

This Week's Calendar of Events:
TUESDAY: 8 AM Daily Mass
THURSDAY: 8 AM Daily Mass
FRIDAY: 6:00 PM Adoration
 6:45 PM Mass with prayer group to follow
SATURDAY: 8 AM Daily Mass

We have prayer shawls available for parishioners to give out to someone they may know who has a need for prayers for healing, comfort, friendship, love, etc. If you would like to pick one up, please contact Sharon Menden or the parish office.

Sunday Giving June 26, 2011

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| Children | 9.93 |
| Adult Envelopes & Plate | 1,037.25 |
| Collected to date | 106,474.07 |
| Budgeted to date | 119,800.00 |
| Net (Loss) | (13,325.93) |


COUNTERS: July 10 – Char T. & Bill H.

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| <p>Love INC Donations Needed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We are collecting 12" Rulers for the Love INC Backpack Give-Back Project again this year. Our goal is to collect 215 rulers by August 7th. Please drop your donations off in the basket in back of church, the box in the parish center or at the parish office. Thank you for your support!</p> | <p>Mass Intentions</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>July 5</td> <td>8:00 am</td> <td>† Allan Mahowald</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 7</td> <td>8:00 am</td> <td>†Delores, Henry & Michael Schutrop</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 8</td> <td>6:45 pm</td> <td>†Rev. Bernard Klein</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 9</td> <td>4:00 pm</td> <td>†Robert Vogel</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>7:00 pm</td> <td>†Adella Rademacher</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 10</td> <td>8:00 am</td> <td>†Marilyn Herrmann</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>10:00 am</td> <td>Living & deceased members of St. Nicholas</td> </tr> </table> | July 5 | 8:00 am | † Allan Mahowald | July 7 | 8:00 am | †Delores, Henry & Michael Schutrop | July 8 | 6:45 pm | †Rev. Bernard Klein | July 9 | 4:00 pm | †Robert Vogel | | 7:00 pm | †Adella Rademacher | July 10 | 8:00 am | †Marilyn Herrmann | | 10:00 am | Living & deceased members of St. Nicholas |
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| <p>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</p> <p>Saturday.....July 9 4:00 pm.....Char Weber Chuck Mahowald 7:00 pm.....Kurt Korkowski Jodee Korkowski</p> <p>Sunday.....July 10 8:00 am.....Jane Hanson, Bill H. Help Needed 10:00 am....Barb Swanson Amy & Steve Roble</p> | <p>LECTORS:</p> <p>Saturday.....July 9 4:00 pm.....Help Needed</p> <p>7:00 pm.....Kurt Korkowski</p> <p>Sunday.....July 10 8:00 am.....Tom Durda</p> <p>10:00 am....Barb Swanson</p> | <p>MASS SERVERS:</p> <p>Saturday.....July 9 4:00 pm.....Mike S. Tony S.</p> <p>7:00 pm..... Help Needed Christopher W.</p> <p>Sunday.....July 10 8:00 am.....Nick H. Sam F.</p> <p>10:00 am....Thomas R. Sam R.</p> |
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Cardinal DiNardo from Texas at the priest gathering in Rochester



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.

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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.
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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July 3, 2011 – **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



Summer Gala! Our summer Gala is one of the many ways that parishioners and well-wishers of St. Nicholas can support their Church. Please call the parish office for more details or if you need tickets. Please return your ticket stubs as soon as possible! If you are not able to join us for dinner, please come between 8 pm and midnight to enjoy the music of the Downtown Sound variety band.



Happy Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Friday, July 1)! The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is based on the revelation of Jesus to Margaret Mary Alacoque of France from the 17th century. This Feast in the Church is celebrated the Friday after

Corpus Christi which we celebrated last weekend. This Feast is an invitation for us to meditate on the compassionate heart of Jesus from which flows living water as mentioned in John 7: 37-39 which reads, "On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood up and exclaimed, 'Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as scripture says: 'Rivers of living water will flow from within him.'"

St. Nicholas, a city set on the hill is indeed a place of prayer! Throughout the year, especially in the summer, the surroundings of St. Nicholas are truly a place of prayer...as the trees, shrubs, grass, weeds, plants in the garden, etc. turn green. It is nice to see, now and then people stop by to pray and say hello to their loved ones gone before them, as the birds, squirrels and other creatures resound with music. It is nice to see those people who jog, walk the dog, bike, play with their children, or sit on one of the benches and gaze at the sunrise and sunset. Dear people of God let not the summer pass by before we know it. Please enjoy summer by praying with the nature, especially the nature that we are blessed with at St. Nicholas...yes, come to this 'God's city set on the hill,' and be at the feet of our Patron Saint, St. Nicholas.

We believe in praying to St. Nicholas of Myra! At the beginning of every weekend Mass we pray the prayer to St. Nicholas. It is truly a petition to our Patron Saint that he may take care of our Church, that He may keep us under one roof, and that He may keep our faith alive lest we grow lukewarm in our love for God and His Church. Praying to St. Nicholas is of *de rigueur* (necessary) if we want to be healthy and wealthy in every way. With this spirit, pray the following prayer as often as you can:

Almighty God,
who in your love,
gave to your servant St. Nicholas of Myra
a perpetual name for deeds of kindness, on land and sea,
Grant we pray, that your Church,
especially the Church of St. Nicholas, in Carver, MN,
may never cease to work for the happiness of your children,
may never cease from caring for souls,
and the relief of the poor.
May the members and supporters of St. Nicholas Church,
'a city set on the hill,' for the past 142 years,
be all the more renewed and resolved in their Spirit,
in caring, building, supporting, participating
and inviting non-Church goers coming to St. Nicholas,
so that St. Nicholas continues to remain 'a city set on the hill,'
all the more lively
a House of God, a House of Prayer,
now and to our children's children. Amen.

