

<p>This Week's Events:</p> <p>TUESDAY: 7:00 PM Property & Finance Board Meeting</p> <p>WEDNESDAY: 6:00-7:30 PM Faith Formation Classes</p> <p>THURSDAY: 7:00 PM AA Meeting in Parish Center</p> <p>FRIDAY: 7:15 PM Prayer Group</p> <p>SATURDAY: 6:45 AM Men's Group Meeting in Parish Center</p> <p>COUNTERS: January 24 – Deb & Steve</p>	<p>Sunday Giving January 10, 2010</p> <p>Children..... 12.80</p> <p>Adult Envelopes & Plate..... 2,404.00</p> <p>Collected to date..... 63,194.33</p> <p>Budgeted to date..... 64,507.70</p> <p>Net (Loss)..... (1,313.37)</p>	
	<p>Lectors:</p> <p>Saturday.....Jan 23 4:00pm....Dottie Illig 7:00pm....Nancy Ludovissie</p> <p>Sunday.....Jan 24 8:00am....Marita Riesgraf 10:00am....Jeremy Rich</p>	<p>Mass Intentions:</p> <p>Jan 19 8:00 am Henry, Delores & Michael Schutrop</p> <p>Jan 23 4:00 pm Henry, Delores & Michael Schutrop</p> <p>7:00 pm Betty Weber</p> <p>Jan 24 8:00 am Chester Wozniak</p> <p>10:00 am St. Nicholas Members</p> <p>Jan 26 8:00 am Henry, Delores & Michael Schutrop</p> <p>Jan 28 8:00 am Clarence & Caroline Lenzmeier</p>
<p>MASS SERVERS:</p> <p>SaturdayJan 23 4:00pm.....Mike SzarolettaTony Szaroletta 7:00pm.....Christopher WaltersHelp Needed</p> <p>SundayJan 24 8:00am.....Tyler FisherSam Wickenhauser 10:00am.....Thomas RobleSam Roble</p>	<p>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</p> <p>Saturday.....Jan 23 4:00pm.....Sue BollandButch & Dottie Illig 7:00pm.....Nancy LudovissieMary Omollo</p> <p>Sunday.....Jan 24 8:00am.....Candis Wickenhauser,Lisa Swirtz & Jane Hanson 10:00am.....Jeremy Rich,Amy & Steve Roble</p>	

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

A community committed to welcoming, stewardship and evangelizing since 1868



Fr. Thomas Joseph
412 W. 4th Street • P.O. Box 133
Carver, MN 55315
952-448-2345
www.stnicholascarver.org

Father's Cell **507-339-8244**
frthomasstnicholas@embarqmail.com

Father Thomas with
our newest member, Kira,
and her family



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

STAFF

Business Administrator
Jodee Korkowski.....448-2345
jodeestnicholas@embarqmail.com

Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
Jacquelyn Christianson.....448-9861
jackiestnicholas@embarqmail.com

Maintenance
Lester Wickenhauser.....448-7657

St. Augustine said, "As our body cannot live without nourishment, so our soul cannot be kept alive without prayer." ~ St. Augustine (354-430)

At St. Nicholas we are blessed with an active prayer chain team. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call Darlene at (952) 448-4464.

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 & 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.
Friday: 6:45 p.m.

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 after the 8:00 am Mass, 3:45-4:00 pm & 6:45-7:00 pm, Sundays 7:45-8:00 & 9:45-10:00 am, 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

