

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 8th, 2015

Near the end of her life, Saint Therese of Lisieux grew in her understanding of, "the intrinsic connection between the first and the second commandment. It is relatively easy to love people who are far away, to pray for missionaries, etc. Loving those who are close to us is more difficult, but this is what the genuineness of our love for God will be judged on!" (Philippe, Jacques. *The Way of Trust and Love*. Scepter 2012. Page 107).

Saint Therese grew up in the context of a family and then lived in a community of nuns, hence she knew the human condition and the dynamics and difficulties of interacting with others. It was not through obtaining various advanced degrees that she became a Doctor of the Church, but through her deep understanding of divine love and truth.

She said, "Oh, now I understand that perfect charity consists of bearing with other people's faults, not being surprised by their weaknesses, but being edified by the tiniest acts of virtue we see them practice" (ibid. 107-108).

What a great virtue to work on, to be edified by the tiniest act of virtue we see in another!!

God bless,  
Fr. Barnes

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Feb 8....Doughnut Sunday, DTS 6-9pm  
Mon, Feb 9....Rosary in Chapel 7pm  
Tues, Feb 10...NO MASS, Choir Practice 7pm  
Wed, Feb 11...NO Mass, NO Religious Ed.  
Thurs, Feb 12...NO Mass, NO RCIA, Chicken Cookout Meeting 7pm in Church basement, Golden Hearts Valentines Lunch 11am  
Fri, Feb 13.....NO Mass, Cursillo 7pm in Myra Room  
Sat, Feb 14... NO Morning Mass, Prayer for Unborn in Mpls. 8am, Rosary in Chapel 9am,  
Sun, Feb 15....  
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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month.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](http://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](http://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: March 8<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Everyone is welcome!!



The following babies have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at St. Nicholas: Evelyn Rose Anderson, daughter of Christopher and Stacy Anderson; Addison Faith Bieniek, daughter of Chad and Tiffany Bieniek; Hannah Catherine Schlingman, daughter of Jonathan and Kristin Schlingman. We warmly welcome these children into the family of Christ.

Golden Hearts are celebrating Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am, by going out to lunch. Call Gretchen Rhein at 952-461-2230.

The Golden Hearts also continuing to collect used postage stamps for the missions. There is a container at the back of Church.

### Change in Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, Feb. 10 - Saturday morning, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, there is no morning mass. Mass/Confession as usual on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, Feb. 14 & 15. No morning mass on Tuesday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Ash Wednesday is February 18th

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, mass at 8:15am with Holy Cross students here, and Wednesday evening at 7pm.

## LENT 2015

Save the date and join us for these special events to help us enter into this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**Saturday, Feb. 28 - Men's Morning of Reflection 7am-11am** at St. Nicholas  
**Saturday, March 14 - Women's Morning of Reflection 7am-11am** at St. Nicholas.

**Friday, March 27 - Stations, Soup and Speaker night.** Stations of the Cross will be followed by Soup Supper and a speaker.

If you would like to help with planning any of these events please contact Jean Moeller or Kathy Chlan.

Due to lack of attendance last year at Soup Suppers, there will only be two dates offered this Lenten season.

The dates are as follows:

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, following 6:30pm Stations of the Cross and on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, following 6:30pm Stations of the Cross, Soup Supper and a Speaker.**



Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:00 - 12:00. All proceeds will go to Haiti Relief, in honor of Bob Seykora. Everyone is welcome!

Would your child like to put their very own envelope into the collection basket each week? Now they can! We have a box of children's envelopes located in the back of church, which your child can use each week to write on, the good deed they did that week, a message to God or if they want to reach into their pockets and give a little something. Any amount that is collected will be listed in the bulletin each week. A great way to encourage participation and stewardship is by making an offering of prayer.

## DO YOU OWN YOUR OWN BUSINESS? WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISER on ST. NICHOLAS' BULLETIN?

We are looking for advertisers to help fill the back of our bulletin. The rate is very reasonable, and your ad runs weekly. Please call or e-mail Lisa at the parish office if you are interested. 952-461-2403 or [lisal@stncc.net](mailto:lisal@stncc.net)

Our first Chicken Cookout Meeting of the year, is scheduled for Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Church Basement. If you would like to help plan this year's event please join us for this meeting. Any question please call the parish office at 952-461-2403.

World Youth Day! We have an exciting trip planned for WYD 2016! Join us for an informational meeting this Sunday, Feb 8 at 5:30pm in the Youth Room. Contact Megan Anderson at [stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com) for more information.

Let us journey with you in Prayer: 40 people from this area including Fr. Barnes, Fr. McCabe and Fr. Shofner will be leaving on a pilgrimage to Rome on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. This pilgrimage is not a time of escape but a time to enter into the Body of Christ, praying for one another and encountering God every day through the sites and the daily masses we will have throughout the eternal city at different churches. You will be with us spiritually and we would be privileged to carry your prayer intentions with us. Please place your prayer intentions in a sealed envelope and deposit in the box located in the back of church on or before Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

## 2015 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

"Be Imitators of Christ"

The 2015 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is underway. Many of our parishioners have already received a mailing from the newly established Catholic Services Appeal Foundation requesting your support of the Catholic Services Appeal. Please respond generously.

