


<b>This week's Events:</b> WEDNESDAY: F.F. Classes 6-7:30 PM  FRIDAY: Prayer Group 7:15 PM  COUNTERS: Barb & Mike	<b>Sunday Giving December 28, 2008</b> Children..... 12.60 Adult Envelopes & Plate..... 2070.05 Collected to date..... 61,779.95 Budgeted to date..... 63,486.00 Net (Loss)..... (1,706.05) Christmas..... 8,509.15	
	<b>Lectors:</b> Saturday.....Jan 10 4:00pm....Mitch Perrine 7:00pm....Kurt Korkowski Sunday.....Jan 11 8:00am....Cathy Pass 10:00am....Jeremy Rich	<b>Mass Intentions:</b> Jan 10 4:00pm Members of St. Nicholas 7:00pm Frank & Mary Korkowski Jan 11 8:00am Immigrants 10:00am The Unborn
<b>MASS SERVERS:</b> Saturday .....Jan 10 4:00pm.....Devin Fahey .....Kayla Bolland 7:00pm.....Christopher Walters .....Tyler Fisher  Sunday.....Jan 11 8:00am.....Tessa Siegfried .....Chase Siegfried 10:00am.....Thomas Roble .....Sam Roble	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b> Saturday .....Jan 10 4:00pm.....Sue Bolland, Shelly Fahey & .....Mitch Perrine 7:00 pm .....Ed & Jean Poppler, .....Kurt Korkowski  Sunday .....Jan 11 8:00am.....Cathy Pass, Mary Poppler & .....Sharon Hartung 10am.....Steve Roble, Jeremy Rich & .....Teresa Thiede	

# St. Nicholas Catholic Church


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*Fr. Thomas Joseph with Kayla Henkel (Granddaughter of Dorothy Ess) and her traveling bear.*



*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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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. and 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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### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

**St. Paul's year continues through June 2009!** Pope Benedict recently mentioned that the Church suffered the same persecution that St. Paul suffered: persecution in India, Vietnam and other parts of the world. Through all this, the Church remained faithful to the advice of St. Paul, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12: 21).

**Jodee Korkowski is our Parish Administrative Assistant!** Working and volunteering in the church for the past few months, Jodee has demonstrated so much humility, generosity and capability. We congratulate and pray for her and her family as she takes on this ministry of serving our Church. Jodee is originally from Elmwood, Wisconsin. She has a bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin – River Falls. She has over 12 years of customer service and office management experience. She also volunteers weekly at Guardian Angels Catholic School, is a Girl Scout Troop Leader and the Secretary for the Girl Scout Service Unit.



**May the Christmas Joy continue in 2009!** It was a great joy to see you, your children and children's children during the Christmas season. The St. Nicholas Parish family wishes all of you a prosperous and peace-filled New Year. Let us pray for God's blessings on all of us during 2009.

**Happy Christmas to our deceased brothers and sisters!** I love being close to nature up on the hill here at St. Nicholas. I put on my winter boots and walked through the snow all over the cemetery, stopped by each of the tombstones, cleaned the snow from the top of each marker and said "Merry Christmas" to all of our brothers and sisters sleeping in peace right next to our church. Some of you even put blinking lights by the tombstones of your loved ones. As Christians, as Catholics, we believe in the "Communion of Saints." In other words, there is a communion between us the living and our brothers and sisters who have gone before us. Therefore, on major feast days and special days let us take a moment to stop by the tombstones of our loved ones and say "hello" to them.

**January is Pro-Life Month!** Let us pray every day, especially throughout January, for an end to abortion in our country and around the world. There will be more information about Pro-Life Month in upcoming bulletins.



**Epiphany!** In western Christian tradition, January 6 is celebrated as Epiphany. The Three Wise Men from the East (also referred to as the Three Kings, and as the Magi) are described in Scripture as three regal or noble persons who were attracted to Bethlehem by a star which stood over the place announcing the birth of the Savior of the World. Bearing rare and precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, (Matthew 2:11) they paid homage to the King of Kings and were received by Him. Mathew 2:1 tells us: "...Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem . . ." In Matthew 2:11 it states: "...and when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him..." According to medieval legend the names of the three were Melchior, King of Arabia, who brought gold, recognizing Christ as king; Caspar, King of Tarsus,

whom brought myrrh, a bitter herb that foreshadowed Christ's suffering; and Balthazar, King of Ethiopia, whom brought frankincense, as a sign of Christ's priesthood. The Christmas season, which brings us the light of the world, begins Christmas Day, December 25, and lasts twelve days until Epiphany, January 6, which looks ahead to the mission of the church to spread that light to the world. The term *epiphany* means "to show", "to make known", or even "to reveal." The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the infant Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few. The celebration of Epiphany Sunday is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching out to others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people. It is also a time of focusing on Christian brotherhood and fellowship.



**Immigration Sunday!** The bishops of the United States invite us to celebrate Immigration Sunday on this Epiphany Sunday. Epiphany Sunday parallels Immigration Sunday. How? The Three Wise Men came from distant countries crossing borders looking for God bringing gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the same way, our immigrant brothers and sisters, come to us bringing their gifts of culture, generosity and faith. Just as Jesus welcomed the Wise Men from all over the world, let us too welcome our immigrant brothers and sisters of today with open arms as Jesus welcomes them, willing to receive their gifts of culture, generosity and faith.

In Scripture, we are told that the Holy Family was forced to flee to Egypt as immigrants when Herod was seeking to kill the infant Jesus (Mt 2:14-17). Mary and Joseph could have sent Jesus away with someone to keep him safe but they chose to stay together as a family. To save Jesus, it was important for them to go together as a family, to stay together as a family, to struggle as a family to the end. Today, like the Holy Family, there are people who feel that God calls them out of their homeland to a better life as immigrants. When the current immigration policies of the United States are enforced, often the result is a separation of husband from wife, wife from husband and parents from children. In other words, the current immigration policy does the opposite of the example the Holy Family has given us to follow. Therefore, we as Christians and Catholics have an obligation to do everything in our power to see that the immigration policies of the United States parallel the example given to us by the Holy Family in Scripture. Let us pray for and work toward a truly Christian immigration policy in the future.

**Hope to gather 700 people!** As part of our effort to finance the expansion of the parish center, on Friday, August 7, 2009, we will gather at the Park Ballroom in New Prague for a pleasant evening of dinner and fellowship. Please call the parish office and Jodee will help you purchase tickets for this important parish event. Each ticket costs \$100 of which \$75 is tax deductible. The price of each ticket covers the cost of speakers, and a delicious dinner including drinks. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Bell Tower to be used as a Crying Room!** We are so grateful to Tammi Anderson, her friend Pam Streetar and many others who make our Sunday school possible. The Bell Tower at St. Nicholas is available to be used as a crying room for children. Please spread the word so that parents with young children know that it is available to them. Please contact Tammi Anderson at (952) 361-6773 or Jodee Korkowski at the parish office (952) 448-2345 with any questions.

**Sunday Reflection:** This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Epiphany. The word Epiphany means "manifestation." Jesus Christ manifested Himself not just to the people of His race, namely Jews, but to the whole nation. The visit by three kings from foreign nations reminds us that Jesus came for everyone. As Jesus came for everyone, are we willing to be Jesus to everyone or to the select few, the people we like? Please read the gospel of Matthew 2: 1-2.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will have its next meeting on Monday, January 12 at 7 pm in the parish center.

If you did not sign up for an appointment for our new pictorial directory, expect a call from Olan Mills to offer you a time. If you have caller ID, it should read "Church Directories." If you want to set or change an appointment, call Olan Mills at 1-800-866-2263, Monday – Friday, 8 am – 8 pm. Remember, to receive a FREE church directory you have to be in it – please participate!

There will be a Men Building Bridges Prayer Breakfast at St. Victoria on Saturday, January 10, at 8 a.m. Tickets are \$10 each or \$80 to reserve a table and they are available from the St. Victoria parish office. Call 952-443-2661 for more information. Keith Fahnhorst will be the guest speaker.

Your brothers and sisters at G.A. need your help. You may have recently seen in the news that Jerome Meuwissen, a GA parishioner was struck by a car and killed while crossing (in a pedestrian crosswalk) Chestnut Street (also called Hwy 41). Those "in the know" inform us that if we inundate MnDOT with letters respectfully requesting a stoplight to be put at the intersection of Second and Chestnut Streets, that they more than likely will... even with the state's budget crisis. *No letters? Then probably not!* Could you please write to Commissioner Tom Sorel (Minnesota Department of Transportation, mailstop 120, 395 John Ireland Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155)? Kindly request that, in spite of the budget crisis, that a stoplight needs to be put in downtown Chaska ... because one fatality is one too many. If you have more time, please write Governor Tim Pawlenty at 130 State Capital, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr., St. Paul, MN 55155. We understand that the more people write, the better our chances. I thank you, in anticipation of your help. *Fr. Paul Jarvis.*

The youth group will have a meeting in January. Look for more information to come on that soon.