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This week at St. Nicholas





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Sun	Jan 28	Catholic Schools Week Pancake Breakfast at Holy Cross Catholic School 8:00am Mass: Walter (Wally) Edel [†] 10:00am Mass (live stream): For the Parish 6:30pm Fiat Ladies gathering	
Mon	Jan 29	Mass is not scheduled on this day.	
Tue	Jan 30	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Mary Sue House 8:35am Fatima Rosary Group - all are welcome!	
Wed	Jan 31	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Dan Ward 4 4:45pm Confessions 6:30pm LNMV Religious Education classes	
Thu	Feb 1	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Sue Roufs 7:00pm KC's meeting	
Fri	Feb 2	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: William and Marie Fischer 中中	
Sat	Feb 3	7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Holy Souls in Purgatory 8:35am Confessions and First Saturday Prayers 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: For the Parish	
Sun	Feb 4	8:00am Mass: Dan King합 10:00am Mass (live stream): Leander & Vicki Wagner합합	



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

An adorer is especially needed for the following hour:

Wednesday at 6am and Thursdays at 11am.

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.

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Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13 Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34 Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/

Mk 1:29-3
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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 may 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

Glued to God...

Intentional celibacy is something that some people who are used to being sexually active sometimes have trouble understanding. I remember once being asked about celibacy by a Protestant friend of mine who had been married for many years. He said, in his usual plain-spoken way, "Don't you burn with lust?" I told him, "No. Celibacy is a great gift from God. Jesus was celibate." "That's true," he replied.

In Sacred Scripture, God reveals at least two reasons for intentional celibacy—as opposed to involuntary celibacy resulting from inability to find a willing partner. One reason is stated by Jesus: "There are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:12). That's a literal translation. The New American Bible paraphrases it to try and give a more accessible sense of what Jesus meant, saying that some "have renounced marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven." Phrasing it that way makes some sense, because Jesus wasn't advocating that men literally make themselves eunuchs—in other words, castrate themselves so that they are incapable of sexual activity—no more testosterone! At the same time, just using the words "have renounced marriage" doesn't explain enough—you can be unmarried and still be sexually active, for example by the sin of fornication. So, what is Jesus talking about? Refraining from both marriage and sexual activity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.

It's not that married people living normal married lives can't advance the kingdom of heaven. Of course they can. But God calls some people to live lives of intentional celibacy. Why? Saint Paul shows us in this Sunday's Second Reading. Referring to Christians, he states that unmarried men and women are concerned with the things of the Lord and how to please him, while married men and women are concerned with how to please their spouses. In other words, the commitments involved with marriage and family life can distract a person from more complete attention to the Lord (See 1 Corinthians 7:32-35). That's not a bad thing. Marriage is a great good and a beautiful and holy vocation. But God calls some people to live differently, with hearts that are free to be completely devoted to him, instead of divided between him and a husband or wife.

I've never heard any priests griping about the law of the Catholic Church that in the Latin Rite, priests must be unmarried and celibate (with occasional exceptions being made for married Protestant pastors who convert to Catholicism and are ordained priests). For example, just about every month since I was ordained over 18 years ago, my ordination classmates and I enjoy a fun evening together over dinner, which we take turns hosting at our rectories. I was blessed to be at one of these class dinners this evening. Over the years, along with abundant jokes and laughter, we've talked about what's going on in our parishes and other assignments, sports, our vacations and retreats, interesting people and situations we've run into, seminary life and vocations, and what's going on around the Archdiocese. Guys also sometimes share pastoral challenges they may be facing, health issues, or decisions they have to make, and ask for advice. And we try to encourage one another in our ministry. But not once has celibacy been brought up, let alone complained about. It's not an issue. It's a given, and as far as I can tell, a gift received gratefully and lived joyfully.

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Another reason for priests to remain unmarried is that they are ordained to act in the Person of Christ, which means to be united with him and imitate him as closely as possible. Jesus described himself as the Bridegroom of the Church, so, united with Christ, priests are in a spousal relationship with the Church. This spousal relationship is seen at Mass, at the consecration, when the priest quotes the words of Our Lord at the Last Supper: "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you."

Gratefully celibate for you,

Father Rudolph



It's time to turn in your baby bottles.



FIAT - JANUARY 28, 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Fiat meaning "Let it be done")

All ladies 6th through 12th grade are invited to gather as daughters of our Almighty Father!! Growing in virtue &

holiness with one another and our Jesus in and through our beautiful Mother Mary through our gift of womanhood is the mission of FIAT (our yes). Any questions please contact Angie Nicolai at Angienshop@msn.com.



Saint of the Day - Blessed Boleslawa Lament

Boleslawa was born into a large family in Lowicz, Poland on July 3, 1862. When she was twenty-two she became a religious sister, joining the Congregation of the Family of Mary. The founder of the Congregation asked her to move from Poland to the city of Mogilev in what was then called White Russia (now the nation of Balarus) on a mission to Orthodox Christians. Sister Boleslawa's efforts to bring these folks into the full communion of the Catholic Church led her to found the Congregation of Missionary Sisters of the Holy Family in 1905. Two years later she moved the headquarters of the new Congregation to St. Petersburg in Russia. In 1913 their mission was extended to Finland, where she opened a school for girls.

