

The image shows the interior of a church with stone walls and a wooden ceiling. A large, ornate stained glass window is the focal point, casting light into the space. Below it is a dark, arched doorway. Rows of wooden pews are arranged on either side of a central aisle. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image, with a dark red gradient background.

**THE REJECTED
STONE HAS
BECOME THE
*cornerstone.***

PSALM 118

Welcome to St. Nicholas Catholic Church!

General Information

Ad Orientem

We have begun celebrating all Masses Ad Orientem. For more information regarding Ad Orientem, please visit our website, stncc.net/ad-orientem.

Lord's Day Mass

Saturday: 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. (Live streamed on our website and Facebook page.)

Daily Mass

Tuesday—Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration Hours

Sunday 4 p.m. to midnight,
Monday 5 a.m. to Friday midnight,
Friday 5 a.m. to Saturday 8 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday—Friday: 7:35—7:50 a.m.
Wednesday: 4:45—5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8:35 a.m. and 3:30—4:40 p.m.
or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Pre-baptism meetings are held with a priest. Please call for an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made a minimum of six (6) months in advance.

Communion Call: If you or someone you care for must receive communion at home or in the hospital, please call the parish office.

Care Fund: Help is available for emergency situations & special needs. Please contact the parish office.

Prayer Line: This group is designed to help pray for specific concerns or special intentions. To add someone to the prayer line or if you are interested in becoming one of 45+ who pray, please contact Mary Zweber at 952-461-2366 or George Rhein at 952-461-4230.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

51 Church Street
Elko New Market, MN 55054
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Parish Office Hours

Monday: Closed
Tuesday—Friday: 7:45 a.m.—4:15 p.m.

Parochial Administrator

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Parochial Vicar

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Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays by 4:00 p.m.

Archdiocese Victim Assistance 651-291-4475

From Fr. Nick VanDenBroeke

The Altar

When our current church was built in 1910, there were three altars installed: The high (main) altar, and the two side altars (often referred to as Mary's altar and Joseph's altar). After Vatican II, the elaborate wood carvings and statues above the high altar were removed and the altar was moved away from the wall to the front of the sanctuary. Then about the year 1995, Fr. Dufner found a new high altar, nearly identical to the original one, and installed it back in its original location. (There is a wonderful story about God's providence in finding this high altar which came from Guardian Angels in Hastings.) This is how our parish came to have two altars in the sanctuary, one behind the other.

This Holy Week, we removed the front altar and only use the high altar for the liturgies. (The front altar was simply moved into the sacristy.) I have really enjoyed celebrating Mass this way. I already enjoyed celebrating Mass *Ad Orientem*, but experiencing the sanctuary wide open with just the high altar as it was originally designed has been very meaningful for me as I celebrate Mass.

I also know that some people prefer using the other altar with Mass celebrated *Versus Populo* (toward the people). We will keep the front altar out of the sanctuary for the rest of the Easter season, and then reconsider whether or not to go back to two altars in the sanctuary.

In celebrating Mass *Ad Orientem*, I have no intention of beginning to celebrate the Tridentine Mass (the Extraordinary Form), but rather, *Ad Orientem* is actually a very normal way of celebrating the *Novus Ordo* (the current/new Mass). In fact, the Roman Missal assumes that Mass will be celebrated *Ad Orientem*, and thus instructs the priest for the times when he should turn to face the congregation and when he should turn to face the altar.

The main point of *Ad Orientem* is the understanding of *who is the priest speaking to during the Eucharistic Prayer*. During the first half of the Mass (the liturgy of the word), the priest faces the congregation, because he is speaking to the people and teaching them through the readings and homily. However, during the second half of the Mass (the liturgy of the Eucharist), the priest is almost entirely speaking to God, and thus he faces toward the cross of Christ.

Rather than thinking that the priest is "turning his back on the people", think instead of how the priest is leading his people to Jesus. He walks up the steps of the altar and stands before God where he speaks to God on behalf of the people. Then, after the consecration, the priest brings the Body and Blood of Jesus from the altar to give it to the people.

I encourage you during the Eucharistic Prayer to look at and focus on the Cross of Christ, which is situated directly above the altar of sacrifice. The cross is here to remind us that the sacrifice taking place on the altar is the same sacrifice of Christ now made present again in our midst.

In summary: *Ad Orientem* helps show the symbolism that the priest is leading his people to Jesus, and offering the prayers of the sacrifice to God on behalf of all the people.

