

A close-up photograph of a priest in white vestments performing a baptism. He is holding a small glass of water and pouring it over the head of a newborn baby who is lying down. The scene is warmly lit, and the priest's hands are visible as he performs the rite.

NATIONAL *Vocation Awareness* *Week*

A photograph of a priest in a red vestment with his hands raised in a gesture of prayer or blessing. He is looking upwards with a serene expression. In the background, a large wooden crucifix is visible on the wall.

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Welcome to St. Nicholas Catholic Church!

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DAILY HAPPY HOUR

*** Party Room Available ***

Sun	Nov 5	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): Jack Klaesges† 4:00pm Cemetery Sunday
Mon	Nov 6	Mass is not scheduled on this day.
Tue	Nov 7	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Mike Haley† and Tim Haley† 8:35am Fatima Rosary Group - all are welcome!
Wed	Nov 8	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Ron and Kathy Chlan (anniversary) 12:30pm Golden Hearts Luncheon 4:45pm Confessions 6:30pm LNMV RE Classes
Thu	Nov 9	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Joe Simon†
Fri	Nov 10	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Jamie Russell† 6:00pm Middle School Youth Group gathering 7:00pm Ave Verum Corpus with reception to follow
Sat	Nov 11	7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Leon Zweber† 8:35am Confessions and first Saturday prayers 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Tim Holliday†
Sun	Nov 12	KC Breakfast after Masses 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): KC's Memorial Mass 5:30pm High School Youth Group gathering



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

We invite you to spend time with Jesus in adoration as your schedule allows.

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 November 5, 2023

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

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 Word or just words?

A huge turning point in my life came when I realized that the author of the Bible is God. That made a huge difference in how I read it. Instead of adopting what I liked in Sacred Scripture and rejecting or ignoring the rest, I started taking it as God's description of reality and his instructions for how we are to live and who we are to become with his help.

It happened when I was staying with some friends in Montreal. I had hitch-hiked there from Minnesota in May of 1979. Just about every night they had friends over to their apartment for dinner, praise and worship music (one of my friends played the guitar), and Bible study. I didn't understand much of the French that was sung and spoken, but no translation was needed for the joy and peace in their faces.

I had felt drawn to learn more about Christianity for several years, but it hadn't yet influenced how I was living. The words of Sacred Scripture were like bottles of medicine that I put in a cabinet and never used. Seeing my friends in Montreal made me want to open it up and use it.

I was still a little skeptical. I knew some people who claimed to be Christians who rejected parts of the Bible. So, one day when my friends were out grocery shopping, I got down on my knees and started talking to God. I said something like this: "Jesus Christ, I believe that you are the Son of God, and God, and that you died for my sins. Please forgive all my sins and come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior." After saying a few more things, I asked, "Is everything in the Bible true?" I then heard a voice in my head that had more love, power, and peace than any merely human voice I had heard before, which said, "Every word is true." I responded, "Then Lord, please make me into the man you want me to be." Right away, some big changes happened in my soul, which made me eager to change some of my behavior. Other changes have happened more gradually. Either way, it seems to me that God confirmed his word to me with signs accompanying it, as we read happened when the apostles preached after Christ's Ascension (Mark 16:20).

Since that event in Montreal, I've gained many other reasons to believe that the Bible is all inspired by God. For example, there's its wisdom and power, the authority of the Catholic Church, its universal acceptance by the saints, and all the lives it's changed for the better.

The fact that the Bible is authored by God doesn't mean it's all easy to understand. Good homilies, podcasts, Scripture commentaries, Study Bibles and Bible studies can all help. So can keeping in mind that not everything in the Bible is meant to be taken literally. One of the most obvious examples of this is when Jesus said that if your right hand causes you to sin, you should cut it off and throw it away (Matthew 5:30). He was exaggerating to make a point about the importance of ridding your life of near occasions of sin. For example, for some people, smart phones are a source of temptation to look at impure images, so they've traded them in for "dumb phones" without internet access.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus makes three exaggerations to make a point. He says to call no man rabbi, father, or master. To take this literally would make it

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difficult for Jews to talk about their religious leaders, children to talk about their male parents, and slaves to talk about the people who keep them enslaved. What Jesus is getting at, as he himself indicates, is that the authority of God as Teacher, Father, and Master outweighs any merely human authority.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God" (John 1:1). What the Word reveals to us sure beats any merely human words.

