

This Week's Events: MONDAY - WEDNESDAY: 6-7 PM Individual Confessions WEDNESDAY: No FF Classes THURSDAY: Holy Thursday 7 PM FRIDAY: Good Friday 3 PM & 6 PM SATURDAY: Easter Vigil 7 PM No 4 PM Mass COUNTERS: Mike & Tom	Sunday Giving March 29, 2009	
	Children 19.42 Adult Envelopes & Plate..... 1849.23 Collected to date 90,474.57 Budgeted to date 90,792.00 Net (Loss)..... 317.43	Lectors: Saturday.....April 11 7:00pm... Zach Bolland & 7:00pm... Help Needed Sunday..... April 12 8:00am... Candis Wickenhauser 10:00am... Suzanne Stromberg
MASS SERVERS: Saturday April 11 7:00pm..... Mike & Tony Szaroletta Kat & Connor Christianson Sunday..... April 12 8:00am..... Brooke Wickenhauser Mitchell Wickenhauser 10:00am..... Samantha Larson Drew Larson	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Saturday April 11 7:00 pm Tammy & Paul Castanias Gail Ruhland Sunday April 12 8:00am..... Candis Wickenhauser, Jane Hanson & Sharon Hartung 10am..... Richard Kvitek, Amy & Steve Roble	

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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During Holy Week, look and pray to the Cross from which comes our salvation.



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We are glad to have you here today! If you wish to register at St. Nicholas, please call the church or Father's cell.

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Saturday: 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Rosary ½ hr. before Mass

Monday: Mass/Communion Service 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday & Friday: 6:45 p.m.

"Coffee & Rolls with the Priest"
Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Adoration

Every Friday: 6:00-6:45 p.m.
1st Friday of each month: 3:00-6:45 p.m.

Reception of the Sacraments

BAPTISM:

Time & date as requested by the Family -
 Call for Pre-Baptismal program

CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION):

Saturdays 8:30-9:00 a.m., 3:30-4:00 p.m., 6:15-7:00 p.m.
 or anytime as requested

MARRIAGE:

Call the parish office to make arrangements

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

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APRIL 5, 2009 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION
Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

St. Paul on Grace! St. Paul in his letter to the Romans writes "where sin increased, grace abounded all the more" (Rom 5:20). Grace is a benevolence, a free gift of God. When we were enslaved by sin, God sent us the fullness of grace, the source of grace who is Jesus Christ. In the same way, when we have those times in our daily lives when plans do not go as we had hoped, if we are humble and calm instead of getting frustrated, we can try to fix the problem the right way. The moments of difficulties could be the moments of grace. As we begin the Holy Week, let us pray that you and I will use our daily crosses, our daily challenges to be converted into the moments of grace instead of getting frustrated and miss those moments.

April 26, 10 am Mass with Archbishop Emeritus! Dear parents and Godparents, on the 26th of April when Archbishop Flynn comes to celebrate the 10 am Mass, all our children/young people, grade 1-12 will march into the Church in a procession grade by grade as the Great Northern Band marched into the Church 140 years ago. I ask all of you parents to make sure you come as a family to celebrate the Mass with the Archbishop Emeritus. If you are not able to bring your children for Mass on this day, please talk to me personally.

Holy Week Schedule! There will be no daily 8 AM Masses on Thursday, April 9 or Saturday, April 11. Instead we will have a morning prayer service during Triduum on Thursday, Friday & Saturday at 8 AM. The schedule for the remainder of Holy Week is as follows:
Holy Thursday: April 9, 7 pm
Good Friday: April 10, 3 & 6 pm
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil): April 11, 7 pm only (No 4 pm Mass this week)
Easter Sunday April 12, 8 & 10 am
Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration: April 19 – We will expose the Blessed Sacrament at 3 pm, read the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and have Mass at 4 pm.
There will be a spaghetti dinner to follow in the parish center.

Confessions! I am available for confessions during Holy Week, Monday-Wednesday from 6-7 pm at St. Nicholas Church and 7:15 to 8:30 pm at GA. Of course, I am also available for confessions 24/7 by appointment.

Faith Formation! It is a blessing to see the joy in our Faith Formation children. They often tell me that they are very happy to be here. Parents and teachers, please remember there will be no Faith Formation on Wednesday, April 8th since it is Holy Week.

Confirmation! Our young people will be confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10 am on the 25th of April. Our confirmation breakfast will be held on the 19th of April at 9 am, followed by the send off at the 10 am Mass praying and honoring our young people to be confirmed. Please remember them in your prayers.

Youth Ministry! I invite you to join me in praying to start a youth ministry so that after confirmation and beyond, our young people will continue to remain close to Jesus Christ and His Church.

First Communion Workshop! We would like to express our gratitude to all our Children who loved the First Communion workshop that we had last Saturday. It is obvious that they are longing to receive Jesus for the first time. Also, Thank you to the parents, Mrs. Jane Hanson (2nd grade teacher), Nancy Ludovissie and Mary Omollo for all of your help and support.

