

<p>This Week's Events:</p> <p>MONDAY: 6:30 PM St. Vincent De Paul/Love INC 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 7-9:30 PM Chocolate & Chuckles for couples in the Parish Center</p> <p>SATURDAY: 6:45 AM Men's Group Meeting in Parish Center</p> <p>COUNTERS: February 7 - Candis & Bill</p>	<p align="center">Sunday Giving January 24, 2010</p> <p>Children..... 10.75 Adult Envelopes & Plate..... 1,369.25 Collected to date..... 66,680.70 Budgeted to date..... 69,115.39 Net (Loss)..... (2,434.69)</p>	
	<p>Lectors:</p> <p>Saturday.....Feb 6 4:00pm.....Dottie Illig 7:00pm.....Kurt Korkowski</p> <p>Sunday.....Feb 7 8:00am.....Mike Fahey 10:00am.....Jeremy Rich</p>	<p>Mass Intentions:</p> <p>Feb 6 4:00 pm Shirley Schuster 7:00 pm St. Nicholas Church</p> <p>Feb 7 8:00 am Rev. Michael Kennedy 10:00 am Henry, Delores & Michael Schutrop</p> <p>Feb 12 6:45 pm Henry, Delores & Michael Schutrop</p>

<p>MASS SERVERS:</p> <p>SaturdayFeb 6 4:00pm.....Mike SzarolettaTony Szaroletta 7:00pm.....Christopher WaltersKrista Korkowski SundayFeb 7 8:00am.....Brooke WickenhauserMitchell Wickenhauser 10:00am.....Thomas RobleSam Roble</p>	<p>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</p> <p>SaturdayFeb 6 4:00pm.....Jean & Ed PopplerDottie Illig 7:00pm.....Kurt KorkowskiJodee Korkowski SundayFeb 7 8:00am.....Candis Wickenhauser,Mary Poppler, Jane Hanson 10:00am.....Jeremy Rich,Amy & Steve Roble</p>
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St. Nicholas Catholic Church

A community committed to welcoming, stewardship and evangelizing since 1868



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Fr. Thomas with some First Grade Boy Scouts



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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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

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<p>TO PLACE AN AD, call the St. Nicholas office: (952) 448-2345</p>	<p>BERTAS FUNERAL HOME & Cremation Services 952-448-2137</p>	<p>Pray for Vocations</p>



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JANUARY 31, 2010 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

Hearts for Haiti! I often tell people one of the greatest sins today is to get discouraged. Yes, the aid may not flow to the speed it should, sadly many have died since the rescue/aid was not able to be there sooner. However, we cannot get discouraged--since getting discouraged is a great sin. The benefit concert last Sunday raised \$6,195.35 so far, half of which will go to Feed My Starving Children and half going to the village of Bouzy, in Haiti. Please continue to reach out to the people of Haiti in whatever ways you can. Thank you for your generosity towards the people of Haiti. May our conviction to the Good Samaritans of Haiti continue. God willing, down the road, I am looking forward to traveling to Haiti. I would like to adopt a parish/child/school whatever--when the right time comes, I will be talking to you about it more.

Let us fire up for the Super Bowl! Along with many of you, I too was cheering for the Vikings as I was having dinner with a family and watching the game last Sunday evening. The Vikings almost had it and then the Saints won. It is wonderful to see how the spirit of sports brings young and old together. Let us look forward to the Super Bowl--it does not matter which team wins--what matters is we are going to take time along with millions of our fellow citizens, cheering with good sportsmen's spirit. St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians 9:24 writes, "Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize?" St. Paul is a good sportsman--what is most important is that the Vikings did their best, which is all that counts. "Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside of them – a desire, a dream, a vision." *Muhammad Ali*, American Boxer.



Pancakes and the Super Bowl! On Super Bowl Sunday St. Nicholas will host a Pancake, French toast & Sausage breakfast. What would we do without our good Skip Low? He is a wonderful man who does a very fine job with the neat group of people who help him out with this ministry. Please spread the word around our breakfast. I hope to see you all there on February 7.

Faith Formation is thriving! Our Faith Formation students with the help of their parents prepare a monthly journal based on the 9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit. (The 9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, longsuffering/patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.) Each month they focus on one or two Fruits of the Holy Spirit and share with us how they lived/practiced it in their daily lives. Benjamin Franklin wrote, "All mankind is divided into three classes: Those that are immovable, those that are movable, and those that move." Let us form our children to be the movers and the shakers--growing up to be the young people who will put into practice the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Further, Jesus said, "No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather, he places it on a lamp stand so that those who enter may see the light." Let us help our children to be the light--light that is lit and shining brightly. Below are excerpts from the journals of two of our students.

