

The Baptism of the Lord, January 11th, 2015



One last time, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! As the Liturgy of the Hours says, "After the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Ordinary Time begins." So tomorrow we're back to green (Ordinary Time) until Ash Wednesday which is February 18th this year.

I have heard it said that saints are made in Ordinary Time. What a great insight. Ordinary Time is a time for growth in holiness just as are the other seasons.

Jesus is thrust into the desert and then into public ministry after his Baptism, and we are sent forth from Mass each week in Ordinary Time to live out our Baptism. Have we been living our Baptism? Have we been cultivating the gifts of the Holy Spirit with which we have been anointed in Baptism and Confirmation?

Ordinary Time will again be an opportunity for us to live as priest, prophet, and king. As a Christian, a priest offers sacrifice for others, a prophet proclaims the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, and a king brings proper spiritual order. Praying to the Holy Spirit on how we are being called to live as priest, prophet, and king, would be a great way to begin Ordinary Time.

God bless!
Fr. Barnes

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Jan 11....Doughnut Sunday, DTS 6-9pm
Mon, Jan 12....Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, Jan 13...Fatima Group 8:30am, Adult Ed @ Myra Room 7pm,
Choir Practice 7pm, Book Club 7:15pm
Wed, Jan 14....Mass @ HC 8:15am, Religious Ed. 6:30pm
Thurs, Jan 15...Adult Ed.@ Myra Room 8:45am, RCIA @ HC 7pm
Fri, Jan 16.....
Sat, Jan 17... Rosary in Chapel 9am, 1st Communion Workshop
Sun, Jan 18....Middle School Gathering 6pm
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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month.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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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

Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday January 25, 2015 from 8:00 - 12:00. Help us kick off Catholic Schools Week by having breakfast with your friends and family. Proceeds benefit Holy Cross Catholic School. Everyone is welcome!

Holy Cross Athletic Association Annual Breakfast

Sunday February 1st, 8:00a.m. to Noon
Adults \$8.50, Students \$4.50, Children 4 and under Free
All proceeds go to support Holy Cross Athletics.

2015 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

"Be Imitators of Christ."

The 2015 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is underway. The Appeal funds services that no one parish or individual can do alone and these services must go on despite these troubled times in our archdiocese. It is important to know that contributions to the Catholic Services Appeal are being used for the benefit of designated ministries of the Appeal. Please visit the new Catholic Services Appeal Foundation website at csafspm.org for more information.

Many of our parishioners will soon receive or have already received a mailing from the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation requesting your support of the 2015 Catholic Services Appeal. Please respond generously. When you give to the Catholic Services Appeal you provide food and shelter, education, spiritual support, and sacraments to individuals who are in need, disabled, imprisoned, hospitalized, or in nursing homes. You support low-income seniors, pregnant mothers, refugees, and immigrants. You support seminarians preparing for the priesthood, make the annual Archdiocesan Youth Day happen, and help fund the evangelization and catechesis initiatives. You help our 65,000 brothers and sisters at the mission parish of Jesucristo Resucitado in Venezuela.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is: "Be Imitators of Christ". Your gift to the CSA helps to meet that challenge by enabling the funded ministries to reach out and demonstrate Christ's love to many, many people in need. Funds given to the Catholic Services Appeal help to share the message of salvation not only in our parish but throughout our local Church and beyond. Commit to helping the CSA supported ministries. Then, please contemplate God's gifts to you and reflect on your gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish and vital ministries throughout this local Church is one way to express this gratitude. Please note that when our parish reaches its goal, **25% of all funds received will be returned for use in our parish.**

An invitation to attend a Cursillo Weekend: The New Year always brings resolutions. Why not make a resolution to make Christ the center of your life? The Cursillo movement can help make your resolution a reality. Cursillo offers a great opportunity for you to engage more in your faith. Those who have been on a Cursillo work toward a common goal...living a Christ centered life, spreading the Word of God and helping each other form a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. It all starts with making a weekend. The weekend starts on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. The weekends for winter 2015 are fast approaching and are being held at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. The men's weekend is Feb. 5-8, 2015 and the women's weekend is Feb 12-15, 2015. Now is the time to sign up. The weekend will help you experience your faith more deeply and help you to realize how God is working in your life every day. You are being invited to attend a Cursillo weekend, for more information regarding Cursillo, please call Tom and Deb Streefland 652-652-2349 or Ron and Kathy Chlan 952-652-2286 or visit the Cursillo website at www.tc-cursillo.org.

