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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

An adorer is especially needed for the following hour:

Thursdays at 11am.

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	Feb 18	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live stream): Francis Murphy와 and Annette Murphy	
Mon	Feb 19	Mass is not scheduled on this day.	
Tue	Feb 20	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Judy Mahowald® 8:35am Fatima Rosary Group - all are welcome! 7:00pm Book Club	
Wed	Feb 21	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Jamie Russell中 6:30pm LNMV Religious Education classes 4:45pm Confessions	
Thu	Feb 22	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Dora Parker中 6:30pm Sisterhood gathering	
Fri	Feb 23	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Mark Ward 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	
Sat	Feb 24	7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Dacia Ward \$ 8:35am Confessions 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Deceased member of the John Caduff Family \$	
Sun	Feb 25	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live stream): John and Susannah Kloeckner 라마 6:30pm Fiat gathering	



### **Weekly Readings**

### Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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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

### Leave it in the Trash...

Now that we are in Lent, many parishes have extra times for confessions. Some parishes use "The Order for Reconciling Individual Penitents," commonly known among us priests as "Form One." That's what we have five days a week here at St. Nick's. Other parishes use "The Order for Reconciling Several Penitents with Individual Confession and Absolution," known among priests as "Form Two." Here at St. Nick's that's offered once during Advent and once during Lent. That involves group prayers, reading of Scripture, and a brief homily followed by individual confession. What's not allowed in this Archdiocese—with a few potential exceptions—is "The Order of Reconciling Penitents with General Confession and Absolution," also known as "Form Three." That's for when there aren't enough priests to hear individual confessions within a suitable amount of time, which means one month. That situation doesn't exist in this area, though it might in some parts of the world with very few priests. Priests could also give general absolution to troops going into battle, a group of people about to be executed, or folks who are on a plane about to crash or a ship about to sink.

Moving on from those cheery thoughts, I'd like to mention a kind of confession that isn't in the Church's official manual for confessions known as the *Order of Penance* but is made use of by some people. It's commonly called "a general confession," and consists of someone telling a priest all the sins he or she can remember having committed as far back as memory goes—including sins committed before baptism and before their last confession.

There are two reasons people do this, as far as I can see. One reason is that it's a fast way for a spiritual director to get a long-term view of a directee's moral and spiritual history so as to have more knowledge from which to potentially give helpful advice and direction. Another reason is for penitents to bring up sins they think they might have forgotten to confess before or believe they didn't confess adequately.

There might be something to the first reason, and penitents are supposed to bring up grave sins they forgot to confess in a previous confession, but in a general confession, it is customary to bring up all sins, venial and mortal. I think that's problematic. How so?

For one thing, a general confession could be a swamp for people who suffer from scrupulosity. If they tend to worry needlessly about the quality of a previous confession—no matter how sincere and contrite—they may see making a general confession—or two or three or more of them—as a way to "get it right." They could be like a hamster in a wheel, seeming to accomplish something without actually getting anywhere.

Another problem I see with general confessions is that they go against the wonderful feeling of relief that's supposed to accompany having your sins washed away, in both the sacraments of baptism and reconciliation. Praise God, my sins are gone! I don't have to feel guilt or shame about them anymore! I am set free! No need to think about those sins anymore!

We can be sure the devil will try to make us think about our confessed and absolved sins again—but we shouldn't have to. But if we make a general confession, in a way we are doing the devil's work for him. It's like trying to unflush the toilet, or bring the garbage back into the house, or get water that's gone under the bridge to flow back upstream. Why would anyone want to do that? In the same way, let's rejoice in God's infinite mercy given us in the sacrament of reconciliation, and move forward in light, peace, and joy.

Your fellow sinner loved by God,

Father Rudolph

### St. Nicholas News & Events



Friday, February 23 7:00 pm, Stations of the Cross Friday, March 1 7:00 pm, Stations of the Cross Friday, March 8 7:00 pm, Stations of the Cross Friday, March 15 7:00 pm, Stations of the Cross Friday, March 22 7:00 pm, Stations of the Cross Wednesday, March 27 7:00 pm, Penance Service Thursday, March 28 - Holy Thursday 10:00 am, Chrism Mass, Cathedral of Saint Paul

7:00 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper (live stream)

9:30 pm, Night Prayer

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

3:00 pm, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 pm, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (live stream)

Saturday, March 30 - Holy Saturday 8:30 pm, Easter Vigil (live stream)

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

8:00 am, Mass

10:00 am, Mass (live stream)

### THANK YOU FROM ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER

The Baby Bottle collection was a success, raising more than \$2,800 for Alpha Women's Center's prolife work. Thank you to Fr. Rudolph, parish staff, the Respect Life committee, and all who donated to the collection. Your donations save lives - in fact, four babies were saved on our mobile clinics in January! Thank you for your generosity!

