

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014



For golf fans, *The Masters* is awesome! It is easy to 'get into' the tournament and get excited about a favorite player or a story line. Yet this can't even compare with how we enter in to Holy Week. Please join us for the Triduum liturgies this week in which we enter in to the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ to eternal life. Bring your sorrows, your crosses, your joys too, and unite your life with the Paschal Mystery.

Even if you don't have a role in the liturgies, we are all called to actively participate. This goes far deeper than cheering for the golf tournament! Spiritually we enter in to the prayer, actively engaging the liturgy, putting all of our energy, our whole life into this solemn event.

This is what Lent has prepared us for, actively entering into the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ to eternal life, which is made present in the Sacred Triduum. By intentionally allowing the mystery to permeate our entire life, we become much more than fans on the sideline!

Triduum Liturgy Schedule:

Mass of the Lord's Supper – Thursday 7pm

Veneration of the Cross – Friday 7pm

Easter Vigil – Saturday 8:30pm

2014 Catholic Services Appeal

"Seek first the Kingdom of God." Matthew 6:24-34

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 and for *no other purposes*. Please visit the new Catholic Services Appeal Foundation website at csafspm.org for more information.

****Our parish goal is \$16,784.82 – if we reach our goal, 25% of this amount will be returned to our parish!**

Donations to date \$15,990

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun April 13..... Palm Sunday, Donut Sunday, Welcome Sunday, Sunday School 10am, DTS 6pm.

Mon April 14.....Rosary in Chapel 7pm

Tues, April 15..... Fatima Group 8:30am, Mom's Group 9am

Wed, April 16.... Golden Hearts Meeting 1pm Basement, NO Rel. Ed. Washing of Feet Rehearsal 6pm, Penance Service 7pm

Thurs, April 17.. Morning Prayer 8am, Confessions 11am – Noon, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Fri, April 18.....Morning Prayer 8am, Confessions 11am – Noon, Stations of Cross 3pm, Veneration of the Cross 7pm

Sat, April 19.....Morning Prayer 8am, Rosary in Chapel 9am, NO 5pm Mass, Easter Vigil 8:30pm

Sun, April 20..... Easter Sunday Mass @ 8 & 10am

Morning Prayer: Everyone is Welcome - Tuesday – Friday at 7:25am & Sat at 7:35am in the church.

TODAY is Donut Sunday, everyone is welcome!

We will also welcome the new families who have joined our parish in the past few months. All members of the parish are asked to extend an inviting welcome to all the new families.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Wed. April 16 – Penance Service 7pm

Holy Thursday April 17th – Morning Prayer 8am,

Confessions 11am – 12pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday April 18th – Morning Prayer 8am,

Confessions 11am – 12pm, Stations of the Cross 3pm,

Veneration of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday April 19th– Morning Prayer 8:00am,

Easter Vigil 8:30pm (NO 5pm mass)

Easter April 20th – Mass 8am & 10am

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 website www.churchofstnicholas.com or by calling the parish office at 952-461-2403.

Thank you to CMLG for the beautiful lunch that was prepared and served for Shelley Gifford's Funeral.

MISSING FROM PARISH: 2, 6 foot stepladders. If you have borrowed these ladders from the parish please make sure they are returned promptly.

Spring Clothing Collection for Joseph Coat. Lighter weight clothing is needed. Please place donations by the coat rack in the church basement by Tuesday, April 15th.

St. Nicholas Garden Tour coming soon to the Elko New Market Area. We are looking for a few more homes to add to the tour. If you have a beautiful or unique garden or know of someone who has one and would be willing to be part of the Garden Tour please call Joyce Hanke (952) 461-1963.

Mass Servers to Twins Game – K of C are inviting all mass servers and dads to the Twins game on Sunday May 18th. Please call the parish office at 952-461-2403 to reserve your seat by Sunday April 13th. More information to follow.

