

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23rd, 2014

UPDATES IN THE PARISH -

Church Basement:

As many of you may have noticed, while you were here playing Turkey Bingo on Sunday, that the sheetrock has been replaced on the bottom half of the walls in the church basement. The wainscoting, which goes over the sheetrock, will be replaced within the next several weeks. Some of the wainscoting coating that was removed while the work was being done, was found not to be reusable, due to water and mold damage.

Carpeting in Church:

We will be forming a committee to help make decisions on all the options we have on replacing the carpet. More information will be published as we form this committee.

Choir Director:

The search is on for our new choir director. The position has been posted. If you know of someone who would fit this position, please encourage them to contact us.

Exterior:

The flat roofs on the south side of church has been replaced this past week.

We are looking into options to put a cover over the south entrance door on the ramp, which should help with the icy drizzle build up.



EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Nov 23..Pancake Breakfast 8-12, Middle School Gathering 6pm, Information Meeting for World Youth Day 2016, 7:30pm

Mon, Nov 24....Rosary in Chapel 7pm

Tues, Nov 25...Fatima Group 8:30am, Choir Practice 7pm

Wed, Nov 26.....NO Religious Ed., Ecumenical Service at Highview in Farmington 7:30pm

Thurs, Nov 27...Happy Thanksgiving / Mass @ 9am

Fri, Nov 28...NO MASS, KC Christmas Tree lot opens 9am

Sat, Nov 29...NO Morning Mass/Confessions, Christmas Tree lot opens 10am

Sun, Nov 30..Christmas Tree lot open 10am

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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month.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 parish website; www.stncc.net or by calling the parish office at 952-461-2403.

Betsy Maria Anderson, daughter of Jim and Megan Anderson, recently received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at St. Nicholas. We warmly welcome her into the family of Christ.

Next Week:

- This year's Ecumenical Service will be held at Highview Christiania Lutheran Church in Farmington on Wednesday, Nov. 26th @7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- There is a change to the mass schedule for Friday, November 28th and Saturday, November 29th. We will not have morning mass or morning confessions on these two days.

- The parish office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 28th.
- Next weekend's bulletin will be printed on Wednesday, November 26th. Please forward all items for the bulletin to the office by 9am on the 26th.

Doughnut Sunday schedule: Dec 14th. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Everyone is welcome!

TODAY the Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, following the morning masses. Everyone is invited to join their fellow parishioners for this delicious breakfast. Please support the Knights and all their endless work!

POSITION OPEN - MUSIC COORDINATOR /CHOIR DIRECTOR

Part-time, non-exempt, required approximately 10 flexible hours per week. Practicing Catholic in good standing; excellent communication and time management skills. **Salary:** approx. commensurate with experience. Send Resume to: MUSIC SEARCH, CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, PO Box 9, Elko New Market, MN 55020-0009, or e-mail to Lisal@stncc.net.

CUSTODIAL / MAINTENANCE (part-time non-exempt, approx. 10-13 flexible hours per week, occasional work in the evenings and on weekends.) Provide professional assistance to staff, volunteers and guests through overall janitorial care and maintenance of parish facilities, equipment, and grounds and through work with volunteers in buildings/ grounds/ cemetery projects as directed. **Req:** Three to five years experience in facilities cleaning, maintenance and repairs including HVAC, plumbing, building safety and grounds care; ability lift up to 50 lbs, and shovel snow. **Salary:** commensurate with experience. Send Resume **by Mon., Dec. 15, 4 PM:** MAINTENANCE SEARCH, CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, PO Box 9, Elko New Market, MN 55020-0009, or Fax: (952) 461-2423; or email lisal@stncc.net.

Christmas Pageant – If your child is 4 years of age and older, and would like to be in the Christmas Pageant, please contact the parish office at 952-461-2403.

Practice will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7th & 14th at 11:15am.

Middle School Night: The youth group will be hosting a middle school night on Sunday, November 23rd from 6-7:30pm. We will meet in the youth group room for games, snacks, fellowship and prayer time. Open to all students in 6th-8th grade. See you there!

World Youth Day Info Night!

Want to learn more about the World Youth Day pilgrimage in July 2016 to Poland? Come to this informational meeting on Sunday, November 23rd at 7:30pm in the Youth Group room. We will be going over all of the details, costs and plans, and answering any questions you may have. The WYD trip will be available to teens entering their Junior year of high school in the fall of 2016, through college aged young adults. Contact Megan Anderson with any questions or for more details if you cant make the meeting: stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com.



Parish leadership has recently approved a number of necessary maintenance projects. Our operating budget is really just keeping the doors open, there is not extra money for large repairs. We will be taking money out of our parish savings account to pay for these projects. We are asking parishioners for donations to replenish the savings account.