COUNCIL AND BOARD

Finance and Property Board
Chair: Barb Swanson448-2830

Faith Formation Board
Chair: Amy Roble448-5336

COORDINATORS

Cemetery - JoAnn Hasse612-708-4118

Lectors - Sue Stromberg952-686-3128

Servers - Jennifer Szaroletta466-5578

Eucharistic Minister - Kelly Spartz605-360-0959

Sacristan - Terri Schuster448-5256

Funeral - Darlene Mahowald448-4464

Prayer Chain - Darlene Mahowald448-4464

Environment & Decorating - Tammy Castanias448-7345

Church Cleaning - Nancy Ludouissie448-4266

Welcoming Committee -
Michael & Stephanie Griesinger479-7690

Women's Group - Rita Buesgens466-5667

Ushers - Chris Konechne808-291-2345

Vincent de Paul Society & Love INC
Sue Bolland448-2721
Char Weber448-3650

"That Man is You" - Bill Haysbhays02@yahoo.com

Sunday School for Children - Tamara Anderson361-6773

Music Ministry - Barry Strelow448-4363

Pastoral Care - Nancy Ludouissie448-4266

Landscaping - Annette and Al Hentz952-270-2717

Children's Choir - Helena Howard952-334-9962

Prolife Ministry Coordinator - Barb Swanson448-2830

Webmaster - Nancy Tuma448-2456

RCIA Coordinator - Deacon Jim Huber368-9975

<p>Brengman Printing</p> <p>206 Chestnut St, Chaska Daryl Brengman 448-3575</p>	<p>It's time to put your life on a brand new frequency</p> <p>relevant radio 1330 AM</p> <p>Relevant Radio™ is dedicated to bridging the gap between faith and everyday life</p> <p>Visit www.relevantradio.com for a complete programming schedule or to listen on-line</p> <p>Bobcat Backhoe • Additions • Trucking • Landscaping Snowplowing • Concrete Tearout • Demolition</p> <p>Chuck's EXCAVATING</p> <p>Chuck Worm • (952) 496-2874 760 W. 96th Street • Chanhassen, MN 55317</p>	<p>Please support these businesses... they are an asset to our community.</p>
<p>Carver Country Flowers & Gifts</p> <p>(952) 681-7582</p> <p>Full Service Floral Studio Inside Treasure Chest Antiques 109 3rd Street East, Carver, MN 55315 carverflowers@gmail.com www.carverflowers.com</p>	<p>Life Insurance, Annuities & Benefits</p> <p>CATHOLIC AID</p> <p>ASSOCIATION</p> <p>PHILIP "SAM" WELTER</p> <p>Field Representative, Member of the President's Club (952) 448-4865 • PO Box 296 • Carver, MN 55315 www.catholicaid.org • Lic. #654197</p>	<p>Lions Tap</p> <p>Famous Hamburgers</p> <p>16180 Flying Cloud Dr, Eden Prairie Bert & Bonnie Notermann West of Flying Cloud Airport www.lionstap.com 934-5299</p>
<p>Randy Maluchnik</p> <p>County Commissioner</p> <p>Cell (612) 964-5382</p>	<p>PLEHAL BLACKTOPPING</p> <p>13060 Dem Con Drive P.O. Box 317 Shakopee, MN 55379 www.plehal.com</p> <p>Jack Van Remortel President</p> <p>Office (952) 445-7676 Fax (952) 445-7682 Direct (952) 224-7140</p>	
<p>Replacement Windows Inc.</p> <p>WINDOWS DOORS SIDING ROOFING</p> <p>TOM GESTACH</p> <p>(952) 448-4312 Carver, MN</p>	<p>RALPH W. BAILEY, C.P.A.</p> <p>Tax and Accounting Services</p> <p>Form 1040 & State Returns COMPILATION AND REVIEW SERVICES Courteous • Skillful • Timely</p> <p>612-743-7439 (Cell) 116 2nd Street East 952-448-9939 (Home) Chaska, MN 55318 E-mail: rwbtax@gmail.com</p>	<p>BARRY STRELOW</p> <p>REALTOR®</p> <p>Direct: 952-496-5236 Cell: 651-755-0417 Fax: 952-445-8252</p> <p>barrystrelow@edinarealty.com</p> <p>Edina Realty</p> <p>1228 Vierling Drive Shakopee, MN 55379</p>
<p>TO PLACE AN AD, call the St. Nicholas office: (952) 448-2345</p>	<p>BERTAS FUNERAL HOME & Cremation Services</p> <p>952-448-2137</p>	<p>Pray for Vocations</p>



Sitio

JANUARY 17, 2010 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

Earthquake in Haiti! We extend our hearty condolences and prayers to the dear people of Haiti who suffered terribly due to the earthquake. During the month of January and February all of the Friday Holy Hours will be offered for the people of Haiti. We strongly encourage you to come and spend some time with Jesus and pray for them. We anticipate more information to come on this tragedy.

Congratulations Kira! Kira is the newest members of our Parish family. Kira was baptized here last Sunday. We congratulate Kira, her parents and godparents who said 'yes,' in helping Kira so that the light she received may continue to shine brightly; so that the white garment she received may remain unstained; may the Holy Spirit she received through the anointing of the oil of Chrism may always remain alive in her. Josh Billings wrote, "Train up a child in the way he should go and walk there yourself once in a while." Yes, let us teach our children by the example of our own lives.

