

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 21st, 2014

Rediscover: Hold on to hope!
Rediscover-faith.org Give your faith a boost.

10 Top Reasons to Go to the Catholic Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 4th

10. The people who went last year said it was great, and this year it's even bigger and better.
9. You don't want to miss the promised surprises. What are they???
8. You can take a bus, so no worry about parking around the convention center.
7. Great music!
6. There are breakout sessions for men, women, grandparents and Latinos.
5. You can sleep in the next day, because it ends with Mass. And it will be special.
4. K-6 kids will travel to the Holy Land with the Great Bible Adventure – loads of fun while learning.
3. Teens will hear from speakers chosen just for them – to affirm, challenge and encourage.
2. You'll never again get a chance to hear all these internationally known speakers in one day.
1. The theme *Horizon of Hope* will inspire you and celebrate what it means to be Catholic.



You can order tickets online at rediscover-faith.org. Call the St. Wenceslaus parish office at 952-758-3225 to reserve a spot on the bus. \$5 per person. The bus will leave the St. Wenceslaus parking lot at 7 am sharp.

Calling all grandparents!

Are you concerned that your grandchildren might not become practicing Catholics? Wish you would have done things a little differently with your own children? Hold on to hope! There is a session just for grandparents at the Catholic Celebration on Oct. 4. There will be exciting speakers and some surprises in store. You can order tickets online at rediscover-faith.org.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Sept 21.....
Mon, Sept 22....Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, Sept 23....Fatima Group 8:30am
Wed, Sept 24....Mass @ Holy Cross 8:15am, Religious Ed 6:30pm
Thurs, Sept 25...RCIA Information Meeting @ Holy Cross 7pm
Fri, Sept 26.....
Sat, Sept 27... Rosary in Chapel 9am, Altar Server Training 8:45
Sun, Sept 28..

Morning Prayer: Everyone is Welcome - Tuesday – Friday at 7:25am & Sat at 7:35am in the church.

Please consider signing up for Automatic Withdrawal for your Sunday giving. It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month. Forms are in the back of church, on the website www.stncc.net or by calling the parish office at 952-461-2403.

Doughnut Sunday schedule: Oct. 12th, Nov 9 & Dec 14th. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Please join us to keep in touch with your fellow parishioners over the summer. Everyone is welcome!!

Current altar servers and any boy who has made his First Communion and is interested in becoming an altar server is invited to a training session at the church on Saturday Sept. 27th. We will begin the morning with doughnuts in the church basement at 8:45 followed by training in the church at 9:15am. Please RSVP by calling 952-461-2403 or e-mail, lisal@churchofstnicholas.com

Hunter James Resop, son of Michael & Annie Resop, recently received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at St. Nicholas. We warmly welcome him into the family of Christ.

St. Nicholas Gala & Auction
The Gala & Auction will be held on Saturday November 1st, 2014, at the Park Ballroom in New Prague, beginning at 5pm.

Baked Goods Contest & Raffle

With the baked goods raffle you might be a winner, Maybe even enjoy these yummy desserts at dinner.

If you have the most raffles, you'll win a prize that is grand. You'll leave the Gala with \$100 in hand.

Calling all bakers! We need you!

Donate your baked good for a chance to win - \$100

Two ways to win:

1. The Contest - Donate a baked good for a chance to win \$100
The donated baked good with the highest number of raffle tickets sold will determine the winner.
2. The Raffle - Buy \$1 raffle tickets for a chance to win baked goods.
Raffle winners will be drawn during the evening for each donated baked good.

We are looking for a variety of baked goods: pies, cakes, cookies, cupcakes, bars, etc. Please bring your non-refrigerated, uncut baked goods to the St. Nicholas Gala & Auction.

For questions please email GalaAuctionInfo@gmail.com or contact Alex Berry @ 612-382-4469 or Karen Johnson @ 612-812-7482.

There are two ways to stay updated:

- 1) Visit the parish website, www.stncc.net/gala-auction
- 2) Visit www.facebook.com/stnccGalaAuction. A

Face book account is not necessary to view the St. Nicholas Gala & Action Face book page.

