

WEDNESDAY Nov 5th
6:00pm. Faith Formation
THURSDAY Nov 6th
A.A Meeting
FRIDAY Nov 7th
Prayer Group @ 7:15PM.
Sunday, Nov 9th
Counter Tom G. & Sam W.

Sunday Giving Oct 26, 2008

Children.....13.96
Adult Envelopes & Plate.....1958.06
Collected to date.....38,721.67
Budgeted to date.....42,534.00
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Lectors
Saturday..Nov 8
7:00p.....Christine C.
Sunday...Nov 9
8:00am...Dotty Illig
10:00am..Zach Bolland

Mass Intentions
Nov 8th 7:00pm. Michael Schutrop
Nov 9th 8:00am Julia Poppler
10:00am. Margie Anhalt

MASS SERVERS:

SaturdayNov 8th
7:00.....Christine Castanias
.....Christopher Walter
Sunday..... Nov 9th
8:00am.....Tessa Siegfried
.....Chase Siegfried
10:00am..... Samantha Prasher
.....Kayla Bolland

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SaturdayNov 8
7:00 pmPaul Castanias
.....Corine Klaseus
8:00amSharon Hartung
.....Butch & Dottie Illig
10am.....Sue Bolland
.....Victoria Forner

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

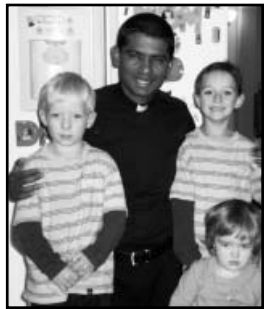
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The Hanson children
(Adam, Tommy & Maddie)



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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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.
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

PENANCE (RECONCILIATION):

Saturdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.
or anytime as requested

MARRIAGE:

Call the parish office to make arrangements

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THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40

St. Paul's birthday celebration continues! St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians 3: 7 writes, "We speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory." Yes, brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is the wisdom. During this week, did you attempt to store this wisdom, this treasure?

Gail Johnson! After many years of loyal service, Gail will be leaving her position at the rectory. We are most grateful for the work she has faithfully performed for the parish and pray for God's blessings on her future endeavors.

Holy Land's Mount Tabor in Carver! When I was in the Holy Land several months ago, I had the opportunity to visit Mount Tabor, where Jesus took Peter, James and John. The hill where St. Nicholas is located reminds me of Mount Tabor of the Holy Land. It is a place of peace and prayer—a house of God where people can come and spend time in prayer. Starting in November, during the daytime we will keep the church open. Please feel free to come and spend some time in prayer.

Barry Strelow has been working hard to begin the children's choir in our parish. Parents please encourage your children to take advantage of this great opportunity—an opportunity to sing and praise God.

Paige Siegfried is another generous soul helping to make the Christmas program a reality this year. Please encourage your children to take part in the Christmas program!

Communal Penance will be held at St. Nicholas Church in preparation for Christmas. It will be held on Monday, the 15th of December, at 7:00 p.m. There will be another priest and myself hearing confessions that evening. Please take advantage of this great opportunity.

Mitch Perrine is a blessing to our community. He is an intelligent and honest man who does a great job as principal of the school, besides generously serving our church community. He promised his students that he would camp on the school roof for 24 hours if his students met the school's \$21,000 Read-A-Thon goal. They surpassed it by \$1,500! We congratulate you Mr. Perrine for giving your whole heart, mind and soul for the well being of your students and school.

Sunday School is scheduled to begin November 9th during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please drop your preschool through kindergarten-aged children off no earlier than 9:45 a.m. at the Parish Center for check-in. We will read and discuss a bible story, work on an art project, and have a snack together while the adults attend Mass. We are still looking for volunteers (5th graders and up) to help with the students and anyone else who wishes to assist in teaching. If you are interested in volunteering, have questions or would like to share ideas please contact Tammi Anderson at 361-6773 or tanderson937@comcast.net.

Men and women in uniform! Let us not forget that so many of our men and women defend our country day after day. Let us pray for their safety and the safety of those whom they serve throughout the world.



Congratulations Eucharistic ministers! We congratulate Jacuelyn Christianson and Mary Omollo, our newest Eucharistic ministers. Remember, anyone who is confirmed can consider becoming a Eucharistic minister. Recently I asked Nick Gestach, another fine young man from our parish whether he would be interested in becoming a Eucharistic minister. We need many courageous people like Nick, people of all ages who would agree to become Eucharistic ministers.

