

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
FRIDAY: 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross, 6 PM Mass with adoration and Prayer Group to follow until 7:30 PM
SATURDAY: NO 8 AM Mass
We are in need of Liturgical volunteers for ALL Masses! Please contact Jodee for more details!



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

SUNDAY GIVING MARCH 11 th , 2018			
Building Fund	\$ 3.00	1	# of Envelopes from Generous Families
Children	\$ 0.00	0	# of Envelopes from Generous Kids
Adult Envelope & Plate	\$ 1,743.44	55	# of Envelopes from Generous Families
Collected to Date	\$ 89,897.86		
Budgeted to Date	\$ 89,725.00		
Net Profit - Thank You!	\$ 172.86		

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In the Name of Christ
 Twin mattresses, box springs, and metal bed frames are needed. 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.

Counters for March 25th, 2017
Liz Vogel & Chuck Mahowald

Mass Intentions

Mar 23	6 PM	†Philip Shambour
Mar 24	4 PM	Available
	7 PM	†Fr. Peter Nguyen Huu Nhung
Mar 25	8 AM	Available
	10 AM	Living & deceased members of St. Nicholas
Mar 27	7 AM	†Anton "Tony" Mahowald
Mar 29	7 PM	Available

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Saturday.....March 24	4:00 PM.....Stephanie Svoboda	7:00 PM.....Jodee Korkowski Kurt Korkowski
Sunday.....March 25	8:00 AM.....Mike Fahey Mary Poppler	10:00AM.....Kate Harmon, Deb Ries John Turek

LECTORS:

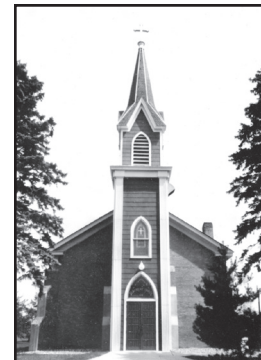
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MASS SERVERS:

Saturday.....March 24	4:00 PM.....Cole S.	7:00 PM.....Krista K. Kyle K.
Sunday.....March 25	8:00 AM....Help Needed	10:00 AM...Abby H. Ella R.

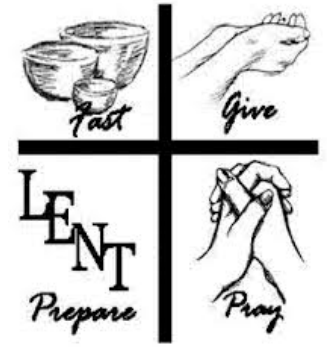
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We are glad to have you here today!
 If you wish to register at St. Nicholas, please call the church.



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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: 8:00, 10:00 & 11:45 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 3:45-4:00 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 952-227-4005

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

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March 18, 2018 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 CHR 36:14-16, 19-23; PS 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; EPH 2:4-10;
JN 3:14-21

Easter Triduum Schedule! The three days leading up to and including Easter are the three holiest days of the Christian year. Below is the schedule for Holy week, both here and at Guardian Angels in Chaska. Please take the time to celebrate these most meaningful liturgies of the year as we unite ourselves more closely with Christ and his suffering, death and resurrection. Lent is quickly coming to an end. May these last days of lent be a great blessing for you all!

Holy Thursday, March 29

7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper, bilingual, Chaska
7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper, English, Carver

Good Friday, March 30

Noon Stations of the Cross English, Chaska
3 PM Service of the Cross English, with veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion, Carver
5 PM Stations of the Cross, Spanish, in the outdoor prayer garden, Carver
6 PM Service of the Cross, Spanish, with veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion, Carver
7 PM Service of the Cross, English with veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion, Chaska

Holy Saturday, March 31

8 PM Easter Vigil, English, Chaska
8 PM Easter Vigil, Spanish, Carver

Easter Sunday, April 1

8 AM Mass English, Carver & Chaska
10 AM Mass English, Carver & Chaska
Noon Mass, Spanish, Carver & Chaska

Rectory refreshing coming soon! At the February 27th meeting of the property and finance board, the members voted unanimously to recommend hiring a contractor for the painting, carpeting, and other new flooring for the rectory. The members believe that hiring a contractor will speed up the work rather than relying solely on volunteers so that the rectory can be used for one of our priests to live in sooner rather than later. We are in the process now of receiving bids and deciding colors, flooring material, carpeting, etc. It's been over 20 years since we updated the rectory so it's time for these things to be done. If you would like to make a donation to help with the expenses, please see Jodee

in the parish office. I thank all of those who have been working hard to clean the space and move out items so that this work can continue to move forward. We have a great parish spirit and it shows!

