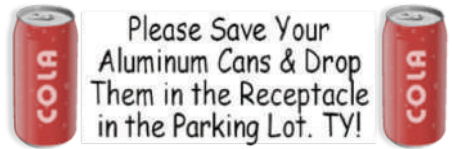


This Week's Events:
MONDAY: 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass
TUESDAY: 9:15 AM Christmas Mass
WEDNESDAY: NO Faith Formation
THURSDAY: 7 AM Mass
FRIDAY: 6 PM Mass with Adoration & Prayer Group to follow.

St. Nicholas, Celebrating 150 years!



SUNDAY GIVING DECEMBER 16, 2018			
Building Fund	\$ 68.00	4	# of Envelopes from Generous Families
Children	\$ 0.00	0	# of Envelopes from Generous Kids
Adult Envelope & Plate	\$ 2,224.47	54	# of Envelopes from Generous Families
Collected Year to Date	\$ 52,068.11		
Budgeted Year to Date	\$ 60,237.50		
Under Budget	\$ -8,169.39		



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 28 6 PM †Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Dec 29 4 PM Living & Deceased Members of St. Nicholas
 7 PM †Troy Heiberg
 Dec 30 9:15 AM †Byron & Mavis Dorion
 Dec 31 4 PM †Herman & Grace Schwartz
 Jan 01 9:15 AM Available
 Jan 03 7 AM †Howard & Thelma Erickson
 Call 952-448-2345 to offer a Mass for \$7

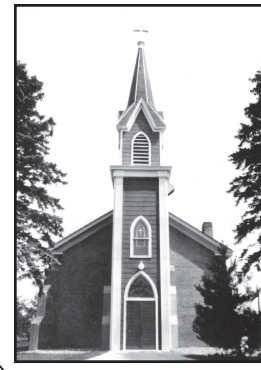
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
 Saturday.....December 29
 4:00 PM.....Stephanie Svoboda
 Chuck Mahowald
 7:00 PM.....Jodee Korkowski
 Kurt Korkowski
 Sunday.....December 30
 9:15AM.....Amy Roble
 Steve Roble

LECTORS:
 Saturday.....December 29
 4:00 PM.....Stephanie Svoboda
 7:00 PM.....Kurt Korkowski
 Sunday.....December 30
 9:15AM.....Steve Roble

MASS SERVERS:
 Saturday.....December 29
 4:00 PM.....Cole S.
 Help Needed
 7:00 PM.....Krista K.
 Kyle K.
 Sunday.....December 30
 9:15AM.....Sarah R.
 Lizzie R.

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 If you wish to register at St. Nicholas,
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*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

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DECEMBER 23, 2018 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MI 5:1-4A; PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; HEB 10:5-10; LK 1:39-45



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

Christmas Schedule! Christmas Eve (12/24) Masses: 4 pm, and 6 pm Spanish. **Christmas Day (12/25) Mass:** 9:15 am.

Year-End Giving! If your circumstances permit, please consider a year-end donation to St. Nicholas Church. We have fallen a little behind in our Sunday giving and would like to keep on track with our budget. We are most grateful for anything you can do to help us reach our goals! Contributions received in hand or postmarked by December 31 will be credited to your 2018-year end tax statement.

Chocolate & Chuckles! “*Life is Like a Box of Chocolates ... You never know what you’re gonna get.*” All Couples (married, engaged, or dating) are invited to join us for a **FREE** Evening of “*Chocolate & Chuckles*” on Saturday, January 19th from 6:30-10 pm in St. Francis Hall. (*Lower Level of Guardian Angels Church located at 215 2nd St. W., Chaska.*) Enjoy an evening out that will include fun, laughter & fellowship! There will be

games and a short movie from either “The 5 Love Languages” or “The Tale of Two Brains.” Come to find out which it will be????!!!! Snacks & Beverages will be provided. We would love to have you join us and hope to see you there! Remember it’s **FREE!** Sorry, babysitting will not be available.

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@wachaska.org with donations, ideas, or to volunteer!

