

<p>This Week's Events:</p> <p>MONDAY: 7:00 PM Confirmation at the Basilica in Minneapolis</p> <p>TUESDAY: 7:00 PM Faith Formation Board Meeting in Parish Center</p> <p>WEDNESDAY: 6 – 7:30 PM Faith Formation Classes</p> <p>THURSDAY: 8:00 AM Mass</p> <p>FRIDAY: 6:00 PM Adoration 6:45 PM Mass and Prayer Group to follow</p> <p>SATURDAY: 7:00 AM Men's Group Meeting in Parish Center 8:00 AM Mass</p>	<p align="center">Sunday Giving April 24, 2011</p> <p>Children 0.00 Adult Envelopes & Plate 1,894.80 Collected to date 89,315.28 Budgeted to date 99,065.39 Net (Loss)..... (9,714.11)</p> <p align="center">COUNTERS: May 8 – Bill H. & John T.</p>	
	<p>Love INC Donations Needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Gently used bikes that need minimal maintenance (tires pumped, gears adjusted, and chain greased) helmets, & accessories. ✓ Toilet Bowl Cleaner ✓ Glass Cleaner ✓ All Purpose Cleaner ✓ Mr. Clean ✓ Pine Sol ✓ Dishwasher detergent ✓ Fabric softener 	<p>Mass Intentions</p> <p>May 3 8:00 am May 5 8:00 am May 6 6:45 pm May 7 4:00 pm †Clarence & Caroline Lenzmeier 7:00 pm Living & deceased members of St. Nicholas May 8 8:00 am †Margaret K. Smith 10:00 am †Henry, Delores & Michael Schutrop</p>
<p>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</p> <p>Saturday.....May 7 4:00 pm.....Jeremy Rich Chuck Mahowald</p> <p>7:00 pm..... Kurt Korkowski Jodee Korkowski</p> <p>Sunday.....May 8 8:00 am.....Jane Hanson, Cathy Pass Bill Hays</p> <p>10:00 am....Dick Kvitek Amy & Steve Roble</p>	<p>LECTORS:</p> <p>Saturday.....May 7 4:00 pm.....Jeremy Rich</p> <p>7:00 pm.....Kurt Korkowski</p> <p>Sunday.....May 8 8:00 am.....Tom Durda</p> <p>10:00 am...Sam Welter</p>	<p>MASS SERVERS:</p> <p>Saturday..... May 7 4:00 pm.....Mike Szaroletta Tony Szaroletta</p> <p>7:00 pm..... Krista K. Christopher W.</p> <p>Sunday.....May 8 8:00 am.....Nick H. Sam W.</p> <p>10:00 am....Thomas R. Sam R.</p>

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Easter Vigil Mass beginning outdoors



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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St. John Climacus (d. 649) wrote, "Prayer is a pious way of forcing God." Yes brothers and sisters, prayer gives us the opportunity to speak our minds to God frankly, without worrying about any formalities. Do we pray?

At St. Nicholas we are blessed with an active prayer chain team. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call Darlene at (952) 448-4464.

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 (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):
 Please call the parish office for more information

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May 1, 2011 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday! Jesus told Sr. Faustina, "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls." Dear brothers and sisters, it is the desire of Jesus that we celebrate the Divine Mercy. If you have not started praying the chaplet of the Divine Mercy, please do so. Jesus will do many great things in your lives. To pray the chaplet of the Divine



Mercy:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.
2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).
4. Conclude with (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Blessed John Paul II, pray for us! The much anticipated beatification of our previous Holy Father is to take place on Divine Mercy Sunday (a Sunday that was very dear to him). It was the healing of a nun, Sister Marie Simon Pierre Normand from France with Parkinson's disease that led to the beatification ceremony of Pope John Paul II. After thorough study, her cure was concluded by the doctors as 'unexplainable by science.' Followed by his beatification, Pope John Paul II will be called "blessed." The Mother Church honors one with a title 'blessed' to a martyr, or any holy devout Christian to whom a miracle has been officially attributed...Yes, just as Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Pope John Paul II is one step closer to sainthood....Blessed Pope John Paul II, pray for us!



Congratulations to those who received

Sacraments on Easter Vigil!

We pray for Alex and his brother Zachary who made their First Communion.

We also congratulate Juan Leija (pictured below) who received the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion. May the prayerful, colorful Easter Vigil experience always be a 'shot in the arm,' in the lives of these young people.



Happy day in the lives of our 2nd & 9th graders!

Thanks to our parents, godparents, faith formation teachers, and especially Kayla Bolland, our second grade teacher, who prepared our children for their First Communion. We congratulate them as they receive Jesus for the first time at the 10am Mass this weekend.



Thanks also to the parents, godparents, sponsors and many teachers who volunteered to prepare our Confirmation students. Brittley is not pictured in the



photo below.

