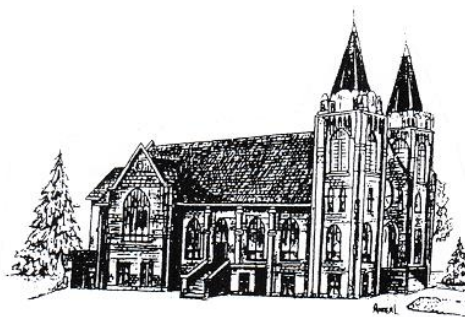


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2014



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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
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MASS SCHEDULE

Aug 16	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Tom Decker
Aug 17	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Edmund & Annie Walz
Aug 18	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Aug 19	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Esther Pauly
Aug 20	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Bernard	
Aug 21	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Pius X, Pope	Thanksgiving
Aug 22	Friday	NO MASS		
Aug 23	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Aug 24	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Gregor & Frances Schreiner

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
Aug 23 at 7:30 pm	Barb Walz	Emily Utecht	Jack Rausch	Lucy Schreiner
	Larry Hansen	Rachel Utecht	Robert Wehseler	
	Art Faber			
Aug 24 at 8:00 am	Steve Stang	Sarah Kraemer	John Hopfer	Shirley Kuechle
	Sandy Stang	Kathy Kraemer	Orville Cremers	
	Mike Kuechle			

*Mass at “Old St. Nicholas” and the Annual Combined Parish Picnic
THIS Sunday, August 17, 2014*

Mass at Old St. Nick will be held at 8:00 am on Sunday, August 17th.

Please bring a lawn chair for seating. Donuts will be served after Mass.

In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held at the Church.

The Annual Combined Parish Picnic will be held at 11:00 am at St. Anne's this year. Dinner will be served.

Stewardship of Treasure Aug 10, 2014

Adult\$XXX(31 of 199 envelopes)


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LooseXXX

TOTAL\$XXXXX

Energy Needs\$XXX (1 gift)

Stewardship Thought: Lord, thanking you for working within us, we give these offerings as one of many expressions of our salvation.



Gospel Connection: A pastor remembers playing hide-and-seek as a kid on his family's farm: "My sister was 'It.' When my sister was 'It," she cheated. Well, she started off honestly enough; she would say, 'One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, ninety-three, ninety-four.' But I had a place under the porch and under the steps of the porch. Because of my size I could get under there, and I knew she'd never find me. 'Ninety nine, one hundred. Here I come, ready or not.' Here she came, in the house, out of the house, in the weeds, in the trees, down to the corncrib, in the barn. She couldn't find me. I almost gave myself away, down under there just snickering to myself, *She'll never find me here, she'll never find me here.* "Then it occurred to me . . . *she'll never find me here.* So after a while I would stick out a toe. When she came by and saw my toe, she said, 'Uh oh, I see you,' and she'd run back and touch the base three times and say, 'Ha, ha, you're it, you're it.' I would come out brushing myself and saying, 'Oh shoot, you found me." "What did I want? What did I really want? The very same thing as you. Isn't that true?" [Fred Craddock, *Craddock Stories*.]

Every one of us wants to be "found," every one of us wants our presence to mean something, every one of us wants to know that we matter. The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel seeks what we all seek: to be acknowledged as good, to be respected as a child of God, to be welcomed as a sister and brother to all. In honoring the goodness and love of the Canaanite mother (who, as a Canaanite, is despised by Jesus' hearers), Jesus opens up our perspectives and illuminates our vision, enabling us to see one another as God sees us. The call to discipleship demands that we look beyond labels and stereotypes to realize that every one of us is a child of God, brothers and sisters all.

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!

Angel Care position available: Holy Cross Catholic School has a part time position for a before and/or after school care person for the 2014-15 school year. This position would require the applicant to supervise 1 to 8 students before school (6:30 am to 8 am) and after school (2:50 pm to 5:45 pm). Please contact Jeana Meyer at info@holycrossmn.org or 320-398-7885.

Thank you: The family of Ron Stommes wishes to express their sincerest thanks for all the work, planning and preparation that went into Ron’s funeral. The family says that everyone did a fantastic job with the meal; it was delicious and very well done! Everything was very much appreciated.

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.

Waste Pick Up: Stearns County will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Pick up on Wednesday, August 20th from 9 to 11 am in the St. Nicholas Church parking lot. Residents of Benton, Sherburne and Stearns County may dispose of hazardous products such as paint, solvents, pesticides, fluorescent bulbs and child car seats. For more information, call (320) 255-6140 or (800) 450-6140.

Community Events:

- Saturday & Sunday, August 16th & 17th: St. Boniface Parish Festival, Cold Spring. Saturday Bluegrass Mass at 5 pm. Stands open at 6 pm with band & fireworks. Sunday: Parade at 10 am, Chicken dinner 11 – 1:30, Raffle drawing at 5 pm.
- Sunday, August 31st: Holy Cross Parish Breakfast, Marty. Breakfast will benefit Holy Cross School. Serving Scrambled eggs with all the fixings, Knoaus sausage, pancakes, hash browns, etc. from 8 am to Noon.
- September 12-14th: Koinonia Retreat. Koinonia is a community experience in Christian living designed especially for adults 20 and older. For more information, contact LeRoy & Mary Lou Raden at 320-293-2080 or centralmnkoinonia.org.
- 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, Aug 18th: Ez 24:15-24 / Mt 19: 16-22

Wednesday, Aug 20th: Ez 34:1-11 / Mt 20:1-16

Friday, Aug 22nd: Ez 37:1-14 / Mt 22:34-40

Tuesday, Aug 19th: Ez 28: 1-10 / Mt 19:23-30

Thursday, Aug 21st: Ez 36:23-28 / Mt 22:1-14