


<p>This Week's Events: SUNDAY: 8:00 PM Men's Group Meeting in Parish Center MONDAY: 6:30 PM Faith Formation Board Meeting in PC WEDNESDAY: 6:00 – 7:30 PM Faith Formation Classes/Confession THURSDAY: 6-8 PM Wine Tasting Event at Dolce Vita 7:00 PM AA Meeting in PC FRIDAY: 6 PM Adoration, 7 PM Stations of the Cross, 7:15 PM Mass, 7:45 PM Prayer Group SATURDAY: 4:30 – 7 PM Soup Supper in the Parish Center March 6th soup is Chicken Noodle</p>	<p>Sunday Giving February 21, 2010</p> Children.....28.50 Adult Envelopes & Plate.....2,311.23 Collected to date.....75,253.19 Budgeted to date.....78,330.77 Net (Loss).....(3,077.58) <p>COUNTERS: March 7 – Candis & Bill</p>	
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<p>MASS SERVERS: SaturdayMar 6 4:00pm.....Mike Szaroletta Tony Szaroletta 7:00pm.....Christopher Walters Help Needed Sunday.....Mar 7 8:00am.....Tyler Fisher Katarina Christianson 10:00am.....Sam Roble Thomas Roble</p>	<p>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Saturday.....Mar 6 4:00pm.....Jeremy Rich, Jean & Ed Poppler 7:00pm.....Gail Ruhland Frank Ruhland Sunday.....Mar 7 8:00am.....Jackie Christianson, Jane Hanson, Cathy Pass 10:00am.....Amy & Steve Roble, Madonna Grapentine</p>	

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Fr. Thomas with Sam Welter and his family as he celebrates his birthday.



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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"It is simply impossible to lead, without the aid of prayer, a virtuous life." ~ St. John Chrysostom (347-407)
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RCIA Coordinator - Deacon Jim Huber368-9975

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.
Friday during Lent: Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
Mass following at approx. 7:15 p.m.

Adoration

Every Friday: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
1st Friday of each month: 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Reception of the Sacraments

BAPTISM:
Time & date as requested by the Family -
Call for Pre-Baptismal program

CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION):
Saturdays after the 8:00 am Mass, 3:45-4:00 pm & 6:45-7:00 pm, Sundays 7:45-8:00 & 9:45-10:00 am,
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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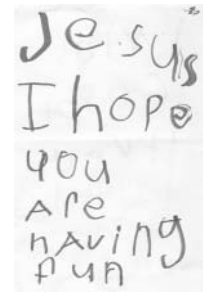
FEBRUARY 28, 2010 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

40 Days of Lent may be long, but worth it! In English, the word "Lent" comes from an Anglo-Saxon word that simply means 'to lengthen.' In other languages, the word for Lent comes from the word 40, which refers to the 40 week-days in the season of Lent. Even though the first week of Lent has already gone by--we still have a long Lenten journey to go so we can still catch up with it. Lent offers so many opportunities to walk with the Lord: Stations of the Cross, Confessions, Mass, Adoration and even our soup supper. I hope and pray that all of you good people will do everything you can to walk closely with the Lord, especially with the help of all kinds of spiritual resources available. As someone said, "Opportunities multiply as they are seized." Let us seize all the opportunities that we are given during Lent.

Catholic Services Appeal going great! We have submitted our first batch of pledges to the Catholic Services Appeal. We are at 35% of our financial goal. Your generosity amidst these trying times is a true witness of our Christian values. Keep up the good work and please respond as soon as possible.

Wisdom from Cole S.! I often tell people, "If we have eyes of faith, we can see God's hands in everything. If we do not have eyes of faith, everything is just an accident." Recently little first grader Cole brought to me some writing that he did. It clearly demonstrated to me how God is working through this little boy. As we learn from Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Let us help our children to get closer to Jesus.



Children of Charity! A while ago I noticed in the Chaska Herald, a picture of school children making ceramic bowls to be used in a charitable program. Carissa F., one of our parishioners, is one of the students featured in the picture. As the idiom goes, "as the crow flies," instilling in our children to do charitable things is the direct route to get them closer to God and neighbor. Thanks to you good parents/teachers for instilling the value of charity in your children.