The Communist Revolution of October 1917 in Russia put an end to their activities. Sister Boleslawa and her sisters were forced to flee back to Poland. She accepted this setback as the will of God. In 1922, she established a new house for the sisters in Chelmno in northern Poland, re-defining the objective of her Congregation as a mission to the Orthodox living in the eastern parts of Poland, where they generally formed the poorest sections of the population. The sisters worked to relieve their suffering.

The Congregation grew, and Sister Boleslawa was able to open several other houses, as well as orphanages and a school. Then, at the outbreak of World War II, the Soviet Union overran and annexed the parts of Poland where the sisters were working. Once again she saw her achievements destroyed, and once again saw it as the will of God. By this time she was also suffering from a progressive paralysis. She inspired her sisters to carry on their mission as best they could in a situation she defined as passio catholica, Latin for "universal suffering," affecting her Congregation, the Catholic Church, and the culture of Christendom. Sister Boleslawa died in Bialystok on January 29, 1946. She was beatified there by Saint John Paul II, who spoke of her resignation in suffering, and courage and perseverance in the face of the two great upheavals she and her Congregation had undergone. Blessed Boleslawa Lament, 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)



Recently discovered volunteering at St. Nicholas:

Steve Addabbo polishing a brass crucifix and lavabo bowl lid in the sacristy.

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

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Bingo! Parishioners, join us for a fun-filled afternoon. We also ask you to help us host by bringing 6 sandwiches or 6 cupcakes if you are able. Any questions, please call the parish office at 952-461-2403.



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Please note that St. Nicholas is within the LNMV Tri Parish Flocknote Group



Area News & Events

POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION – For the gift of diversity in the church.

We pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

ANDREW DINNER

Tuesday, February 6, 6 - 8 p.m., Archdiocesan Catholic Center, St. Paul

The Andrew Dinner is an opportunity for men, ages 16 and older, who are interested in learning more about the priesthood. The dinner is hosted by Bernard A. Hebda and Fr. David Blume, the director of Vocations. The evening includes prayer, dinner and conversation about vocation discernment, seminary and priesthood. Registration is required. Typically, guests attend with their pastor, religious or youth minister. Learn more and register at 10000vocations.org/andrew-dinner.html.

WOMEN IN NEW EVANGELIZATION CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Whispers of Wisdom

Friday, February 9 - Saturday, February 10, St. Patrick, Edina

WINE: Women In the New Evangelization invites women of all ages and stages to refresh their hearts at the WINE: Catholic Women's Conference. The conference begins with Mass and includes inspirational talks by amazing Catholic speakers, Debbie Herbeck (author, speaker, and convert from Judaism to the Catholic Church), Anne Trufant (speaker, musician, and cofounder of Change Lives Now), and Melissa Overmyer (author, vlogger, and founder of Something Greater Ministries) will light our hearts on fire with faith-filled inspirational talks. Find more information and registration at wineconference.org/conference-info-copy.

REBUILDING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY – SPRING SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday, February 15 – March 7, 7 - 9 p.m., Church of the Assumption, St. Paul

The Center for Catholic Social Thought is pleased to announce this speaker series. The mission of the Center for Catholic Social Thought is to spread the message and practice of Catholic social teaching. Join for many different speakers, including Bishop Williams. For the full schedule, visit catholicsocialthought.org.

COME AWAY WITH ME RETREAT

Tuesday, February 27, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Dunrovin Retreat Center, Marine on Saint Croix

Consider a short time away to listen for the whisper of God's love for you. Consider time away – for only a day – to refresh your spirit, mind, and body and to listen for the whisper of God's personal love. This will be a quiet time of guided prayers, very

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short talks, and Eucharistic Adoration. Learn more and register dunrovin.org/visit/adult-retreats/come-away-with-me-retreats.

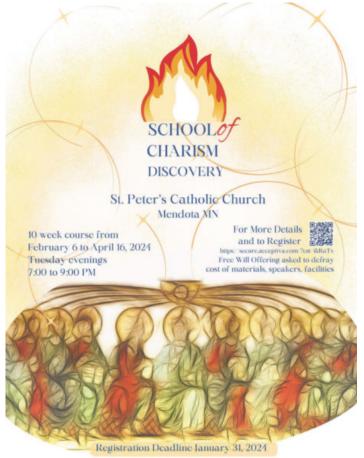
MEN OF CHRIST—RISING DAILY IN DISCIPLESHIP

Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Church of St. Joseph, Rosemount

Join men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 2024 men's conference. Keynote speakers Deacon Harold Burke -Sievers and Jeff Cavins will lead the day that will include presentations by Bishop Joseph Williams, Deacon Joe Michalak, and Bishop Izen. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will celebrate Mass. Early Bird Registration begins December 1. For more information call 651.291.4488 or email flomos@archspm.org.

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CRUSADER CELEBRATION - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

Holy Cross is hosting a school fundraiser on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan, MN. This event consists of a live auction, silent auction, games, raffles, dinner, and so much more! *Tickets are on sale now.* Purchase your tickets by following this link: https://holycrossschool.ticket.qtego.us/tickets/list

The deadline to register is February 2, 2024.

Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord January 21, 2024 - Week 30 in Fiscal Year

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- **Text** GIVE to 1-952-209-7799.
- Give Online: https://www.stncc.net/give-now
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of 1/21/2024, the total pledged is \$982,927 less \$22,083 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$960,844 in pledges. The total payments received is \$924,722. **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.

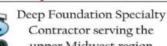


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