

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2014



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MASS SCHEDULE

Apr 19	Saturday	{SA} 7:30 pm	Holy Saturday	
Apr 20	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	Easter Sunday	Intention of the Celebrant
Apr 21	Monday	NO MASS	Monday of Easter	
Apr 22	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Tuesday of Easter	MCCL
Apr 23	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Wednesday of Easter	
Apr 24	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Thursday of Easter	+Esther Pauly
Apr 25	Friday	NO MASS	Friday of Easter	
Apr 26	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	2 nd Sunday of Easter	+Dec. Members of Beckius Family
Apr 27	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	2 nd Sunday of Easter	+Val Dufner

Weekend Masses at St. Anne's in Kimball are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 7:00 pm at St. Nicholas.

Weddings: Engaged couples should see the pastor at least 6 months before the planned wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Call the parish office for homebound or hospitalized.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Apr 26 at 7:30 pm	Anita Neu Elmer Neu Louise Schutz	Damian Lincoln Connor Lincoln	Ralph Mueller Ron Steil	Elmer Neu
Apr 27 at 10:00 am	Dave Stang Annette Stang Mike Kuechle	Brook Stang Breanna Stang	Peter Stang-Walz Robert Wehseler	Betty Johannes



Mass Times are Changing Sunday, May 4th! It is that time of year again! Time to change Mass times with St. Anne. Starting on Sunday, May 4th, St. Nicholas's Sunday Mass will be at 8:00 am and St. Anne's Sunday Mass will be at 10:00 am. **Saturday Mass times will remain the same.**

Thank You: Special thanks to the wonderful help we received for our **Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast** with Catholic United Financial and the Religious Educations Families! All those helping hands and big smiles made the workload light! Thanks to all who supported the breakfast, raffle and bake sale. This was a matching grant event from Catholic United Financial. The gross profit of the breakfast was \$1,047.50, with the addition of the matching grant amount to come! This benefits the Religious Education program here at St. Nicholas!

Dear Parishioners –

A bright Sunday morning, a stone rolled way, an Angel proclaimed, "He's risen today!" Wishing you hope and joy that lasts all year long. Happy Easter – Father Tom



Stewardship of Treasure April 13, 2014

Adult	\$XXX (49 of 201 envelopes)
Youth	XXX (2 envelopes)
Loose	XXX
TOTAL	\$XXXXX

Stewardship Thought: Receive these gifts as a prayer that the good news of Christ's life, death, and resurrection will be spread in our community and around the world.



Catholic Relief Services	\$XXX (1 gift)	Energy Needs	\$XXX (1 gift)	Breakfast	\$XXX
St. Cloud Visitor	\$XXX (1 gift)	Easter Flowers	\$XXX (2 gifts)	Holy Land	\$XXX (1 gift)
Easter	\$XXX (2 gifts)	Home Mission	\$XXX (1 gift)		

Gospel Connection: While it is still dark, Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb of the Jesus who healed her, who taught her, who accorded her the respect and love she never thought herself worthy of. The Easter story begins in the early morning darkness. This is always how our discovery of the risen Christ begins: in darkness. For many, this was a week of darkness: Earlier this week, someone received terrible news from a physician. Earlier this week, someone suddenly lost his job. Earlier this week, someone heard the words "I don't love you anymore." Earlier this week, someone's hope was crucified. And the darkness is overwhelming. No one is ready to encounter Easter until he or she has spent time in the early morning darkness where hope cannot be seen. In such darkness, Easter is the last thing we are expecting. And that's why Easter terrifies us. We dread the darkness - but we fear even more what is beyond it. Sometimes the darkness we know is preferable to what we don't know - we have learned at least to function and exist in the darkness; we find a distorted solace in the fact that darkness means that nothing more can disappoint or hurt us. Easter's first light illuminates those dark places we have become used to; it focuses our vision and attention on what we have never seen before; it dares us to imagine possibilities beyond our limited understanding of what is possible. Easter is not about bunnies, springtime and girls in pretty dresses. Easter is about more hope than we can handle. [Adapted from a sermon by M. Craig Barnes.]

