



This week's Events: TUESDAY: 7 PM Finance & Property Board Meeting WEDNESDAY: 6-7:30 F.F. Classes THURSDAY: AA Meeting in Parish Center FRIDAY: Prayer Group 7:15 PM COUNTERS: Candis W. & Barry S.	Sunday Giving November 9, 2008	
	Children 9.16 Adult Envelopes & Plate..... 1493.00 Collected to date 44,356.80 Budgeted to date 47,190.00 Net (Loss).....(2,833.20)	Lectors: Saturday..Nov 22 4:00pm...Help Needed 7:00pm...Tammy Castanias Sunday...Nov 23 8:00am...Colleen Richardson 10:00am..Mitch Perrine
MASS SERVERS: SaturdayNov 22 4:00pm.....Help Needed 7:00pm.....Jennifer CastaniasEmily Castanias Sunday..... Nov 23 8:00am.....Trevor KozarKatarina Christianson 10:00am..... Nick GestachEmily Gestach	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: SaturdayNov 22 4:00pm.....Help Needed 7:00 pmKurt Korkowski, Tammy & Paul Castanias SundayNov 23 8:00amJane Hanson, Char & Tom Kozar 10am.....Margaret Knutson, Madonna Grapentine & Richard Kvitke	

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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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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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.

COUNCIL AND BOARD

<i>Parish Pastoral Council</i>	
Pres. : Tom Kozar.....	448-6181
<i>Finance and Property Board</i>	
Chair: Candis Wickenhauser.....	448-7657
<i>Faith Formation Board</i>	
Chair: Sue Bolland.....	448-2721
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<i>Lectors</i> - Mitch Perrine.....	448-7535
<i>Servers</i> - Jennifer Szaroletta.....	466-5578
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i> - Nancy Ludouissie.....	448-4266
<i>Sacristan</i> - Terri Schuster.....	448-5256
<i>Funeral</i> - Darlene Mahowald.....	448-4464
<i>Prayer Chain</i> - Darlene Mahowald.....	448-4464
Mercedes Lano.....	448-4798
<i>Environment & Decorating</i> - Tammy Castanias.....	448-7345
<i>Church Cleaning</i> - Nancy Ludouissie.....	448-4266
<i>Welcoming Committee</i> - Kathy Dempsey.....	612-987-1617
<i>Council of Catholic Women</i> - Bonnie Hays.....	361-3496
<i>Bible Study</i> - Mary Perrine.....	448-7535
<i>Evangelization</i> - Jacquelyn Christianson.....	448-9861
<i>Youth Ministry</i> - Jeremy Rich.....	361-0297
<i>Ushers</i> - Madonna Grapentine.....	448-2474
<i>Vincent de Paul Society</i> - Sue Bolland.....	448-2721
<i>"That Man is You"</i> - Tom Kozar.....	448-6181
<i>Sunday School for Children</i> - Tamara Anderson.....	361-6773
<i>Music Ministry</i> - Barry StreLOW.....	448-4363

"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

PENANCE (RECONCILIATION):
Saturdays 6:00-7:00 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

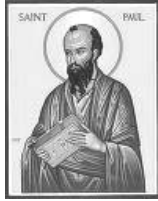
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



St. Paul will be the focus of the first paragraph in the bulletin until June of 2009. Why? It is because, as we know, the celebration of the 2000th birthday of St. Paul continues until June of 2009. In today's second reading, 1 Thessalonians, St. Paul writes, "For all of you are children of the light and children of the day." Do we live like children of the light, children of the day?

Gordon and Alice Wickenhauser have generously made a bulletin rack from scratch which you will find in the vestibule of the church. There are all kinds of learning materials on the bulletin rack. Please feel free to take these resources home, give them to somebody and educate yourself and others.

Communal Penance for the parish will be held on December 15th at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see everyone there. None of us can say, "I do not have to go to confession." The Sacrament of Penance reminds us that we are sinners and all of us need to seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Following is a quote from St. John Mary Vianney (a saint from France) who spent hours and hours hearing confessions.

"My children, as soon as ever you have a little spot upon your soul, you must do like a person who has a fine globe of glass, which he keeps very carefully. If this globe has a little dust on it, he wipes it with a sponge the moment he perceives it, and there is the globe clear and brilliant. In the same way, as soon as you perceive a little stain on your soul, take some holy water with respect, do one of those good works to which the remission of venial sins is attached - an alms, a genuflection to the Blessed Sacrament, hearing a Mass. My children, it is like a person who has a slight illness; he need not go and see a doctor, he may cure himself without. If he has a headache, he need only go to bed; if he is hungry, he has only to eat. But if it is a serious illness, if it is a dangerous wound, he must have the doctor; after the doctor come the remedies. In the same way, when we have fallen into any grievous sin, we must have recourse to the doctor, that is the priest; and to the remedy, that is confession.



