


This Week's Events: THURSDAY: 7 PM AA Meeting in Parish Center FRIDAY: 7:15 PM Prayer Group COUNTERS: August 2 Barb & Deb	Sunday Giving July 19, 2009 Children 4.60 Adult Envelopes & Plate 1,888.85 Collected to date 6,287.43 Budgeted to date 6,911.54 Net (loss).....(624.11)	
	Lectors: Saturday..... Aug 1 4:00pm.....Chelsea Vogel 7:00pm....Tammy Castanias Sunday..... Aug 2 8:00am....Marita Riesgraf 10:00am...Jeremy Rich	Mass Intentions: Aug 1 4:00 pm Living & deceased members of St. Nicholas 7:00 pm Deacon Richard Broich Aug 2 8:00 am World Peace 10:00 am The unborn
MASS SERVERS: Saturday Aug 1 4:00pm.....Mike SzarolettaTony Szaroletta 7:00pm.....Jennifer CastaniasEmily Castanias Sunday..... Aug 2 8:00am.....Tyler FisherHelp Needed 10:00am.....Thomas RobleSam Roble	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Saturday Aug 1 4:00 pmHelp Needed, Mary Omollo,Nancy Ludovissie 7:00 pmTammy & Paul CastaniasHelp Needed Sunday Aug 2 8:00am.....Cathy Pass,2 Help Needed 10am.....Steve Roble, Jeremy RichMadonna Grapentine	

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Fr. Thomas with his fellow class of 2005 priests who came for dinner last Sunday.



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.

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



July 26, 2009 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15



Prayer is real! It is a great joy for me to see you good people of God take advantage of our Prayer Intentions Book placed in front of Our Blessed Mother in St. Nicholas Church. A number of you have already written down your intentions. Please continue to do so and remember that so many of God’s people right here in Carver and everywhere are praying for you. Thanks to Darlene Mahowald for her leadership in keeping our prayer chain going. Someone once said, “When praying, don’t give God instructions, just report for duty.” Our Prayer Intentions Book is an opportunity for us to come and report/express our needs to the good God—when we show up for duty and do our part, He will do the rest.

May Jean Laumann rest in peace! Our Sister Jean Laumann passed away peacefully on July 21 around 5 p.m. Jean was a faithful St. Nicholas Parishioner who was a Faith Formation Teacher, very active in the Choir and in many other ways. The way that our sister Jean loved all of us, and the legacy she left may continue to inspire us now and forever. Eternal rest grant unto our sister Jean O Lord...May Perpetual light Shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Summer Bible School! Tammi Anderson has been working hard to give our children the opportunity to participate in Summer Bible School. It will be August 10-14 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. If you need financial assistance with registration please call the parish office.



August 7 Dinner! The fundraising dinner for the parish center addition on August 7th is fast approaching. St. Nicholas greatly appreciates your generosity in purchasing the tickets. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening including food, drinks, a speaker and door prizes. If you are not able to attend, please return the tickets to the parish office as soon as possible.

Youth group meeting! The Youth Group will be hosting an informational meeting on Sunday, August 2nd at 7:00 pm in the parish center. All youth ages 6th-12th grade are invited to join us as we discuss the direction of the group for the year. We will talk about activity and outreach opportunities. Please join us for this brief meeting to bring the group together. If you are unable to attend the meeting or would like more information about the Youth Group please call the parish office or Jackie Christianson @ 952-448-9861 or email jackiestnicholas@embarqmail.com.



Kid’s trip to Como Zoo! St. Nicholas Children’s Como Zoo Trip will be held August 20th. We will be leaving at 10:00 am from the Chaska Community Center and returning to the Community Center at 3:00 pm. The cost for the trip is \$5.00 and includes the transportation fee and a bag lunch. The trip is open to all children ages 6 and up. We will be riding a Southwest Transit bus to the zoo and back. Please bring a small snack and water. You can RSVP to Jodee in the parish office or Jackie Christianson via email or phone by August 14th. There is a sign- up sheet on the door in church as well. Adult

volunteers will be needed for our trip if you are able to help, please call Jackie Christianson. Thank you!!

Pope’s lesson on money! *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth) is the 3rd encyclical letter by Our Holy Father Benedict the XVIth. Soon we will post our Holy Father’s encyclical on our parish website. Next week in our bulletin I will share with you the highlights of it.

