


This Week's Events: TUESDAY: Healing Mass 7 PM WEDNESDAY: F.F. Classes 6-7:30 PM FRIDAY: Prayer Group 7:15 PM SATURDAY: 8 th & 9 th Grade to Simpson House COUNTERS: Tom & Barb	Sunday Giving January 18, 2009	
	Children 13.13 Adult Envelopes & Plate 4015.22 Collected to date 71,340.13 Budgeted to date 70,470.00 Net 870.13	
	Lectors: Saturday.....Jan 31 4:00pm....Help Needed 7:00pm....Kurt Korkowski Sunday.....Feb 1 8:00am....Candis Wickenhauser 10:00am...Suzanne Stromberg	Mass Intentions: Jan 31 4:00pm The Unemployed 7:00pm Catholic Schools Feb 1 8:00am Henry & Delores Schutrop 10:00am People with Cancer
MASS SERVERS: SaturdayJan 31 4:00pm.....Mike SzarolettaHelp Needed 7:00pm.....Christopher WaltersKatarina Christianson Sunday.....Feb 1 8:00am.....Brooke WickenhauserMitchell Wickenhauser 10:00am.....Mary WelterDrew Larson	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: SaturdayJan 31 4:00pm.....Margaret Knutson2 People Needed 7:00 pmGail & Frank RuhlandKurt Korkowski SundayFeb 1 8:00am.....Candis WickenhauserCathy Pass & Sharon Hartung 10am.....Teresa Thiede, Victoria Forner& Madonna Grapentine	

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Fr. Thomas Joseph with his friends from Medford, MN who moved to New York City recently.



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: 4:00 & 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

JANUARY 25, 2009 – FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 16:15-18



Conversion of St. Paul celebrated this Sunday! Paul addressed the people in these words: “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city. At the feet of Gamaliel I was educated strictly in our ancestral law and was zealous for God, just as all of you are today. I persecuted this Way to death, binding both men and women and delivering them to prison.” Acts 22:3-4 St. Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, was converted from Judaism on the road to Damascus. He remained some days in Damascus after his Baptism, and then went to Arabia, possibly for a year or two to prepare himself for his future missionary activity. (catholic.org)

January 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, is a major celebration all over the world. St. Paul’s conversion is the only conversion celebrated in the Church because it was so extraordinary. It is an invitation for each of us to allow the transforming presence of Jesus the Master to capture our mind, our will, our heart and to allow this love relationship with the Master to influence all that we are and do. St. Paul was a man of prayer! As we learn from Scripture, it is obvious that St. Paul was a very busy man — a busy man, who was busy traveling from place to place preaching the name of Jesus Christ. At the same time, his “business” did not distract him from remaining faithful to his prayer life. For instance, in the book of Acts 9:11 we read where God instructed Ananias to go and meet with Paul: “Get up and go to the street called Straight and ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is there praying.” Further, in Acts 20:36, we read where Paul after giving a farewell speech, spent time in prayer: “When he had finished speaking, he knelt down and prayed with them all.”

Healing Mass on January 27 at 7:00 p.m.! When the Holy Father came to our country he said, “I want you to know that my heart is close to all of you... especially to the sick, weak and lonely.” Our Holy Mother Church continues to impart its healing to this day. All of us, without exception, need healing. Fr. Jim Livingston is a great priest who will be presiding at the healing Mass. We invite all of you to come to St. Nicholas to receive God’s healing.

Archbishop Nienstedt is coming! Archbishop Nienstedt is coming to St. Nicholas on the 15th of March for the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Archbishop Flynn is coming on the 26th of April for the 10:00 a.m. Mass. I ask that all of the faith formation children and their families be present for the opportunity to hear Mass said by the Archbishop. Our confirmation youth will take the lead and do the planning for both of these Masses. I hope to see all of you there as we continue the 140th Anniversary celebration.

God’s healing on Jean Laumann! Jean is grateful for our prayers. All the Faith Formation children prayed for Jean at the end of our class last Wednesday. In the near future, we hope to have a benefit dinner for our beloved friend and Faith Formation teacher Jean. More details to follow.

May Neil Erickson rest in Peace! Frank and Gail Rhuland are great people who are members of our parish. Recently Gail lost her brother-in-law to brain cancer at the age of 57. We express our prayerful condolences to the Rhulands and their family and friends.

