

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 7th, 2014

2014 Rediscover: Catholic Celebration

Friday Evening, October 3
and Saturday, October 4, 2014
Minneapolis Convention Center

This is a time to celebrate! We invite you to be part of this year's Catholic Celebration. Last year we had over 30 people from St. Nicholas attend the sold out Excel Energy Center in St. Paul for the Catholic Celebration. The day began with the Holy Mass and following Mass you could just feel the joy and excitement as many re-connected with friends from around the diocese and met many new fellow Catholics. The day was filled with powerful speakers, music and plenty of time to visit the many exhibit booths and ministries. This year a special night has been added for Young Adults on Friday, October 3rd from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. We invite All our young adults ages 18 to 39, to join in on the fun! It promises to be an AMAZING event that you don't want to miss! Enjoy inspirational music by Marie Miller and Sonar. Powerful speakers like Leah Darrow, Fr. Dave Dwyer and more. I have listed a link where you can register and check out the video for Friday night. Come and connect with other Catholic Young adults throughout the diocese.

http://rediscover.archspm.org/rediscover_events/2014-rediscover-catholic-celebration/

The Main Event will be held on Saturday, October 4th, from 8:00am to 5:15pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The theme is "**Horizon of Hope**", taken directly from Pope Francis' first Advent message in 2013, which also echoes the vision of our archdiocese.

Unite with fellow Catholics to celebrate the depth and beauty of our Catholic faith. Be inspired by internationally-known speakers and great music, and Catholic exhibitors.

Make it a family event! There will be children's programs for grades K-6 and 7-10, as well as breakout sessions for men, women, grandparents, and Latinos. The evening will conclude with an anticipatory Holy Mass.

It promises to be an AMAZING event and you don't want to miss it! Check out the website for more details and [Get your tickets today](#), last year the event sold out! The fastest way is online but we have order forms available in back of church.

You can register on line at: rediscover.archspm.org or visit this same site to learn more about the speakers and events. You can also call the Rediscover: Hotline with questions at [651 291-4411](tel:6512914411).

We pray that we will see many of you from St. Nicholas at the Rediscover: Catholic Celebration. If you have any questions, your parish contacts are Kathy Chlan at 952-652-2286 or Jean Moeller at 952-461-4552.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Sept 7.....Parish Picnic @ Wagner Park 11am
Mon Sept 8.....Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, Sept 9....Fatima Group 8:30am, CMLG Deanery in Church
Wed, Sept 10....Mass @ Holy Cross 8:15am, Golden Hearts Meeting
Sacrament Meetings at Holy Cross
Thurs, Sept 11...Gala & Auction Meet. 6pm
Fri, Sept 12.....Wedding Rehearsal 6pm
Sat, Sept 13.....NO Morning Mass, Rosary in Chapel 9am,
Prayer for Unborn in Mpls. 8am, Wedding 2pm
Sun, Sept 14...Doughnut Sunday

Morning Prayer: Everyone is Welcome - Tuesday – Friday at 7:25am & 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 website www.stncc.net or by calling the parish office at 952-461-2403.

Doughnut Sunday schedule: Sept. 14th, Oct. 12th, Nov 9 & Dec 14th. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Please join us to keep in touch with your fellow parishioners over the summer. Everyone is welcome!!

The bans of marriage are published for the third time between Justine Panka and Ryan Heslip.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 18th at 7pm in the Church basement. For this meeting all ministry leaders for St Nicholas are requested to attend. Further information and agenda will be provided as we get closer to the date.

Golden Hearts will meet on Wednesday Sept. 10th at 1pm at George & Gretchen Rheins' home.



our blessings this summer!

TODAY – Please join us for St. Nicholas Parish picnic held at Wagner Park after the 10am mass. All families are welcome. Bring a pot luck item. Hot dogs & beverages will be provided. Bring your entire family for a fun filled afternoon of sports, food and fellowship! It's a great day to give thanks to God for all

On Tuesday, September 9th, the 2014 Fall Institute of the Southwest Deanery of the Council of Catholic Women will be hosted by our St. Nicholas parish.

As members of the CMLG, all women of our parish are invited to attend this evening of Mass, speakers, and dinner. Our speakers will be Rob Wills from Sharing and Caring Hands Teen Center and Kathryn Mollen from the Minnesota Catholic Conference with a topic of "From the Pews to the Polls." Please register with Kendra Caduff at 507-645-6837 (kcaduff@farmington.k12.mn.us) by September 4th or call/email Doreen Hogan at 507-357-6443 (hoganmd@frontiernet.net)



St. Nicholas Gala & Auction

The Gala & Auction will be held on Saturday November 1st, 2014, at the Park Ballroom in New Prague, beginning at 5pm.

