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| <b>This Week's Events:</b><br><br>TUESDAY: 7 PM Property & Finance Board Meeting<br><br>4-10 PM 9 <sup>th</sup> grade Net Retreat - PC<br><br>WEDNESDAY: F.F. Classes<br>6 – 7:30<br><br>FRIDAY: Prayer Group 7:15 PM<br><br>COUNTERS: Candis & Barry  | <b>Sunday Giving February 8, 2009</b>   |   |
|  | Children ..... 13.66<br>Adult Envelopes & Plate ..... 1635.00<br>Collected to date ..... 75,319.51<br>Budgeted to date ..... 74,496.00<br>Net ..... 823.51  | <b>Lectors:</b><br>Saturday.....Feb 21<br>4:00pm....Help Needed<br>7:00pm....Christine Castanias<br>Sunday.....Feb 22<br>8:00am....Colleen Richardson<br>10:00am....Jeremy Rich |
| <b>MASS SERVERS:</b><br>Saturday .....Feb 21<br>4:00pm.....Mike Szaroletta<br>.....Tony Szaroletta<br>7:00pm.....Jennifer Castanias<br>.....Emily Castanias<br><br>Sunday.....Feb 22<br>8:00am.....Katarina Christianson<br>.....Connor Christianson<br>10:00am.....Drew Larson<br>.....Thomas Roble | <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b><br>Saturday .....Feb 21<br>4:00pm.....Margaret Knutson<br>.....Two Volunteers Needed<br>7:00 pm .....Tammy & Paul Castanias<br>.....Kurt Korkowski<br><br>Sunday .....Feb 22<br>8:00am.....Sharon Hartung<br>.....Cathy Pass & Mary Poppler<br>10am.....Jeremy Rich, Amy Roble<br>.....& Steve Roble |   |

# St. Nicholas Catholic Church

A community committed to welcoming, stewardship and evangelizing since 1868



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*Fr. Thomas Joseph at a Wickenhauser Family gathering.*



*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                              |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Administrative Assistant</b>    | Jodee Korkowski .....448-2345<br>jodeestnicholas@embarqmail.com |
| <b>Director of Faith Formation</b> | Father Thomas Joseph .....448-2345                              |
| <b>Maintenance</b>                 | Lester Wickenhauser .....448-7657                               |

*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                 |                                   |
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| <u>Parish Pastoral Council</u>    |                                   |
| Pres.:                            | Bill Hays.....bhays02@yahoo.com   |
| <u>Finance and Property Board</u> |                                   |
| Chair:                            | Candis Wickenhauser .....448-7657 |
| <u>Faith Formation Board</u>      |                                   |
| Chair:                            | Sue Bolland .....448-2721         |

*Adoration*

**Every Friday:** 6:00-6:45 p.m.  
**1st Friday of each month:** 3:00-6:45 p.m.

**"Coffee & Rolls with the Priest"**  
**Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass**

| COORDINATORS                        |   |
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| <u>Cemetery</u>                     | JoAnn Hasse .....612-708-4118                               |
| <u>Lectors</u>                      | Sue Stromberg .....952-679-4576                             |
| <u>Servers</u>                      | Jennifer Szaroletta .....466-5578                           |
| <u>Eucharistic Minister</u>         | Jacquelyn Christianson.....448-9861                         |
| <u>Sacristan</u>                    | Terri Schuster .....448-5256                                |
| <u>Funeral</u>                      | Darlene Mahowald.....448-4464                               |
| <u>Prayer Chain</u>                 | Darlene Mahowald.....448-4464<br>Mercedes Lano.....448-4798 |
| <u>Environment &amp; Decorating</u> | Tammy Castanias.....448-7345                                |
| <u>Church Cleaning</u>              | Nancy Ludouissie .....448-4266                              |
| <u>Welcoming Committee</u>          | Kathy Dempsey .....612-987-1617                             |
| <u>Council of Catholic Women</u>    |   |
|                                     | Bonnie Hays .....bhays02@yahoo.com                          |
| <u>Evangelization</u>               | Jacquelyn Christianson .....448-9861                        |
| <u>Youth Ministry</u>               | Jeremy Rich .....361-0297                                   |
| <u>Ushers</u>                       | Madonna Grapentine .....448-2474                            |
| <u>Vincent de Paul Society</u>      | Sue Bolland .....448-2721                                   |
| <u>"That Man is You"</u>            | Bill Hays .....bhays02@yahoo.com                            |
| <u>Sunday School for Children</u>   | Tamara Anderson .....361-6773                               |
| <u>Music Ministry</u>               | Barry Strelow.....448-4363                                  |
| <u>Pastoral Care</u>                | Nancy Ludouissie.....448-4266                               |
| <u>Landscaping</u>                  | Annette and Al Hentz .....952-270-2717                      |
| <u>Children's Choir</u>             | Linda Monsen.....466-2089                                   |

