



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28th, 2014

Merry Christmas!! Yes, it is still the Christmas season until Monday January 12th when Ordinary Time begins.

As we celebrate this wonderful season honoring the birth of Jesus, we have a few items we would like to update you on here at Saint Nicholas.

First we would like to welcome Jerry Bedeaux whom we recently hired for part-time maintenance and custodial duties. Welcome Jerry!

In regard to the choir director position, we are currently in the midst of the interview process and we continue to ask your prayers and the intercession of Saint Cecelia, patron of musicians.

We plan to re-carpet the church this spring, and our goal is to have the project completed by Easter. Thank you again for your generosity to make this possible!

Thank you Saint Nicholas parishioners for a wonderful 2014 and God bless you and your families in 2015. To usher in the New Year, we have a Holy Day of Obligation January 1st in which we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God.

This year would be a wonderful opportunity to re-commit to the prayer of the Rosary as a family.

God bless,
Fr. Barnes

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- Sun, Dec 28....
- Mon, Dec 29....Rosary in Chapel 7pm
- Tues, Dec 30...Fatima Group 8:30am, Choir Practice 7pm,
- Wed, Dec 31....Mass @ 8am & 5pm
- Thurs, Jan 1...HAPPY NEW YEAR – Mass @ 9am
- Fri, Jan 2.....
- Sat, Jan 3... Rosary in Chapel 9am
- Sun, Jan 4....

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer): Everyone is Welcome - Tuesday – Friday at 7:20am & 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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month.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.

St. Nicholas apparel items and accessories are available to order online. Please visit the parish website (stncc.net) and follow the link provided or visit <https://ssastores.com/store/st-nicholas-catholic-church-elko-new-market-mn/> **Please note all ordering, payment, shipping and returns are handled through SSA Stores and not the parish office.**

Doughnut Sunday schedule: Jan. 11th, Feb 8th, March 8th and April 12th. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Everyone is welcome!!

MUSIC COORDINATOR /CHOIR DIRECTOR

Part-time, non-exempt, required approximately 10 flexible hours per week. Practicing Catholic in good standing; excellent communication and time management skills. **Salary:** approx. commensurate with experience. Send Resume to: MUSIC SEARCH, CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, PO Box 9, Elko New Market, MN 55020-0009, or e-mail to Lisal@stncc.net.

Knights of Columbus will not have a business meeting in January 2015. Please contact Leon Meger with any questions or concerns at 952-652-2826.

FELLOW PARISHIONERS:

We have a chance to input into our Parish's Strategic Planning Process – Shaping Our Future for the next 3 to 10 years! How? Complete this confidential survey at

<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/stnicholascatholicchurchelkonewmarket/> or you can access at our parish website at www.stncc.net

You may access this from your home computer the local library or a laptop in the church office during office hours. This is part of the GROW initiative, which with Rediscover: is to support and develop a community of believers in this local church that is proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people. Thank You!

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**
- Additional Mold Removal (not in original bid) - \$1,952.00**
- Air Quality Tests (not included in original bid)- \$568.00**

Total cost of current needed repairs: 18,981.50

Donations to date – Thank You! 9,755.00

Balance 9,226.50

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 Improvement 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.

Thank you to everyone who has responded so quickly to the parish needs, through prayer, treasure and talent! God Bless You!

Year-End Donation Opportunity.

Please consider a donation to our Parish Endowment Fund.

The Endowment is set up so we cannot spend the principle, only the interest earned can be spent as the Parish sees fit.

Current balance \$ 96,000

Accumulated Interest \$ 46,000

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Check out our itinerary online at www.stncc.net
To register visit www.takeapilgrimage.com

ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRIES

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; Dec. 9th
2015 Schedule; Jan. 13, Feb 17, March 17, April 14 and May 12.

CHOIR

The St. Nicholas choir practices Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30pm. We are in great need of new members especially now for our Advent and Christmas season ahead. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL - O Come Let Us Adore Him!

Christmas schedule - The Adoration Chapel will close on Tuesday, Dec 23rd at 4 pm. The Chapel will stay closed through the weekend and will reopen on Monday, Dec 29 at 11 am.

