

This Week's Events:
TUESDAY: 7 AM Mass
WEDNESDAY: 6 PM Faith Formation
 Classes in the Parish Center
THURSDAY: 7 AM Mass
 Fare For All 4-6 pm @ Crown of Glory
FRIDAY: 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross, 6 PM Mass with adoration and Prayer Group to follow
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 FEBRUARY 11 th , 2018			
Building Fund	\$ 39.60	5	# of Envelopes from Generous Families
Children	\$ 0.00	0	# of Envelopes from Generous Kids
Adult Envelope & Plate	\$ 1,503.25	45	# of Envelopes from Generous Families
Collected to Date	\$ 81,589.70		
Budgeted to Date	\$ 80,025.00		
Net Profit - Thank You!	\$ 1,564.70		



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.

Mass Intentions			
Feb 23	6 PM	Fr. Thomas Joseph	
Feb 24	4 PM	†Eldie Meyer	
	7 PM	The Korkowski Family	
Feb 25	8 AM	Casey Dorion	
	10 AM	Living & deceased members of St. Nicholas	
Feb 27	7 AM	†Clarence & Caroline Lenzmeier	
Mar 01	7 AM	†Rev. William J. Baer	

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

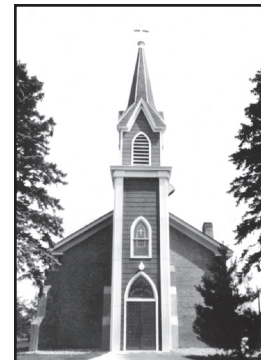
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	
Saturday.....February 24	4:00 pm.....Cathy Pass
	Chuck Mahowald
7:00 pm.....Jodee Korkowski	
	Kurt Korkowski
Sunday.....February 25	8:00 am.....Mike Fahey
	Mary Poppler
10:00am.....Deb Ries & John Turek	
	Jon Kellen

LECTORS:	
Saturday.....February 24	4:00 pm.....Cathy Pass
7:00 pm.....Kurt Korkowski	
Sunday.....February 25	8:00 am.....Mike Fahey
10:00 am.....Deb Ries	

MASS SERVERS:	
Saturday.....February 24	4:00 pm.....Help Needed
	Help Needed
7:00 pm.....Help Needed	
	Kyle K.
Sunday.....February 25	8:00 am.....Help Needed
	Help Needed
10:00 am.....Ella R.	
	Help Needed

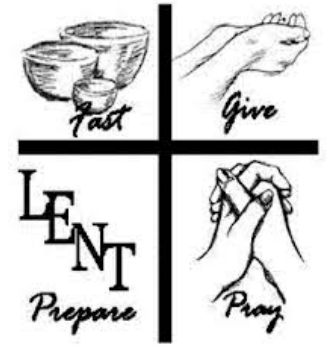
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We are glad to have you here today!
 If you wish to register at St. Nicholas, please call the church.



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Pastors	
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	Fr. Edison Galarza
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	jodeestnicholas@embarqmail.com
Organist	
	Mary Schwartz952-649-1777

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 ones 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 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 & 11:45 a.m. (Spanish)
Daily Masses
 Rosary ½ hr. before Mass
Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 a.m.
Friday: 6:00 p.m.
Adoration
Every Friday: 6:30 p.m.
 with prayer group to follow at 7:15 p.m.
1st Friday of each month: 3:00-6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL AND BOARD	
Finance and Property Board	
	Chair: John Turek
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	Jon Kellen
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Cemetery	
	JoAnn Hasse.....612-708-4118
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	Darlene Mahowald.....448-4464
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	Brandon & Kate Harmon479-7493
Men's Group	
	Casey Dorion448-2345
Sunday School for Children	
	Darcee Sobraske.....612-808-0341
Liturgy	
	Mario Montes448-2345

Reception of the Sacraments
BAPTISM:
 Time & date as requested by the Family - Call for Pre-Baptismal program
CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION):
 Saturdays after the 8:00 am Mass, 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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February 18, 2018 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
GN 9:8-15; PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 PT 3:18-22; MK 1:12-15

Welcome Fr. Edison Galarza! This weekend, we welcome Fr. Edison Galarza to our parish of St. Nicholas and Guardian Angels. Please extend your warmest welcome to him! Fr. Galarza will be serving as our associate pastor at both parishes. Next weekend we will have a larger write up sharing more information about him. Welcome Fr. Galarza!

Lent is here! The great season of Lent began this past Wednesday as we received ashes upon our heads as a sign of our repentance. The three pillars of spiritual practice in lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It's good for each of us to make a commitment at the start of lent to do something in each of these areas. Please don't wait until the last week of lent to decide what your spiritual practice will be. For prayer, we have many opportunities right here at the parish to do some extra praying such as Daily Mass, Adoration, or the Stations of the Cross. Of course, we can also commit to doing some bible study or prayer at home including a daily rosary. We're all probably most aware of the need to fast during lent. Denying ourselves something that is good is a way for opening our souls to an even greater good, which is the love of God. When deciding what to give up, pick something that you know will be a challenge, but not something that will be so difficult for you that you will not be able to realistically do it. Finally, almsgiving is a way to both deny ourselves and to help others who are in need. With almsgiving, we make extra sacrificial efforts to help the poor.



