



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 10th, 2015
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Dear Mothers, thank you!! Thank you for saying yes to the gift of life. Thank you for the sacrifices you make for us and for your generosity. And even if you are not a biological mother, thank you to all of the women who have a motherly role in our lives.

Motherhood is not just biological, but spiritual as well. Thank you to all of those who have nurtured the faith of others, passed along the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ. We thank you and we thank Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother for her intercession on our behalf.

We all are called to follow the example of Mary in saying 'yes' to God. Her 'yes' allowed God to come into the world. She gave birth to our Savior Jesus Christ. We too bring Christ into the world through our 'yes' to God even though in a different way from Mary's motherhood. We all can learn from her 'yes' in sharing Christ with the world. When we draw close to Mary, she always leads us to Jesus and to share Him with others.

While praying the Rosary, I often feel like Mary is keeping me in the mysteries of the Life of Christ. He is born in us spiritually as we meditate on His life and participate in His life in the Sacraments. We then go forth into the world bringing Jesus through our life and witness. Mary was essential for Jesus to be born into the world and she continues to be essential to His coming into our hearts and souls through her motherly intercession.

So to all mothers, both biological and spiritual, thank you!

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, May 10...Happy Mother's Day, Doughnut Sunday
 Mon, May 11....
 Tues, May 12... ..NO MASS, Cookout Meeting 7pm Church Basement,
 Choir Practice 7pm, Book Club 7:15pm
 Wed, May 13.....NO MASS
 Thurs, May 14....NO MASS, RCIA Picnic 6pm
 Fri, May 15.....NO MASS
 Sat, May 16.....NO Morning Mass, Rosary in Chapel 9am
 Sun, May 17.....Youth Group Event 6-8pm
 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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month.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, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, Sept. 13th, Oct. 11th, Nov. 8th & Dec. 13th. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Everyone is welcome!!

Memorial Day Mass & Cemetery Service –Mass at 8am followed by the annual Memorial Day cemetery service at 8:50am.

**CHICKEN COOKOUT
 IS SIX WEEKS AWAY
 SUNDAY, JUNE 21st, 2015**

There are many ways to volunteer and get involved with the Chicken Cookout –please see the list below!

BIG TICKET RAFFLE

There were a lot of great prizes donated, including a \$1000 Grand Prize. If you would still like to make a donation to the Big Ticket Raffle, please continue to place your donations in the collection basket or drop at the parish office. Please note, your donation will not be listed on the ticket, but will still be used in the raffle.

This year's committee members for the Big Ticket Raffle are; Jim and Jodi Muelken, 952-447-1160; Cheryl Thomas, 952-461-2021 and Jan Seykora, 952-461-3435). All proceeds from the Chicken Cookout go directly to the parish.

****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"?"



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.

SET-UP: SATURDAY, JUNE 20th @ 8:30am

Many volunteers are needed to help with set-up on Saturday June 20th. Start time will be 8:30am. If you are available to help even 1 hour, then please sign up in the volunteer book which is located in the back of church, or just show up the morning of.

CAKE PANS

Cake Pans for the Country Store & Cake Walk will be available in the basement & back of church beginning Memorial Weekend!
 Many cakes and baked goods are needed for our Cake Walk and Country Store. We are asking every family of the parish to donate one or two items. Please bring all baked goods to the Church basement the day before or the day of the Cookout!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN ALL AREAS

Please sign up to work a short 1 or 2 hours shift some time during the day. The most help is needed in the kitchen – (all youth that work can apply all their hours towards service hours – this is a great way to complete all service hours before classes start up in the fall) other area that need help are kids games, grounds set-up and clean-up, cake walk & country store. Please sign up in the back of church in the 3 ring binder and list a phone number where you can be reached the week before the cookout.

PRIZE DONATIONS FOR KIDS GAMES

The Pop Ring Toss Game - This games has been a big hit with the kids in years past and is often requested to return. In order to have this game available we would need some help with pop donations. The games committee made a special box to hold 16-20oz bottles of pop. **If anyone is willing to help with pop donations, please drop them off at the parish office or leave in the church basement in the kitchen by the coffee maker.**

****Other prizes for games** – if you have left over new or gently used prize items from parties or grab bags – please consider donating those items as well. These items can be left by the coffee maker in the basement or dropped off at the parish office.