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. Please visit the new Catholic Services Appeal Foundation website at [csafspm.org](http://csafspm.org) for more information.

When you give to the Catholic Services Appeal you provide food and shelter,

education, spiritual support, and sacraments to individuals who are in need, disabled, imprisoned, hospitalized, or in nursing homes. You help give nearly 2,500 students access to a life-changing Catholic school education their families could not otherwise afford. You support seminarians preparing for the priesthood, make the annual Archdiocesan Youth Day happen, and help fund the evangelization and catechesis initiatives. You help our 65,000 brothers and sisters at the mission parish of Jesucristo Resucitado in Venezuela. You help support Latino ministry for our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters at 23 local parishes. **And, when our parish reaches its goal, 25% of all funds received will be returned for use to support ministries in our parish.**

**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, we are a little more than half way there. Remaining Balance - \$8,033.50**

**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! 12,418.00**

**Balance 6,563.50**

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.

**ENDOWMENT DONATION OPPORTUNITY**

**Please consider a donation to our Parish Endowment Fund.**

**The Endowment is set up so we cannot spend the principle, only the interest earned can be spent as the Parish sees fit.**

**Current balance \$ 96,000**

**Accumulated Interest \$ 46,000**

**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 652-2349.

**2015 Schedule; Feb 17, March 17, 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 Pam Filipiak at 952-461-3478.

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL**

"The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him."---Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

**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), **Tuesday:** 7 pm, 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](mailto: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. 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.

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

Sat	7	5:00 pm	Kuboushek+
Sun	8	8:00 am	Mary Li & Cheryl Skluzacek+
Sun	8	10:00 am	For the Parish
*Tues	10	8:00 am	NO MASS
*Wed	11	8:00 am	NO MASS
*Thurs	12	8:00 am	NO MASS
*Fri	13	8:00 am	NO MASS
*Sat	14	8:00 am	NO MASS
Sat	14	5:00 pm	Bob Seykora+
Sun	15	8:00 am	David & Ruth Stencil+
Sun	15	10:00 am	For the Parish

**Daily Scriptures**

Mon	Genesis 1:1-19	Mark 6:53-56
Tue	Genesis 1:20-2:4a	Mark 7:1-13
Wed:	Genesis 2:4b-9,15-17	Mark 7:14-23
Thu:	Genesis 2:18-25	Mark 7:24-30
Fri	Genesis 3:1-8	Mark 7:31-37
Sat.	Genesis 3:9-24	Mark 8:1-10
Sun	Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46/1	Corinthians 10:31-11:1/Mark 1:40-45

**Liturgical Stewardship February 14 & 15**

<b>Feb 14 @ 5pm</b>	Lector:	Gail Mathews
	Ministers	Kathy Chlan-H, Ralph Wagner-Ch-H
	Ushers	Joe Molitor, David Sheedy
<b>Feb 15 @ 8am</b>	Lector:	Vicky Chlan
	Ministers	Mike Moeller-H, Mike Cole-Ch-H
	Ushers	Dan Weiland, Dan Simones
<b>Feb 15 @ 10am</b>	Lector:	Emelia Fredrickson
	Ministers	Larry Caduff-H, Paul Panka-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Tom Wagner, Leon Meger

**SUNDAY GIVING: Feb 1 / Week 31 in Fiscal Year**

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$ 6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	<b>\$194,556</b>
Actual Collection Received	\$ 3,590
Fuel	\$ 25
Bread & Wine	\$ 144
Children Envelopes	\$ 5
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	<b>\$ 191,751</b>
	<b>+ \$ 3,471</b>
Capital Improvement	\$1051

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## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

NO Classes, Wed. February 12<sup>th</sup> – Winter Break

No Classes, Wed. February 18<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday- Mass at 7:00pm at St. Nicholas, Immaculate Conception & Most Holy Trinity. We encourage Mass attendance for beginning of Lent!

Students: Use the winter break as an opportunity to study your prayers and Confirmation students to finish up their folders due March 4<sup>th</sup> Confirmation study guides are in your folders and the study jeopardy game is on the Inmvre.net website under confirmation.

### **HOLY CROSS:**

Holy Cross School will be hosting a **Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Open House** in conjunction with the breakfast on **February 1** from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Tour the school, meet the teachers, and find out about our early learning programs that nurture the academic and social needs of your child.

**Catholic United Financial Raffle** - Holy Cross Catholic School students will be selling \$5 raffle tickets from now until **March 8**. The raffle is fully supported by Catholic United Financial and all proceeds go directly to the school. Please help us reach our goal of \$10,000 by purchasing tickets from a student or calling the school for a book of tickets. Prizes include a 2015 Ford Escape or \$25,000 cash, trips, iPads and gift cards!