Catholic Services Appeal at 38% of goal! Thank you to all who made a commitment to our Catholic Services Appeal last weekend. We're already at 38% of our parish goal in just the first week! That's a great start and with continued effort, I'm confident that we can reach our goal of \$7,702 in no time! 54 families have responded for our participation count. If you haven't yet made a

pledge, please prayerfully consider what you are able to offer for these important ministries in the Archdiocese. Remember, our parish receives 25% back of whatever is pledged if we make our goal. Thank you for your support!

Feed my starving children! On Wednesday, February 7th, I was blessed to be able to join the St. Nicholas faith formation students, parents and volunteers as we packed meals at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen. It was inspiring to see families gather with children of all ages to pack meals for people who are in desperate hunger throughout the world. The effort brings us together to do something good, and the impact that it has on people in other countries is amazing. Lives are literally being saved by this effort. Thank you to all who came!



May you have a blessed lent,
Fr. Deziel

Priest schedule for February 24th & 25th!

St. Nicholas	Guardian Angels
4:00 PM Fr. Deziel	5:00 PM Fr. Galarza
7:00 PM Fr. Galarza	
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. Galarza Noon: Fr. Manthey

Don't give up Chocolate for Lent this Year! Lent is supposed to be a time when we invite God to help us live out our faith on a deeper level. But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it at Easter. This Lent, do something different. Take an incredible journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself with Matthew Kelley's free email program BEST LENT EVER. You'll be amazed at the impact this program can have on your life. Check it out at <https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/>.

Did you know we're social now? We've recently activated social media accounts for St. Nicholas Church on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please like/follow us for timely announcements, updates, events and information.



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Twitter @stnicholasath



Instagram @stnicholascarver

Winter Teaching Conference on Evangelization!

"Boundless Enthusiasm for the Gospel" will be held on Saturday, February 24, from 8:30am to 4:30pm at Epiphany Catholic Church in Coon Rapids. Have your grown children left the Church? How do you talk with people about the Catholic Church? Learn practical tools for evangelization. Pick from a variety of workshops like Holy Boldness, The Upper Room Experience, Life in the Holy Spirit. Some speakers will be Jessica Balzarini, Fr. Michael Becker, Fr. Joe Williams, Joe Masek, presenters from St. Paul Street Evangelization, Deb McManiman & Denise Hirl and more. Don't miss a sending forth commissioning from Bishop Cozzens! Pre-Registration, which includes lunch, \$35, or \$45 at the door. Over 70, Students, Religious, just \$20; Over 80, FREE (a \$5 donation for lunch is suggested.) For more information, visit the website: www.ccro-msp.org or call 763-571-5314.



Guardian Angels
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Guardian Angels School Open House!



All are welcome on February 22 for a Preschool - 8th Grade Open House and Children's Author Visit. Please join us as we celebrate I Love to Read month with Author Kevin Lovegreen, author of the Children's series

Lucky Luke's Hunting Adventures. 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Kevin will share his story of his inspiration for his hunting and fishing series and read excerpts from his series. School tours available! Child Care Available! Check out our generous tuition assistance available!



Immaculée | Thursday, March 8! St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Jordan is honored to have Immaculée Ilibagiza, author of *Left to Tell*, visit them on March 8th to tell her amazing story of faith and forgiveness. Get yours by either calling 952-492-5827 or by e-mailing sjbtickets4immaculee@gmail.com. A free-will donation for the ticket is requested to help cover the cost of the St. John's students attending Catholic HEART Workcamp (CHWC) in Grenada this summer.

Friendship with God, Friendship with Our Spouse, In the Holy Spirit! Throughout 2018, several parishes will be hosting Marriage in Christ seminars. The five-week seminar is for all married couples. Good habits and the power of the Holy Spirit transform all marriages! Find more details and the list of host parishes at www.archspm.org/marriageinchrist.

#MeToo: A Community Conversation and A Christian Response! Sunday, February 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis. Join in a community conversation about the current cultural movement identifying the prevalent sexual harassment and misconduct in our government, media, places of work, churches, and institutions. Panelists from Project Pathfinder, an organization dedicated to preventing sexual abuse and restoring lives, will share their experience and possible solutions to this overarching problem in our society. For more information, visit archspm.org/events. Questions? Contact Paula Kaempffer at pkaempffer@mary.org or 612-317-3473.



About 2 1/2 years ago, our faithful parishioner Linda, started having pain in the middle of her back. After an MRI she learned she had at least one cancerous lesion near her spine. She has had some success in fighting this cancer, but the costs have accumulated to \$50,000. Her family has set up a gofundme page at <https://www.gofundme.com/7xtbj-lindas-medical-fund>. Please pray for Linda's healing and support her as you are able.