

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 15th, 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 15....  
Mon, Feb 16....  
Tues, Feb 17...NO MASS, Choir Practice 7pm, Book Club 7:15pm  
Wed, Feb 18...Ash Wednesday, Mass @ 8:15am & 7pm,  
NO Religious Ed.  
Thurs, Feb 19...RCIA at 7pm @ HC  
Fri, Feb 20.....Holy Cross Fish Fry 4pm @ Lonsdale American  
Legion, Stations of Cross 6:30pm  
Sat, Feb 21.....Rosary in Chapel 9am,  
Sun, Feb 22....KC Pancake & Sausage Breakfast  
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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month.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!!

### 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)

### **2015 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

*"Be Imitators of Christ"*

### **The CSA goal for St. Nicholas is, \$18,555**

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! 12,531.00

Balance 6,450.50

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.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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. Our next gathering is Thursday, February 26th at 9am in the Myra Room in the old school. Please contact Genie Stern and join us! 651-491-1447.

**PRO-LIFE**

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

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

**REGULAR CLASSES on Wed. Feb. 25th\***

\*Prayer testing continues

**Lent Begins:** Students start using your Lenten Calendars handed out to you on Feb. 4th. If you need a copy please go the [lnmvre.net](http://lnmvre.net) website

**Students:** Use the winter break as an opportunity to study your prayers and Confirmation students to finish up their folders due March 4th Confirmation study guides are in your folders and the study jeopardy game is on the [lnmvre.net](http://lnmvre.net) website under confirmation

**HOLY CROSS:**

The annual Fish Fry sponsored by the Lonsdale FCCLA and Holy Cross Catholic School is on Friday, February 20, from 4-8 pm at the Lonsdale American Legion. Advance tickets can be purchased at Holy Cross Catholic School, Jessy's Mart of Lonsdale, and Lonsdale County Market. Advance ticket prices are \$12/Adult, \$4/children 5-10 and children 4 and under are free. Tickets at the door are a dollar more per ticket. Enjoy hand-battered fish, cheesy potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, bread, dessert and beverages. All proceeds benefit the school.

Mass Intentions – (* indicates a change in mass time)			
Sat	14	5:00 pm	Bob Seykora+
Sun	15	8:00 am	David & Ruth Stencil+
Sun	15	10:00 am	For the Parish
*Tues	17	8:00 am	NO MASS
*Wed	18	8:15 am	DJ Bultman Sr. +
*Wed	18	7:00 pm	Joseph & Lillian Sticha+
Thurs	19	8:00 am	Jim Mostek
Fri	20	8:00 am	Joan Hoffman+
Sat	21	8:00 am	Joe & Dorothy Chlan+
Sat	21	5:00 pm	Deb Feldnan+
Sun	22	8:00 am	Paul & Therese Leon+
Sun	22	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures		
Monday:	Genesis 4:1-15, 25	Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Genesis 6:5-8;7:1-5,10	Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Joel 2:12-18/ 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2/Matthew 6:1-6,16-18	
Thursday:	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Luke 9:22-25
Friday:	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Mathew 9:14-15
Saturday:	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Luke 5:27-32
Sunday:	Genesis 9:8-15/1 Peter 3:18-22/Mark 1:12-15	

Liturgical Stewardship February 18, 21 & 22		
<b>Wed. Feb. 18 @ 7pm</b>	Lector:	Kathy Chlan
	Ministers	Jolene Pierson-H, Ken Thomas-Ch-H
<b>Feb 21 @ 5pm</b>	Lector:	Mary Kay Forland
	Ministers	Chuck Mathews-H, Gail Mathews-Ch-H
	Ushers	Joe Molitor, David Sheedy
<b>Feb 22 @ 8am</b>	Lector:	Margo Theisen
	Ministers	Joyce Anderson-H, Mike Cole-Ch-H
	Ushers	Dan Weiland, Dan Simones
<b>Feb 22 @ 10am</b>	Lector:	Carly McDonald
	Ministers	Amy McDonald-H, Norleen Lane-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Tom Wagner, Leon Meger

SUNDAY GIVING: Feb 8 / Week 32 in Fiscal Year	
Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$ 6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$200,832
Actual Collection Received	\$ 3,783
Fuel	\$ 72
Children Envelopes	\$ 6
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$ 195,612
	<b>- \$ 5,220</b>
Capital Improvement \$113 / Endowment \$40	

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## **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 Borgheinck [507-744-2829](tel:507-744-2829) - [kateb@holycrossschool.net](mailto:kateb@holycrossschool.net)

The Lonsdale area wide Seniors club will meet at the Lonsdale Civic Center on February 17 at 1:00. Euchre will be played and supper served at 4:00. All Seniors over 60 are welcome to attend. For info call Don at 612-741-6430

**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, [mswanson@ssnd.org](mailto:mswanson@ssnd.org), 414-305-9011. Please register by Feb. 14.

### **Leah Darrow at All Saints in Lakeville, "Meant for More" - Three talks, three opportunities to grow in faith.**

Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm: Reclaim Beauty: How to be a Faithful Fashionista for Women of Girls of all ages.

Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm: Reclaim Love: Meant for More: Community Event- All are welcome

Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm: Authentic Love: God's plan for Sexuality, Intended for teens of all ages!

All events are free and open to the public! For more information visit <http://www.allsaintschurch.com/leah>

### **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.

### **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.

### **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>

**If you work in health care in any capacity, you are invited on the first Saturday of Lent to a distinctive half-day retreat on "Christian Witness to Spiritual Suffering."** Fr. Eugene Tiffany, the associate pastor of the Cathedral, (who himself has recovered from a stroke), will speak from his heart on "soul pain," and what it means for health care professionals to suffer spiritually. The retreat begins with Mass at 8:00 A.M. on Feb 28, 2015 at the Little Sisters of the Poor in St Paul. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. Register today at [www.curatioapostolate.com](http://www.curatioapostolate.com) or call [763-786-4945](tel:763-786-4945)! Deadline is Feb 27. Limited scholarships available. This is a beautiful way for health care professionals to jumpstart Lent!

**St. Wenceslaus annual Fish Fry on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1pm and 4:30-7:30pm. All you can eat, dine in or take out! Tickets \$10/ticket in advance or \$11 at the door, kids 4 & under eat free. Taking place in the church cafeteria.**