

<p>This Week's Events:</p> <p>WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday Service at 7 AM & 6:15 PM</p> <p>FRIDAY: Prayer Group 7:15 PM</p> <p>COUNTERS: Tom & Bill</p>	<p>Sunday Giving February 15, 2009</p> <p>Children 6.97</p> <p>Adult Envelopes & Plate..... 2268.56</p> <p>Collected to date 77,595.04</p> <p>Budgeted to date 76,824.00</p> <p>Net..... 771.04</p>	
	<p>Lectors:</p> <p>Saturday.....Feb 28</p> <p>4:00pm....Nancy Ludovissie</p> <p>7:00pm....Kurt Korkowski</p> <p>Sunday.....Mar 1</p> <p>8:00am....Marita Riesgraf</p> <p>10:00am...Suzanne Stromberg</p>	<p>Mass Intentions:</p> <p>Feb 28 4:00pm Michael Schutrop</p> <p>7:00pm Mary Pat Varney</p> <p>Mar 1 8:00am Henry & Delores Schutrop</p> <p>10:00am Cynthia Bruska</p>
<p>MASS SERVERS:</p> <p>SaturdayFeb 28</p> <p>4:00pm.....Kayla Bolland</p> <p>.....Tyler Fisher</p> <p>7:00pm.....Christopher Walters</p> <p>.....Help Needed</p> <p>Sunday.....Mar 1</p> <p>8:00am.....Brooke Wickenhauser</p> <p>.....Help Needed</p> <p>10:00am.....Mary Welter</p> <p>.....Sam Wickenhauser</p>	<p>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</p> <p>SaturdayFeb 28</p> <p>4:00pm.....Nancy Ludovissie</p> <p>.....Sue Bolland & Help Needed</p> <p>7:00 pmGail & Frank Ruhland</p> <p>.....Kurt Korkowski</p> <p>SundayMar 1</p> <p>8:00am.....Candis Wickenhauser</p> <p>.....2 Volunteers Needed</p> <p>10am.....Teresa Theide, Victoria Forner</p> <p>.....& Richard Kvittek</p>	

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Fr. Thomas Joseph with the Friday Prayer Group.



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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.

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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

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:

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FEBRUARY 22, 2009 – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25 Ps 41:2-3, 4-5, 13-14 2 Cor 1:18-22 Mk 2:1-12

St. Paul bore the mark of Jesus on his body! St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians 6:17 writes, “I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.” Like Paul, can you and I say the same thing? In my body, in my words, in my deeds I bear the mark of Jesus.



Ash Wednesday Mass! Ash Wednesday Masses will be celebrated on the 25th of February at 7:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. On that day, I will also say Mass at the Holy Family Catholic High School and St. Gertrude Nursing home. In our lives, we are called to be priests for everyone—young and old.

Ash Wednesday! With the observance of Ash Wednesday, we begin the Lenten season. The following excerpt is taken from the book titled Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask, 2003. It is worth reading this article as we are about to begin the Lenten Season this coming week.

What makes Ash Wednesday so special? *My wife, a convert of one year, wonders about the fascination of Ash Wednesday. We go to Mass on holy days of obligation and there’s a fair crowd. But on Ash Wednesday, not a holy day, the place is packed. How would you explain this? John*

Dear John, Indeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observations. Holy days of obligation draw fairly well – but it’s “standing room only” on Ash Wednesday. I can only surmise that although it is not a day of obligation, it is considered a “holy” day by most Catholics.

There’s something undeniably elemental about the ugly smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. No matter our walk of life or social status, we want that sooty cross. It’s like a badge of identification reminding Catholics in a graphic and startling way that it’s “spiritual gut – check” time. It jogs us from our numbing routines and spurs us on to more important realities, to go back to being who we are supposed to be – fully and totally Christian. It is as if Catholics are saying, “I’m Catholic and proud of it. I may not be the best or greatest. I may slack off a little on my church attendance and commitments. I have my faults and sins. But I’m not a bad person. I know deep down that being Christian is the way to live, and I’m going to try again.”

We all know in our hearts that the cross of Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation. We also know how difficult it is to internalize this truth, to pick up the cross daily and live it in all of life’s circumstances. We know we need more prayer and discipline in our life, more genuine concern for others and less self-centeredness, more involvement in church and community. So we suck it up, get our ashes and turn back to the Lord.

