

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 26th, 2014

St. Nicholas Gala & Auction

Fund-The-Need Appeal

As Catholics, we know that we are physical and spiritual beings. So too is our church both physical and spiritual. At St. Nicholas Catholic Church, we are currently experiencing needs in both of these areas. Spiritually, music is an integral part of our worship. Music aids our worship, lifting our minds and hearts to heaven. As St. Augustine said, "He who sings, prays twice." We have been without a choir director now for over a year and are asking for your help to fund the need for a choir director.

On the physical side, we are blessed with a beautiful church. Our rich history surrounds us here, from the stained glass windows and beautiful statues to the intricate carving in our altar. It is our duty and privilege to care for the physical church that has been entrusted to us, and that means making repairs to the space as needed. Father Barnes has previously mentioned the need of repairs on our parish campus. One of the current needs that can be completed in a short time is to replace the carpet in the church which is now over 21 years old. Not only is it worn and unsightly, not worthy of such a space, but it is also becoming a trip hazard to parishioners young and old. In addition to wanting to honor our worship space by keeping it beautiful, we must also prevent injuries in the church. We are asking everyone to do what they can to help fund this need to replace the worn out carpeting at St. Nicholas.

The Fund-The-Need appeal will be held in a live auction format during the St. Nicholas Gala and Auction, with the auctioneer beginning with the top-level bids and continuing in lower increments, giving everyone a chance to participate at whatever level they choose. All bidders commit to whatever amount they wish to donate. In this format, there are many donors, not just one winner. All donations must be paid at the end of the evening.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Oct 26..Pancake Breakfast 8am – 12pm, KC Raffle Drawing, Welcome New Members 11am, God in the Family @ HC 7pm
Mon, Oct 27....Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, Oct 28...Fatima Group 8:30am, God in the Family @ HC 7pm, Adult Ed in Myra Hall @ 7pm
Wed, Oct 29....Religious Education 6:30pm
Thurs, Oct 30...RCIA @ HC 7pm
Fri, Oct 31...Happy Halloween
Sat, Nov 1...Rosary in Chapel 9am, Mass @ 4pm (no 5pm mass), No afternoon confession, Gala & Auction at Park Ballroom in New Prague begins 5pm
Sun, Nov 2...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 parish 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. Everyone is welcome!!

Braxton David Krukow, son of Benjamin and Cassandra Krukow, recently received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at St. Nicholas. We warmly welcome him into the family of Christ.



TODAY is Welcome Sunday and Pro-Life Pancake and Sausage Breakfast.

Please join us for breakfast, serving 8:00am to 12:00pm, and join us in welcoming the new families of the parish after the 10am mass. Breakfast is sponsored by the St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus, with proceeds going to Mobile Ultrasound. Welcome Sunday is

sponsored by St. Nicholas Hospitality Ministry. Please join us for a joyful morning, and welcome all the new members into our family!

The Knights of Columbus Gun Raffle Drawing will take place today following the 10am mass in the church basement. All proceeds from the raffle will go to Holy Cross School.

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
Donations to date – Thank You! 2,805.00
Balance 13,656.50

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.

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.

This year, with your help, we changed the name of this event from the Cadillac Dinner to the St. Nicholas Gala & Auction. The name now reflects what this event is - a fellowship and fundraising event. The committee has been hard at work all year in promoting and educating parishioners about the St. Nicholas Gala & Auction in person, on the new parish website (stncc.net), on the Gala & Auction Face Book page, in bulletin announcements & inserts and at Doughnut Sundays.

For the first time ever this year, the Gala & Auction Committee sent a mass mailing to businesses asking for donations and we have been richly rewarded for our efforts, thanks be to God! So far, we have received over \$5,200 in monetary and product donations that make up the majority of our prize, raffle and auction items. Added to that are the generous donations received from parishioners. This event is going to be fantastic!

Have you purchased your tickets yet?

The deadline for turning in tickets is this weekend. Please visit us downstairs to turn in your tickets or to purchase additional tickets.

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.



Please join us for a fun filled evening of Turkey Bingo! **Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild will sponsor Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 16th at 6:30pm in the church basement. This event is open to everyone.** If your last name begins with the letter N through Z, you are asked to bring 1 ½ dozen sandwiches or cupcakes. This is a wonderful, fun filled, annual tradition! Please join us for a great evening & possibly win your holiday turkey!! Any questions please call the parish office at 461-2403.

