

# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

April 27, 2014



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### MASS SCHEDULE

Apr 26	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	+Dec. Members of Beckius Family
Apr 27	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	+Val Dufner
Apr 28	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
Apr 29	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Catherine of Siena	World Peace
Apr 30	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Easter Weekday	
May 1	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Arnold Wehseler
May 2	Friday	NO MASS	St. Athanasius	
May 3	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
May 4	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	+Dan Strohmeier

**\*\*Mass Time on Sundays will change with St. Anne’s on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> \*\***

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
May 3 at 7:30 pm	Mat Walz Louise Schutz Avon Vossen	Nicole Johannes Lauren Johannes	Peter Stang-Walz Art Faber	Avon Vossen
May 4 at 8:00 am	Gene Schutz Judy Schutz Brenda Kraemer	Sarah Kraemer Kathy Kraemer	Elmer Frank Orville Cremers	Betty Johannes



**Mass Times are Changing Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>!** It is that time of year again! Time to change Mass times with St. Anne. Starting on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

**Annual Diocesan Appeal:** 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 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please support this worthy cause!


**Rice Bowl:** Thank you for your generosity through CRS Rice Bowl this year! Our parish raised \$616.31 for CRS. Your participation will continue to make a difference in the lives of those in need throughout the entire year.

Stewardship of Treasure April 13, 2014

Adult	\$XXX	(14 of 200 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(2 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	
Easter	\$XXX	(70 gifts)
Easter Flowers	\$XXX	(1 gift)
Home Mission	\$XXX	(1 gift)

Stewardship Thought:

These checks, these bills, and these coins not only have buying power in themselves, but they are symbols of our devotion and our dedication to your cause on earth.



**Gospel Connection:** Your teenage son or daughter does something amazingly stupid - as all young people tend to do at one time or another. Their behavior might require a meeting with their teacher or principal, a run to the emergency room - or, worse, picking them up late at night at the police station. You're angry with them; they have let you down; you worry if this is the start of a pattern. But you will be there for your children always; you will love them no matter what. And in that love they are bound. \*\* The words just came out of their mouths. They saw the look on your face and they realized immediately they had crossed the line. You laughed it off, but you were devastated. They came up to you later and apologized. What was intended to be funny hurt deeply. You quietly explained why you were hurt by what they said. Now they understand the power of words and begin to appreciate the experience and struggles of others. You could have shot right back at them and they would have deserved it. But in your generous response, they are more empathetic and understanding. And in your forgiveness they are bound. \*\* A coworker or an associate makes a major blunder. A great deal of damage has been done. Reputations are shattered; property is destroyed. You meet with the offending party and patiently and clearly explain the situation and their accountability in the matter. You detail exactly what is expected of them to repair the damage and what must be done to take care of those who have been hurt. But you assure them that you will be there with them every step of the way. And in your peace they are bound.

On Easter night, Jesus gives the Eleven the power to forgive sins. The Church has traditionally read these texts as Jesus' instituting the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But even more is implied in these words: that the whole Christian community - you and I - possess the power to "forgive" and "retain," and the grace to "bind" and "loosen." Father Ronald Rolheiser writes in *Forgotten Among the Lilies*: "If we are truly members of Christ's body then when we forgive sins, the person is forgiven. Likewise it means that if we love someone and hold them in our life, that person, regardless of his or her actions, is not cut off from the body of Christ. If you continue to love somebody, they are bound . . . bound to the body of Christ, sustained in salvation." The Risen Christ gives to every one of us the "power," the "authority," the grace to forgive and to bind one another in love. May we realize this Easter season the transformation we can make happen in our own "power" to forgive and bind in the love of God.

**Religious Education News:** The next class will be Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. This is the *last class*; This will be our Pizza Party celebrating the conclusion of Religion Classes for this school year. It will be held in the Church basement.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>: Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8      Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>: Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>: Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21      Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>: Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36  
Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15

**Community Events:**

- Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>: 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>: Open House at Cathedral High School at 7 pm. To preregister go to: [www.cathedralacrusaders.org](http://www.cathedralacrusaders.org)
- Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>: 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 8<sup>th</sup>: 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.

**Celebrating Two New Saints**

**On Sunday, Pope Francis will canonized two former Popes into saints – Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II.**

**St. John XXIII** Born: Nov. 25, 1881. Ordained: Aug. 10, 1904. Ordained Bishop: March 19, 1925. Created Cardinal: Jan. 12, 1953, Elected Pope: Oct. 28, 1958. Entered into Eternal Life: June 3, 1963. Beatified: Sept. 3, 2000. Proclaimed Saint: April 27, 2014. Feast Day: Oct. 11.

St. John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli in Italy, the 4<sup>th</sup> in a family of 13 children. In 1944, Pope Pius XII appointed Roncalli as Apostolic Numcio to France. As Nuncio, he made gallant efforts during the Holocaust to rescue Jewish refugees and others from the Nazis. Roncalli was created Cardinal by Pope Pius XII on Jan. 12, 1953. Cardinal Roncalli was elected Pope on Oct. 28, 1958 taking the name of John XXIII. Pope John XXIII surprised those who expected him to be a “care taker Pope” by calling for a Second Vatican Council. This Second Vatican Council lasted 3 years from 1962 to 1965 and completely reshaped Catholicism and the liturgy of the Catholic Church. Known as a world leader of his day because of many issues, Pope John XXIII offered his help to mediate talks between President John F. Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. Later that year Pope John XXIII became the first Pope to become Time magazine’s Man of the Year.

**St. John Paul II** Born: May 18, 1920. Ordained: Nov. 1, 1946. Ordained Bishop: Sept. 28, 1958. Created Cardinal: June 26, 1967. Elected Pope: Oct. 16, 1978. Entered into Eternal Life: Apr. 2, 2005. Beatified: May 1, 2011. Proclaimed Saint: Apr. 27, 2014. Feast Day: October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Karol Jozef Wojtyla was born in Poland on May 18, 1020 the youngest of 3 children. Karol was Created a Cardinal by Pope Paul VI and became the Archbishop of Krakow on June 26, 1967. Cardinal Wojtyla was elected Pope on October 16, 1978 taking the name of his predecessor, John Paul II. Pope John Paul II became one of the most important leaders of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He is credited as having a large part ending Communist rule in his native country of Poland. A major goal of his leadership was to transform our Catholic Church and create new alliances with other religions across the globe. During his papacy, he worked diligently to improve the Church’s relationship with all religions especially Jewish, Anglican and Eastern Orthodox. Pope John Paul II beatified over 1300 people and canonized 483 saints. As pope, he visited over 128 countries during his papacy. He was the head of the Catholic Church for 27 years and was the second longest serving pope in history.