You are in my daily prayers.

God bless you,

Fr. VanDenBroeke

This week at St. Nicholas		
Sun	Apr 25	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live-streamed): Bud & Craig Zweber++ 7:00pm Fiat
Mon	Apr 26	Mass is not offered on this day.
Tue	Apr 27	8:00am No Mass or confessions 7:00pm Book Club
Wed	Apr 28	7:35am Confessions and Rosary 8:00am Mass: Tom Zamora+ 4:45pm Confessions 6:30pm LNMV RE classes
Thu	Apr 29	7:35am Confessions and Rosary 8:00am Mass: Angela French
Fri	Apr 30	8:00am No Mass or confessions 9:30am 1st Communion Practice
Sat	May 1	7:35am Rosary 8:00am Mass: Jim & Verena Streefland++ 8:35am Confessions 8:35am First Saturday Prayers 3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass: Tony Kremer+
Sun	May 2	8:00am Mass: For the Parish 10:00am Mass (live-streamed): Deb Thomas+

Readings for the Week	
Readings for the week of April 25, 2021	
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18	
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10	
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30	
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50	
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20	
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6	
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14	
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58	
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18 -24/Jn 15:1-8	



We appreciate all our volunteers and are so thankful for all that they do!

Thank you to Greg Fischer for leaf blowing, picking up sticks, and helping with a variety of miscellaneous duties on our campus. You are appreciated. God bless you, Fr. VanDenBroeke

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend marks the official launch to St. Nicholas’s Faith in Our Future capital campaign – a critical effort to install an elevator lift in our church, and to address maintenance issues and facility improvements throughout our campus.

Earlier this week, all registered parishioners were mailed a packet of materials about our campaign. A case statement booklet is enclosed, along with a letter requesting a pledge to the effort. Over the coming weeks, our team of volunteers will be reaching out to families to discuss the campaign, answer questions and seek your support.

The launch of this effort also brings to light some common questions. Here are a few worth addressing:

How did you come up with my request amount?

The amounts are based on a number of factors, including giving history and answers shared in the planning study. Our goal is to challenge everyone to consider supporting St. Nicholas in a meaningful and sacrificial way.

Who is being asked to support the campaign?

Every registered parish family will be asked to participate in the campaign.

Why should I/we consider supporting the campaign?

Throughout the bible, we are reminded that we have been called by the Lord to build His kingdom.

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58.

This project doesn’t fall on the shoulders of one family or a few. It is the responsibility of everyone at St. Nicholas to hear God’s call and to continue to grow His ministry. The obligation rests with everyone to do their part to raise the necessary funding. We all need to identify and make sacrificial and meaningful donations to ensure the campaign is a success.

Gratefully,

Father Nick VanDenBroeke
Parochial Administrator

Lord, Let it be You who lives in me today.

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

A Campaign for
St. Nicholas Catholic Church

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

“How can I repay the Lord for His goodness to me?” –PSALM 116



As we begin our *Faith in Our Future* campaign, we will continue our *Frequently Asked Questions* series to answer questions that surfaced during the planning study. These *FAQs* will be published in the bulletin and available on our website (www.stncc.net) along with additional campaign materials.

Why do we need to move the parish offices to JP11 (old school building)?

The JP11 building currently houses the adoration chapel, youth room, and meeting room. Extensive renovations have already been completed with minimal cost to the parish, thanks to our generous and talented parishioners. The new office location will give our staff and volunteers more space with an open floor plan conducive to welcoming visitors as well as providing much-needed storage space for archdiocesan-required records retention. In addition, moving the offices out of the rectory will give the priest’s residence greater privacy and allow the current office space to return to a chapel in the rectory.

What facility improvements are needed for JP11?

The facility improvements needed are electrical, windowpanes, air conditioning, exterior doors, and tuckpointing. These improvements will not only improve the look of the building but also make it more energy-efficient and secure.

Why do we need to remodel the rectory kitchen?

The rectory kitchen is very small, with limited counter and cabinet space. Fr. V. can touch the fridge and the cabinet on the opposite wall at the same time – that is small! The remodel would include removing walls to reconfigure the floor plan into a more open and inviting concept. We would also install a patio door to allow access to the beautiful patio.

How much money is currently in the Maintenance Fund Endowment?

Our Maintenance Fund Endowment has a balance of \$120,828.08 with a variable interest rate which provides annual interest payments of approximately \$3,000 designated to fund maintenance needs.

