



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” - Mt 21:32

Welcome to St. Nicholas Catholic Church!

General Information

Lord's Day Mass

Saturday: 5:00 p.m., Sunday: *8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

*Mass with parts in Latin first Sunday of the month.

Daily Mass

Tuesday—Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration Chapel Hours

Sunday Noon—Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday—Friday: 7:35—7:50 a.m.

Wednesday: 4:45— 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:35 a.m. & 3:30—4:40 p.m.
or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Pre-baptism meetings are held with Father Barnes. Please call for an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made a minimum of six (6) months in advance.

Communion Call: If you or someone you care for must receive communion at home or in the hospital, please call the parish office.

Care Fund: Help is available for emergency situations & special needs. Please contact the parish office.

Prayer Line: This group is designed to help pray for specific concerns or special intentions. To add someone to the prayer line or if you are interested in becoming one of 45+ who pray, please contact Mary Zweber at 952-461-2366 or George Rhein at 952-461-4230.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

51 Church Street
Elko New Market, MN 55054
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Parish Office Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday—Friday: 7:45 a.m.—4:15 p.m.

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Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesdays by 4:00 p.m.
In writing to the parish office
or email to kjohnson@stncc.net

From the desk of Father Barnes

And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all his work which he had done in creation (Genesis 2:2-3) (RSV).

Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings have been encroached upon in a bad way. These used to be left open so that people could rest and pray on the Lord's Day and learn about the faith at religious education. No longer are they hallowed ground.

God makes the seventh day holy, and work during the other six days is ordered to worship. If this is lost, we run the risk of being slaves to labor while failing to recognize our complete dependence on God (Ignatius Study Bible, Genesis. P. 20).

The issue is not that sports or other activities are bad, not at all. The problem we have noticed is that sports are becoming so time-consuming and so important that religion is being pushed out. We participate in recreation to be re-created, to be renewed and refreshed. It seems that sports now are work, an effort to produce the next Tiger Woods or fill in the blank.

We have heard the saying, 'keep Christ in Christmas,' let's keep Christ in Sunday, for being a good steward of the Lord's Day is crucial in being a good steward!

God bless!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FORMS

By now all parishioners should have received their Stewardship letter and commitment form. We ask you to take some time to reflect on the gifts God has provided you and determine how you can share your gifts to serve others through our parish. Please return your completed form in the collection basket at Mass or by mail by October 20. The Stewardship Committee is encouraging all families to participate and will be following up with those who don't respond.



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2017-2018 Enrollment is open.

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October 1, 2017

Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This week at St. Nicholas		
Sun	Oct 1	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 9:35am Rosary 10:00am Mass: Scott & Adrian Fischer
Mon	Oct 2	No Mass is scheduled on this day.
Tue	Oct 3	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Jeff Muelken+ 8:35am Fatima Prayer Group—All are welcome 6:00pm Blessing of Animals—Outdoors in front of church. 7:00pm Divine Mercy Cenacle 7:00pm Bible Timeline Class at Holy Cross
Wed	Oct 4	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Catherine Tupy 4:45pm No Confessions 6:30pm Religious Education Classes at Holy Cross
Thu	Oct 5	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Father Isaac Relyea 8:30am Divine Mercy Cenacle 5:30pm Teddy Bear Band, Holy Cross Open House 7:30pm KC Meeting
Fri	Oct 6	7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Dick McDonald+
Sat	Oct 7	7:35am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 8:00am Mass: Dick McDonald+ 8:35am Confessions 8:35am Rosary—1st Saturday Prayers 3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Ray Lipinski+ Youth Group Lifeline Net Mass
Sun	Oct 8	Doughnut Sunday Hosted by Gala & Auction 7:20am Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) 7:30am Rosary 8:00am Mass: For the Parish 9:30am Rosary 10:00am Mass: Josh Damiani 10:00am Sunday School

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Liturgical Ministers



USHER TRAINING UPDATE
In lieu of the group training that was scheduled on October 14, we will have more individualized training. Please contact Ron Chlan or the parish office if you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry.

Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion serve as extra ordinary distributors of Holy Communion when there is the need for additional help. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must manifest a deep reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist and have been confirmed. **Training will be held on 10/14/17 at 8:30 a.m.**

Lectors proclaim the first and second readings and the intercessory prayers. Lectors should be able to speak meaningfully and with clarity and be comfortable reading in front of a congregation and are high school age and older. **Training will be held on 10/14/17 at 9:15 a.m.**

Please note: All current Liturgical Ministers must also attend the scheduled training sessions.

Readings for the Week

Readings for the Week of October 1, 2017
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-23, 29/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-7/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17-24
 Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



The Banns of Marriage are published between Coty Balfe and Shannon Miller.

Blessing of Animals

Tuesday, October 3, 6:00 p.m.



All are invited to join us outdoors in front of church for a special blessing of animals by Father Barnes. **Owners of all faiths welcome!**
 Please make sure your pet is safely secured on a leash or in an appropriate carrier for the blessing. If your pet is frightened of crowds, please leave your pet at home and instead, bring a symbol of your animal (photo, favorite toy, etc.) to the blessing.

Lord, Let it be You who lives in me today.

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DISCERNING A RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Did you know that of the roughly 10,000 American individuals discerning a religious vocation each year nearly 50% are prevented from pursuing their calling because of outstanding educational debt?

Michael Panka is a parishioner of Saint Nicholas and an applicant for the Saint Paul Seminary here in Saint Paul. Before he can enter seminary, he must first repay his student loans.

To do this, he needs your help. Between now and December, Michael is working with a local non-profit organization called The Labouré Society. Since 2003, with the generous support of faithful Catholics throughout the country, The Labouré Society has helped over 250 aspirants overcome the obstacle of educational debt and enter religious formation.

To find out more about The Labouré Society and how you can help Michael and his fellow aspirants answer the Lord's call, please visit www.labouresociety.org/michael.

*Please keep Michael and his fellow aspirants in your prayers!
God bless!*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Remember a time when jealousy or envy reared its ugly head and you wished you had something that someone else owned? Maybe it was a house, a car, a bank account, or even that luscious green lawn. All humans have had that feeling before and some of us more often than others. After the emotion hit you, hopefully you considered all the good gifts you did have in your life and gave thanks for them. Let's pray that you are still not hanging onto those feelings. Unfortunately, we do live in a world that seems to fuel those desires and push us toward wanting more and more.

But let's level the field here. Did you ever hear of someone who died and was able to take any of those things into the afterlife? The reality is that nothing we have in this life truly belongs to us. We come into this world with nothing and as time goes by more gifts are entrusted to us but we never truly own them. So whom do they belong to anyway?

Of course, you know the answer. All that we have has been entrusted to us by God; to be cherished, cultivated, and then given back to him for his glory. God doesn't need any of these things, and we only need them short-term. All that we need long-term is God. If he is all we need in the end, I bet our lives would be more fruitful and happier if we focused on that now instead of later.

Website: stncc.net

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

My coworkers and I have been debating the death penalty and whether or not it should be part of our justice system. Why are so many people who claim to be pro-life believers in favor of it?

Answer:

The issues of crime and punishment are never easy because so many factors influence people and how they view problems and solutions. Increased violence, loss of life, cost to taxpayers and the community at large, and the maneuverings of lawyers and courts only add fuel to the fire. When bad things happen in your neighborhood or to your home or to you, you want relief. Any normal person would feel that way. A pro-life view does not insulate anyone from the bad effects of criminal behavior. Innocent people are hurt every day and it may seem as though those who cause the pain get away with it, or get off easy.

The death penalty is not excluded by Church teaching. The state has the right to impose penalties that are commensurate with the crime as well as to defend itself from further harm (Catechism of the Catholic Church, §2266). When possible, punishment should help correct the offender, offering a chance of redemption, which is why the pope and bishops have called for an end to the death penalty. For more information, visit the Human Life and Dignity section of the USCCB's website (www.usccb.org).