Alan Mahowald! Alan, a great man, is the brother of Chuck Mahowald and one of our parishioners. He always inspires me with his positive outlook towards life even though he is wheelchair bound. I visit him almost every week and during our last visit, I asked Alan “How is your day going?” Alan said, “I am helping someone file their taxes.” I asked Allan, “Is it your part time job?” Allan replied, “I don’t make any money from it. I do it for free.” So, we see that people like Alan teach all of us that generosity is not limited to those who are healthy and strong and able to drive or walk around. Each and every one of us has the opportunity to live a generous life like Alan, through our words and deeds.

Fr. Peyton’s Family Rosary Movement! The motto of the Holy Cross Family Ministries is “The family that prays together stays together.” Father Patrick Peyton was the founder of the Family Rosary Movement. Father Peyton said, “Great advances have been made but the end is still not in sight. There is a world to win. Yet even when that world is won and Family Rosary Crusade is finished, the story of the Family Rosary will go on. For it is a living story – a story of the prayer of a living family which will worship God and honour Mary for all eternity.”



In the United States, Family Rosary seeks to support the spiritual well being of the family through prayer, especially the Rosary. We do this by making available opportunities for family members to participate in retreats, conferences, seminars, parish missions and days of reflection. Family Rosary seeks not only to fulfill the need to share the message of prayer with those who are unfamiliar with the Rosary but also to strengthen the prayer life of the devout. The need for prayer is very much a part of our everyday life in the office. The many intentions that are received are read and placed in a basket before the altar in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. These intentions include prayers of thanksgiving, prayers for a sick relative or friend, someone who needs spiritual or physical healing or many other situations in life that people are living and are in need of God’s help,

mercy and grace.

Family Rosary has a program called Rosaries for the World, where millions of rosaries have been sent to schools, parishes, prayer groups, youth ministry groups, prisons, and the military to name just a few. This ministry continues to fulfill the request for rosaries each and every day.

Make sure that you take time to teach your children the mysteries of the rosary and pray the rosary with them.

Joyful Mysteries	Sorrowful Mysteries	Mysteries of Light	Glorious Mysteries
Mondays and Saturdays	Tuesdays and Fridays	Thursday	Wednesdays and Sundays
1. The Annunciation	1. The Agony in the Garden	1. Baptism of Our Lord	1. The Resurrection
2. The Visitation	2. The Scourging at the Pillar	2. The Wedding Feast at Cana	2. The Ascension
3. The Birth of Our Lord	3. The Crowning of Thorns	3. Jesus Proclaims the Kingdom of God	3. The Descent of The Holy Spirit
4. The Presentation	4. The Carrying of the Cross	4. The Transfiguration	4. The Assumption
5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple	5. The Crucifixion	5. Institution of the Eucharist	5. The Coronation of Mary

Sunday Reflection! In today’s gospel, Mark 16:15-16, we read, “Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them: ‘Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.’ ” Does Jesus call each of us to leave our homes and preach the gospel in foreign lands as the Apostles did? Some are called as missionaries, but most of us are called to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ right here in Carver, in our homes and where we work, in the grocery store and at school. Let us make Jesus known and loved by our words and our actions wherever we are.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

If you were not able to have your picture taken by Olan Mills for the directory, please submit a recent family photo to the church office by Wednesday, January 28. We really want everyone to be included to make our Anniversary book complete.

Don’t forget our Pancake, French Toast & "Homemade" Sausage Breakfast on **Sunday, February 1, 2009** from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. This will once again be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the splendor of this delicious “Homemade” sausage. Cost of the breakfast is, \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children [children 4 and under are free]. There is also a family rate available for \$20.00. **All proceeds go towards the building of our new Parish Center.**

On Sunday, February 1st, GA will have an open house for those looking to join our school family. Please come to the school gym between 9:00 and Noon for hospitality, information, tours, and registration. Teachers are present in all classrooms to answer your questions. At 10:00 there will be a presentation for all parents of 5th graders interested in learning about GA’s middle school. Please join us and tell your friends and neighbors. Details are also on the website – www.gachaska.org. Tuition assistance is also available

Guardian Angels Men’s Club Beef & Sausage Sit-down Dinner will be on Sunday, February 8, 2009. They will be serving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school gym at 1st and Cedar Streets, downtown Chaska. Adults \$10, children \$4; same as last year because of the economy. Take-outs available, \$10. Homemade sausage sold at \$4 per lb.