

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 14, 2015

"It is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how." In today's parable about the kingdom of God, Jesus gives us the image of something that grows "of its own accord." Yes, the man does the initial planting of the seed, but the real miracle of the seed turning into a full-grown plant happens without the intervention of the farmer. God makes it happen.

So too, with the kingdom of God, we are called to participate to a certain extent, but also to allow God to work. We first do our part when we "scatter seed" of faith, by living out the baptism that made us children of this glorious kingdom. But even as we make our daily choices to follow Christ and live as his children--with all the actions, decision, and commitments that entails--we still get to enjoy the miracle of sitting back and watching God's providence in action.

Just think of the beauty of creation and the seasons. Think about the gift of a newborn baby in the arms of its parents. Think about the surprising situations that resolved themselves in our relationships, jobs, and families. Think of the encouraging stories of forgiveness, reconciliation, and conversion that we have heard or experienced firsthand. Think of the blessings that have somehow come out of the trials and tribulations of our lives. Think of all the sick, poor, and lonely who have been comforted by believers. Think of the moments of peace and insight that we have received in prayer. So it is that God makes our seeds "sprout and grow" when we sincerely take that first step of faith to enter his kingdom. © Liturgical Publications Inc.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, June 14... Parish Council Elections
Doughnut Sunday & Reception for Father Peter Hughes – after 10:00 am Mass

Mon, June 15...

Tues, June 16 ... No Morning Mass
Fatima Group 8:30am
Baptism Class 6:00 pm

Wed, June 17.... No Morning Mass

Thurs, June 18... No Morning Mass
PC Meeting – 7 pm

Sat, June 20..... Rosary in Chapel 9 am

Sun, June 21... 46th Annual Chicken Cookout
Father's Day
Cookout Drawing – 3:00 pm

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer): Everyone is Welcome - Tuesday – Friday at 7:20am & Sat at 7:35am in the church.

Parish Pastoral Council elections are this weekend, June 13th and 14th, after each Mass. Nominees are: Bob Hilpisch, Tom McCabe, Shawn Overgaard, Kendra Caduff and Ron Chlan.

Doughnut Sunday schedule: June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, Sept. 13th, Oct. 11th, Nov. 8th & Dec. 13th. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Everyone is welcome!!

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.

Food Shelf Weekends

St. Nicholas 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: June 27/28. Please bring food and drop in alcoves on sides of church.**

46th ANNUAL CHICKEN COOKOUT IS NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015!

We are very excited to announce our promotional opportunity for this year's Chicken Cookout Raffle!

We have received some very generous donations of Twins and Saints tickets.

For every 15 tickets you or your family sells, you will receive an entry into the drawing to win tickets. The more you sell, the more chances you have to win! These tickets are all packs, which means you can enjoy a fun evening with your family or a group of friends.

We have obtained the following tickets:

Four (4) tickets – Minnesota Twins vs Detroit Tigers – Sunday, July 12th – 1:10 p.m.
Four (4) tickets – Minnesota Twins vs Texas Rangers – Thursday, August 13th– 12:10 p.m.
Four (4) tickets – Minnesota Twins vs White Sox – Wednesday, September 2nd – 7:10 p.m.

The above seats are in Section 305, Upper Deck on the Right Field line.

Donated by Ron Kassa

Four (4) Club Level tickets to the new CHS Field to watch the St. Paul Saints along with one (1) parking pass. Game date is Monday, June 22nd at 7:05 p.m.

Donated by Lance & Carmen Chastek

Eight (8) pack of tickets to the St. Paul Saints game on Sunday, August 09, 2015 at 5:05 p.m. against the Winnipeg Goldeyes and \$30 worth of Saints Bucks good for concessions.

Donated by Chris & Sarah Kuehl

Additional Raffle tickets are available. Please contact the Parish Office or one of the Raffle Committee members. Thank you!

Chicken Cookout Donations

Since the printing of the raffle tickets we have obtained additional donations:

Denny & Denise Anderson	\$100
Bryan & Jan Freeman	\$ 25
Rita Chlan	\$ 50
Dave Tompos	Toro 8" string trimmer
Ron Kassa	4 Tickets Minnesota Twins vs Chicago White Sox Tues. June 23rd - 7:10 pm, Seats are in Sec. 305, upper deck on the right field line

There were a lot of great prizes donated, including a \$1000 Grand Prize.

This year's committee members for the Big Ticket Raffle are;
Jim and Jodi Muelken, 952-447-1160;
Cheryl Thomas, 952-461-2021
Jan Seykora, 952-461-3435.

