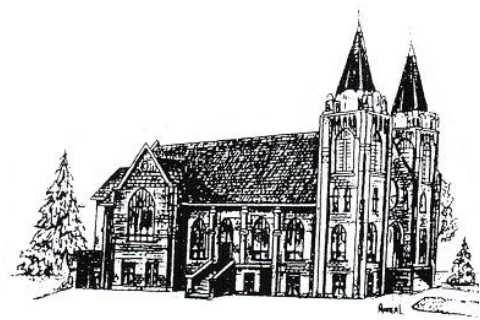


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2014



PARISH STAFF		PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS	
Fr. Thomas Olson	398-2229	Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287
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*Bulletin Deadline is Thursday at 9am *Email: stnicholas@meltel.net *Website: www.churchofsaintnicholas.com *Usual Office Hours of Secretary are Monday and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30am.		Parish Council, John Schutz	764-6171
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		Parish Council, Robert Kraemer	685-3715
		Parish Council, Marion Frank	764-9111
		Trustee, Mike Kuechle	685-3225
		Trustee, Mary Caskey	597-2854

MASS SCHEDULE

July 12	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Intention R.D.
July 13	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
July 14	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	St. Kateri Tekakwitha	
July 15	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Bonaventure	Good Growing Season
July 16	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
July 17	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Alfred Braegelmann
July 18	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
July 19	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Tom Decker
July 20	Sunday	{SN}10:00 am	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Duane Dufner

**** Mass on July 20th will be held at 10:00 am with Bishop Donald Kettler. The Appreciation Dinner will follow Mass. If you have not already signed up for this Dinner, the sign-up sheet is at the back of Church. This will be the last weekend to sign up.****

Weekend Masses at St. Anne’s in Kimball are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 10:00 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.


<u>LITURGICAL MINISTRIES</u>				
	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Lector</u>
July 19 at 7:30 pm	Louis Schutz Avon Vossen Mat Walz	Emily Utecht Rachel Utecht	Jack Rausch Tom Landwehr	Avon Vossen
July 20 at 8:00 am	Kelly Bautch Sandy Stang Steve Stang	Andrew Bautch Michael Bautch	John Hopfer Jerry Boeckmann	Lee Bautch

**Sign up for Appreciation Dinner
with Bishop Kettler**

Our Appreciation Dinner will be held on July 20, 2014 after a 10:00 am Mass with Bishop Kettler. Please register on the sign-up sheet at the back of church with the number of people that will be attending. It will be up to parents if your children attend. This is a special opportunity to welcome our Bishop!

Stewardship of Treasure July 6, 2014

Adult	\$XXX	(36 of 199 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXX	



Peter’s Pence \$XXX (1 gift)

Stewardship Thought: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. – 2 Corinthians 9:6. As we sow bountifully through these offerings, we look in faith toward a bountiful return – not in terms of dollars & cents, but in satisfaction & fulfillment for supporting the greatest cause on earth.

Gospel Connection: On a cold evening in New York last winter, a commuter had just gotten off his train and was hurrying to walk the few blocks to his apartment - and the hot drink he would make for himself as soon as got home. As he rounded the corner to his street he heard a young girl's voice cry out: "Get your hot chocolate here, hot chocolate here!" And just ahead of him was a table with a large thermos of hot cocoa, a can of whipped cream, miniature marshmallows and a stack of plastic cups. The commuter was impressed - a different take on the summer lemonade stand. As he approached the table, the delightful seven-year-old proprietor asked if he preferred whipped cream or marshmallows. Placing his order, he took out his wallet and asked how much she was charging. "Oh, it's free," she laughed. The confused commuter looked at the girl's mother, who was standing nearby. "You're giving it away?" "Yes, it's free," her Mom said with a smile. "My daughter got so many gifts for the holidays, we wanted her to learn to give back to the community, and we thought this might be a good way. So enjoy." [The New York Times, February 3, 2014.]

