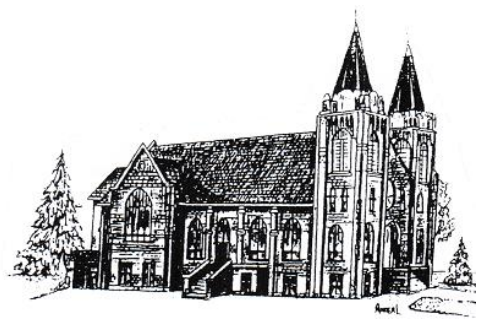


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2014



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		Parish Council, Marion Frank	764-9111
		Trustee, Mike Kuechle	685-3225
		Trustee, Mary Caskey	597-2854

MASS SCHEDULE

Aug 30	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Duane Dufner
Aug 31	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	MCCL
Sept 1	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday (Labor Day)	
Sept 2	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Loren Linn
		{SN} 5 – 8 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sept 3	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Gregory	
		{SA} 9am – 7 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sept 4	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Boeckmann Family
Sept 5	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Sept 6	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	23 rd Feast of St. Cloud	+Alfred Theis
Sept 7	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	23 rd Feast of St. Cloud	People of the Parishes

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
Sept 6 at 7:30 pm	Avon Vossen Louis Schutz Rita Schwartz	Damian Lincoln Connor Lincoln	Tom Landwehr Jack Rausch	Avon Vossen
Sept 7 at 8:00 am	Stacy Dufner Don Dufner Lee Bautch	Andrew Bautch Michael Bautch	Dean Dufner Peter Stang-Walz	Betty Johannes

Religious Education News: The Teacher's Workshop will be held on September 3rd at 7:30 pm in the Parish House. This meeting is for all teachers, aides, substitute teachers and anyone else interested in helping. We are always in need of additional help! **The first student class** will start with a Mass on **September 10th at 7:00 pm**. Registrations forms and schedules have been mailed out to each family. They will also be available in the back of church. Please register as soon as possible by either sending it back to Mat or dropping it off in the collection basket during Church. If you have any questions, please contact Mat Walz at 685-7376 or 217-4531.

Lending Library: If you have not looked at the Lending Library in the back of Church recently, you should! There have been new additions to the library on many topics. There will be more new material added as space allows.

Annual Parish Financial Statement & Directory: The 2014 Annual Financial Statement and Parish Directory are available at the back of Church. Please, one booklet per family. Group Chairs and Co-Chairs are encouraged to have an up-dated copy for phone numbers. If anyone knows of changes to a Parishioners address or phone, please call the Parish Office. If anyone has questions on the financial report, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Tom.

Mass for Peace: Bishop Donald Kettler will offer a special Mass for Peace at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud on Tuesday evening, September 2nd at 7:00 pm. All parishioners are welcome to come and pray with Bishop Kettler for peace within our own country and throughout the world.

Stewardship of Treasure Aug 24, 2014

Adult	\$XXX (40 of 199 envelopes)
Youth	XXX
Loose	XXX
TOTAL	\$XXXXX

Assumption

\$XXX (1 gift)

Stewardship Thought: God has given us time. God has given us talents. God has given us treasure. Let us share all three.



Gospel Connection: Stephen Bauman is the senior minister at Christ United Methodist Church in New York City. In his book *Simple Truths: On Values, Civility, and Our Common Good*, he recounts this story about a teenager in his congregation: "Elliot was on the horns of a dilemma. A sophomore in high school, Elliott had knowledge that a certain classmate everyone detested had been falsely accused of stealing \$150 from a teacher's purse. He was not the thief - Elliot saw his friend take the money. Was loyalty or truth more important? He didn't know what to do. As we talked together, Elliott said that it would be easier to do nothing. There was nothing that associated him with knowledge of the crime. He could stay free and clear of the problem. "M. Scott Peck has written, 'Problems are the cutting edge between success and failure. Problems call forth our courage and our wisdom; indeed, they create our courage and our wisdom.' "I suggested to Elliot that the easy way out was often the worst way out and that maybe he needed to live with his problem for a while. It would be uncomfortable, but I would help him hold it."

Sometimes what makes a problem tough is not that we don't know what to do but that we know all too clearly what to do. To do nothing is so much easier - but our taking the easy way out can have devastating consequences for others. In today's Gospel, Peter simply wants to protect Jesus from the suffering he has predicted - but Jesus sharply rebukes Peter for trying to diminish or skirt the cross because it is difficult. Discipleship is not, as poor Peter discovers, the avoidance of evil; to be Jesus' disciple is to actively take on what is good, to seek out what is right, to work for justice, to engender peace. May we embrace the faith of the cross: faith that understands that the crosses of our lives are the vehicles for bringing God's promise of resurrection into our lives and the lives of those we love.

Employment Opportunity: The Church of St. Anthony in Watkins, MN is accepting resumes for a part-time Faith Formation Director for Grades 7 – Adult and Youth Minister. For more information, please visit www.stanthonywatkins.com.

Koinonia Retreat: Are you thinking about doing something for yourself to enrich your faith journey? Koinonia is a community experience in Christian living designed especially for adults 20 and older. It is a Catholic Retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese. There is still room for the next retreat on September 12-14. Applications can be downloaded at centralmnkoinonia.org. For more information, please contact LeRoy or Mary Lou Raden at 320-293-2080.

Marriage Encounter: The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is on October 10-12 in Buffalo, MN. Couples who attend this weekend not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier. For more information visit northmnwwme.org or call 888-455-3496.

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.

Community Events:

- Sunday, August 31st: Holy Cross Parish Breakfast, Marty. Breakfast will benefit Holy Cross School. Serving Scrambled eggs with all the fixings, Knaus 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.
- Sunday, September 21st: Annual Fall Festival at St. Anne's in Kimball. Polka Mass at 9 am. Fritter Bread French Toast Breakfast from 9 am to noon. Hamburger & Beer stand starting at 10 am. Quilt Raffle Drawing at 3 pm. Activities all day.
- Saturday, Sept. 27th: Diocesan Barn Dance held at the Frank & Peggy Inholte Ranch, 8158 Co Rd 138, St. Cloud (not too far from Fleet Farm). Mass with Bishop Kettler at 5 pm, followed by a meal & 4 live music groups. There will be a free will donation at door.
- 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, Sept 1st: 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Lk 4:16-30

Wednesday, Sept. 3rd: 1 Cor 3:1-9 / Lk 4:38-44

Friday, Sept 5th: 1 Cor 4:1-5 / Lk 5:33-39

Tuesday, Sept 2nd: 1 Cor 2:10b-16 / Lk 4:31-37

Thursday, Sept 4th: 1 Cor 3:18-23 / Lk 5:1-11



Held at St. Anne's in Kimball on Sunday, September 21st

Mass will be at 9 am. Music will be provided by Stan's Country Dutchmen.

Breakfast of Fritter Bread French Toast, Knaus' Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Fruit, coffee and milk will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Enjoy the Hamburger Stand, Live music by Charlie Roth, Silent Auction, Horse Drawn Wagon rides, Farmer's Market, Bingo, Cake walk, Pinko, Kid's Games, Inflatables, Take a chance to win Beats Headphones, and much, much more! Raffle Drawing will be at 3:00 p.m. Grand Prize is a 2014 Cub Cadett LTX 1052 Lawn Tractor donated by Arnold's of Kimball and Kuechle Underground. Also Handmade quilts by Barb Hoffmann