All funds raised from the Chicken Cookout produce necessary income to help with the expenses of operating our beautiful 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. That means everything we make on ticket sales is all profit. Please consider donating either as a donation from your family or business, anything works. From five dollars cash to gift cards or anything else you'd like to put together. All donations are greatly appreciated! If you have questions, please call one of the committee members listed.

There are many ways to volunteer and get involved with the Chicken Cookout

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. 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 hour 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 areas 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 game 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.

90th Birthday Open House for Wilfred Wagner on Sunday, June 14th at the Grand Event Center, 316 Washington Street, Northfield, MN from 2-6 p.m. Please stop by to wish him Happy Birthday and have a bite to eat. Please let your presence be your gift.

Thank you to everyone who has responded 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.

- \$2,236.50 - Sidewalk replacement
- \$11,250.00 - Replacement of flat roofs over basement bathrooms & south basement entrance
- \$1,755.00 - Mold removal in parish basement
- \$600.00 - Mold removal in school building
- \$620.00 - Leaf guards for gutters on rectory
- \$1,952.00 - Additional Mold Removal (not in original bid)
- \$568.00 - Air Quality Tests (not included in original bid)
- \$18,981.50 - Total cost of current needed repairs
- \$16,009.00 - Total Donations to date – Thank You
- \$ 2,972.50 - Balance

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. 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	13	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun	14	8:00 am	Paul & Therese Leon+
Sun	14	10:00 am	Norbert Skluzacek+
Tues	16	8:00 am	No Mass
Wed	17	8:00 am	No Mass
Thurs	18	8:00 am	No Mass
Fri	19	8:00 am	Richard Kost+
Sat	20	8:00 am	Joe & Nate Damiani
Sat	20	5:00 pm	Roger Carpentier+
Sun	21	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	21	10:00 am	Sister Dominica+



Daily Scriptures

Monday:	2 Corinthians 6:1-10	Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Corinthians 8:1-9	Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Corinthians 9:6-11	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Corinthians 11:1-11	Matthew 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30	Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Matthew 6:24-34
Sunday:	Job 38:1,8-11/2 Corinthians 5:14-17 / Mark 4:35-41	

Liturgical Stewardship

June 20 & 21

June 20 @ 5pm	Lector:	Leah Heselton
	Ministers:	Jan Freeman H, Chuck Matthews Ch-H
	Ushers:	Doug Serie, Ron Chlan
June 21 @ 8am	Lector:	Robyn Dietz
	Ministers:	Mike Cole H, Joyce Anderson Ch-H
	Ushers:	Gary Vosejka, Todd Hertaus
June 21 @ 10am	Lector:	Kendra Caduff
	Ministers:	Jackie Devine H, Amy McDonald Ch-H
	Ushers:	Steve Addabbo, Mike Chlan

SUNDAY GIVING: May 24 / Week 47 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$ 6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$294,972
Actual Collection Received	\$ 4,284
Cemetery Care	10
Children's Collection	15
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$ 288,649
	- \$ 6,323
Capital Improvement \$58	

The Sunday giving amounts will be updated in the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience during this transition

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Save the date for the **St. Nicholas Garden Tour** which will take place on Sunday, June 28 from 1-5 pm. Tickets are available to purchase at the parish office. Cost will be \$10 per person. For more information call Joyce Hanke (952) 461-1963 or Linda Fischer (952)-461-2230 or visit the parish website at www.stncc.net or Facebook at www.facebook.com/stncc.net. All proceeds will go directly to maintaining the grounds at St. Nicholas Church.



Altar server appreciation: The St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus are hosting an Altar Server appreciation day at the New Market Muskies 2:00 game on Sunday July 12, 2015. RSVP's required to Leon Meger at 952-652-2826. Thank you!

New Market Knights of Columbus is holding its Annual Big Ticket Raffle on Sunday, June 28, 2015 at approximately 11:15 a.m. We have wonderful prizes **1st Prize \$3,000, 2nd Prize \$2,000, 3rd Prize \$1,000.** Tickets are \$40 each or a book of 3 for \$100. Profits go to the Catholic Education and Pro-Life causes. Please support the Knights and all their good works.



LNMV Religious Education Keep in touch by checking out the RE website at www.lnmvre.net. Registration information will be posted by the first of July and watch for 2015-16 school year information to be sent in mid-July.