Ways I have shown GOODNESS AND GENEROSITY to my church: I helped rake leaves for fall cleanup, I served at Mass when they needed more servers, I helped my Grandma give Communion to the Elderly, I helped with the church Fall Festival in September, I helped out with reading to younger kids during Faith Formation, and I taught my friend how to do the Hail Mary. *By: Emily Gestach*

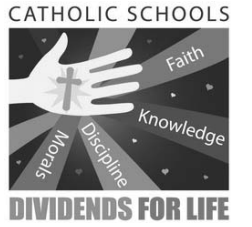
How do I bring PEACE AND JOY to my family? I bring peace by doing what I've been told, like to put wood on the fire so we don't freeze. Also, if I am asked to play a card game because they don't have enough players, I jump to the opportunity. I bring joy to my family by playing cards with them, and doing things they want to do. I also bring joy when it comes to deer hunting. My entire family on both sides grew up hunting and continues to hunt. I go out in the morning and sit in the open with my dad, asking questions and just watching the nature. This brings joy by letting my dad and I spend time together and share the experience of when I got my first deer this year. It brought smiles to all my families faces. *By: Tegen Thon*



Feast of Don Bosco (July 31)! Talking about Faith Formation, talking about the Super Bowl, we have to pray to St. John Bosco who was a lover of sports and young people. John Bosco also known as Don Bosco (1815-1888) was and is a beloved Saint of the young people. Today county, state and federal governments try so hard to figure out the best way we can educate our children. Irrespective of one's religious and political beliefs/likings everyone has something to learn from this beloved Saint of the Church. One of the great contributions from him is that he was able to

combine sports, work and study while certainly doing it with love in the name of God. He knew no sports or study programs would succeed unless there is absolutely room for God. He was able to combine/balance everything well which is a good example he left for us to follow. G. K. Chesterton in his book, *The Common Man* wrote, "Every education teaches a philosophy; if not by dogma then by suggestion, by implication, by atmosphere. Every part of that education has a connection with every other part. If it does not all combine to convey some general view of life, it is not education at all." Saint John Bosco, G. K. Chesterton and many others remind us that true education is not only in the class rooms; rather, true education consists of sports, work, study and certainly doing it all with love in the name of God.

Catholic Schools Week! "Catholic Schools - Dividends for Life" is the theme for Catholic Schools Week 2010. During this week we will once again remind ourselves of the good work done by Catholic schools in the lives of our children. This year it will be observed from January 31 to February 6, 2010. The four principles of Catholic education are Faith, Knowledge, Discipline and Morals. Let us continue to support our neighboring Catholic Schools: GA, St. Bernard, St. Hubert, Holy Family and others.



World Youth Day! I would like to gather a group of young adults to attend World Youth Day on August 14-22, 2011 in Madrid, Spain. So that we can begin making plans and raising the necessary funds, any young person interested in this spectacular opportunity should contact the parish office as soon as possible.



Holy Father's Intentions for February! Scholars: For all scholars and intellectuals, that by means of sincere search for the truth they may arrive at an understanding of the one true God.

The Church's Missionary Identity: That the Church, aware of its own missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim His Gospel to all peoples.

Sunday Reflection! Today's Gospel is from Luke 4. Instead of opening their eyes and seeing the greatness in Jesus, the people of Jesus' time made a comment, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" In other words, they were saying "we know who you are--you are the son of Joseph, the poor carpenter--how dare you try to tell us that you are God." At such moment of insult, instead of showing them some mighty deeds and showing them how powerful He is, Jesus went back to the Old Testament and told them about peoples' hardness of heart. When people have no room for God in their lives--God might as well leave them without pushing them anymore. For instance, prophet Elijah was sent **only** to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon; there were many lepers in Israel during the time of the prophet Elijah but only Naaman the Syrian was cured. Through this Jesus is echoing what beloved Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta would say, "If you are full, not even God can fill you." Do we have space in our lives for God, or, are we so full that there is no room for God?

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

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Pictured at right: Steve Tompkins (Grand Knight), Nick VanDenBroeke, and Chuck Schulte (Knight).



Next weekend is the first weekend of the month so we will once again place the Food Shelf Basket on the altar for your donations. Please continue to support the food shelf as our donations were down in January and February.

Chocolate & Chuckles for Couples – Laugh your way to a better relationship with video presenter Mark Gunger who is a Minister, Counselor & Comedian on Friday, February 5 from 7 – 9:30 pm in the St. Nicholas parish center. Meet and greet other couples and enjoy chocolate and other snacks provided. A free will offering will be accepted. Co-sponsored by the Chaska Area Marriage Encounter Community. Registrations preferred but walk-ins welcome. Contact 952-448-2345 or jodeestnicholas@embarqmail.com.

There will be a Dad's Belgium Waffle Breakfast and Scholastic Book Fair at GA School on Sunday, January 31st from 9:00am-1:00pm. There will also be games and tours of the school available. All are welcome.

Thanks to the Council of Knights of Eastern Carver County in selling raffle calendars. The Knights worshipping at Guardian Angels, St. Nicholas and St. Victoria raised \$1,800 in support of a sponsored seminarian: Nicholas VanDenBroeke, a Guardian Angels parishioner and second year theologian at The St. Paul Seminary. Seminarians are not allowed to work at all during the year; not even during the summer. Special thanks to those of you who purchased a calendar after Mass to support this project.