Easter calls us out of the darkness that shrouds our lives and into the light of possibility, of healing, of re-creation. In his rising from the dead, Christ enables us to bring into our own lives all that he lived and taught and gave: the love, compassion, generosity, humility and selflessness that ultimately triumphs over hatred, prejudice, despair, greed, and death. The empty tomb is the sign of perfect hope: that in Christ all things are possible, that we can live our lives with meaning and purpose, that we can become the people God created us to become. May we not fear or shrink from Easter morning's first light but embrace that light and the hope it promises in the Risen One who is forever in our midst, shattering the darkness.

Religious Education News: The next class will be Wednesday, April 23rd. This is the last *regular* class; class on April 30th will be the pizza party in the Church basement.

Cancer Benefit for Michael Schlangen: Michael Schlangen, son of Dale & Janelle Schlangen, will have a Benefit Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 26th from Noon to 5 pm. Mike was diagnosed with a Pilocytic Astrocytoma at age 7. He struggled with issues his whole life. Mike is now married to MaKayla. Mike's last surgery was on March 3rd. Please come to support Mike in his fight.

Annual Diocesan Appeal: Multicultural Ministries works with immigrant Catholic men, women and families, most especially our Hispanic brothers and sisters in Christ. Here, people of strong faith are invited by the children of former immigrants to join us at the table of our Lord. We are a mission church, a people set aside. One family united in Christ. Your gift to the Annual diocesan Appeal supports outreach to our Catholic sisters and brothers in Christ. **At last report from the Diocese, St. Nicholas has collected \$4,195 of our \$5,000 goal. We are up to 84% of our goal. Please make an effort to contribute so we can reach our goal!**

Tootsie Rolls: The Knights of Columbus will be having their Tootsie Roll Fundraiser after the Masses on Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th. Please support this worthy cause!

Euchre Party: The first Euchre party that was canceled due to weather has been rescheduled for **Thursday, April 24th at 7:30.** Catholic United Financial will be hosting this event. This is the same group of members that was scheduled the first time.

Sandwiches:

Mat & Barb Walz, Chairs	Edith Stang
Larry & Paula Hansen	Ralph & Karen Mueller
Ken & Jan Lahr	Tammy Kuechle
Vern & Alverna Hennen	Agnus Lutgen
Eileen Hansen	

Cake/Bars:

Irene Rausch, Co-Chair	Alvin & Doreen Jungles
Elmer & Julie Vossen	Duane & Kelly Schreiner
Alfred & Lidwina Theis	Roger & Terri Hommerding
Anna Schmitt	Lloyd & Sue Linz

Ticket Sellers:

Ralph Mueller
Duane Schreiner

Refreshments:

Elmer Vossen & Vern Hennen

Readings for the Week:

Monday, April 21st: Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Mt 28:8-15
 Wednesday, April 23rd: Act 3:1-10 / Lk 24:13-35
 Friday, April 25th: Acts 4:1-12 / Jn 21:1-14

Tuesday, April 22nd: Acts 2:36-41 / Jn 20:11-18
 Thursday, April 24th: Acts 3:11-26 / Lk 24:35-48

Community Events:

- Saturday, April 26th: Benefit Dinner for Michael Schlangen at St. Nicholas Church serving from Noon – 5 pm. Spaghetti dinner, Door prizes, Silent auction and Bake Sale.
- Sunday, April 27th: 43rd Annual Swanycake & Sausage Supper at St. Anthony Parish, St. Anthony (State Highway 238). Serving all you can eat supper of Swany White pancakes, sausage from Pep's pork, potato salad, etc. from 3 pm – 8:30 pm.
- Monday, April 28th: Open House at Cathedral High School at 7 pm. To preregister go to: www.cathedralcrusaders.org
- Wednesday, April 30th: A Walk through Depression: Real Men, Real Stories. Speakers Mike Beardsley, Bill Dehkes, and Mark Meier from the Face It Foundation with stories and an honest discussion about depression & suicide. 7 – 9 pm at Holy Cross Parish. Free.
- Thursday, May 8th: Breakfast with the Bishop at the Gorecki Event Center on the campus of the College of St. Ben's beginning at 8 am. This event supports the Catholic School Initiative. Guests will be asked for a donation. To attend call 320-258-9390.
- May 8, 9 & 10: St. Boniface Christian Women of Cold Spring's Annual "Good Used Clothing Drive & Rummage Sale" in the Parish Center. Thursday: 2 – 7 pm; Friday 8 am – 7 pm; Saturday 8 am – 10 am.