### **CHURCH HISTORIAN NEEDED**

Do you love looking through old photos and newspaper clippings? Are you an organizer? St. Nicholas is looking for someone (or a group of people) to preserve our parish history by curating our collection of donated photos and historical documents. The goal is to create a storage system to make items accessible, as well as to create a display to share our history with parishioners and visitors. Contact Fr. Rudolph to volunteer or for more information.

### Saint of the Day – Blessed John of Fiesole (Fra Angelico)

Guido di Piero was born in Vicchio di Mugello, a village near Fiesole, on the hills overlooking Florence, in what is now Italy, around the year 1400. He learned how to paint, joined the studio of a Florentine painting master, and was active in the Company of San Nichola, a painting fraternity. Then, in 1418, he joined the Dominican religious order, entering the Convento di San Domenico in Fiesole, and taking the name Fra Giovanni (Brother or Friar John) in religion. A few years later, the friars moved into the Convento di San Marco in Florence, which was then rebuilt from 1437-52 through the patronage of the wealthy Medici family, the rulers of Florence, which was then an independent city-state.

At San Marco, Fra Giovanni started painting the walls, a project he continued working on for the rest of his life. This included painting a sacred scene in each friar's cell and at the end of every corridor. Subjects included the *Mocking of Christ, Christ* in the Sepulcher, the Transfiguration, and friars and nuns in meditation. Outside of San Marco, he painted numerous altarpieces, most showing the Madonna and Child (Blessed Virgin Mary and infant Jesus) with a group of saints. He also decorated two chapels at the Vatican, did a fresco in the Orvieto Cathedral, and painted some works in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome and the pope's private study. Another work of his was The Last Judgment, painted for the Comaldolese Convent of Santa Maria dei Angeli.

Fra Giovanni eventually was given the nickname "Fra Angelico" (Angelic Friar), the name he is best known by today. His paintings represent beatitude—life seeing God—not things in themselves. Their purpose is supernatural. Another great painter, Michelangelo, wrote of him, "One has to believe that this good monk has visited paradise and been allowed to choose his models there." Fra Angelico, 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:

Sara Bertram, Tracey Friedges, Steve Addabbo, Greg and Debbie Fischer, Alex Berry, Anne Fredrickson, Sherry Moening, and Karen Johnson helping with the Valentine Bingo event. All who donated sandwiches, desserts, and other items for the Bingo event. Tracy McCollister helping with the pew cards.

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

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### St. Nicholas News & Events



### **BOOK CLUB - FEBRUARY 20, 7PM**

A welcome to any and all women who enjoy reading! Our group reads a variety of Christian and Catholic books while enjoying comfortable and thought-provoking conversation that engages and challenges our growth in Faith. For more information, please contact Sue Roufs at roufssue@gmail.com.



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### FIAT - FEBRUARY 25, 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.



### **EDUCATE IN FAITH**

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An essential component of the Church's ministry is the education of the next generation of disciples, as well as the continuing formation of all its members.



### **HELP THOSE IN NEED**

The Church is called to make the love of Jesus real and tangible in the world today, especially to the poor, the vulnerable and those on the peripheries.



### STRENGTHEN IN FAITH

At the heart of the Church's ministry is facilitating for its members an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ. Central to what it means to be Catholic is the development of a friendship with Jesus through prayer and reflection.



### **PROTECT LIFE**

Knowing that every human person has Godgiven dignity and together we can promote respect for life in all stages.



### PRAYER FOR LENT

Dear Jesus,

This weekend is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you. Amen.



ou can also access the donation page via: Hope.ArchSPM.org



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### **Area News & Events**

### POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION - For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment

### **NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS TICKETS**

July 17 - 24, Indianapolis, IN

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the first National Eucharistic Congress in the USA in 83 years! Encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and be sent out on mission for the life of the world. With tens of thousands of pilgrims expected, the best time to secure your spot at this historic event is now. Find out more and register at archspm.org/eucharisticrevival.

#### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE: MARIAN ROUTE

May 19 - July 16

Starting on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, four processions starting at different locations around the country will begin, concluding at the Eucharistic Congress Jully 16. The route coming through the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is the Marian Route, which departs from the headwaters of the Mississippi and will descend through the midwestern United States. Watch for details to come at archspm.org/eucharistic-pilgrimage.

### **TOTUS TUUS – MISSIONARIES NEEDED**

Is God calling YOU to serve?

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is in need of college age men and women who have a missionary heart, love children and youth, and are committed to the Catholic faith who feel called to share it with the youth from local parishes around the Archdiocese.

- The position is a temporary two-month commitment (May 31 July 27) which includes one week of training. There is a one week break for Independence Day.
- · Each team member will receive \$3,640 for their work; most meals and all lodging included. To apply, go fill out this form and learn more at archspm.org/catholic-education-youth-formation/family-ministries/totus-tuus.

#### **LENTEN DAYS OF PRAYER**

Wednesdays, February 21 – March 13, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center, Prior Lake

Enhance your Lenten faith journey with Franciscan Retreats annual Lenten Days of Prayer. Experience a thought-provoking talk, opportunity for confession and spiritual direction, open prayer time and Mass. Learn more and register at franciscanretreats.net/lenten-days-of-prayer-franciscanretreats.

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### **CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE: SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP**

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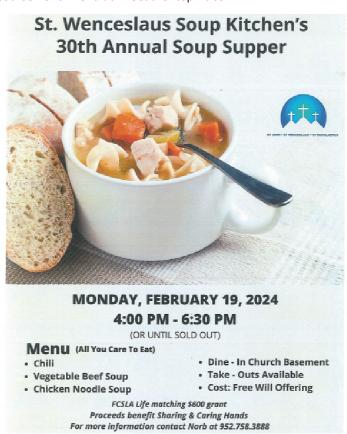
Thursdays, April 4 - May 16, 7 - 9 p.m., St. Joseph the Worker, Maple Grove

Taught by Jeff Cavins, this seven-week course is open to all adults and teaches the basics of discipleship, how to share your faith with confidence, and how to cultivate a deeper life of prayer. In this course, students become "activated disciples" and put what they learn into practice. This course includes the small group dynamic, and takes you through a life-transforming 40-day discipleship challenge beginning on the Feast of Pentecost. Learn more and register at cistudent.com/the-experience.

### WORDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Celebrate your sacrament by signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next available Weekends are May 3-5, 2024 in Buffalo, MN and Oct 4-6, 2024 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at <a href="mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org">applications@twincitieswwme.org</a> <a href="mailto:applications">applications@twincitieswwme.org</a> <a href="mailto:applications">applications</a> <a href="mailto:applications">applications</a> <a href="mailto:applications">applications</a> <a href="mailto:applications

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### **Our Parish School News**



### **HCCS RAFFLE WINNERS**

Thank you to all who participated in our HCCS Raffle this year! Below are our winners, checks have been mailed or sent home. Congratulations to all!

1st (\$2,500): Kathy Dunham 2nd (\$500): Kari Witt

\$100 winners (10):
John Segna
Jen Prag
Kevin Sak
Elizabeth Nammeh
Margaret Sulzbach
Jim Sulzbach
Amy Budde
Kathy Flicek
David Volkmann
Tom Erickson

\$50 winners (10):
 Tricia Full
Matt Messerschmidt
 Marcie Monroe
Sheryl McAdams
Candace Volkert
Rachel Wagner
 Cathy Mikel
Brian Carpenter
 Nick Primus
Erin Link



### Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord February 4, 2024 - Week 32 in Fiscal Year

Weekly Giving:	Weekly Needed:	Weekly Over/(Under):		
\$5,614	\$6,365	(\$751)		
YTD Giving:	YTD Needed:	YTD Over/(Under):		
\$228,593	\$217,492	\$11,100		

Please remember St. Nicholas Catholic Church in your will.



### **HOW WILL YOU REPAY THE LORD?**

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. Here's how you can help:

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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of 2/4/2024, the total pledged is \$983,087 less \$22,083 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$961,004 in pledges. The total payments received is \$928,541. **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: https://www.stncc.net/capital-campaign-corner.

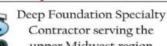


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