Healing Mass! We will have a healing Mass on Friday, January 29 at 7 pm. We once again welcome Fr. Jim Livingston who does a wonderful job with this. If you have not had the opportunity to attend a healing Mass, please consider joining us this time. You will be glad you did! Please come early if you can as we will start the Rosary at 6:30 pm.

May Fr. Syl Brown rest in peace! Fr. Syl Brown was a priest in the diocese of Winona. After his retirement he lived in Elysian. I befriended him when I was the associate pastor at Divine Mercy Church in Faribault. He helped out a lot at Divine Mercy and other neighboring churches. He was truly human, had a caring spirit and everyone who came into his presence 'felt good.' Like Fr. Syl, let us too make people 'feel good' when they come into our presence. As the proverb goes, "You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar," Fr. Syl won many souls to Jesus Christ through his sweet persuasion. His funeral Mass was held at St. John the Baptist Church in Mankato. May this good priest rest in peace.

Dear Padre Question! "Could Catholics have their holy objects like a rosary or scapular blessed by a Protestant Pastor"? The simple answer is no. Since the question involves 'Blessings', let me explain the various ways we receive God's Blessings before getting into why the answer is 'no'.

Blessings that can be performed by anyone: Shorter Book of blessings #6 reads, "The God from whom all blessings flow favored many persons--particularly the patriarchs, kings, priests, Levites, and parents--by allowing them to offer blessings in praise of his name and to invoke his name, so that other persons or the work of creation would be showered with divine blessings. Whether God blessed the people himself or through the ministry of those who acted in his name, his blessing was always a promise of divine help." From this, we learn that all blessings come from God and in the name of God, all of us--whether Clerics or lay people--are authorized to transmit His blessings on people: parents over children, children over parents, husband over wife, or wife over husband. All of us are called to bless each other. All of us are capable of blessing each other. In Genesis 27, we learn about how Isaac (father) blessed his son Jacob. "Ah, the fragrance of my son is like the fragrance of a field that the LORD has blessed!...Let peoples serve you, and nations pay you homage; Be master of your brothers, and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be those who curse you, and blessed be those who bless you." Here we see a father blessing his son, even though Isaac is not a priest. In this sense, God directly bestowed the authority on all of us to bless each other. Therefore, it is absolutely appropriate for parents to bless children, children to bless parents, husband to bless wife or wife to bless husband, etc.

Blessings that can be performed by Catholic Clergy alone (except anyone can baptize in an emergency): The Seven Sacraments, namely Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Marriage, Holy orders, Anointing of the sick and Penance, are instituted by Jesus Christ and are the highest blessings of the Church. A sacrament is a "visible sign, instituted by Christ that reveals and communicates grace." Further, the Vatican II Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrasanctum Concilium* #59, reads, "The purpose of the Sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the body of Christ and, finally, to give worship to God." Yes, the purpose of the Sacraments is to sanctify us, to communicate to us God's grace and blessings on all of us. **Who** are the ministers for these seven sacraments? They are the bishop, priest and deacon. The only exception is as the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1256 reads, "The ordinary ministers of Baptism are the bishop and priest and, in the Latin Church, also the deacon. In case of necessity (emergency), anyone, even a nonbaptized person, with the required intention, can baptize, by using the Trinitarian baptismal formula. The intention required is to do what the church does when she baptizes. The Church finds the reason for this possibility in the universal saving will of God and the necessity of Baptism for salvation."

Blessings that can be performed by Catholic Clergy and duly authorized Catholic Laity: Besides the Seven Sacraments that were given to us by Jesus Christ, we also have several Sacramentals given to us by the Catholic Church. With Martin Luther and Reformation, the Sacramentals were abolished in the Protestant Churches. What are Sacramentals? Sacramentals are sacred signs

which resemble the seven sacraments, but they are not instituted by Christ, and they do not convey Christ's grace to the extent that the Sacraments do. Instead, Sacramentals dispose us; open our hearts to receive the grace of sacraments well. They help us to prolong the effects of the Sacraments. They help us to fully enter into the Paschal mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ and help us keep our minds and hearts towards heaven.

Some of the Sacramentals that we have in the life of the Church are: the Rosary, Miraculous Medals, Holy Water, Holy Oil, Blessing of Throats, Votive and Vigil lights, Statues, the Crucifix, Incense, Bells, kneeling to receive communion, etc. Thus it becomes clear that there are several Sacramentals in the Church but **only** seven Sacraments. Some of the common practices that we love like the Rosary, Scapular, Holy water, etc. are part of the list of Sacramentals.

