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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

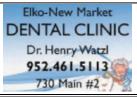
An adorer is especially needed for the following hour:

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 10	Donut Sunday 8:00am Mass: Geralda Wagner⊕ 10:00am Mass (live stream): Joey Billet 6:30pm Fiat gathering at the Nicolai home	
Mon	Mar 11	Mass is not scheduled on this day.	
Tue	Mar 12	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Irving Levine 8:35am Fatima Rosary Group - all are welcome! 6:00pm Parish Council meeting	
Wed	Mar 13	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Leon Zweber 1 12:30pm Golden Hearts gathering 4:45pm Confessions 6:30pm LNMV Religious Education classes	
Thu	Mar 14	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Rose Rudolph **	
Fri	Mar 15	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Diane Franke® 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	
Sat	Mar 16	7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Tamiko Petroski Launer 8:35am Confessions 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Joyce, Stuart and Jamie Russell 令令	
Sun	Mar 17	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live stream): Deceased members of the Clarence Muelken Family♥	



Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 $\,$

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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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

Hating or Loving the Light...

Somehow or other I started receiving "The Bible Timeline Show" from Ascension Press in my email inbox every Sunday. It features Catholic Bible scholar and evangelist Jeff Cavins interviewing various guests. Last Sunday it was Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J, who spoke about the topic "Can Catholics Believe in Evolution?" Today it was Dr. Margaret Turek, a professor of theology at Saint Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, California, on the topic "Abraham and Isaac: Love, Sacrifice, and Trust." Both were outstanding.

In their remarks, Jeff, Fr. Spizter, and Dr. Turek show how Jesus Christ came to satisfy both the longing of our hearts for happiness and the hunger of our minds for truth. Especially the truth that God the Father is sacrificial love, who sent Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit so we could see him, know him, and become like him.

You'd think this would draw everyone to God's plan, but sadly, the devil has another plan, which has stayed constant in some ways since our first parents walked the earth. That's to mistrust God, to think he doesn't have our best interest at heart. So people substitute lesser goods or even sins for the Supreme Good, digging for themselves broken cisterns that can't hold water, to quote the Prophet Jeremiah (2:13).

This tragic dynamic is described by Saint John in this Sunday's Gospel: "And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hated the light and does not come to the light, so that his works might not be exposed" (John 3:19-20). In other words, people who are attached to sin tend to distance themselves from God because he reminds them that what they are doing is sinful, and they want to think it's OK. Just being in God's presence can torment their conscience. Take for example a Catholic college student who gets involved in the world of hook-ups (sexual encounters with people he hardly knows) or drunken parties. He is unlikely to want to go to Mass Sunday morning because it would remind him of his guilt. He is more likely to try to numb his conscience by sinning even more. Or, if he is an intellectual, he might try to rationalize his sinning, trying to convince himself that no matter what Sacred Scripture and the Church say, what he's doing is OK. The same could easily happen to a young woman who decides to move in with her boyfriend. Most of her friends are telling her there's nothing wrong with it. If she's cohabiting and fornicating, she's unlikely to spend time at Mass, or in the Adoration Chapel, or praying the Rosary. The Holy Spirit would use the opportunity to let her know something is wrong with behaviors that she mistakenly thinks will bring her happiness. So she hides.

But praise God, there's always hope! No matter how far we go from God, he never gives up on us. Maybe our minds are closed to the truth, or just plain ignorant of it, but deep down we want to live a good life. Who doesn't? That can open the door to God, because, as Saint John went on to write, "Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God" (John 3:21).

Jesus Christ came to show us the truth, and so set us free to become who we were created to be, a son or daughter of the Light, an image of our invisible heavenly Father, Love that is pure giving and totally self-sacrificing. May all people be open to that Truth, that Light, and that Love.

Yours in Christ,

Father Rudolph

St. Nicholas News & Events



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 12:00 pm, Walking Stations of the Cross 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)



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. This gathering will be held at the Nicolai home.



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!

Saint of the Day - Blessed Marie-Eugénie Milleret

Anne-Eugénie Milleret was born on August 26, 1817 in Metz, France. Her parents didn't practice the Catholic faith, but when she made her First Holy Communion for social reasons at the age of twelve, it was a moment of grace and the beginning of a lifelong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. The next three years were tough. Anne-Eugénie was laid up for a while with typhoid, then her parents separated. Two years later her mother died of cholera. Her father arranged for her to stay with some wealthy relatives in Paris. It wasn't easy. They loved parties; she longed for someone with whom she could share her questions about the meaning of life, the existence of God, and how to have a relationship with him.

Anne-Eugénie then attended a series of Lenten homilies at the Cathedral of Notre Dame. On the last day the preacher's words struck home: "It is prayer that re-establishes our relationship with God...Doubt is the beginning of faith." Then, shortly before the following Lent, she had a dream. She was in a strange church, listening to an unknown preacher. A voice instructed her, "He will show you the way you must go." Then, when she went into the church of Saint-Eustache for the Lenten homilies there, she recognized the church and preacher in her dream, Abbé [Father] Théodore Combalot. A strange but fruitful partnership followed. She was only twenty years old, quiet, reserved, and intelligent. He as a fiery orator, ardent and impetuous. But she signed on to a desire he had to found a Congregation of women that would be both contemplative and dedicated to the education of women, whom he regarded as the natural agents for the Christian renewal of society.

