


This Week's Calendar of Events: TUESDAY: 8 AM Daily Mass 7 PM Card Making in the Parish Center THURSDAY: 8 AM Daily Mass FRIDAY: 3:00 PM First Friday Adoration 6:45 PM Mass with prayer group to follow SATURDAY: 8 AM Daily Mass	Sunday Giving July 24, 2011 Children 5.50 Adult Envelopes & Plate 3,161.00 Collected to date 9,137.38 Budgeted to date 9,600.00 Net (Loss) (462.62) COUNTERS: August 7 – Barb S. & Bill H.	
	Love INC Donations Needed We have only collected 43 of the 215 rulers that we need for the Love INC Backpack Give-Back Project so far this year. Please help us reach our goal by bringing in your donation next weekend! Please drop the rulers off in the basket in back of church or at the parish office. Thank you!	Mass Intentions August 5 6:45 pm † Rev. Bernard Klein August 6 4:00 pm † Delores, Henry & Michael Schutrop 7:00 pm † Audrey Korkowski August 7 8:00 am † Jacobs Family 10:00 am Living & Deceased members of St. Nicholas August 9 8:00 am † Florence LaPlante August 11 8:00 am † Delores, Henry & Michael Schutrop

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Saturday.....Aug. 6 4:00 pm.....Help Needed Char Weber 7:00 pm.....Gail & Frank Ruhland Help Needed Sunday..... Aug. 7 8:00 am.....Bill Hays, Lisa Swirtz Sharon Hartung 10:00 am.....Barb Swanson Kate Harmon & Dick Kvittek	LECTORS: Saturday.....Aug. 6 4:00 pm.....Help Needed 7:00 pm.....Nancy Ludovissie Sunday..... Aug. 7 8:00 am.....Tom Durda 10:00 am...Barb Swanson	MASS SERVERS: Saturday.....Aug. 6 4:00 pm.....Mike S. Tony S. 7:00 pm.....Help Needed Christopher W. Sunday..... Aug. 7 8:00 am.....Sam W. Nick H. 10:00 am....Tyler Fisher Sam Fisher
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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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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.

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 31, 2011 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

May John Pass rest in peace! John Pass, our dear beloved parishioner, a man of great presence has left us after a period of prolonged illness. We are inspired by Cathy his wife, for all of the love and care she gave to John throughout his life, especially these last few months. May he rest in peace.

Famine of the modern day! I am sure you all follow the news of the famine that has claimed the lives of so many and continues to endanger the lives of many more. Hundreds or even thousands flee Somalia every day. Sometimes children have been left to die on the side of the road. Our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI said, "It is a terrible thing in our world that a baby should die from lack of food."



Let us pray for the people of this famine-plagued nation that help arrives in a timely fashion to prevent further loss of lives.

'A family that prays together stays together!' I often witness how beautiful and powerful it is when family members can come together. I found this in the lives of the Roiger family. Rich, the dad, did the major carpentry work to refurbish the beautiful doors we now have for our church basement and confessional. It was nice to see both the boys helping the dad to put the doors in the church and their mom, Bev supporting them spiritually from the background. This is a beautiful example of how families are

capable of performing miracles when they come together. Yes as Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta said,



"A family that prays together, stays together.'

Summer Gala Success! Our 3rd Annual St. Nicholas Summer Gala was indeed a success. Thanks to you the good people, who choose to be there or choose to make a financial contribution even if you could not attend. Thank you for sharing your goodness and support for our Church. St. Justin (philosopher and martyr) wrote, "Christ has

said that he is truth, not fashion." Thank you good people for all the good things you do in the name of this Truth, Jesus Christ.

Good people are still all around us! Chris and Kelly Konechne are a fine young couple and we are proud to have them as parishioners at St. Nicholas. They along with Gary (the man with a good heart who volunteered to help them find Chris's wedding ring that was lost at a beach) were recently interviewed by WCCO and Fox9 on their nightly television news last week. The following story was written by Kelly and published in the Chaska Herald last week:



"Despite the fact that we watch the news every night and see all the tragedy around us, I want to share a unique story of a man with a good heart...On Sunday afternoon we decided to head to the beach in Excelsior to hang out for the day with a few of our friends. We had been playing in the sand with our friends' son and swimming in the lake all afternoon. About 3pm my husband came to me in a panic and said he had lost his wedding ring. He was crushed and I was extremely bummed. We dug through the sand and looked in the water for a good hour, but were unsuccessful. We had to get going and didn't think the chances of finding it were very good. We were married last August, so we were both pretty sad since we hadn't even made it through our 1 year anniversary. On a whim the next morning, I decided to put an ad on Craigslist about his lost ring on the chance someone would come across it and have a good heart to return it. I didn't think anything would come of it, but had to at least try for peace of mind. I received an e-mail from a guy named Gary who said he had a water proof metal detector and would be willing to go look for it. Talk about a nice guy! We agreed to meet him at the beach at 7pm and hoped for the best. Chris (my husband) and Gary searched the beach line and water for 2 full hours. Since the sun was setting, they decided they would look for 5 more minutes and then head in. At this point they had both pretty much given up hope after finding only tons of glass and pennies. They were way out by the swimming buoys and the detector showed something so they scooped up one last shovel of sand from the bottom of the lake. Low and behold- a shiny piece of white gold was found! They could hardly believe their