October is Respect Life Month

- 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.

St. Nicholas Ministries

CHOIR

The St. Nicholas choir will begin practices on Tuesday October 21st from 7:00-8:30pm. We are in great need for choir members especially soprano voices. No previous choir or vocal training required to join. Our music ministry is one of the most vital to the Liturgy and one that brings its members many rewards for their time and talents shared. If you are interested but have questions, please contact Pam Filipiak at 952-461-3478.

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:

Mary: A biblical walk with the Blessed Mother. Starts this week. If still interested in joining us here at St. Nicholas, please call Kathy Chlan at 952-652-2286 or Jean Moeller at 461-4552. Cost is \$22.00. Classes will be on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings.

Session 1: (two 4 week sessions – Myra Room in old school building)

Tuesday evenings - Oct. 28 to Nov. 18 @ 7:00pm

Thursday mornings - Oct. 30 to Nov. 20 @ 9:00am

Session 2: (2015)

Tuesday evenings - Jan 6 to Jan 27TH @ 7:00pm

Thursday mornings - Jan. 8 to Jan. 29 @ 9:00 am.

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins October 28, 2014 at 6:30

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Regular Classes Wednesday, Oct. 29th 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Regular Classes Wednesday, Nov. 5th 6:30pm – 7:45pm

Parents of First Communion Students:

God in the Family group meetings at Holy Cross School Library at 7pm

Meet on; Sundays, Oct. 26, Nov. 2 & 9 and Tuesday nights: Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11 Mon. nights (Oct. 27, Nov. 3 & 10) meet at Civic Center by IC Church at 7pm.

These classes are essential attendance for First Communion Preparation Program. If you cannot attend on the night you signed up for please plan on attending one of the other evenings.

HOLY CROSS:

The Angel Fund is the means Holy Cross Catholic School uses to support families who are not able to meet the entire tuition obligation. Currently there is

a great need for donations to the Angel Fund. A generous donor has offered a \$10,000 matching gift to the Angel Fund. This is a great way to make your contribution worth even more, and every amount helps. Donations can be sent to the school at 6100 37th Street West, Webster, MN 55088, and marked for the Angel Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

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, prayer, enjoy a meal together and lots more. Next DTS is Sunday, Nov. 9th from 6:00-9:00pm at the St. Nicholas.

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

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+
Tues	28	8:00 am	Bruce Cammack+
Wed	29	8:00 am	Allen, Viola & Brad Neal+
Thurs	30	8:00 am	Andrew Tonkovic+
Fri	31	8:00 am	Jim & Sunny Marsh – 50 th Wedding Anniversary
Sat	1	8:00 am	Don Kremer+
*Sat	1	4:00 pm	Shelly Gifford+
Sun	2	8:00 am	Paul & Therese Leon+
Sun	2	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Ephesians 4:32-5:8	Luke 13:10-17
Tue	Ephesians 2:19-22	Luke 6:12-16
Wed	Ephesians 6:1-9	Luke 13:22-30
Thu	Ephesians 6:10-20	Luke 13:31-35
Fri	Philippians 1:1-11	Luke 14:1-6
Sat	Revelation 7:2-4,9-14/1 John 3:1-3/Matthew 5:1-12a	
Sun	Wisdom 3:1-9/Romans 6:3-9/John 6:37-40	

Liturgical Stewardship

November 1 & 2

Nov 1 @ 4pm	Lector:	Jan Freeman
	Ministers	Mary Kay Forland-H, Dana Meyer-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Dave Sheedy, Dave DeGonda
Nov 2 @ 8am	Lector:	Mike Cole
	Ministers	Tom McCabe-H, Ken Thomas-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Paul Thoresen, Craig Goblirsch
Nov 2 @ 10am	Lector:	Vicky Chlan
	Ministers	Paul Panka-H, Leander Wagner-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Mike Chlan, Tim Burke

SUNDAY GIVING: Oct. 19 / Week 16 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$100,416
Actual Collection Received 10/12	3,775
ACH Giving	5,100
Actual Collection Received 10/19	5,175
Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$87,707
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Capital Improvement \$2,805 / 2 nd Collection \$712	

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St. Nicholas Gala & Auction

Live Auction Preview

For more information on all of the Live Auction items, please visit the parish website at <http://www.stncc.net/gala-auction>

1. Weeklong Timeshare in Weston, Florida

If you're looking for a mid-winter vacation opportunity - here you go! Enjoy a one-week vacation stay at Vacation Village at Weston, located in Weston, Florida (Ft. Lauderdale area) from Sunday January 4th to Sunday, January 11th. This is a two-suite time share, sleeps up to 8 and has a full kitchen and resort amenities - all in one package! This does not include airfare.

