


This Week's Events: MONDAY: 7 PM CCW & SVDPS Meetings in PC TUESDAY: 7 PM Parish Council Meeting WEDNESDAY: 6 – 7:30 PM FF Classes FRIDAY: 7:15 PM Prayer Group COUNTERS: Tim & Candis	Sunday Giving April 5, 2009		
	Children 5.82 Adult Envelopes & Plate 3,115.00 Collected to date 93,595.39 Budgeted to date 93,120.00 Net 475.39		
	Lectors: Saturday.....April 18 4:00pm....Dottie Illig 7:00pm....Cathy Pass Sunday..... April 19 8:00am....Mike Fahey 10:00am...Jeremy Rich	Mass Intentions: April 18 4:00 pm Clarence & Caroline Lenzmeier 7:00 pm World Peace April 19 8:00 am Gerald Jacobs Family 10:00 am Members of St. Nicholas	
MASS SERVERS: Saturday April 18 4:00pm.....Mike SzarolettaTony Szaroletta 7:00pm.....Christopher Walters Help Needed Sunday..... April 19 8:00am.....Kat ChristiansonConnor Christianson 10:00am.....Sam RobleThomas Roble	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Saturday April 18 4:00 pmButch & Dottie IlligHelp Needed 7:00 pmJean & Ed PopplerHelp Needed Sunday April 19 8:00am.....Mary PopplerHelp Needed (2) 10am.....Teresa Thiede,Jeremy Rich, & Amy Roble		

St. Nicholas Catholic Church


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Happy Easter!
 Fr. Thomas with Sam & Mitchell Wickenhauser



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:
 Anytime, call Fr. Thomas at 448-2345 or 507-339-8244

RCIA (Rights of Christian Initiation for Adults):
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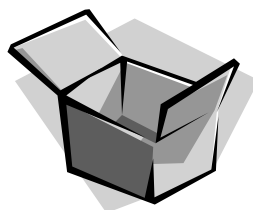
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or I Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Happy Easter!

St. Paul wishes us all a Happy Easter! St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians 15:17 writes, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain.” Dear brothers and sisters, St. Paul shares with us the noblest of all truths. That is, unless Christ was raised from the dead, today we would have no Churches, no Priests, no Mass, no Sacraments and no Bishops or Pope. Simply speaking, the word Christianity would not be found in the dictionary. Let us allow the risen Lord to share with us Resurrection which is full of hope and healing.

Welcome! Like Christmas, Easter is another special time when family and friends come to Church. We welcome all of you, wherever you may come from. Our Church and parish doors are always open to you. If you have any question please call Jodee Korkowski (Parish Administrative Assistant) or myself at (952) 448-2345. We will be glad to assist you in whatever ways we can.

Box Night Out was a great night! Aleata Dauwalter’s leadership for Box Night Out was indeed a blessing. She (along with her good husband Mark and her beautiful children) put her soul, heart, body and mind into the success of this event. For those of you who do not know about Box Night out, it is a night when some of our 7th, 8th and 9th graders choose to sleep outside in cardboard boxes. This is a way for them to experience the sufferings that our homeless brothers and sisters go through day and night. Sleeping outside is not the only thing they do. They also go to several Carver neighborhoods and collect food. This year they collected over 1000 pounds of food that was donated to the CAP Agency food shelf. Thanks to Aleata Dauwalter, Margaret Knutson, Sue Bolland, Chris Thon, Connie Prasher and many others who generously helped with this event.



Faith Formation! Do you have children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, brothers or sisters who could be part of our St. Nicholas Faith Formation program? Please contact the parish office at (952) 448-2345 for more information. We will begin the registration process for the next school year soon. May 6th is the last day of Faith Formation for this school year. Look for more details about the last day of class in the next few weeks.

Honoring our Faith Formation teachers! On the 13th of May, all of our Faith Formation teachers are invited to the rectory for dinner and fellowship. Teachers, please call the parish office to RSVP.

Memorial Day Mass! We will have an outdoor Mass in the cemetery on Memorial Day. More details will be available soon.

Mass with Archbishop Flynn! Archbishop Flynn is coming on the 26th of April for the 10 am Mass. Parents, I ask all of your children to be present at the Mass. Our children and young people will march into the church grade by grade. If your children are not able to attend, please talk to me personally.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration! Next Sunday, April 19th, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Please join us for the celebration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 3 pm with the recital of the chaplet of the Divine Mercy. We will have Mass at 4 pm and a Spaghetti dinner to follow about 5 pm. Please consider coming to church to receive the mercy of God in a special way.

