

Tuesday October 21st
 Finance Meeting @ 7:00pm.
 WEDNESDAY October 22nd
 6:00pm. Faith Formation
 THURSDAY October 23rd.
 A.A Meeting
 FRIDAY October 24th
 Prayer Group @ 7:15PM.
 Sunday, Oct. 26th
 Counter Mitch & Candis.
 Donut Sunday

Sunday Giving October 12, 2008

Children	15.30
Adult Envelopes & Plate.....	1707.00
Collected to date	34285.04
Budgeted to date	37878.00
Net (Loss).....	(3592.96)

Lectors	Mass Intentions
Saturday..Oct 25 th	Oct 21 st Henry & Delores Schutrop
7:00p.....Tammy C.	Oct 25 th Julie Poppler
Sunday...Oct 26 th	Oct 26 th 10:00am. Artis Kuhn
8:00am...Colleen R.	
10:00am..Jeremy R.	

MASS SERVERS:	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
SaturdayOct 25 th	SaturdayOct 25 th
7:00.....Christine Castanias	7:00 pm.....Paul Castanias
.....Jennifer CastaniasJodee Korkowski
Sunday..... Oct 26 thTammy Castanias
8:00am.....Brooke Wickenhauser	8:00am.....Candis Wickenhauser
.....Mitchell WickenhauserButch & Dottie Illig
10:00am..... Sam Roble	10am.....Amy Roble
.....Thomas RobleRichard Kvitek
.....Jeremy Rich


St. Nicholas Catholic Church

A community committed to welcoming, stewardship and evangelizing since 1868



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Fr. Thomas with the Christianson family children

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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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 & 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Rosary ½ hr. before Mass
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.

Organization

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 Pres.: Tom Kozar.....448-6181

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Reception of the Sacraments

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

PENANCE (RECONCILIATION):
 Saturdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 or anytime as requested

MARRIAGE:
 Call the parish office to make arrangements

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

St. Paul is known as the apostle to the gentiles and his 2000th birthday celebration continues. In his first letter to the Corinthians 13: 4-7 St. Paul writes, "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." Are we filled with love or something else?

New parishioners We welcome the following new parishioners to our St. Nicholas family: Brian and Suzanne Stromberg, Dwight and Virginia Farris, Patrick and Kathy Dempsey, Erik and Sarah Hromatka, Mary Omollo, Nathaniel and Theodora Maresch, Douglas and Himwattie Rath. We have a few more families who will be registering in the coming weeks. We also welcome those who come to St. Nicholas but are not registered.

We welcome Kahiya and Shavonnye Rath who were baptized and became part of our St. Nicholas community last Sunday. Please pray for these two children, that they may always be the light of Jesus Christ, dispelling darkness and bringing light to their homes and friends.

"We need to go backward, in order to go forward" was the wisdom given to me as a priest new to Carver by one of our parishioners. In other words, if we want to grow more, if we want to go forward, we need to go backward and get those who for whatever reason are not coming to church. I can say that it is working. I am humbled by the respect all of you show me during my visits. If I have not yet visited you, please call me and I will set a time to meet with you and your family. One of the best things that I have done for the past six weeks as your priest is visiting your homes. Thank you for your hospitality.

St. Alphonsa is the first Indian born female saint. She was born in India in the state of Kerala in 1910. Her mother died when she was a baby and she was brought up by an aunt who wanted her to marry. But Alphonsa decided to become a nun following the example of St. Therese of Lisieux (France). She entered the Poor Clare convent in 1928 and had health problems throughout her religious life. Her superiors wanted her to return home because of her poor health but Alphonsa was determined to stay in the convent and died at the age of 35. Let us pray to St. Alphonsa that we too might persevere like her. She was canonized a saint this past Sunday by our Holy Father Benedict XVI.



The 25th of October 15, 2008 begins our 4:30 p.m. Mass. Please continue to spread the word. It is our hope that this 4:30 p.m. Mass will be convenient for those who are not able to come to Mass at other times.

Halloween party will be on the 31st of October 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the priest's house. Please bring your children for 'trick or treat.'

Northland Business Systems, Inc. has generously donated a copier to our faith formation department. We appreciate their generosity.



October is the month of Mary. Have you made a commitment that you will not go to bed before having prayed at least 10 Hail Mary's a day? Since October is the month of Mary, this is the right time to make such a commitment. I have made the commitment and certainly you can do it too. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary and Mary our Mother because the liturgical Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. Our Holy Mother Church gives us this feast to honor Mary in thanksgiving for the protection and the answered prayers we receive from Mary by praying the Rosary. The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The Pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there. As Mother Teresa would say, "Cling to Mary our mother, like a child clings to its mother's saree." Let us hold onto Mary our mother by praying the rosary.

