

<b>This Week's Events:</b> MONDAY: Property & Finance Board Meeting 7 PM  WEDNESDAY: F.F. Classes 6-7:30 PM  FRIDAY: Prayer Group 7:15 PM  COUNTERS: Candis & Sam	<b>Sunday Giving January 11, 2009</b>	
	Children ..... 14.50 Adult Envelopes & Plate..... 1829.64 Collected to date ..... 67,324.91 Budgeted to date ..... 68,142.00 Net (Loss).....(817.09)	<b>Lectors:</b> Saturday.....Jan 24 4:00pm...Dottie Illig 7:00pm...Christine Castanias Sunday.....Jan 25 8:00am...Marita Riesgraf 10:00am...Chelsea Vogel
<b>MASS SERVERS:</b> Saturday .....Jan 24 4:00pm.....Katarina Christianson .....Connor Christianson 7:00pm.....Jennifer Castanias .....Emily Castanias  Sunday.....Jan 25 8:00am.....Tyler Fisher .....Help Needed 10:00am.....Samantha Prasher .....Sam Roble	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b> Saturday .....Jan 24 4:00pm.....Dottie & Butch Illig .....Help Needed 7:00 pm .....Tammy & Paul Castanias .....Jodee Korkowski  Sunday .....Jan 25 8:00am.....Help Needed .....Jane Hanson 10am.....Amy & Steve Roble .....Jeremy Rich	

# St. Nicholas Catholic Church

A community committed to welcoming, stewardship and evangelizing since 1868



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Fr. Thomas Joseph with the Jorrisen Family – Steve, Donna and their 2 daughters



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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.

### STAFF

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### COUNCIL AND BOARD

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 Chair: Sue Bolland.....448-2721

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**"That Man is You"** - Bill Hays .....361-3496  
**Sunday School for Children** - Tamara Anderson .....361-6773  
**Music Ministry** - Barry Strelow.....448-4363

### 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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<p>TO PLACE AN AD, call the St. Nicholas office: (952) 448-2345</p>	<p> Pray for Vocations </p>	<p><b>Carver Country Flowers &amp; Gifts</b>        Floral Studio inside Treasure Chest Antiques        109 3rd Street East        Carver, MN 55315        B: 952-681-7582 C: 952-270-2717  <a href="mailto:CarverFlowers@gmail.com">CarverFlowers@gmail.com</a>        Annette &amp; Al Hentz, Owners        Distinctive floral creations with an informal charm.</p>

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JANUARY 18, 2009 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

**Year of St. Paul continues!** St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians 1:1-3 writes, "Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." In these verses, we see Paul simply greeting Sosthenes and others. Let us too be people who greet each other. It can be good as "Good morning" or the best as "God bless you."

**Birth of Martin Luther King!** On the 19<sup>th</sup> of January, the birth of Martin Luther King is observed in our country. Let us pray that just as he was able to see God in all people, we too, may see God in all.



**St. Vincent De Paul Society Meeting!** St. Vincent De Paul Society is taking shape in our parish. We had our first meeting for the year of 2009, on January 12. We will meet every second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Special thanks to Sue Bolland, Char Weber and Chris Thon for being willing to be the committee members of the St. Vincent De Paul Society. If you are interested in joining or learning more about this group, please call Sue Bolland at 952-448-2721 or any of the other members.

**Outgoing President and the New President!** As we know on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, president-elect Obama will become our 44th president. We pray that he may be a God-fearing man, doing the right thing for humanity. We also pray for President Bush that he may be blessed with good health and other blessings for years to come.

**Montana Judge OKs Assisted Suicide!** The National Catholic Register, dated December 23, 2008, reported that the state of Montana has joined its neighboring Oregon and Washington states to become the third American state to allow doctor-assisted suicide (if the judge rules so). The Wall Street Journal dated December 8 read, "The Montana state constitution's protection for human dignity and individual privacy permit competent, terminally-ill Montana residents to get medications causing a peaceful death." When it comes to life, there is no gray area—euthanasia is simply unacceptable. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2277 reads, "Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable." Let us pray that the agenda of euthanasia may be euthanized and not the living human beings. God gave us life and He alone knows when we will go back to Him. He alone is the author of life.

**Words of Gratitude!** Katherine Fischenich of Waconia recently wrote a nice card to me: "Dear Father, thank you so much for the Spanish Bible. That was so thoughtful of you. I have already started to read it and a lot of the words make sense to me. I am trying hard to learn Spanish so the Bible you gave me was very thoughtful. Hopefully my family and I will see you soon. I will keep you updated on my goal of learning Spanish. Thanks again." My purpose of sharing her beautiful words of gratitude is to admire her desire to learn Spanish. I ask you parents and grandparents, to support/encourage your children to learn Spanish. As I often jokingly say, "If you speak Spanish, you will not only help many people, you will also make a lot of money."