Your fellow student of Jesus Christ,

Father Rudolph



We are so excited to invite you to this year's Gala and Auction! We are blessed to celebrate this important fundraising and community-building event. We are looking forward to welcoming you into a joyful and fun fellowship event!

LIVE AUCTION EXCITEMENT

- Wine bar and wine - Donated by Steve Addabo
- Dining with Father Michael Rudolph-up to 5 guests - Donated by Fr. Rudolph. Delicious home cooked meal prepared and served by Father!
- 4 person Pheasant Hunt - Donated by Minnesota Horse & Hunt
- Alaskan Cruise-Donated by Leander Wagner - Opening Bid \$2,000

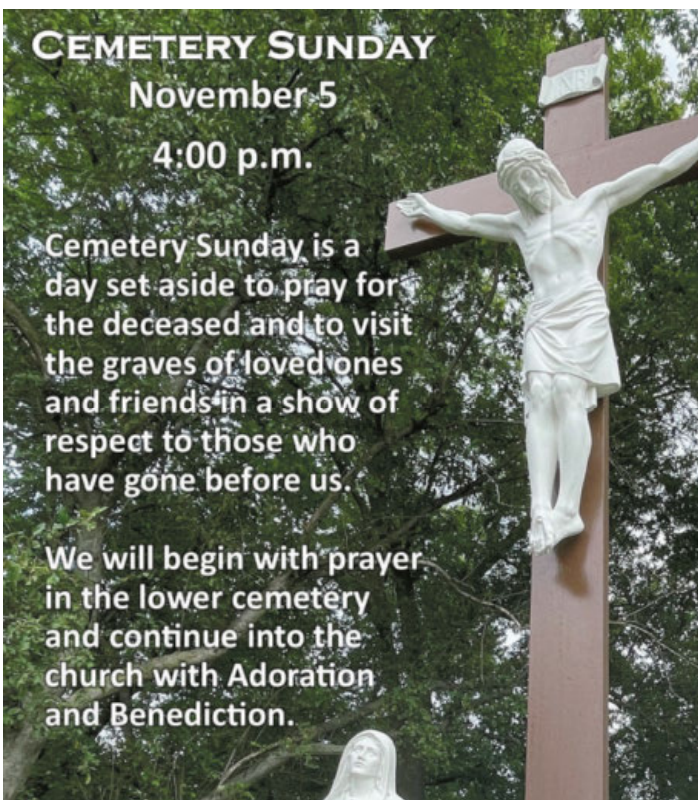
This is one of the largest fundraisers for our parish and each family is encouraged to purchase and/or sell two tickets if you are able.

Dinner tickets have been mailed. Please turn in your tickets soon.

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

Saint of the Day – Blessed Marguerite of Lorraine (died 1521)

Marguerite came from a noble French family and when she was twenty-five married René, the duke of Alençon. Four years later René died, leaving her with three very young children and the care of the family estates. She also had to fight to keep the guardianship of her children, which the King of France wanted to take away from her. Having achieved success in this, she settled down in the family castle at Mauves, where she brought up her kids. She also was a good administrator of the family property, and when her son Charles got married, his inheritance was in a better condition than that in which his father had left it. Marguerite came under the good influence of Saint Paula of Nola and ever since her husband's death had been living a simple, ascetic life. When her responsibility for her children came to an end, she moved to the town of Mortagne, where there was a convent. She joined the nuns there in caring for the poor and sick. After a while she invited some of the nuns of this convent to join her in a new religious community in Argentan, under the rule of the Poor Clares, founded by Saint Clare, the friend of Saint Francis of Assisi. (If any of you girls or young women want to follow her example, there is a convent of Poor Clare sisters in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota). Blessed Marguerite of Lorraine, 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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The St. Nicholas Golden Hearts will meet for lunch on Wednesday, November 8th, at 12:30, at the Smoke N Fire restaurant in New Prague. The address is 825 1st St. SE. All parishioners 55 and older are welcome to join us! Questions? Joyce Hanke; 952-461-1963, or Mary Hilpisch; 952-894-9272.



FRIDAY, NOV. 10, 6 - 8:00 PM

Students 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, NOV. 12, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Students in 9-12 Grades are invited! Youth Group Gatherings are awe-inspiring 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.