Here is a list of the current projects and their costs:

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
Total cost of current needed repairs: 16,461.50
Donations to date – Thank You! 6,271.00
Balance 10,190.50

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.

Thank you to everyone who has responded so quickly to the parish needs, through prayer, treasure and talent!
God Bless You!



It's that time of year, when we ask you to please support the Knights of Columbus, by purchasing your Christmas trees and wreaths from their lot, located at the corner of County Road 2 & 91. The lot opens the day after Thanksgiving at 9am. Lot Hours are: Saturday & Sunday

10am – 5pm, and Wednesday- Friday 5-8pm. The lot will remain open until the week before Christmas. **If you can help any amount of time please call Ben Zweber at 952-461-2366.**

Opportunity to Give this Season!

Once again our parish will be participating in a "Giving Tree" for the Christmas season! Your family can help bring joy to one of many children in our area, by choosing an ornament tag from the tree and purchasing the item listed. Please see posted directions by the tree. Unwrapped gifts are to be returned by the tree area during the weekend of Dec. 13-14th. Thanks for your generosity!

TODAY'S Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact on communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of our society. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION:

Mary: A biblical walk with the Blessed Mother. If still interested in joining us here at St. Nicholas, please call Kathy Chlan at 952-652-2286 or Jean Moeller at 461-4552. Cost is \$22.00. Classes will be on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings.

Session 2: (2015)

Tues., Jan 6 to Jan 27TH @ 7:00pm / Thurs., Jan. 8 to Jan. 29 @ 9:00 am.

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins October 28, 2014 at 6:30

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

No Classes Wednesday, Nov. 26th Thanksgiving Break, Regular Classes Wednesday, Dec. 3rd @ 6:30-7:45pm

Attention!

Sponsor Night for Year II (10th grade) Confirmation Students:

This is a mandatory Sponsor Night Event on Saturday, December 6th. Attend the 5:00pm Mass at YOUR parish, a program will follow. Please invite your confirmation sponsor early and remember to bring your folders

YOUTH GROUP:

Dead Theologian Society: Next DTS is December 14th. St. Nicholas youth room 6:00pm-9:00pm. (Confirmation students this will count for one Faith Enrichment event.) Call Kathy Chlan with questions 952-652-2286.

****WE are in need of a **DECEMBER** Volunteer to prepare some or part of the meal and/or to serve, we have students attending from all three parishes, we welcome and appreciate all volunteers, you do not have to have children

attending. To volunteer for December or another month please call Kathy Chlan 952-652-2286.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!!!

Immaculate Conception will be having open gym night in the Crusader Civic Center Gym next to Immaculate Conception Church in Lonsdale on Friday nights from 8-9:30 pm beginning this week. All ages are welcome. We also have room in our youth room for playing floor games by younger children. If you have any questions please call Kate at IC at 507-744-2829

HOLY CROSS:

Holy Cross students and staff wish everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. We are grateful for the support of our parish communities and thank you for all you do to support Catholic education

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

Sat	22	5:00 pm	Bob Seykora+
Sun	23	8:00 am	Jeff Kost+
Sun	23	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	25	8:00 am	Allen, Viola & Brad Neal+
Wed	26	8:00 am	Wilfred Wagner Family
*Thurs	27	9:00 am	Ken DeGross+
*Fri	28	8:00 am	NO MASS
*Sat	29	8:00 am	NO MASS
Sat	29	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	30	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	30	10:00 am	Andrew A. Tompos+

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Revelation 14:1-3,4b-5	Luke 21:1-4
Tue	Revelation 14:14-19	Luke 21:5-11
Wed	Revelation 15:1-4	Luke 21:12-19
Thu	Revelation 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9a	Luke 21:20-28
Fri	Revelation 20:1-4,11-21:2	Luke 21:29-33
Sat.	Revelation 22:1-7	Luke 21:34-36
Sun	Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7/ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9/Mark 13:33-37	

Liturgical Stewardship November 29 & 30

Nov 29 @ 5pm	Lector:	Chuck Mathews
	Ministers	Dana Meyer-H, Kathy Chlan-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Dave Sheedy, Dave DeGonda
Nov 30 @ 8am	Lector:	Margo Theisen
	Ministers	Ralph Wagner-H, Tom McCabe-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Paul Thoresen, Craig Goblirsch
Nov 30 @ 10am	Lector:	Carly McDonald
	Ministers	Amy McDonald-H, Larry Caduff-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Mike Chlan, Tim Burke

SUNDAY GIVING: Nov 16 / Week 20 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$125,520
Actual Collection Received	\$5,504
ACH 11/14	\$4,950
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$111,510
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Capital Improvement \$241	

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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.