All Saints Day! November 1st (Saturday) we celebrated All Saints Day. Originally the word "saint" was synonymous with "martyr." A martyr is the one who witnesses faith in Christ even to death. Normally, after a martyr's death, local Christians would bury the person in a tomb that would be accessible to the faithful. On the anniversary of the martyr's death Christians would gather at the tomb of the martyr to pray and celebrate the Mass. Eventually, the memorial celebration of the martyrs occurred in churches instead of at the tombs. Then, not only those who were martyred, but even those who led heroic gospel-inspired lives were often acclaimed as a saint. *The theology and the celebration of the feast emphasize the bond between those Christians already with God and those still on earth (us). The feast of All Saints reminds us that, sainthood is not reserved for a few special people; rather, you and I have the opportunity to become saints. As Blessed Teresa of Calcutta would say, "A saint is the one who does ordinary things with extraordinary love."



All Souls Day! Is celebrated November 2nd. This feast has been celebrated since the 11th century for deceased Christians with prayers that they may rest in peace. In the third century, Christians spoke of an intermediate place of rest where the dead waited until the final judgment. Around this same time, St. John Chrysostom, one of the early fathers of the Church also wrote about the idea of the



deceased's need for purification before seeing God face to face. This feast reminds us that even though some Christians may die in peace with God and one another, some of our deceased brothers may need some purification before seeing God. It is an opportunity and reminder for all of us that we have an obligation to pray for the dead. My grandmother who was an inspiration for me in becoming a priest often told me to remember her in the Mass. Each time I say Mass, I remember her. The feast of All Souls Day reminds us that our obligation to remain connected and pray for the dead, does not end with the funeral but rather continues. Let us pray for our deceased brothers and sisters so that someone else may pray for us when we are dead. The feasts of All Saints and All Souls remind us that there is a connection between the living and the dead. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church #954 reads, "At the present time some of His (Jesus') disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified (in purgatory), while still others are in glory, contemplating in full light, God Himself triune and one, exactly as He is."

November 4th is Election Day! Last week there was a bulletin insert on Faithful Citizenship. I hope you took time to read, reflect and pray on it. The first paragraph is from the first encyclical of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love), number 29. And the Second paragraph is from Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith's "Doctrinal Note on some questions regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life," number 4. We can now determine more precisely, in the life of the Church, the relationship between commitment to the just ordering of the State and society on the one hand, and organized charitable activity on the other. We have seen that the formation of just structures is not directly the duty of the Church, but belongs to the world of politics, the sphere of the autonomous use of reason. The Church has an indirect duty here, in that she is called to contribute to the purification of reason and to the reawakening of those moral forces without which just structures are neither established nor prove effective in the long run. The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society, on the other hand, is proper to the lay faithful. As citizens of the State, they are called to take part in public life in a personal capacity. So they cannot relinquish their participation "in the many different economic, social, legislative, administrative and cultural areas, which are intended to promote organically and institutionally the common good." The mission of the lay faithful is therefore to configure social life correctly, respecting its legitimate autonomy and cooperating with other citizens according to their respective competencies and fulfilling their own responsibility.22 Even if the specific expressions of ecclesial charity can never be confused with the activity of the State, it still remains true that charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as "social charity". It must be noted also that a well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law which contradicts the fundamental contents of faith and morals. The Christian faith is an integral unity, and thus it is incoherent to isolate some particular element to the detriment of the whole Catholic doctrine. A political commitment to a single aspect of the Church's social doctrine does not exhaust one's responsibility towards the common good."

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

Sunday, Nov 2 Hay ride and bon fire 5:00pm. At the Wickenhausers 11360 Guernsey Ave. Chaska. Everyone bring a snack. Hot dogs, smores, and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to ckozarstnicholas@embarqmail.com.

Please consider volunteering to be a Lay Eucharistic or Lector!
Qualification for Lay Eucharistic Ministry include: being a practicing Catholic, having been Baptized and Confirmed into the Catholic Church, if married, married in the Catholic Church, and at least 18 years of age. If interested please call the parish office or Nancy Ludovissie, Eucharistic Minister Coordinator.

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