For more information please visit this website:

www.vacationvillageresorts.com/VVR/vacation_village_weston/

Donated by Leander Wagner

Value: \$1,500

2. SimpliFire Wall-Mount Electric Fireplace -

Create a distinct contemporary look. A 58" Wall-Mount electric fireplace provides an instant upgrade to any space, with or without the heat. Simply hang on the wall and plug in.

- 58" viewing area
- 100% efficient, adjustable heat
- 14 color LED perimeter backlighting to accent any decor
- Intuitive, multi-function remote included allows flame, backlight and heat control
- 4800 BTU heat output is perfect for zone heating your space
- 6 1/4" deep
- White

Donated by Ed & Kris Ricklick

Value: \$799

3. Carpet, Pad & Installation

Here's your chance to enjoy some new carpet for your home or office. Carpet and pad complete with installation.

Donated by Deacon Tom & Terry Michaud Value: up to \$1,500

4. Team Autographed Minnesota Wild Jersey

Donated by Jason Stern & the Minnesota Wild

Value: \$500

St. Nicholas Ministries

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

JESUS IS WAITING ESPECIALLY FOR YOU! 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 January), **Tuesday:** 3 am, **Wednesday:** 10 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 as follows; Nov 18 and Dec. 16.

MOTHER'S GROUP

Contact info – Becky Myhre at 952-292-1086

AREA NEWS

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.

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, and 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.

Turkey Bingo – November 2nd, 2014

St. Catherine's Church of Spring Lake Park Township will hold its annual Turkey bingo on Sunday, November 2nd at 2pm in the Church Social Hall. St. Catherine's is located 5 miles south of Prior lake on CR 23, and one mile east on CR 8. Frozen turkeys will be awarded to winners. Lots of door prizes and light lunch will be served after the games.

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, and 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@olqparish.org or call 952-929-3317 x111 Questions: Call Erin at 612-298-9369 • Call Gretchen at 763-424-1430

Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center - 16385 Saint Francis Lane, Prior Lake, MN 55372, Prior Lake

Friends of Francis retreat, Oct. 31 - Nov. 2nd. 2014.

This retreat will explore the dynamic and transformative role of the Holy Spirit in the writings and spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi.

Leading this retreat is Fr. Steve McMichael, OFM Conv., a member of the friary community of St. Joseph Cupertino Friary in Prior Lake. Fr. Steve is an Associate Professor of Theology at the University of St. Thomas, in St. Paul, MN. He holds a Masters in Franciscan Studies from the Franciscan Institute of St. Bonaventure University and a Doctor of Sacred Theology degree from the Gregorian University in Rome.

While this retreat is geared primarily to members of the Order of Franciscan Seculars, it is open to anyone who has an interest in St. Francis and Franciscan Spirituality.

Women's Weekend Retreat, November 7-9, Theme: Peace be With You - All Will be Well

Besides the retreat conferences, there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of Sick. Members of the staff will be available for spiritual direction throughout the retreat. The retreat will also combine prayer experiences and liturgies to enhance the retreat experience; weather permitting, guests will have time to explore the natural fall beauty of the 60 acres of the retreat center grounds.

Register for either retreat by calling (952) 447-2182 or online at www.franciscanretreats.net/register

First Saturday Morning of Recollection, November 1 - Inspired to Inspire!

The Cathedral's First Saturday series is a great way to begin each month! Each First Saturday Morning of Recollection is a mini-retreat with Mass, a Rosary, Adoration, Confessions, and features two conferences by renowned Catholic speakers. On Saturday, November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints, we welcome Monsignor Stuart Swetland, President of Donnelly College in Kansas City and host of Relevant Radio's *Go Ask Your Father* and of EWTN's *Catholicism on Campus*. Monsignor Swetland's two talks will focus on the Communion of Saints and what they mean to our daily life of faith. First Saturdays are held in the main church of the Cathedral of Saint Paul (239 Selby Ave., St. Paul). They begin at 8:00 am, conclude by noon, and are open to all. A free-will offering will be gratefully received. For more information on the schedule, speakers and topics, please see www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/first-saturdays.