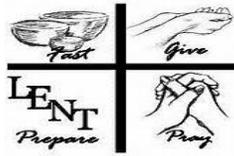


2nd Sunday of Lent, March 1st, 2015



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we are pleased to share with you a few updates.

Debra Carlson is St. Nicholas Church's newly hired music coordinator and choir director. Debra brings 25 years of teaching and performance experiences to our parish. Most recently, she taught music at Holy Family Academy in St. Louis Park. Debra is a graduate of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, where she studied music and elementary education. Debra is a member at Nativity of Mary Church in Bloomington, where she played in the bell choir and sang in Nativity's Alleluia choir. Debra most recently bought a used church organ and is currently studying organ with Dr. Christopher Wallace, liturgist and music director at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Edina. She lives with her husband in Bloomington, and enjoys spending time with their two children and nine grandchildren.

As you probably know, forty of us recently returned home from a wonderful pilgrimage in Rome. We brought your prayer intentions to each of the holy sites we visited and we experienced your prayers for us as we journeyed through the Eternal City and Assisi.

There were many highlights, but one that stands out is that we saw Pope Francis!! We were also able to pray in the presence of the bones of Peter which are located underneath Saint Peter's Basilica. We are excited to share with the parish a slide show on March 8th after the 8am and 10am Masses!

Additionally, we are excited to announce that the carpet project is moving forward. Depending on how things go, it may be installed before Holy Week, but there is a chance it will be after Easter. As we were making preparations and looking at the flooring in the church, it was brought to our attention that the wood flooring underneath the pews is in need of re-finishing. If possible, we hope to do this before installing the carpet. Hence we are in the process of obtaining a proxy from the Archdiocese to go forward with the project, which is needed because the total will be more than \$25,000. The carpet will be covered by the Gala fundraising event as had been planned and the wood re-finishing, costing about \$6,400, will be covered by proceeds from the Traders Market and from areas in which we have been under budget. We will keep you posted as we learn more about the timing of the project. There will be about three weeks in which daily Mass will be in the old school building, while weekend Masses will remain in the main church.

God bless and have a wonderful Lent. Please keep praying for the parish!!
-Fr. Barnes

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, March 1...
Mon, March 2...
Tues, March 3... Fatima Group 8:30am, Choir Practice 7pm
Wed, March 4...Religious Ed.
Thurs, March 5...RCIA at 7pm @ HC, KC Meeting 7:30pm
Fri, March 6...Stations of Cross 6:30pm, Soup Supper to follow
Sat, March 7...First Saturday Prayers 8:35am, Rosary in Chapel 9am, Lifeline @ NET 4:15pm
Sun, March 8...Doughnut Sunday with Rome slide show, DTS 6-9pm
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: March 8th, April 12th, May 10th and June 14th.
Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Everyone is welcome!!

Rome Pilgrimage Presentation

All are invited to a presentation on our Rome Pilgrimage on Sunday, March 8th, after the 8am & 10am Masses.

Russell Christopher Smith, son of Christopher and Kellee Smith, recently received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at St. Nicholas. We warmly welcome him into the family of Christ.



Welcome to St. Nicholas Parish

Please offer a huge welcome to the newest members of St. Nicholas Parish. Chris and Rebecca Foster, along with their children Hannah and Noah.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wed. April 1st – Confessions 4:30-5:30pm

Penance Service 7pm

Holy Thursday April 2nd – Morning Prayer 8am

Confessions 11am–12pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday April 3rd– Morning Prayer 8am

Confessions 11am –12pm

Veneration of the Cross 3pm,

Stations of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday April 4th– Morning Prayer 8:00am,

Easter Vigil 8:30pm (NO 5pm mass)

Easter April 5th – Mass 8am & 10am

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we have been invited to give feedback in preparation for the October Synod on the Family. The documentation already prepared is followed by a series of questions in which there is a desire for a broad consultation to be engaged in the survey process and everyone's response is important! You may submit your contributions in the following ways:

Electronic questions format located on the archspm.org - Marriage Survey
You may utilize email – stolpestadj@archspm.org

You may submit a hard copy -

Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Attn: Jean Stolpestad, 226 Summit Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55102

You may participate in a listening session – Hayden Bldg. Saint Paul, Tuesday March 3, 7-8:30p.m.

Please brothers and sisters, consider participating in this important work!

-Fr. Barnes

Food Shelf Weekends!

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

Knights of Columbus meeting this Thursday March 5, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.
Please contact Leon Meger with any questions or concerns at 952-652-2826.

Spring clothing collection for Joseph's Coat – please bring your donations to the church basement and place by the coat rack, for pick up on Tuesday, March 24th. Thank you!

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

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.

2015 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
"Be Imitators of Christ"

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

If you have not made your contribution to the 2015 Catholic Services Appeal, please consider doing so next weekend. We will conduct the in-pew pledging process at Mass one last time to give everyone an opportunity to participate.

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. Please prayerfully consider providing your financial support to the Catholic Services Appeal. You can and will make a difference.

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 CSA Foundation website at csafspm.org for more information.

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! 13,123.00

Balance 5,858.50

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 952-652-2349. 2015 Schedule; 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.