Ash Wednesday is unique because it signals the beginning of Lent, the Church’s special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about – a people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with Him to a new life. We renew our baptismal commitment to be His people in the world. As we recall and celebrate Christ’s passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

The symbols of Ash Wednesday touch us in a powerful way. When we hear the words, “Remember you are dust, to dust you shall return,” we are reminded of our vulnerability and utter dependence on God. Despite our mechanisms of power, ultimately, like dust in the wind, we can be whisked away in an instant and brought to our knees. At the same time, we are called to scale the spiritual heights, to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel,” affirming that we are a people with an enduring destiny and a sacred mission in the world.

Ash Wednesday’s insistent call to renewal strikes a responsive chord deep within us. It is difficult to resist the charm and pull of this fascinating day. Together we get our ashes and turn back to the Lord.

Dates to Remember! Archbishop Nienstedt is coming on March 15th for the 10:00 a.m. Mass. I invite all of you to come and celebrate the Mass with the Archbishop. Dale Ahlquist will also give a presentation at 7 PM that same evening. February 28 there will be a benefit dinner for Jean Laumann 4-8 p.m. in the parish center.

Nick Van DenBroeke our neighbor seminarian! Nick is a seminarian at the St. Paul Seminary and his family belongs to Guardian Angels. Nick is a fine young man who will help train our servers when the Archbishops come to St. Nicholas in the next few months. Recently he wrote an article for the Guardian Angels Church bulletin, explaining the purpose of sacramentals. Please read the following:



What are sacramentals? The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that sacramentals are “sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments. They signify effects, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church. By them men are disposed to receive the chief effect of the sacraments, and various occasions in life are rendered holy” (CCC 1667). Thus, sacramentals are not the same as sacraments. There are only seven sacraments, all of which were instituted by Christ; however, there can be an unlimited number of sacramentals. “Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church’s prayer, they prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it” (CCC 1670). Sacramentals can be blessings, forms of piety, and popular devotions. Sacramentals are important in the life of the Church because they help to sanctify every event of our lives by disposing us toward God and the grace He wants to give us constantly, especially in the sacraments.



Sacramentals are often accompanied by a physical object such as a rosary or scapular, which, because we are physical beings, are intended to aid us in our devotion. This is why we bless certain objects such as rosaries, bibles, statues, water or palms. By blessing these objects, we are setting them aside for sacred use. I encourage you to take advantage of these blessed objects and incorporate them into your daily life. A question people often have is what to do with these objects when they are no longer useable. Traditionally the Church says that such objects are to be burned or buried rather than just thrown away. Perhaps the most common thing, which we may need to dispose of, is blessed palms. (Guardian Angels Church bulletin- Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time- February 15, 2009).



An attitude of gratitude—words of wisdom from one of our parishioners! Annette Hentz, parishioner of St. Nicholas and a monthly Herald community columnist wrote a wonderful article titled, “An attitude of gratitude,” dated November 27, 2005. In that article she quoted Charles Swindoll who once said, “I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it.” So too, let all of us in our daily lives learn to react properly to that which happens to us daily. Whenever something happens, good or challenging, let us always turn to Jesus to give us the strength to react properly as situations arise.

Sunday Reflection! In the gospel of today, Mark 2:1-12, we learn about the story of Jesus healing a paralytic. When the paralytic was able to walk away following the command of Jesus, all those who witnessed the miracle were astounded and glorified God saying, “We never have seen anything like this.” The people of Jesus’ time witnessed many miracles; however, after a while they allowed their hearts to be hardened toward God. All of us are good people, and yet in spite of this, there are times when we allow ourselves to be hardened. Let us pray that this Lenten season will help us to once again soften the hardened areas of our lives.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

Through the generosity of many parishioners, we have reached 27% of our parish financial goal for the Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you for sharing God’s gifts in helping serve others in our community. The total number of parishioners contributing currently equals 28, help us grow the numbers of donors to this appeal. Those who continue to prayerfully consider their gift, we remind you that no gift is too small to support one another in faith and to help those in need. “We are one body, one body in Christ.”

Sausage from the pancake breakfast will be available for purchase after each of the masses this weekend. The cost is \$8 for a two pound package.

Please help us fill the food shelf basket next weekend at all of the Masses. We will place the basket on the altar at offertory time. Kids are invited to bring up donations and place them in the basket while the ushers are taking up the collection.

From GA: Many thanks to those who wrote the multitude of respectful, but insistent, letters concerning the need for a stoplight in downtown Chaska. MnDOT has decided to put a stoplight at the intersection of Hwy 41 and Second Street where a GA parishioner was struck and killed in a crosswalk.