

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 19th, 2014

As the pastor of St. Nicholas Catholic Church, I am blessed to be a part of the tradition of service of so many priests who have gone before me. Part of Biblical stewardship means honoring the past by strengthening the present, and assuring our young people of our commitment to the future. The St. Nicholas Gala & Auction provides funds we need to minister to our parishioners and our community, and deserves to be a priority of our parishioners. Historically, only half of the tickets mailed have been purchased; if all tickets were purchased, our parish would have raised another \$27,000. Let's make it our goal to stand with those who have built our church family into what it is today and give this Gala & Auction our full support. ~ Fr. Barnes

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Oct 19...Living Rosary 9:15am, 40 Hours for Life in St. Paul 1pm, DTS 6pm, God in the Family @ HC 7pm
Mon, Oct 20....Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, Oct 21...Fatima Group 8:30am, God in the Family @ HC 7pm, Book Club 7:15pm
Wed, Oct 22....Religious Education 6:30pm
Thurs, Oct 23...RCIA @ HC 7pm
Fri, Oct 24...
Sat, Oct 25...Rosary in Chapel 9am, Archdiocesan Youth Day
Sun, Oct 26...Pancake Breakfast, KC Raffle Drawing, Welcome New Members, God in the Family @ HC 7pm

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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month.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: 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!!

Pro-Life Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday October 26 from 8:00 to 12:00 is sponsored by the St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus. Proceeds benefit Mobile Ultrasound. Please come and join us for breakfast.

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

Parish leadership has recently approved a number of necessary maintenance projects. Our operating budget is really just keeping the doors open, there is not extra money for large repairs. We will be taking money out of our parish savings account to pay for these projects. We are asking parishioners for donations to replenish the savings account.

Here is a list of the current projects and their costs:

Sidewalk replacement - \$2,236.50
Replacement of flat roofs over basement bathrooms & south basement entrance - \$11,250.00
Mold removal in parish basement - \$1,755.00
Mold removal in school building - \$600.00
Leaf guards for gutters on rectory - \$620.00
Total cost of current needed repairs: 16,461.50

We are also in the process of identifying and prioritizing a number of other projects (solving our water problems is a big one). If you are able to contribute to the parish for these expenses, you can make your donation two different ways. In your current Sunday envelopes, on the left side of the envelope it

reads Capital Improvement and Endowment Fund Offering. Simply circle Capital Improvements and then list the dollar amount you would like to contribute to the projects. You may also stop in the parish office and leave your donation with Lisa. As the donations begin to come in, the dollar amounts will be listed in the bulletin. If you have any questions please contact the parish office at 952-461-2403.

Thank you from the Parish Leadership.



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

Complimentary Prize Drawings

No, it's not a typo – we truly mean complimentary! To show our gratitude for your wonderful support of St. Nicholas, all registered guests are automatically entered and have an opportunity to be "complimentary" winners! Throughout the evening, lucky winners will be randomly drawn – and prizes will be awarded – all compliments of St. Nicholas!

Winners must be present to win. If prize is not claimed within 15 minutes, another winner will be drawn.

Credit Cards Accepted

For your convenience the Gala & Auction committee is happy to announce payments may be made with Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Checks and cash will be gladly accepted also :)

There are two ways to stay updated:

- 1) Visit the parish website, www.stncc.net/gala-auction
- 2) Visit www.facebook.com/stnccGalaAuction. Please note a Face book account is not necessary to view the St. Nicholas Gala & Action Face book page.

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

TODAY is "GIVE HOPE" – World Mission Sunday

Give Hope is the theme for World Mission Sunday today. Through your gifts of support and prayers, that is what you are giving to mission dioceses on World Mission Sunday: giving hope to those who suffer spiritually and emotionally; giving hope to those who lack the basic necessities of food and healthcare; giving hope to those who have lost hope in a difficult and dangerous world. Give the hope of Christ to over 1,150 poor and struggling dioceses worldwide.

October is Respect Life Month

- The intention for the Oct 1 daily Mass will be for the Dignity of All Life
- The rosary before daily Mass through the month of Oct. will be for Respect Life
- Please say the Prayer To Our Lady Of Guadalupe everyday in the month of Oct. for an end to abortion and the Dignity of All Life from conception until natural death. (Prayer is under Pro-Life in the bulletin)
- Meet your fellow parishioners for a prayer vigil on Sunday Oct.19 from 1-3pm at Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandalia St, Saint Paul

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

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 the good work they do.