The parable of the sower speaks especially to parents: that Mom and Dad's own example of selflessness and humility, of compassion and generosity, are "seeds" that are planted in the mind and heart of their children that will mature one day into their own harvest of generosity and forgiveness. Christ calls us to model the sower of today's Gospel within our own homes and households: to sow seeds of encouragement, joy and reconciliation in the earth of our own "gardens" and doing the patient work of realizing the harvest he has promised, to trust and believe that our simplest acts of kindness and forgiveness, our humblest offers of help and affirmation may be the "seed" that re-creates and transforms our homes and hearts.

Vocations Camp for Young Men: This camp is open to young men in grades 7 – 12. The outdoors is the perfect place to have fun and think about God and what effect He has in your life. Jesus calls everyone to follow Him. . . He could be calling you! There will be 3 camps around the area, the camps left this year are: Villard Area July 21 – 23, and the Zimmerman area from August 4 – 6. There are flyers/registration forms on the bulletin board at the back of church. St. Nicholas will pay your camp fee!

Hospital & Nursing Home Visits: Because of the Right to Privacy Laws, Fr. Tom is not notified of parishioners who are hospitalized or have entered a health care facility. We must hear from you, a family member or a friend if you would like to be visited by Father. Please call St. Anne’s parish office at 320-398-2211.

Volunteers for MCCL: Would you like to spend some time at the Stearns County Fair this year? MCCL is looking for some volunteers to be at the MCCL booth during the Stearns County Fair from July 30th to August 3rd. To volunteer, please call Mary Ritter at 320-352-2671.

Annual Diocesan Appeal: The Annual Appeal is nearly to the end of its campaign for 2014. St. Nicholas is nearly to our goal of \$5,000. We are at 90% of that goal, contributing \$4,515 so far. If you have not responded to the Appeal yet, you will be receiving another letter from the Diocese soon. Some of the ministries that are supported by the Appeal include Adult and Children’s Faith Formation, the TV Mass, the Marriage and Family offices, and the Tribunal Office. We are very close to our goal; let us work together to reach it!

Central Minnesota Retrouvaille: Retrouvaille is a French word meaning Rediscovery. The Retrouvaille Program offers hope to married couples in troubled marriages. If you know of any couples in our church or community whose marriage is hurting, and if they are considering separation or divorce, please encourage them to contact Central MN Retrouvaille at 320-255-5314 or helpcouples@gmail.com or visit our web site at www.helpourmarriage.org. Brochures are on the bulletin board at the back of Church. The next session is Sept. 19, 2014 at the Country Inn & Suites in St. Cloud.

International Students: If you are interested in hosting an International Student for the 2014-15 school year, please contact Rebecca at 320-257-2145 or rbrown-medvec@cathedralcrusaders.org for more information. Rebecca is the Associate Director of Advancement for International Programs at Cathedral High School in St. Cloud.

Community Events:

- Sunday, August 3rd: Church of Seven Dolors, Albany Annual Summer Festival. Polka Mass at 10:30 am. Chicken & Ham Dinner at 11 am in the Parish Center. Food, beverages, fun & games outside from 11 to 6 pm. Quilt auction at 3 pm. Raffle drawing at 6 pm.


Readings for the Week:

Monday, July 21st: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 / Mt 12:38-42
Wednesday, July 23rd: Jer 1:1, 4-10 / Mt 13:1-9
Friday, July 25th: 2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 20:20-28

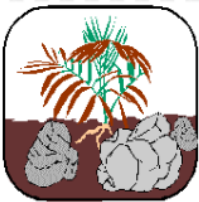
Tuesday, July 22nd: Mi 14-15, 18-20 / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday, July 24th: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 / Mt 13:10-17

The Parable of the Sower


The Seed is the Word of God




The Path



The Rocky Soil



The Weedy Soil



The Good Soil

What type of Soil are You?

Is God Growing in Your Heart?