The St. Nicholas Gala & Auction committee would like to invite you to come downstairs and enjoy some doughnuts and coffee next weekend after Sunday Masses.

This will be your chance to check out some of the new activities we have planned for this year's event and to pick up your Gala & Auction tickets.

We will also begin selling \$1 raffle tickets for the beautiful water color cross quilt you may have seen already. Winner will be drawn the evening of the Gala & Auction.

There are two ways to stay updated:

- 1) Visit the parish website, www.stncc.net/gala-auction
- 2) Visit www.facebook.com/stnccGalaAuction. Please, note a Face book account is not necessary to view the St. Nicholas Gala & Action Face book page.

For questions, please email GalaAuctionInfo@gmail.com or call Alex Berry @ 612-382-4469 or Karen Johnson @ 612-812-7482.

A second collection will be taken up next weekend Sept. 13th & 14th to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for Christians and other innocent victims of violence in the Middle East. The urgency of the ongoing crisis calls for immediate assistance. These funds will be used by Catholic Relief Services and other Catholic agencies working in partnership with the local Church to meet the most urgent humanitarian needs facing the people in Iraq, Gaza, Syria and surrounding countries where refugees have fled. These organizations have well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allow them to respond quickly and efficiently to victims in some of the hardest to reach areas. Collection funds will also be used to support Church programs to aid persecuted Christians and to respond to rebuilding needs of Catholic diocese in the impacted areas.

RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults)

For those interested in investigating the Catholic Church or have a desire to become Catholic, We will have an informational meeting on Thursday, Sept. 25th at Holy Cross School. Classes will begin on Thursdays in October and will focus on the Teachings, Traditions and Doctrines of the Catholic Church and will prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments. If you know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, please extend this invitation. For more information please call Kathy Chlan at 952-652-6100 ext.507 or email at kathyc@holycrossschool.net

St. Nicholas Ministries

EUCARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble because It gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself."
--St. Pius X, "Pope of the Eucharist", (1835-1914).

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 (2 Sundays a month), **Tuesday:** 3 am, **Friday:** 7 pm (2 Fridays a month), **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

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.

CHOIR

There is a great need for new choir members. Please contact Pam Filipiak if you would like to join the choir!

MOTHER'S GROUP

We meet twice a month in the Myra Room at St. Nicholas at 9:15am. Contact info - Lisa Damiani at 651-203-7734

PRO-LIFE

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PARENTS and students: Parents please bring your children to the **first night of class, on Sept. 17th at 6:30pm.** We will introduce their catechists and the location of the rooms. Classes are held at the Catholic Education Center, (home of Holy Cross School) in Webster. Students will have class most of the evening, classes end at 7:45pm

First Communion Parent Meeting: Parents are to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, **September 10th at 6:30pm** at Holy Cross School Gym. There will be a packet of information to pick up and we will be sharing with you more about the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacramental Program. A Parent must attend this meeting.

Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting (Sponsors for yr. II students welcome): Parents **and** students in year I (gr. 9) and year II (gr. 10) Confirmation program are to attend an information meeting on **Wednesday, September 10th at 8:00pm** at Holy Cross School Gym. The meeting will last about 45 min. Confirmation sponsors for our year II (gr. 10) students are welcome to attend. Students will receive their folders and we will be sharing with you details about the Confirmation program this year.

HOLY CROSS

Another school year is off to a great start at Holy Cross Catholic School! Teachers and staff are excited to see our returning students and welcome new ones. Our doors are always open to visitors and prospective families, so please stop in and see what is going on at Holy Cross. There are limited openings in some classes.

Bicknell Benefit - Saturday, Sept 13th, 12-5 pm,
 Caspers Cherokee of Eagan, 4625 Nicols Rd, Eagan, MN 55122
 Please join in for an afternoon of great music, entertainment, food and beverages, silent auction items, and tons of great raffle prizes! If you or your company would like to contribute donations, raffle prizes or silent auction items, please contact as soon as possible: Kellee Smith at shac0020@umn.edu 952-200-9619 or Sadie Miller at sadie@catalystgraphics.com

