

This Week's Events:
TUESDAY: 7 AM Mass
WEDNESDAY: 6 PM Mass with Faith Formation to follow
THURSDAY: 7 AM Mass
HAPPY FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS!
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 NOVEMBER 25, 2018			
Building Fund	\$ 38.00	2	# of Envelopes from Generous Families
Children	\$ 0.00	0	# of Envelopes from Generous Kids
Adult Envelope & Plate	\$ 2,024.00	50	# of Envelopes from Generous Families
Collected Year to Date	\$ 45,214.36		
Budgeted Year to Date	\$ 53,009.00		
Under Budget	\$ -7,794.14		

LOVE INC
In the Name of Christ

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 07 6 PM Mass of Reparation
 Dec 08 4 PM Living & Deceased Members of St. Nicholas
 7 PM †Joseph & Viona Anderson
 Dec 09 9:15 AM †Chester & Steve Cisek

Dec 11 7 AM †Gerald Dorion
 Dec 13 7 AM †Bill Fixel

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
 Saturday.....December 8
 4:00 PM.....Chuck Mahowald
 Stephanie Svoboda

7:00 PM.....Help Needed
 Help Needed

Sunday.....December 9
 9:15AM.....Amy Roble
 Steve Roble

LECTORS:
 Saturday....December 8
 4:00 PM.....Stephanie Svoboda

7:00 PM.....Help Needed

Sunday.....December 9
 9:15AM.....Steve Roble

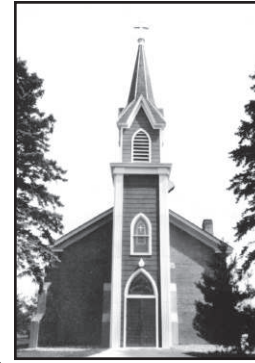
MASS SERVERS:
 Saturday....December 8
 4:00 PM.....Help Needed
 Help Needed

7:00 PM.....Help Needed
 Help Needed

Sunday.....December 9
 9:15AM.....Lizzy R.
 Sarah 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: 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 2, 2018 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JER 33:14-16; PS 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 THES 3:12—4:2; LK 21:25-28, 34-36

Happy 150th Anniversary!!! This weekend, we celebrate 150 years as a parish! That is truly a remarkable achievement. Of course, it is not something that we have “accomplished”, but rather, we celebrate how God has worked in our parish through so many different families, through so many different generations. Jesus Christ risen from the dead has brought life to our parish through baptism and all of the Sacraments. We’re humbled because, led by the Holy Spirit and with the help of St. Nicholas, we simply carry on the legacy in our time. So many who were here so long ago are unknown to us, but some we know only their family names or long-ago relatives. We marvel at the timelessness of the faith, and how we must pass the faith on in our era knowing that generations after us will do the same if we do our part now. So, as we celebrate our anniversary, we look back with reverence, awe, respect, and gratitude, and we recommit ourselves to honoring their legacy by doing our best to love and serve the Lord here and now. St. Nicholas, Pray for us!

Welcome Archbishop Hebda! We rejoice to welcome Archbishop Bernard Hebda to celebrate our 150th at the 4 PM Mass this weekend. We are honored that the Archbishop has accepted our invitation to be with us for this special occasion. I know that he prays for all of the people of our Archdiocese daily and I ask you to please pray for him as well. With all of the responsibilities that he has in leading this archdiocese, I am sure that he greatly appreciates all the prayers that are offered. Every time we offer Mass, we pray for our bishop as well as the Holy Father and all the clergy. The Church does this because we know that the Church is not merely a human institution. We must always rely upon God’s help and God’s grace, and that is especially true for those who lead us. May God bless Archbishop Hebda with great wisdom, courage and faith as he leads us.

Advent begins! This Sunday we begin a new liturgical year as we begin Advent and prepare for Christmas. Advent is short again this year as Christmas Eve is the day after the Fourth Sunday of Advent which means the fourth week of Advent is

only one day. We don’t have a lot of time to prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate Christmas. When we celebrate a feast day, it’s not like other days that come and go. We try to take the time and the effort to recognize the Grace that our Lord gives to us in His birth and His incredible love for us. Advent is a good time to spend some extra time in prayer, or to read Scripture or a Spiritual book. Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is always an important part of Advent as we acknowledge that our Lord is our Savior and he is the one who saves us from our sins. The word Advent means “to come”. Come Lord Jesus, come and fill our darkness with your Divine light and open our hearts ever more fully to the wonders of your love!

Happy Anniversary and Happy Advent!

Fr. Deziel

Mass Obligation: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary! This year, the Patronal Feast of the United States of America – the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – and the Second Sunday of Advent occur on back-to-back days, and both days remain obligatory this year. The faithful must attend Mass at 4 PM or after on Friday, December 7 or at any time on Saturday, December 8 to fulfill their obligation for the Immaculate Conception. The faithful must attend another Mass at 4 PM or after on Saturday, December 8 or at any time on Sunday, December 9 for the Second Sunday of Advent. Attending only one Mass Saturday evening, December 8 does not satisfy both obligations. To help you fulfill your obligation, we will have Mass here at 6 PM Friday, December 7 (our normal Friday evening Mass time) and GA will have Mass at 9 AM Saturday, December 8. Our weekend Mass schedule will remain the same.

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. You can take a tag from the giving tree in the back of church or just remember to bring your gift of any kind--cash, gift cards (gas stations, discount stores & grocery stores) or whatever you can offer. Thank you for your generosity! If you know of a family in need this year, please let us know or ask them to reach out to us so that we can bless them this Christmas.

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 next week’s second collection. Take an envelope as you leave today so that you can come prepared next weekend.



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Christmas Food Pack! St. Nicholas will again be one of three sites for the Christmas Food Pack event. We need volunteers 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 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b44aeaf22a46-20181> to donate or register to volunteer.



It's a Christmas Kindergarten Round-Up and you are invited!

Guardian Angels
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Christmas Kindergarten Round Up! 2019-20 kindergartners are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 4 from 9:30-11:30 AM to see how Guardian Angels get students off to a good start! We will do fun activities, practice riding a school bus and have a surprise visit from Sinterklaas! Each child goes home with a special gift! Parents may join at 11AM for coffee with school staff and

other parents to get a tour, ask questions and learn about GA Kindergarten! Please call 952-227-4010 or email lstaudoхар@gachaska.org to reserve your child's spot for the Round-up!



Preschool Open House! Age 33 months-5 years. Please join us for a Christmas Open House on Tuesday, December 4 from 4-6 PM to learn about Faithful Beginnings at Guardian Angels Preschool. Openings for this year still available! Scholarships available! Guardian Angels is watching over what you care about most! GA has a creative curriculum where staff creates purposeful and meaningful opportunities to engage children in different play to support developmental learning. Please call 952-227-4010 or email lstaudoхар@gachaska.org to reserve your child's spot for the Open House

Best Advent Ever! Is 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! Register at <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/>

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

Saturday, December 8 8:30am–1:00pm
Holy Name of Jesus Church, Medina.

Join us for continental breakfast, a time of retreat and reflection and shopping at our Christmas Boutique. Speakers include **Fr. Michael Daly** and **Dan Kantor**, *Night of Silence* Composer. **Archbishop Bernard Hebda** will preside at the concluding Mass at noon. All are invited to attend Mass which fulfills the Holy Day of Obligation. Registration \$15.00 thru 11/22 and \$20.00 thereafter. Walk Ins Welcome www.archspm.org/accw2018advent



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