CHICKEN COOKOUT 2014 NEWS

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 27th**. 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. All donations received by the end of the day on Sunday, April 27th 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.

This year we will again be having a reception for those selling or purchasing 20 or more tickets. Last year the Wine and Cheese reception was fantastic, with great food, fun wines and new friends. We hope even more of you will be able to qualify this year and participate in this fun event. If you are interested in sponsoring or sharing in sponsorship of the reception please contact Ed or Kris Ricklick at 952-469-5886.

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

Looking for 2nd Chicken Cookout Raffle Chair. The Chair can be single or a couple. For more information see Parish Communication Board in the church basement or contact Kris Ricklick 952-469-5886.



Vacation Bible School Registration is now open!

Registration packets are available in the back of church or by calling Lisa at the parish office at 952-461-2403.

VBS will be held June 9-13th, 8:45 – 11:30am, \$20 per child with a family cap of \$60.

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

Food Items: marshmallows, popcorn, pretzels, cheese balls, Mozzarella cheese sticks, cookies, large containers of lemonade or kool aid, fruit snacks, bags of candy, cases of water, canned frosting & sprinkles.

Supplies: cups, plates (snack & large size), napkins, new or used CD player, colored tissue paper, self adhesive jewels, self adhesive foam cut outs, glue dots or cash donations.

Please bring all donations to the parish office or leave in the church basement labeled VBS. Thank you for helping us keep the cost down for the families and for the parish!

If anyone would like updates on Father Adams – please use the link below. <http://venezuela.archspm.org>

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. Schedule: April 22 & May 13th.

CHOIR

There is a great need for new choir members. Practice is at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings and we look forward to seeing you upstairs in the balcony!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Holy Week and Easter weekend schedule – The Adoration Chapel will close on Holy Thursday, April 17th at 6 pm. The Chapel will stay closed through the weekend and will reopen on Tuesday, April 22nd at 8:30 am after morning 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:** 4 pm (for months of June, July, and August), **Tuesday:** 3 am, 2 pm, **Wednesday:** 10 am, **Thursday:** 3 pm (May and on), **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 meet twice a month in the Myra Room at St. Nicholas at 9:15am. The schedule is as follows: April 15, 29. Contact info - Lisa Damiani at 651-203-7734

PRO-LIFE

Everyone is invited to take part in the 40 Days For Life campaign, March 5th to April 13th. The Good Friday Vigil will be, April 18th at Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandailia St. St. Paul from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Questions call Joyce 952-461-1963

We invite you to the chapel for the Pro-Life Rosary-it is said every Saturday morning at 9-10am.

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

Sat	12	5:00 pm	Harold & Melvin Shea+
Sun	13	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	13	10:00 am	Katherine Gartin
Tues	15	8:00am	Nancy & Mary Lou Tissek
Wed	16	8:00am	Silverius Steinmetz+
*Thurs	17	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
*Thurs	17	7:00 pm	Jim Filipiak+
*Fri	18	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
*Fri	18	7:00 pm	Veneration of the Cross
*Sat	19	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
*Sat	19	8:30 pm	

Sun	20	8:00 am	Anton Zweber+
Sun	20	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Isaiah 42:1-7	John 12:1-11
Tue	Isaiah 49:1-6	John 13:21-33,36-38
Wed	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Mathew 26:14-25
Thu	Exodus 12:1-8,11-14/1	Corinthians 11:23-26/John 13:1-15
Fri	Isaiah 52:13-53:12/Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9/John 18:1-19:42	
Sat.	Genesis 1:1-2:2//Genesis 22:1-18/Exodus 14:15-15:1/ Isaiah 54:5-14/Isaiah 55:1-11/Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4/ Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28//Romans 6:3-11/Matthew 28:1-10	
Sun	Acts of Apos 10:34a,37-43/Colossians 3:1-4/John 20:1-9	