Where did the money in the Maintenance Fund Endowment come from?

The money came from weekly offertory donations received specifically for the fund. We have also done several concentrated asks over the years, including the most recent ask during the 2019 St. Nicholas Gala & Auction.

Will the capital campaign raise funds for the Maintenance Fund Endowment?

No. We will establish a separate Maintenance Fund. This new fund will not limit us to only use the interest (like the endowment fund), so all the funds will be accessible for immediate use. This will help us address maintenance needs quickly and not put off projects due to insufficient available funds.





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\$45/Student

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The Day Program is for students entering grades 1 - 6 and strives to show students how to be humble and courageous seekers of faith through exploring the Word of God. Monday, July 12, - Friday, July 16, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The Evening Program is for students entering grades 7 - 12 and includes large group presentations, small group discussions, quiet meditation, prayer, and fellowship. Sunday, July 11, - Thursday, July 15, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

All sessions are held at Holy Cross Catholic School, 6100 37th St. W. in Webster.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

Website: stncc.net

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.



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WATER FOR LIFE



I am very pleased and impressed by the result of our Water for Life collection we did!

Not only were we able to raise money for this wonderful project, but we also had a fun contest between Immaculate Conception and St. Nicholas. Here are the results.

Immaculate Conception - \$654.09
 St. Nicholas - \$738.48

So, St. Nick's was the clear winner when it came to total value, however, the two parishes were nearly identical when it came to weight.

Immaculate Conception – 69.5 lb
 St. Nicholas – 70 lb

Now, just for fun, here is the breakdown of the number of coins:

	IC	SN
Pennies	4809	4711
Nickels	1385	1143
Dimes	2210	2021
Quarters	1133	1604
Half dollars	1	11
Dollar coins	2	8

(There were also some dollar bills included. And... there was a \$500 check in the St. Nicholas bucket, but I didn't include that in the total since it wasn't really part of the "coin" collection.)

In summary, way to go St. Nick's! But really, way to go both parishes for raising a total of **\$1,892.57** for this wonderful mission! **Thank you to everyone who donated!**

God bless you,
 Fr. VanDenBroeke

**Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord
 April 18, 2021 - Week 42 in Fiscal Year**

Weekly Giving: \$9,797	Weekly Budgeted: \$7,758	Weekly Over/(Under): \$2,039
YTD Giving: \$322,900	YTD Budgeted: \$339,088	YTD Over/(Under): (\$16,188)



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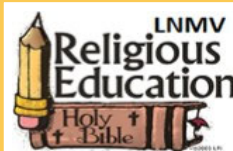
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April 25

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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www.lnmvre.net

For questions contact:

anna@holycrossschool.net

Please join us in praying this prayer for our 2nd graders as they prepare for their First Most Holy Communion:

O Jesus, You have loved us with such exceedingly great love as to give us the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist. Inflame us with a burning zeal to promote Your glory by praying for the students of our parish as they prepare to worthily approach Your holy table for the first time. Amen.

Our Parish School News

VARIETY SHOW

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

1:00 P.M.

We invite you to join us for this exciting live-streamed event! Holy Cross students are sure to entertain you as they showcase their talents!

Live-streamed on [facebook.com/HolyCrossWebster](https://www.facebook.com/HolyCrossWebster)

Eucharistic Adoration



All are welcome to spend time in adoration during the scheduled hours below:

Adoration Hours

- Sunday 4 p.m. to Midnight
- Monday 5 a.m. to Thursday Midnight
- Friday 5 a.m. to Saturday 8 a.m.

Open Hour, Adorer Needed

- Monday 4 p.m.

If you would like to be placed on the weekly adoration schedule, please contact Mary Rose at farmgirl950@gmail.com or sign up online at

<https://www.stncc.net/available-adoration-hours>.

WE'RE HIRING!

Holy Cross Catholic School is in need of two food service workers for the 2021-22 school year.

These positions work Monday through Friday, 8 am - 1 pm, on school days only.

Some of the job responsibilities include menu planning, ordering food and supplies, maintaining a license from the MN Department of Health, food preparation, serving school lunches, etc.

For more information, please call the school: 952-652-6100.



**LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.

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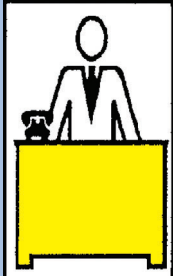
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