

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 1st, 2015

Once again a powerful healing! "Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him" (Mark 1:21-28).

Jesus has the authority and power to heal for He is God. He spoke, and His words were effective, they accomplished the message they conveyed immediately.

Is Jesus still present to us as He was to the people in Palestine during the first century? Yes He is even if we haven't experienced a miracle such as those recorded in the Gospels in which the people were amazed.

"There are weaknesses God frees us from, but others he leaves with us, precisely so that we stay small and poor, dependent on his grace, compelled to keep calling out to him all the time" (Philippe, Jacques. *The Way of Trust and Love*. Scepter, 2012. Page 47).

Here then is a path to great freedom which God desires for all of us in Christ. "Sometimes he heals our weaknesses, but sometimes he gives us the grace to live with them trustingly, to accept them peacefully, and accept ourselves as weak and limited" (ibid. 47). This in itself can be a great miracle.

God bless!
Fr. Barnes

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Feb 1...Holy Cross Athletic Breakfast
Mon, Feb 2...Rosary in Chapel 7pm, CMLG Meeting 7pm
Tues, Feb 3...Fatima Group 8:30am, GROW @ IC 6-9,
Choir Practice 7pm
Wed, Feb 4...Mass @ HC 8:15am, Religious Ed. 6:30pm
Thurs, Feb 5...RCIA @ HC 7pm, KC Meeting 7:30pm
Fri, Feb 6.....
Sat, Feb 7... First Sat. Prayers 8:35am, Rosary in Chapel 9am,
Lifeline @ NET 4:15pm
Sun, Feb 8...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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month.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: Feb 8th, March 8th and April 12th. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Everyone is welcome!!

TODAY - Holy Cross Athletic Association Annual Breakfast

8:00a.m. until Noon in the school gym.

Pancakes, ham and eggs, cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, coffee, milk, and juice will be served.

Adults \$8.50, Students \$4.50, Children 4 and under Free

All proceeds go to support Holy Cross Athletics, Everyone Welcome!.

Golden Hearts are celebrating Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 12th at 11am, by going out to lunch. Call Gretchen Rhein at 952-461-2230.

The Golden Hearts also continuing to collect used postage stamps for the missions. There is a container at the back of Church.

Change in Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, Feb. 10 - Saturday morning, Feb. 14th, there is no morning mass. Mass/Confession as usual on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, Feb. 14 & 15. No morning mass on Tuesday Feb. 17th.

Ash Wednesday is February 18th

Wednesday, February 18th, mass at 8:15am with Holy Cross students here, and Wednesday evening at 7pm.

LENT 2015

Save the date and join us for these special events to help us enter into this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Saturday, Feb. 28 - Men's Morning of Reflection 7am-11am at St. Nicholas

Saturday, March 14 - Women's Morning of Reflection 7am-11am at St. Nicholas.

Friday, March 27 - Stations, Soup and Speaker night. Stations of the Cross will be followed by Soup Supper and a speaker.

If you would like to help with planning any of these events please contact Jean Moeller or Kathy Chlan.



Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday February 22nd, from 8:00 - 12:00.

Everyone is welcome!

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?

We are looking for advertisers to help fill the back of our bulletin. The rate is very reasonable, and your ad runs weekly. Please call or e-mail Lisa at the parish office if you are interested. 952-461-2403 or lisal@stncc.net

Our first Chicken Cookout Meeting of the year, is scheduled for Thursday, February 12th at 7pm in the Church Basement. If you would like to help plan this year's event please join us for this meeting. Any question please call the parish office at 952-461-2403.

Let us journey with you in Prayer: 40 people from this area including Fr. Barnes, Fr. McCabe and Fr. Shofner will be leaving on a pilgrimage to Rome on Feb 9th. This pilgrimage is not a time of escape but a time to enter into the Body of Christ, praying for one another and encountering God every day through the sites and the daily masses we will have throughout the eternal city at different churches. You will be with us spiritually and we would be privileged to carry your prayer intentions with us. Please place your prayer intentions in a sealed envelope and deposit in the box located in the back of church on or before Sunday, February 8th.