**Lectio Divina!** Lectio divina is a relaxed, contemplative praying of the Scriptures. Time set aside in a special way for lectio divina enables us to discover in our daily life an underlying spiritual rhythm. Choose a text of the Scriptures that you wish to pray.



- ❖ Many Christians use in their daily lectio divina one of the readings from the Eucharistic liturgy for the day; others prefer to slowly work through a particular book of the Bible. It makes no difference which text is chosen, as long as one has no set goal of "covering" a certain amount of text. The amount of text covered is in God's hands, not yours.
- ❖ Place yourself in a comfortable position and allow yourself to become silent. Some focus for a few moments on their breathing; others have a beloved "prayer word" or "prayer phrase" they gently recite. For some, the practice known as "centering prayer" makes a good, brief introduction to lectio divina. Use whatever method is best for you and allow yourself to enjoy silence for a few moments.

- ❖ Turn to the text and read it slowly, gently. Savor each portion of the reading, constantly listening for the "still, small voice" of a word or phrase that somehow says, "I am for you today." Do not expect lightning or ecstasies. In lectio divina, God is teaching us to listen to Him, to seek Him in silence. He does not reach out and grab us; rather, He gently invites us ever more deeply into His presence.
- ❖ Take the word or phrase into yourself. Memorize it and slowly repeat it to yourself, allowing it to interact with your inner world of concerns, memories, and ideas. Do not be afraid of distractions. Memories or thoughts are simply parts of yourself that, when they rise up during lectio divina, are asking to be given to God along with the rest of your inner self. Allow this inner pondering, this rumination, to invite you into dialogue with God.
- ❖ Speak to God. Whether you use words, ideas, or images--or all three--is not important. Interact with God as you would with one who you know loves and accepts you. And give to Him what you have discovered during your experience of meditation. Experience God by using the word or phrase He has given you as a means of blessing and of transforming the ideas and memories that your reflection on His word has awakened. Give to God what you have found within your heart.
- ❖ Rest in God's embrace. And when He invites you to return to your contemplation of His word or to your inner dialogue with Him, do so. Learn to use words when words are helpful, and to let go of words when they no longer are necessary. Rejoice in the knowledge that God is with you in both words and silence, in spiritual activity and inner receptivity.
- ❖ Sometimes in lectio divina, you may return several times to the printed text, either to savor the literary context of the word or phrase that God has given or to seek a new word or phrase to ponder. At other times, only a single word or phrase will fill the whole time set aside for lectio divina. It is not necessary to assess anxiously the quality of your lectio divina, as if you were "performing" or seeking some goal. Lectio divina has no goal other than that of being in the presence of God by praying the Scriptures.

**Sunday Reflection!** In today's gospel reading, which is from John 1:35-42, we learn that Andrew was the first apostle called by Jesus to follow Him. Andrew went and found his brother Simon (Peter) and said to him, "We have found the Messiah." Here we see one brother leading another brother to Christ. Do we siblings (biological brothers and sisters) lead our siblings to Jesus Christ as Andrew led his brother Simon (Peter) to Jesus Christ?

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

You and your family are invited to kickoff Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 25th with Guardian Angels Catholic School in Chaska at their Super Sunday Fun Day celebration beginning at 9:00 a.m. The celebration includes an all-you-can-eat Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., bingo from 3:00-5:00 p.m., kids' games, silent auction, chance raffle, and concessions. Come to have fun!

Some of you have wondered about the box in the back of the church labeled St. Vincent De Paul Society... The SVDPS is a group that services the poor. We at St. Nicholas Church are stewards of this Society, which means we are an arm for this group to help the people in need in our community and the surrounding area. With your generous donations we can provide those around us in need, gifts of charity and hope through a structured program. You will be hearing more to come on events and drives to raise money for this Society, however for now please use the visitor envelopes in your pew or the box in the back of the church to donate. Note, if you would like to place a separate check in your normal collection envelope, please label it St. Vincent De Paul Society. Also, each third Sunday of the month there will be a second collection for the St. Vincent De Paul Society during Mass. Thank you again for your generosity and support. The SVDPS Committee.

There will be a Martin Luther King Day Celebration on Monday, Jan 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM at Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church (145 Engler Blvd, Chaska, MN 55318.) All are invited to remember a great man, a great civil rights leader, a great American, and a great Christian.

There will be a Pro-life March at the State Capitol on Thursday, January 22 at noon. A bus will leave from St. Joe's parking lot in Waconia at 9:00 am and return approximately 2:30 pm. Please call our parish office by 10 am this Tuesday to reserve your spot on the bus.