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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.

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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.

Website: stncc.net

This week at St. Nicholas





Sun	Feb 25	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live stream): John and Susannah Kloeckner 학학 6:30pm Fiat gathering	
Mon	Feb 26	Mass is not scheduled on this day.	
Tue	Feb 27	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Geralda Wagner and Ralph Wagner 8:35am Fatima Rosary Group - all are welcome!	
Wed	Feb 28	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Edwin and Susannah Deal 中 6:30pm LNMV Religious Education classes 4:45pm Confessions	
Thu	Feb 29	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Leon Zweber♥	
Fri	Mar 1	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Jerome M. Bathke † 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	
Sat	Mar 2	7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Liz Lindberg 1 8:35am Confessions 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Arlen Lessin	
Sun	Mar 3	8:00am Mass: Albert and Aurea Zweber 다 다 10:00am Mass (live stream): For the Parish	



Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of February 25, 2024

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43,

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/

Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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February 25, 2024 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Honor and Hope for the Fallen...

We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to everyone in law enforcement. That was brought home last Sunday by the terrible and tragic shooting deaths of three members of the Burnsville public safety community—police officers Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge, and Adam Frinseth, firefighter and paramedic. We grieve and suffer alongside their families, friends, and colleagues, and pray for them. We also pray for Officer Adam Medlicott, who was wounded.

First responders like these men know their lives could end violently any day. They continue to take this risk for the sake of others, with charity, courage, and often a strong faith. When I was a kid growing up in Minneapolis, I was always impressed by the motto of the Minneapolis police, displayed in bold letters on their squad cars: "TO PROTECT AND TO SERVE."

A number of men and women in our own parish work in public safety or used to. All deserve our thanks and prayers.

It is not only bullets and fires that threaten the lives of first responders. They also get attacked, through no fault of their own, by PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder), clinical depression, and other results of the battles they face serving an often ungrateful and hostile public. Some officers try to cope with these while continuing on the force. Others realize they need to change professions for the sake of their mental and physical well-being. Others die as a result. PTSD and depression can be just as fatal as a bullet fired by someone else, and those who die from them heroes, if only in the sight of God and their loved ones.

Pope Francis created a new category for being declared a saint: Someone who continues on a dangerous course of action for the sake of others, knowing that death could very well result. I'm sure there are many saints dressed in blue among us.

We never know when or how we will leave this life, or how we will respond when life takes a hard turn. I remember coming across a man tending the resting places of his two brothers in our cemetery. He was lifting up their gravestones so they wouldn't get covered with turf. He told me that one of them died at age 15 in a farming accident. A year later, the other brother, age 16, died of cancer. He said his father was never the same after that.

Grief is a long road, but thanks be to God, it doesn't have to lead to a dead end. Jesus Christ came to show us that, in him, the road goes through death into new and eternal life, where there is no more violence, despair, or loss. Just as God provided a lamb of sacrifice for Abraham in place of Isaac, Jesus Christ gave up his life so we could live forever.

In this Sunday's Gospel, at the Transfiguration, the light of heaven shone through Jesus to his apostles Peter, James, and John, to encourage them in the face of his impending violent death, help prepare them for their own eventual death, and show them the reward waiting for them. May that same light illumine our lives, whatever tragedies or griefs we may be dealing with.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:1-5)

Yours in Jesus Christ, the Light and Hope of the world,

Father Rudolph

St. Nicholas News & Events



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



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). This gathering will be held at the Nicolai home.

LIKE TO BE OUR CHURCH HISTORIAN?

10:00 am, Mass (live stream)

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.

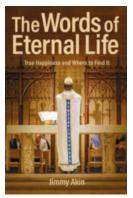
Saint of the Day – Saint Walburga

Walburga was sent as a child to the monastic school of Wimborne in Dorset, England, which was located in a double monastery there—it had one building for nuns and one for monks. When she grew up, she became a nun there herself. Then, in 750, she was sent to the convent at Taurberbischofsheim in Germany, along with other nuns, in response to a request from her uncle, Saint Boniface, the great evangelizer of Germany. There she spent two years becoming skilled in medicine. Then her brother Saint Winnibald, who had established a large double monastery at Heidenheim, asked her to come there to govern the nuns while he governed the monks. Winnibald died in 761, and Walburga was appointed superior over both nuns and monks by another brother of hers, Saint Willibald, who had been appointed by Boniface to be the first bishop of Eichstätt, in Bavaria.

After Walburga died in 779, her body was first interred at Heidenheim but a year later was moved to lie beside that of her brother Winnebald at the church of the Holy Cross in Eichstätt. From there she took on an extraordinary career as a posthumous healer, owing to an aromatic fluid with healing properties which flowed—and still flows each year—from a crack in the rock on which her tomb stands. This fluid is known all over the world as Saint Walburga's oil. Saint Walburga, 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)

BOOKS FOR EASTER GIFTS?

Father Rudolph has chosen a book titled 'The Words of Eternal Life' by Jimmy Akin to give away as gifts to parish families and visitors during Easter. The books are \$1 each plus shipping and handling. We'll need 200 books. Would anyone be willing to donate toward these gifts? If so, please let Father or the parish office know. *Thanks for considering*.





