


<p>This Week's Events:</p> <p>WEDNESDAY: 7:00 PM Fall Festival Meeting in Parish Center</p> <p>THURSDAY: 7:00 PM AA Meeting in Parish Center</p> <p>FRIDAY: 6:45 PM Mass 7:15 PM Prayer Group</p> <p>SATURDAY: 8:00 AM Daily Mass</p>	<p align="center">Sunday Giving July 4, 2010</p> <p>Children.....5.75 Adult Envelopes & Plate.....2,063.94 Collected to date.....2,069.69 Budgeted to date.....2,303.85 Net (Loss).....(234.16)</p> <p align="center">COUNTERS: July 18 – Barb & Moriem</p>	
	<p>Lectors:</p> <p>Saturday.....July 17 4:00 pm....Nancy Ludovissie 7:00 pm....Cathy Pass</p> <p>Sunday.....July 18 8:00 am....Marita Reisgraf 10:00 am...Sam Welter</p>	<p>Mass Intentions</p> <p>July 17 4:00 pm Shirley Schuster 7:00 pm Richard Bierlein</p> <p>July 18 8:00 am Winnie Riesgraf 10:00 am Jean Laumann</p> <p>July 20 8:00 am Matthew L. Smith July 22 8:00 am Special Intentions</p>
<p>MASS SERVERS:</p> <p>SaturdayJuly 17 4:00pm.....Mike Szaroletta Tony Szaroletta 7:00pm.....Christopher Walters Help Needed</p> <p>SundayJuly 18 8:00am.....Nick Hayes Connor Christianson 10:00am.....Mary Welter Mitchell Wickenhauser</p>	<p>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</p> <p>Saturday.....July 17 4:00pm...Nancy Ludovissie, Mary Omollo, Sue Bolland 7:00pm...Gail Ruhland, Frank Ruhland Cathy Pass</p> <p>Sunday.....July 18 8:00am...Bill Hayes, Mary Poppler, Jacquelyn Christianson 10:00am..Barb Swanson, Dick Kvitek, Madonna Grapentine</p>	

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"It is simply impossible to lead, without the aid of prayer, a virtuous life." ~ St. John Chrysostom (347-407)
 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 (Rights of Christian Initiation for Adults):
 Please call the parish office for more information



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JULY 11, 2010 – THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

St. Nicholas Cemetery a place of prayer! Since my return from India recently, I took time to walk around and enjoy the greenery and serenity of our beautiful St. Nicholas cemetery--and talk to our family and friends buried here. It is nice to see that so many come to this place every day to pray, to plant flowers, and steal the beats from my garden (Just kidding). Hebrews 11:4 reads, "By faith Abel offered to God a sacrifice greater than Cain's. Through this he was attested to be righteous, God bearing witness to his gifts, and through this, though dead, he still speaks." Our friends and family that have gone before us still speak to us. Let us stop at the cemetery and listen to them as they speak.

Let us show our support to Archbishop Flynn! The Little Sisters of the Poor are organizing a fundraising gala on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at the Crowne of Plaza in St. Paul to honor Archbishop Emeritus Flynn as the first recipient of the "St. Jeanne Juan Award". Tickets are \$125.00 per person. All proceeds will benefit the renovation of their chapel. We would like to get a group together to attend this event. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in attending or contributing to this.



Thank you Nancy Ronhovde! Nancy has served as the principal of GA school for the past 10 years and retired at the end of the school year. We will greatly miss Nancy and wish her well as she starts a new chapter in her life. The following is what Nancy had to say in her final message. "You have a strong, yet nurturing, environment for your children created by parents and teachers working together. You have weathered economic storms, and now it is time to turn the corner and head forward, onward, and upward. Thank you for your care and support. God bless you!" Fr. Paul also added, "Times of transition are also opportunities to check to see how we are doing ... focus groups and a town hall meeting of stakeholders (alumni, parents, educators, St. Nick's/St. Vic's/G.A. parishioners) are being organized so that all stakeholders can shape the mission and vision of our nationally recognized school. What else will get us there is the "WE!" spirit growing

at G.A. School. G.A. School is also a place where students, parents and alumni feel like they're part of a family.

