

<p>This week's Events:</p> <p>WEDNESDAY: No F.F. Classes 7 PM Ecumenical Service</p> <p>THURSDAY: Happy Thanksgiving! 9 AM Mass Lector: Cathy Pass Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Swirtz, Butch Illig & Cathy Pass Servers: Sam & Thomas Roble</p> <p>FRIDAY: Prayer Group 7:15 PM</p> <p>COUNTERS: Mitch P. & Sam W.</p>	<p align="center">Sunday Giving November 16, 2008</p> <p>Children 34.60 Adult Envelopes & Plate 2205.11 Collected to date 46,711.41 Budgeted to date 49,518.00 Net (Loss).....(2,806.59)</p>	
	<p>Lectors:</p> <p>Saturday.....Nov 29 4:00pm...Help Needed 7:00pm...Kurt Korkowski Sunday.....Nov 30 8:00am...Cathy Pass 10:00am...Sam Welter</p>	<p>Mass Intentions:</p> <p>Nov 27 9:00am World Peace Nov 29 4:00pm People with Cancer 7:00pm Julie Poppler Nov 30 8:00am Gerald Jacobs Family 10:00am The people of our parish</p>
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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.

"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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THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46

St. Paul and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! St. Paul often talks about the Resurrection in his letters. In his first letter to the Corinthians 15: 14-17 St. Paul writes, "If Christ has not been raised, then empty too is our preaching; empty, too, your faith." Why is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ so important? Just as Jesus did not forever hang on the cross, just as the tragedy of the cross did not last forever, in the same way, there is also an end to our problems and the misunderstandings of our daily lives. Just as Jesus came back to eternal life, we too, who are claimed for Jesus through our baptism, will also follow the same destiny as Jesus, will come back to eternal life, will be freed from all our sins, will be freed from all pains. St. Paul's emphasis on resurrection makes so much sense, because just as Jesus came out of the tomb, we will leave our tombs, and be with God in heaven forever.

St. Albert the Great (1206-1280) whose feast day we celebrated on November 15th was a 13th-century German Dominican and students of philosophy know him as the master of Thomas Aquinas. Albert's attempt to understand Aristotle's writings established the climate in which Thomas Aquinas developed his synthesis of Greek wisdom and Christian theology. Albert's boundless interests prompted him to write a compendium of all knowledge: natural science, logic, rhetoric, mathematics, astronomy, ethics, economics, politics and metaphysics. His explanation of learning took 20 years to complete. Modern man sees a contradiction between faith and science. Albert, himself a man of faith, taught that faith and science are complimentary. A Doctor of the Church, he is the patron saint of scientists and philosophers. Albert wrote many prayers to the Eucharistic Redeemer, of which the best-known, follows:

Hail, Savior of the world, the Father's Word -- true victim, living flesh, wholly God, truly man. Ingrafted in you, may we be worthily offered in your Majesty's divine temple. Brought near to the Body at the Father's right hand, may we one day share your eternity, have fellowship in your bliss, and be incarnate in your Incarnation, for yours is all honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen!



Council of Catholic Women was a great success! A number of women from the area recently met at the parish center. It was nice to see so many of our women respond so generously to this invitation. Just as our men's group is going great, so too, I am convinced that our women's group is going to go well. I strongly encourage all of you women to consider joining this group. If you need any more information please call Bonnie Hays at (952) 361-3496.

Generosity never dies! The economy may be shaken, but the generosity of people is not shaken. Recently I watched on the news where people were picking up the bill for strangers in the grocery store and for drive-through coffee. We are fortunate to have similar generous souls right in our midst. It is obvious in the way people continue to support the church, not just through cash contributions, but in so many ways. As typical stewardship language would describe, "Time, Talent and Treasure". Our sincere gratitude goes to Rich Roiger who worked so hard and continues to work on building the beautiful confessional we have at the back of the church; we express our gratitude to Joe Hammers for helping us with all the electrical work that was needed in the new confessional and many others like Tom Gestach and Doug Fahey for all the additional support they offered. We will have the confessional blessed when the Archbishop is here on December 6th for the 140th celebration kick-off Mass. We thank Mike and Darcee Sobraska, for generously donating the incense stand and for Jean Seegert for donating the office tables the parish needed. To make a long story short, it is not possible to list all the names of you who help in so many ways. Yes, the economy may be shaken, but your generosity is not shaken.

Mass times to remember! As I mentioned last week, the coming weeks will be a time of prayer, blessings and celebrations. Let us make a commitment to come to church first and then have the celebration. As I often tell the children, "If you want to look cute, and feel better, come to church first." Following are the Mass times for upcoming special occasions. Please clip and save this information for future reference.

