

**This Week's Events:**  
**TUESDAY:** 7 AM Mass  
**WEDNESDAY:** 6 PM Faith Formation classes in the Parish Center  
**THURSDAY:** 7 AM Mass  
 4-6 PM Fare for All @ Crown of Glory  
 6:30 – 8 PM Individual Confessions in Church  
**FRIDAY:** 6 PM Mass with Adoration & Prayer Group to follow.

**St. Nicholas, Celebrating 150 years!**

Please Save Your Aluminum Cans & Drop Them in the Receptacle in the Parking Lot. TV!

SUNDAY GIVING DECEMBER 9, 2018			
Building Fund	\$ 53.00	2	# of Envelopes from Generous Families
Children	\$ 0.00	0	# of Envelopes from Generous Kids
Adult Envelope & Plate	\$ 2,050.50	45	# of Envelopes from Generous Families
Collected Year to Date	\$ 49,843.64		
Budgeted Year to Date	\$ 57,828.00		
Under Budget	\$ -7,984.36		



**Current Needs:** New bath towels & wash cloths, queen sheet sets, chest of drawers, dressers, twin mattresses, and twin box springs. Donations can be dropped off at FurniShare located at 7890 Market Boulevard in Chanhassen anytime Wednesday – Friday, 10 am – 4 pm, or Saturday 9 am – noon.

**Mass Intentions**

Dec 21 6 PM †Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 Dec 22 4 PM †Phillip Shambour  
 7 PM Living & Deceased Members of St. Nicholas  
 Dec 23 9:15 AM †Jim Hron  
 Dec 24 4 PM †John Pass  
 Dec 25 9:15 AM †Char Turek  
 Dec 27 7 AM †Chester & Steve Cisek

Call 952-448-2345 to offer a Mass for \$7

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**  
 Saturday.....December 22  
 4:00 PM.....Char Weber  
 Chuck Mahowald

7:00 PM.....Jodee Korkowski  
 Kurt Korkowski

Sunday.....December 23  
 9:15AM.....Deb Ries  
 John Turek

**LECTORS:**  
 Saturday.....December 22  
 4:00 PM.....Char Weber

7:00 PM.....Kurt Korkowski

Sunday.....December 23  
 9:15AM.....Deb Ries

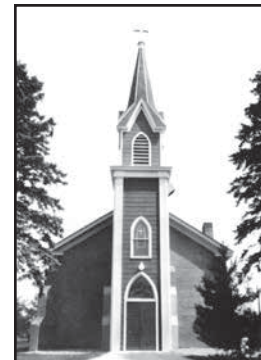
**MASS SERVERS:**  
 Saturday.....December 22  
 4:00 PM.....Help Needed  
 Help Needed

7:00 PM.....Krista K.  
 Kyle K.

Sunday.....December 23  
 9:15AM.....Ella R.  
 Vivian M.

# St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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We are glad to have you here today!  
 If you wish to register at St. Nicholas,  
 please call the church.

Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
 Pray for us!

## STAFF

**Pastors**  
 Fr. Bill Deziel  
 Fr. Edison Galarza

**Business Administrator**  
 Jodee Korkowski.....952-448-2345  
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**Organist**  
 Mary Schwartz.....952-649-1777

Dear brothers and sisters, Mahatma Gandhi said, "Prayer has saved my life. Without it I would have been a lunatic long ago." As we have often reflected here at St. Nicholas, "there is no right or wrong way to pray—simply pray." God will be pleased, we will be helped if we pray in a formal or informal way. When we say informal it includes praying while driving, while the at the gym, while gardening, etc. However, always remember formal prayers like the Mass, spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Rosary, reading from the Bible, etc. should also be an integral part of one's prayer life.

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 PM  
**Sunday:** 9:15 AM (English) & 10:30 AM (Spanish)  
**Daily Masses**  
 Rosary ½ hr. before Mass  
**Tuesday, Thursday:** 7:00 AM  
**Friday:** 6:00 PM

## Adoration

**Every Friday:** 6:30 PM  
 with prayer group to follow at 7:15 PM  
**1st Friday of each month:** 3:00-6:00 PM

## Reception of the Sacraments

**BAPTISM:**  
 Time and date as requested by the Family - Call for Pre-Baptismal program

**CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION):**  
 Saturdays 3:30-3:50 PM  
 or contact the parish office to schedule an appointment

**MARRIAGE:**  
 Call the parish office to make arrangements

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:**  
 Anytime, call 952-227-4005

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):**  
 Please call the parish office for more information

## COUNCIL AND BOARD

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**DECEMBER 16, 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

ZEP 3:14-18A; IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; PHIL 4:4-7; LK 3:10-18

**Jodee Korkowski concluding her role as Parish Business Administrator!** With heavy heart I want you to know that Jodee Korkowski, our long time Parish Business Administrator has discerned to leave her position as of the end of December. Jodee has done an absolutely amazing job for us for a little over 10 years now. She literally does “everything” around here, and she will be dearly missed by all of us. I have never known such a hard worker and generous soul. She has held our parish together through thick and thin, and has uplifted so many people who have come to the office in their time of need. I know that many of us rely upon her daily and weekly in our relationship with our St. Nicholas parish. I have as well, and I know that our long-time former pastor, Fr. Thomas Joseph, who hired her all those years ago, relied upon her greatly as well.

I know that we all feel a sense of loss, and we will for a long time to come. She literally is “irreplaceable”, and yet we also know that no good thing lasts forever. We must all continue on, and with God’s Grace and guidance, we will. Please see Jodee’s article also in this bulletin for her message.