Recently discovered volunteering at St. Nicholas:

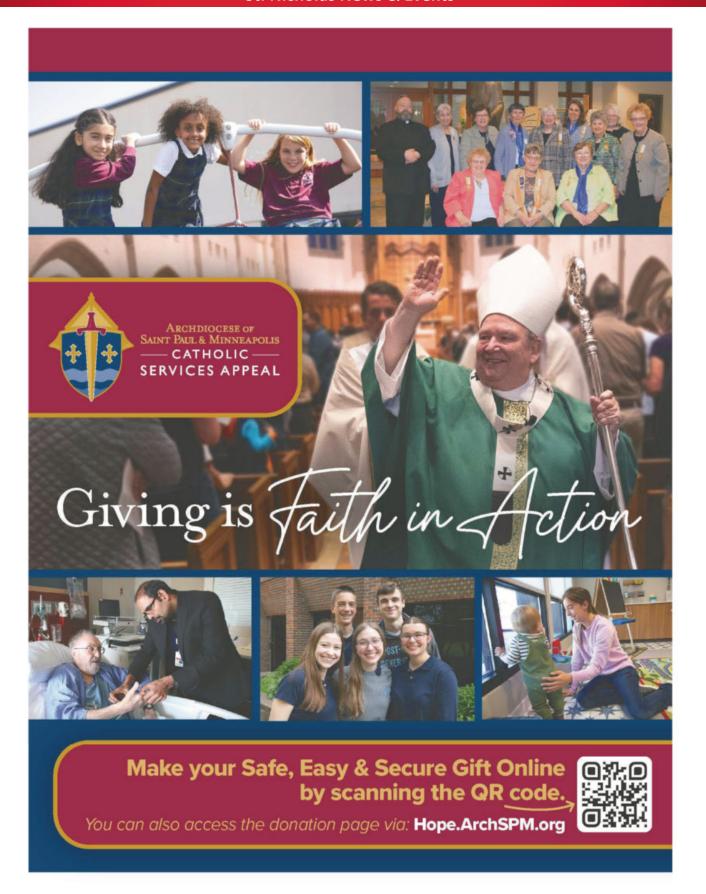
Ryan Heslip installing the locks, closures, and weather stripping on the new church doors.

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

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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

VESELI MENS CLUB "MADE FROM SCRATCH" ANNUAL PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Sunday March 10, serving from 8:30 to 12 noon in the Most Holy Trinity church basement.

Adults: \$10.00, Children 5-12: \$5.00 under 5: free.

CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE: SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

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 40day discipleship challenge beginning on the Feast of Pentecost. Learn more and register at cistudent.com/the-experience.

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Vatican International Exhibition **EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES** OF THE WORLD

March 1-3, 2024

The exhibit features accounts of several Eucharistic Miracles that have been recorded throughout the Church's history.

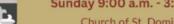
Come and witness how Jesus has miraculously manifested Himself throughout the centuries and how this proves He is totally present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist.



- 100+ photographic historically documented Eucharistic miracles from various countries since the Last Supper.
- Visible proof of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist
- · All faiths welcome
- · Free admission

Friday from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Mass at 8:30 a.m. Adoration available from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.





Church of St. Dominic

Southwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women RITUAL DAY Saturday, March 9, 2024 Most Holy Redeemer, Montgomery . 8:00 am Registration . 8:00 - 8:45 am Confessions 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Holy Mass Brunch, Speaker, and Silent Auction to follow (Silent Auction ideas: Baked goods, gift cards, crafts, etc. Use your imagination and creativity! Proceeds will benefit Pro Life activities in area Catholic Schools.) Speaker: Fr. Michael Barsness: **His Conversion Story** Fr. Michael is Associate Pastor of St. Mary/ St. Henry, Le Center; Nativity, Cleveland and Immaculate Conception, Marysburg **REGISTRATION - \$10**

> Please pay your CCW President or contact person directly. Deadline: March 1, 2024

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Our Parish School News



GREAT GATHERINGS SPACE AVAILABLE

We have room for more to join us for these awesome Great Gathering events.

Follow the link to sign up if you are interested in joining us. We would love to see you!

https://holycrossschool.net/great-gatherings-crusader-celebration





If you do not know how to play Euchte, don't worry! There will an instructional table at the event to track beginners.

Date: Saturday, April 20th, 2024
Time: 6-30 - 10:00 pm, with play starting at 7:00 pm
Hosts: Gretchen Herrmann and Alex Harms
Place: Holy Cross Catholic School
Includes: Beer, pop, water, and snacks

32 guests (Must be 21+ to attend)





Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord February 18, 2024 - Week 34 in Fiscal Year

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	Weekly Giving:	Weekly Needed:	Weekly Over/(Under):	
	\$9,397	\$6,365	\$3,032	
	YTD Giving:	YTD Needed:	YTD Over/(Under):	
	\$244,699	\$230,223	\$14,476	

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:

- Text GIVE to 1-952-209-7799.
- Give Online: https://www.stncc.net/give-now
- Mail in your weekly contribution:
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Passes available at https://eucharisticcongress.org



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of 2/18/2024, the total pledged is \$983,437 less \$25,758 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$957,679 in pledges. The total payments received is \$931,509. **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.

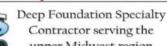


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