war. He was consequently imprisoned and then executed on August 9, 1943. His last recorded words before his death were: "I am completely bound in inner union with the Lord." For more information, you can read the book Franz Jägerstätter: Letters and Writings from Prison. You could also watch an excellent movie about him, called A Hidden Life, written and directed by Terrence Malick, which premiered in May 2019. Some of the dialogue in the movie is based on the letters published in the book.

All saints are living examples of how ordinary people can become like Jesus Christ—not through our own efforts, but by his grace. May the prayers and example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, help us all move swiftly toward that reality.

Your fellow pilgrim through the Rosary,

Father Rudolph

St. Nicholas News & Events



With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly baptized.

Adline Beth, daughter of Chad and Jena Hansen and Owen Michael, son of Matt and Meghan Huber

BLESSING of the ANIMALS



We meet outside in the front of the church.

Animals must be in a cage or on a leash.

THANK YOU SHOUT OUT

Recently discovered volunteering at St. Nicholas:

Sherry Moening donating binders to be used for our small group formation materials.

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

Saint of the Day – Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Thérèse was born in Alençon, France in 1873 to a devout and loving family. After her mother died in 1877, Thérèse experienced a number of emotional difficulties, including becoming extremely sensitive and given to fits of weeping. She experienced a profound conversion when she was thirteen, after receiving Holy Communion on Christmas. When she was fifteen, she followed two of her older sisters into the local Carmel convent. Her name in religion was "Thérèse of the Infant Jesus and of the Holy Face." Her spiritual life was greatly influenced by Sacred Scripture, the book The Imitation of Christ and the writings of Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint John of the Cross, and Saint Francis de Sales. From these, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and her own experiences she developed a spirituality of "the little way," a way to sanctity open to all people. It involved a realistic acceptance of one's limitations, a total trust in God and His love, and a total surrender to His will. This surrender was tested when Thérèse became ill with tuberculosis and endured an extended period of both spiritual darkness and physical pain. She offered her life for the salvation of souls, said that she would spend her heaven doing good on earth, and promised to let a shower of roses fall from heaven. Thérèse died in 1897, at the age of 24. Her autobiography, written under obedience, has been a popular and inspiring source of spiritual wisdom ever since it was published. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, 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)



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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.

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St. Nicholas News & Events



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1:00 PM

The St. Nicholas Golden Hearts will meet Wednesday, October 11, at 1pm in the church basement for a regular meeting. We are always ready to welcome new faces, so if you are a mature adult (55+), come join us for socializing, snacks, and prayer! For more

information or questions: Joyce Hanke 952-461-1963, or Mary Hilpisch 952-894-9272.



VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED.

Unlike some larger parishes, St. Nick's has no maintenance employees who could do miscellaneous jobs that need be done on a regular basis or that come up from time to time. (We do have two part time custodians who clean the church and JP II Building once a week but doesn't cover everything that has to get done.) For example, right now we could use someone to buy bags of water softener salt, bring them to the rectory, and put them in the water softener in the basement there. We could also use someone willing to destroy wasp nests and their occupants when they pose a threat to people, like the men working on our buildings. Another task is mopping the floor in the men's room in the church basement after it rains—though this shouldn't be needed after the foundation waterproofing project is done. Please contact the parish office if you would be willing to do any of the tasks above, or other things that might come up from time to time. Thanks to all of you who already volunteer in the parish in many ways! - Father Rudolph



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 9:20AM

We invite you to join others in praying the living rosary on Sunday, October 15, in between Masses at about 9:20 a.m. If you have never participated before, this is truly a beautiful way to show our love for the Virgin Mary, her message of peace, and our unity in prayer as the Body of Christ.



SMALL GROUP FORMATION SERIES

All meetings will be held at 7pm in the JPII Myra meeting room.

Session 2: Tuesday, October 3 Session 3: Tuesday, October 10 Session 4: Tuesday, October 24 Session 5: Monday, October 30 Session 6: Tuesday, November 7 Session 7: Tuesday, November 14

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

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



St. Nicholas News & Events

Life Rally - We invite you!



More than 12,000 unborn children died from abortion in Minnesota last year. That's a stunning 20 percent increase. And it's going to get worse: <u>Lawmakers just passed laws</u> establishing abortion-up-to-birth, abolishing a program supporting pregnant women, and even repealing a measure guaranteeing lifesaving care for newborns.

What can we do to restore protection for the vulnerable? MCCL is launching a new "Save the 12,000" series of meetings across the state. At each meeting, MCCL will update attendees about the extremism of Minnesota's current laws. We'll also provide pro-lifers with the tools they need to have confident and effective conversations that persuade others. And we'll lay out practical steps everyone can take that will save lives.

All are welcome to these free events. Bring family, friends, church and school groups, and others. Each meeting will last just over an hour. Attendees will receive a packet of helpful printed materials that will enable them to immediately put to use all the training they receive.

The pro-life message—grounded in scientific fact, committed to human rights for all, and drenched in love for mother and child—is true and compelling. If we speak boldly and with compassion, we will impact our state for life!

"Save the 12,000" meetings that are fairly close to St. Nicholas are posted below and are held at 7pm unless otherwise noted. For a complete list of meetings and for more information, please visit Mccl.org/12k

Oct. 5 -- Stillwater (6:45, St. Michael's Church)

Oct. 6 -- St. Paul (Holy Childhood Catholic Church)

Oct. 12 -- Gaylord (Gaylord Assembly of God)

Oct. 24 -- Chanhassen (St. Hubert's Catholic Church)

Oct. 29 -- Coon Rapids (6:30, Church of the Epiphany)

Jan. 16 -- Hastings (6:30, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish)

Area News & Events

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION — FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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.

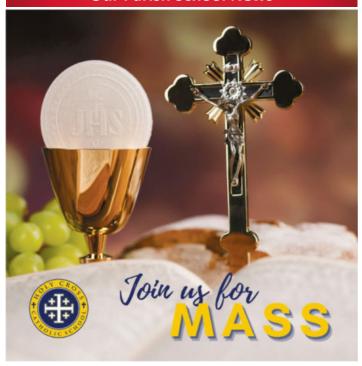
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Our Parish School News



MASS SCHEDULE

10/4/2023, 8:00am at Most Holy Trinity, Veseli 10/11/2023, 8:00am at Most Holy Trinity, Veseli 10/25/2023, 10:00am at Holy Cross Catholic School



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Afterschool Program Supervisor 2:45 - 6pm or as students are scheduled Monday - Friday on school days.

Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord September 24, 2023 - Week 12 in Fiscal Year

Weekly Giving:	Weekly Needed:	Weekly Over/(Under):		
\$4,212	\$6,365	(\$2,153)		
YTD Giving:	YTD Needed:	YTD Over/(Under):		
\$77,854	\$82,750	(\$4,896)		



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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.



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 9/19/2023, the total pledged is \$978,480 less \$23,723 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$954,757 in pledges. The total payments received is \$903,147. **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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