Fall Festival Feature, Issue 3, 2010! We are changing a few things with this year's Festival to help make the Festival run a little smoother. We are adding a Ticket Booth this year. Patrons to the Festival will buy tickets and use these tickets as the Festival 'currency' for the various activities for the Festival. Patrons can buy their tickets at a booth near the Beer Tent. We are doing this so we can keep the money in a central location. We are having a Food Garden in the Parish Center on Sunday September 12. The Food Garden will include a second helping of the Chicken Dinner, but will just be individual servings instead of a sit-down dinner as with Saturday's Chicken Dinner. Also, the Memphis Style Pork Lunch will be back this year. The last Food Garden item will be the popular Tacos-In-A-Bag. The Saturday Chicken Dinner and the Sunday Food Garden will need volunteers to help set up the Parish Center, serve food and clean up after the Food Garden closes. Please lend a hand by volunteering for a couple of hours to help with the Chicken Dinner and the Food Garden!!
God Bless, Kathy and Patrick Dempsey

Second Annual Summer Gala Fast Approaching! Please return your tickets as soon as possible. If you still need tickets, please contact the parish office. We will gather at the Park Ballroom in New Prague on Friday, July 30 this year. The social hour begins at 5:30 pm with a cash bar. Dinner will be served at 7 pm and include Roast beef, herb baked chicken, sage dressing, mashed potatoes with country gravy, green beans almondine, mixed greens salad with house dressing, assorted rolls, and cake. After dinner our local author, Angela Hunt, will give an inspirational talk on: "Will we let hope take us prisoner in these difficult times?" We will have drawings for door prizes again this year. Finally, a band will play a variety of music for your enjoyment and dancing until midnight. The proceeds will be used for some repairs that are needed in the church. We hope you will join us for this great night out and help us keep our historical church in good repair.

Dear Padre Question! The following is part of the article that I wrote for the Espiritu Católico. Since this is a large subject, I will share the remainder of the article with you next week. "What is witchcraft and what is the approach of the Catholic Church toward it?" According to The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church, witchcraft is the "The alleged exercise of magical powers through the gift of supernatural beings other than God and His angels." [Cross, F.L. and Livingstone, E.A. *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005 Print, Page 1796.] That is to say, witchcraft is showing one's allegiance to a demon instead of God--trusting in the devil instead of God.

What are some reasons that some people are into witchcraft? People seek the help of witchcraft to cause the death of some obnoxious person, to awaken the passion of love into someone's heart, to call up those who are already dead, to bring impotence or calamity upon rivals, enemies or oppressors. That is to say, people seek witchcraft to seek 'their' good, and harm someone else. [Wikipedia contributors, "Witchcraft." *Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia*. Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia, 30 Apr. 2010. Web, 7 May. 2010.]

Is there any distinction between Witchcraft and Magic? Wikipedia,[Wikipedia contributors. "Witchcraft" *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia, 30 Apr. 2010. Web, 7 May. 2010.] indicates that there is not much distinction between witchcraft and Magic--both of them intend to produce effects with the help of diabolical powers instead of One, True God.

Why does the Church condemn witchcraft? Fr. John Hardon points out that the Catholic Church condemns witchcraft not because people are being duped (of course, the Church does not want anyone to be duped) rather 'miraculous results are expected (even demanded) of evil powers over which God alone has sovereignty.' "Invocation of the devil is a grave sin against God, since it avows that the evil spirit can act independently of God. It is also a blasphemous communication with the enemy of God and of the human race." [Hardon, John A. *The Catholic Catechism*,. New York: Doubleday, 1981. Print. Page 301-2]

Could you name some diabolical activities related to witchcraft? Witchcraft (the practice of Magic especially black magic, invocation of spirits), Spiritualism (communicating with the dead especially through mediums), Divination (an attempt to know the future through crooked paths) etc.

Could you name some of the well-known witchcraft activities in various parts of the world? Haiti (voodoo), Africa, South America, especially Brazil (*macumbe*). All of these, especially *macumbe* has great evil power. [Amorth, Fr. Gabriele. *An Exorcist Tells His Story*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1999. Print. Page 148]

When was the first time that witchcraft was practiced? Witchcraft has been practiced since the beginning of human history.