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! 10,001.00
Balance 8,980.50

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)

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, **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

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

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+
Tues	13	8:00 am	Norbert Skluzacek+
*Wed	14	8:15 am	Mass @ HC / John Wagner+
Thurs	15	8:00 am	Matt & Lisa Damiani
Fri	16	8:00 am	Elaine Fischer+
Sat	17	8:00 am	Bill Tissek+
Sat	17	5:00 pm	Anada Kuboushek+
Sun	18	8:00 am	Joe & Dorothy Chlan+
Sun	18	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Hebrews 1:1-6	Mark 1:14-20
Tue	Hebrews 2:5-12	Mark 1:21-28
Wed:	Hebrews 2:14-18	Mark 1:29-39
Thu:	Hebrews 3:7-14	Mark 1:40-45
Fri	Hebrews 4:1-5,11	Mark 2:1-12
Sat.	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 2:13-17
Sun	1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19/1 Corinth. 6:13c-15a,17-20/John 1:35-42	

Liturgical Stewardship

January 17 & 18

Jan 17 @ 5pm	Lector:	Jan Freeman
	Ministers	Mary Kay Forland-H, Chuck Mathews-Ch-H
	Ushers	Dave DeGonda, Ron Chlan
Jan 18 @ 8am	Lector:	Mike Cole
	Ministers	Joyce Anderson-H, Mike Moeller-Ch-H
	Ushers	Gary Vosejпка, Paul Thoresen
Jan 18 @ 10am	Lector:	Paul Panka
	Ministers	Jackie Devine-H, Chris Kuehl-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Steve Addabbo, Pat McDonald

SUNDAY GIVING: Jan 4 / Week 27 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$ 6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$169,452
Actual Collection Received	\$ 8,069
Holy Day	\$ 3,038
Christmas	\$ 30
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$ 170,652
	+ \$ 1,200
Capital Improvement \$118 / Endowment \$95	

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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:

Regular Classes Wednesday, January 14th, 2015 from 6:30-7:45pm at the CEC

Regular Classes Wednesday, January 21, 2015 from 6:30-7:45pm at the CEC

First Reconciliation: Reminder for students receiving First reconciliation in January. There is a mandatory gathering at/after the 5:00 pm Mass at each parish on **January 17th, 2015.**

First Reconciliation will be held in our church on Saturday, **January 24th, 2015** at NOON (12:00pm).

YOUTH GROUP:

Next **Dead Theologian Society Meeting:** Sunday, January 11, 2015; 6:00-9:00pm, St. Nicholas campus.

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!

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 Borghieinck [507-744-2829](tel:507-744-2829) - kateb@holycrossschool.net

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.

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.

The Annual Pro-Life Pancake & Sausage Breakfast will be held at the New Prague Knights of Columbus Hall on Sunday, Jan. 18th serving from 8 am till 12:30. All are welcome. Free will offering.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office invites you to its winter conference, *Cascade of Salt & Light*, Saturday, January 31, 8:30 – 5:00, at Epiphany Catholic Church in Coon Rapids. Keynote address by Bishop Lee Piché, followed by a variety of sessions focusing on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how to be salt and light in your family, parish and community. Speakers include Fr. Greg Paffel on discerning your gifts, Fr. James Livingston on the gift of healing, and many more. Also praise & worship, Baptism in the Holy Spirit and prayer ministry. Visit www.ccro-msp.org for more information and to register or call 763-571-5314. \$30 (includes lunch, scholarships available).