I want to thank Jodee for her heroic efforts to serve the parish, and to love and serve Christ by loving and serving all of our parishioners. We will have big shoes to try to fill for sure! On the last weekend of December (29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>), we will have a reception after the Masses to recognize Jodee for her service. Please plan to come to thank her for all that she has done for us.

We will not immediately hire for this position. We will use this as a time to re-evaluate what our needs are, and how best to meet them in the long run. In the interim, Jean Rief and Lynn Arnal, who work at Guardian Angels will serve here as well. Jean will serve as a Receptionist/Pastoral Care server and Lynn will serve as Business Administrator/ Receptionist. They will begin in January, although you may see them in the office from time to time now as Jodee offers them some training. I expect this interim period to last until June or so, then we will have a better sense for a permanent solution.

The parish office hours will most likely change in January with all of this, but at this time, we’re not sure exactly what it will look like. Please keep Jodee, and the entire parish in your prayers during this time of transition. Change is never easy and this certainly will not be. With the Lord leading us, the help of the Holy Spirit, and all of us doing our part and staying positive like Jodee always is, we can then move forward. Mary, Mother of the Church; pray for us! St. Nicholas; pray for us!

In Christ,  
*Fr. Deziel*

**Christmas Schedule!** Individual Advent confession will be on Thursday, December 20, from 6:30-8 pm. You may walk in any time, make your confession, do your prayers and go home. Both priests will be here so English and Spanish confessions can be heard. **Christmas Eve Masses:** 4 pm, and 6 pm Spanish. **Christmas Day Mass:** 9:15 am.

**Christmas Giving Tree!** During Advent we ask for your support for those in need this Christmas season and throughout the coming year. Please take an ornament from the Giving tree. We have found gift cards to various discount stores grocery stores or gas stations work well. You can also make a cash donation. Simply bring your gift to the Parish office or drop it in the collection basket so that St. Nicholas can help those in need. If you or someone you know needs help this Christmas, please contact the parish office. All information will be kept confidential. Thank you for your generosity!



**Religious Give Thanks!** “This money is pure gift,” writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. “It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters.” Your gift to last week’s collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. We collected \$896. Thank you for your generosity!

**Chocolate & Chuckles is Baaack!!!!** Join us on Saturday, January 19, at 6:30 PM at Guardian Angels in Chaska. All Couples: Married, Engaged, and Dating are invited for an evening of fun, laughter & fellowship. More information to come as we get closer to the date. Circle the date on your calendar and make it a “date-night.” You don’t want to miss this!

**SAVE THE DATE!** We are pleased to announce that the GA Gala-Young at Heart-Back to the 50’s will be on February 23, 2019 at 6 pm. Our honorary guest will be Archbishop Hebda! There will be a Dinner, Dance, Silent and Live Auction! We will feature The White Sidewalls Band! We will celebrate at GA School in the gym. We are currently looking for donations, sponsors, advertising for the program, and volunteers! Please contact Lisa Staudohar at [lstaudo@gachaska.org](mailto:lstaudo@gachaska.org) with donations, ideas, or to volunteer!



**A special message from Jodee!** There is a plaque in the rectory that reads: "Yesterday is a memory, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift, which is why it is called the present." I have always liked this saying and applied it to my life. I have truly enjoyed working with everyone and serving the Church of St. Nicholas. I will forever be grateful to Fr. Thomas Joseph, who wouldn't take no for an answer, and convinced me to begin this adventure back in November of 2008. I have grown spiritually, professionally and personally from this opportunity. It has been invaluable and I will forever cherish the many fond memories I have, and the friendships I have made. The joys and blessing in my life from this experience are countless.

Tomorrow is truly a mystery as I hope to be able to take some much-needed rest to better care for myself and spend more time with my kids before they head off to college. I know that God has a plan as I begin this next chapter in life, and I can't wait to see what happens.

I view each new day as a gift from God which is a great source of joy and peace in my life. I have always tried my best each and every day, to fully give whatever I could to be that present for others. I can't believe how fast time seems to fly by and I have enjoyed getting to know Fr. Deziel and Fr. Galarza as we have worked together for almost a

year now. As I have learned from my friends in Kenya, God is good all the time, all the time God is good! Please be assured of my prayers for all of you and the Church of St. Nicholas now and into the future!

**Young Adult Listening Sessions with Archbishop Hebda!** Archbishop Hebda invites young adults (ages 18-39) of the Archdiocese to join him for the second listening session regarding the abuse crisis in the Church. Attendees are encouraged to share their ideas for creating and maintaining safe environments, healing the Church, and moving forward together. This session is Wednesday, December 19 from 7-9 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. For more information, go to [archspm.org](http://archspm.org) and click on the events tab.

**Best Advent Ever!** Advent is here! Are you excited? Stressed? A little of both? Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas, but we often get distracted and busy. Sign up for BEST ADVENT EVER! It’s a free, daily email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most in the midst of the holiday bustle. You’ll experience Advent in a way you’ve never experienced it before, leading to the best Christmas of your life! Are you ready to have an Advent—and a Christmas—you’ll never forget? Register at <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/>



**A PRAYER FOR ADVENT**

Look on us, Jesus, and let all the darkness of our souls disappear before the beams of your brightness. Fill us with your holy love, and open to us the treasures of your wisdom. You know all our desire, so bring to perfection what you have started, and what the Holy Spirit has wakened us to ask in prayer. We seek your face, turn your face to us and show us your glory. Then our longing will be satisfied and our peace will be perfect. *Amen.*

—St. Augustine of Hippo