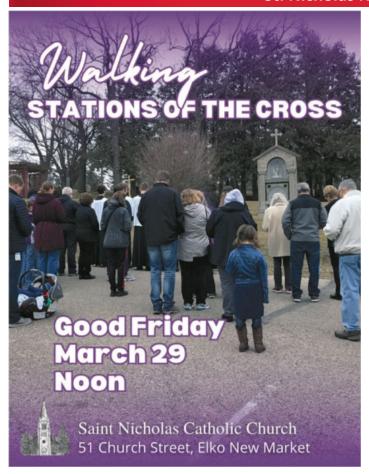
To prepare for her new role, she went to stay with the Visitation nuns. There she began a virgorous program of studies: Scripture, Thomistic theology, moral theology, the spirituality of Saint Augustine and Saint Teresa of Avila, and Latin, German, and English. After her studies were completed, in 1839, Anne-Eugénie and five other women began the new religious community, the Religious of the Assumption. Anne-Eugénienow Sr. Marie-Eugénie—was elected superior by the rest of the group, a position she held for the rest of her life. They faced opposition from time to time from authorities in the Church who thought they prayed too much, or studied too hard, had too much contact with the world, were too interested in social issues, or should only visit with visitors through grills. About this, she said, "The more I go on, the less sympathy I feel for priests or pious lay-people....Nothing that is big or broadminded resonates with them. Must I modify our own way of life so as to suppress everything in it that shocks their narrow minds?" She pushed back against the criticism and in the end was able to maintain their way of life. In spite of the difficulties, she believed in the Church and sought and received approval of the Congregation by Rome. It proceeded to expand, and as of 1999, they numbered about 1,500 sisters, living in 207 communities and thirty-one countries.

The Congregation of the Religious of the Assumption enshrines a very high ideal of Christian education. It envisions the advent of the Kingdom of Christ in every individual. Blessed Marie-Eugénie Milleret, 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)

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St. Nicholas News & Events



NEW GOOD FRIDAY WALKING STATIONS

We invite you to join us Friday, March 29, at noon. We'll be walking and praying the Stations of the Cross outside on the St. Nicholas campus.



Recently discovered volunteering at St. Nicholas:

Jerry Bedeaux checking the boiler while Greg Fischer is on vacation, installing the defibrillator in the church kitchen, and fixing the leaky dishwasher. Angie Nicolai, Chris McAllister, and Mike Cole leading the planning of the parish evangelization cell system small groups and the training of their leaders.

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 new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

SUNG STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 15, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., The Saint Paul Seminary, St. Mary's Chapel, St. Paul

The first-ever public sung Stations of the Cross gathering in St. Mary's Chapel will include performances from The Saint Paul Seminary schola and other ensembles, as well as the Aquinas Liturgical Choir. Featuring Franz Liszt's stunning Via Crucis for organ and choir, the evening will also include music by Gregorio Allegri, Heny Purcell and Ola Gjeilo ad others! See more information at saintpaulseminary.org.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

Friday, March 15 – Sunday, March 17, Transfiguration, Oakdale

Come, See and Believe: Vatican International Exhibition Eucharistic Miracles of the World. There will also be 40 hours of adoration during the exhibit and a first class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. All are welcome. Learn more at transfigurationmn.org/events/eucharistic-miracles-of-the-world.

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



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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.

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 July 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.

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Our Parish School News



Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Conception, Most Holy Trinity and St. Nicholas,

We would like to thank you all for your support of our most recent fundraisers and events. The Knights of Columbus Raffle was held by Holy Cross in January and February. It was nice to have the local community win the raffle since it is now held independently of the formerly used Catholic United raffle. Thank you to the Immaculate Conception Lonsdale Knights of Columbus and the St. Nicholas Elko New Market Knights for the prize donations. The Knights of Columbus Elko New Market also did a great job spearheading our Pancake Breakfast on January 28th. We appreciate your support of Holy Cross.

The Crusader Celebration on February 10th was a big success thanks to the help from our benefactors and alumni of all three parishes. Thank you for attending and supporting us. It was a fun night had by all! We can't wait to see you there next year!

Again, thank you to all the people who helped make our Catholic Schools week and fundraiser events a success.

In Christ, Jim Grogan, Principal

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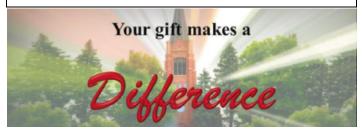
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to jimg@holycrossschool.net

Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord March 3, 2024 - Week 36 in Fiscal Year

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Weekly Giving:	Weekly Needed:	Weekly Over/(Under):		
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YTD Giving:	YTD Needed:	YTD Over/(Under):		
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Please remember St. Nicholas Catholic Church in your will.



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As of 3/3/2024, the total pledged is \$983,757 less \$25,758 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$957,999 in pledges. The total payments received is \$933,235. **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.

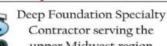


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