


<p>This Week's Events: SUNDAY: 7:00 PM World Youth Day Meeting in Parish Center 8:00 PM Men's Group Meeting in Parish Center MONDAY: 7 PM Women's Group Meeting in Parish Center WEDNESDAY: 6:00 – 7:30 PM Faith Formation Classes THURSDAY: 7:00 PM AA Meeting in Parish Center 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</p>	<p align="center">Sunday Giving February 28, 2010</p> Children..... 11.27 Adult Envelopes & Plate..... 2,428.00 Collected to date..... 77,692.46 Budgeted to date..... 78,330.77 Net (Loss)..... (2,942.16) COUNTERS: March 14 – Tom & Deb	
	<p>Lectors: Saturday.....Mar 13 4:00pm....Cathy Pass 7:00pm....Help Needed</p> <p>Sunday.....Mar 14 8:00am....Mike Fahey 10:00am....Jeremy Rich</p>	<p>Mass Intentions: Mar 9 8:00 am Clarence & Caroline Lenzmeier Mar 11 8:00 am Henry, Delores & Michael Schutrop Mar 13 4:00 pm Adella Rademacher 7:00 pm Henry, Delores & Michael Schutrop Mar 14 8:00 am Rev. Frederick Mertz 10:00 am St. Nicholas</p>
<p>MASS SERVERS: SaturdayMar 13 4:00pm.....Mike Szaroletta Tony Szaroletta 7:00pm.....Christopher Walters Krista Korkowski SundayMar 14 8:00am.....Tyler Fisher Sam Wickenhauser 10:00am.....Sam Roble Thomas Roble</p>	<p>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Saturday.....Mar 13 4:00pm.....Cathy Pass, Jean & Ed Poppler 7:00pm.....Sue Bolland Jodee Korkowski Sunday.....Mar 14 8:00am.....Jane Hanson, Lisa Swirtz, Sharon Hartung 10:00am.....Amy & Steve Roble, Jeremy Rich</p>	

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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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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*Fr. Thomas with
Tim & Jan Jones who recently
celebrated her birthday.*



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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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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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MARCH 7, 2010 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Prayers and Blessings to the good people of Chile! While we haven't yet recuperated from the disaster in Haiti, we are now confronted with an earthquake and tsunami tragedy that our brothers and sisters in Chile are enduring. I often tell people that the greatest sin is to get discouraged. Yes, let us not get discouraged in our faith life as we hear of tragedy after tragedy. The proverb goes, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." God who nurtured us also rules over us to this day--He is in control.

Winter Olympics! I hope you all took some time to watch and cheer on the Olympians. The discipline they exercise in their lives should be a model for us to exercise in our religious and social lives. St. Paul in his second letter to Timothy 4:7 writes, "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." Some players had the 'hat trick,' and some didn't but they all finished their race and that is what matters.

Confession during Lent! Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph #1443 reads, "During his public life Jesus not only forgave sins, but also made plain the effect of this forgiveness: he reintegrated forgiven sinners into the community of the People of God from which sin had alienated or even excluded them." Going to confession helps us to be at peace with ourselves, family, others and God. If people like Mother Teresa went to confession, you and I have all the more reason to go to confession at least once a year, preferably more. I hope and pray that every single one of you takes advantage of this great Sacrament during lent. Here at St. Nicholas we will have a communal penance service with individual confession on Monday, March 29 at 7 pm.

Dear Padre Question! Q. "Is Exorcism real and can all priests do it?" A. Yes, exorcism is real, but not all priests can do it. According to the Encyclopedia of Catholicism, exorcism in the Bible is "a rite performed to expel an evil spirit from a person or from a habitation." Further, the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1673 reads, "When the Church asks publicly and authoritatively in the name of Jesus Christ that a person or object be protected against the power of the Evil One and withdrawn from his dominion, it is called exorcism." That is to say, exorcism/expelling evil spirits can be performed not only out of human beings but also out of habitations, like homes. In this article we will focus on exorcism out of human beings.

We find evidences both in the Old and New Testaments for exorcism out of human beings. We read from the book of Tobit that he was a righteous man, worshipped God and served his neighbors generously. Struck by blindness and the sufferings of old age, he begs for death. Before his death, he sends his son, Tobiah, to Media, accompanied by the angel Raphael, to collect the money he had loaned. While Tobiah was in Media, he also found Sarah, his wife. However, he had homework to do before marrying Sarah. Sarah had already been married seven times and each time during the wedding night, a demon had killed her husband. When Tobiah went down to wash his feet in the river, a large fish suddenly leaped out of the water and tried to swallow his foot. He shouted in alarm and at the command of the angel he took hold of the fish, cut the fish open, and took out its gall, heart, and liver. He burned the fish's heart and liver and Sarah, who was possessed by a demon, was freed of evil spirit. [Read the Book of Tobit 6]. Thus, in the Old Testament we find references to Exorcism.