Confessional! Finally we are getting all the materials and the workers that we need to finish building the confessional. We hope to complete it sometime before the end of November and we could ask the archbishop to bless the confessional during his visit to our parish on December 6th.

Al and Annette Hentz are a great blessing to our community. They have quietly done so much good for our church. They own "Carver Country Flowers and Gifts" in downtown Carver.



Gerald (Jake) Jacobs was a Korean War veteran! He is a parishioner at St. Nicholas and lives with his wife Loel. On November 11th, Veterans Day, I had lunch with Gerald and Loel. Gerald had so many stories to tell about the Korean War. During the War, Gerald (Jake) carried his wallet and the rosary with it. A bullet went right through the wallet but with God's help and the power of the rosary he survived the enemy fire. Veterans Day gives us the opportunity to honor our parish veterans like Gerald Jacobs, and many more veterans all over the country. Let us pray for our men and women in uniform – may God always protect them as they protect us.

Council of Catholic Women! We invite all women to meet at the parish center on November 17th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please extend this invitation to your friends as well. The mission of the Council of Catholic Women is to empower, educate and support women to lives of service, spirituality and leadership to their families, parishes, communities and the poor of the world. Please call Bonnie Hays at (952) 361-3496 or Father Thomas at (952) 448-2345 with any questions.

What is happening with the parish center expansion? Recently a number of us from St. Nicholas met and discussed the building plan. Yes, it is going to happen. Starting in late November you will hear more and more of the details. In other words, the building committee will keep us posted almost every week from now through the actual ground breaking on May 11, 2009.

Franciscan Clarists of Cologne! We want to thank the good Sisters from Cologne for visiting us last weekend and sharing their stories about St. Alphonsa who is the first saint belonging to their order. Sister Jancy also spoke about the importance of Catholic education for our children. St. Bernard's School in Cologne will be opening the Busy Bee Daycare Center in January of 2009. There will be an open house from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on November 20th, 2008, in the lower level of the new gathering space of St. Bernard Church. For more information about the daycare and the school, there is a link available at www.st-bernard-cologne.org.

Mass times to remember! Before we know it Christmas will be here. Not only Christmas, but also Thanksgiving and many other good things will be happening. Please remember to check Mass times and dates and times of other special events occurring over the next two months. Feel free to cut this apart and post it on your refrigerator.

Thanksgiving Day Mass – Thursday, November 27, at 9:00 a.m.
140th anniversary kick-off celebration Mass with Archbishop Nienstedt – Saturday, December 6, at 9:30 a.m.
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary – Sunday, December 7, at 4:00 p.m.
and Monday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Christmas - Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 4:00 p.m. and Christmas Vigil Mass at 10.30 p.m.
and Christmas Day at 8:00 a.m. and 10 a.m.

140th Celebration Committee! Aren't we lucky to have such a fine committee? We admire their dedication, discipline and sacrifice. Please support them and their efforts in every possible way. Remember, the Archbishop is coming for the Mass, Saturday, December 6th at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: How should we describe the success of a woman? Is the woman who is a pilot or CEO of a company or a teacher more successful than a woman who spends all of her life taking care of her children 24/7? Not at all. No matter whether a mom pursues a career or is a stay at home mom, every mom, every woman's, vocation is special. Today's first reading is from the book of Proverbs and gives a pat on the back to all moms, all women and reminds us of the great privilege our women have been given whether they choose motherhood, career, or both: "When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates."

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

Carver Lion's Fifth Annual Senior (65 & over) Luncheon will be December 10th in the lower level of Carver Village Hall at 11:30 a.m. Please call Lee Ostlie at 952-448-4743 by December 5 to reserve your spot and let them know if you need transportation. This is your invitation as they will not be mailed this year. There will be social time and games after lunch from 12:30 – 1:30.

Open your heart and home for five weeks this summer to a 10 or 11 year-old child from Northern Ireland. Over 4,000 Catholic and Protestant boys and girls from Belfast and surrounding communities have experienced the hospitality of families like yours throughout the program's 36 years of operation. Children selected to participate in the program this summer will arrive in the Twin Cities June 30, 2009 and depart with a lifetime of memories and friendships on August 1, 2009. Call 651-405-1108 or go to www.cpni.org to find out how your family can participate in this remarkable program.

Natural Family Planning Classes will be offered at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 13505 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka, MN. Classes begin on Wednesday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. To register, please call 612-721-3791 or visit www.twincities.ccli.org.