



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 19th, 2015



2015 Catholic Services Appeal Foundation

If you haven't pledged yet, please fill out a pledge card (they should be in your pew and at the back of your church) and drop it in the Sunday collection.

So far this year, CSAF has already contributed \$2,747,945 to the Parishes and the collective ministries of the Archdiocese:

- ACCW: \$6,396 Campus Ministry—Newman Center: \$88,000
- Campus Ministry—St Paul Outreach: \$3,667 Catholic Charities: \$366,667
- Deaf Ministry: \$12,070 Elementary Schools: \$525,275
- Evangelization: \$38,389 High Schools: \$410,000
- Hospital Chaplains: \$170,943 Indian Ministry: \$53,599
- Latino Ministry: \$19,474 Marriage & Family Life \$60,372
- Youth & Young Adults \$1,824 Prison Chaplains \$2,410
- The Saint Paul Seminary \$392,827 St John Vianney Seminary \$159,186
- Venezuelan Mission \$39,046 Parish Rebates \$397,799

In 2014, CSAF estimates the ministries served over 85,000 people in need:

- Seminarians: 59
 - Hospitalized/Sick: 25,000
 - Imprisoned: 2,000
 - The Poor, Homeless, Hungry: 35,000
 - Needy Catholic Grade Schoolers: 2,000
 - Needy Catholic High School Students Scholarships: 357
 - Catholics on College Campuses: 4,500
 - Catholic Latinos: 4,000
 - Catholic American Indians: 500
 - Marriage, Family, Prolife Participants: 4,000
 - Archdiocesan Youth: 2,000
 - The Deaf: 100
 - The Evangelized: 5,000
 - The poor, homeless and sick at Jesucristo Resucitado Mission: 3,000
- CSAF gave out over \$8.6 million to these ministries in 2014.

Please join your fellow parishioners and pledge/contribute today! Thank you on behalf of the 17 ministries served by CSAF

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- Sun, April 19.....Cookie & Cake Decorating in Basement 1pm
- Mon, April 20.....
- Tues, April 21... ..Fatima Group 8:30am, Choir Practice 7pm, Baptism Class 6pm, GROW Meeting 6:30pm
- Wed, April 22..... Religious Ed 6:30pm
- Thurs, April 23.....RCIA 7pm @ HC
- Fri, April 24.....
- Sat, April 25.....NO MORNING MASS, Confirmation @ 10am at Divine Mercy in Faribault, Rosary in Chapel 9am, Food Shelf Weekend, Cursillo 6pm
- Sun, April 26.....Food Shelf Weekend, DONATIONS FOR BIG TICKET RAFFLE ARE DUE!

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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your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 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) 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: May 10th and June 14th. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Everyone is welcome!!

Food Shelf Weekends!

We are excited to announce that our parish will now be holding food drives the last full weekend of every month. All donations will be going to the Scott County Food Shelf. Mark your calendar and thanks in advance for your donations!

Food Drive weekends: April 25/26, May 30/31 and June 27/28. Please bring food and drop in alcoves on sides of church.

What is the "Big Ticket Raffle" anyway?

Some of you that may be new to our parish might be wondering, "why should we donate to the "Big Ticket Raffle"? Well, the Chicken Cookout is one of our biggest fundraisers for our parish. Every item for the raffle is donated. So everything we make on ticket sales is all profit. Please consider donating either as a donation from your family or business and anything works. From five dollars cash to gift cards or anything else you'd like to put together. Anything would be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please call one of the committee members listed below.



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE BIG TICKET RAFFLE!

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 26th. 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 or contact one of the committee members (Jim and Jodi Muelken, 952-447-1160, Cheryl Thomas, 952-461-2021, Jan Seykora, 952-461-3435). All donations received by the end of the day on Sunday, April 26th 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.

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

CHICKEN COOKOUT, Sunday June 21st, 2015



Vacation Bible School (VBS) Registration is now open!

VBS is open to children age 4 (by June 1st) – Entering 5th gr. in the Fall 2015. To register your child please pick up a form in the back of church or call the parish office at 952-461-2403. VBS will be held June 8-12th, 9am– 11:45am, \$20 per child with a family cap of \$60.

