


<p><b>This Week's Events:</b></p> <p>MONDAY: 6:30 PM Garden Committee Meeting in Parish Center</p> <p>WEDNESDAY: 6 – 7:30 PM Last FF Class</p> <p>FRIDAY: 7:15 PM Prayer Group</p> <p>COUNTERS: Deb &amp; Tom</p>	<p align="center"><b>Sunday Giving April 26, 2009</b></p> <p>Children ..... 11.07</p> <p>Adult Envelopes &amp; Plate..... 1,721.25</p> <p>Collected to date ..... 97,341.49</p> <p>Budgeted to date ..... 100,078.00</p> <p>Net (loss).....(2,736.51)</p>	
	<p><b>Lectors:</b></p> <p>Saturday.....May 9 4:00pm...Candis Wickenhauser</p> <p>7:00pm....Kurt Korkowski</p> <p>Sunday..... May 10 8:00am.... Cathy Pass</p> <p>10:00am...Jeremv Rich</p>	<p><b>Mass Intentions:</b></p> <p>May 9 4:00 pm Ray &amp; Florence Reisgraf</p> <p>7:00 pm The Unborn</p> <p>May 10 8:00 am World Peace</p> <p>10:00 am Mothers</p>
<p><b>MASS SERVERS:</b></p> <p>Saturday ..... May 9 4:00pm.....Brooke Wickenhauser .....Mitchell Wickenhauser</p> <p>7:00pm.....Mike Szaroletta .....Tony Szaroletta</p> <p>Sunday..... May 10 8:00am.....Katarina Christianson .....Connor Christianson</p> <p>10:00am.....Thomas Roble .....Sam Roble</p>	<p><b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b></p> <p>Saturday ..... May 9 4:00 pm .....Candis Wickenhauser .....Nancy Ludovissie, Sue Bolland</p> <p>7:00 pm .....Jean &amp; Ed Poppler .....Kurt Korkowski</p> <p>Sunday ..... May 10 8:00am.....Cathy Pass .....Mary Poppler, Sharon Hartung</p> <p>10am.....Theresa Thiede, .....Jeremy Rich, &amp; Steve Roble</p>	

# St. Nicholas Catholic Church


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*Fr. Thomas with the  
First Communion Class*



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*Weekend Masses*

**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:**  
Anytime, call Fr. Thomas at 448-2345 or 507-339-8244

**RCIA (Rights of Christian Initiation for Adults):**  
Please call the parish office for more information



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MAY 3, 2009 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4:8-12, Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29, 1 Jn 3:1-2, Jn 10:11-18

**St. Paul on the Eucharist!** St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians 11:24 writes, “For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Here St. Paul is referring to the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus on the last Supper. Dear parents, especially those parents whose children are making their first communion, please remain faithful to be the primary teachers of your children and educating them in faith. Let your children know that each time they come to Mass and receive Jesus that they “Remember” what Jesus asked His apostles to remember and what He asks us to remember—remember all that Jesus did for us and that He died for us. Each time we receive Jesus we remember with gratitude all that He did for us.

**May Crowning of Mary!** As soon as we hear May, the first thought that comes to our mind should be Mary. The Church everywhere on the first of May takes times to honor Mary, Mother of Jesus/God, in a special way. By honoring Mary in a special way during the month of May, we remind ourselves of the special role Mary has with her Son Jesus Christ and us, the members of the Church. Since Mary is special to Jesus, so too Mary is special to us, who loves her Son Jesus. It is absolutely fitting to crown Mary with a crown because she gave birth to the King of the universe who is Jesus Christ. This weekend, at every Mass, there will be a May Crowning ceremony at St. Nicholas.

**Perpetual Adoration!** Every Friday we expose the Blessed Sacrament at 6 pm and every first Friday we expose the Blessed Sacrament at 3 pm. Parents, make every effort to spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist. I guarantee you this is the best investment that you could save for your children. If you want to sign up for an hour with Jesus please call Darlene Mahowald at 952-448-4464. This past Friday was the first of May and the First Friday of the month. If you missed it, please try to join us one Friday this month or on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, which will be the next first Friday.



**Congratulations to those children making their First Communion!** It is our prayer that each time you eat the Body and drink the Blood of Jesus, you will remember with gratitude all that Jesus did and is continuing to do for us. Children remember, “Eucharist is the medicine of immortality.” Yes, the Body and Blood of Jesus is the best of all medicines. When you eat the Body and the drink the Blood of Jesus you will feel good, you will look cute inside and outside. Why? Jesus is beautiful. Jesus wants you to look beautiful, to speak beautiful, and to behave beautiful. He wants the best for you. He wants to become one with you. That is why He is willing to come to you in a piece of bread so that you could chew His Body, eat His Body, and drink His Blood. Dear children, Jesus is willing to become one with you, walk with you, eat with you, work with you and to do everything with you. Are you willing to welcome Jesus in everything you do or do you want Jesus

to stay away in some of the things that you do?

