


This Week's Events: MONDAY: CCW/St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting at 7 PM in the Parish Center FRIDAY: 7:15 PM Prayer Group COUNTERS: Bill & Richard	Sunday Giving May 31, 2009		
	Children 11.20 Adult Envelopes & Plate..... 2,391.00 Collected to date 106,625.52 Budgeted to date 111,715.38 Net (loss).....(5,089.86)		
	Lectors: Saturday.....June 13 4:00pm....Dottie Illig 7:00pm....Carlie Richardson Sunday..... June 14 8:00am....Cathy Pass 10:00am...Sam Welter	Mass Intentions: June 13 4:00 pm Michael Schutrop 7:00 pm Fr. Larry Rosebaugh June 14 8:00 am John & Mary Czaia 10:00 am Rev. Dan Ostdiek	
MASS SERVERS: SaturdayJune 13 4:00pm.....Mike SzarolettaTony Szaroletta 7:00pm.....Help NeededChristopher Walters Sunday.....June 14 8:00am.....Tyler FisherSam Wickenhauser 10:00am.....Mary WelterDrew Larson	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: SaturdayJune 13 4:00 pmDottie & Butch Illig,Help Needed 7:00 pmNancy Ludovissie,Mary Omollo & Help Needed SundayJune 14 8:00am.....Cathy Pass,Help Needed (2) 10am.....Madonna Grapentine,Tori Forner, Teresa Theide		

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Father Thomas Joseph with
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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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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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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 7, 2009 – MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost Sunday which is today. In the Catholic tradition we also call it Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Trinity Sunday summarizes for us the core of the Christian doctrine of the Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Three Persons yet One God- the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God—not 3 gods, but **One** God. As Catechism of the Catholic Church #233 reads, “Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their names, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, his only Son, and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity.”



No matter who we are—the Pope or ordinary people like you and I, the Trinity will always remain a mystery—3 Persons but One God. How is it possible? We will never fully understand it until we go to heaven. Our inability to understand everything about the Most Holy Trinity should not be a cause of frustration, rather, it could be used as an opportunity to come on our knees, surrender before God. Just as our inability to fully comprehend the Holy Trinity invites us to surrender ourselves before God, in the same way, when something goes wrong in our daily lives, getting frustrated is not going to solve the problem, rather, surrendering ourselves before God, coming on our knees before God, will bring us the best results.

FAITH FORMATION! A Catechist walked around the room observing what the children were drawing. She asked Erin what she was drawing and the girl responded, “I’m drawing a picture of God.” The catechist said, “But nobody knows what God looks like.” Erin responded, “They will when I’m done.” [This was taken from page 23 of *The Catechist’s Toolbox: How to Thrive as a Religious Education Teacher*]. Dear Parents, Catechists, volunteers and well-wishers of Faith Formation, like this little Erin, your children attempt to draw the picture of God—you and I have an obligation to help our little ones so that they can draw the best of all pictures about God. I am committed to making our Faith Formation Program the best it can be! As you have witnessed I was very much involved in Faith Formation last year. This coming year will not be an exception. I will be all the more involved in Faith Formation this year as well, so that your children get the best religious education possible at St. Nicholas Church.

Faith Formation Registration! Faith Formation Registration forms are due by the 1st of July. Parents please take a minute and take care of this before summer gets too busy. We want be fully prepared with the purchase of books and materials for the coming faith formation year starting in September 2009.



We pray for Jackie and welcome her! Jackie Christianson is our New Faith Formation Coordinator—I guarantee you that she is going to be excellent in helping our Faith Formation children and our Youth. She is a blessing to us. Long before she took this job, she has been a generous soul, always willing to walk an extra mile. You parents will soon see how truly she cares about our children, youth and the Faith Formation program. I ask for your prayers for Jackie as she begins this adventure effective July 1, 2009. Please read the message below from Jackie.

I am very excited to start this new chapter with all of the wonderful families at St. Nicholas. I would like to thank Father Thomas and the Faith Formation board for giving me this fantastic opportunity. I have been a member of St. Nicholas for the last four years. I have been a stay at home mother to my four wonderful children for the last ten years. WOW!! My husband Thor and I have been married for 13 years. I have bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of North Dakota. In September I started a part time position as the Activity Director of The Gardens at St. Gertrude’s. I am also actively involved in school; I am the PTO chair at East Union Elementary and the school’s parent involvement coordinator. In my spare time I will be training for my fourth marathon and spending time with family and friends.

I am very grateful to all of the volunteers and teachers who help make the Faith Formation program thrive. I realize all too well the amount of time and energy volunteers devote to their cause. In this case the cause couldn’t be more worthwhile. This will be a year of learning and growing for me; your children have much to teach me as we embark on this journey of faith together. Parent input is extremely important to me, I am very interested in your thoughts, concerns and ideas; please call me at 952-448-9861. I pray for God’s blessing as we move forward with the Faith Formation program.

Tools for learning! What are the tools that we will use in the Faith Formation program on Wednesday nights so that your children can learn their faith well? I have described some of them below.

