



2008 Christmas Pageant

# St. Nicholas Catholic Church

A community committed to welcoming, stewardship and evangelizing since 1868



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Fr. Thomas with St. Nicholas youth in front of the Nativity.



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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## COUNCIL AND BOARD

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**Saturday:** 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

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Rosary ½ hr. before Mass

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**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:

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)  
Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

**Happy Christmas to all of you my brothers and sisters!** In the first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew we read, “When his (Jesus’) mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, ‘God is with us.’” When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”

Dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas story is a simple story. By choosing to be born in a humble stable, Jesus is reminding us that we are called to lead a life that is simple, straightforward and never complicated. As the Christmas story is simple and straightforward, easy to understand, do we want to lead a life that is simple, straightforward and peaceful or do we complicate our lives more and more?

**All are welcome!** Welcome all of you dear friends – young and old. As Mary and Joseph accommodated the needs of the tiny baby Jesus, we, the parish family of St. Nicholas, are willing to help you and accommodate your needs in whatever way we can. We have activities for all ages, men, women and children. We have added a crying room in the balcony for parents with babies and there is a Sunday School for the little ones in the Parish Center every Sunday. If you have questions about the Sunday School, please contact Tammy Anderson at 361-6773. If you have other needs or requests, please call the parish office and ask for myself or Jodee Korkowski, our parish secretary/administrative assistant, and we will be more than happy to help you in any way we can. Please take a moment and check out our parish website at [www.stnicholascarver.org](http://www.stnicholascarver.org) to find out all the good things that are happening in our parish community. If we can be of support to you in any way, or if you want to support us in any way, please let us know.

**Young people welcome back from college and/or work!** Remember, this is your church, this is your family — we count on your prayers and connectedness to St. Nicholas where your family members come to worship. Enjoy the good times with your family and have a safe journey back to school or your workplace.

**Thank you** to all of you who took the time to sign up for the parish pictorial directory. We encourage those of you who did not sign up yet to please take a minute and sign up either on the sheet at the back of the church or online. Your cooperation will be a great help to us. You do not have to buy your copy. But you can help St. Nicholas significantly by signing up and coming to have your picture taken on one of these three days: January 15th, 16th or 17th. God bless you. If you any questions, please call Jodee Korkowski at (952) 448-2345.

**I send you special Christmas blessings and prayers.** For those of you who do not know me, my name is Fr. Thomas Joseph, pastor of St. Nicholas Catholic Church. I am originally from India and had the blessing to work with Mother Teresa of Calcutta and her nuns. I studied at the St. Paul Seminary and was ordained a priest in May of 2005. I served as associate pastor at Divine Mercy Catholic Church for three years and came to Carver as a Pastor in September 2008. If you would like to know more, you can go to the parish website under Weekly Bulletins and click on Fr. Thomas Joseph’s First Letter. God bless you.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

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CHRISTMAS  
Father Thomas.  
you are a priest.



Merry  
Christmas!