On *Corpus Christi* I emphasized that Jesus desires it is not enough that we eat His Body and drink His Blood, it is also important that we come to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Here at St. Nicholas we have adoration every Friday at 6 pm and every first Friday at 3 pm. Please come and spend some time with Jesus.

Actively take care of your Church! We are blessed with a good group of people who volunteered to take care of the grass during the summer. Don't wait for the office to call you. If you observe something that needs fixing on the Church property please let us know, be the first one to extend your helping hands. It shows that you care about the well-being of our St. Nicholas Church very much. Just as the saying goes, 'drops make the ocean,' if each and every one of us are willing to lend our hands, we can do many more miracles in building, preserving, and beautifying Saint Nicholas for the good of our children and the glory of God. To help your Church, you and I do not have to be experts...even if we are a 'jack of all trades, master of none,' our church could still use us. Will you lend a hand?

Now Hiring! St. Nicholas has a part time temporary job opening for a *Faith Formation*

Coordinator. Send resumé to jodeestnicholas@embarqmail.com. Please see our website or the parish office for more information.

Auction Items Being Sought Now! Remember to look around your attic, garage & out-buildings for items for our auction! Antiques and collectibles would be great! **No appliances or mattresses please.** The auction will be at St. Nicholas Church on Sunday, September 25, 2011 from Noon-6:00 PM. 85% of the sale price will go to the owner of the item with St. Nicholas Church receiving 15% which will be used to renovate the church bell tower. Everyone is welcome to participate. Contact Barb Swanson at 952-448-2830 or the parish office for more information.

Dear padre Question! *When I was a child, we went to confession every two weeks. Since the changes after Vatican II, I'm confused as to how often I should go. Can you advise me? – Veronica.*

Answer: Before the Second Vatican Council, many Catholics went to confession at least once a month. Vatican II and Church documents since then have said nothing to discourage frequent use of the sacrament. Indeed much in the official teaching of the Church, including the writings of the post-conciliar Popes, encourages frequent confession.

Regarding the obligation to go to confession, the Code of Canon Law states: "After having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins once a year" (Cannon 989). The word "grave" is equivalent to "mortal." So, the obligation to confess once a year applies only to those in mortal sin. Technically, one need never go to confession (except for first confession) unless one is in mortal sin.

However, the Church encourages frequent confession as a means of renewing and developing one's spiritual life. I'm not breaking the seal of confession by saying that the majority of people who come to confession are not in mortal sin. They come because they want the "grace" of the sacrament – a closer relationship to Christ. Pastors and catechists should emphasize this aspect of the sacrament.

How often should you go to confession? As often as you want, of course. Going during Advent and Lent is highly recommended. One could add the Saturdays before the following: one's birthday or baptismal anniversary, the patronal feast day of the parish, one's own name day or marriage anniversary. [Mannion, Msgr. M. Francis. "Frequency of Confession." Our Sunday Visitor 19 June 2011: Faith 15. Print.]

Sunday Reflection! The Gospel for today is from Matthew 11: 25-30 in which Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will

give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Jesus is telling, come closer to me, learn from my wisdom, do not be afraid to approach me. Let us ask ourselves: Am I excited to get near Jesus, or, am I trying to avoid Jesus?

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

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"Ten men who whisper the truth speak louder than a hundred million who lie."...Bishop Edward J. Slattery

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We will have an Altar Server training session this summer if there are any students 4th grade and older who are interested in being a server. Please contact the parish office for more details.

We will be gathering for prayer shawl on Tuesday, July 12th, at 7 pm in the lower level of the parish center. Prayer shawl is when we knit or crochet shawls to be given to people who are in need of prayers for love, healing, friendship, and a celebration. If you don't know how to knit or crochet we can teach you. Please join us for our next fun evening of knitting/crocheting, praying and fellowship. If you have questions or know of anyone who could use a shawl contact Sharon Menden sharonstnicholas@embarqmail.com or the parish office.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office Annual Conference entitled, **"With the Lord, There is Mercy and Fullness of Redemption"** at the University of St. Thomas is **July 15-16. Pre-registration is required.** No registration charge; however, freewill offerings will be taken throughout the weekend. For more information visit the website: www.mncro.org or call 763-571-5314.

Fall Festival Feature: Issue 02, Volume 08

What two ingredients are required for a great Festival? Well, food and beer, of course! This year we will again have lots of food and lots of beer served during Fall Festival. Snacks will be provided in the Beer Garden, the Chicken Dinner will headline Saturday and the Memphis Style Pork Lunch will headline the Sunday Food Garden. Also, the Faith Formation booth will have hotdogs, candy, popcorn and other snacks. We will have Tacos-In-A-Bag and a la carte items from the Chicken Dinner available on Sunday in the Food Garden.

Of course, like any activity for the Fall Festival, we need volunteers to help serve food throughout the Festival. Please go to the church website and click 'Fall Festival' under the 'Church Activities' link and sign up to volunteer for the Chicken Dinner, the Beer Garden and the Sunday Food Garden. You can also call the church to sign up for a shift.

Each shift lasts a few hours so the time commitment should be minimal. We can never have enough volunteers, so please consider being generous with your time and consider signing up for two shifts. The Fall Festival Committee thanks all you for your help again with this year's Festival!!!