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Eucharistic Adoration

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The adoration chapel will closed at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, and re-open after morning Mass on Tuesday, November 28.

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.

This week at St. Nicholas





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Sun	Nov 26	Adoration Chapel closed 8:00am Mass: Albert and Aurea Zweber 라 10:00am Mass (live streamed): For the Parish	
Mon	Nov 27	Adoration Chapel closed Mass is not scheduled on this day.	
Tue	Nov 28	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Mike and Sherry Moening Family 8:35am Fatima Rosary Group - all are welcome! Adoration Chapel opens after morning Mass 6:30pm Finance Council meeting	
Wed	Nov 29	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Stuart and Joyce Russell中中 4:45pm Confessions 6:30pm LNMV Religious Education classes	
Thu	Nov 30	7:35am Confessions 8:00am Mass: Bonnie Mauer &	
Fri	Dec 1	7:35am Rosary and confessions 8:00am Mass: Joe Simon † 5:00pm St. Nicholas Gala & Auction	
Sat	Dec 2	7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Alexandra Wilkinson 8:35am Confessions and first Saturday prayers 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Francis Fritz Tupy	
Sun	Dec 3	Advent begins 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live streamed): Bud Zweber and Craig Zweber급합	



Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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 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

Role Reversal...

Saint Athanasius, in his work *On the Incarnation*, written in the fourth century, states: "God became man so that man might become God." This statement, which is in a way a summary of the Gospel, is related to this Sunday's Gospel. How so?

Well, even though God became man first in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, he has continued to become man ever since then—not in the flesh anymore, but through empathy. This is revealed in our Savior's explanation of the Day of Judgment as a separation of "the sheep" from "the goats." The sheep are those who fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked, cared for the sick, and visited those in prison. The goats, in contrast, are those who failed to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, or visit those in prison. Jesus states that the sheep are the righteous, who will go to eternal life, while the goats are the accursed, who will go off to eternal punishment (Matthew 25:31-46). In this context, Our Lord states that what they did for others, they did for him, and what they failed to do for others, they failed to do for him. As Saint Teresa of Calcutta used to say, Jesus Christ appears to us in the distressing disguise of the poor.

That's God continuing to become man. How does that relate to man (human persons) becoming God? Well, by coming to us in the disguise of those in need, God gives us the means to become like him.

In the Old Testament, we find God feeding the hungry Israelites manna and quail in the desert. He causes water to come out of a rock when they are thirsty. He welcomes strangers, like Ruth, into his Chosen People. He clothes Adam and Eve with animal skins. He heals Miriam and Naaman of leprosy. And he sets the Israelites free from slavery.

In the New Testament, we find Jesus continuing this pattern. He feeds five thousand hungry people with five loaves and two fish. He offers those who are thirsty for love, truth, and salvation, like the Samaritan woman, the living water of the Holy Spirit. He invites people from all nations to become part of his Church. He covers the nakedness of sinners' shame and guilt with his compassion and forgiveness. He heals the sick of their illnesses. And he frees those in slavery to sin and fear of death.

By allowing hunger, thirst, immigration, insufficient clothing (on account of poverty, immodesty, or human trafficking), illness, and imprisonment, we are given the great gift of people we can show love to in practical ways. And the more we love, the more we become like God, because God is love (1 John 4:8).

Isn't that awesome? God—not out of any necessity, but purely because he wants to—experiences all the hunger, thirst, loneliness, vulnerability, illnesses, limitations, and frustrations we human beings suffer from so that we can experience the joy of loving like he does.

As we enter the Season of Advent a week from now and anticipate the arrival of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ two thousand years ago, and again at the end of time, let's not overlook his arrival among us every day in the person of those in need. Our response to him will be his gift to us.

Your fellow pilgrim on the Way,

Father Rudolph

St. Nicholas News & Events

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE VINTAGE RADIO WINE BAR





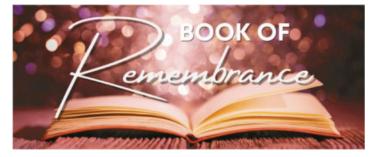
The members of the Gala & Auction committee are looking forward to sharing this special evening with you. We are blessed to celebrate this important fundraising and community -building event.