VOLUNTEERS

****We are looking for a few more ADULT volunteers and several KIDS (AGE 12 & OLDER) to volunteer.** If you are a parent volunteering and you have kids in the program, the fee will be waived. Any 9th or 10th grader who volunteers, can apply the hours towards your required Confirmation Service Hours. To sign up to volunteer, call the parish office at 952-461-2403.

DONATIONS

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

Food Items: small marshmallows, mini pretzels, pretzel rods, 10 cans of white frosting, vanilla pudding cups, canned fruit, raisins, goldfish crackers, Smarties candy, gummy worms, apples, caramel dip, fruit dip, cookies, granola bars, fruit snacks, large containers of lemonade or Kool-Aid, fruit juice, chocolate milk and 5 cases of water.

Supplies: cups, plates (large size), napkins, glue dots, cotton balls, fabric markers and fabric paint, band aides or cash donations.

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.

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! 14,547.00

Balance 4,434.50

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Check out the RE website at www.lnmvrc.net

Classes held at the Catholic Education Center 6:30 – 7:45 PM

Weekly CLASS night on Wednesday, April 22nd

First Communion Class Interviews, Penance service for Confirmation students

Weekly CLASS night on Wednesday, April 29th, Regular Class night & last night of religion

Confirmation at @ Divine Mercy in Faribault, on Saturday, April 25th, 2015 at 10:00am. Candidates and Sponsors should arrive by 9:30am. Each family is limited to 6 guests. At 10am Mass this weekend we have a sending ceremony for our Confirmation students, please keep them in your prayers.

First Communion Parents-Students

Interviews for First Communion this week!

Rehearsal for First communion is Friday, May 1st at 6:00pm for those receiving at the Sat. May 2nd 5pm Mass and at 7:00pm for those receiving at the Sunday, May 3rd 8am Mass

*Times for pictures TBA

HOLY CROSS NEWS:

The staff and students of Holy Cross offer our deepest gratitude to those who helped make the Crusader Celebration a success last weekend. Thanks to our generous donors, we raised almost \$29,000 for our technology fund, in addition to other funds for general support of the school. Thank you!!

Holy Cross Catholic School will be celebrating Grandparents' Day on Friday, April 24 with Mass at 1:00 PM and refreshments following Mass. Please join us as we celebrate these special people in our students' lives! Please remember that there is no Mass at Holy Cross on Wednesday this week.

Mass Intentions – (* indicates a change in mass time)			
Sat	18	5:00 pm	Don Monnens+
Sun	19	8:00 am	Paul & Therese Leon+
Sun	19	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	21	8:00 am	DJ Bultman Sr.+
Wed	22	8:00 am	Wilfred Thomas+
Thurs	23	8:00 am	Mr. Elfring+
Fri	27	8:00 am	Jerry Simon+
*Sat	25	8:00 am	NO MASS
Sat	25	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	26	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	26	10:00 am	Sister Dominica+

Daily Scriptures		
Monday:	Acts of Apos 6:8-15	John 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts of Apos 7:51-8:1a	John 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts of Apos 8:1b-8	John 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts of Apos 8:26-40	John 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts of Apos 9:1-20	John 6:52-59
Saturday:	1 Peter 5:5b-14	Mark 16:15-20
Sunday:	Acts of Apos 4:8-12/1 John 3:1-2/John 10:11-18	

Liturgical Stewardship April 25 & 26		
April 25 @ 5pm	Lector:	Jan Freeman
	Ministers	Mary Kay Forland-H, Vicky Chlan-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Joe Molitor, Ron Chlan
April 26 @ 8am	Lector:	Mike Cole
	Ministers	Leander Wagner-H, Mike Moeller-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Dan Weiland, Todd Hertaus
April 26 @ 10am	Lector:	Paul Panka
	Ministers	Jackie Devine-H, Chris Kuehl-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Mike Chlan, Tim Burke

SUNDAY GIVING: April 12 / Week 41 in Fiscal Year	
Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$ 6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$257,316
Actual Collection Received	\$ 4,633
Easter	\$ 88
Flowers	\$ 10
Grounds Care	\$ 70
Fuel	\$ 5
Children's Envelopes	\$ 2
ACH	\$ 5,650
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$ 255,521
	- \$ 1,795
Capital Improvement	\$88

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2015 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
The CSA goal for St. Nicholas is \$18,555
Donations to date: \$17,051

If you have not made your contribution to the 2015 Catholic Services Appeal, please consider doing so.