St. Nicholas Ministries

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Thank you to Father Barnes and to all who participated and helped with our 40 Hours Devotion last weekend. It was a beautiful weekend of devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Thank you to all the adorers and supporters of our Chapel who have made these past 8 years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration possible. May God Bless You All!

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 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 at 9am.

Prayer to Our Lady Of Guadalupe

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION:

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins October 28, 2014 at 6:30 pm and October 30, 2014 8:45am. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *MARY: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* at St. Nicholas beginning October 28, 2014 at 6:30 pm and October 30, 2014 at 8:45 am. For more information or to register for the study, call Jean Moeller at 952-461-4552.

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Classes at the Catholic Education Center (home of Holy Cross School) Regular Classes Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, 6:30pm - 7:45pm, and Wednesday, Oct. 29th 6:30 - 7:45pm

Parents of First Communion Students:

God in the Family group meetings at Holy Cross School at 7pm Meet on Sun. nights, Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2 & 9 and Tues. nights: Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11. Mon. nights (Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3 & 10) meet at Civic Center by IC Church at 7pm.

Parents of First Communion students meet as part of the parish Sacramental preparation program. If you cannot attend on the night you signed up for please plan on attending one of the other evenings.

HOLY CROSS:

Dr. Steve Kahn will speak Monday night at Holy Cross Catholic School from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on maintaining balance and family time in a world of sports, activities, and academic pressures. He is a well-known psychologist and author. The talk is free and all are welcome to attend.

RCIA: Classes have begun on Thursday evenings at 7pm at Holy Cross School. If you or someone you know is Catholic and has not received all their

sacraments or are thinking about investigating the Catholic Church, it is not too late to join us. Call Kathy Chlan at 952-652-6100 ext. 507

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. We meet Sunday night, Oct 19th from 6:00-9:00pm at the St. Nicholas Campus. Next DTS is Nov. 10th.

Parent Volunteers: WE need Volunteers for the next two months – There is a sign-up in the back of the church Anyone interested in helping put on a meal for the DTS youth on the 2nd Sunday of the month, (Oct. 19) please contact Kathy Chlan at 952-652-2286. You can sign up to serve, bring part or all the meal for about 20-25 students. This is a great event for our High School students to attend each month.

Mass Intentions – (* indicates a change in mass time)			
Sat	18	5:00 pm	Hilda & Leo Shea+
Sun	19	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	19	10:00 am	Dean Johnson+
Tues	21	8:00 am	Judith Wagner+
Wed	22	8:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Thurs	23	8:00 am	Dorothy Vogel+
Fri	24	8:00 am	Gerry Caduff+
Sat	25	8:00 am	Don Kremer+
Sat	25	5:00 pm	Bryan & Jan Freeman – 25 th Wedding Anniversary
Sun	26	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	26	10:00 am	Frank & Mary Tupy+

Daily Scriptures		
Mon	Ephesians 2:1-10	Luke 12:13-21
Tue	Ephesians 2:12-22	Luke 12:35-38
Wed	Ephesians 3:2-12	Luke 12:39-48
Thu	Ephesians 3:14-21	Luke 12:49-53
Fri	Ephesians 4:1-6	Luke 12:54-59
Sat	Ephesians 4:7-16	Luke 13:1-9
Sun	Exodus 22:20-26/1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10/Matthew 22:34-40	

Liturgical Stewardship			October 25 & 26
Oct 25 @ 5pm	Lector:	Kelly Heselton	
	Ministers	Gail Mathews-H, Chuck Mathews-Ch-H	
	Ushers:	Joe Molitor, Ron Chlan	
Oct 26 @ 8am	Lector:	Kendra Caduff	
	Ministers	Mike Moeller-H, Mike Cole-Ch-H	
	Ushers:	Dan Simones, Mike Cole	
Oct 26 @ 10am	Lector:	Paul Panka	
	Ministers	Chris Kuehl-H, Tom Streefland-Ch-H	
	Ushers:	Dennis Anderson, Steve Addabbo	

SUNDAY GIVING: Oct. 12 / Week 15 in Fiscal Year	
Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$94,140
Actual Collection Received	<i>Collection total will be updated next week</i>
Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$73,657
	-\$14,207 <i>will be updated next week</i>
Capital Improvement	

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St. Nicholas Gala & Auction

Group Events Preview

Parishioners have stepped forward and volunteered to host these nine Group Events all at their own expense. These Group Events create ongoing fellowship throughout the year without added expense to our Parish. All of these Group Events sound like a lot of fun, please consider signing-up to attend one, two or nine!