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.
New Year – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Wednesday, December 31, at 4:00 p.m.
and Thursday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Gift! Recently a fine couple who moved into the area came to the church asking for help. We as a parish were able to help them out by using the emergency fund for the needy. It is important to reimburse that money so that we can help someone else in the future. If you are able and if you would like, please consider making a Christmas donation to St. Nicholas, with the note "St. Vincent de Paul Fund" so that we could use it for those in need.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service! An Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held at the West Union Lutheran church, on Wednesday the 26th of November at 7:00 p.m. Since day one when I came to Carver, people have been talking about this. Hope to see those of you who can make it there. Please remember that on Thanksgiving Day we will have a special Mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Nicholas. Hope to see all of you in the church that day. Please come to Church for 9:00 a.m. Mass, and then having thanked God for the bountiful harvest and His many other blessings, we can go home and cook the turkey. God comes first, and then comes the food that comes from God. As we celebrate the Mass, let us remember that the word Eucharist from the Greek *eucharistein* means "Thanksgiving". Our Lord gives us a most bountiful feast at this holy meal and our souls are nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ who is truly and substantially present. Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving traditions can be different for each family but the meaning of the holiday remains the same. We celebrate the autumn harvest and all of the blessings of the past year the same as the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians did in 1621. Several Presidents, including George Washington, made one-time Thanksgiving holidays. Thanksgiving Day has been observed as a national holiday since the time of Lincoln and was set by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 (approved by Congress in 1941) to be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of every November.



Mass with Archbishop Nienstedt is on December 6, at 9.30 a.m. Please plan to spend some time at the social after Mass.

St. Nicholas Website! As you know www.stnicholascarver.org is our parish website. Whenever you go online please check our website and use it as a learning tool for the whole family.

East Union Lutheran Church! Dear Parents and Kids, we have been invited for a Youth Game Night! Grades 7-12 on Sunday, November 23rd from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. They will have Wii and Guitar Hero just to name a few! Come for a competition with your friends. Please RSVP to Char Kozar by Friday the 21st. ckozarstnicholas@embarqmail.com or 952-448-6181. If rides are needed please let me know. Thank you!

Sunday Reflection: CHRIST THE KING! Empires have come and gone, kingdoms have come and gone, presidents and prime ministers have come and gone, but Jesus the King will ALWAYS be our king. I am proud to serve this king as His priest. No doubt, each and every one of you is proud to serve this king in whatever vocation that God has blessed you with. There are so many good people in history who help us to get closer to God. But there is only one person in history who called Himself God and that is Jesus Christ the King. He is the most attractive of all kings because He is the humble king whom we do not have to be afraid to approach. He comes to us in so many ways, especially in the Eucharist which we can chew and eat and in which we are nourished by God the Almighty coming to us in the form of bread and wine. As we hear in today's gospel (Matthew 25:40) Jesus says, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Let us pledge our faithfulness to this king of kings, who teaches us that true strength consists in caring for the least of our brothers and sisters, the vulnerable, and the weak.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

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There will be a free community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 27, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church on 4th & Oak Street in downtown Chaska. Reservations are not necessary, please come. The event is sponsored by area churches & local businesses.

St. John's Jordan Council of Catholic Women will host their annual Holiday Breakfast, Boutique, Bake Sale event on Sunday, December 7th from 8 am to 12 noon in St. John's Parish Hall in Jordan. A tasty breakfast of sausage, eggs, coffee, cake, milk and juice will be served. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Numerous crafts which include handmade decorations and gifts, tree ornaments, holiday candy, breads and bakery treats, plus several raffle items and a silent auction are annual features. Please come and join us in the holiday spirit.

Unfortunately, a growing number of parishioners need the assistance of a lawyer during these tough economic times. If you are in need of a lawyer who does *pro bono* work, you can check out the Volunteer Lawyer Network ("VLN"). VLN takes people with needs and matches them to volunteers who will help them with a specific problem. Their website is <http://www.volunteerlawyersnetwork.org>.

The Friends of the Friary are cleaning up and repairing the Old Friary. St. Nicholas's parishioners are especially invited to explore the architectural time capsule, and delve into a very important part of St. Nicholas's history. At one time, St. Nicholas's parishioners were never allowed beyond the front door, nor into the gardens behind the Friary. Now we can. So come for guided adventures on any Saturday in November and the first Saturday of December, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., with the last tour beginning at 3:30 p.m. The tours begin in the 1868 Friary entrance. The touring will end in time for 5 p.m. Mass at GA. You can get a preview of St. Nicholas parish's friary at this website: www.tcdailyplanet.net/image-galleries/Old+Friary. Our friary is at 218 West Second Street, downtown Chaska; 952-227-4000. Just look for the tallest steeple in town. Bring a jacket, your family, friends, and a sense of adventure!