eyes! Chris and Gary started cheering. Even the few people left at the beach started clapping. We can't thank Gary enough! He is such a nice man who went out of his way to help us out! I just think this story is so neat...Mostly for the fact that there are still good people out there willing to help! It's amazing how things turn out. Chris and I are overjoyed that he has his ring back! I don't think he'll ever go swimming with it anymore!"

Happy Feast of St. Joachim and Anne! Every year we celebrate the Feast of Joachim and Ann on July 26. Did you ever think and wonder about the privilege they had--being called the parents of Mary, grandparents to Jesus who is God. Mary was able to say 'yes' to God's request because of the good, holy upbringing she had from her parents Joachim and Anne. Let us ask ourselves: as parents, as people of God, have I or do I teach my children and others to say 'yes' to God?



Dear Padre Question! Q. Can the Catholic faithful accept private revelations that claim to surpass or complete the Revelation of Jesus Christ?

A. No. As the Catechism goes on to say: "Christian faith cannot accept 'revelations' that claim to surpass or correct the Revelation of which Christ is the fulfillment, as is the case in certain non-Christian religions and also in certain religions and also in certain recent sects which base themselves on such 'revelations'" (CCC67).

Some examples of religions and recent sects that claim to possess revelations that surpass or correct the Revelation of Christ would be: Islam, the Latter-day Saints (Mormons), Jehovah's Witnesses, and Seventh Day Adventists. Both Muhammad, the founder of Islam, and Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, claimed to have had private revelations from an angel. St. Paul warns against such claims when he says: "But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel other than the one that we preached to you, let that one be accursed" (Gal 1:8); and that "even Satan can masquerade as an angel of light" 2 Cor 11:14). [Campbell, Rev. Dwight P. A Primer on Divine Revelation – Scripture and Tradition. Princeton: Scepter Publishers, Inc., 1998. Print.]

Sunday Reflection! The Gospel for today is from Matthew 14 in which we learn about Jesus feeding the hungry (corporal works of Mercy). Obviously Jesus was sad as he learned about the martyrdom of his dear friend and relative John the Baptist. To spend some time in prayer, He went to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds heard of this, they went to see Jesus. His heart was moved with pity to see them hungry, away from the city. When Jesus brought this to the attention of His disciples

they were anxious to send them away, anxious to get rid of them: "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." However, Jesus was preoccupied to take care of the needs of the hungry crowd and instructed his disciples: "...give them some food yourselves." Let us ask ourselves: When I notice needs in the lives of others, am I anxious to get rid of the needy as the disciples of Jesus, or, am I preoccupied with finding ways to help that person like Jesus?

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

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"Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

St. Francis of Assisi

Our first card making night is Tuesday, August 2nd at 7 pm in the parish center. We are going to start making a variety of cards for different occasions. If you would like to donate some supplies or make a cash donation, please drop them off in the parish office marked "Card Making Supplies." If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Menden at sharonstnicholas@embarqmail.com or 952-496-3443.

Love INC Praise Festival & Pancake Breakfast during Chaska River City Days on Sunday, July 31st, from 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Christian Bands from area churches will be playing at Chaska's City Square Park. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee. Suggested breakfast donation is: \$5 for youth & adults, \$2 for kids 5-12, and Under 5 free. **Everyone Welcome!**

Come discover the plan that will transform your work, your marriage, your family, your community...your life! This fall, the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute will begin another two-year course at The Saint Paul Seminary. Under the direction of Mr. Jeff Cavins and taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities, the program follows the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and lay out the roadmap to heaven. The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules and meet on Monday evenings, 7 to 9 pm, with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Applications are now being accepted for the class beginning September 2011. For more information and an application, call (651) 962-6890 or visit www.saintpaulseminary.org.

Fall Festival Feature: Issue 02, Volume 11 –

Here are a few reminders about how you can help out this year. Donations: We need lots of donations: prizes, candy & gift cards for the kids games, baked goods & other hand-made items for the Country Store, pies for the Chicken Dinner, bottled sodas & other bottled items for the Bottle Blast, bottles of wine, beer, or liquor for our "Booze Buggy", and donated items for the Silent Auction. Please do what you can to donate an item or two for this year's silent auction. Remember, the gift baskets are always a popular item with the auction. You can also donate money which we will use to purchase items for the silent auction. Remember to go to the church website to view the volunteer sign-up sheets. When you see a time slot you want, contact the church with your name, phone number, date and time slot, for which you wish to volunteer. Sign up for more than one time slot!! We need lots of volunteers, so please be generous with your donation of time!!