Vocation Committee! Amy Hammers has agreed to take the leadership role for the Vocation Committee. The goal of this committee is to encourage and educate our men and women who consider the priesthood or religious life. We need to teach our young people that priests and nuns do not jump down from heaven, rather they come from ordinary families like ours.

Our hearts go out to the Earthquake victims in Italy! As we watched on the television and read in the newspapers, almost 300 people tragically died due to the earthquake in L'Aquila, Italy. May they rest in peace. We pray God's consolation on their families and friends.

Piracy on the Somalian coast! We also pray for the safety of Captain Richard Phillips of the U.S. flagged cargo ship that was hijacked on Wednesday. The captain was taken as a hostage by Somali pirates as they escaped the Maersk Alabama into the lifeboat. This was the first such attack on American sailors in almost 200 years. May this drama come to an end soon.

Sunday Reflection! Jesus is Risen! Jesus rising from the dead on the third day after his death and burial is the core belief of Christianity. Why is the Resurrection of Jesus is so important? The simple answer is, if Jesus did not rise from the dead, there is no hope of resurrection for us. If there is no hope of resurrection for us, we are done with our lives at our death and there is nothing beyond. We will be stuck in our tombs for ever. Can you imagine being stuck in the tomb forever? Since Jesus did not stay in the tomb forever, neither will we remain in the tomb forever. We will come back to life and will spend our eternity with God forever.

Luke 24:1 is one of the gospels that give us the resurrection narrative. It reads, “But at daybreak on the first day of the week they took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.” In other words, the gospel tells us that the tomb was **empty**. Jesus could not be both in the tomb and resurrected at the same time. He had to empty the tomb in order to be resurrected. This is the Easter message for us too. If we want to experience the risen power of Jesus Christ, we have to empty the tomb of our burdens, and preoccupations. Unless we are willing to empty our tomb, we cannot experience the joy of the risen Lord. What is in the tomb of our lives that you and I need to empty so that we can experience the joy of the risen Lord?



Pope Benedict in his 2008 Easter message reminded us: “Let us allow the light that streams forth from this solemn day to enlighten us; let us open ourselves in sincere trust to the risen Christ, so that his victory over evil and death may also triumph in each one of us, in our families, in our cities and in our nations. Let it shine forth in every part of the world.”

The Following verse is from the “Easter Exsultet” which is sung at the beginning of the Easter Vigil once the newly blessed Candle enters the Church’s sanctuary.

*What good would life have been to us, had Christ not come as our Redeemer?
Accept this Easter candle, a flame divided but
Undimmed, a pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God.
Let it mingle with the lights of heaven and continue
Bravely burning to dispel the darkness of this night!
May the morning Star which never sets this flame still burning...*

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

As of this week, we have reached 85% of our parish financial goal for the Catholic Services Appeal. 61% of our families have responded to the appeal. If you have not yet responded, we hope to hear from you by Wednesday, April 15. After that, we will no longer earn the 25% rebate. The Archdiocese will also be contacting you if you have not responded.

CCW will meet this Monday, April 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. We'll be discussing your ideas for the study of female saints, Archbishop Flynn's visit, the Family Picnic this summer and our involvement with Love Inc. Please come and bring a friend!

Thanks for helping us fill the food shelf last weekend during the Masses. We donated 58.5 pounds of food to the CAP Agency Food Shelf.

Guardian Angels' 2nd Annual Invitational Basketball Tournament will be **Friday-Sunday**, April 24-26, 2009. **Friday** night features games between seminarians from the Saint Paul Seminary, Saint John Vianney Seminary, and the Priests of the Archdiocese. **Saturday** and **Sunday** features tournament play between teams from local parishes. All games are free and open to the public. For more information, see www.GAchaska.org/basketball. We're not exactly sure which game Archbishop Nienstedt will be attending. You'll just have to find out by coming to the games. If anyone is interested in organizing a team for St. Nicholas, registration is open to men and women adults and high school students from parishes in the southwest metro area. There are eight spots for teams available. The team coordinator should sign up right away by contacting Nick Van DenBroeke from Guardian Angels Parish,

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Jordan is celebrating their newly remodeled Louis Hall. They will have a Euchre Tournament on Friday, April 24. Registration is at 6:30 pm and the games start at 7:30 pm. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. On Saturday, April 25 they will have a 5:30 pm Polka Mass featuring Chuck Thiel & the Jolly Ramblers. Food, fellowship and fun will follow in Louis Hall after the Mass.