DISCERNING A DIACONATE VOCATION

My name is Matt Damiani and I am a second year candidate in the Diaconate Formation program. This was a call that I first heard many years ago when attending the priestly ordination of a friend of mine. It was not clear at first, but after years of prayer and discernment, I felt it was drawing me to the diaconate. I would encourage each of you to listen to what God is asking of you, no matter how small. He will always give you what you need if you just say "yes" to His Will. Please pray for me and my family during these formation years; you are in my prayers also.

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St. Nicholas Gala & Auction

The St. Nicholas Gala & Auction committee invite you to Doughnut Sunday on October 8. Enjoy a doughnut and some coffee and a preview of some of the items we will have available for Live Auction.

The Gala and Auction is one of the largest fundraisers in the Parish. Without your support, this event wouldn't be a success!

We are still in need of donations for raffle baskets and silent auction items. Please drop off donations at the Parish office or call Shawn Overgaard at 952 242 4102 if you need a donation picked up.

Each family is asked to buy or sell at least two tickets.

Tickets will be available after both Masses in the Parish basement if you haven't picked yours up yet. Please return tickets to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The date for the Gala and Auction is November 4 at the Park Ballroom in New Prague. Doors open at 5 p.m.



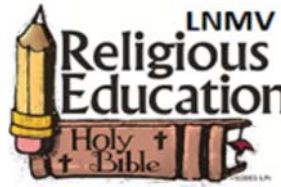
40 Days for Life Twin Cities – Fall 2017
September 27 – November 5, 2017

Opening Vigil: Wednesday, September 27 @ 6 p.m.
Closing Vigil: Sunday, November 5 @ 3 p.m.
Adopt-A-Day for organizations and groups.

Individuals come and pray anytime!

Planned Parenthood
671 Vandalia St.
St. Paul, MN 55114

Pro-Life Action Ministries invites all to join us in this international movement of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach to end abortion. Contact Brian W. for more information at 651-797-6363.



LNMV CLASSES BEGIN SEPT. 20, 6:30—7:45 P.M.

Regular Class Nights:
Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Parents of First Communion Students:

God in the Family group meetings on Sundays, Mondays, or Tuesdays Oct. 1, 2 & 3; 8, 9 & 10; 22, 23 & 24 and Oct. 29, 30.

Watch your email for location and directions. Contact Kathyc@holycrossschool.net with questions.



ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

All High School Youth are invited to celebrate our Catholic faith at Archdiocesan Youth Day. Join Bishop Andrew Cozzens and special guest Emily Wilson in the spirit of faith and fun. AYD is like World Youth Day, but local! Join us and 2,000 teens from around the diocese for Archdiocesan Youth Day. Music by SONAR! Sign up deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 4 by contacting Kathy Chlan @ kathyc@holycrossschool.net or call 952-652-6100, ext. 101. We have a bus to the Roy Wilkins Auditorium in St. Paul, so don't delay, sign up today!



KNIGHTS ANNUAL GUN RAFFLE

The St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus are once again hosting their annual gun raffle. Winners will be announced on Sunday, October 29, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass during their pancake breakfast. They have three beautiful firearms and tickets are \$10 each. So get ready for hunting season and continue to support the Knights in all their good works. Tickets are on sale after all weekend Masses.

**LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Saying and doing are two very different things. Often, we say we are going to do the right thing but then we do not. We get distracted by a self-focused concern, apathy, fear, and a number of other excuses. The choice to act with virtue is always before us. The ability to choose is one of God's gifts. Fully living the Gospel means that we choose to "practice what we preach." Faith without action serves no purpose.

Jesus, I trust in You!