Catholic Single Adults Club Christmas Dinner and Dance! All single Twin City Catholics, 21 and older, are invited to join us on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at David Fong’s Restaurant, 9329 Lyndale Ave. S., Bloomington. A social hour and dinner will begin at 5:30 pm, with dancing at 7:30 pm. The cost for dinner and dance is \$20; dance only is \$10. Dinner reservations and checks for this family style Cantonese dinner are required by Thursday, December 27th. No reservation is required for dance-only participants. Please call Greg at 651-636-3508 or Carl at 651-603-1412 for reservations.

Annual Prayer Service for Life

Please join us at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, Tuesday, January 22, 10:30 a.m. for the Annual Prayer Service for Life, followed by MCCL’s March for Life at the State Capitol. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion’s aftermath. All are invited and welcome. Please consider carpooling or utilizing buses as parking and street access are limited. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage, Family & Life at 651-291-4488.



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December 25, 2015 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

VIGIL: IS 62:1-5; PS 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25; MT 1:1-25
NIGHT: IS 9:1-6; PS 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 ; TI 2:11-14; LK 2:1-14
DAWN: IS 62:11-12; PS 97:1, 6, 11-12; TI 3:4-7; LK 2:15-20
DAY: IS 52:7-10; PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 ; HEB 1:1-6; JN 1:1-18

Christ the savior
is born.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May the love of Christ fill every one of our hearts at this Holy time of the Year! May Christ bless our families with peace, joy, and mercy for one another. The greatest gift that we receive is the love of Christ. May each of us be generous in sharing that gift with each other.

Receptions for Jodee Korkowski next weekend!

As was announced in our bulletin last weekend, our long-time administrator, Jodee Korkowski, will be leaving her position at the end of this month to spend more time with her family. Please join us in thanking Jodee for her many years of dedicated service to our parish. We’ll have receptions after each of the Masses next weekend to thank her and wish her all the best. Please come and show your appreciation for her!

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Deziel

Flower Donations! Thanks to the following, for adding beauty to our Christmas celebration by making a donation towards the Christmas flowers in our Church: □ David & Barbara Buetow – *In Memory of*

the Buetow & Rademacher families. □ David & Marietta Dauwalter – *In Memory of Anne & Jerome Dauwalter, Roger Dauwalter, Jerry Dauwalter, Wendy Dauwalter, Corey Dauwalter, Rachel Dauwalter, and Bertrand Dauwalter.* □ Amy Hammers – *In Memory of Joe Hammers.* □ Leon & Sue Jeurissen – *In Memory of Ryan Jeurissen.* □ Liem Le & Hung Pham. □ Skip Low – *In Memory of the Low Family.* □ Charles & Darlene Mahowald – *In Memory of the Lenzmeier and Mahowald Families.* □ Maura Ortiz Sandoval. □ Cathy Pass – *In Memory of the Pass and Dusoski Families.* □ Dominga Ponce & Family. □ Jim & Mary Poppler – *In Memory of the Poppler & Schmitt families.* □ Jason & Tammy Reed – *In Memory of Eddie & Katie Reed.* □ Marita Riesgraf Reed – *In Memory of Barney Riesgraf, and the Bauer and Riesgraf Families.* □ Cristobal Vivas & Family.

Happy Birthday Jesus! Our Wednesday night Faith Formation program ended their last night of class before Christmas break with a birthday party for Jesus. They sang Happy Birthday and got to blow out the candle on their individual cupcakes. A great time was had by all! We thank our teachers who generously volunteer their time to help educate our youth in the Catholic faith.



Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God! Join us on New Year's Eve (12/31) at 4 pm or New Year's Day (1/1) 9:15 am.

Twin Cities Survivors Peace Circle! Saturday, January 19, 12:30 – 2 pm in the Pierre Bottineau Library Meeting Room (First floor, east side of building), 55 Broadway St. SE, Minneapolis. The Twin Cities Survivors Peace Circle is open to all who have experienced the trauma of clergy sexual abuse. All are welcome and privacy is respected. Contact Jim with questions, concerns or comments: 773-412-0909.