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

Sat	6	5:00 pm	Dean Johnson+
Sun	7	8:00 am	Joe & Dorothy Chlan+
Sun	7	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	9	8:00 am	Richard Kost+
*Wed	10	8:15 am	Mass @ School / Loretta Mahowald+
Thurs	11	8:00 am	Floyd Hartmann+
Fri	12	8:00 am	Edward Jerzak Jr.+
*Sat	13	8:00 am	NO MASS
Sat	13	5:00 pm	Ken DeGross+
Sun	14	8:00 am	Paul & Therese Leon+
Sun	14	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Micah 5:1-4a	Matthew 1:1-16,18-23
Tue	1 Corinthians 6:1-11	Luke 6:12-19
Wed	1 Corinthians 7:25-31	Luke 6:20-26
Thu	1 Corinthians 8:1b-7,11-13	Luke 6:27-38
Fri	1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22b-27	Luke 6:39-42
Sat.	1 Corinthians 10:14-22	Luke 6:43-49
Sun	Numbers 21:4b-9/Philippians 2:6-11/John 3:13-17	

Liturgical Stewardship September 13 & 14

Sept 13 @ 5pm	Lector:	Kelly Heselton
	Ministers	Jan Freeman-H, Mary Kay Forland-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Dave DeGonda, Doug Serie
Sept 14 @ 8am	Lector:	Kendra Caduff
	Ministers	Mike Moeller-H, Mike Cole-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Paul Thoresen, Todd Hertaus
Sept 14 @ 10am	Lector:	Paul Panka
	Ministers	Chris Kuehl-H, Tom Streefland-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Tom Wagner, Richard Hanke

SUNDAY GIVING: August 31 / Week 9 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$5,800
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$52,200
Actual Collection Received	\$3,526
Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$46,873
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AREA NEWS

Saint John the Baptist Church in Jordan invites you to their annual Fall Festival. This year there are 2 days of fun for the entire family. On Saturday Sept. 20th the day begins with a 5k at 8am, mass at 5pm, followed by food, beverages, music and Euchre Tournament beginning at 7pm. On Sunday Sept. 21st, Mass at 8 & 10am, chicken & ham dinner from 11am – 2pm. Other events happening both days include: bingo, auction, baked goods, plants & flowers, jewelry booth, raffles and much more.

Hilltop Autumn Fest Sept. 20th & 21st at All Saints Church in Lakeville. Sat. Sept. 20th, All Saints Game Night 6-10pm, \$20 per person (you must be 21 and older) which includes BBQ Dinner, Beer & Wine, Silent Auction, Games & Karaoke. Sunday Sept. 21st, open to everyone 9:30-3:30, food games, contests, music & much more.

“Bishop Andrew Cozzens will be the guest speaker at a Day Of Renewal

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27 from 9 AM – Noon at St Albert The Great Catholic Church 3200 East 29 Street Minneapolis. Mass at 9 AM in the main church – followed by a talk and informal questions and answer period in the social hall. TOPIC: “LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE” FREE ADMISSION –REGISTRATION REQUESTION
Free-will Offering will be taken

CALL VINCE AT 612-243-9411 Refreshments served

“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” We only need to call on Jesus to help us have the best Sacrament of Marriage or Holy Orders. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are September 12-14, Irene, SD; October 10-12, Buffalo & Jamestown, ND; October 24-26 Rapid City, SD; November 21-23 Prior Lake & Stewartville; December 5-7 Duluth. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Mike & Jean Olson at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 763-434-4332.

The Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities is set for Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Mary’s Chapel at The Saint Paul Seminary. This special mass, hosted by the seminarians of The Saint Paul Seminary, begins at 2:30 p.m. with a sing-along. Bishop Lee A. Piché will celebrate the mass and confer the sacrament of confirmation. All are invited and welcome. For more information, please call Deacon Sean and Joan Curtan at 651-291-4543 or email curtans@archspm.org. Office of Marriage, Family and Life – Outreach for Persons with Disabilities.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes, for engaged and married couples, on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* at the Church of All Saints, 19795 Holyoke Ave., Lakeville, MN in the Library. Classes begin on Sunday, September 14th at 2:00 p.m. CCL’s new streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II’s Theology of the Body. Registration at <http://twincities.ccli.org>. For more information call 612.721.3791 or email twincities.ccli.org@gmail.com.

This series of four **Diaconate Inquiry Sessions** about the **Vocation of the Permanent Diaconate** will give them the basic information needed to discern. Topics include what a deacon is, what he does, how one might begin to respond to the Lord’s call to Holy Orders, and what the discernment and formation process entails.

WHO: Men between 29 and 59 years old; single or married at least 5 years - Wives are encouraged to attend

WHEN: **6:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Wednesdays Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22**

WHERE: The Saint Paul Seminary, Brady Education Center Room 105, St. Paul, MN

Questions? Contact Deacon Russ Kocemba at kocemba@msn.com or (952) 933-3660

Registration is required; contact Shellee Leif at sleif@stthomas.edu or (651) 962-6891. Registration deadline is Sept. 26, 2014

Website: <http://www.archspm.org/departments/diaconate/>