Let us learn about the Holy Week! [Taken from ‘Our Sunday Visitor’ pamphlet ‘How to Celebrate Holy Week’]

Introduction: During the weeks of Lent, we have prepared for this final week by fasting, praying, and almsgiving, all with the purpose of opening ourselves more fully to God’s presence in our lives. During this Holy Week, we walk with Jesus, we suffer with him, we die with him, and finally we rise again: new creatures, brought deeply into the joy of redemption and new life now, and, we pray, forever. On these days, we are offered a gift: Biblical symbols and liturgical gestures that help us to enter into the salvific events of Jesus’ death and resurrection. We don’t just watch, but we participate in each of them as we strive to follow Christ more closely. **The Journey begins:** Holy Week begins with Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem, commemorated on the day we call Passion or, more popularly, Palm Sunday. As the Lord came from outside the church, where we hear the Gospel proclaimed and palms are blessed and distributed. Then we, like the crowds of those centuries ago, sing psalms or hymns as we enter the church in praise of Jesus the King and Messiah. **Monday of the Holy Week:** Although Mass was not celebrated on these first days of the week until perhaps the 6th century, our earliest lectionaries indicate that once it entered the calendar, the Gospel reading for the day was what we hear even today: the Anointing at Bethany. Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus, anointing Jesus, a sign of his suffering and death and of his identity as the Messiah, the Chosen One- the Christ. As Jesus prepares for the sacrifice ahead, we too are invited to prepare even more deeply. **Tuesday of the Holy Week:** On Tuesday, the Gospel reading is John’s account of Jesus announcing at the Last Supper that one of the disciples is about to betray him. Faced with this, they all question him, “Is it I?” It is a question we have asked

ourselves throughout Lent: How have I betrayed the Lord? **Wednesday of the Holy Week:** On Wednesday of Holy Week, the Gospel reading recounts Jesus’ instructions on the need of the disciples to prepare a place for the Last Supper. We, too, continue our preparation, looking forward to the rich days ahead. **Holy Thursday:** After his entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus instructed his apostles to make preparations for the Passover meal. It was at that meal, the Last Supper, that Jesus gave us the Eucharist: the sacrament in which we receive his Body and Blood, and thereby are joined to his sacrifice, the New Covenant between God and his people. The liturgies form the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday through the evening of Easter Sunday referred to as the “Triduum,” meaning “three days.” These are the days in which we are given the opportunity to share in the mystery and power of the Father’s love as lived out in the suffering of Jesus, his Son. It is perhaps most helpful to think of these days, not as separate celebrations, but as one continuous remembrance in which we meet and follow Jesus. [Remember that the washing of feet takes place this night. As Jesus washed the disciples feet you and I are called to lead a life of humility and mutual encouragement.] **Good Friday:** Jesus had told his disciples that they were going to Jerusalem, where he would be handed over and would suffer. The suffering and death of Jesus have been a focus of intense prayer for Christians since the earliest centuries; this is a day to “die to oneself” so that we might rise anew with Christ. Mass is not celebrated on this day. [However, we do have service which is known as “Good Friday” service.] Prayers and intercessions for the needs of the Church and the world- preferable chanted- follow, after which the Cross is venerated and Holy Communion, reserved since the Liturgy of Holy Thursday, is distributed. **Holy Saturday:** The Easter Vigil Mass is a rich moment in time in which we are drawn into Jesus’ timeless victory over sin and death that is now ours as well. It begins in darkness, as we confront the reality of sin and coldness of death. And then, a single candle is lit from a fire- the paschal candle, described by St. Augustine as early as the fourth century. The Exsultet, sung by the light of this single candle, sharpens our focus as the deacon, priest, or other minister chant that “this is the night” in which God turned death to life. Still in partial darkness, we listen to reading-as many as nine, but at least five- tracing salvation history from Creation through the Fall, the tragic impact of sin, and God’s outreach to his people, climaxing in Jesus’ victory over death. [You will hear more about Easter and Easter Sunday next week.]



Sunday reflection! The Gospel reading for Palm Sunday is Mark 14: 1-15:47 and for Good Friday John 18: 1-19:42 both of them on the suffering, passion and death of our Lord. Some choose to stay with Jesus and some choose to go away from Jesus. Which one of these is it that you and I want to be?

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

As of this week, we have reached 83% of our parish financial goal for the Catholic Services Appeal. 59% of our families have responded to the appeal. We are really hoping to meet our goal in the next week as the end of our portion of the campaign is nearing. Thanks to those of you who have responded either way! If you have not yet responded, we would love to hear from you this week.

From Jean M. Laumann and her family: We would like to sincerely thank all the people who attended her benefits in February. We would like to thank all the business’ and individuals who generously donated the items for the silent auctions. A special thank you to all the volunteers at Sammy’s Hideout and St. Nicholas Church for all their assistance with the benefits. Jean appreciates all the prayers, meals, cards, and flowers people have sent her. God Bless you all! Continue to keep Jean in your prayers as she continues her battle with cancer.

The upcoming Love Inc. sponsored Food to Fight Hunger event on April 20th has been changed from St. John’s Lutheran Church in Chaska to Westwood Community Church in Chanhassen. The times are the same (5:30 – 7:30 PM) and they are still in need of volunteers anytime between 1 – 9 PM.

As in past years, the Holy Thursday collection will be taken for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. On Good Friday the collection will be taken for the Holy Land.

On March 27th we donated another 73.5 pounds of food to the CAP agency food shelf. Thanks for your generous support!

Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women will be holding their 10th Annual Silent Auction and Hog Roast Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, April 24th at the OK Corral Barn in Jordan. The public is invited for an evening of music, fun and all the fixins’. Call 952-873-4214 for dinner tickets and/or more information.