So too in the New Testament we find various references to exorcism. In the Gospel of Luke 9:1, Jesus gave a command to His Apostles to perform exorcism: "He [Jesus] summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases..." Further, we learn from Luke 11:14, "He [Jesus] was driving out a demon (that was) mute, and when the demon had gone out, the mute person spoke and the crowds were amazed." Thus, by reading the Gospels we come to understand that exorcism is real and it was one of the key ministries of Jesus. Jesus gave His Apostles the authority to perform exorcisms to expel demons. Following the command of Jesus and the Tradition of the Apostles, the Church continues the ministry of exorcism. Today, the Church's ministry of exorcism is performed in two forms: Ordinary and Extraordinary exorcisms.

Ordinary Exorcism: All priests do some sort of Ordinary exorcism. For instance, in baptism of children the priest/deacon asks the parents and godparents, and the candidates to be baptized at the Easter Vigil the following questions: Do you reject Satan? And all his works? And all his empty promises? This is an example of a minor exorcism that could be performed only by bishops/priests/deacons. However, there are also minor exorcisms that can be performed by lay people as well. For instance, you could take Holy Water (blessed by a bishop/priest/deacon) to your home or somebody else's home and with that you could bless people, make sign of the Cross, etc. All these are acts of minor exorcisms. Also, praying the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel is an Ordinary exorcism which anyone could do: "Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God

rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen!"

Extraordinary Exorcism: Extraordinary exorcisms are real. They take place with the belief that the evil spirit indeed inhabits a human beings body. The Catholicism Answer Book: The 300 Most Frequently Asked Questions, 2007, Question #120 points out that, "Speaking in foreign languages the person never knew, or mysterious and bizarre voices coming from the person, occasionally occur." In other words, when some of these symptoms are found in a person, it is a sign that a person needs exorcism. Unlike other liturgical prayers, the prayers for the liturgical Rite of Exorcism are not accessible to all, only a few. The purpose of this is to avoid any kind of abuse of it. Further, The Catholicism Answer Book: The 300 Most Frequently Asked Questions, 2007, Question #120 gives an overall idea of how the liturgical ceremony of exorcism takes place: "The Psalms and passages from the Bible, especially the Gospels where Jesus expelled demons from the possessed, are recited by the priest performing the exorcism and the other priest or deacon who accompanies him. Holy water is sprinkled frequently on the person, rosaries are prayed, the Bible is read aloud again, and the formal prayers of exorcism are said. Usually this is done completely in Latin. This whole process can take several hours, if not days, and, in some cases, weeks. Doctors and nurses are kept nearby should the possessed person need immediate medical treatment."

Every diocese has one or two priests who are specially trained and deputed by the bishop to be the official diocesan exorcist. The Code of Canon Law #1172 reads, "No one can legitimately perform exorcisms over the possessed unless he has obtained special and express permission from the local ordinary. Such permission from the local ordinary is to be granted only to a presbyter endowed with piety, knowledge, prudence and integrity of life." In other words, not all priests have permission to perform extraordinary exorcisms except the one or two priests authorized by the bishop of the diocese--in our case Archbishop John Nienstedt. The diocese keeps the identity of this priest confidential to prevent any kind of harassment. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from this, you may talk to your priest/pastor who in turn will contact the Chancery and make proper arrangements for exorcism. Just because you or someone else feels the need for exorcism does not mean that the Rite of Exorcism will be performed automatically. That is to say, we don't simply sign up for an appointment to have exorcism performed on a person. Rather, the Church requests that a person who is supposedly "possessed" go through physical or psychological examinations before undergoing exorcism. The Church provides a number of ordinary means for dealing with such problems. Only after the efforts of doctors and other experts fail to solve the problem through medicine, psychiatry and other related medical treatments, is exorcism performed on a person. To conclude, yes, exorcism is real. Minor exorcisms can be done by anyone, with the use of holy water, for example. But solemn and serious exorcisms can only be performed by a priest assigned by the bishop.

Sunday Reflection! This Sunday's Gospel is from Luke 13. Some people came to Jesus and told Him about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed. Jesus asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?...Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means!" Some might ask the question, why the people of Haiti, Chile or where ever? We can never give a convincing answer to anyone on this question why I and not he/she, why them and not us, why so soon? My brothers and sisters, Jesus never promised us that He had eradicated evil from the face of the earth; but He taught us how to overcome evil. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans 12:21 writes, "Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good." Yes brothers and sisters it is not easy but that is the only way--conquering evil with good--no matter how many disaster may strike us-- with the help of God we will conquer evil with good and never evil with evil.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

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Bon Voyage to Kurt as he travels to China for his job. We pray for safe travel for all!



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.

Calling all Girl Scouts and leaders ... Guardian Angels annual Girl Scout Mass will be, March 14th at the 10am Mass. Please plan on joining us. All girls are asked to wear their vest (or sash) & arrive no later than 9:45 am. If you would like to participate during the Mass (lectors, greeters, gifts, collection, etc.) you **MUST** call Emily Klinker 227-4007 by Wednesday, March 10th to sign up.

The Chaska/Carver Knights of Columbus will host a Fish Fry on Friday, March 12, 2010, at the GA School Gym, in Chaska. Deep fried fish, potato salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, buttered bread, & desserts will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. The cost is \$9.00 per adult, (age 13 or older), \$5.00 for children age 5 to 12, and children 4 and under are free. All you care to eat. Open to the public.