New Year schedule - The Adoration Chapel will close on Wednesday, Dec 31st at 4 pm. The Chapel will stay closed through the weekend and will reopen on Monday, Jan 5 at 11 am.

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:** 7 pm, **Wednesday:** 10 am, **Friday:** 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 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

MOTHER'S GROUP

We are reading Catholic books and meeting once a month for spiritual discussion, to pray, and reflect on the Gospel to enrich and support our vocation as wives and mothers. Location and times may vary. Please contact Becky Myhre and join us! 952-292-1086.

PRO-LIFE

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION:

Mary: A biblical walk with the Blessed Mother. A reminder that Session two begins in January, after our break Advent break. Class will continue in the Myra Meeting Room at St Nicholas. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kathy Chlan @ 952-652-2286 or Jean Moeller at 461-4552.

Session 2: (2015)

Tuesday evenings - Jan 6 to Jan 27th @ 7:00pm
Thursday mornings - Jan. 8 to Jan. 29 @ 9:00 am

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Check out the RE website at www.lnmvre.net

Classes held at the Catholic Education Center :6:30-7:45 PM

NO CLASS December 31 – Christmas Break

CLASSES RESUME Wednesday, January 7

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN BOOK: Grades 1 through 5 can work on these booklets and bring them back on January 7. Each page counts for points, and the classroom with the most points wins a pizza party! Spend time learning and doing the activities.

YOUTH GROUP:

DEAD THEOLOGIAN SOCIETY: Next DTS is Sunday, **January 11th.** St. Nicholas youth room 6:00pm-9:00pm. (Confirmation students this will count for one Faith Enrichment event.) If you have any questions please call Kathy Chlan [952-652-2286](tel:952-652-2286). ******WE are in need of a Volunteer for January** to prepare some or part of the meal and/or to serve! You do not need to have children in the program to volunteer and want to help our youth, to volunteer for January or another month please call Kathy Chlan [952-652-2286](tel:952-652-2286). If you have students who attend DTS, please consider this gift to our Youth!

CHRISTMAS SEASON YOUTH GATHERING at Immaculate Conception

Campus - Tuesday, **December 30** - 12:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.--K-5th grade; 6:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.--6th-8th grade in the Civic Center. Join us for an afternoon of fun filled winter activities! Bring the whole family, or ask the older kids to help out with their siblings, and let the Christmas season fun begin! Events for K-5th graders include snowman building, prayer, games, and caroling on Church property! Evening activities for 6th-8th graders includes

pizza/salad dinner, prayers, games, and a movie! A \$5 suggested donation to offset the cost of pizza will be accepted. **Please R.S.V.P. by December 28 to Kate Borgheinck at kateb@holycrossschool.net or call 507-744-2829**

HOLY CROSS:

Did you know you can donate online to Holy Cross Catholic School? It's quick and easy! Just visit www.holycrossschool.net and click on the "donate" button at the top of the page. You can securely donate using a credit card or bank account. Please remember Holy Cross in your year-end charitable giving. The students and staff thank you for your continued support and prayers, and wish you a blessed Christmas!

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

Sat	27	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	28	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	28	10:00 am	Joseph & Lillian Sticha+
Tues	30	8:00 am	Frank & Mary Tupy+
Wed	31	8:00 am	Willis & Annada Kuboushek+
*Wed	31	5:00 pm	
*Thurs	1	9:00 am	Maria Damiani
Fri	2	8:00 am	Nancy Mostek
Sat	3	8:00 am	PJ Siedow
Sat	3	5:00 pm	Ken DeGross+
Sun	4	8:00 am	Len & Joan Britten+
Sun	4	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures

Mon	1 John 2:3-11	Luke 2:22-35
Tue	1 John 2:12-17	Luke 2:36-40
Wed:	1 John 2:18-21	John 1:1-18
Thu:	Numbers 6:22-27/Galatians 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21	
Fri	1 John 2:22-28	John 1:19-28
Sat.	1 John 2:29-3:6	John 1:29-34
Sun	Genesis 15:1-6;21:1-3/Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19/Luke 2:22-40	