2015 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

"Be Imitators of Christ"

The 2015 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is underway. Many of our parishioners have already received a mailing from the newly established Catholic Services Appeal Foundation requesting your support of the Catholic Services Appeal. Please respond generously.

The Appeal funds services that no one parish or individual can support alone. These services must go on despite these troubled times in our archdiocese. It is important to know that contributions to the Catholic Services Appeal will be 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.

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 help give nearly 2,500 students access to a life-changing Catholic school education their families could not otherwise afford. 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. You help support Latino ministry for our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters at 23 local parishes. **And, when our parish reaches its goal, 25% of all funds received will be returned for use to support ministries in our parish.**

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! 11,367.00

Balance 7,614.50

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.

ENDOWMENT 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

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 at 652-2349.

2015 Schedule; Feb 17, March 17, April 14 and May 12.

CHOIR

The St. Nicholas choir practices Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30pm. 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.

CMLG:

The next CMLG meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 2nd at 7pm in the church basement. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

"My greatest happiness is to be before the Blessed Sacrament where my heart is, as it were, in its center." ---St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), Saint of the Sacred Heart

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, 4th, and 5th Sundays), **Tuesday:** 7 pm, 9 pm, **Wednesday:** 10 am, **Friday:** 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 7 pm (2 Fridays a month),

Saturday: 1 pm (on 2nd, 3rd Saturdays of the month). 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. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 5th at 9am in the Myra Room. 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.

Elko New Market Community Blood Drive at Scott County Library @ Market Village, 100 J Roberts Way, New Market. Wednesday Feb. 18th 12:30-6:30pm. For an appointment please call Sharon at 952-758-8716 or www.redcrossblood.org, enter Sponsor Code: 0172834.

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

Sat	31	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	1	8:00 am	Len & Joan Britten+
Sun	1	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	3	8:00 am	John P. Gauer+
*Wed	4	8:15 am	Mass @ HC / Tom Boyle
Thurs	5	8:00 am	Ken DeGross+
Fri	6	8:00 am	PJ Siedow
Sat	7	8:00 am	Jeff & Melanie Anderson
Sat	7	5:00 pm	Kuboushek+
Sun	8	8:00 am	Mary Li & Cheryl Skluzacek+
Sun	8	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 2:22-40
Tue	Hebrews 12:1-4	Mark 5:21-43
Wed:	Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15	Mark 6:1-6
Thu:	Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24	Mark 6:7-13
Fri	Hebrews 13:1-8	Mark 6:14-29
Sat.	Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21	Mark 6:30-34
Sun	Job 7:1-4,6-7/ 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23/Mark 1:29-39	

Liturgical Stewardship February 7 & 8

Feb 7 @ 5pm	Lector:	Jan Freeman
	Ministers	Dana Meyer-H, Ken Thomas-Ch-H
	Ushers	Joe Molitor, David Sheedy
Feb 8 @ 8am	Lector:	Patty Jo English
	Ministers	Tom McCabe-H, Joyce Anderson-Ch-H
	Ushers	Dan Weiland, Dan Simones
Feb 8 @ 10am	Lector:	Carly McDonald
	Ministers	Denise Anderson-H, Chris Kuehl-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Tom Wagner, Leon Meger

SUNDAY GIVING: Jan 25 / Week 30 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$ 6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$188,280
Actual Collection Received	\$ 8,014
Fuel	\$ 30
Bread & Wine	\$ 20
Children Envelopes	\$ 69
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$ 191,751
	+ \$ 3,471
Capital Improvement \$231 / Endowment \$75	

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Regular Classes Wednesday, **February 4, 2015** from 6:30-7:45 PM*

*Prayer testing Grades 1-8

NO Classes, Wed. February 12th – Winter Break

No Classes, Wed. February 19 Ash Wednesday-We encourage Mass attendance for beginning of Lent!

Students: Use the winter break as an opportunity to study your prayers and Confirmation students to finish up their folders due March 4th and to know their study guides for testing in March.