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the Church. This book is being provided at no cost to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office. This is the perfect time to make sure all your family information is current with the parish. Pleas

Living Rosary between the 8 and 10am mass on Sunday Oct. 19th. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Clothing Collection for Joseph's Coat – please have all donations in the church basement by Tuesday October 7th.

40 Days Life

Please see the insert in the bulletin for the 40 Days For Life. Everyone is invited to pray at any time. Meet your fellow parishioners for a prayer vigil on Sunday Oct. 19 from 1-3pm at Planned Parenthood 671 Vandalia St. St. Paul.

Pastoral Visits

In early 2012 three regional vicars began visiting parishes. Each parish will be visited by a regional vicar once every third year. These visitations will help engage pastors and parish leadership in discussion about how to grow and develop the parish and increase effectiveness in carrying out the mission of the church. These visits are intended to provide pastoral encouragement for the priests and the parishes. These visits should also help increase connection with and strengthen collaboration between neighboring parishes and between deaneries, as well as throughout the local Church, as envisioned under the Strategic Plan for the Archdiocese. Please join us in praying for the success of these efforts, so that together we may be drawn ever closer to an ecclesial communion of faith, hope and love.

Members of the parish are invited to complete the Individual Reflection Record-Parish Self- Assessment, which can be located in the back of church. Instructions on how to complete the survey are listed at the top of the first page. All surveys should be returned to the box in the back of church marked "completed surveys" or dropped in the collection basket. All surveys are due back by Monday October 13th.

TODAY - Our beautiful Cathedral of Saint Paul requires everyone's help!
Please consider a sacrificial gift for this collection to assist with alleviating the remaining \$4.7 million dollar debt resulting from emergency exterior restoration. Many thanks to all those who generously contributed to last year's collection to care for our Mother Church. Envelopes for this special collection can be found in your pews. Checks should be made out to your individual parish if you are putting it in the collection basket or to the Archdiocese of Saint Paul with "Cathedral Second Collection" written on the memo line if you are mailing the envelope directly to the Archdiocese. Archbishop John Ireland relied on every Catholic's support to build this great monument of faith and so we need everyone's support now to preserve it for future generations. For information, please call the Archdiocesan Development office at 651-290-1610.

Knights of Columbus Annual Gun Raffle..

The KC's have 3 beautiful Firearms to raffle off. Tickets are \$10 each or 5 for \$40. Tickets will be sold after all masses, from now until the end of October. The drawing will be held on Sunday October 26th after the 10am mass. Proceeds will go to Holy Cross School. Please support the Knights and all their good works.

St. Nicholas Ministries

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Upcoming Event – 40 Hours Devotion, weekend of October 10-12, 2014, 8th anniversary of the Opening of Our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, Closing of 40 Hours Devotion on Sunday, October 12th at 4 pm. Save the Date! More details to follow.

MORE ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR HOLY HOURS WITH JESUS. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH AN HOUR. Adorers are needed especially for the following hours: **Sunday:** 1 pm (2 Sundays a month), 3 pm (beginning in November), **Tuesday:** 3 am, **Friday:** 7 pm (2 Fridays a month), **Saturday:** 1 pm (on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays of the month, this hour could be shared). To sign up as an Adorer or for more information on Adoration, please contact Dan and Lynne Soderlund at (507) 645-6012 or at lynsod@yahoo.com

BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets one Tuesday a month @ 7:15pm at Deb Streefland's home. If you are interested in joining us please call Deb Streefland 652-2349. The fall schedule is Sept. 16th, Oct. 21, Nov 18, Dec. 16.

CHOIR

There is a great need for new choir members. Please contact Pam Filipiak if you would like to join the choir!

