

SUNDAY of the DIVINE MERCY, APRIL 12th, 2015

Divine Mercy Sunday

Please join us to celebrate this extraordinary Day of Grace
Sunday, April 12th, 1 - 3:30pm



- Welcome, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Blessing of Divine Mercy Image
- Gospel Reading, Adoration
- Confessions begin (1:30pm)
- Fr. Dennis Evenson talks on Divine Mercy
- Meditative Rosary with selected readings from St. Faustina's Diary
- St. Faustina's Praises of Divine Mercy
- Confessions end (3:00pm)
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Benediction and Dismissal
- Refreshments and Fellowship in church hall

Jesus said to Saint Faustina Kowalska: "I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy... On this day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy... and this is why the first Sunday after Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy, and on that day priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy." (Confession may be made any time within eight days before or after the Feast of Divine Mercy.)

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- Sun, April 12.....Doughnut Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday 1pm
DTS 6pm
- Mon, April 13....
- Tues, April 14... Fatima Group 8:30am, Choir Practice 7pm
Book Club 7:15pm
- Wed, April 15....Golden Hearts 1pm, Religious Ed 6:30pm
- Thurs, April 16.....Mom's Group 9:30 in Myra Room, Parish Council
Meeting 7pm, RCIA 7pm @ HC
- Fri, April 17.....
- Sat, April 18.....Rosary in Chapel 9am
- Sun, April 19.....Cookie & Cake Decorating in Basement 1pm
- 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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month.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!!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION-TODAY

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a solemn feast day established in the universal Catholic Church by St. John Paul II in the Jubilee Year 2000. St. Nicholas Catholic Church is hosting a celebration of this feast today from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. with Benediction, blessing of our Divine Mercy image, a talk by Fr. Dennis Evenson, meditative rosary, Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and refreshments in the church hall. Please join us as we celebrate this special day of grace! For more information please go to <http://stncc.net/events-flyers> or call Mary (952) 894-9272.

Golden Hearts will meet on Wednesday, April 15th at 1pm in the Church basement.



Welcome to St. Nicholas Parish

Please extend a warm welcome to the newest member of St. Nicholas Parish:

-Chuck and Vicki Jensen



CHICKEN COOKOUT, June 21st, 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



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! 14,459.00

Balance 4,522.50

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.lnmvrc.net

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

Weekly CLASS night on Wednesday, April 15th

Weekly CLASS night on Wednesday, April 22nd - First Communion Class

Interviews

Confirmation

Next Sunday, April 19th at the 10:00 Mass St. Nicholas will be have a sending ceremony for our Confirmation students as they are about to be confirmed at @ Divine Mercy in Faribault, MN **on Saturday, April 25th, 2015 at 10:00am.** Keep our 10th grade Confirmation students in your prayers

HOLY CROSS NEWS:

Holy Cross Catholic School thanks all those who supported the 2015 Crusader Celebration Roundup at the Ranch by attending, donating, volunteering, or purchasing raffle tickets. We are truly grateful for the outpouring of support from our parish communities and we thank you for helping make this event such a success!


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

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

Mass Intentions – (* indicates a change in mass time)			
Sat	11	5:00 pm	Leo Shea Family
Sun	12	8:00 am	Len & Joan Britten+
Sun	12	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	14	8:00 am	
Wed	15	8:00 am	
Thurs	16	8:00 am	Lillian & Urban Kost+
Fri	17	8:00 am	Nichol Siedow
Sat	18	8:00 am	
Sat	18	5:00 pm	Don Monnens+
Sun	19	8:00 am	Paul & Therese Leon+
Sun	19	10:00 am	For the Parish

 Daily Scriptures		
Monday:	Acts of Apos 4:23-31	John 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts of Apos 4:32-37	John 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts of Apos 5:17-26	John 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts of Apos 5:27-33	John 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts of Apos 5:34-42	John 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts of Apos 6:1-7	John 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts of Apos 3:13-15,17-19/1	John 2:1-5a/ Luke 24:35-48

