


This Week's Events: All Week: VBS 5:30-7:30 pm in parish center FRIDAY: 7:15 PM Prayer Group COUNTERS: August 16 Tom & Mike	Sunday Giving August 2, 2009 Children 7.50 Adult Envelopes & Plate..... 2579.55 Collected to date 10,529.84 Budgeted to date 11,519.23 Net (loss).....(989.39)	
	Lectors: Saturday..... Aug 15 4:00pm.....Dottie Illig 7:00pm.....Cathy Pass Sunday..... Aug 16 8:00am.....Mike Fahey 10:00am....Jeremy Rich	Mass Intentions: Aug 15 4:00 pm World Peace 7:00 pm Civil Leaders Aug 16 8:00 am John & Mary Czaia 10:00 am Deacon Richard Broich Aug 18 8:00am Mary Pat Varney
MASS SERVERS: Saturday Aug 15 4:00pm..... Mike SzarolettaTony Szaroletta 7:00pm.....Christopher WaltersKayla Bolland Sunday..... Aug 16 8:00am..... Katarina Christianson Connor Christianson 10:00am.....Sam RobleThomas Roble	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Saturday Aug 15 4:00 pmDottie Illig, Butch Illig,Help Needed 7:00 pmJean Poppler,Sue Bolland, Cathy Pass Sunday Aug 16 8:00am.....(3) Help Needed 10am.....Amy Roble, Theresa TheideJeremy Rich	

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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



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AUGUST 9, 2009 – 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Youth group goes on! Thanks to the tremendous leadership of Jackie Christianson, our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Coordinator, our youth have responded to her call by showing up for the youth group. With God’s help we are bound to grow more and more. When we care about our youth they will realize the capacity they have; to leave ‘footprints on the sands of time.’ Young people remember what our late Holy Father John Paul II said, “You (young people) are the Church.” The next youth group meeting will be August 16 at 7 pm in the parish center.

Happy Birthday Barb Swanson! Barb is a devout member of our St. Nicholas Church community who has invested herself in many ways. We wish her God’s blessings as she celebrated her birthday on August 4.

Summer Bible School begins Monday! A number of children have registered for Vacation Bible School. We pray for Tammi Anderson who has put several hours into preparing for this in spite of the fact that she has three young children. Please pray this will be an uplifting experience for our children.

Prayer lesson from St. John Mary Vianney! Every year on the 4th of August the Church celebrates the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney who is the Patron Saint for all the priests, especially priests who work in parishes. It is said that he spent around 16 hours in the summer and around 11 hours in the winter hearing confessions. If he spent hours and hours in confession it is a reminder that all of us are obliged to go to confession without exception. Our confessional gets used a lot and it is our hope that more and more people will take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This great saint has a piece of advice on prayer for all of us: “Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: If you set it on fire it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them up, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that.” Heeding St. John Mary Vianney’s words, besides our individual prayers, let us find time to do group prayers; as family, as neighbors, as co-workers, as a church community or whatever ways possible. Group prayer is like many straws set on fire, whose flames are powerful and that which draws God’s attention in a special way.

Pope’s New Encyclical Seeks New Way of Doing Business! Recently I mentioned Our Holy Father’s latest encyclical titled *Caritas In Veritate* is a common-sense, God-centered, practical guide of how we are to deal with times of economic crisis. The following was taken from the “New Encyclical Seeks New Way of Doing Business” article in the July 20-27, 2009 issue of “America” magazine.

Ethical values are needed to overcome the current global economic crisis as well as to eradicate hunger and promote the development of all the world’s peoples, Pope Benedict XVI said in his new encyclical, the document *Caritas in Veritate* (On Human Development in Charity in Truth) that was released at the Vatican on July 7, 2009.

The truth that God is the creator of human life, that every life is sacred, that the earth was given to humanity to use and protect and that God has a plan for each person must be respected in development programs and in economic recovery efforts if they are to have real and lasting benefits, the pope said. Charity, or love, is not an option for Christians, he added, and “practicing charity in truth helps people understand that adhering to the values of Christianity is not merely useful, but essential for building a good society and for true integral development.”

In addressing the global economic crisis and the enduring poverty of the world’s poorest countries, he said, “the primary capital to be safeguarded and valued is man, the human person in his or her integrity.” The global dimension of the financial crisis is an expression of the moral failure of greedy financiers and investors, the lack of oversight by national governments and a lack of understanding that the global economy requires internationally recognized global control, the pope said.