- Early Bird Drawing Be in the registration line by 5:30pm for a chance to win \$50.
- Dinner Ticket Drawing 5 winners of \$50 each

In honor of the Feast of St. Nicholas, celebrated on December 6, we're asking for donations of non-perishable food items at the event to help us stock our local food shelf this winter.

Donations will be given to Hope for the Community South.

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



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November we remember those who have passed before us. In the back of the church we have a Book of Remembrance. All are invited to write their deceased loved ones' names for us to pray for them.



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

- 12/10 Bulletin announcements are due by 12/4 at 4pm
- 12/17 Bulletin announcements are due by 12/7 at 4pm
- 12/24 Bulletin announcements are due by 12/14 at 4pm
- 12/31 Bulletin announcements are due by 12/22 at 4pm

St. Nicholas News & Events



Recently discovered volunteering at St. Nicholas:

All who made our Ave Verum Corpus event a great success; especially our choir for lifting our hearts and minds to God with the beautiful sacred music, the altar servers, the reader, the ushers, those who donated food, set up, served during and cleaned up after the reception, and the parking attendants.

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



Standing room only at our Ave Verum Corpus event with Archbishop Hebda, praise God! For those of you who were unable to attend, we invite you to view the live-stream video. For those of you who attended and would like to listen to the beautiful music on repeat, here you go! https://youtu.be/h7mD7dvfo7s



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 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.

Saint of the Day - Saint of the Day - Saint Nikon Metanoiete

Nikon was born in Pontus, in what is today the nation of Turkey. When he was still a young man he left home and went to a monastery known as Khrysopetro, where he spent twelve years living a life of prayer and penance. Then Nikon's superiors, having noticed that the spiritual conferences he gave were so effective, decided to send him out of the monastery to preach. He went as a missionary to Crete, which the Christian Byzantine Empire had recovered from Muslim Arabs a few years before, in 960. There Nikon brought back to the Christian faith many people who had converted to Islam. After many years ministering in Crete, he went on to the Greek city of Sparta, where he built three churches and a monastery, and then on to other parts of Greece. Nikon came to be known as "Metanoiete" (Greek for "Repent!") because that is the word with which he began all his homilies. His preaching was said to have been confirmed by miracles. Nikon died in a monastery on November 26, 998. Saint Nikon Metanoiete, 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)

SAVE OUR CHURCH BUILDING!

If it gets cold enough this winter for frost, ice, or snow, please resist the admirable temptation to put salt or any other kind of de-icer on the new steps on the south side of the church. The temperature was too cool to seal them when they were completed, so using anything other than sand to make them less slippery could damage the concrete. Thanks in advance, Father Rudolph.



OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

We would like to add to our pool of parish office volunteers. Help may be needed on occasion in the parish office during regular office hours with a variety of small projects.

If you would like to volunteer in the office, please call the parish office or click the link to join the Office Volunteer Flocknote group: https://lnmvtriparish.flocknote.com/OfficeVolunteers. We will notify you when help is needed.

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ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

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We pray that this gift will bless you!



PACK THE PEWS WITH FOOD We invite you to Pack the Pews with non-

perishable and non-expired food items the weekend of December 9 & 10. Donated food will support our local food shelf, Hope for the Community South, which is led by our parishioners, Jim and Jodi Muelken.





Rooted presents a beloved tradition in a new light.

This new 22-episode series guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, *Rooted* helps viewers apply the passage and related teachings to each day of Advent, guided by the Church's teaching. Episodes begin on December 3, the First Sunday of Advent, and end on December 24, the Fourth Sunday of Advent.



OPPORTUNITY TO SPREAD CHRISTMAS

Our parish is sponsoring a "Giving Tree" this Advent season. Your family can bring joy to others by:

- 1. Selecting a tag from the Giving Tree.
- 2. Purchasing the gift.
- 3. Placing the unwrapped gift near the Giving Tree on or before **Sunday, December 17th**.