St. Teresa of Avila -This past week on October 15th, we celebrated the feast day of St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582). St. Teresa was an ascetic, a mystic, a Carmelite nun. She co-founded the reformed Carmelite order and is the patron saint of Spain. She is well known for writing the spiritual classics Way of Perfection and Interior Castle. The author of Dark Night of the Soul. St. John of the Cross, acted as confessor to her nuns and helped her improve the spiritual condition of the community. She is one of three women that the Catholic Church recognizes as a Doctor of the Church.



"The Lord does not look so much at the magnitude of anything we do as at the love with which we do it."
—St. Teresa of Avila

Richard and Linda Monsen are a beautiful family. As St. Augustine would say, "singing well is equal to praying well twice." They sing every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Mass and are a blessing to our community. They have made a commitment to come as a family for daily Mass once a month and they came to Mass this past Tuesday. Have you made your commitment to come as a family for a daily Mass once a month on Saturday or whatever day that works for you?

First Friday of every month I will expose the Blessed Sacrament from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. I strongly encourage you to spend an hour with Jesus Christ. Please call Darlene Mahowald at 448-4464 if you want to commit an hour with Jesus. Otherwise, just show up in the church anytime between 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Remember, we also expose the Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Commitment! Why do I talk about commitment so much? It is because commitment is integral to Christianity. As we know, Christianity is not a religion of convenience, rather, it demands so much from us. And when we live out those commitments we feel good about it, our self-image grows with the conviction "Yes, we can do it." We teach our children to commit themselves to good things in their lives. Yes, let us not be afraid to make commitments in our lives. You will be glad that you did.

Archbishop Nienstedt is coming for the 140th kick-off celebration on the 6th of December for the 9:30 a.m. Mass and a social to follow at our parish center. Hope to see you all there and bring a friend or neighbor.

Fr. Dennis Dease is the president of the University of St. Thomas. I had the opportunity to meet with him and to have lunch with him several times when I was at the St. Paul Seminary (University of St. Thomas). I have had the utmost respect for him and continue to do so. Recently he received the highest education honor for his lifetime achievement in Catholic education. We congratulate Fr. Dease on this joyous occasion.

Pope Benedict XVI convoked a synod for all the bishops of the world in Rome on October 5th of this year and it will end on the 26th of October. The focus of this synod is: "The Word of God in the life and Mission of the Church." Do you take time to read the Word of God? By the way what is a Synod? A synod is an assembly of bishops and others, meeting to determine matters of church doctrine and practice (A Concise Dictionary of Theology).

Euthanasia As you may or may not know, there is a movement in Washington state to promote physician assisted suicide or euthanasia. It's a real shame that these good people would even consider such a possibility. If this is allowed, people will have no control over their own death but will die at the time and in the way that the state decides. This practice is viewed as not only a way to alleviate suffering but also as a way to relieve the financial burden on the family that may be caused by an extended illness. As we have heard, there are cases where people are in comas or ill for years but do eventually recover. With this initiative, the possibility of such cures would be impossible. The Church is very clear about the sanctity of life. We live in a society that can push aside the moral consequences of such an action in the misguided perception that "quality of life" is everything. We pray that the people of Washington will be guided to make a right choice when faced with this decision. **There is no compromise on choosing life.**

From Tammi Anderson: Preparations are being made to start a Sunday School program for the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The focus will be on preschool and kindergarten-aged children with prayer, bible stories, music, and craft projects at the Parish Center during Mass. The goal is to have enough adult volunteers that we can rotate Sundays; high school students willing to help out would be greatly appreciated as well. If you are interested, or have any additional ideas, please contact Tammi Anderson at 952-361-6773 or tanderson937@comcast.net.

Sunday Reflection: In today's gospel, Mt 22:15-22, some Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus. They asked, "Tell us, then, what is your opinion. Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?" Show me the coin that pays the census tax." They handed him the Roman coin and He said, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." Jesus said, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Through this gospel it is obvious that Jesus is teaching us that the Church is not opposed to the state. Unfortunately nowadays there is so much effort to create tension between the Church and the state. Let us learn from Jesus that it is possible for us to be good citizens of the state and good citizens of the Church.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

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There are cake pans left from the Festival. Please call the office or pick them up after mass on the weekend. Thank you.

Please consider volunteering to be a Lay Eucharistic or Lector!

Qualification for Lay Eucharistic Ministry include: being a practicing Catholic, having been Baptized and Confirmed into the Catholic Church, if married, married in the Catholic Church, and at least 18 years of age. If interested please call the parish office or Nancy Ludovissie, Eucharistic Minister Coordinator.