The fall schedule is as follows; Dec. 9th

2015 Schedule; Jan. 13, Feb 17, March 17, April 14 and May 12.

CHOIR

The St. Nicholas choir practices Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30pm. We are in great need of new members especially now for our Advent and Christmas season ahead. 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 Pam Filipiak at 952-461-3478.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

"Go to Jesus. He loves you and is waiting for you to give you many graces.

He is on the altar surrounded by angels adoring and praying. Let them make some room for you and join them in doing what they do."

---St. Mary Joseph Rosello, Foundress – Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy

Thanksgiving schedule - The Adoration Chapel will close on Wednesday, November 26th at 4 pm. The Chapel will stay closed through the weekend and will reopen on Monday, December 1st at 11 am.

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), 3 pm (beginning in January), **Wednesday:** 10 am, **Friday:** 1 am, 2 am, 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

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. The next scheduled date is, Thursday, December 4th at 9:15am in the Myra Room.

Please contact Becky Myhre and join us! 952-292-1086.

PRO-LIFE

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

Happening in the Area

BINGO – Fun Night every Tuesday Night October – April. KC Hall in new Prague, Starting October 7, 2014. 2 warm up game start at 7pm, 16 regular games. Lunch and refreshments are available. Please call 952-758-3924 with questions.

Elko New Market Community Blood Drive, at the Scott County Library – Market Village on Monday December 1st 12:30-6:30pm. For an appointment or information call Sharon at 952-758-8716 or e-mail www.redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code 0172834.

New this year! St. John's Jordan Council of Catholic Women will host a Christmas Sweet Shoppe and Holiday Breakfast on Sunday, December 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon in St. John the Baptist Parish Hall in Jordan. Serving breakfast egg bake, sausage, coffee cake and beverages for a free will donation! The Sweet Shoppe will feature homemade goodies, candy, cookies, breads and bakery treats, plus several raffle items, and a silent auction. Please come and join us in the Christmas spirit.

Open the Door to God, Advent Prayer & Discernment Retreat

Friday, December 5, 5:15 - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Experience a variety of prayer forms and take time to discern next steps in your life (work, relationships, religious life, volunteerism, vocation, creativity, etc.). The retreat will take place Friday evening and all day Saturday at the Sisters of St. Joseph Provincial House, 1880 Randolph Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota. Women and men 18-50 years old are welcome. Register by Wednesday, Nov. 26. Cost is \$25 or \$35 overnight (optional). Contact Sister Mary Swanson, SSND, mswanson@ssnd.org or 414-305-9011.

St. Mary's Christmas Fair – Sunday December 7th 8:30am – Noon. A delicious Brunch served by Knights of Columbus, Nativity play in church at 11:15am, games for kids, ice fishing, Bake Shoppe, drawings, raffles and silent auction items. 165 North Waterville, LeCenter

ACCW Advent Retreat – Saturday, December 6, 2014, 8:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the ACCW Advent Retreat that will be hosted at St. Peter's, Mendota, Saturday morning, December 6th. Refreshments will be served starting at 8:30. At 9:00 KELLY WAHLQUIST will begin the program - Greeting Advent as Women of Joy! : A morning of Prayer, Praise and Presentation. Vendors will be on site for Christmas shopping during the breaks. The Archbishop will close the retreat with Mass at noon. To register send a check for \$15 (made out to ACCW) to the ACCW Office, 328 West Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul 55102. To pay by credit card, visit the ACCW website. After Nov. 26, the fee will be \$20. A few scholarships are available.

Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center - Prior Lake

Men's Retreat, December 12 - 14 led by Archbishop Emeritus Harry Flynn

Join Archbishop Emeritus, Harry Flynn as he leads his last preached retreat at Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center. Archbishop Flynn informed Bro. Bob last year that he needs to cut back on his numerous commitments. Weaving together his vast understanding of Christian Spirituality and his many pastoral experiences, the Archbishop Emeritus proves to be an inspiring retreat Leader.

Our Men's Retreats provide an opportunity for men to gather together to focus on deepening their spiritual lives. Men have been a strong presence at Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center from the beginning.

Besides the retreat conferences, there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of Sick. Members of the staff will be available for spiritual direction throughout the retreat. The retreat will also combine prayer experiences and liturgies to enhance the retreat experience; weather permitting, guests will have time to explore the natural beauty of the 60 acres of the retreat center grounds.

Register by calling (952) 447-2182 or on line www.franciscanretreats.net/register

Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center, 16385 Saint Francis Lane, Prior Lake, MN 55372