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#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

#### **Adoration Hours**

Sunday 4 pm to Monday midnight Monday 5 am to Wednesday midnight Wednesday 4 am to Thursday midnight Thursday 4 am to Friday midnight Friday 5 am to Saturday 8 am

Adorers are especially needed for the following hours: Tuesday 1:00pm and 3:00pm

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

#### This week at St. Nicholas





Sun	Oct 22	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): Paul Nicklaus⊕
Mon	Oct 23	Mass is not scheduled on this day.
Tue	Oct 24	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Albert Chlan® 8:35am Fatima Rosary Group - all are welcome!
Wed	Oct 25	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Lillian Thomas 4 4:45pm Confessions 6:30pm LNMV RE Classes
Thu	Oct 26	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Allie Heselton 6:00pm Finance meeting 6:30pm Sisterhood gathering
Fri	Oct 27	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Stuart and Joyce Russell中旬
Sat	Oct 28	7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Debbie Fischer 8:35am Confessions 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: John and Rose Dircks 中で
Sun	Oct 29	8:00am Mass: Albert and Aurea Zweber 합 10:00am Mass (live streamed): For the Parish



#### With joyful hearts, we welcome our newly baptized.

Charlie James, son of Bill and Nicole Sherman

#### **Weekly Readings**

#### Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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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

#### WAR AND PEACE...

I'm sure we are all saddened by the recent attacks against Israel by members of the terrorist organization Hamas, the hundreds of civilians and soldiers killed and wounded there, the hostages taken, and those grieving the dead and missing. At the same time, I'm sure we are also saddened by the suffering of the people of Gaza—the vast majority of whom, I'm sure, were not part of the attack on Israel—as they endure the deaths, injuries, and destruction that go along with Israel's justified self-defense in response to Hamas.

As we read in the Book of Ecclesiastes (3:8), there is a time for war and a time for peace. Obviously, peace is a lot better! As popes and generals alike have said, war is hell, and everyone involved in it loses. We probably all know veterans who have gone off to war to serve their country as carefree, happy, hopeful young people, only to return to their homeland after their tour of duty wounded or broken, suffering not only possibly from physical wounds, but also from wounds of the soul—depression, PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), addiction to alcohol or other drugs, cynicism, anger, nightmares, and isolation. What spiritually healthy person would want war? At the same time, societies have a right and duty to defend themselves against unjust aggression, as do individuals. As Saint Thomas Aquinas put it: "The act of self-defense can have a double effect: the preservation of one's own life; and the killing of the aggressor...The one is intended, the other is not."

Because of the effects of original sin, and because of the temptations and lies of the devil, war will likely continue to be a part of human life until the return of Jesus Christ at the end of time. But that doesn't mean anything goes in war. Before the influence of Christianity, it used to be the norm in war for armies to torture prisoners, burn down entire cities and villages after stealing the valuables, rape the women, make slaves of healthy captives, and kill everyone else. To try to limit the evils of war, the Church has developed teachings designed to reduce the outbreak of wars in the first place and minimize the evils they inflict.

The "just war doctrine" is part of these efforts. Here's how the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (2309) summarizes the Church's teaching that for a war to be just, the following conditions must be met:

- the damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, and certain;
- all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective;
- there must be serious prospects of success;
- the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The power of modem means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition.

The Church also provides norms for the conduct of warfare. To quote the *Catechism* (2313, 2314) again:

- Non-combatants, wounded soldiers, and prisoners must be respected and treated humanely.
- Actions deliberately contrary to the law of nations and to its universal principles are crimes, as are the orders that command such actions. Blind obedience does not suffice to excuse those who carry them out. Thus the extermination of a people, nation, or ethnic minority must be condemned as a mortal sin. One is morally bound to resist orders that command genocide.