Liturgical Stewardship			April 18 & 19
April 18 @ 5pm	Lector:	Chuck Mathews	
	Ministers	Jan Freeman-H, Gail Mathews-Ch-H	
	Ushers:	Joe Molitor, Ron Chlan	
April 19 @ 8am	Lector:	Kendra Caduff	
	Ministers	Kathy Chlan-H, Margo Theisen-Ch-H	
	Ushers:	Dan Weiland, Todd Hertaus	
April 19 @ 10am	Lector:	Carly McDonald	
	Ministers	Larry Caduff-H, Amy McDonald-Ch-H	
	Ushers:	Mike Chlan, Tim Burke	

SUNDAY GIVING: April 5 / Week 40 in Fiscal Year	
Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$ 6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$251,040
Actual Collection Received	\$ 1,128
Easter	\$ 6,792
Flowers	\$ 5
Grounds Care	\$ 70
Children's Envelopes	\$ 1
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$ 245,063
	- \$ 5,977
Capital Improvement \$93 / 2 nd Collection \$673	

Please show your appreciation by supporting those advertisers who help make our bulletin possible. This week we thank...

CERTIFIED RECYCLING

14305 Ewing Ave., Burnsville, MN

952-894-1448

Recycling of Appliances-Automotive-Electronics-Furniture-Fluorescent Bulbs-Batteries-And More

2015 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
The CSA goal for St. Nicholas is \$18,555
Donations to date: \$16,051

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

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.

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

"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." Jesus told St. M. Faustina that the Blessed Sacrament is the "throne of My mercy on earth," and to daily "Adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy," (Divine Mercy Diary, 300, 1485, & 1572)

Divine Mercy Sunday - On Sunday, April 12th, the Adoration Chapel will open at 4 pm after Divine Mercy Devotions in the Main church (instead of the usual time of noon).

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), 4 pm (from June - Sept), **Tuesday:** 1 pm (2 Tuesdays a month), 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 for spiritual discussion, to pray, and reflect on the Gospel to enrich and support our vocation as wives and mothers.

Next gathering; April 16th, May 7th & May 28th at 9:30am in the Myra Room, in the old school building. Please contact Lisa Damiani at 651-203-7734 to join!

PRO-LIFE

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

HAPPENING IN THE AREA:

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.

LUKE SPEHAR IN CONCERT

All Saints Youth presents Luke Spehar in concert here on Thursday, April 16 at 7 PM. Luke is a Catholic artist, who just married one of our parishioners, Elizabeth (Yetzer) Spehar. They spent their honeymoon on the road touring the United States and witnessing to the faith through music. Come and enjoy Luke in concert in the Main Church. Free-will offering. Everyone welcome!

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.

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~

Play Pray Date for Mothers Daughters Grandmothers and Granddaughters; Saturday, May 2, 2015

Encouraged by the success of last year's **Play-Pray Date**, the Retreat Center will be offering this day for mothers, daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters on Saturday, May 2, 2015. This year our theme will be "**Hats Off to Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers and Granddaughters.**"

There is an expression, "**One wears many hats,**" and we will look at the variety of roles and expectations that are placed upon mothers, daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters as they see to deepen their relationship with one another.

The day will begin with Coffee, tea and muffins available at 9:00 a.m., with the opening Prayer Service at 9:30. There will be two retreat conferences, a fun activity to do together, lunch, outdoor Stations of the Cross-weather permitting, and door prizes. For the activity, we ask that you bring any small photos of yourself that can be used in the activity. (We can make a photocopy of the photo if needed.) Preregistration and prepayment is required for this popular program. The cost for the day is \$65.00 per person which includes, the retreat program, lunch, the afternoon tea and materials for the activity. Please call 952-447-2182 to register.

Did you know that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month? There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God – our children. As we start April, the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis wants to reiterate that it remains committed to helping survivors and their families heal and find peace. The Archdiocese also is taking steps to strengthen our policies and procedures that safeguard our children and vulnerable adults. For more information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please visit www.SafeCatholicSPM.org.