***Class Staff/Volunteers!** Each Wednesday night class will have a teacher, substitute teacher and a Youth Assistant (our recently confirmed Ninth Grade students from this year) who have committed to help us with Faith Formation for the next year. We have good, solid teachers who are committed to transmitting the faith to your children. As your priest I can assure you that I trust in the integrity and capability of each and every one of those who will be teaching your children. The teachers have been given a copy of a book to review over the summer and will have some additional training sessions in the fall to prepare them. The teachers will also have the support of our program coordinator to help them.

***Catholic Prayers and Catholic Practices!** Besides what they learn from the textbooks in the classrooms, your children, depending on their age and grade level will also be expected to master certain **Catholic Prayers** and **Catholic Practices**. We may not remember everything we discuss in the class rooms but we have to always remember certain Catholic Prayers and Practices until we go to the grave. Your children will learn these Prayers and Practices so that they look smart and have confidence in themselves to pray better and lead others in prayer. Over the summer a team of people will be working hard gathering the Catholic Prayers and Catholic Practices that our children should know. At the beginning of the Faith Formation school year, your children will be given a small booklet that contains the information they will learn over the course of the year. Each year they will continue to build upon what they learned the previous year. By the time they are confirmed, we want your children to be well educated and devout Catholics as they will have mastered these basic Catholic Prayers and Catholic Practices. For example, the first graders should be able to make the sign of the Cross and recite the Glory Be from memory. Second graders, should be able to pray the Our Father and Hail Mary. Eighth graders should be able to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, etc. Some examples of the Catholic Practices are the 10 Commandments, The 8 Precepts (Commandments of the Church), Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, Holy Days of Obligation, Why go to confession?, Why fast?, What are the Liturgical Season of the year?, etc. The Catholic Prayers and Practices will also be posted on our parish website in the Faith Formation section so that you parents can help your children to learn the Catholic Prayers and Practices at home as well. Wait and see the potential your children have to learn the Catholic Prayers and Catholic Practices.

***No paper work for service hours!** Mother Teresa said, “Give until it hurts.” In other words, keep giving until you have nothing else to give. Our children in the Faith Formation program should learn to give/serve not only when they are in Faith Formation, rather, they should learn to give/serve as a lifelong practice of our faith. Each of your children will write or draw in a journal or a small notebook of how they exercise service in different ways. For instance, the month of October your children could find 3 ways of serving their own families, month of November they could find 3 ways of serving the poor, month of December they could find 3 ways of being Jesus to all their teachers and classmates, etc. By doing this our Children will learn that service is a way of life, 24/7, even beyond the Faith Formation program.

***Dedicated volunteers in the Faith Formation Program!** Our dedicated volunteers in the Faith Formation program will helps us so that our youth are able to participate in service projects like Box Night Out, Feed My Starving Children, Magnifying Abilities and many other good things which have been a tradition in our program.

***Once a month Sunday Liturgy planning!** Once a month each grade will plan and take part in the liturgical functions of the 10 am Sunday Mass. In other words, different grades will plan the liturgy for the Sunday Mass and they will help with reading, serving, singing, ushering and other liturgical functions of the Church that is appropriate to their age level and comfort.

***Faith Formation is about Faith and Fun!** With the help of Jackie Christianson, our new Faith Formation Coordinator we will make Wednesday nights both a place of learning about Faith and a place of fun. Our God is an exciting God who illumines us with His Holy Spirit and wants us to have fun learning about Him. Therefore, our Faith Formation program should be a place of fun as well as educational.

***Parent’s learning night!** You parents will be encouraged to come to Church on a Wednesday night and learn more about our faith from the guests that we will invite. I humbly ask you that you make every effort to come to that evening. I am talking about just two Wednesdays during the entire Faith Formation year—one before Christmas and one before Easter. As you know, you are the primary teachers of the faith for your children and we want to help you be successful in that.

***Suggestions and concerns regarding the Faith Formation Program!** If you have any concerns about the Faith Formation program, or if you have any suggestions to improve our program, always feel free to call Jackie Christianson our Faith Formation Coordinator at 952-448-9861, Jodee Korkowski our Administrative Assistant or myself at (952) 448-2345.

Visit to India! I will be out of the country from June 8th - July 10th. While I am gone, I will still be available to you. Please email me at motchamaryjoseph@gmail.com and I will reply to you as soon as possible. You may also contact our Administrative Assistant, Jodee Korkowski, who will be in regular contact with me via phone. I have arranged for guest priests each of the weekends I will be gone. We will have adoration at 6 pm with a communion service at 6:45 pm on Fridays. There will also be a communion service at 8 am on Saturdays. There will be no daily Masses at St. Nicholas on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday during my absence. Please consider attending daily Mass at one the other area parishes. Guardian Angels in Chaska: Tuesday – Friday 8 am, St. Victoria in Victoria: Tuesday – Friday 8 am, St. Hubert’s in Chanhassen: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 7:30 am & Wednesday 6:30 am and St. John the Baptist in Jordan: Tuesday 6:15 pm and Wednesday – Friday 8:15 am. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Paul Jarvis at 952-227-4000, or Fr. Conran Schneider at 952-361-0414.

Sunday Reflection! Today’s Gospel is from Matthew 28:16-20 in which Jesus commands His disciples, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Jesus teaches that the three Persons of the Trinity work in perfect harmony. In our lives, are we willing to work in harmony with each other?

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph