


This Week's Calendar of Events: TUESDAY: 8 AM Daily Mass 7 PM Card making in parish center WEDNESDAY: 6 – 7:30 PM Faith Formation Classes 7:15 PM Blessing of Animals THURSDAY: 8 AM Daily Mass FRIDAY: 3:00 PM First Friday Adoration 6:45 PM Mass with prayer group to follow SATURDAY: 8 AM Daily Mass <i>Fall Cleanup – Oct. 30 11 am</i> <i>Paper drive – Nov. 16-20</i>	Sunday Giving September 25, 2011 Children 8.95 Adult Envelopes & Plate 1,263.25 Collected to date 27,767.47 Budgeted to date 31,200.00 Net (Loss).....(3,432.53) COUNTERS: October 9 – Steve R. & Dick K.	
	Love INC Donations Needed Love INC Annual Coat Drive Donations collected now until Oct. 15. Drop coats off in Parish Center. Distribution to those in need will be Saturday, Nov 5.	Mass Intentions Oct. 7 6:45 pm Oct. 8 4:00 pm Wally Flemming 7:00 pm †Joseph & Viona Anderson Oct. 9 8:00 am Theresa & Mike Flemming (Sp. Inten) 10:00 am Living & Deceased members of St. Nicholas Oct. 11 8:00 am †Delores, Henry & Michael Schutrop Oct. 13 8:00 am †John Pass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Saturday.....Oct. 8 4:00 pm.....Charles Mahowald Char Weber & Help Needed 7:00 pm.....Gail & Frank Ruhland Sunday.....Oct. 9 8:00 am.....Sharon Hartung, Bill Hays Help Needed 10:00 am.....Dick Kvitek, Kate Harmon Amy Roble	LECTORS: Saturday.....Oct. 8 4:00 pm.....Help Needed 7:00 pm.....Nancy Ludovissie Sunday.....Oct. 9 8:00 am.....Tom Durda 10:00 am...Steve Roble	MASS SERVERS: Saturday.....Oct. 8 4:00 pm.....Mike S. Tony S. 7:00 pm.....Help Needed Christopher W. Sunday.....Oct. 9 8:00 am.....Tyler F. Nick H. 10:00 am.....Mary W. Help Needed
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Congratulations to Jennifer Dauwalter and Juan Leija who were married here on 9/17.



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. John Climacus (d. 649) wrote, "Prayer is a pious way of forcing God." Yes brothers and sisters, prayer gives us the opportunity to speak our minds to God frankly, without worrying about any formalities. Do we pray?

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.

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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
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 8:00 a.m.
Friday: 6:45 p.m.

Adoration
Every Friday: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
1st Friday of each month: 3:00-7:00 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 (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):
 Please call the parish office for more information



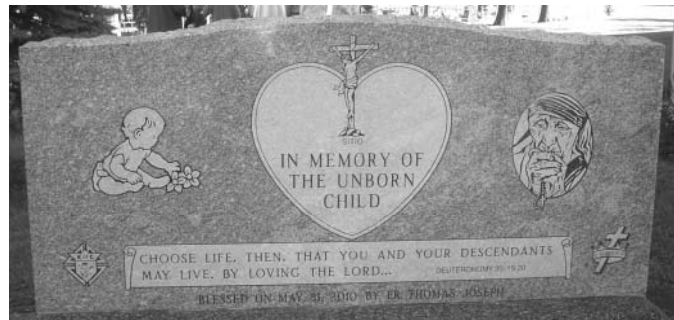
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OCTOBER 2, 2011 – TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Respect Life Sunday!

Being the people of Life, is not an option but obligation! It is OK for us to hold onto our own political opinion. However, when it comes to life, there is only one whose opinion matters, that is God. God in the Ten Commandments teaches, "Thou shall not kill." Do we take time to feel the pain of those whose lives are silenced? Take time to read the monument of life which stands in front of our Church.



Living in the shadows of the Church as pillars!

Barb and Darrel Swanson live in the shadows of the church, just down the hill from the Church, but they are the pillars holding it up. We are immensely grateful for the hours and hours they put in to make our auction last weekend possible. Barb's three sisters Rosie Boyd, Donna Williams SLW, & Shirley Mueller also pitched in to help. It was very encouraging to see so many people bring items to sell. We had a great variety of over 600 items. Thanks to Annette Hentz who designed our flyers and auction posters as well as helped with clerking. Harvey, Joe and Lester Wickenhauser loaned us trailers to organize the items on and stored items prior to the auction. We also greatly appreciate the many volunteers who also helped in various ways.



Tim & Jean Renne, Sharon Hartung, Chuck & Nancy Tuma, Skip Low, Butch Illig, the Roble family, Bonnie Walsch, Harlan Thaemert, John & Char Turek, Jon Kellen, Ralph Hanson, the Korkowski family, Jeff Theis, Steve Carlson and the crew who put the tents back up and took them down and any others who helped with setup, clean up and the day of the auction. Candis Wickenhauser and Amy Roble along with their families hosted the food booth in the parish center to feed the auction attendees. We also appreciate Mike Berg and his wife Amanda who volunteered their time to be our auctioneer for the day with Ed Fahey helping too!

What's that hole? Some of you may have noticed a small sink hole that appeared in the church parking lot over by the water spigot. What started out as a small dip in the blacktop has grown over the past several months.

Thanks to Jack and Julie Van Remortel for always being so willing to lend a helping hand for their Church whenever needs arise. This past week, Jack brought in some equipment and coworkers from his company to help us evaluate what was causing the hole to increase in size. They were not able to identify the exact cause, but were able to rule out the possibility of broken or leaking water pipes. We will continue to monitor the area and see what happens. It is possible that there was an old well or cistern there in the past.



Angela Hunt, my inspiration to write a book on Mother Teresa!

Angela Hunt, resident of Carver, was recently featured in the Chaska Herald. She is a librarian, author and advocate for persons with Traumatic Brain injury. She has helped me to recall my experiences with Mother Teresa and begin documenting them. She has been very generous by interviewing me regularly, as I am writing a book, 'My time with Mother Teresa of Calcutta.'



Angel's Fest! It was nice to be with our good neighbors for the GA festival last Saturday. This year the theme was Tunes and Food. I had several tacos, I hope you did as well.

Don Schuster's brother! Recently I visited with Don's brother, Dick Schuster who was visiting from



me some American slang when he said, 'Father, you don't let grass grow under your feet.'

California. His zeal for reaching out to people, especially the elderly in California, is truly a Christian act of kindness. He taught

New Roman Missal starting Nov. 27, 2011!

Ready, Set, Go... These are the words the referee would say as we began our marathon/race when I was in school back in India. So too, in this spirit, with a few changes made, we will start praying the Mass on November 27 with a few changes. As your priest, I say with total confidence that we can do it. The following are some questions and answers that can help us to understand the ABC's of the changes to the Mass that are being introduced the first Sunday of Advent.

What is the significance of this Change?

This is the most significant change in the Mass since the Second Vatican Council of the 1960's.

Who needs to be prepared for this change?

Both the people and the priest need to be prepared for this change--both will have new things to learn.

Why change the words in the Mass? In the late 1960's following the Second Vatican Council, the prayers or parts of the Mass were translated into many languages including English from Latin.

Because of the time constraints, those who translated the Mass prayers were under pressure, they were in a hurry to put things together. In other words, they did not do the best job they could in the translation which our Mass deserves.

How are we preparing here at St. Nicholas for this? First, starting the weekend of October 8/9 you will have access to pew cards that highlight all of the changes in the Mass. You can take one or as many as you want home with you for a suggested donation of \$1 each. In fact, this card is the only thing you need, to prepare yourself, to pray the new Mass. Please spend some time looking it over. If you would like more information we have a brochure with more information and a CD from the Light House Catholic Media display you may want to check out. You can also go online to <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/roman-missal/index.cfm>. Second, for next six to seven

weeks, we will go over or practice the changes of the Mass in small sections. You can use the pew cards or we may display the changes on the screen in the church. We will also continue to update you in the bulletin one segment at a time as we go over them.

Welcome Home from Iran! Recently Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal were welcomed home from Iran. You may also remember Sarah Shourd who came home also a year ago. What a blessing for these young people to be reunited with their families after such an experience.

Faith Formation Flash! All are welcome to join us on Oct. 5th for a Blessing of the animals at 7:15 pm in the church. Oct. 8th is the St. John's Family event. RSVP to Jodee in the office by submitting the registration form. Cost includes transportation, lunch, game, & more! Please contact Anne or Jodee if you would be interested in being a substitute teacher this year. Blessings! *Anne*

Sunday Reflection! The Gospel for today is from Matthew 21 in which Jesus says there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He went on a journey and when vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants, they beat one, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Through this parable Jesus is teaching all of us that God is the landlord who owns the apartment and we just rent out His apartment for free. Do we remember that?

In Christ Jesus,
Fr. Thomas Joseph
Fr. Thomas Joseph

Count your blessings every day and you will find yourself living in a world of blessings.

We have some prayer shawls available if anyone is in need of one for someone special. Please contact the parish office or Sharon Menden at sharonstnicholas@embarqmail.com.

We will be having our next card making night on Tuesday, October 4th at 7 pm in the parish center. Please join us as we will be making Christmas cards. If anyone has any Christmas card making supplies or would like to make a cash donation to buy supplies, please drop them off in the parish office.