

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 18th, 2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, once again we approach January 22. As the bulletin insert from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "It was the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion nationwide."

Hence if you visit, www.usccb.org, you can find information about "9 Days for Life," a time for prayer, penance, and pilgrimage, from January 17 to January 25. The goal is to end abortion.

It is important that we become aware of what is going on in our society and are ready to speak against attacks on innocent human life. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website says, "Since that tragic decision, more than 56 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and many suffer that loss -- often in silence."

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available: Call Project Rachel's national toll-free number: 888-456-HOPE(-4673) or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.

Hence while we speak out against abortion, we do not judge our brothers and sisters. Our focus is on healing the deep wounds caused by abortion in men and women. We also focus on the goal of ending abortion so more won't have to suffer such loss and the pain that accompanies the loss.

This issue is of utmost importance because we are dealing with innocent human life. We have a responsibility to protect innocent human life and there are many opportunities for you to be involved in the Pro-Life Movement.

Saint Nicholas has an active Pro-Life Committee, find more information at: <http://www.stncc.net/documents/2014/2/Pro%20Life%20Committee.pdf>.

If you have not already, please join the Pro-Life Movement. Prayer is the place to start!!

God bless,
Fr. Barnes

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Jan 18....Middle School Gathering 6pm
Mon, Jan 19....Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, Jan 20...Fatima Group 8:30am, Baptism Class 6pm,
Adult Ed @ Myra Room 7pm, Choir Practice 7pm
Wed, Jan 21...Golden Hearts Gathering @ 1pm in Church Basement
Religious Ed. 6:30pm
Thurs, Jan 22...Adult Ed.@ Myra Room 8:45am, RCIA @ HC 7pm,
Parish Council Meeting 7pm
Fri, Jan 23.....
Sat, Jan 24... Rosary in Chapel 9am, 1st Reconciliation 12pm,
Rome Meeting 6-9pm
Sun, Jan 25...KC's Pancake & Sausage Breakfast,
Catholic Schools Kick-off Week

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

Deb Thomas family would like to thank you for the out pouring of food that was brought and to all of you who helped in the kitchen. We wish we could thank you individually from the bottom of our heart. Thank You!

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.

Would your child like to put their very own envelope into the collection basket each week? Now they can! We have a box of children's envelopes located in the back of church, which your child can use each week to write on, the good deed they did that week, a message to God or if they want to reach into their pockets and give a little something. Any amount that is collected will be listed in the bulletin each week. A great way to encourage participation and stewardship is by making an offering of prayer!"

DO YOU OWN YOUR OWN BUSINESS? WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISER on ST. NICHOLAS' BULLETIN?

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Second Collection will be taken up this weekend to provide support for those affected by the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. The countries affected by this crisis are having such devastating consequences not only on those infected by the disease, but also on the health care system, livelihoods, food security and social system throughout the region of the affected countries. These funds will be used by Catholic Relief Services and other various partners to meet the most urgent needs facing people in West Africa who have been exposed to the disease.

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!

Middle School Gathering! Students in 6-8th grades are invited to gather for fun, games, snacks and prayer this Sunday from 6-7:30pm. We will be meeting in the youth group room. See you there!

Knights of Columbus Christmas party for members and their ladies is Friday January 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Firehouse Grille. For RSVP's and questions, contact Leon Meger at 952-652-2826.

Carpet Update

St. Nicholas is blessed to have two parishioners who have experience in Interior Design and Home Decorating. These two very talented ladies have helped us narrow down the color choices for the new carpet using the following criteria:

1. The focus in Church should be on our beautiful altar, not on the floor.
2. The carpet selections must enhance the colors on our altars and gorgeous art pieces throughout the Church. For example, each selection has touch of gold to bring out the gold which is painted within the art pieces and the altars.
3. The carpet must also compliment the great detail and texture of our wooden pews and wood floors.
4. The carpet selections must be timeless, making choices for paint color changes in the future easy.

Thank you Ladies!

Your opinion really does matter and now we need your help in choosing the carpet for our beautiful Church. Carpet selections will be on display after Masses next weekend and you will have an opportunity to vote on one of three choices.

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. 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.

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.

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

All these projects are complete!

We still need continued financial support for these projects, we are a little more than half way there. Remaining Balance - \$8,033.50

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! 10,948.00

Balance 8,033.50

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.

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

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

Sat	17	5:00 pm	Anada Kuboushek+
Sun	18	8:00 am	Joe & Dorothy Chlan+
Sun	18	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	20	8:00 am	Elaine Fischer+
Wed	21	8:00 am	Mike & Dolores Boyle
Thurs	22	8:00 am	Paul & Pat Nicklaus
Fri	23	8:00 am	John & Maureen Nesheim
Sat	24	8:00 am	End of Abortion
Sat	24	5:00 pm	Bob Seykora+
Sun	25	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	25	10:00 am	Emma Cannaday

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 2:18-22
Tue	Hebrews 6:10-20	Mark 2:23-28
Wed:	Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17	Mark 3:1-6
Thu:	Hebrews 7:25-8:6	Mark 3:7-12
Fri	Hebrews 8:6-13	Mark 3:13-19
Sat.	Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14	Mark 3:20-21
Sun	Jonah 3:1-5,10/ 1 Corinthians 7:29-31/Mark 1:14-20	

Liturgical Stewardship

January 24 & 25

Jan 24 @ 5pm	Lector:	Pat Biren
	Ministers	Ralph Wagner-H, Jolene Pierson-Ch-H
	Ushers	Dave DeGonda, Ron Chlan
Jan 25 @ 8am	Lector:	Peter Soderlund
	Ministers	Leander Wagner-H, Tom McCabe-Ch-H
	Ushers	Gary Vosejka, Paul Thoresen
Jan 25 @ 10am	Lector:	Margo Theisen
	Ministers	Julie Nelson-H, Tom Streefland-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Steve Addabbo, Pat McDonald

SUNDAY GIVING: Jan 11 / Week 28 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$ 6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$175,728
Actual Collection Received	\$ 2,785
Holy Day	\$ 10
Christmas	\$ 10
ACH	\$ 5,100
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$ 178,557
	+ \$ 2,829
Capital Improvement \$947 / Endowment \$535	

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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.

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 (1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays), 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

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 21, 2015** from 6:30-7:45 PM

Regular Classes Wednesday, **January 28, 2015** from 6:30-7:45 PM

This Saturday night after Mass (Jan. 17th) is the First Reconciliation Workshop for parents and students,

Sacramental Preparation interviews for First Reconciliation will be during classes this week.

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

HOLY CROSS:

The Catholic United Financial Raffle kicks off on Friday! Holy Cross Catholic School students will be selling \$5 raffle tickets from January 23 to March 8. The raffle is fully supported by Catholic United Financial and all proceeds go directly to the school. Please help us reach our goal of \$10,000 by purchasing tickets from a student or calling the school for a book of tickets. Prizes include a 2015 Ford Escape or \$25,000 cash, trips, ipads and gift cards!

Happening in the Area

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 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.

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.

This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. 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.

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.