In Christ,
Fr. Deziel

Tanzania Collection this weekend! As part of our Lenten almsgiving, we will take up a 2nd collection to support the great work of a priest friend of Fr. Deziel's from Tanzania in Africa. Fr. Augustine started a kindergarten to help the many AIDS orphans in his village of Mtamba. It is estimated that there are around 3,000 AIDS orphans in the area who have lost one or both parents to that terrible disease. From humble beginnings, Father Augustine not only started a school, but it now goes up to 8th grade and is considered one of the best schools in the whole country of Tanzania. The funds collected will go to feed the students, provide them with uniforms, and to pay for the staff that is needed 24/7 to both educate and look after the children. Thank you for whatever you are able to offer. May God bless you for your Lenten almsgiving!

Thanks for supporting Global Solidarity

Sunday! Last weekend we collected \$215 for the Global Solidarity Sunday 2nd Collection. Our struggling brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and all those who receive much needed aid through Catholic Relief

Services thank you for your support and generosity!



Catholic Services Appeal Update! We're now at 96% of our parish goal in five weeks of the campaign! We are getting very close reaching our goal of \$7,702. Eighty-eight families have responded so far. If you haven't taken care of this yet, please prayerfully consider what you are able to offer for these important ministries that no one

parish can support on their own. Remember, our parish receives a 25% rebate of whatever is collected if we reach our goal. Also, you can help us and the foundation if you let us know your intentions as soon as possible so we will not need to follow up with you. We need a response from every family. Thank you to those who have already made a commitment to the 2018 Catholic Services Appeal!

Priest schedule for Palm Sunday, March 24th & 25th!

St. Nicholas	Guardian Angels
4:00 PM Fr. Deziel	5:00 PM Fr. Galarza
7:00 PM Fr. Deziel	
8:00 AM Fr. Galarza	8:00 AM Fr. Deziel
10:00 AM Fr. Deziel	10:00 AM Fr. Galarza
Spanish Mass:	
11:45 AM: Fr. Manthey	Noon: Fr. Galarza

Confession Opportunities Available! Please take advantage of the opportunity to go to confession. Fr. Deziel or Fr. Galarza will be in the confessional 15 minutes prior to each weekend Mass. Also, be sure to check out these area Confession opportunities: St. Mark, Shakopee - Confesstival, Friday, March 23 from 9:00 am – 8:00 pm. St. Joseph, Waconia, Sunday, March 25 at 4:30 pm. St. Nicholas, Carver, Tuesday, March 27 6-8 pm. Fr. Deziel and Fr. Galarza will both be here for confessions

Mass Intentions! We now have Mass intention spots available. Remember your deceased loved ones by offering Mass for them. Please contact the parish office to schedule the date and time of your choice. The suggested offering for a Mass is still \$7 per Mass.

West Union Pancake Breakfast! West Union is hosting their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 25th from 8 am to noon. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and milk. West Union is located at 15820 Market Ave., Cologne, MN 55322. Proceeds support the summer youth group mission trip to Chicago

Lenten Fish Fry Dinners at St. Joseph in Waconia! The Knights of Columbus will be hosting "All You Can Eat" Fish Fry's on all of the

Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday), Serving from 4 - 7:30 pm in the Education Center. Tickets: Adult \$11, Child \$5 (ages 5-12), Under 5 free. Take out service available. Take a coupon from the back of church to save \$1 off each Adult Fish Fry ticket purchased.

The Living Stations: Were You There? St. Ambrose of Woodbury Drama Ministry invites you to attend any of the dramatic renditions of our Lord's Passion & Crucifixion depicting very powerful and personal monologues. The Stations of the Cross will come alive like never before! The 1-hour long services will be held at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 4125 Woodbury Drive, Woodbury on Wednesday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m.; Friday, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 25th (Palm Sunday) at 1:30 p.m.; Friday, March 30th (Good Friday) at 7 p.m. No charge.

Solemn Good Friday Prayer Vigil Outside Planned Parenthood in St. Paul! On March 30, from 8:30 am- 4:00 pm, join with thousands in prayer at Minnesota's highest volume abortuary. Fifteen area pastors, including Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Dr. John Piper, will lead in scripture and prayer, one each half hour throughout the day. Bring your family and come for as long as you can – an hour or two, half the day or all day. Park at the UST Anderson Parking Facility on the corner of Grand and Cretin; shuttle buses will be running back and forth to the vigil site all day. For more information, go to plam.org/events or call 651-771-1500.

Women's Scripture Study: Jesus Approaches! Join local author and speaker Elizabeth M. Kelly in an 8-week bible study based on her new book, "Jesus Approaches, What Today's Woman Can Learn about Healing, Freedom and Joy from the Women of the New Testament" at St. Hubert, Chanhassen (Childcare provided). Thursdays, April 5 – May 24, 9:30 – 11 am. Cost: \$60 per person. For more details and to register, visit archspm.org/events. Questions? Contact Susanna Parent at parents@archspm.org or 651.291.4411.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Char Turek. Her funeral Mass will be here at 11 am on Monday, March 19. Visitation will be 4-7 pm at the Bertas Funeral Home in Chaska on Sunday, March 18.