Brooke Wickenhauser's message of Mission Trip!

"On March 17-27 during my spring break I accompanied my Grandma and 16 other people from her church in Iowa on a mission trip to El Salvador. Our days were spent doing a variety of different things such as construction on a church or participating in soccer and

basketball tournaments with other local teams. One day kids came with their parents from all around town to a party that we hosted at a local church including songs, dancing and even

balloon animals. Two days were spent going to local high schools teaching about hygiene and giving away toothbrushes and toothpaste. Twice we hosted a medical clinic where families could come and receive basic medicine such as Advil and vitamins for their families. Three different nights we also went around to different parks and showed the Jesus film. All in all it was an eye-opening experience. I wouldn't trade anything for it, and I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity."

Dear padre Question! *Dear Pope, can you explain to us what Jesus meant when he said to the people who were following him: "I am the bread of life?"*

First of all, perhaps we should explain clearly what bread is. Today, we have a refined cuisine, rich in very different foods, but in simpler situations bread is the basic source of nourishment; and when Jesus called Himself the bread of life, the bread is, shall we say, the initial, an abbreviation that stands for all nourishment. And as we need to nourish our bodies in order to live, so we also need to nourish our spirits, our souls, and our wills. As human persons, we do not only have bodies but also souls; we are thinking beings with minds and wills. We must also nourish our spirits and our souls, so that they can develop and truly attain their fulfillment.

Therefore, if Jesus says: "I am the bread of life," it means that Jesus himself is the nourishment we need for our soul, for our inner self, because the soul also needs food. And technical things do not suffice, although they are so important. We really need God's friendship, which helps us to make the right decisions. We need to mature as human beings. In other words: Jesus nourishes us so that we can truly become mature people and our lives become good. [Pope Benedict XVI. [Questions and Answers](#). Huntington: Our Sunday Visitor, 2008. Print.]

Sunday Reflection! The Gospel for today is from John 20. Accordingly, on the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, Jesus appeared. Thomas, one of the twelve who was absent said to his fellow disciples, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Thomas doubted but arrived at certainty of his faith in Jesus. So too, it is with us...it is better to doubt, question



and grow than stay lukewarm and never grow. Would you like to imitate the examples of St. Thomas the Apostle?

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

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"A Sacrament is a remembrance of the past, a proof of the present and a promise of the future."
St. Thomas Aquinas

Our next Prayer Shawl get together will be Monday, May 9th at 7 pm in the lower level of the Parish Center. Contact Sharon Menden at 952-496-3443 or sharonstnicholas@embarqmail.com with questions.

Volunteers are needed for help with lawn mowing and other maintenance during the summer. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in helping with this type of work.

Please continue to save your paper and cardboard for our paper drive during the weekend of June 3-6. Any type of paper is acceptable. Please separate the paper and the cardboard. We will use the money to further decorate our church and improve our property. Please take home a paper bag from the back of the church to start your collection!

Don't forget we have an electronic giving program. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for the church. Please contact the church office for more details or visit our website.

Catholic Youth Camp, located in McGregor, MN since 1947 is now enrolling for summer 2011! Weekly sessions run through August 19th, 2011 for campers completing grades 1-12. Enrich your faith, engage with new friends, and enjoy fun camp activities like swimming, fishing, dance, crafts, canoeing, archery, and MORE... Call (651) 636-1645 or visit www.cycamp.org for more information.

Attention Golfers (of all skill levels): St. Nicholas is one of 20 area churches that has partnered with Love INC of Eastern Carver County to help those in need in our community. You can support this vital ministry and have fun at the same time. On Monday, May 16 at Dahlgreen Golf Club, Love INC is sponsoring **Drive For A Difference**—an event for fun and fellowship that will also support the outreach ministry of Love INC. The cost is \$100 per person and includes best-ball golf, carts, lunch, dinner, auction, and program. If you are not interested in golfing, tickets for auction, dinner, and program only are \$30 per person. Register online at www.loveincecc.org.

Holy Family Catholic High School in Victoria is once again offering a variety of youth sport camps and summer enrichment classes. Students can improve their athletic skills, give fencing a try, or learn about science in the kitchen! Those in grades 5-8 interested in improving their tennis skills are invited to attend a **free spring tennis** clinic at Holy Family with head varsity coach Josh Dwyer. Information and forms for the summer camps and classes as well as the spring tennis clinic can be found online at www.hfchs.org.

The St. Victoria Rummage Sale will be Thursday, May 5, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, May 6, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a matching grant fundraiser for parish education through Catholic United Financial.

New Beginnings in Chaska is accepting donations of old sneakers until May 12. You can drop your donation off at 303 E. 6th Street, Chaska MN 55318 or Contact Sue for more information at 952-457-5631.