“The more Jesus you eat, the more Jesus you will become.” As you grow older, we all know that you will be busy with many things, like sports, school and friends. However, remember that the time you spend with Jesus is time well-spent. Enjoy your life, school, friends and family because all those things are good. However, don’t forget to come to Mass every Sunday and, if possible, come to weekday Masses. Why? Because, “The more Jesus you eat, the more Jesus you become.” Your friends and family, who look at you, should be able to say, look at Jackilyn, Torn, Noah, Erica, Maxwell, Nicholas, Nathan, Taylor or whomever...I see Jesus in all of them. If you are friendly, nice, gentle, peaceful, loving and respectful then people will see Jesus in you. If you are rude to your friends, brothers and sisters then people will not be able to see Jesus in you. Do you want people to see Jesus in you or do you not want people to see Jesus in you? If you want people to see Jesus in you, **remember** to eat His Body and drink His Blood as often as you can. Remember, “The more Jesus you eat, the more Jesus you become.” We remember what Jesus did by coming to Mass, because He asked us to.

There are so many words to the Body and Blood of Jesus. For instance, Eucharist (Thanksgiving to God), Breaking of Bread (because Jesus broke the bread at the Last Supper when he established the Eucharist), Holy Sacrifice (because Jesus sacrificed Himself for us on the Cross), Holy Communion (because by eating His Body and drinking His Blood we unite ourselves with Jesus, and Mass (the word ‘Mass’ means sent—after eating His Body and drinking His Blood at the Mass we are sent to tell the whole world what a good God Jesus is. We are also called to do good as Jesus would do). Dear children, perhaps the word that is most clear is ‘Mass.’ Yes, come to Mass as often as you can. Never miss a Sunday unless you have a very serious reason. I guarantee you, the more often you go to Mass, the more you eat the Body and drink the Blood of Jesus the happier you will be in your lives.

Remember that Jesus is a God of Sacrifice. Each time we eat His Body and drink His Blood, we remember the Sacrifices that Jesus made for us. As your parents and Faith Formation teachers taught you **Remember** that he sacrificed His life for our sins on the cross. By eating His Body and drinking His Blood, like Jesus, we are called to sacrifice ourselves for others. Children, as you grow older you will have to share your things with others more and more. Do not be afraid to share with others. When you share with others, you will see the smile in the face of the person with whom you shared something with. That is a wonderful thing. There may be times when your parents may say ‘no’ to something that you ask for. Trust that God is working through your parents. Be willing to make

the sacrifice of obeying your parents instead of trying to do what you want, you will be a happier person. Dear children, always **Remember** that the Sacrifice of Jesus brought us joy, in the same way, your sacrifice will bring joy to somebody else.

As often as you can, please pray the following prayer after having received Jesus that was formulated by Saint Ignatius of Loyola who lived almost 500 years ago.



*Soul of Christ, sanctify me  
Body of Christ, save me  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me  
Passion of Christ, Strengthen me  
O good Jesus, hear me  
Within they wounds, hide me  
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee  
From the malignant enemy, defend me  
In the hour of my death, call me  
And bid me come to Thee  
That with Thy saints I may praise Thee  
Forever and ever. Amen.*



**Faith Formation Registration!** We are getting ready and well-prepared for the coming Faith Formation year. The cost will be the same as it was this year. Registration forms will be available at the last class meeting this week. You may also pick one up from the church, parish office or download it from our website at [www.stnicholascarver.org](http://www.stnicholascarver.org) in the coming week. Please call the Parish office at (952) 448-2345 with any questions.

**Memorial Day Mass!** On Memorial Day, which is Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a 9 am Mass at the “new” St. Nicholas Church Cemetery. Hope to see all of you there.

**Sunday Reflection!** In today’s gospel, John 10:11-18, we read that Jesus is calling Himself the good shepherd. “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” Dear parents you are the good shepherd to your children, meaning you are to put your child’s needs before your own needs. Dear children, as you are receiving Jesus for the first time, it is our hope, and that of your parents, that you too may grow to be a good shepherd who will always put others’ needs before your own needs; we hope and pray that you will receive Jesus as many times as you can so that you learn to be a good shepherd. May the Jesus you receive in the Mass, give you the strength to fulfill this duty-to be the good shepherds, putting others first before your needs.



In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

The directories are in! If you had your picture taken, your free copy of the directory is ready for you to pick up. If you did not participate in the photo opportunity or if you would like an additional copy, we have extras available for \$8 each.

The garden/landscape committee headed by Al & Annette Hentz will meet this Monday at 6:30 pm in the parish center. If you are interested in helping with the gardens and landscape please join us for this meeting. We appreciate whatever time and talent you have to offer.

We are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers. If you would be willing to serve in this ministry, please contact Jacki Christianson at 952-448-9861 or the parish office.

The St. Victoria Catholic Aid is sponsoring a matching grant rummage sale on Thursday and Friday, May 7 and 8. The hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. The sale will be at St. Victoria Elstan Hall, 8228 Victoria Drive, Victoria MN.

There will be a Spring Choir Concert featuring the Choirs of Holy Family Catholic High School on Sunday, May 10, 2009 at 3:00 pm at Guardian Angels Catholic Church (218 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street) in Chaska. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken to cover concert costs.

We are still in need of a few adults to help with VBS. Please contact Tammi Anderson at 952-361-6773 for more information. A few hours of your time would be helpful in planning, set up or during the week of July 20-24.