

A wooden cross is positioned on the left side of the image. A crown of thorns, made of dry, spiky branches, is draped diagonally across the center. The background is a solid purple color. A large, faint, semi-transparent number '5' is centered behind the text.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

Welcome to St. Nicholas Catholic Church!

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Eucharistic Adoration

Holiday Adoration Schedule

The adoration chapel will close at 6pm on Thursday, March 28, and re-open after morning Mass on Tuesday, April 2.

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

Please feel free to visit Jesus as your schedule allows.

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

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Sun	Mar 17	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live stream): Deceased members of the Clarence Muelken Family†
Mon	Mar 18	Mass is not scheduled on this day.
Tue	Mar 19	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Judy Mahowald† 8:35am Fatima Rosary Group - all are welcome! 6:30pm Finance Council 7:00pm Book Club
Wed	Mar 20	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Gilbert and Lillian Mathews†† 4:45pm Confessions 6:30pm LNMV Religious Education classes
Thu	Mar 21	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Richard Kost† 6:30pm Sisterhood gathering
Fri	Mar 22	7:35am Rosary and Confessions 8:00am Mass: Floyd Hartman† 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Sat	Mar 23	7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Phil Dawson† 8:35am Confessions 3:30 - 4:40pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: James and Evelyn Chlan††
Sun	Mar 24	Palm Sunday 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live stream): Bud Zweber and Craig Zweber††



Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of March 17, 2024

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

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

Upside down is right side up...

Jesus Christ had a way of standing things on their head. To be defeated is to be victorious. To give up everything one has is to gain everything one needs. To not resist evil is to overcome it. And to die is to gain life.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is trying to help his followers understand his imminent passion, death, and resurrection. He uses the analogy of a single grain of wheat, which must "die," falling into the ground, before it can bear much fruit—growing into a new stalk of wheat that can bear one hundred grains or more.

In a very real way, Jesus was born to die. When he grew up and began his public ministry, he said many amazing and wise things that have changed the world. And he did many miracles of healing that demonstrated who he was. But it was his willingness to suffer on the cross—laying down his life for all people—that was his most powerful message. And it was his Resurrection that was his most powerful miracle. This message and miracle broke the grip of Satan on the world and set in motion God's ongoing plan of salvation and renewal in Jesus Christ.

That plan continues every time someone decides to follow Jesus. When we say "no" to the devil's temptations to worship the idols of this age—like power, pleasure, possessions, and popularity—we dethrone him from our hearts and minds. And if we make room for Jesus to live and reign there instead, he will continue to draw everyone to himself through us. Each one of us Christians is called to be a sign pointing to the Savior.

The saints are the most obvious example of this. I doubt if any of them set out to be recognized as saints. They just tried to respond with faith, hope, and charity to everyone and everything that came their way. We can't choose most of the people we encounter, or many of our circumstances. But we can choose how to respond. I'm reminded of a conversation between Gandalf and Frodo in the book *The Lord of the Rings* (also found, in slightly different words, in the movie version). Frodo is lamenting the finding of the evil Ring of Power, his unasked-for temporary custodianship of it, and the rise of the power of the evil Sauron, who is trying to regain the Ring and so put all the world into darkness. Frodo says, "I wish it need not have happened in my time." Gandalf replies, "So do I, and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." Lent is a wonderful time to think about how we can use the time given to us to do everything with great love, like Jesus and the saints.

Love always involves sacrificing for the good of others—doing the right thing, no matter what the cost is to ourselves. The martyrs are the greatest example of this after Christ. The Church has always recognized two forms of martyrdom. "Red martyrdom" means giving up one's life for faith and love. "White martyrdom" means suffering for others that falls short of death, but that can go on for many years. We might think our suffering is pointless and unappreciated and will bear no fruit. But if done with love, the whole world will be changed. This is expressed beautifully in a quote by English author George Eliot, used at the end of the movie "A Hidden Life," about Blessed Franz Jägerstätter, the Austrian peasant farmer who underwent imprisonment and execution rather than support Hitler: "...for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs."

Your fellow pilgrim through this time and place,

Father Rudolph

St. Nicholas News & Events



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)

Saint of the Day – Saint Patrick

What we know of Saint Patrick for sure comes from his two writings, the *Letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus* and his *Confession*. He was born in the late fourth or early fifth century in Britain into a wealthy Roman family. His grandfather was a priest and his father a deacon. When he was fifteen, he was kidnapped along with some of his father's slaves and taken to Ireland. He lived there for six years, herding his master's livestock. Nostalgia for his own country, people, and kin, plus loneliness and poverty and exposure to the harshness of the climate brought Patrick to such poverty of spirit that God alone became his only and secure treasure. He wrote that the call to prayer was so insistent and such a source of joy that he would willingly face frost, snow, or rain to pasture the animals while he gave himself up to it.

After six years, at the age of twenty-two, Patrick received a message in his sleep: "Soon you will go back to your own country...see, your ship is ready." He escaped and walked 188 miles, guided by God, until he found a ship preparing to sail. Eventually he was able to get back to his own family. Of course they were overjoyed to see him again, and expressed the hope that he would never leave them again. But then Patrick had a vision in the night of someone apparently coming from Ireland carrying many letters, one of which he gave him. He read the letter, which seemed to contain the voice of the Irish from around "the wood of Foclut, near the Western Sea." They begged him to return: "Come, and from now on walk with us." Patrick was deeply moved. Later, he received confirmation that the plea was divinely inspired: "He who gave himself up for you, he it is that speaks to you."