Do you enjoy working with and getting to know others in the parish? Do you have an interest in providing recommendations and insight on behalf of the parish community to Father? Parish Pastoral Council elections are just around the corner! We are seeking nominations to fill five vacancies serving a two year term. Please nominate yourself or others by filling out the forms at the end of your pew and placing them in the collection or box in the

back of church. Nominations can be submitted now through 5/25. Contact any current PPC member with questions or the office.



Save the date for the St. Nicholas Garden Tour which will take place on Sunday, June 28 from 1-5 pm. Tickets will be available to purchase at the parish office mid-May. Cost will be \$10 per person. For more information

call Joyce Hanke (952) 461-1963 or Linda Fischer (952)-461-2230. All proceeds will go directly to maintaining the grounds at St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

Ever wonder what it is like to be a Nun or Brother? Come and See! St. Nicholas Church is taking a bus to tour religious communities in Mpls. and St. Paul on Friday, June 5th. Bring your whole family! Cost: \$5 a person. Meals will be provided. To sign up for this fun filled day, please call the parish office at 461-2403 or e-mail lisal@stncc.net Any questions on this event please contact Lisa Damiani at 651-203-7734.



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.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with VBS – All the positions are filled! Thank You!
If you would like to volunteer in another area or would like to get your service hours in – please sign up to help in one or more areas/shifts at the Chicken Cookout!

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! 15,635.00
 Balance 3,346.50

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 continue 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.

Mass Intentions – (* indicates a change in mass time)			
Sat	9	5:00 pm	Silverius Steinmetz+
Sun	10	8:00 am	Debbie Thomas+
Sun	10	10:00 am	For the Parish
*Tues	12	8:00 am	NO MASS
*Wed	13	8:00 am	NO MASS
*Thurs	14	8:00 am	NO MASS
*Fri	15	8:00 am	NO MASS
*Sat	16	8:00 am	NO MASS
Sat	16	5:00 pm	Albert & Lillian Kalal+
Sun	17	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	17	10:00 am	Alois & Susan Wagner+

Daily Scriptures		
Monday:	Acts of Apos 16:11-15	John 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts of Apos 16:22-34	John 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts of Apos 17:15,22-18:1	John 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts of Apos 1:15-17,20-26	John 15:9-17
Friday:	Acts of Apos 18:9-18	John 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts of Apos 18:23-28	John 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts of Apos 1:15-17,20a, 20c-26/John 4:11-16/John 17:11b-19	

Liturgical Stewardship May 16 & 17		
May 16 @ 5pm	Lector:	Jan Freeman
	Ministers	Dana Meyer-H, Ken Thomas-Ch-H
	Ushers:	David Sheedy, Dave DeGonda
May 17 @ 8am	Lector:	Tom McCabe
	Ministers	Mike Moeller-H, Joyce Anderson-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Paul Thoresen, Craig Goblirsch
May 17 @ 10am	Lector:	Patty Jo English
	Ministers	Norleen Lane-H, Chris Kuehl-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Steve Addabbo, Mike Chlan

SUNDAY GIVING: May 3 / Week 44 in Fiscal Year	
Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$ 6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$276,144
Actual Collection Received	\$ 3,498
Cemetery Care	\$ 50
Children's Envelopes	\$ 20
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$ 271,088
	- \$ 5,056
Capital Improvement \$98 / Endowment \$25	

Please show your appreciation by supporting those advertisers who help make our bulletin possible. This week we thank...

WESTWOOD SPORTS
Apple Valley-Bloomington-Chanhassen
 Serving Youth Sports for over 40 years
 Baseball-Hockey-Lacrosse-Figure Skating-
 Softball-Soccer
www.westwoodsports.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your continued prayers for me during the last month before my ordination to the priesthood. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join me in the celebrations surrounding this wonderful event.

The ordination will take place Saturday, May 30th. It will be at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

I will then celebrate my Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 31st. This will be at the Church of Saint Paul in Ham Lake, MN. The Mass will be at 10:30am with a reception to follow.