MOTHER'S GROUP

We meet twice a month in the Myra Room at St. Nicholas at 9:15am. Contact info - Lisa Damiani at 651-203-7734

PRO-LIFE

We invite you to the chapel for the Pro-Life Rosary- every Saturday morning at 9am.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This weekend parishes across the country will honor those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church through a special rite of commissioning and blessing. Here at St Nicholas the following catechists, aides, and teachers will be commissioned to share the faith of the church with the adults, families, youth, and children of the parish and school this year:

Religious Education Volunteers:

Jan Vogel-Freeman, Sara Bertram, Shelley Kuhlmann, Erin Landwehr, Jen Hertel, Heather Seurer, Kathleen Miller, Cheryl Fridges, Phil and Jen Chromy, Amy and Carly McDonald, Deanna Brake, Chris Kuehl, Paula Brohmer, Katie Roemer, Steve Addabbo, Brad Roemer, Candace Panka, Norleen Lane, Kendra Caduff, Cherie Serie, Matt Damiani, Alice Overgaard

We also thank those who help in any way with miscellaneous and office tasks, especially our weekly office volunteers Ron Chlan and Karen Johnson.

Thank you for showing us how to live our faith!

Be sure to remember to pray for them throughout the year.

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Classes held at the Catholic Education Center (CEC) home of Holy Cross School. Regular Classes Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 6:30-7:45pm, Regular Classes Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Volunteer needed! Due to increased class size we are in need of a 6th grade catechist. Please consider volunteering. Contact Kathy Chlan at kathyc@holycrossschool.net or call 952-652-6100 ext 507 as soon as possible.

Help Needed! Wednesday nights from 7:45 to 8:15pm We need help to put away extra tables and chairs, and clean up classrooms after religion Classes. If interested please contact Kathy at kathyc@holycrossschool.net

Mass Intentions – (* indicates a change in mass time)

Sat	20	5:00 pm	Mary Connelly+
Sun	21	8:00 am	Len & Joan Britten+
Sun	21	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	23	8:00 am	Maureen Gauer+
*Wed	24	8:15 am	Mass @ Holy Cross 8:15am
Thurs	25	8:00 am	Ginny Picka+
Fri	26	8:00 am	
Sat	27	8:00 am	
Sat	27	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	28	8:00 am	Elmer & Mary Karl+
Sun	28	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Proverbs 3:27-34	Luke 8:16-18
Tue	Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13	Luke 8:19-21
Wed	Proverbs 30:5-9	Luke 9:1-6
Thu	Ecclesiastes 1:2-11	Luke 9:7-9
Fri	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11	Luke 9:18-22
Sat	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8	Luke 9:43b-45
Sun	Ezekiel 18:25-28/Philippians 2:1-11/Matthew 21:28-32	

Liturgical Stewardship September 27 & 28

Sept 27 @ 5pm	Lector:	Leah Heselton
	Ministers	Mary Kay Forland-H, Gail Mathews-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Dave DeGonda, Doug Serie
Sept 28 @ 8am	Lector:	Peter Soderlund
	Ministers	Mike Moeller-H, Joyce Anderson-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Paul Thoresen, Todd Hertaus
Sept 28 @ 10am	Lector:	Emelia Fredrickson
	Ministers	Norleen Lane-H, Jackie Devine-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Tom Wagner, Richard Hanke

SUNDAY GIVING: Sept. 14 / Week 11 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$69,036
Actual Collection Received	\$5,370
ACH Giving	\$4,930
Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$61,085
	-\$7,951
Capital Improvement \$25 / Second Collection \$2170	

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONTINUED...

HOLY CROSS

Students are hard at work in the classroom, and are excited to put their energy into the annual Marathon. They are collecting pledges for the Marathon for Nonpublic Education, which they will walk on Saturday, October 4. Pledges and sponsorships are greatly appreciated. Contact your favorite Holy Cross student or Anne Fredrickson at 952-652-6100.

RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults)

There will be an Informational meeting on Thursday, Sept. 25th at Holy Cross School at 7:00pm. Class room instruction begins Oct. 2nd at 7:00pm at Holy Cross School. For more information contact Kathy Chlan or Father at the parish office.

YOUTH GROUP

Dead Theologians Society: Grades 9-12 are invited to attend the meeting of the *Dead Theologians Society*. Students will experience a variety of activities from sports, learning about a saint, pray, enjoy a meal together and lots more. 1st gathering will be Sunday night, October 19th from 6:00-9:00pm at the St. Nicholas Campus. Please note the change in date this month!