Ipsam Sequens Non Devias! Yes, these are the words of St. Bernard on his sermon about Mary our Mother. This Latin phrase *Ipsam Sequens Non Devias* simply means, 'Following her, you will not go astray.' Mother Teresa used to say, "Cling to Mary, like a child clings to its Mother's saree." As the Lenten journey continues, let us ask ourselves, do I follow Mary my Mother so that I am always on the right track?

Dear Padre Question! *Q. What is the meaning of the people and priest holding hands during the Our Father? Where did it originate? Why do some join in, while others do not?* A. I suspect this practice began at charismatic prayer meetings and was then transferred to charismatic Masses, eventually working its way into general Sunday Masses in some places. It is supposed to symbolize the unity of the family of believers under the Fatherhood of God, addressed as such in the Lord's Prayer. While I have no theological problem with the practice, I am uneasy with it for two reasons: (1) It is not called for in the rubrics; (2) It alienates many people, and nothing should be introduced into the liturgy (especially of an optional and arbitrary nature) which would have that effect. Furthermore, when the priest gets involved in the gesture it has the effect of linking him too much to the whole Body at that point in the liturgy where his standing *in persona Christi* should be highlighted. Last but not least, in 1975 the Congregation for Sacraments and Divine Worship noted that the practice ought to be "repudiated." The following was taken from The Catholic Answer Book 2 written by Rev. Peter M. J. Stravinskis PH.D., S.T. L.

Prayer for the 2nd Week of Lent! Shopping for Food: Lord God, be with me this day as I shop for the food that my family will eat. Help me to choose carefully, to spend wisely, and to decide thoughtfully. Help me to select food that is nourishing, and to ignore food that is full of empty calories. May the food that I select be that

which is grown in an environment that is kind to our fragile earth. We pray today for those who till the soil and grow the food which feeds the world. May they be blessed with abundant sunshine, refreshing rains, and bountiful harvest. May they be paid just wages for their work. May every purchase I make be done as if it was a gift to you. Amen

Sunday Reflection! Today's Gospel from Luke 9 is the passage of Transfiguration. When talking about the Transfiguration, we also have to keep in mind the 'Agony in the Garden.' While Transfiguration is about the glory of Jesus in all His Glory; the 'Agony in the Garden' is about the humanity of Jesus in His sufferings. Transfiguration and the 'Agony in the Garden,' remind us that Jesus is both Human and Divine. He can relate to us as God and as Humans. He is not foreign to our needs and problems. Pope Benedict XVIth in his book, Jesus of Nazareth quotes, "Bread is important, freedom is important, but most important of all is unbroken fidelity and faithful adoration." As Jesus wants us to be faithful, He is permanently faithful as well. Are we willing to go to this unfailingly faithful God who is capable of understanding all aspects of our lives?

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

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Fr. Thomas with Cody, the Grandson of Dorothy & Bob Ess.



The Confirmation Class during the NET Retreat on February, 19th.



Fr. Thomas with the family of Adella Rademacher.



Fr. Thomas with Steve Nevin who is making some improvements in our sacristy.

Next weekend is the first weekend of the month so we will once again place the Food Shelf basket on the altar. You are invited to come up during the offertory song to place your donations in the basket. Thanks for your continued support to the food shelf!

Everyone in the parish is invited to contribute to our paper products GAP Ministry to benefit Love INC during the Lenten season. There is a box in the parish center foyer to place your items in marked 'Gap Ministry Donations'. We are looking for paper towels, toilette paper, feminine products, facial tissues, etc.

The Shakopee Knights of Columbus 4th Degree is sponsoring a Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday, March 5, 2010, at the Shakopee Knights of Columbus Hall, 1760 4th Ave E, in Shakopee. Baked or fried fish, potato salad & au gratin potatoes, green beans, salad bar, fresh baked bread, dessert and coffee or milk, will be served continuously from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The cost is \$10.00 per adult, (age 11 or older), \$5.00 for children age 5 to 10, and children 4 and under are free. All you care to eat. Open to the public.

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