



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5th, 2015



HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed!

Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, many are baptized into the Catholic Church along with receiving the baptized seeking full communion with the Church. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

This year we welcome and congratulate Brittny Ash Bollar who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. Brittny has been in a RCIA formation class since September and you may have seen her as she has participated in the different rites at our weekend liturgies throughout the year as she has prepared for the sacraments.



Please welcome and support her in our prayers as a new member of the Catholic Church and our parish community as our RCIA faith formation classes continue into the period known as mystagogy, which means "interpretation of mystery", or "to lead through the mysteries". Mystagogy is the time of post-baptismal catechesis and a time to reflect on receiving the sacraments as well as ongoing formation of the faith. The newly baptized are called "neophytes," from the Greek word meaning "new plant," because the

faith has been newly planted in them.

As the formal catechesis draws to a close in the month of May, there is still much to learn as our spiritual life is a life-long faith journey. This is true for all of us as God calls us to grow in holiness and participation in the life of the Church, which can help us to evangelize. This is a time to plant the seeds of faith in our work environments, in our families and community and invite others to consider the Catholic Church. May the seeds you plant grow into many "new plants" at future Easter Vigils!

Have a Blessed Easter Season!

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- Sun, April 5.....Happy Easter – Mass @ 8 & 10am
 - Mon, April 6.....
 - Tues, April 7.....Fatima Group 8:30am, Chapel opens 8:30am
Choir Practice 7pm
 - Wed, April 8.....Religious Ed 6:30pm
 - Thurs, April 9.....RCIA 7pm @ HC
 - Fri, April 10.....Cursillo 7pm
 - Sat, April 11.....Rosary in Chapel 9am, 1st Communion workshop
9:30am, Lifeline @ NET 4:15pm, Holy Cross Auction 6pm
 - Sun, April 12.....Doughnut Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday 1pm
DTS 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: April 12th, May 10th and June 14th.
Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Everyone is welcome!!

Food Shelf Weekends!

We are excited to announce that our parish will now be holding food drives the last full weekend of every month. All donations will be going to the Scott County Food Shelf. Mark your calendar and thanks in advance for your donations!

Food Drive weekends: April 25/26, May 30/31 and June 27/28.
Please bring food and drop in alcoves on sides of church.

CHICKEN COOKOUT 2015



The Chicken Cookout is just around the corner. As always we need your support to make this successful. We are now collecting Big Ticket Raffle donations. The Deadline for turning in raffle items will be Sunday, April 26th. Donations for the Big Ticket Raffle can be placed in the weekly collection basket, turned in to the parish office or left in the black drop box outside the parish office or contact one of the committee members (Jim and Jodi Muelken, 952-447-1160, Cheryl Thomas, 952-461-2021, Jan Seykora, 952-461-3435). All donations received by the end of the day on Sunday, April 26th will be included on the Big Ticket Raffle flyer. We encourage any of you that know a business that would be willing to contribute an item for the big ticket raffle to seek their support. All proceeds from the Chicken Cookout go directly to the parish.

Thank you for your generosity and we look forward to another fun and successful Chicken Cookout

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION-APRIL 12

St. Nicholas Catholic Church will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12th from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. The Feast of Mercy is an exceptional day of grace given to us through the writings of St. Faustina of Poland in the 1930's. Jesus asked her to tell the whole world about the incredible gift of His infinite mercy toward sinners and asked that the Church observe this solemn feast day each year on the first Sunday after Easter. Please join us in this solemn celebration of God's mercy. For more information please go to <http://stncc.net/events-flyers> or call Mary (952) 894-9272.



Vacation Bible School (VBS) Registration is now open!

VBS is open to children age 4 (by June 1st) – Entering 5th gr. in the Fall 2015. To register your child please pick up a form in the back of church or call the parish office at 952-461-2403. VBS will be held June 8-12th, 9am– 11:45am, \$20 per child with a family cap of \$60.

VOLUNTEERS

****We are looking for a few more ADULT volunteers and several KIDS (AGE 12 & OLDER) to volunteer.** If you are a parent volunteering and you have kids in the program, the fee will be waived. Any 9th or 10th grader who volunteers, can apply the hours towards your required Confirmation Service Hours. To sign up to volunteer, call the parish office at 952-461-2403.

DONATIONS

To help keep costs down for this program, we are asking for simple donations of food and supplies.