Can I both practice witchcraft and remain faithful to God? No. We cannot worship both Satan and God. Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." [Matthew 6: 24]

What is the worst thing that can happen to me by involving myself with witchcraft? "To distance man from God in order to lead him to sin and spiritual death....The victims of witchcraft will, at the very least, feel a great aversion for all that is sacred-prayer, churches, images. Instead his life will be filled with all sorts of unpredictable forms of evil. [Amorth, Fr. Gabriele. *An Exorcist Tells His Story*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1999. Print. Page 145-6]

Is it sinful if I just consult fortune-tellers? It is sinful even you just consult fortune-tellers. "God alone knows the future; mercifully, He has hidden it from us. To consult fortune-tellers is wrong. Even if it is done only for amusement, it is sinful amusement, may give scandal, and can lead one to consult spiritualists and to sin seriously." [Ripley, Canon Francis, *This Is The Faith*. Rockford: Tan Books and Publishers, Inc., 2002. Print. Page 72]

Is the power of evil/witchcraft for real? Yes. "Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." [Luke 22:31-32] Further, 1 Peter 5:8-9 reads, "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for (someone) to devour. Resist him, steadfast in faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world undergo the same sufferings." Both of these Biblical verses affirm for us that the power of evil/witchcraft is for real.

Is it just one particular group of people seek the help of witchcraft? Not really--all kinds of people seek the help of witchcraft. "Thus we see everyone--young and old, women, laborers, professionals, politicians, and actors--seeking the 'truth' about their future. This sort of crowd will always find another crowd: sorcerers, soothsayers, astrologers, card readers, prana therapists, and fortune-tellers of all kinds. Those who turn to them are motivated by chance, or hope, or desperation, or as an experiment. Some become victims, others remain bound, others enter into the closed-end circle of sects." [Amorth, Fr. Gabriele. *An Exorcist Tells His Story*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1999. Print. Page 144]

Do all understand the harmful effect of the power of witchcraft? Fr. Gabriele Amorth offers a healthy criticism that there are people who underestimate the harmful power of witchcraft while they simultaneously trust or emphasize the salvific power of Jesus Christ who died to free all of us from the bonds of Satan. Witchcraft was condemned by both the Church and the civil society. The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church points out that until the year 1100 in Europe the Catholic Church did not pay much attention to it. However, in the 12th century the Church began to condemn it bluntly as it began to spread more and more--witchcraft which invoked the aid of the evil spirit instead of seeking the help of One, True God. The sorcerers and witches were arrested only if they were accused of causing disruption to the society; they were tried in the courts of the bishops and were punished according to the secular law. In the 13th century some theologians in the Church argued that witchcraft was a heresy and as a result the witches were tried under Inquisition. Even though there were trials against the witchcrafts, the trials against witchcraft did not become intense until the late 16th century in countries like Hungary and the early 18th century in countries like Poland. It is said that probably 50,000 people were executed as a result of their involvement with witchcraft. Not only the Church, sometimes the civil world as well condemned and executed, probably up until the 18th century. In the late 18th century and the 19th century some argued that witchcraft is just a superstition and as a result not much attention was given to it. Anyway, to this day, some form of witchcraft is practiced everywhere [Cross, F.L. and Livingstone, E.A. *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005. Print. Page 1769-1770].

Sunday Reflection! The Gospel for today is from Luke 10 in which we learn about the Good Samaritan. Accordingly a man fall victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. The robbers stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest and a Levite came to the place, passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, "Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back." Let us ask ourselves. Am I a Good Samaritan who has a few seconds to look at those lying down in the street, who need a little bit of my time or am I always in such a hurry that I fail to see those stretching out their hands to me?

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

Please join us on a day trip to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI on Thursday, July 22, 2010. Please arrive at St. Nicholas by 8 am. We will watch a short video and then board the bus. We will arrive around noon and have lunch. We will tour the shrine at 1:30 and Fr. Thomas will say Mass at 2:30 pm. You will have some free time to explore the gardens before we depart at 4 pm. The lunch will cost \$12.50 and we ask for a donation towards the cost of fuel for the bus. Please contact the parish office for more information or to sign up for the trip.