*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., 3:30-4:00 p.m., 6:15-7:00 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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| <p><b>T.J. Replacement Windows</b></p> <p>Windows • Doors • Siding<br/> <b>TOM GESTACH</b><br/>       (952) 448-4312 Carver, MN</p>   | <p><b>RALPH W. BAILEY, C.P.A.</b><br/> <b>Tax and Accounting Services</b><br/>       Form 1040 &amp; State Returns<br/>       COMPILATION AND REVIEW SERVICES<br/>       Courteous • Skillful • Timely</p> <p>612-743-7439 (Cell) 116 2nd Street East<br/>       952-448-9939 (Home) Chaska, MN 55318<br/>       E-mail: <a href="mailto:rwbtax@gmail.com">rwbtax@gmail.com</a></p>  | <p><b>BARRY STRELOW</b><br/>       REALTOR®<br/>       Direct: 952-496-5236<br/>       Cell: 651-753-0417<br/>       Fax: 952-445-8252<br/> <a href="mailto:barrystrelow@edinarealty.com">barrystrelow@edinarealty.com</a><br/> <b>Edina Realty</b><br/>       1228 Vierling Drive<br/>       Shakopee, MN 55379</p>  |
| <p>TO PLACE AN AD, call the St. Nicholas office: (952) 448-2345</p>   | <p><b>Pray for Vocations</b></p>   | <p><b>Carver Country Flowers &amp; Gifts</b><br/>       Floral Studio inside Treasure Chest Antiques<br/>       109 3rd Street East<br/>       Carver, MN 55315<br/>       B: 952-681-7582 C: 952-270-2717<br/> <a href="mailto:CarverFlowers@gmail.com">CarverFlowers@gmail.com</a><br/>       Annette &amp; Al Hentz, Owners<br/> <i>Distinctive floral creations with an informal charm.</i></p> |

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FEBRUARY 15, 2009 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45

**St. Paul and his 2000<sup>th</sup> birthday!** You good people remembered my birthday and expressed your wishes and prayers. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. Because of the great impact that he had in our lives, we still celebrate the birthday of this great Christian giant St. Paul, even after 2000 years. In today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 he writes, "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Yes, it is possible for us to enjoy a glass of beer and a nice dinner and still give glory to God — the language that we use in Church can be the same language that we use when we have a glass of beer and enjoy each other's company. Let us ask ourselves, "Do I give glory to God 24/7, no matter where I am, or are there times when I set God aside during my day?"

 **Interested in Marriage Ministry!** Laurie Forner is actively involved in marriage ministry. Recently Laurie and I met and discussed training some of you good people to be mentor couples to those who are preparing for the Sacrament of marriage and in fact to help couples in general. To find out more about this noble opportunity through which you could minister to our couples please call Laurie Forner at (952) 448-7838.

**Landscape Committee!** Al and Annette Hentz are a fine couple who own Carver County Flowers and Gifts. They have generously volunteered to build a garden on our beautiful St. Nicholas property every summer for the next several years. This summer they will spend time working on this project. If you are interested in knowing more about this or want to help, please call (952) 681-7582 or (952) 270-2717.

**Kathryn Shelley's (3<sup>rd</sup> grader at GA School) Valentines Day letter to her little sister Michaela!** I love you so much! I would cry if I didn't have you for my sister. I remember when I kissed you right when you were born. And its still there you know. You are a talented little girl. I bet everyone likes you! You can sing very good! You run really fast on the grass. I hope you have a good time with Natalie. I know she is one of your friends. She is Megan. It's really fun when you play with me! You are nice to others. You really care about animals. You are the best sister I could have! You are also the only one I would want for a sister! I hope you have a great Valentines day! I also hope you have a great Easter! Because Easter is when Jesus rose from the dead. And Valentines Day is when you share your love to others like what are families always does. Like when mom and dad give us kisses at night time. I would not have anyone to play with Katie. You are smart. You really are nice little girl. And you are cool!!!

**Dates to Remember!** Mass with Archbishop Nienstedt, March 15 and Mass with Archbishop Flynn April 26. Both the bishops are coming for the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. At 7:00 p.m, March 15, we will be blessed with the presence of internationally known speaker Dale Alquist at St. Nicholas. Ash Wednesday Masses will be 7:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

**First Communion on May 3<sup>rd</sup>!** Since May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day, some parents and teachers suggested that we change the date of First Communion from May 10<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will celebrate First Communion at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. I hope this change does not cause any inconvenience for anyone. Please mark your calendars.