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Every act of war directed to the indiscriminate destruction
of whole cities or vast areas with their inhabitants is a crime
against God and man, which merits firm and unequivocal
condemnation. A danger of modern warfare is that it
provides the opportunity to those who possess modern
scientific weapons especially atomic, biological, or chemical
weapons - to commit such crimes.

Let's ask the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Peace, that peace may come to Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia, and every other war-torn place, and that the Good Lord may heal those wounded by the horrors of war, past and present.

Yours in Christ, Father Rudolph



The St. Nicholas Gala & Auction promises to be a special evening, as well as a wonderful opportunity to come together and strengthen the bonds we share, to visit with family and friends, and to charitably and generously fund and support the outstanding spiritual traditions of St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

We invite you to fully enter into the evening. Be it the entertaining and inspiring message from our special guest and host, Matt Birk, chance raffles, or the exciting live auction—there are so many fun and entertaining ways to participate with your generosity!

Of course, the St. Nicholas Gala & Auction is so much more than a fundraiser. It is true that we rely on your generosity to continue to offer our present ministries, meet our future obligations, and enrich the faith life of our parish which will allow us to continue the outstanding spiritual traditions we've come to expect from St. Nicholas Catholic Church. However, it is also a celebration of who we are collectively – a Christian community with a higher purpose, investing in the mission of the Kingdom of God.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Nicholas Catholic Church!

May God bless you!

Please pick up your tickets after Masses this weekend.

This is one of the largest fundraisers for our parish and each family is encouraged to purchase and/or sell two tickets if you are able.

For questions, please contact Sara Bertram, Volunteer Gala & Auction Chair.



#### **SOCK-TOBER**

St. Nicholas Sock Drive

Winter is just around the corner...let's supply those in need with warm socks!

Please donate NEW warm socks\* in the clothes basket at the north entrance of church October 21st - 31st. Donations will be given to Catholic Charities.

\*Highest need is for male adult socks.





#### St. Nicholas News & Events

#### **AWESOME PLAY**

Some of you may be familiar with the Open Window Theatre, a production group that stages plays—many of them original—in Inver Grove Heights. I recently saw their version of Dante's *Inferno*. It was awesome! *Inferno* (Italian for "hell") is the first part of the Trilogy *The Divine Comedy*, written by the brilliant and inspired Italian poet Dante Alighieri around 1320. At that time, the word "comedy" referred not to humor, but to works that reflect belief in an ordered universe, in which events are influenced by God's will toward an ultimate good. As you might guess, the other books of the trilogy are *Purgatorio* (Purgatory) and *Paradiso* (Paradise, or Heaven). Here's the description of *Inferno* on the website of Open Window Theatre:

"One of the greatest masterpieces of all time, Dante Alighieri's *Inferno* marks the first of his 3-part *Divine Comedy* poetic trilogy. *Inferno* tells the harrowing story of a man's journey through the infinite torment of Hell in his search for Paradise. It's an inherently dramatic story, describing in vivid detail Dante's visit to the lower realms of the netherworld, guided by the poet Virgil. He passes through the giant gates with their prophetic inscription: *Abandon All Hope Ye Who Enter Here*, and through the nine circles of Hell, but all is not lost. Dante's *Inferno* is an intense and moving human drama that ultimately shows the way of an individual soul from sin to redemption.

Adapted for the stage by Artistic Director Jeremy Stanbary, from the translation by John Ciardi."

There are only four shows of *Inferno* left this season, all next Friday through Sunday. I hope there is a good turnout and they are encouraged to produce *Purgatorio* and *Paradiso* in the future. Tickets are available on the website of Open Window Theatre.

Of course, the book version of *The Divine Comedy* has a lot more in it. I like the three-volume translation by Anthony Esolen (2003), which has the original Italian and his English side by side on each page. Something else worth looking at is a collection of the 135 powerful engravings artist Gustave Doré did in the 19<sup>th</sup> century for Dante's trilogy. The ones of hell are sobering; the ones of Purgatory and Paradise are uplifting.