The following weekend, on Sunday June 7th, I will celebrate Mass at 10:30am at Our Lady of the Lake in Mound, MN. There will be a reception afterwards.

On Sunday, June 14th, I will celebrate Mass at 10:00am at Saint Nicholas in New Market. There will be a reception afterwards.

Deacon Peter Hughes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LNMV Religious Education - Check out the RE website at www.lnmvire.net

[Registration for 2015-16 school year will be sent and begin in early July.](#)



All Praise and Thanksgiving to God for the many blessings and fruits brought to us this year and especially for all our Catechists, aides and office help who came each week to teach and pass on the faith.

We extend a big Thank you to: Jan Freeman; Sara Bertram; Shelley Kuhlmann; Erin Landwehr; Jennifer Hertel; Heather Seurer; Kathleen Miller;

Cheryl Friedges; Phil and Jen Chromy; Deanna Brake; Paula Brohmer; Katie Roemer; Tim Fredrickson; Amy McDonald; Carly McDonald; Nicole Tompos; Chris Kuehl; Candace Panka; Norleen Lane; Matt Damiani; Alice Overgaard; Cheri Serie, Kendra Caduff; Brad Roemer; Steve and Lenae Addabbo; Karen Johnson; Ron Chlan

Each have been a gift to the children they teach and help. Remember, you do not need to have children in the program to help teach or aide in classrooms. If interested or if you want more information contact Kathy Chlan at 952-652-6100 ext. 507 or email at kathyc@holycrossschool.net or the parish office.

HOLY CROSS NEWS:

Summer vacation is almost here, and that means the end of the school year excitement is in full swing. The last scrip order for May will be placed on Monday, May 11.

Please have orders in to the office by 8 AM. Scrip will be ordered monthly in June, July, and August. Crusader athletes will be honored at the annual Athletic Banquet on Wednesday, May 13. Congratulations to our student-athletes for their dedication and achievement!

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Night! Calling all high schoolers to join us on Sunday, May 17th from 6-8pm. We will play sports and games, have fun, and eat ice cream! Meet us in the grass by the church playground! See you there!

2015 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
The CSA goal for St. Nicholas is \$18,555
Donations to date: \$19,101

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

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: May 30/31 and June 27/28.

Please bring food and drop in alcoves on sides of church.



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.**



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

"Through Mary the cause of our joy you discover that no where on Earth are you more welcomed, no where on Earth are you more loved, than by Jesus, living and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament...He is really there in Person waiting just for you." ---Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Memorial Day weekend schedule – The Adoration Chapel will close on May 21st at 5 pm, will stay closed through the weekend, and will reopen on Tuesday, May 26th at 8:30 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 (1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays), 4 pm (from June - Sept), **Tuesday:** 1 pm (2 Tuesdays a month),

Wednesday: 10 am, **Friday:** Midnight, 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

Wonder what your **Prayer Life** should look like as a **MOM**? Come discuss prayer with us based on Fr. Dubai's book, **Prayer Primer!**

If you don't have time to read, join us anyway! Meeting in the **Myra Room at 9:30 on May 14 and May 23.** Please call Lisa Damiani with questions: [651-203-7734](tel:651-203-7734)

PRO-LIFE

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

Continued on back

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.

Group Events - Space Available

Parishioners have stepped forward and volunteered to host these Group Events all at their own expense. These Group Events create ongoing fellowship throughout the year without added expense to our Parish.

Several Group Events have already taken place and were very well received. What a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and have a lot of fun too.

For those of you who missed the opportunity to sign up to attend the Group Events, here is another chance for you!

These Group Events have limited space available. If interested in attending these fun-filled events, please email the Hosts listed to sign up. All payments to attend are made directly to St. Nicholas.

A Special Evening at the Farm

Hosts: Gary & Maureen Vosejka

Email: info@thorncrestfarm.com

Date: Friday, June 5th, 2015

Alt. Date: Friday, June 12th, 2015

Time: 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Place: The Vosejka's farm, Dundas

Capacity: This Group Event is open to 25 adults only

Cost: \$20/person

Join us for a special evening at our farm. We'll enjoy hors d'oeuvres served in the garden, a hayride and then time to relax by a bonfire.

