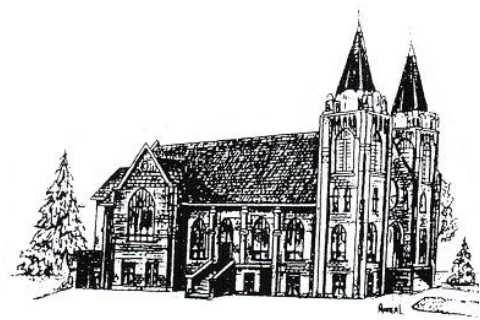


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2014



PARISH STAFF		PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS	
Fr. Thomas Olson	398-2229	Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287
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		Parish Council, Marion Frank	764-9111
		Trustee, Mike Kuechle	685-3225
		Trustee, Mary Caskey	597-2854

MASS SCHEDULE


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
July 21	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
July 22	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Mary Magdalene	+Eisenschenk/Willenbring Families
July 23	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
July 24	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Louise Linn
July 25	Friday	NO MASS	St. James	
July 26	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
July 27	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Harold & Leona Hemmesch

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
July 26 at 7:30 pm	Elmer Neu Anita Neu Rita Schwartz	Mitchell Utecht Dylan Utecht	Allen Stommes Art Faber	Elmer Neu
July 27 at 8:00 am	Mary Caskey Jeff Theis Brenda Kraemer	Sarah Kraemer Kathy Kraemer	Robert Kraemer Phil Vossen	Doug Caskey



Our Sympathy

Our Sympathy to the Family and Friends of Ron Stommes, who died and was buried this past week. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

Baptismal Class: The next Baptismal Class will be held on August 19th at 7 pm at St. Anne’s Church in Kimball. This class is for all expectant parents who have never taken this class or you have not taken this class in our parish before. It should be taken BEFORE the birth of your child. Both parents are expected to attend. Call St. Anne’s to register at 398-2211. If you know of someone who should take this class, please tell them!

Stewardship Day Workshop: You are invited to join in on August 12th for a day of lively and interactive discussions about stewardship and the impact of planned giving. Topics discussed will be how to establish, market & manage a giving program and how to get participation in programs. There will be 3 parishes there to talk about their activities. The day runs from 8 am to 2:30 pm and you must register in advance. For more information, please contact Fr. Tom or the Parish Office.

Stewardship of Treasure July 13, 2014


Adult	\$XXX	(30 of 199 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	

Energy Needs

\$XXX (3 gifts)

Stewardship Thought:

Some of us have received much, and some of us have received little, and most of us are somewhere in between. Help us, Lord, to give in proportion to what we have received.



Gospel Connection: Every Friday afternoon a very wise teacher asks her fifth grade class to take out a piece of paper and write down the names of four children they would like to sit with the following week. The children all know that these requests may or may not be honored. She also asks the children to nominate one student who they believed had been an "exceptional classroom citizen" that week. All ballots are submitted to her privately. And every Friday, after the students leave for the weekend, she takes out the slips of paper, places them in front of her, and studies them. She looks for patterns: *Who is not getting requested by anyone else? Who can't think of anyone to request? Who never gets noticed enough to be nominated? Who had a million friends last week and none this week?* The teacher is not looking for a new seating chart or "exceptional citizens." She is looking for lonely children, for children who are struggling to connect with other children, for the little ones who are falling through the cracks of the class' social life. She is discovering whose gifts are going unnoticed by their peers. And she is pinning down - immediately - who is being bullied and who is doing the bullying. Her Friday lists are an X-ray of her classroom to see beneath the surface of things and into the hearts of her students. She started doing this every Friday since the shootings at Columbine 15 years ago. Every single Friday since Columbine she looks at this "picture" of the students entrusted to her - because she understand that all violence begins with disconnection, that all outward violence is rooted in inner loneliness. Being a math teacher, she understands that everything - even love, even belonging - has a pattern to it. She finds the patterns in her Friday surveys and through those lists she breaks the codes of disconnection. Then she gets the lonely kids the help they need. [Glennon Doyle Melton, momastery.com]

We tend to see people as either "good" or "bad" and take it upon ourselves to "separate" and pull up the "weeds" from our lives. But this gifted fifth-grade teacher understands that only God can separate the good from the bad - and that everyone is both "wheat" and "weed." She seeks instead to bring out and nurture the "good" that she knows exists in every one of her students. Discipleship recognizes that we all possess the ability to do compassionate and good things out of love and, at the same time, there exists within us that impulse to selfishness and fear that controls our actions and thought processes. May we possess the wisdom and generosity of heart to harvest the "wheat" that grows in our midst despite the "weeds" that sometimes choke us all.

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! The camps left this year are: 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.
 - Sunday, August 10th: St. Philip’s Church Bazaar, Litchfield. Held at the Meeker County Fair Grounds. Outdoor Mass at 10 am. Turkey Dinner Served from 11 am to 2 pm. Live music from 1 – 3 pm. Activities all afternoon.
 - September 20th: St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Fall Conference at St. Marcus Church, Clear Lake, MN. For more information contact Julie Moorhead-Miller at 320-243-3891.
 - October 11th: Catholic Women’s 2014 Conference at Holy Angels Performing Arts Center in St. Cloud. For more information, you may contact the Office of Marriage & Family at 252-4721.

Readings for the Week:

Monday, July 21 st : Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 / Mt 12:38-42	Tuesday, July 22 nd : Mi 14-15, 18-20 / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday, July 23 rd : Jer 1:1, 4-10 / Mt 13:1-9	Thursday, July 24 th : Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 / Mt 13:10-17
Friday, July 25 th : 2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 20:20-28	