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

Oct 2017 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		8:30am - Fatima Rosary 6pm - Animal Blessing 7pm - Bible Timeline Class 7pm - Divine Mercy Cenacle	4:45pm - No Confessions 6:30pm - Religious	8:30am - Divine Mercy 6:30pm - Teddy Bear Band 7:30pm - KC Meeting		8:35am - 1st Saturday 3:30pm - Confessions 4:30pm - Lifeline - Youth
8		8:30am - Fatima Rosary 6:30pm - Finance Council 7pm - Bible Timeline Class 7pm - Gala and Auction	4:45pm - Confessions 6:30pm - Religious		7pm - Cursillo	8am - Join us to pray for 8am - No Mass 8:30am - EOMHC Training & 9:15am - Lector Training & 2pm - Wedding 3:30pm - Confessions 5pm - Spaghetti Dinner at
15	6pm - Youth Group	8:30am - Fatima Rosary 6pm - Baptism Class 7pm - Bible Timeline Class 7:15pm - Book Club	4:45pm - Confessions	No School - MEA 7pm - Parish Council		9am - Moms' Group 11am - St. Nicks at Planned 3:30pm - Confessions
22		8:30am - Fatima Rosary 7pm - Bible Timeline Class 7pm - Gala and Auction	4:45pm - Confessions 6:30pm - Religious	6:30pm - Catholic		Food Shelf Weekend 8am - No Mass 11:15am - AYD - 1:30pm - Wedding 3:30pm - Confessions
29	Food Shelf Weekend 12am - KC's Pancake	8am - No Mass 8:30am - Fatima Rosary 6pm - Mass 7pm - Bible Timeline Class				

Our Parish School News



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Holy Cross Families and Friends,
 As we enter our second month of the school year I'd like to take a moment to commend you and all of our students for a stellar start to the year. Our school culture truly is growing around what I see as our shared purpose: "Praise God, Work Hard, Love One Another", and I see these beautiful values reflected daily as I observe our students as they interact with teachers, with curricula, and with each other. Our faculty and staff serve as cardinal examples to our students of what it is to follow Christ, and I appreciate that so very much. What a blessing it is to be a part of this wonderful school community and to be with your children every day!

It certainly has been busy around Holy Cross of late! Our middle school students have already completed their first service project of cleaning the highway, and have experienced an amazing retreat put on by NET Ministries to help get the year off to a solid start. On Friday, the Marathon for Non-Public education was held right here on the Holy Cross campus, and the Golf Outing was held that same afternoon at CreeksBend Golf Course. Thank you to all who supported either or both of these important fund raisers for Holy Cross. Your kind generosity goes miles in both tuition assistance, and program development. We are blessed to have you be part of the Holy Cross community!

As we now move into October, our days turn cooler and trees turn to those beautiful shades of fall color. Let's all take time to take in the beauty of our earth, God's precious gift to us, his favorite of all he created.

In Him,

Constance L. Krocak, Ed.D.
 Principal

Eucharistic Adoration

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

We are looking for a new lead coordinator(s) for our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Please prayerfully consider lending your talents to this beautiful ministry. If you are interested in this volunteer position, please contact Father Barnes for more information.

CAN YOU SPEND JUST ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD?

Adorers are needed. If you would like to spend time with our Lord in adoration, please contact the parish office or sign up online at <http://www.stncc.net/available-adoration-hours>.

Time	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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No adoration at this time
 One adorer scheduled, additional adorers welcome
 Adorer needed
 *A Adorer needed 2nd and 3rd weeks of the month

Liturgical Stewardship

Oct 7, 5:00pm	Lector:	Mike Cole
	Ministers:	Dana Meyer, Larry Caduff
	Ushers:	Dan Heselton, Joe Molitor
Oct 8, 8:00am	Lector:	Leander Wagner
	Ministers:	Mike Moeller, Jolene Pierson
	Ushers:	Marlin Hennen, Ron Chlan
Oct 8, 10:00am	Lector:	Matt Damiani
	Ministers:	Chris Kuehl, Denise Anderson
	Ushers:	Tony Nelson, Pat McDonald

**Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord
 September 24, 2017—Week 13 in Fiscal Year**

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving	\$7,474
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving	\$97,162
Sunday Plate & Envelope	\$4,414
Children's	\$0
Bread and Wine	\$0
ACH (Received monthly)	\$0
Grounds	\$0
Collection Received Year-to-Date	\$77,380
	-\$19,782
Endowment: \$0	Hurricane Irma: \$1,467
Capital Improvements: \$173 Current; \$7,191 Cumulative	
We do have a number of other maintenance projects that will need to be addressed soon. These items are not included in the budget and we appreciate your continued generosity. Thank you!	
Contributors this week 118 (estimated) out of 440	

St. Nicholas, Pray for us!