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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 smoenin1@gmail.com or sign up online at https://www.stncc.net/available-adoration-hours.

This week at St. Nicholas





Sun	Mar 3	8:00am Mass: Albert and Aurea Zweber 합 10:00am Mass (live stream): For the Parish	
Mon	Mar 4	Mass is not scheduled on this day.	
Tue	Mar 5	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Perry Stoughton† 8:35am Fatima Rosary Group - all are welcome!	
Wed	Mar 6	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Jamie Russell 6:30pm LNMV Religious Education classes 4:45pm Confessions	
Thu	Mar 7	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Don and Jean Monnens 中中 7:00pm Knights of Columbus meeting	
Fri	Mar 8	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Gertrude Stoughton [†] 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	
Sat	Mar 9	7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Shea McGuireや 8:35am Confessions 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: For the Parish	
Sun	Mar 10	Donut Sunday 8:00am Mass: Geralda Wagner节 10:00am Mass (live stream): Joey Billet	



Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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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

Babies are a gift, not a right...

As you may have read, the Alabama Supreme Court ruled on February 20, 2024, that frozen human embryos are children under state law. This decision came following a lawsuit brought by several parents whose frozen embryos, conceived by in-vitro fertilization (IVF) had been accidentally destroyed where they were being stored at a fertility clinic. More specifically, the Court held that unborn children are "children" under the purposes of Alabama's Wrongful Death of a Minor Act, even if the children are not in the womb of their mother.

I realize that many parents have used IVF to conceive children after trying in vain to get pregnant in the usual way. I know too that failure to conceive can be very painful emotionally. For that reason, some people are upset with the ruling of the Alabama Supreme Court, concerned that it could place legal obstacles in the way of parents seeking to use IVF in Alabama, and potentially in other states that recognized the legal rights of unborn people.

All the same, the decision of Alabama is cause for rejoicing. Why? Because it aligns with the following teachings of the Catholic Church:

- 1. Every human being has a God-given dignity and right to life from conception on. IVF can result in the conception of more embryos than desired by the parents, resulting in either the deliberate death of some of them, or the "spare" embryos being frozen, which isn't a permanent solution, especially if no parents claim them, so to speak, and their frozen condition eventually results in their death.
- Every child has a right to be born of an act of love between their parents.
 Sometimes with IVF, egg, sperm, or both are used that are not from the people intending to raise the child. Even when they are, conception occurs outside of the marital embrace.
- 3. For human sexuality to maintain its God-given purposes, every sexual act must both promote the unity of the spouses and be open to the procreation of children. Any other kind of sexual act is immoral. This rules out masturbation, which is the usual way of getting sperm for IVF.
- 4. It is never right to use immoral means to achieve a good end. With IVF, the noble goal of conceiving a child is compromised by the various immoral actions involved.
- 5. The dignity and right-to-life of every human person comes from their having been created in love by God, not from their stage of development, so-called quality of life, abilities, or location. A human baby is a child, whether he or she is in a freezer, his or her mother's womb, or crib.
- 6. No one should be treated as an object. Using IVF to conceive a child puts his or her life at risk to try to satisfy the parent's desire to have a baby. That is a good desire, but it's not a right. The baby's right to life comes first.

If anyone reading this has conceived via IVF, please know that I am not putting you down. We all make mistakes. May God bless you and your families and help us all to walk in his incomparably wonderful ways. And let's thank God that the Catholic Church continues to speak the truth with love to a world so often confused about both.

Yours in Christ,

Father Rudolph

St. Nicholas News & Events



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

LIKE TO BE OUR CHURCH HISTORIAN?

8:30 pm, Easter Vigil (live stream)

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

10:00 am, Mass (live stream)

8:00 am, Mass

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.



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FIAT - MARCH 10, 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 Innocent of Berzo

Giovanni Scalvinoni was born on March 19, 1844 at Niardo in Italy. After his father Pietro died three months later, his uncle Francesco became like a father to him. As Giovanni grew, he showed a seemingly unlimited capacity for work as well as a great reverence for the Eucharist. One trait that became more and more pronounced throughout his life was his willingness to serve others without acknowledgment or recognition.

Giovanni entered the diocesan seminary of Brescia in 1861 and was ordained in 1867. After two years, he was given the post of vice rector of the seminary, which he held for only one year, having been judged unable to exercise authority. This was the first of many failures on his part to hold responsible posts. This inability to function well when set above anyone else seemed to result from his great humility. What he did enjoy doing was fulfilling his duties of preaching, hearing confessions, and giving spiritual direction.

In 1874, Giovanni decided to leave parish work and join the Capuchin Franciscans at the Annunziata friary in Berzo. He was given the name Innocent and from then on undertook to lead a life of continual penance. After being novice master for a while, in 1889 he was asked to conduct retreats for other friars in Milano-Montforte, Albino, Bergamo, and Brescia. While preaching at Albino he fell ill and was taken to the infirmary at Bergamo. There he died on May 3, 1890. Innocent was happiest in a position of service in which his own decrease facilitated the increase of the grace of Christ within. Blessed Innocent of Berzo, 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)





WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 12:30 PM

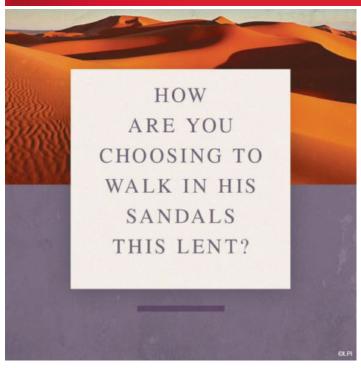
The St. Nicholas Golden Hearts will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Wednesday, March 13th at 12:30pm at the Fishtale Bar and Grill in New Prague, 200 County Road 37 East. Please RSVP to Joyce Hanke, 952-461-1963, or Mary Hilpisch, 952-894-9272 so we

can enjoy some privacy in the party room! All parishioners over 55 are welcome to join us!

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Prayer of Surrender —

Dear Lord,

Help me to place You in the center of my plans for the future, my dreams for my life, my goals for the time ahead. Be my God and my guide.

Amen.

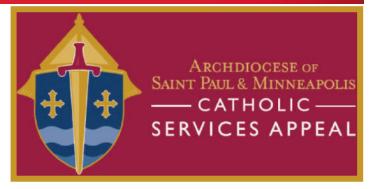
Pray for Unborn Human Life



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

"I can suck my thumb now!" The developing baby is now called a "fetus". She is making rapid progress developing all her external and internal organs. During the second month baby teeth form, and fingers and toes are developing. Her ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. The central

nervous system is now functioning, and forty muscle sets begin their first exercises. At 8 weeks, all bodily systems are present. This little one can now suck her thumb and is about two inches long. Thank you for praying for this precious little baby!



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

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Please join us! This is our one and only fundraiser.

Register online at: prolifeacrossamerica.org/love

Website: stncc.net

Southwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women SPIRITUAL 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 (softre, don't worry!) There will an instructional stable at the event to treach 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

Cost: 535 per person

Limit: 32 guests (Must be 21+ to attend)





Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord February 25, 2024 - Week 35 in Fiscal Year

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	\$254,491	\$236,588	\$17,903		

Please remember St. Nicholas Catholic Church in your will.



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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. 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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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CORNER

As of 2/25/2024, the total pledged is \$983,597 less \$25,758 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$957,839 in pledges. The total payments received is \$932,080. **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.

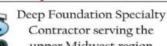


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