Parent Volunteers: Any parents interested in helping put on a meal for the DTS youth on the 2nd Sunday of the month please contact Kathy Chlan at 952-652-2286. You can sign up to host, bring part or all the meal for about 20-25 students. This is a great event to get you students involved in each month. Meal is served approx. 6:45pm.



AREA NEWS

Divine Mercy Catholic Church is hosting Spirit Fest on Sunday, Sept. 28th at our church facility at 139 Mercy Drive in Faribault from 9am – 4pm. May food options, polka mass @ 10am, Raffles, Silent Auctions, kids games, farmers market and much more.

St. John's Church in Vermillion, is holding its annual Parish Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 28th from 11am – 3:30pm. The festival starts with Mass at 10am followed by fun festival activities including many food choices.

BINGO – Fun Night every Tuesday Night October – April. KC Hall in new Prague, Starting October 7, 2014. 2 warm up game start at 7pm, 16 regular games. Lunch and refreshments are available. Please call 952-758-3924 with questions.

“Bishop Andrew Cozzens will be the guest speaker at a Day Of Renewal

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27 from 9 AM – Noon at St Albert The Great Catholic Church 3200 East 29 Street Minneapolis. Mass at 9 AM in the main church – followed by a talk and informal questions and answer period in the social hall. TOPIC: **“LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE” FREE ADMISSION –REGISTRATION REQUESTION**
Free-will Offering will be taken

CALL VINCE AT 612-243-9411 Refreshments served

“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” We only need to call on Jesus to help us have the best Sacrament of Marriage or Holy Orders. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are October 10-12, Buffalo & Jamestown, ND; October 24-26 Rapid City, SD; November 21-23 Prior Lake & Stewartville; December 5-7 Duluth. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Mike & Jean Olson at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 763-434-4332.

This series of four **Diaconate Inquiry Sessions** about the **Vocation of the Permanent Diaconate** will give them the basic information needed to discern. Topics include what a deacon is, what he does, how one might begin to respond to the Lord's call to Holy Orders, and what the discernment and formation process entails.

WHO: Men between 29 and 59 years old; single or married at least 5 years - Wives are encouraged to attend

WHEN: **6:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Wednesdays Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22**

WHERE: The Saint Paul Seminary, Brady Education Center Room 105, St. Paul, MN

Questions? Contact Deacon Russ Kocemba at kocemba@msn.com or (952) 933-3660

Registration is required; contact Shellee Leif at sjleif@stthomas.edu or (651) 962-6891. Registration deadline is Sept. 26, 2014

Website: <http://www.archspm.org/departments/diaconate/>

Soup & Pie Supper - The Shakopee Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Homemade Soup and Pie Supper on Sunday, September 28, 2014, at the Shakopee Knights Event Center. Menu includes 4 kinds of homemade soup, fresh baked bread, pie and coffee. The dinner will be served continuously from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The cost is \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Open to the public.

Mass of Healing, Reconciliation, and Hope – Monday, September 22

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer! From the ends of the earth, I call; my heart grows faint. Raise me up, set me on a rock, for you are my refuge Psalm 61:2-4

Come together as a community of faith to pray for the healing and reconciliation that God alone can secure. Whether due to the wounds inflicted by a shepherd of the Church, or the loss of a loved one, or the violation of human dignity through domestic abuse or abortion, we all stand in need of the healing power of the Crucified and Risen One. But in these difficult days of confusion, anger and pain within our local Church, it is especially important to cry out to the God who alone can save us. Join us as we pray for healing, reconciliation, and hope in a celebration of the Eucharist; the source and summit of our faith and the great Sacrament of Charity. All who are in need of healing of any kind are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Monday, September 22, 7:00 p.m., St. Patrick, 3535 72nd Street East, Inver Grove Heights. Archbishop John Nienstedt presiding

St. Nicholas Gala & Auction

Donation Wish List

As the 2014 St. Nicholas Gala & Auction approaches, the following is a short list of items, talents, and ideas for you to consider donating to make this year's event successful. Please prayerfully consider:

- ✠ Cash Donations - any amount is helpful
- ✠ Offer to Host a Group Event
- ✠ Theater/Concert Tickets
- ✠ Gift Certificates
- ✠ Create a Themed Basket (ideas on back)
- ✠ Participate in the Baked Goods Contest
- ✠ Tickets to Sporting Events
- ✠ Restaurant Certificates
- ✠ Product Donations
- ✠ Donate your business service

Your generous donation, in any amount, will be warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made directly to St. Nicholas Catholic Church by check with a notation that it is designated for the Gala & Auction. Non-cash donations may be dropped off at the parish office or can be picked up. If pick up is desired, please contact Alex Berry at @ 612-382-4469 or Karen Johnson @ 612-812-7482.

The Gala & Auction committee reserves the right to use your donation in the manner in which we find will be most beneficial to the success of our fundraising event.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church is a non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible.

Gala & Auction Donation Form

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cash Gift

Cash Donation: \$ _____

Item to Donate

Auction/Raffle/Prize Item (s): _____

Estimated Value (required): \$ _____

Popcorn & Movie - Use several kinds of popcorn or pretzels, movie passes. Put in one or two videos of great movies. A great "basket" is a large popcorn bowl. You could even include a recipe for popcorn balls done up on a nice recipe card.

Fishing - Gather up all kinds of do dads in the fishing department. Several different lures, hooks, worms, etc. Get one of those small divided plastic containers to add. Just go down the fishing department aisle and you'll get lots of ideas. A nice fishing magazine would be good to add.

Candy - Fill with all kinds of yummy candy. Make your own homemade candies or use store bought such as Hershey's bars, Hershey's kisses, jelly beans, licorice. Put in some of those specialty chocolate lollipops in different shapes. You can get those in bear shapes, etc.

Fun Basket - Fill with lots of fun! Joke books, puzzle books, Uno card game, jigsaw puzzle. Be sure to put in a fun comedy video. Sprinkle in lots of fun candy such as Jelly Belly's, sour balls, milk duds, etc.!

Tea - Buy several different flavored specialty teas. A couple tea cups. Even a small teapot to add in. Make sure you fill up the teacups with some chocolates. Add a few lemons to the basket.

Coffee - Specialty coffees and creamers, mugs.

Wine and Cheese: Coasters, wine charms, wine glasses, cheese cutting board - for a rustic look use a wooden crate for gift container and straw for filler.

Spa Gift Basket: traditionally given to women but also enjoyed by men Rolled up towels, aromatherapy candles, bath salts, body lotions, shampoos, soaps, inflatable bath pillow, loofah sponge, bath mitt, massage oil

Chocolate gift basket: Truffles, assorted chocolate covered anything, hot chocolate, chocolate stir sticks or spoons.

Fishing Theme: fishing creel, snacks, visor

Sports Theme: (Football, Baseball, Basketball, Hockey) Items with team logo such as hats, mugs, trading cards, coasters, beer or sports drink, snacks such as nuts, chips, microwave popcorn.

Golf Theme: golf balls, tees, sunglasses, visor, insulated drink holder, beer or sports drink, golf towel. Container may be cooler.

Barbeque theme: Utensils, apron, platter, potholder, cookbook, and barbecue sauce

Candles and Scents - Find candles of all shapes, sizes, and scents. Put in a few different type candle holders or the candle plates for the large candles. Some dried potpourri and a bottle potpourri gel or liquid. A small potpourri burner might even be nice to add.

Gifts in Jar Mixes - Two or three gifts in a jar all tied up with ribbons. You could put in a few kitchen things to go along with it such as dishtowels, etc. If you were giving a hot chocolate or spiced tea mix you could put in coffee mugs. Marshmallows for hot chocolate too.

The Person who has Everything: - The person who does not want to collect more 'stuff' Consumables such cookies, chocolate, coffee, tea, wine, are ideal items to fill the gift basket with. Movie passes, gift certificate to favorite restaurant or a day at the spa, magazine subscriptions.