What is a Novena? Let us learn more about it...For more than 1,000 years, novenas have been a staple of the prayer life of countless Catholics, yet it is difficult to track down the origin of this devotion. It’s possible that the first Pentecost was the inspiration for nine days of prayer (the term “*novena*” comes from the Latin word ninth) in order to receive a great grace. The first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles tells us that after Christ ascended into heaven, Our Lady, the apostles and other disciples went back to the Upper Room, the site of the Last Supper, and “with one accord devoted themselves to prayer” (Acts 1:14). After nine days of prayer the Holy Spirit descended upon them all. In the early centuries of the Church some Christians prayed for nine days

after the death of a loved one (this custom was probably adopted from the Romans, who, after a death in the family, prayed for nine days). In the seventh century, Christians in Spain prepared for Christmas with nine days of Masses in honor of the Blessed Mother. By the year 1000, Catholics in France, Belgium and the Rhineland in Germany were making novenas to favorite Saints. But how these customs developed remains a mystery. We do know that making a novena is a grassroots devotion developed by ordinary Catholics. There is no formal liturgy for a novena. Yes, in many places a novena takes place in church, with formal prayers read from a little booklet or flier, followed by Mass or Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and perhaps veneration of a relic or a sacred image, but such arrangements have been tacked onto the novena. At its essence, a novena is simply nine days of prayer that anyone can offer at any place at any time of day or night, alone or with others. Although the Church has never given novenas a formal liturgy, it does approve of them because they foster the two qualities essential in the life of prayer- Confidence and Persistence. The one novena that has quasi-official status in the life of the Church is the Nine First Fridays. It is based on the visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), who reported that Our Lord promised to save the soul of anyone who attended Mass and received Holy Communion on the first Friday of the month for nine straight months. Many parishes offer the votive Mass of the Sacred Heart every first Friday. [This article was taken from *Our Sunday Visitor*, July 26, 2009 by Thomas J. Craughwell, founder of www.anticueholycards.com].



Sunday Reflection! Today’s Gospel is from John 6:1-15. When the people saw the sign/miracle that Jesus had done, namely feeding thousands of people with good loaves and fish for free, they wanted a leader of such a kind who will be a miracle worker and keep their needs met. When Jesus realized, “they were going to come and carry him off to make him King, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.” Here we see miracle versus message. People wanted more miracles, more loaves and fish from Jesus but were not willing to listen to His message. Let us ask ourselves, do we look for Jesus of just miracles, or Jesus of miracles and messages? Some of the messages of Jesus are hard to follow. However, He wants us not just looking for loaves and fish but to be people who have ears to listen to His message. Let us ask ourselves: Am I just looking for a Jesus of miracles or a Jesus of miracles and messages?

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

A heartfelt thank you! Our family appreciates the many cards, calls, hugs and prayers since my Mom passed away suddenly on 6/25. We had a safe trip to Old Greenwich, CT for Mom’s memorial service, and enjoyed our time with family and friends while we were there. My Uncle’s heart surgery during that same time went very well and he is recuperating at home. Sincerely, Amy & Tom Gestach Family.

Please turn in your Faith Formation registration forms. We ask that the forms be turned in even if you are unable to pay at this time. We need to order materials and want to ensure we have an accurate count on the student numbers. Financial assistance is available, so please turn in your forms at your earliest convenience. If you have questions or concerns, please call Jackie Christianson @ 448-9861 or email jackiestnicholas@embarqmail.com.

Since next weekend is the first weekend of the month, we will once again place the basket on the altar to collect donations for the CAP Agency food shelf. Kids are invited to bring their donations up at offertory time. Thanks for your continued support to those in need.

We are looking for a volunteer(s) to be trained as a BeFriender. BeFrienders provide pastoral care for people in all kinds of difficult or transitional situations. They are trained lay volunteers who extend the care of a faith community. They make it possible for more people to receive care in the name of the church more often. A BeFriender is someone who: listens with compassion, accepts people as they are, respects another’s spiritual journey and embodies the caring presence of God. If you or some you know would be interested in this opportunity, please call the parish office for more details. The training class is September 21-24 in Golden Valley, MN.