Liturgical Stewardship December 31, January 1, 3 & 4

Dec 31 @ 5pm	Lector:	Pat Biren
	Ministers	Vicky Chlan-H, Larry Caduff-Ch-H
Jan 1 @ 9am	Lector:	Margo Theisen
	Ministers	Norleen Lane-H, Tom Streefland-Ch-H
Jan 3 @ 5pm	Lector:	Robyn Dietz
	Ministers	Dana Meyer-H, Chuck Mathews-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Dave DeGonda, Ron Chlan
Jan 4 @ 8am	Lector:	Tom McCabe
	Ministers	Leander Wagner-H, Jolene Pierson-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Gary Vosejka, Paul Thoresen
Jan 4 @ 10am	Lector:	Emelia Fredrickson
	Ministers	Denise Anderson-H, Dennis Anderson-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Steve Addabbo, Pat McDonald

SUNDAY GIVING: Dec 21 / Week 25 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$ 6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$156,900
Actual Collection Received	\$ 6,597
Fuel	\$ 20
Christmas	\$ 105
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$144,002
Capital Improvement \$73 / Additional Retirement for Religious \$90	

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Happening in the Area

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.

YOUTH/FAMILY - OPEN GYM NIGHT

Lonsdale Civic Center gym (next to IC Church) on Friday Nights from 8:00-9:30 PM. All ages are welcome.

If there are multiple age levels or interest in different activities we will split the gym so there could be two groups at once. We also have space in our Youth Room for younger children to play floor games. If you have any questions please contact Kate Borgheiinck [507-744-2829](tel:507-744-2829) - kateb@holycrossschool.net

The Lonsdale area wide seniors club (golden agers) will meet on January 6th, 1:00pm at the Lonsdale Civic Center. Euchre will be played and supper will be at 4:00pm. All adults over 60 are welcome to attend. For more information please call Don 507-744-2408

Annual Prayer Service for Life – January 22, 2015

Please join us at 10:30 AM on Thursday, January 22, 2015 for the Annual Prayer Service for Life with Bishop Lee Piché at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, 239 Selby Ave. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. Please consider carpooling or utilizing buses as parking will be limited due to the Red Bull Crashed Ice event. All are invited and welcome. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage, Family & Life at 651.291.4488 or our website at www.archspm.org.

A Healing Christmas Gift –

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities retreat is **January 9-11, 2015**. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

Grief to Grace -Healing the Wounds of Abuse – The program will be held January 11th through January 16th of 2015 in Minneapolis/St Paul.

A spiritual program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual, or spiritual abuse. It is appropriate for anyone who has endured sexual abuse, rape, incest, or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood or adolescence. It is also appropriate for anyone who has been abused by clergy. Grief to Grace invites participants to journey through this program in the name of love - Dr. Theresa Burke who is the founder of Rachel's Vineyard - retreats for healing after abortion, composed the program and will serve as the facilitator for this retreat.

Visit www.grieffograce.org for more information. To request an application contact info@grieffograce.org or call [610-203-2002](tel:610-203-2002) Reserve your spot now as space is limited.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes, for engaged and married couples, on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* at the Church of All Saints, 19795 Holyoke Ave., Lakeville, MN in the Library. Classes begin on Sunday, January 11th at 1:00 p.m. CCL's new streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Registration at <http://twincities.ccli.org>. For more information call 612.721.3791 or email twincities.ccli@gmail.com.

Follow Your Heart – A Day of Discernment for Women

Saturday, January 31, 2015 - 9 a.m.-3p.m.

This day will examine the spiritual practices that guide us in living a discerning life. Sister Joanne Dehmer, SSND, will lead the day. She has a background in spiritual direction, teaching and pastoral care and will join us from Loyola Spirituality Center in St. Paul, Minnesota. The event will take place at the Notre Dame Center, 1910 Graham Ave., #217, St. Paul, Minnesota. Register by Wednesday, January 26. Free will offering accepted. Contact Sister Mary Swanson, SSND, mswanson@ssnd.org or 414-305-9011.