Patrick didn't leave at once because some of his elders, as well as he himself, questioned the prudence of his going on this mission because of his lack of education. It had been interrupted when he was kidnapped. But in the end he answered the call. He was ordained a deacon, then priest, then bishop, sold his patrimony to raise money for the mission, and returned to Ireland, this time as a slave of Christ and resolved to never leave his adopted country. He travelled widely there, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, and was amazed at the harvest of souls. As he wrote to the Irish, "Among you and everywhere I travelled for your sake, amid many perils, even to remote places beyond which there was no one and where no one had ever penetrated, to baptize or ordain clergy, or to confirm the people...I am greatly a debtor to God who has bestowed on me such grace that many people through me should be born again to God, and that everywhere clergy should be ordained from a people newly coming to the faith." He was also astonished that grace worked so powerfully on the young who spontaneously chose to be monks and virgins despite parental opposition. Patrick died on March 17th, probably at some time in the latter half of the fifth century. Saint Patrick, 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)



PACK THE PEWS WITH FOOD

We invite you to Pack the Pews with non-perishable and non-expired food items the weekend of **March 23 & 24**. Donated food will support our local food shelf, Hope for the Community South, which is led by our parishioners, Jim and Jodi Muelken.



St. Nicholas News & Events




THANK YOU SHOUT OUT

Recently discovered volunteering at St. Nicholas:

Tracey Friedges coming to our aide to expedite the repairing of the ceiling in the youth room. Rick Peterson, Angie Nicolai and the young ladies from Fiat hosting donut Sunday.

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




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— John 12:26

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Devotions

April 7, 2024
3 - 4:30 p.m.

Reading and reflection
Confessions
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Rosary

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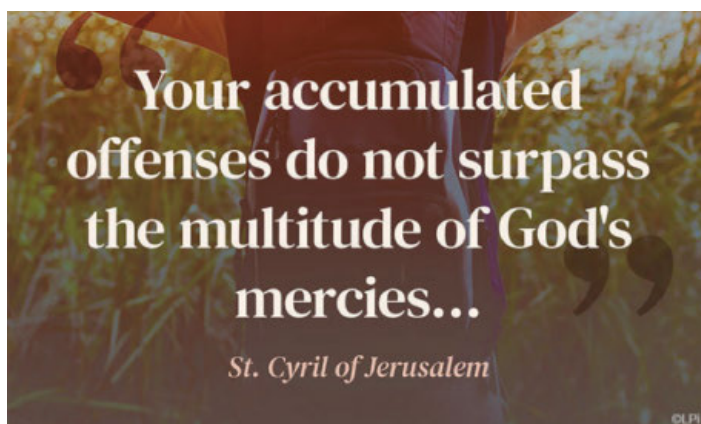
All parishioners at Immaculate Conception Lonsdale, St. Nicholas Elko New Market, and Most Holy Trinity Veseli are invited to a mortgage burning party for the LNMV Catholic Education Center (home of Holy Cross Catholic School, and our Religious Education program).

In August of 2020, we signed the final check to pay off the mortgage on the LNMV Catholic Education Center. Due to the world situation in 2020, we postponed a celebration of our mortgage burning until now.

We will be serving burgers and hot dogs for a free will donation, and will have pop, beer, and wine coolers available for purchase.

Bring the whole family to celebrate this great achievement!

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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.

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 Michael Izen. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will celebrate Mass. For more information visit archspm.org/men-of-christ-retreat.

NET MINISTRIES YOUTH EVANGELIZATION GALA

Friday, April 5, 6-9 p.m., JW Marriott, Mall of America, Bloomington

Join an inspirational evening with NET Ministries, including a keynote address by Anna Carter, Co-Founder of Eden Invitation, testimonies, and an opportunity to meet NET Missionaries. Learn more at netusa.org/mn-gala.

PRO-LIFE SIDEWALK MINISTRY TRAINING

Tuesday, April 9, 7-9 p.m., Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bloomington

This free seminar trains ordinary men and women in peaceful, legal methods of saving children from abortion and helping their families. Sidewalk Counselors peacefully offer literature to moms and dads outside abortion facilities about the help available, humanity of preborn children, and harm of abortion, while encouraging them to choose life, and directing them to a Pregnancy Resource Center. Find more information at plam.org/event/sidewalk-counseling-training-seminar.



Our Parish School News

Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord
March 10, 2024 - Week 37 in Fiscal Year

Weekly Giving: \$6,524	Weekly Needed: \$6,365	Weekly Over/(Under): \$159
YTD Giving: \$267,331	YTD Needed: \$249,319	YTD Over/(Under): \$18,012

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Here's how you can help:

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As of 3/3/2024, the total pledged is \$983,917 less \$25,758 pledges withdrawn for a net of \$958,159 in pledges. The total payments received is \$934,008. **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 stncc.net.

To see all updates for the Faith in Our Future Campaign, please visit: <https://www.stncc.net/capital-campaign-corner>.

**We invite you to our 1st Annual Sporting Clay Tournament!**

This is a 75-sporting clay tournament for all abilities. The event will include an afternoon of sporting clay's, raffles, lunch, & fun!

Registration:

-Team of 5: \$650 (save \$20 per person!)

Must register all 5 team participants together

~OR~

-Single participant: \$150

- If you do not have a team of 5, we will pair you with others to make one.
- If you are registering separately from your team, please indicate your squading preference.

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Please register by Monday, April 15th!

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