


This Week's Events: SUNDAY: Fall Festival Chair Meeting 6:30 PM Parish Center TUESDAY: Property & Finance Board Meeting 7 PM Parish Center FRIDAY: 7:15 PM Prayer Group COUNTERS: Candis & Tom	Sunday Giving June 7, 2009	
	Children 15.61 Adult Envelopes & Plate 2,460.50 Collected to date 109,101.63 Budgeted to date 114,042.78 Net (loss).....(4,941.15)	Lectors: Saturday.....June 20 4:00pm.....Jeremy Rich 7:00pm...Christine Castanias Sunday.....June 21 8:00am.....Help Needed 10:00am....Candis Wickenhuser
MASS SERVERS: SaturdayJune 20 4:00pm.....Mike SzarolettaTony Szaroletta 7:00pm.....Jennifer CastaniasEmily Castanias Sunday.....June 21 8:00am.....Katarina ChristiansonConnor Christianson 10:00am.....Brooke WickenhauserMitchell Wickenhauser	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: SaturdayJune 20 4:00 pmJeremy Rich, Help NeededMargaret Knutson 7:00 pmTammy & Paul Castanias,Kurt Korkowski SundayJune 21 8:00am.....Cathy Pass, Sharon HartungHelp Needed 10am.....Amy & Steve RobleCandis Wickenhauser	

St. Nicholas Catholic Church


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*"Adoration means entering the depths of our hearts in communion with the Lord."
 Pope Benedict XVI*



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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Mother Teresa said, "Ask and seek and your heart will be big enough to receive Him (God) and keep Him as your own." 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.

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<p> <i>Pray for Vocations</i></p>		

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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.
Wednesday & Friday: 6:45 p.m.

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):
Please call the parish office for more information



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JUNE 14, 2009 – CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



St. Paul on the Corpus Christi! This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the *Corpus Christi* which means the “Body of Christ.” St. Paul in his First letter to the Corinthians 11:26 writes, “For as **often** as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.” As the proverb goes, “Make hay while the sun shines,” you and I are called to take advantage of eating His body and drinking His blood as **often** as we can by going to Church. Do we eat His body and drink His blood as **often** as we can, or do we only do it **when** we can?

An invitation from our Archbishop! My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I am very pleased to inform you that the Holy Father has graciously appointed Reverend Lee Piché as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Bishop-elect Piché has served as my Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia since I assumed governance of this Archdiocese last year. I know him to be an outstanding priest and an excellent administrator. His ordination has been scheduled for 2:00pm on Monday, June 29, 2009, at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. All of the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to attend the Ordination Mass and the reception that will follow. The reception will be held at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul-Riverfront, 11 East Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101, beginning at approximately 4:00pm. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us for this important event in our local Church. With every good wish, I remain, cordially yours in Christ, The Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt, Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Faith Formation Registration Deadline! July 1st is the deadline for Faith Formation registration. Jackie Christianson, our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Coordinator, is working hard to make sure the coming year will be a year of great learning for all our children. ***We are working on finalizing the details for our local mission opportunity for our youth this summer. Please call Jackie at (952) 448-9861 or the parish office at (952) 448-2345 for more information.**

Sunday Bible School! We had around 13 children coming to Sunday Bible School each week. Thanks to Tammi Anderson and the volunteers who generously gave of their time each week to make this possible. Our Sunday school children did a fine job last Sunday writing the following slogans: “Thank you Jesus/ Thank you St. Nicholas/ God loves you,” etc. on the sidewalk outside the parish center. Tammi has graciously agreed to restart the Sunday Bible School the first weekend of September.

What do you know about the Feast of Corpus Christi? The Feast of *Corpus Christi* also known as the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ and is celebrated the Sunday after Trinity Sunday which is today. This feast originated in France after Juliana of Mt. Cornillon (1193-1258) received a revelation from Jesus Christ. The following information about St. Juliana of Mt. Cornillon was taken from <http://www.aquinasandmore.com>. Juliana was born in the year 1193, at Retinnes, near Liege, Belgium. From her early childhood, she had a special devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. When she was five years old, her parents died and she was put in the Convent of the Augustinian Nuns of Mont Cornillon, so that she could get her education. Juliana received her religious veil at the age of thirteen and she wanted to devote herself to the care of the sick. At the age of sixteen, she began to have visions. In that vision she saw the moon hanging in mid air, in the sky. Although the moon was shining brightly, she noticed a single black spot on it! Juliana was not sure of its meaning and she tried to forget about it by saying more prayers.