Liturgical Stewardship

April 17, 18, 19 & 20

Holy Thursday April 17 @ 7pm	Lector:	Pat Biren, Kendra Caduff
	Ministers	Julie Nelson-H, Dennis Anderson-C, Denise Anderson-C, Leander Wagner-Ch-C, Tom McCabe-Ch-H
	Ushers:	
Good Friday April 18 @ 7pm	Lector	Matt Damiani, Kelly Heselton
	Ministers	Mike Moeller-H, Paul Panka-H, Mike Cole-Ch-H
	Ushers:	
Holy Saturday Apr 19 @8:30pm	Lector:	Mary Kay Forland, Leander Wagner
	Ministers	Jackie Devine-H, Amy McDonald-H, Dana Meyer-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Joe Molitor, Doug Serie
Easter Sunday Apr 20th @ 8am	Lector:	Margo Theisen
	Ministers	Joyce Anderson-H, Ralph Wagner-H, Kathy Chlan-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Gary Vosejka, Todd Hertaus
Easter Sunday Apr 20th @ 10am	Lector:	Paul Panka
	Ministers	Larry Caduff-H, Tom Streefland-H, NorleenLane-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Mike Chlan, Tim Burke

SUNDAY GIVING: April 6 / Week 40 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$5,800
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$232,000
Actual Collection Received	\$4,532
Easter Flowers	\$553
Fuel	\$10
Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$235,997
	+\$3,997
Capital Improvement \$10 / Second Collection	\$215

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Religious Education

HOLY CROSS

REGISTRATION: We are continuing to accept registrations in PreK thru 8th grade for the 2014-2015 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in registering, please contact Joy Sutton at 952-652-6100 for more information, a tour of the school, and/or registration material. You can also access information and registration material at our website at www.holycrossschool.net

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NO CLASSES Wednesday, April 16th – Holy Week, Regular Classes Wednesday, April 23rd from 6:15-7:30 PM at the CEC

Rice Bowl Monies can be returned at class on Wed., April 23rd. Thank you for your Lenten sacrifices and support of the Catholic Missions.

Confirmation Students:

Confirmation interviews will continue on April 23rd. Confirmation will be held on May 20th 2014.

First Communion Students:

Classroom Interviews for Home School and Wed. night First Communion Students will be on April 30th; Holy Cross students will have during the week. REMINDER: There is a change for First Communion **practice times and date**. Practice for students receiving First Communion on Saturday, May 3rd is FRIDAY night at 6:00pm and at the 7:00pm for students receiving First Communion Sunday, May 4th at the 8:00am Mass. Information on the professional photographer packages has been sent home on the times for individual and group photos

Dead Theologian Society: For **all** High School Youth on April 13th at 6pm in Youth Room at St. Nicholas Campus. 6-9:00pm. Come learn about a saint, enjoy a good meal, play some fun games and end the evening in adoration of our Lord!

YOUTH GROUP

The Steubenville North Essay Contest has begun! Enter your essay to win a full paid scholarship to this summers retreat! Email Megan at stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com for the entry rules and essay application. Applications are due April 25th.

Its time to register for the Steubenville North retreat! It will take place at the Univ. of St Thomas, July 25-27. This is an awesome weekend-long retreat for teens entering 9th grade through graduating seniors! Spots are filling up fast, so please turn a \$50 deposit into the parish office if interested. Any questions, contact Megan Anderson at 651-315-4403 or stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com.