You are welcome to purchase as many gifts as you want.

Donations will be given to Catholic Charities cctwincities.org and Alpha Women's Center alphawomenscentermn.com.



Drawing Closer to God prepares your family for the Messiah's coming.

Journey through Advent with the whole family! Join art teacher Ms. Kim as she teaches children to draw different scenes from the Christmas story, including the Annunciation, shepherds' visit, the Nativity scene, and more. With compelling storytelling, Ms. Kim points out key details from Scripture and Catholic tradition.

As kids follow along and learn new art skills, they also learn to see the connections between the big picture of God's story and their place within it.



We are accepting donations for Christmas Flowers. For those of you who do not receive weekly collection envelopes and would like to contribute to Christmas Flowers, please feel free to use this form and return with payment to the parish office or drop in the collection basket by *Wednesday, December 20*.

For your convenience, you may also make your donation online at https://www.stncc.net/give-now or by texting

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Our Parish School News

GIVE in Gratitude

THE SEASON OF GIVING IS UPON US!

We would be incredibly humbled to receive any blessings from you during this time. Your gift will allow Holy Cross Catholic School to bridge the per-student gap between what is received in tuition and fees and the actual cost to educate a Holy Cross student; We here at Holy Cross Catholic School have invested heavily in ensuring that our school will be the best it can be. In addition to the investments that were made these past few years, we have made the following new investments this year:

- Vice Principal/Math Coach
- Early Childhood Director
- Academics: continuing our curriculum adoptions/ empowering teachers to take us to the pinnacle of achievement (by all measurements)
- Average Years of Experience for Teachers up to 22 years (two-fifths of them having Master's degrees); this is our greatest accomplishment and will have far-reaching effects for years to come
- We have done everything in our power to ensure that
 Catholic identity and our Christian culture are our
 greatest priority: two of our teachers are in an intensive two
 -year catechetical institute that will result in a certificate of
 Master Catechist; our commitment to taking our student to
 the parishes lets us have Mass at a Church and participate
 with the parishioners who support us so generously--the
 extra busing expenses are worth it; our teachers are so
 dedicated to the Eucharist that we were able to get three
 more weekday Masses on the liturgy schedule
- We continue to dedicate numerous resources and FTE's to religious instruction and spiritual formation

We're meeting enrollment growth with greater staff and better resources. More than ever, we all are called to make a difference as we work aggressively to preserve Catholic, traditional education for all who want it. Not a subject is taught without adherence to the truths of our faith and the moral compass represented by the mystical Body of Christ. Through prayer and planning, we hope you will discern how to share your blessings with Holy Cross Catholic School. With your help, we can and will continue to shape our community's future.

Thank you for your support of Holy Cross Catholic School.Any donations given in a family or student's name will go directly to their 2023 -2024 fundraising requirement.

Please click the link below to donate and spread the word to your family and friends this holiday season!

https://holycrossschool.net/give-in-gratitude

Thank you for your support of Holy Cross Catholic School!

Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord November 12, 2023 - Week 20 in Fiscal Year

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Weekly Giving:	Weekly Needed:	Weekly Over/(Under):		
\$6,535	\$6,365	\$170		
YTD Giving:	YTD Needed:	YTD Over/(Under):		
\$123,831	\$127,308	(\$3 <i>,</i> 477)		



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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.

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



What does Jesus Christ do in the Eucharist? It is God who, as our Savior, offers himself each day for us to his Father's justice. If you are in difficulties and sorrows, he will comfort and relieve you. If you are sick, he will either cure you or give you strength to suffer so as to merit Heaven. If the devil, the world, and the flesh are making war upon you, he will give you the weapons with which to fight, to resist, and to win victory. If you are poor, he will enrich you with all sorts of riches for time and eternity.

St. John Vianney



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of 11/12/2023, the total pledged is \$980,245 less \$22,863 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$954,382 in pledges. The total payments received is \$908,131. **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.

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