Food Items: small marshmallows, mini pretzels, pretzel rods, 10 cans of white frosting, vanilla pudding cups, canned fruit, raisins, goldfish crackers, Smarties candy, gummy worms, apples, caramel dip, fruit dip, cookies, granola bars, fruit snacks, large containers of lemonade or Kool-Aid, fruit juice, chocolate milk and 5 cases of water.

Supplies: cups, plates (large size), napkins, glue dots, cotton balls, fabric markers and fabric paint, band aides or cash donations.



Cake/Cookie Decorating lesson – As celebratory preparations for First Communion, Confirmation, Graduations, etc. are drawing near, CMLG would like to you to join us in the church basement on Sunday April 19 at 1pm for this fun event! We will provide instruction, hands on experience/practice, as well as decorator frosting recipes and baking tips. Please RSVP for this event with the parish office by Monday 4/14. All are welcome. If you have a talent in this area, we'd love for your help and input. Please contact Sara Bertram if you're interested in helping.

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.

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! 14,366.00

Balance 4,615.50

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Check out the RE website at www.lnmvre.net

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

Weekly CLASS night on Wednesday. April 8th

10th grade Confirmation interviews begin

Weekly CLASS night on Wednesday. April 15th

Important! First Communion Student/Parent Workshop

Saturday, April 11th - 9:30am-11:00am at your Parish in Church

See www.lnmvre.net for more information

Confirmation @ Divine Mercy in Faribault, MN

Keep our 10th grade students in your prayers, they will be confirmed on

Saturday, April 25th, 2015 at 10:00a. More information on Confirmation will be sent as we receive information from the diocese

HOLY CROSS NEWS:

Happy Easter from the students and staff of Holy Cross! We celebrated a beautiful Lent and Holy Week and share in the joy of the Resurrection.

Next Saturday we celebrate our school with the annual Crusader Celebration: Roundup at the Ranch. Our annual fundraiser includes dinner, drinks, games, raffles, and a silent and live auction. Everyone is invited to join in the fun to support the school. Tickets are \$50 per person and are available from Holy Cross families or from the school office. Call 952-652-6100 for information.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

Steubenville North Summer Retreat!


The high school youth group will be attending the Steubenville North weekend retreat, July 24-26, at the University of St Thomas in St Paul. This is an amazing weekend retreat filled with music, mass, speakers and fun time spent with friends new and old! Open to high school students, including those entering 9th grade in the fall. Space is limited! Contact Megan Anderson at

stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com for more info or pick up a registration form in the back of church!

Scholarship Opportunity!

We are once again holding an essay contest for the Steubenville retreat! The winning essay will receive their retreat registration fees paid in full! Pick up an entry in the back of church or email Megan at stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com for entry info. Entries due April 11th.

Mass Intentions – (* indicates a change in mass time)			
Sat	4	8:30 pm	Easter Vigil / Debbie Thomas+
Sun	5	8:00 am	Joseph & May Friedges+
Sun	5	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	7	8:00 am	PJ Siedow
Wed	8	8:00 am	Ken DeGross+
Thurs	9	8:00 am	Don & Georgette Herrgott+
Fri	10	8:00 am	Tissek Family
Sat	11	8:00 am	Robert Saleck+
Sat	11	5:00 pm	Leo Shea Family
Sun	12	8:00 am	Len & Joan Britten+
Sun	12	10:00 am	For the Parish

 Daily Scriptures		
Monday:	Acts of Apos 2:14,22-23	Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts of Apos 2:36-41	John 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts of Apos 3:1-10	Luke 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts of Apos 3:11-26	Luke 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts of Apos 4:1-12	John 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts of Apos 4:13-21	Mark 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts of Apos 4:32-35/1	John 5:1-6/John 20:19-31

Liturgical Stewardship			April 11 & 12
April 11 @ 5pm	Lector:	Robyn Dietz	
	Ministers	Dan Meyer-H, Chuck Mathews-Ch-H	
	Ushers:	Joe Molitor, Ron Chlan	
April 12 @ 8am	Lector:	Leander Wagner	
	Ministers	Tom McCabe-H, Joyce Anderson-Ch-H	
	Ushers:	Dan Weiland, Todd Hertaus	
April 12 @ 10am	Lector:	Emelia Fredrickson	
	Ministers	Larry Caduff-H, Chris Kuehl-Ch-H	
	Ushers:	Mike Chlan, Tim Burke	

SUNDAY GIVING: March 29 / Week 39 in Fiscal Year	
Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$ 6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$244,764
Actual Collection Received	\$ 3,629
Easter	\$ 400
Flowers	\$ 185
Children's Envelopes	\$ 4
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$ 237,067
	- \$ 7,697
Capital Improvement \$131	

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2015 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
The CSA goal for St. Nicholas is \$18,555
Donations to date: \$14,351

If you have not made your contribution to the 2015 Catholic Services Appeal, please consider doing so.