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

Sat	28	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	1	8:00 am	Victoria Tupy
Sun	1	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	3	8:00 am	Tissek Family
Wed	4	8:00 am	Grace Sauber+
Thurs	5	8:00 am	Susan Warzonek+
Fri	6	8:00 am	Susan Warzonek+
Sat	7	8:00 am	Ken DeGross+
Sat	7	5:00 pm	Debbie Thomas+
Sun	8	8:00 am	Len & Joan Britten+
Sun	8	10:00 am	For the Parish



Daily Scriptures

Monday:	Daniel 9:4b-10	Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20	Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jeremiah 18:18-20	Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Luke 16:19-31
Friday:	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Mathew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Exodus 20:1-17/1	Corinthians 1:22-25/John 2:13-25

Liturgical Stewardship

March 7 & 8

March 7 @ 5pm	Lector:	Jan Freeman
	Ministers	Ken Thomas-H, Vicky Chlan-Ch-H
	Ushers	Doug Serie, Dave DeGonda
March 8 @ 8am	Lector:	Matt Damiani
	Ministers	Leander Wagner-H, Mike Moeller-Ch-H
	Ushers	Scott Steele, Gary Vosejпка
March 8 @ 10am	Lector:	Leah Heselton
	Ministers	Julie Nelson-H, Jackie Devine-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Richard Hanke, Dennis Anderson

SUNDAY GIVING: Feb 22 / Week 34 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$ 6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$213,384
Actual Collection Received	\$ 4,860
Fuel	\$ 60
Children's Envelopes	\$ 6
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$ 208,161
	- \$ 5,223
Capital Improvement \$421	

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

"Do you leave space to hear God's whisper, calling you forth into goodness? Friends, do not be afraid of silence or stillness, listen to God, adore Him in the Eucharist. Let His word shape your journey as an unfolding of holiness." -----Pope Benedict XVI

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

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 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

Check out the RE website at www.lnmvre.net

Classes held at the Catholic Education Center (home of Holy Cross School) **6:30 – 7:45 PM**

Weekly CLASS night on Wednesday, March 4th

***Confirmation Folders Due!*

Weekly CLASS night on Wednesday, March 11th

Lent: Practice the three pillars of Lent – Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Use your Lenten Calendars to help you stay on track. If you need a copy please go the www.lnmvre.net website for a copy.

HOLY CROSS:

This is the last week to buy raffle tickets for the Catholic Schools Raffle. Each ticket costs \$5, and proceeds go directly to Holy Cross School! Some of the prizes include a 2015 Ford Escape or \$25,000, a \$5,000 dream vacation, tickets to MN pro sports games, many fun electronics, and much more! You may purchase a ticket from a Holy Cross student or by calling the school office at (952) 652-6100. The drawing will be held March 19.

YOUTH GROUP:

Dead Theologians Society (DTS) for grades 9-12 will be on Sunday, March 8th from 6-9pm at the St. Nicholas Campus. We are in need of parents to help provide and serve the meal, please contact Kathy Chlan at kathyc@holycrossschool.net if you are able to help.

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 Borgheirck [507-744-2829](tel:507-744-2829) - kateb@holycrossschool.net

The Lonsdale area wide seniors (Golden Agers) will hold its meeting on March 3rd at 1:00 at the I.C. Civic Center. Euchre will be played with a supper served at 4:00. All Adults over age 60 are invited to attend. For information, please call Don at 507-744-2408. The club always meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

The Knights of Columbus are having a fish fry on Friday March 6th at the New Prague KC Hall. It is an all you can eat event that serves both fried and baked fish as well as homemade potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, bread, cake, milk, and coffee. Adults are \$11, kids 4-12 are \$5, and children under 4 are free. Take outs are available and serving will be from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Suicide Prevention in Our Community – Parents and community welcomed and encouraged!

Tuesday, March 10th, 6pm @ the New Prague High School Auditorium, 221 12th Street NE. Featured speaker: Nationally renowned suicide prevention expert Dr. David Reidenberg, Executive Director of SAVE –Suicide Awareness Voices of Education.

Operation Andrew Dinner – Tuesday, March 10, 2015 –

Bishop Lee Piché will be hosting the next Operation Andrew Dinner on Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m. at the Archbishop's residence. Operation Andrew, a program sponsored by the Office of Vocations, is an opportunity for men, ages 16 – 35, who are discerning their vocation and would like to learn more about the priesthood and religious life. The dinner event includes time where they can hear vocation testimonials on priesthood and the religious life. It is typical for a Pastor, Religious Brother or Youth Minister to accompany discerning men to this event. Please respond to the Vocation Office before March 6, by calling 651.962.6890 or emailing patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu if you would like to register to attend.

2015 Archdiocesan Men's Conference – Saturday, March 21, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join men of all ages and walks of life from around the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis for a morning filled with faith and fellowship. Learn how, with the help of Jesus Christ, you can *conquer sin!* The conference includes: Mass, breakfast, Keynote speaker Fr. Richard Simon (from Relevant Radio's "Father Simon Says"), and more! \$20 per adult; \$10 per student (up to high school senior).

Saturday, March 21, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Doors open at 7 a.m. for Adoration and Confession)

AARC Fieldhouse at the University of St. Thomas

Register online at www.archspm.org, Keywords: Men's Conference. Questions? Call 651-291-4411.