

This Week's Events:
TUESDAY: 7 AM Mass
WEDNESDAY: 6 PM Faith Formation classes in the Parish Center
THURSDAY: 7 AM Mass
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. TY!

SUNDAY GIVING DECEMBER 2, 2018

Building Fund	\$ 125.00	8	# of Envelopes from Generous Families
Children	\$ 0.00	0	# of Envelopes from Generous Kids
Adult Envelope & Plate	\$ 2,578.78	50	# of Envelopes from Generous Families
Collected Year to Date	\$ 47,793.14		
Budgeted Year to Date	\$ 55,418.50		
Under Budget	\$ -7,625.36		

Counters for December 16, 2018
Liz Vogel & John Turek



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 14 6 PM †Holy Souls in Purgatory
 Dec 15 4 PM Fr. Thomas Joseph
 7 PM Living & Deceased Members of St. Nicholas
 Dec 16 9:15 AM †Gerald Dorion
 Dec 18 7 AM †Clarence & Caroline Lenzmeier
 Dec 20 7 AM †Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Saturday.....December 15
 4:00 PM.....Chuck Mahowald
 Cathy Pass

7:00 PM.....Jodee Korkowski
 John Weckman

Sunday.....December 16
 9:15AM.....Candis Wickenhauser
 Mary Poppler

LECTORS:

Saturday....December 15
 4:00 PM.....Cathy Pass

7:00 PM.....Jodee Korkowski

Sunday.....December 16
 9:15AM.....Candis Wickenhauser

MASS SERVERS:

Saturday....December 15
 4:00 PM.....Help Needed
 Help Needed

7:00 PM.....Krista K.
 Help Needed

Sunday.....December 16
 9:15AM.....Izzy H.
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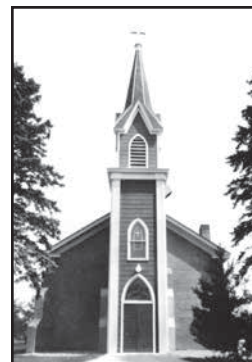
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We are glad to have you here today!
 If you wish to register at St. Nicholas, please call the church.



Nativity scene in the Prayer Garden!

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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

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



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DECEMBER 9, 2018 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BAR 5:1-9; PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11; LK 3:1-6



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



150th Anniversary Celebration! We had a great celebration last weekend despite the snowy weather. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us! Archbishop Hebda was able to join us for the 4 PM Mass and gave a great reflection on the occasion of our 150th Anniversary. After the Mass, he stayed for the reception in the parish center with great food and conversation. He also braved the snowy paths to check out the continued progress in the prayer garden before he departed for the night.

Thanks to Donna, Rob, Julie, Molly, Ron, Sharon and all the others who volunteered to set up and oversee the reception, bake sale, religious item sale and history display. Thanks to those of you who donated items for the bake sale, religious items or historical items that we displayed. We also thank Skip and his crew who helped with the successful pancake breakfast on Sunday. It was great to see people enjoying the food, visiting and checking out all we had to offer. We still have some of our special recipe sausage available for \$6 per pound. Get yours before it is gone!

Feast of St. Nicholas! Our Wednesday night Faith Formation Program celebrated on the eve of the Feast of St. Nicholas. Fr. Deziel celebrated Mass for the students and their families. Then they headed to the parish center for a feast of hot dogs, chips and lemonade. They decorated cookies, did a candy cane craft and made a list of three people they were going to do something nice for in the spirit of St. Nicholas. We thank Marietta,



Tammy, Gloria and the Faith Formation teachers for all of their help in making the event a success.

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! As we begin Advent in preparation for Christmas, we ask for your support for those in need this Christmas season and throughout the year. Please pick an ornament from the Christmas tree as a reminder to give a gift to someone in need this Christmas. 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!



Support the Retirement Fund for Religious! A donor writes, “Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today, many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to this week’s second collection.



Christmas Food Pack! St. Nicholas will again be one of three sites for the Christmas Food Pack event. **We still need at least 5 more couples/families to volunteer to assemble and distribute Christmas food packages on Saturday, December 15th.** This is a family-friendly event and is a great opportunity to share the joy of Christmas with families who may not otherwise enjoy the holiday season. In addition to volunteering, please consider making a financial gift to Love INC in support of the Christmas Food Packs. This year, Love INC will distribute 100 Christmas food baskets at a cost of more than \$5,000 total. Each basket costs roughly \$50 but provides relief and hope that goes far beyond its monetary value. See the Love INC website to donate or register to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b44aeaf22a46-20181>

Thank You Wickenhauser Family! We are very grateful to Lester and Candis Wickenhauser who volunteer to store our large Nativity scene all year long. They graciously bring it to church and set it up as we begin advent and will then come back and remove it as soon as possible after the Christmas season. If you have not seen it up close, be sure to

take a walk out in the prayer garden and check it out when you can. The set was donated to the parish several years ago by the extended family of one of our parishioners.

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/>



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 lstaudoahar@gachaska.org with donations, ideas, or to volunteer!