One pledge can make a difference, especially when combined with all the other pledges made throughout our local Church. And, when our parish reaches its goal, 25% of all funds received will be returned for use to support ministries in our parish

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* here at the Church of St. Nicholas in the Myra Room. Classes begin on Sunday, May 17th, at 1:00 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.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: Strengthening the Church at Home

Please help us strengthen the Church here in the U.S. by giving generously to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal on the **weekend of April 25-26**. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which is a U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops effort, helps fund catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training and other pastoral programs in U.S. dioceses that are unable to provide by themselves. Currently, 45% of all U.S. dioceses receive some home mission support, including dioceses in Minnesota, due to priest shortages, parishioner poverty, unemployment, isolated and difficult terrain, religious hostility and other circumstances that make it hard to practice the faith. Please help as you are able. May you be blessed for your generosity to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

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 952-652-2349.

2015 Schedule; 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 Deb Carlson at 952-884-8251 or debc@stncc.net

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Jesus, I trust in You!

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), 4 pm (from June - Sept), **Tuesday:** 1 pm (2 Tuesdays a month), 10 pm, 11 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

MOTHER'S GROUP

We are reading Catholic books and meeting for spiritual discussion, to pray, and reflect on the Gospel to enrich and support our vocation as wives and mothers.

Next gathering; May 7th & May 28th at 9:30am in the Myra Room, in the old school building. Please contact Lisa Damiani at 651-203-7734 to join!

PRO-LIFE

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

HAPPENING IN THE AREA:

Southern Valley Alliance for battered Women – Is in need of volunteers to answer the 24-hour crisis line from the comfort of your home. We also are seeking volunteers to facilitate support groups and provide childcare. Free training for crisis line volunteers begins on April 18th. For more information, please call Jan or Anna at 952-873-4214.

Food For Kidz Packaging Event - Thursday, April 30, 2015, Immaculate Conception Church Civic Center, 116 Alabama Street SE, Lonsdale - 4:00-5:30 and 5:30-7:00 PM shifts. No sign up needed - just show up and help! Please also consider making a tax-deductible donation; 100% of the money raised will be used to buy food. Bring your donation April 30 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~

Play Pray Date for Mothers Daughters Grandmothers and Granddaughters; Saturday, May 2, 2015

Encouraged by the success of last year's **Play-Pray Date**, the Retreat Center will be offering this day for mothers, daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters on Saturday, May 2, 2015. This year our theme will be "**Hats Off to Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers and Granddaughters.**"

There is an expression, "**One wears many hats,**" and we will look at the variety of roles and expectations that are placed upon mothers, daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters as they see to deepen their relationship with one another.

The day will begin with Coffee, tea and muffins available at 9:00 a.m., with the opening Prayer Service at 9:30. There will be two retreat conferences, a fun activity to do together, lunch, outdoor Stations of the Cross—weather permitting, and door prizes. For the activity, we ask that you bring any small photos of yourself that can be used in the activity. (We can make a photocopy of the photo if needed.) Preregistration and prepayment is required for this popular program. The cost for the day is \$65.00 per person which includes, the retreat program, lunch, the afternoon tea and materials for the activity. Please call 952-447-2182 to register.

Did you know that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month? There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God – our children. As we start April, the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis wants to reiterate that it remains committed to helping survivors and their families heal and find peace. The Archdiocese also is taking steps to strengthen our policies and procedures that safeguard our children and vulnerable adults. For more information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please visit www.SafeCatholicSPM.org.

68th Annual May Day Rosary Procession - May 3rd, 2pm - Capital to Cathedral

Join with Catholics from around the Archdiocese in bearing public witness to our Catholic faith and in joyful devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary. Gathering begins at the steps of the state capital at 1:30p. Rosary procession to the Cathedral of Saint Paul will begin promptly at 2pm, led by Archbishop Nienstedt. Eucharistic Benediction to immediately follow in the Cathedral.

Bring your family and friends to this long standing local Catholic tradition. Let us honor our Blessed Mother in the great month of May.