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AREA NEWS

2014 Archdiocesan Priest and Seminarian Basketball Tournament - April 25

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Archdiocesan Priest and Seminarian Basketball Tournament. Come watch the seminarians from the Saint Paul Seminary and Saint John Vianney College Seminary, as well as the Priests of the Archdiocese. In addition, there will be a dunk contest between the Catholic High Schools in the Twin Cities. Best of all, it's free and open to the public. When: **Friday, April 25, 2014**, Where: **DeLaSalle Catholic High School**, Barbecue at 5pm, followed by basketball games starting at 6:30pm, Find out more at: <http://thecatholicspirit.com/basketball/>

Special Day of Grace – Divine Mercy Sunday – April 27

The Church of St. Michael, Prior Lake, will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27 from 2:00 to 4:30. All are invited to join us on this special feast day when we are called to experience God's infinite mercy and receive a cleansing of our soul similar to what happens in Baptism. Come early (1:00 p.m.) to see "The Pope of Mercy," a film about Pope John Paul II and his relationship with St. Faustina Kowalska. For more information, call Gerry at (952) 447-5229.

The Northeast Minneapolis Catholic Community is preparing for a Canonization Celebration along with the rest of the universal Church on Sunday, April 27.

We will be celebrating the 2 new Saints with Mass at 11 AM on the Holy Cross campus of Holy Cross parish in Minneapolis. We are also celebrating the rich history of the Catholic church and school right here in northeast. All are welcome to join us in worship and fellowship as we celebrate our two new saints, John Paul II and John XXIII. For more information, check out our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/2newsaints>.

Yes, you! Come and be a part of the excitement! Let us share our hopes and dreams, our faith and beliefs! The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to the 82nd ACCW Convention on April 30 & May 1, 2014 at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton, MN. During the two days nourish yourself with Mass, delicious food, inspiring speakers, shopping, praying, singing, voting, and of course *lots* of socializing with women from all corners of the Archdiocese. This is definitely an event you'll want to treat yourself to this spring! Be sure to sign up by filling out the online form today! Come and share in being The Voice of Catholic Women. It's a "song" that you won't want to miss!!

Food for Kidz Volunteers Needed - Thursday, **May 1**. Volunteers will be packaging nutritious meals in shifts from 4:00-5:30pm and 5:30-7:00pm. The event will be held at the Crusader Civic Center, 116 Alabama Street SE in Lonsdale. No sign-up needed; just show up and help! All are welcome -- ages 6-105!

Please also consider making a donation; 100% of the money raised will be used to buy food. Bring your donation on May 1, 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.

Are you looking to put Christ in your marriage? Attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and learn how to refocus your marriage on what is most important. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are May 2-4, 2014 in Buffalo, MN in SPM and Jul 18-20, 2014 in Buffalo, MN in SPM. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brian & Becky Tarbox at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 763-434-4332

ICU Mobile (Image Clear Ultrasound) is hosting a **Mother Daughter Tea** on May 10th at Bethesda Church in Prior Lake from 11am to 1:30pm. This is a fun event with food, fellowship, entertainment and shopping! All proceeds support this local prolife ministry. Tickets are \$15 or two for \$25. For tickets please contact Molly Havlicek at 952-461-2933. Bethesda Church is located at 15033 Highway 13 S, Prior Lake.

Do you have compassion for unborn lives that are vulnerable to abortion? Would you like to help their mothers see the dignity of the precious life within them? ICU Mobile does exactly that. In order to reach out to more women we are looking for your help. **ICU Mobile is in need of counselors.** We are based out of Prior Lake/Savage and travel to Apple Valley, Savage and Shakopee. With more counselors we hope to bring the unit to Lakeville too. Please consider volunteering 4 hours per week or every other week. No counseling skills are necessary, you will receive on-site training by one of our experienced counselors. We ask that you be open to driving the unit, which is much easier than most people think. Again, training will be provided. To volunteer contact Kay Thibodeaux at 952.221.2440 (call/txt).

Women of the parish: SAVE THE DATE: Excellent musician/singer Danielle Rose will be at All Saints in Lakeville for an inspiring concert especially for women on Friday, May 9, 7-8:30 PM in the Church. Free-will Offering (\$5 Suggested) Bring your daughters, mothers, sisters, co-workers, aunts, neighbors, cousins, neighbors, and girlfriends! Great opportunity to socialize and enjoy Christian Music.