****Future catechists and aides:** Please discern your call to help your parish by passing on the faith through teaching. We will be working toward filling our teaching spots by August 15th. Please email Kathy Chlan @ kathyc@holycrossschool.net if you have any questions or are interested in teaching, co-teaching or being an aide in a room, hall monitors or substitute teaching. You do not need to have children in the program to help teach or aide in classrooms. ***This ministry is vital to the life of our parishes as we pass along the faith and prepare our students for a sacramental life.***



Holy Cross News:

Join us for games and ice cream at the Holy Cross Catholic School Summer Open House on Tuesday, June 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. New students are eligible for a **\$1,500 grant towards tuition**, so we invite families to come see the Holy Cross difference! The school is located at 6100 37th St. W. in Webster. Also plan to join us for the Driving for Excellence event at Elko Speedway on June 27 at 4 PM. Anyone over 18 can sign up to drive a race car and fulfill their racing fantasy on the track! Call Anne Fredrickson for more information at 952-652-6100 or visit our website @ www.holycrossschool.net.



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; Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 17 & Dec. 15.**



Choir practice has adjourned for the summer. Choir practice will resume again in September. Exact day and time will be announced in August. If you are interested but have questions, please contact Deb Carlson at 952-884-8251 or debc@stncc.net

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

"My greatest happiness is to be before the Blessed Sacrament where my heart is, as it were, in its center." ---St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), Saint of the Sacred Heart

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), 7 pm, **Wednesday:** 10 am, **Friday:** 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

For information please call Lisa Damiani: [651-203-7734](tel:651-203-7734)

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

Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday – June 28, 2015 Hosted by: Most Holy Trinity, Veseli, Location: Metogga Lake Dairy – The Pieper Family Farm, 6565 Kent Ave., New Prague. Polka Band Playing for Mass at 1:30pm – Celebrated by Bishop Lee A. Piche featuring the Veseli Ho-Down Choir & Band. Please bring your own lawn chairs. In case of rain the celebration will go forward as planned underneath tents. Lunch following mass with a free will offering. Music, kids games and activities – see the animals.

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

The Holy Father is coming to Philadelphia in September! Where will you be? – The registration form is available for download & printing at http://www.archspm.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/World-Meeting-of-Families-2015-Archdiocese-of-St-Paul-and-Minneapolis_Monday-September-28-return2.pdf

Join the Archdiocesan pilgrimage to the World meeting of Families and the Papal visit, Sept 22-28, 2015. Accommodations in and around Philly are very limited, so ensure your spot with us. Register today! Visit archspm.org/WMF or call Sonya at 651-291-4488.

St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards - Nominate someone today!

Do you know of someone who devotes his or her time helping the poor, elderly, disabled, pregnant, or is committed to praying for Respect Life issues? He or she may be our next Champion for Life! The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is looking to honor those who respect life at our annual St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards. To submit a nomination or for more information, go to archspm.org and search keywords "Champions for Life". Questions? Please contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or MFL@archspm.org.

Fortnight for Freedom - Speaker Series - Wednesday, June 24, 7 p.m.

"Building Babylon's good without bending to its gods" by Jason Adkins, Minnesota Catholic Conference Church of Saint Paul, 1740 Bunker Lake Blvd NE, Ham Lake. The cost for this event is free of charge. Refreshments (apple pie) following program. Please join us. Email: lightforreligiousfreedom@inbox.com or phone 651-291-4488.

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.

Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute

Come discover the plan that will transform your work, your marriage, your family, your community... your life!

This fall, the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute will begin another two-year course at The Church of the Epiphany campus in Coon Rapids. Taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities, such as Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Jeff Cavins, Deacon Joe Michalak, Fr. John Klockeman, Dr. Bill Stevenson, Dr. Todd Flanders, Christina Smith and more, the program follows the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and lay out the roadmap to heaven.

The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules and meet on Monday evenings, 7 to 9 pm, with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Applications are now being accepted through June 1, 2015, for the class beginning in September. For more information and an application to become part of the Class of St. Teresa of Avila, call (651) 962-5028 or visit www.Clstudent.com.

The Lonsdale area wide seniors (Golden Agers) will meet on June 16 at 1:00 at the I.C.Civic Center in Lonsdale. Euchre and Bingo will be played following a dinner at 4:00. All adults over 60 are invited to attend. More info call Don at 507-744-2408.

St. Mary's Church Festival on Sunday, June 28th. 165 N. Waterville Ave. Le Center. Polka Mass at 10am. Roast beef dinner served family style in our air conditioned social hall. \$12 Adults 10 yrs and up, \$5 children 5-9 yrs, 4 & under free. Outdoor food court: hot beef sandwiches, hotdogs, pie, Mexican foods, root beer floats, and beer garden. Loads of things to do and see - Country Store, silent auction, white elephant, wall of wine, large raffles, kids' games, live music, horse-drawn wagon rides, bingo, meat raffles & pull tabs. Fun for the whole family!