HOLY CROSS:

Holy Cross School will be hosting a **Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Open House** in conjunction with the breakfast on **February 1** from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Tour the school, meet the teachers, and find out about our early learning programs that nurture the academic and social needs of your child.

Catholic United Financial Raffle - Holy Cross Catholic School students will be selling \$5 raffle tickets from now until **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!

YOUTH GROUP:

Next Dead Theologian Society Meeting: Sunday, Feb 8th, 2015; 6:00-9:00pm, St. Nicholas campus; We are looking for parent volunteers for the meal for March 8th, please contact Kathy Chlan @ 952-652-2286.

Happening in the Area

The Lonsdale area wide seniors club (golden agers) will meet on Tuesday Feb.3rd. 1:00 at the Lonsdale Civic Center. Euchre will be played. Chicken Dinner at 4:00. All adults over 60 are invited to attend. For more information, call Don at 507-744-2408.

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

2015 Newly Married Retreat –

Saturday, February 7, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Church of St. Charles Borromeo

All married couples who have not yet reached their 8th anniversary are invited to attend this great day to refresh their marriage. The retreat includes breakout sessions, reconciliation and the opportunity for couples to renew wedding vows. The cost is \$40 per couple and includes continental breakfast and catered lunch. More details and registration are available at www.archspm.org, Keywords: Newly Married. For more information, please call 651.291.4553.

Surrogacy: Compassion or Commodity?

Please join the Argument of the Month Club for Women at 6 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at St. John the Baptist Church in New Brighton as we debate the topic, "Surrogacy: Compassion or Commodity?" This presentation will feature speakers Steven Snyder, J.D., Assisted Reproductive Technology Committee, American Bar Association Family Law Section and Dorinda Bordlee, Bioethics Defense Fund. The cost is \$10 and no reservations are necessary. For more information, please go to www.sccff.net or call St. Croix Valley Faith Formation at 651.351.3175.

Mass for the World Day of Consecrated Life - Monday, Feb. 2, 5:15 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis are invited to join Bishop Piché, men and women religious, consecrated virgins and members of secular institutes at a special liturgy celebrating this year's World Day For Consecrated Life. This is one of many events and observances during the Year of Consecrated Life. Visit www.archspm.org/2015ycl to learn more!

Team Vianney – Thursday, February 5, 2015, 5 – 8:30 p.m. *It takes courage to follow Jesus. Dedication. Leadership. Vocation.*

St. John Vianney College Seminary – 2110 Selby Avenue. Team Vianney is a Catholic movement of men in 9th - 12th grades in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. If you've got what it takes, come to Saint John Vianney College Seminary at the University of St. Thomas beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 5. Meet for dinner with college seminarians, hear a short, dynamic talk on our Catholic faith, and participate in an energetic Mass with seminarians and university students.

St. Wenceslaus Soup Kitchen is sponsoring its 21st Annual Soup Supper on Saturday evening, February 7, 2015 at the St. Wenceslaus Church Basement in New Prague, featuring all you care to eat Chili, Vegetable Beef Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Homemade Breads, Cookies, Bars, Milk & Coffee. Serving begins at 4:30pm and continues to 7pm, (or until sold out). Cost is \$7.25 per person or \$25.00 per family. Kindergarten and younger are free. Tickets sold at the door. Take-outs also available.

All You Can Eat Fish Fry @ St. Patrick's Church of Cedar Lake, on Friday February 13, 5-8pm. Menu: Fish, French Fries & Au Gratin Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Beans, Bread, Macaroni & Cheese, Bars & Beverage. – Adults: \$12/4-12: \$5/3 & Under: Free

An Emmaus Experience A Retreat for Women – February 28-March 2

The Women's Emmaus Retreat is a Catholic retreat for women of our parish and surrounding parish communities. This retreat is based on the Scripture found in the Gospel of Luke 24:13-35. The main theme of the retreat is to discover or rediscover Jesus in our lives, and the importance of women ministering to women. The retreat is held at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. To register or obtain more information, please contact Anne Doyle at (507) 364-8906 or Tonya Beck at (952) 201-6212.