

The Epiphany of the Lord, January 4th, 2015



Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, as we gather to celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord, we remember the Magi: "We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord" (Mt 2:2 and Communion Antiphon).

Each week we bring our gift to the Lord, the gift of our lives that He has given us. At Mass we offer ourselves to God, as He offers Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. We place our lives on the altar, everything we have faced during the week, our struggles, our joys, our successes, and maybe even more importantly, our failures.

God has entrusted us with the gift of our lives and we in turn can become a gift back to God and to our neighbor by living for God and for others! Through God's grace we can do this. Hence Mass is not just about what I get out of it, or what we get out of it. The better we prepare, to give of ourselves at Mass, the better we live as a gift, making a gift of self.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Jan 4....
Mon, Jan 5....Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, Jan 6...Fatima Group 8:30am, Adult Ed @ Myra Room 7pm,
Choir Practice 7pm,
Wed, Jan 7....Religious Ed. 6:30pm
Thurs, Jan 8...Adult Ed.@ Myra Room 8:45am, RCIA @ HC 7pm
Fri, Jan 9.....Cursillo 7pm
Sat, Jan 10... Prayer for Unborn in Mpls 8am, Rosary in Chapel 9am
Lifeline @ NET 4:15pm
Sun, Jan 11....Doughnut Sunday, DTS 6-9pm

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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month.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

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Lisa at the parish office if you are interested. 952-461-2403 or lisal@stncc.net

Lector Training for current lectors and anyone who wishes to learn this ministry, and are in high school or older. If you are blessed with the gift of speaking comfortably to a crowd, please consider this ministry. Training for Lectors will be held on Saturday, January 31st @ 9:15am. To sign up for training please call or e-mail Lisa at the parish office. 952-461-2403, lisal@stncc.net

FELLOW PARISHIONERS: MONDAY JANUARY 5th is the last day to take this survey!

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/stnicholasatholicchurchelkonewmarket/> 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!

World Youth Day 2016!

We are in the beginning stages of gathering a group to go to Poland for the 2016 World Youth Day. This trip is open to students currently in their Freshman year, through young adults. We will be meeting in Mid-January for another informational night. In the meantime, start praying to see if this trip may be for you or your young adult! Email Megan Anderson for more information, stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome - Space available

Father Barnes, Father McCabe and Father Shofner would like to invite you to join them for an experience of a lifetime as they make a pilgrimage to Rome on February 9th through the 17th, 2015. Our focus will be to immerse ourselves in the beauty, culture and Catholicity of the Eternal City of Rome.

This is a nine-day adult only walking pilgrimage and is open to all area parishes. For more information, please our parish website, stncc.net.

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! 9,883.00
Balance 9,098.50

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

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

"Where your treasure is, there is your heart..." (Matt. 6:21)

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:

Class Resume: Wed., January 7th @ 6:30pm-7:45pm

Advent/Christmas Activity Books: Booklets were given to all our 1st through 5th grade students. Students should bring back their booklets with as many pages as they could complete on Wed. Jan. 7th and we will total the points for each class. The classes with the most points will win a Pizza Party! Winners will be announced the following week.

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.

******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. If you have students who attend DTS, please consider this gift to our Youth!

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	3	5:00 pm	Ken DeGross+
Sun	4	8:00 am	Len & Joan Britten+
Sun	4	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	6	8:00 am	Robert Saleck+
Wed	7	8:00 am	Clem & Cecelia Lenzmeier+
Thurs	8	8:00 am	Anthony Mostek+
Fri	9	8:00 am	Paul & Therese Leon+
Sat	10	8:00 am	Jeff & Melanie Anderson
Sat	10	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun	11	8:00 am	David & Ruth Stencil+
Sun	11	10:00 am	Mary Ellen Bartholow & Jimmy Armstrong+

Daily Scriptures

Mon	1 John 3:22-4:6	Matthew 4:12-17,23-25
Tue	1 John 4:7-10	Mark 6:34-44
Wed:	1 John 4:11-18	Mark 6:45-52
Thu:	1 John 4:19-5:4	Luke 4:14-22a
Fri	1 John 5:5-13	Luke 5:12-16
Sat.	1 John 5:14-21	John 3:22-30
Sun	Isaiah 55:1-11/1 John 5:1-9/Mark 1:7-11	

Liturgical Stewardship

January 10 & 11

Jan 10 @ 5pm	Lector:	Kelly Heselton
	Ministers	Jan Freeman-H, Gail Mathews-Ch-H
	Ushers	Dave DeGonda, Ron Chlan
Jan 11 @ 8am	Lector:	Kendra Caduff
	Ministers	Kathy Chlan-H, Margo Theisen-Ch-H
	Ushers	Gary Vosejпка, Paul Thoresen
Jan 11 @ 10am	Lector:	Carly McDonald
	Ministers	Larry Caduff-H, Amy McDonald-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Steve Addabbo, Pat McDonald

SUNDAY GIVING: Dec 28 / Week 26 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$ 6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$163,176
Actual Collection Received	\$ 4,667
Fuel	\$ 120
Christmas Flowers	\$ 20
Christmas	\$ 10,706
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$159,515
	- \$ 3,661
Capital Improvement \$128 / Endowment \$100	

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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

PARISH FAMILY BINGO – Sunday January 18th, 2015 at Immaculate Conception Church Civic Center in Lonsdale. Lunch served at 11am – 4:30pm, Bingo Games 12 noon – 4pm. Adults \$3 each, Families \$8.00 per family, extra cards available at .50 each.

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@rvinyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or see www.rvinyardmn.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.griefftoGrace.org for more information. To request an application contact info@griefftoGrace.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.org@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.