Sign-up and payment to attend these Group Events will take place during the St. Nicholas Gala & Auction on Saturday, November 1st. Payments are made directly to St. Nicholas. Sign-up will begin promptly at 5:00 pm.

Sign up for a group event and you'll have a lot of fun,
Try a card party or a back yard barbeque in the sun.

There'll be a mystery dinner and Deacon Hughes will be the cook,
Or maybe it's a hay ride you'll want to book.

Whatever you choose, you can meet a new friend,
let's make this a success and start a new trend.

Group Event #1: Mystery Dinner Party

Hosts: Joyce Hanke & Karen Johnson
Date: Saturday, November 15th, 2014
Time: 6 - 9:00 pm
Place: The Hanke's home, Lakeville
Capacity: This Group Event is open to 10 adults only
Cost: \$125/person

Join us for a Mystery Dinner Party featuring the fabulous cooking skills of Deacon Peter Hughes with outstanding service by Father Barnes. Dress is casual but we ask that you do put on your sense of humor.

Group Event #2: Texas Hold'Em Card Party

Hosts: Steve & Lenae Addabbo
Date: Saturday, March 14th, 2015
Alt Date: Saturday, March 28th, 2015
Time: 7 - 11:00 pm
Place: The Addabbo's home, Elko New Market
Capacity: This Group Event is open to 8 adults only
Cost: \$20/person

Join us for a tournament style game with merchandise prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Beer, wine, soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served during the game with dessert and coffee served at the end of the evening. We will provide a full time dealer and are willing to teach anyone who does not know how to play the game.

Group Event #3: A Special Evening at the Farm

Hosts: Gary & Maureen Vosejka
Date: Friday, June 5th, 2015
Alt. Date: Friday, June 12th, 2015
Time: 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Place: The Vosejka's farm, Dundas
Capacity: This Group Event is open to 25 adults only
Cost: \$20/person

Join us for a special evening at our farm. We'll enjoy hors d' oeuvres served in the garden, a hayride and then time to relax by a bonfire.

Group Event #4: Christmas Champagne Brunch

Hosts: Ron & Kathy Chlan
Date: Sunday, December 7th, 2014
Alt. Date: Sunday, December 21st, 2014
Time: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Place: The Chlan's home, Elko New Market
Capacity: This Group Event is open to 8 people of all ages
Cost: \$20/person

Enjoy a Christmas Champagne Brunch with Mimosas, Christmas yogurt parfaits and a variety of breads, fresh fruits, meats, eggs and satin French toast.

Group Event #5: Evening of Cards & Games - Prizes Galore!

Hosts: Ralph & Geralda Wagner
Co-Hosts: John & Joyce Anderson
Date: Friday, December 5, 2014
Time: 6:30 pm - ?
Place: The Wagner's home, Elko New Market
Capacity: This Group Event is open to 20 adults only
Cost: \$25/person

Join us for an evening of cards, games, hors d'oeuvres, drinks and desserts. Prizes galore! Everyone's a winner!

Group Event #6: A Simpler Sunday

Hosts: Tom & Deb Streefland
Date: Sunday, September 20th, 2015
Alt. Date: Sunday, September 27th, 2015
Time: 2:00 - 6:00 pm
Place: The Streefland's home, Webster
Capacity: This Group Event is open to 30 people of all ages
Cost: \$20/person or \$50/family

Enjoy a fun relaxing fall afternoon with your family and friends. We'll play some outdoor games, pick pumpkins and apples to take home and end our afternoon with a simple meal of hot dogs roasted over a campfire.

Group Event #7: Youth Bowling Tournament

Hosts: Shawn & Alice Overgaard
Date: Saturday, February 21st, 2015
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Place: Strike Force Bowl, New Prague
(Parents must drop off & pick up)
Capacity: This Group Event is open to 20 youth from 6th through 12th grades
Cost: \$15/person

Join us for a youth bowling tournament complete with prizes, pizza & pop. This fun event is open to youth of all bowling abilities. You won't want to miss it!

Group Event #8: An Evening of Fun, Food & Friends

Hosts: Ron & Kathy Chlan
Date: Saturday, January 31st, 2015
Alt. Date: Saturday, March 7th, 2015
Time: 6:30 pm - ?
Place: The Chlan's home, Elko New Market
Capacity: This Group Event is open to 10 adults only
Cost: \$20/person

Enjoy an evening of cards and games like Up and Down the River, Mexican Train, Hand and Foot and others. No experience necessary! Come learn, play and have fun with friends and feel free to bring games to teach us! Appetizers and refreshments provided during all the fun with a small lunch served at the end of the evening.