A Simpler Sunday

Hosts: Tom & Deb Streefland

Email: streef56@gmail.com

Date: Sunday, September 20th, 2015

Alt. Date: Sunday, September 27th, 2015

Time: 2:00 - 6:00 pm

Place: The Streefland's home, Webster

Capacity: This Group Event is open to 30 people of all ages

Cost: \$20/person or \$50/family

Enjoy a fun relaxing fall afternoon with your family and friends. We'll play some outdoor games, pick pumpkins and apples to take home and end our afternoon with a simple meal of hot dogs roasted over a campfire.

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. For more information, please call Jan or Anna at 952-873-4214.

SUMMER SPLASH with the School Sisters of Notre Dame: a weekend for girls who are completing sixth, seventh or eighth grade and their moms (or significant female adults). Mom and daughter alumnae from any previous Summer Splash are also welcome. Held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Campus (170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001), beginning at 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 26 until 6:00 p.m. Saturday, June 27. Cost - \$75 per mother/daughter pair. Includes a blend of activities designed to strengthen the mother-daughter connection while providing an inside look at the Sisters' lives. See www.ssndcentralpacific.org/summer-splash-2015 for more information and to register. Questions? Contact Sister Dorothy Zeller, SSND 507-514-2296.

Come Away and Rest Awhile - Women's Midweek retreat May 12-14

Our 2015 Retreat Theme: "Come Away and Rest Awhile" will look at the broad idea of "holy leisure," reflecting upon the value and the importance of making space for ourselves and our God in our daily lives. What are practices that can help us preserve a space for spiritual sanity in our lives? How can we set healthy limits on ourselves? How can we respond to the expectations that we lay upon ourselves, as well as the expectations (sometimes unrealistic or unfair) that are placed upon us by others? What are some of the deep desires that we have and how have we addressed those desires or have we buried or forgotten them to assist others in fulfilling their desires? What are we really drawn to in our lives?

Welcome and orientation at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday May 12th. Depart Thursday after brunch. Check in early and enjoy a light supper with us if you want. The retreat includes opportunity for Confession and Spiritual Direction. All meals are cooked on site. Call to ask about our BUS transportation service for groups of 12 or more.

Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center - 16385 Saint Francis Lane, Prior Lake MN. Register by calling (952) 447-2182 or online at www.franciscanretreats.net/register

Bishop Piché to Celebrate All-City Charismatic Pentecost Mass

All are welcome to the annual All-City Charismatic Pentecost Mass, Sunday, May 24, 2015, at Immaculate Conception Church, 4030 Jackson Street NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421. Bishop Lee Piché will celebrate the Mass, joined by other clergy from around the archdiocese. This beautiful Spirit-filled event, sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office (CCRO), begins with praise & worship at 2:00 p.m. Mass at 3:00 p.m. and fellowship and refreshments after. Please join us.

Archdiocesan Marriage Day Celebration

Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul

Married couples, celebrate the gift of your vocation at the Archdiocesan Marriage Day Celebration Mass with Archbishop John Nienstedt. Participate in the grand opening of the exhibit "100 Years of Marriage at the Cathedral of Saint Paul." Those celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries in the 2015 calendar year will be honored in a special way. Family and Friends are welcome.

Submit requests for a special certificate by May 30 via email at fomos@archspm.org, or by mail to Office of Marriage, Family and Life, Marriage Certificates, 328 Kellogg Blvd W, St. Paul, MN 55102. For more information, call (651) 291-4488.

Saint John's has been awarded a grant to develop successful models of building and sustaining community in parishes nationwide. We are now seeking men and women student applicants and referrals for this new Lilly Community Fellowship program at Saint John's School of Theology. More info at www.collegevilleMN.com

Please come join us at the 2nd annual Elko New Market Boy Scout Troop 325 pancake and sausage breakfast. The breakfast will be held Sunday, May 17th from 8 AM until noon at the Wagner Park shelter. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12.