**Benefit Dinner for Jean Laumann!** As I mentioned before, we will be having a benefit dinner for Jean Laumann at the parish center on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping in any way, please call the parish office.



**Our Lady of Lourdes!** The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in southern France is the most visited pilgrimage site in the world – principally because of the apparent healing properties of the waters of the spring that appeared during the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to a poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Bernadette Soubiroux. The first apparition occurred February 11, 1858. There were eighteen in all; the last took place July 16, of the same year. Bernadette often fell into an ecstasy during these apparitions, as was witnessed by the hundreds who attended the later visions, though no one except Bernadette ever saw or heard the apparition. Let us honor Our Lady by saying at least one Hail Mary every day. (*Various sources; principal source - Catholic Encyclopedia - 1913 edition.*)



St. John Bosco was born of poor parents in Becchi, Italy in 1815. When he was only 2 yrs old his father died. His stepbrother wasn't good to him. However, his mother Margaret loved him dearly. The great thing that we remember about the life of this man is that he cared for the youth in the streets, in gangs. He used magic tricks to draw the young people to himself and eventually to God. Let us pray to this patron saint of youth that we may bring people to Jesus, just as St. John Bosco brought people to Jesus.

St. Blaise was from Armenia, which is modern day Turkey. He was born in the first century. He is often depicted or portrayed with crossed candles and to this day on his feast day people have their throats blessed with crossed candles. He is traditionally called the patron saint of throat illnesses. Let us pray to St. Blaise especially for those who suffer from diseases of the throat.



St. Scholastica was born in Italy around the year 480. She is the sister of St. Benedict, the founder of the monastic way of life. There is an interesting story about St. Benedict and St. Scholastica. Benedict was visiting his sister with some other monks. Scholastica knew in her heart that this would be their last visit. She pleaded with him that he would stay the night so that they might pray and praise God together through the night. Benedict insisted that he had to return to his monastery. At that time, she prayed so hard that God sent a storm with violent rain and hail. Benedict was forced to stay the night with his sister. He said, "What have you done to me sister?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor and you refused to stay. So I asked God and He granted it." Let us have the faith of St. Scholastica.

**Happy Valentines Day!** We often hear people say, "Marriage is work." Yes, if a couple wants to grow in love, they need to realize that they need to work on their marriage every single day. A priest friend of mine said, "Just as those studying to be priests go to seminary for several years, in the same way every couple preparing for marriage should also take a course before getting married." Valentines Day once again is a reminder to all our couples of the need to take time for each other, the need to understand that "marriage is work." Our Holy Father Pope Benedict the XVI said, "Marriage...based on exclusive and definitive love becomes the icon of the relationship between God and His people and vice versa." Let us pray that our married couples, by the way they live their lives, may reflect the love that exists between God and man (human beings).

**Sunday Reflection!** In today's gospel (Mark 1: 40-45) we see Jesus granting healing to a leper. After Jesus healed him, Jesus told him not to tell anyone. On the contrary, the leper who received the healing went around and spread the good news of what a great person Jesus was. I am sure Jesus was OK with that — after all; he said good things about Jesus and never bad things. Let us be like that leper — always spreading good things about people, telling each other what a great person so and so is and let us never waste our time spreading things about people that are not constructive and Christian. It has been said, "Always speak well of others. If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

Thank you to those who returned their pledges for the Catholic Services Appeal today. For those of you continuing to prayerfully respond, we ask that you return your pledge form to Mass next weekend. Your pledge will touch the lives of so many needs in our parish. As a reminder, our parish receives 25% of all gifts made through our parish. The need has never been greater and your response is greatly appreciated. "We are one body, one body in Christ."

There will be an Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction at East Union Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 22 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. \$6/Adults, \$3/kids 10 & under, Free/3 & under and \$20/Family.

Don't forget some of our upcoming 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events: March 15 - Archbishop Nienstedt will be here for the 10 am Mass and we will have our last pancake breakfast of the season. That same evening, join us at 7 pm for a presentation by Dale Ahlquist. Sunday April 19 - we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with a Mass at 4 pm and a spaghetti supper to follow at 5 pm. Sunday April 26 – Archbishop Emeritus Flynn will be here for the 10 am Mass.

The most important relationship most anyone can have – outside of one's relationship with God – is with one's spouse. We all know that the success rate for married couples in America is around 50%. And this includes Catholic married couples. All couples should check out Marriage Encounter, including those of mixed Christian faiths: [www.taborinni.com/wwme/Chaska/section8.html](http://www.taborinni.com/wwme/Chaska/section8.html). Carver County has one of the most active M.E. groups in the state and nation.