Group Event #9: Ice Cream Social

Hosts: The St. Nicholas Gala & Auction Committee
Date: Sunday, July 19th, 2015
Time: 2 - 4 pm
Place: St. Nicholas Catholic Church
Capacity: This Group Event is open to all
Cost: \$3/person or \$15/family

National Ice Cream Month is celebrated each year in July. Join us as we celebrate the best dessert summer has to offer. Enjoy vanilla ice cream with a buffet of delicious toppings - YUM!

AREA NEWS

Balancing Act – Academics versus Family Time, Athletics, Chores, Volunteer Projects, and Husband-Wife Dating

How busy can families be before academics begin to suffer? With so many wonderful opportunities all around us and the belief that our children will have more successful high school and college careers if they participate in several activities, how are we supposed to maintain the relaxed family intimacy that they also need. The focus of this presentation will be strategies to help our children with their daily responsibilities, avoid power struggles, and teach them how to stay well while they take care of their responsibilities. Join us for a free event (you may bring a food item for the local food shelf) on Monday October 20th at Holy Cross School 6-7:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

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.

Pregnancy Options of Faribault Fall Gala is Saturday October 25th at the Faribault Knights of Columbus. Bishop Andrew Cozzens will be the featured speaker. Tickets are \$30 each and can be ordered by mailing a check to Pregnancy Options, 18 2nd Street NW, Faribault MN 55021. Tickets will be mailed to you. For more information call 507-332-7644.

Visiting Women's Religious Communities in the Twin Cities Area, Saturday, October 25, 7:30 am -6 p.m.

Women will have a chance to visit four different religious communities to meet, learn, share meal, and pray with Catholic sisters. The event is free. For more information and registration, contact Sister Mary Swanson, SSND, at 414-305-9011 or mwsanson@ssnd.org. Please register by October 21.

Miryam Dinner - October 28

Archbishop Nienstedt will be hosting the next Miryam Dinner on Tuesday, October 28 at 6 p.m. at his residence. The evening begins with prayer, followed by dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocation testimonies with women, ages 16 to 35, who would like to attend. It is typical for women discerners to be accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious, youth minister, campus minister or to be considered a guest of the Vocation Office. Please respond to the Vocation Office before October 24, by calling 651-962-6890 or emailing patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu if you would like to register to attend.

Andrew Dinner – November 4

Operation Andrew, a program sponsored by the Office of Vocations, is an opportunity for young Catholic men (ages 16 – 35) to have dinner with the Archbishop and Archdiocesan priests, and hear vocation testimonials on priesthood and religious life.

It is typical for men discerners to be accompanied by their pastor, youth minister, campus minister or to be considered a guest of the Vocation Office. If you would like to reserve a space at the table, please call the Vocation Office before October 30 at 651.962.6890 or email patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu

Theology on Tap with West Metro Young Adults

Join the WMYAs for this 6-week series on Tuesdays in October & November at Mozza Mia (3910 W 50th St, Edina). Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Talks start at 7:30 p.m.

There is also a TOT Potluck Party on Nov. 18 at Our Lady of Grace (Edina).

October 14 - Fr. Nels Gjengdahl: *Grill-The-Priest*

October 21 - Dale Ahlquist: *G.K. Chesterton and "God is Dead"*

October 28 - Dr. John Buri: *What Is Love? Are You Good At It?*

November 4 - Dr. Todd Flanders: *Thank God It's Tuesday: Embracing Conversion in an "Every Day a Friday" World*

November 11 - Dr. Robert Morgan: *St. Boniface and the Axe*

November 18 - TOT Potluck Party @ 6:30pm in the OLG dining room

For more details, visit westmetroya.com

Day of Honor and Recognition for Birthmothers

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, in conjunction with Catholic Charities and the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life, is offering its annual Day of Honor and Recognition for Birthmothers on **Saturday, November 8**. This day is set aside to recognize the sacrifices made by those who have relinquished a child to adoption. This day also offers an opportunity for healing, sharing and for learning about resources available for birth mothers. November 8, 2014 9:30 AM to 2:45 PM. At Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Eden Avenue Edina, MN 55436. Cost: \$15.00, to cover lunch and expenses. Scholarships available. Registration: E-mail Melissa Miller melissamiller@olgparish.org or call 952-929-3317 x111 Questions: Call Erin at 612-298-9369 • Call Gretchen at 763-424-1430