However, the vision came back again, and feeling that it was from God, she told the details of the vision to her Superior, Sr. Sapientia. Neither of these sisters were able to understand the meaning of the vision. Jesus Himself appeared to her and explained the meaning of the vision. Jesus said, “You are troubled about the vision. I desire to set up a special Feast for My Church Militant, because this Feast is most necessary....Therefore, I desire that another day be set apart, in which the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar shall be celebrated by all of Christendom!” Jesus gave three reasons for the feast of Corpus Christi. First, people’s faith in this Sacrament may be confirmed by this Feast. Second, so that people may grow in virtue. Third, the loving attention may be given to the Eucharist and people may grow in respect for the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus also told St. Juliana that the moon that was shining so brightly signifies the Church. The black part in that moon signified that there was no Feast, to honor the Blessed Sacrament in a special way. Jesus gave her the Mission to get many people interested in this new Feast Day, namely *Corpus Christi*. Sr. Juliana who was very



humble, was frightened when she thought about the immense responsibility of such a Mission. She convinced herself that this vision was just an imagination, so she decided to keep her encounter with Jesus as a secret. For many years, St. Juliana kept the vision, a secret, even though she was very faithful to her prayer life. She waited for God to give her a stronger sign to go ahead with the idea of this new Feast. In the year 1230, when she was elected Mother Superior of the Augustinian Monastery, she again had the vision of the moon with the black spot on it. She was convinced that she had to share her secret with someone who in turn could give her some good advice. She decided to tell the story to a very pious priest, Fr. Canon de Lausanne, who had a very great devotion to the Holy Eucharist and asked him to talk to other great theologians about this vision. When the Priest learned about this he told some theologians about the vision and all of them loved the idea of a new Feast, *Corpus Christi*. Not only that, many Bishops also gave their approval to such a feast. Learning about this Mother Juliana was very much delighted. However, not everybody accepted her idea. She brought the matter to the attention of Bishop de Thorete of Liege, a Dominican, and Archdeacon James Pantaleon, who later became Pope Urban IV. They too gave their approval. St. Juliana died on April 5, 1258 shortly before the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament extended throughout the whole church! Pope Urban gave his blessing and ordered a special procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Eucharistic miracle in Orvieto, Italy. He also asked St. Thomas Aquinas, who was then in Italy, to come and write an office (prayer for official worship like the Breviary) on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Dear brothers and sisters, in most Churches we have a Eucharistic procession on the Feast of *Corpus Christi*. Eucharistic procession and Eucharistic Adoration is a reminder that it is not enough for us to eat His body and drink His blood in the Mass, we are also called to take time to look at Jesus, to adore Him, and to talk to Him by coming to the Eucharistic adoration. Do you and I take time to do it?

Sunday Reflection! In the gospel of John 6:51 Jesus says, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI during his General Audience on December 10, 2008 said, “Christ gives us His Body in the Eucharist, He gives Himself in His Body and thus makes us His Body, He unites us with His Risen Body.....Christ, the Lord, assimilates us into Himself, introducing us into His glorious Body, and thus we all become His Body.” Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus is not a complicated teacher, rather, a simple teacher who speaks His mind clearly. What does He teach? He teaches, “Eat my body and drink my blood.” He reminds us that eating His body and drinking His blood is the way for us to become one with Him-eating it not only **when** we can, but as **often** as possible. Let us ask ourselves: Is my fishing trip or family vacation an excuse for me not to go to Sunday Mass, to eat His Body and drink His blood; or no matter where I am, I always find a way a to go to Sunday Mass to eat His body and drink His blood?

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

Are you wondering what the plans are for the Parish Center Addition Fundraising Dinner on August 7th? The event will be held at the Park Ballroom in New Prague. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm. Refreshments include soft drinks, liquor, wine and beer. Dinner will begin at 7 pm and includes roast beef au jus, herb baked chicken, mashed potatoes with county gravy, sage dressing, green beans almondine, mixed greens salad with house dressing, assorted rolls, coffee, milk and cake. We will have a speaker after dinner. We will also have a DJ to provide a variety of music for dancing on the new dance floor until 11 pm. There will also be drawings for door prizes! While the tickets are \$100 per person, this is an all inclusive event. **We will not ask you for any additional money at the event as everything (including drinks) is included in the cost of your ticket.** Please consider joining us for this special event if you have not already purchased a ticket. More information and tickets are available at the parish office.

Discover the ultimate potential for your marriage! Attend the June 27 ~ 28 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at the Dakota Ridge Hotel on 35E and Yankee Doodle in Eagan. Visit www.marriages.org for a listing of retreats or call 651.454.3238.

The parish office is still in need of some volunteers to help answer the phone and greet visitors on Mondays and Fridays during the summer. Please call the parish office at 952-448-2345 if you can help for any period of time. Thanks!