**Knights of Columbus
BREAKFAST**

Sunday, November 12

**Serving
scrambled eggs
with ham and
pancakes.
8am - Noon**

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Ave Verum Corpus

*An exquisite pairing of Eucharistic adoration
and classical sacred music.*

Friday, November 10, 7 p.m.

Special Guest:
Most Reverend Bernard Hebda
Archbishop of St. Paul & Minneapolis

Our evening will include:

- Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- Classical Sacred Music and Chant
- Sacrament of Penance available
- Vespers
- Benediction
- Reception

Experience Christ's peaceful presence.

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SMALL GROUP FORMATION SERIES

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

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.

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ORDER ONLINE BY 11/20

<https://tinyurl.com/yc3dtf5c>



Take and bake delicious Butter Braids for pick up at St. Nicholas on 12/9 & 12/10

There will be a limited amount available to purchase for those who do not order online. For questions or for more information, please contact Marion Hertaus.

Proceeds will benefit the St. Nicholas Care Fund.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

The Knights are excited to announce their lot will be open the day after Thanksgiving on Friday, November 24. Their lot is located at the ball field behind the church on County Road 2. Please support the Knights and all their good works.

Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving

**Wednesday
November 22
7 p.m.**

Hosted by:

St. Nicholas Catholic Church
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Join the members of area faith communities in prayers and songs as we give thanks to God for the many blessing of this year. Everyone is welcome!

Monetary donations will be given to Hope for the Community South.

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IN YOU, LORD,
I HAVE FOUND
Peace.
PSALM 131

40 Hours Devotion

Dec. 1 — Dec. 3, 2023

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins in Church
Friday, December 1, 4 p.m.

Adoration
Please join us all weekend, day and night!

Closing Service
Sunday, December 3, 4 p.m.
Evening prayer, reflection,
music and benediction.

40 Hours Devotion is a special time of prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament affirming our belief in the Real Presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

Our Parish School News

Dear Parishioners,

I have been reading a book (recommended to me by my daughter) entitled *Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mother of our Civilization of Love* by Carl Anderson and Eduardo Chavez. The book is a powerful testimony on virtually every aspect of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Anderson is best known as the longtime Supreme leader of the Knights of Columbus. The book is also an eye-opener for insight on our current times' difficulties by elucidating the role of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the evangelization of the New World (really in the entire providential plan God had for His Church). The seed for the book was planted when Anderson and Chavez attended the 2002 canonization of Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Saint John Paul II historically has been the driving force behind understanding a more profound significance of the role of Our Lady of Guadalupe and these two understood that. You'd have to read the whole book to totally appreciate and understand this but then you'd know where to find hope for some sort of carryover to the predicament we now find ourselves in our Church and the world.

As always, Saint JP II had some great insights on Our Lady and on the role of the Church and the domestic church. It is no wonder that you encounter so many JP II-influenced priests, sisters, and lay people all throughout the Church today. One representative insight (out of many) which struck me while reading the book was Saint JP II's observation that the family is the "first school of love". As a principal at Catholic schools going on my 32nd year, I couldn't agree more with this simple truth. And I have always seen the fruits of the Catholic school parents' love toward their children spilled over into their extended families and reflected in the Catholic culture prevalent at the schools. This is the glue that holds us together in good times and challenging times. These graces are freely given and available in infinite ways to our families. I have seen so many beautiful transformations take place for those who immersed themselves in the opportunities to school their children in love. As a part of our desire to immerse ourselves in the liturgical life of the Church, we'll be celebrating The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12th) at our all-school Mass that week here at the school, even though it does not fall on a Wednesday. Please pray that our families can continue to hold the power to influence their children's lives and that we will find the wisdom to do everything in our power to ensure that these Truths are handed down. A strong and holy Catholic school can be the difference maker in helping parents as the primary educators of their children.

God Bless,

Jim Grogan, HCCS Principal



Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord October 22, 2023 - Week 17 in Fiscal Year

Weekly Giving: \$4,157	Weekly Needed: \$6,365	Weekly Over/(Under): (\$2,208)
YTD Giving: \$104,547	YTD Needed: \$108,212	YTD Over/(Under): (\$3,664)



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



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus...
- St. Teresa of Calcutta



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of 10/24/2023, the total pledged is \$980,245 less \$22,863 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$954,382 in pledges. The total payments received is \$907,308. **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>.

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