One pledge can make a difference, especially when combined with all the other pledges made throughout our local Church. And, when our parish reaches its goal, 25% of all funds received will be returned for use to support ministries in our parish

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 952-652-2349.

2015 Schedule; 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 Deb Carlson at 952-884-8251 or debc@stncc.net

CMLG

4/17 & 4/18 - ACCW Convention, hosted by St. Dominic, Northfield. Please RSVP to the parish office by Tuesday, March 31st with the day you will be attending.

Two days filled with speakers, silent auctions, vendors, and Mass both days with Bishop Piche and Archbishop Nienstedt. Friday starts at 12pm and ends with a banquet at 6:30pm. Saturday starts at 8am and ends at 2:30. You can attend one or both days.

We have been asked to offer help as the SouthWest Deanery is hosting the Convention. Please let me know if you would like to help with this event. We will need helpers on both days from greeters, to silent auction helpers, etc. The more volunteers we have, the more time we have to partake in the speaker sessions and events. As we complete the list of volunteers, duty assignments will be made by Marcia Simon and communicated back.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Adorers, please note the change in the Adoration schedule for Easter weekend.

Easter schedule - The Adoration Chapel will close on Holy Thursday, April 2nd at 6 pm. The Chapel will remain closed through the weekend and will reopen on Tuesday, April 7th after 8 am Mass.

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. Please contact Genie Stern and join us! 651-491-1447.

PRO-LIFE

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

HAPPENING IN THE AREA:

The Lonsdale area wide seniors (Golden Agers) will hold its meeting on April 7th at 1:00 at the I.C. Civic Center. Euchre will be played with a supper served at 4:00. All Adults over 60 are invited to attend. For info. call Don at 507-744-2408. The club always meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

St. Patrick Men's Club is sponsoring a Euchre Tournament on Friday evening, April 10th, 2015 at the Social Hall in St. Patrick. Registration begins at 6:30pm. Tournament begins at 7:30pm. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 4 teams. Food & beverage will be available. Cost is \$20 per team.

Southern Valley Alliance for battered Women – Is in need of volunteers to answer the 24-hour crisis line from the comfort of your home. We also are seeking volunteers to facilitate support groups and provide childcare. Free training for crisis line volunteers begins on April 18th. For more information, please call Jan or Anna at 952-873-4214.

Food For Kidz Packaging Event - Thursday, April 30, 2015, Immaculate Conception Church Civic Center, 116 Alabama Street SE, Lonsdale - 4:00-5:30 and 5:30-7:00 PM shifts. No sign up needed - just show up and help! Please also consider making a tax-deductible donation; 100% of the money raised will be used to buy food. Bring your donation April 30 or mail your check (payable to) Food for Kidz, c/o Immaculate Conception Parish, PO Box 169, Lonsdale MN 55046. Questions? Call Betty Smisek at 507-744-5195, Becky Neisen at 952-873-6407 or Heather Malecha at 952-652-2650 or email malecha@integra.net. ~Sponsored by Food for Kidz Committee & IC Parish Pastoral Council~

Priests v. Seminarians Basketball Tournament - Totino-Grace High School - Friday, April 10, 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.

The evening begins with a barbeque, followed by a game between Saint John Vianney College Seminary and The Saint Paul Seminary. The winner will face priests from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis in the championship round. The annual tournament also includes the Archdiocesan Catholic High School Dunk Contest. Free and open to the public.

Solemn Vespers for the Third Sunday of Easter - The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity- St. Mary's Chapel - Sunday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.

An evening of music with The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity Chorale, UST Schola Cantorum and the Beacon Hill Brass. Free and open to the public.

Inviting all cancer survivors, caregivers and anyone wanting to support the American Cancer Society to the Relay For Life of Scott County Pancake Breakfast Kickoff on Saturday, April 11th, from 8 a.m. until 11 am at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Shakopee – located at 1760 4th Ave East.

The breakfast will include all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and milk. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$3 for children. Kids 2 and under eat free. Come learn more about the Relay For Life of Scott County and how you can be involved. We are excited to be announcing some changes to this year's event. Tickets available at the door. For advance tickets or more information, please contact event leads Joey Skogrand 612-816-7983; Tyanne Breimhorst 952-445-2709; Ruby Winings 952-240-9536.

HAPPY EASTER



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