### **YOUTH GROUP:**

**Dead Theologian Society Meeting Tonight!** Sunday, Feb 8th, 2015; 6:00-9:00pm, St. Nicholas campus; We are looking for parent volunteers for the meal for March 8<sup>th</sup>, please contact Kathy Chlan @ 952-652-2286

## **Happening in the Area**

### **YOUTH/FAMILY - OPEN GYM NIGHT**

Lonsdale Civic Center gym (next to IC Church) on Friday Nights from 8:00-9:30 PM. All ages are welcome.

If there are multiple age levels or interest in different activities we will split the gym so there could be two groups at once. We also have space in our Youth Room for younger children to play floor games. If you have any questions please contact Kate Borgheiinck [507-744-2829](tel:507-744-2829) - [kateb@holycrossschool.net](mailto:kateb@holycrossschool.net)

**The Church of Most Holy Trinity in Veseli will have Bingo on Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Admission is \$5 which includes 1 card and lunch.**

**All You Can Eat Fish Fry @ St. Patrick's Church of Cedar Lake, on Friday February 13, 5-8pm. Menu: Fish, French Fries & Au Gratin Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Beans, Bread, Macaroni & Cheese, Bars & Beverage. – Adults: \$12/4-12: \$5/3 & Under: Free**

**Elko New Market Community Blood Drive at Scott County Library @ Market Village, 100 J Roberts Way, New Market.** Wednesday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 12:30-6:30pm. For an appointment please call Sharon at 952-758-8716 or [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), enter Sponsor Code: 0172834.

### **Living the Discerning Life: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living**

Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V., 8:30am – 3:00pm February 21-22, James B. Woulfe Alumni Hall, Anderson Student Center, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Campus Sponsored by Campus Ministry, Catholic Studies Master of Arts Program, Alumni Relations, St. Paul Seminary, and the Office of Mission, To register, visit the UST Campus Ministry website and look under "Retreats" For questions, contact Vanessa Walsh (651-962-6562) or Laura Stierman (651-962-5864)

### **Visiting Women's Religious Communities in Twin Cities, Saturday, Feb. 21, 7:30 a.m. -6 p.m.**

Women will have a chance to visit four different religious communities to meet, learn, share meals and pray with Catholic Sisters. We will visit local communities of School Sisters of Notre Dame, Benedictines, Franciscan Poor Clare, Visitation Sisters and Sisters of St. Joseph. No event fee. For more information and registration, visit [www.ssnd.org/events/2015/2/visiting-womens-religious-communities](http://www.ssnd.org/events/2015/2/visiting-womens-religious-communities) or contact Sister Mary Swanson, SSND, [mwsanson@ssnd.org](mailto:mwsanson@ssnd.org), 414-305-9011. Please register by Feb. 14.

### **An Emmaus Experience A Retreat for Women – February 27-March 1**

When was the last time you gave yourself a gift that will last forever? The Women's Emmaus Retreat is just such a gift. It is a time to renew and deepen your relationship with the Lord. It is a vehicle to meet other women who are also looking for friendship. The retreat is held at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. To register or obtain more information, please contact Anne Doyle at (507) 364-8906 or Tonya Beck at (952) 201-6212.

**A Valentine's Day Treat for your spouse** – Treat your marriage to a special evening with author and speaker Jennifer Silvera Lindemen, who will remind us of the importance of loving in the moment at a Cana Dinner on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the St. Wenceslaus Parish Activities Center in New Prague. Jennifer, who lost her first husband in the line of duty as a police officer in 2005, shares a highly moving multimedia presentation that reminds us to treasure and make the most of our marriage. The evening begins with a social hour at 5pm and includes a meal served at 6pm and great conversation at your table. Call Kevin Higgins by February 16<sup>th</sup> at 952-240-1602 for tickets, which are \$45 per couple.

### **Miryam Dinner – February 24, 2015**

Bishop Lee Piché will be hosting the next Miryam Dinner on Tuesday, February 24 at 6 p.m. at the Archbishop's residence. The evening begins with prayer, followed by dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocation testimonies with women, ages 16 to 35, who would like to attend. It is typical for women discerners to be accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious, youth minister, campus minister or to be considered a guest of the Vocation Office. Please respond to the Vocation Office before February 20, by calling 651-962-6890 or emailing [patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu](mailto:patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu) if you would like to register to attend.

### **Are You Martha or Mary? Saturday, February 28, 2015**

The ACCW (St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women) is inviting all women to their Hospitality 101 - Are You Martha or Mary? program on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at St. Raphael Catholic Church at 7301 Bass Lake Road, in Crystal. The program starts with a Mass at 8 AM followed by Registration and Refreshments at 8:30. This will be followed with Opening Prayer and a Program by Julie Meyer and Barb Orzechowski. Attendees will learn how to welcome and engage others by identifying their gifts and how to connect women across generations/cultures. This will be a fun program with games and great conversation. The day will end at 12:30 with a Closing Prayer. The cost is \$10 before February 23 - \$15 thereafter. For questions and registration call 651-291-4545 or email:

<https://events.archspm.org/accw-hosp-2015>