United Nations Reform. Pope Benedict stressed that the revitalization of the United Nations system is essential if the world is to recover successfully from the current economic crisis and find peaceful means of resolving conflicts. “In the face of the unrelenting growth of global interdependence, there is a strongly felt need, even in the midst of global recession, for a reform of the United Nations organization, and likewise of economic institutions and international finance, so that the concept of the family of nations can acquire real teeth,” the pope wrote. “To manage the global economy; to revive economies hit by the crisis; to avoid any deterioration of the present crisis and the greater imbalances that would result; to bring about integral and timely disarmament, food security and peace; to guarantee the protection of the environment and regulate migration; for all this, there is urgent need of a true world political authority,” he said.

Development Aid. That the world’s richest nations, the pope wrote, would scale back their development aid while focusing on their own economic recoveries overlooks the long-term, practical economic benefits of solidarity with the world’s poor as well as the moral obligation to help them. “In the search for solutions to the current economic crisis, development aid for poor countries must be considered a valid means of creating wealth for all,” the pope said. The economic growth of poorer countries and their citizens’ demands for consumer goods actually benefit producers in the world’s wealthier nations. The pope said that “more economically developed nations should do all they can to allocate larger portions of their gross domestic product to more development aid,” respecting the commitments they made to the UN Millennium Development Goals, which aim at significantly reducing global poverty rates by 2015.

Expansive Pro-Life Agenda. Pope Benedict said that being pro-life means being pro-development, especially given the connection between poverty and infant mortality. The only way to promote the true development of people is to promote a culture in which every human life is welcomed and valued, arguing that food and water are “universal rights of all human beings without distinction or discrimination, and form a part of the basic right to life. “The acceptance of life strengthens moral fiber and makes people capable of mutual help,” he said. Development programs and offers of aid that encourage coercive or unethical population-control methods or that promote abortion do not have the good of people at heart and limit the recipients’ motivation to become actors in their own development and progress, the pope said. In addition, an anti-life mentality in the world’s richest countries is partly responsible for a lack of concern for the poor. “How can we be surprised by the indifference shown toward situations of human degradation when such indifference extends even to our attitude toward what is and is not human?” the pope asked. “While the poor of the world continue knocking on the doors of the rich, the world of affluence runs the risk of no longer hearing those knocks on account of a conscience that can no longer distinguish what is human.”

Recognizing all stakeholders. Pope Benedict also reemphasized church teaching that making money and being wealthy are not in themselves sinful, but that the way in which money is made and the way it is spent can be occasions of sin. The encyclical in particular condemned corruption, the exploitation of workers, the destruction of the environment, the continuing practice of wealthy nations imposing such high tariffs on imports that they shut poor countries out of the international marketplace and, especially, an “excessive zeal” for enforcing patents, especially on medications that could save the lives of thousands of poor people if they were available at a reasonable cost. The document called for a profoundly new way of understanding business, “which recognizes that investors are not a company’s only stakeholders, no matter how the business is structured and financed. Employees, those who make the products, people who live in the communities where companies are based, where their products originate and where their products are sold, all have a stake in a business,” the pope said. He also wrote that investing always has a moral dimension. “What should be avoided is a speculative use of financial resources that yields to the temptation of seeking only short-term sustainability of the enterprise, its benefit to the real economy and attentions to the advancement—in suitable and appropriate ways—of further economic initiatives in countries in need of development,” he said.

Sunday Reflection! Today’s Gospel is from John 6:41-51 in which Jesus teaches us that He is the Bread of Life; the Bread of Eternal Life. When Jesus said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven,” the people of his time began to murmur; they shook their heads in denial. We might say to ourselves if Jesus were to stand in front me today and tell me, “I am the Bread of Life,” I will not shake my head in denial and I will have no problem in accepting what Jesus had to say—this would be wonderful. This Jesus comes to us today in many ways--through our spouses, children, friends, family and strangers. Do I receive them as I would accept Jesus or do I shake my head in denial when they need me?

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Thomas Joseph

The children’s trip to Como Zoo will be on Thursday, August 20. Don’t forget to sign up in back of church to attend or call the parish office. We are also looking for volunteers to chaperone. Let the office know if you can help with that.

We are still collecting school supplies for Love Inc. You can drop your donations off in back of church. Thank you to those of you who have already brought in items!

All marriages need nurturing and encouragement! Attend the August 22-23 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at the Dakota Ridge Hotel on 35E and Yankee Doodle in Eagan. Visit www.marriages.org for a listing of retreats or call [651.454.3238](tel:651.454.3238).

On Sept. 26th GA will be giving guided tours of the 1885 Church, the 1868 Old Friary and the gardens behind the two 19th century buildings. These tours will be during the light hours, and will showcase in 45 minutes the structures, conveying the meaning of the symbols and pointing out the history. Anyone interested in volunteering at GA as a volunteer guide (docent) on 9/26 should contact Neil Kennedy, head docent, at nnkennedy@chaska.net.