Dante is considered by many people to be one of the two greatest writers of all time, along with Shakespeare. Pope Francis, in 2015, issued an apostolic letter in commemoration of the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dante's birth, titled *Cano lucis aeternae* (Splendor of Light Eternal). About it, the Holy Father wrote: "With this Apostolic Letter, I wish to join my Predecessors who honored and extolled the poet Dante, particularly on the anniversaries of his birth or death, and to propose him anew for the consideration of the Church, the great body of the faithful, literary scholars, theologians and artists."

May your viewing and reading be blessed, Father Rudolph



#### Recently discovered volunteering at St. Nicholas:

Jenny Ward purchasing and hanging emergency diaper supplies in all three of our public restrooms on campus.

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



#### **SMALL GROUP FORMATION SERIES**

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

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.

#### **FROM SALT TO WATER**

Thanks to all of you who brought bags of salt for the water softener in the rectory. I really appreciate it! There is now enough there for many months. What we could use now is gallon jugs of distilled water for use at Mass. We like to use distilled water because it keeps the cruets clear. (I use regular tap water for my drinking glass.) We also use distilled water for the holy water font and to humidify the piano. If you would like to bring some distilled water, please bring it to the sacristy before or after Mass. – Father Rudolph

#### 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: Lawmakers just passed laws 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

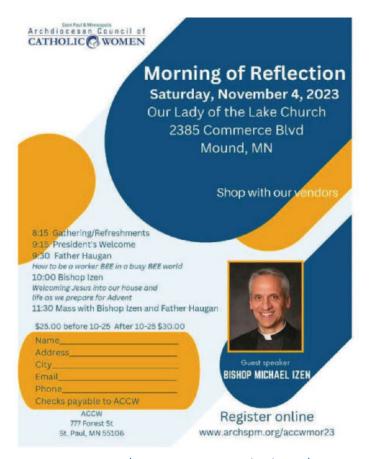
Oct. 24 -- Chanhassen (St. Hubert's Catholic Church)

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

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

#### Saint of the Day – Donatus of Fiesole

Donatus, also called Donat and Dino, was an Irish monk who went on a pilgrimage to Rome in the early ninth century. On his way back he stopped in the Italian city of Fiesole, right at the time when the clergy and other people of the town were gathered at the cathedral to elect a new bishop. The story has come down to us that as Donatus entered the cathedral, the bells began to ring and the candles lit up without any human agency. This was taken as a sign from God that Donatus should be elected bishop, and he was. This was about the year 829. He was evidently a wise man, because he was asked to join the pope and the king in deciding what to do with regard to a dispute between two other bishops. Donatus was also brave; on one occasion, at the request of the king, he led an army into battle against Muslims who had invaded southern Italy. Donatus like to write, too. One of his poems was about the beauty of the Irish countryside. He also composed a biography of Saint Brigid of Ireland, and dedicated a hostel he built for Irish pilgrims to her. He died about 876. His relics are still in the cathedral of Fiesole. Saint Donatus of Fiesole, 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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# WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH CRAND PARENTS Day!

#### GRANDPARENTS DAY - Wednesday, October 25.

We will begin with Mass at 10am, visit classrooms, and have lunch!



#### JOIN OUR TEAM!

We're hiring for the following position at Holy Cross for the 2023-24 school year. Please email principal Jim Grogan at jimg@holycrossschool.net to apply.

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

#### Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord October 15, 2023

The collection numbers were not available at the time this bulletin was submitted for printing.



#### STEWARDSHIP OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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- Give Online: <a href="https://www.stncc.net/give-now">https://www.stncc.net/give-now</a>
- Mail in your weekly contribution:
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The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love.
- St. Bernadette



# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of 10/17/2023, the total pledged is \$978,605 less \$23,698 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$954,907 in pledges. The total payments received is \$905,298. **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 <a href="struct.net">struct.net</a>.

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



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