According to Canon Law #1168, "The minister of the Sacramentals is a cleric who has been given the necessary power in accord with the norm of the liturgical books and according to the judgment of the local ordinary. Some Sacramentals can also be administered by lay persons who are endowed with the appropriate qualities." Further, the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1669 reads, "Sacramentals derive from the baptismal priesthood: every baptized person is called to be a 'blessing,' and to bless. Hence lay people may preside at certain blessings; the more a blessing concerns ecclesial and sacramental life, the more its administration is reserved to the ordained ministry (bishops, priests, or deacons)." That is to say, the ordinary ministers of the Sacramentals are clerics (bishops, priests and deacons). However, certain Sacramentals like distributing the Holy Eucharist, distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday, blessing the throats of people with two crossed candles on St. Blaise Day, etc. could be done by any lay person. [See the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1667-1679 to learn more about Sacramentals.]

Could Catholics have their holy objects like the Rosary and Scapular blessed by a Protestant Pastor? The simple answer is no. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Rite of Blessings, the ordinary ministers of the Sacramentals (in regard to our question here, blessing the Rosary or Scapular) are Catholic Clerics, like bishops, priests, deacons, and duly authorized lay people. It is in no way to say that the Protestant ministers are not good or holy enough. God can do wonders as much as He does with the Catholic clergy. Rather, it is a reminder to all of us that the Sacramentals (like the Rosary, Scapular, etc.) are treasures that are given to us by the Catholic Church. Protestants do have prayers of blessing for people, events, homes, etc., but the notion of Sacramentals is a very Catholic thing. In fact during the Reformation Martin Luther (basically responsible for the origin of Protestant churches) campaigned for the removal/abolition of the Sacramentals and pious practices. In this sense, it makes sense that Sacramentals, which are the spiritual heritage of the Catholic Church, be blessed by a Catholic cleric. I also assume that Protestant ministers would not feel comfortable blessing a Rosary, Scapular, etc. since it is not part of their tradition. Could I ask a Protestant minister to pray over me or pray for someone? Absolutely. Can I hold hands and pray with the Protestant minister? Absolutely. If a Protestant or Protestant minister in good faith asks for a Rosary, Scapular, etc. could I give him/her one? Absolutely. Would I ask a Protestant minister to have my Rosary or Scapular blessed by him/her? Not really.

Sunday Reflection! The Gospel of today is from John chapter 2. In this passage we see how Mary the Mother of Jesus was preoccupied with safeguarding the honor of the wedding family. As we learn from this Gospel, there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and Mary, Jesus and the disciples were guests at that wedding. Mary noticed that the wedding family ran out of wine and Mary told her Son Jesus, "They have no wine." As Mary said this to Jesus many good things happened--the stone water jars standing for the Jewish ceremonial washings were filled with water and Jesus changed the water into wine; the headwaiter who tasted the water that had become wine just couldn't believe the excellent taste of the wine and he was so grateful and appreciative of Jesus. Dear brothers and sisters we see how Mary and Jesus safeguarded the dignity of the wedding couple and the family. Mary and Jesus did not want the family be embarrassed because they did not have enough wine for everyone.

For Mary, marriage must have been very important that she took her Son and His disciples with her for the wedding reception. Mary did not just go to the wedding; rather, she kept her eyes open making sure the wedding couple was ok, their family was ok and there was enough food and wine. This Mary and Jesus who looked out for the wedding couple is also looking out for you married couples-- making sure your family is ok; making sure there is enough food and drink in your home. Do you in your marriage seek out this Mary and Jesus, who wants to look out for you?

This Sunday's Gospel is also a special invitation to all of us once again to understand and admire the importance of Marriage. "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." These are the words of Pope John Paul II. He also said, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." Let us heed his words and as a family find a way to celebrate and sing songs of Hallelujah. Marriage must be important, must be good because Jesus Himself was present at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Not only was Jesus was at the wedding, He also performed His first miracle there. I had the opportunity to visit this place when I was in the Holy Land few years ago. It is very obvious Jesus is interested in the well-being of your marriage. It is obvious that Mary the Mother of Jesus is also interested in the well-being of your marriage. Ask yourself, as Mary and Jesus are interested in my wedding, in my marriage, am I interested in them?

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

On behalf of our St. Vincent DePaul/Love INC group we would like to thank all of you who participated in this year's "Giving Tree" project. Because of you we were able to bring a little Christmas joy to 35 families this season. It always amazes us how "The Little Church on the hill", can accomplish such big things. Thank you all again! Sue Schmidt & Char Weber