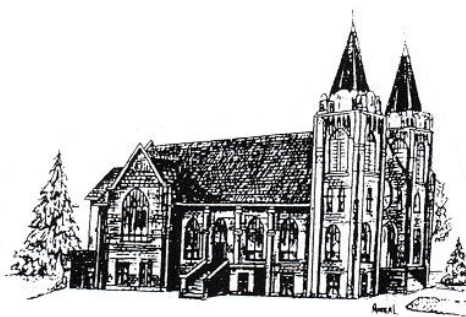


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2014



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sept 27	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Rel. of E & A Neu
Sept 28	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Michael Rausch
Sept 29	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	
Sept 30	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Jerome	+Ed Weismann
Oct 1	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Therese	
		{SA} 9 am – 7 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SA	
Oct 2	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	The Holy Guardian Angels	+Boeckmann Family
Oct 3	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 4	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Harold & Leona Hemmesch
Oct 5	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish

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
Oct 4 at 7:30 pm	Rick Utecht Art Faber Avon Vossen	Mitchell Utecht Dylan Utecht	Jack Rausch Robert Wehseler	Lucy Schreiner
Oct 5 at 8:00 am	Annette Stang Kelly Bautch Judy Schutz	Andrew Bautch Michael Bautch	Phil Vossen Orville Cremers	Lee Bautch

Act-Oberfest! Join us on Sunday, October 12th at the Freeport Community Center for entertainment for the entire family. Bishop Kettler, Fr. Marv Enneking, Fr. Ton Dockendorf, the Mitchell Bechtold Quartet, Nathan's Oldtime Band and community members will perform a variety show, including musical and comedy acts. There will also be bands, dancing, a silent auction, food available for purchase, and free refreshments. All proceeds will benefit Diocesan youth retreats and programs. The Variety Show is from 2 – 4 pm, dancing from 4 – 6 pm. Brought to you by the Catholic Foundation and the Diocesan Council for Catholic Women.

Church Cleaning

Thursday, October 2nd from 6 – 9 pm

Saturday, October 4th from 9 – 12 am

Please expect a call from your group leaders and plan on attending one of these times! If someone from your family is not able to come to one of the cleaning times, you will be expected to pay a \$20 fee for cleaning supplies. Many people make the work light and fun!! This is necessary maintenance to keep our Church beautiful, let's get the job done!!

Stewardship of Treasure Sept. 21, 2014

Adult	\$XXX	(37 of 199 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	
Religious Education	\$XXX	(2 gifts)
CCHD	\$XXX	(2 gifts)

Stewardship Thought: You have called us to be faithful with whatever blessings you give us. May you be pleased with this offering. We want to honor you in all our ways by remembering to worship you, not your blessings. We hold on to these temporary gifts with an open hand, surrendering our will to yours.



Gospel Connection: If you suspected you had counterfeit currency in your wallet, would you take it out of circulation - or would you pass it on? Would you see yourself as a victim for having unwittingly received it, thus feeling justified in passing on the fake bill? Would you take it to a bank to confirm your suspicions - or would you spend it as quickly as possible before you found out the possible truth? Would you knowingly spend a fake hundred-dollar bill if you thought no one would notice - or would you see yourself as doing a public service by destroying it or turning it into authorities? Think about what you would do - and in whose "best interest" you would act. What you would do with that suspected fake bill says a great deal about your ethics. [From *Soul Currency: Investing Your Inner Wealth for Fulfillment and Abundance* by Ernest D. Chu.]

Jesus' simple story of the two sons takes the Gospel out of the realm of the "theoretical" and places the mercy of God smack in the middle of our busy, complicated everyday lives. Compassion, forgiveness and mercy are only words until our actions give full expression to those values in our relationships with others; our identifying ourselves as Christians and calling ourselves disciples of Jesus mean nothing until our lives express that identity in the values and beliefs we uphold. The words of the Gospel must be lived; Jesus' teachings on justice, reconciliation and love must be the light that guides us, the path we walk, the prayer we work to make a reality. Discipleship begins within our hearts, where we realize Christ's presence in our lives and in the lives of others and then honoring that presence in meaningful acts of compassion and charity.

Religious Education News: Class will be held on Wednesday, October 1st in the Parish House at 7 pm. If you have not turned in your registration form and payment, please bring to it to class! Please see the "Caps for Love" announcement below!

Lending Library Addition: The Christian Women would like you to know that they added to the Lending Library at the back of Church. They purchased a book by Pope Francis called, "They Joy of the Gospel." It is a recommended read by Bishop Kettler. The Lending Library is an "on your honor" system for reading books, watching movies, or listening to the fine selection of CD's.

Caps for Love: The DCCW and the Religious Education Students from our parish are going to be working on a Service Project for the National Council of Catholic Women called "Caps for Love." This project will be collecting all kinds of hard plastic caps from laundry detergents, hand sanitizer, beverages, toothpaste, shampoo, spray paint, tennis ball can lids, grated cheese, cream cheese, salad dressing, peanut butter, medicines and so many others. Color is not an issue - save them all! There should be no metal on the cap and please remove all paper inserts. The money that will be raised will be used to help purchase wheelchairs for disabled children. The recycled plastic will be used to create new products such as plastic shipping pallets, park benches, plastic paint cans and many other items. There will be boxes in the religion rooms and in the back of church. Please make sure that the caps are clean! We will be taking donations to the end of the year.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: The CCHD needs your help! CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact on communities nationwide. Please use the envelope in your packet to contribute to defending human dignity and helping those live on the margins of our society.

Speaker Matthew Kelly: Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose: Matthew Kelly will be at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sartell on Saturday, November 8th from 9 am to 1:30 pm. Most of his dates are already sold out, but there are still tickets left for this date! To purchase tickets, visit www.DynamicCatholic.com. Tickets are \$39.00 and will be well worth the ticket price!

Beginning Experience: Beginning Experience is providing a weekend program for divorced, widowed or separated adults on Oct. 24-16 at Luther Crest in Alexandria, MN. This program is designed to facilitate the grief resolution process for adults, thereby enabling them to again love themselves, others, and God. See the back of Church for application & more info, or call 888-565-0178.

Community Events:

- Friday, October 3rd: All are welcome to a new interpretation for the Gospel of Mark by Dr. Charles Bobertz, professor at St. John's School of Theology. Free event, but need to register at www.csbsju.edu/sot or 363-3570.
- Friday, October 3rd: Discover Day at St. John's Prep School. Spend a day in our classrooms with students from around the world. Contact the admissions office for more information at 363-3315.
- Sunday, October 5th: annual Bazaar at Church of the Holy Family in Silver Lake, MN. Polka Mass at 10 am, Chicken & Ham dinner from 11 to 2 pm. Afternoon filled with activities for everyone!
- Sunday, October 5th: St. John's Prep event Collegeville Colors. Come & hike among the spectacular colors of St. John's woods while enjoying art, music, theatre & nature activities along the trail. Fee includes bouja & other treats. Register at 363-3315.
- Mondays October 6 - November 24th: St. Boniface Parish in Cold Spring invites you to "A Quick Journey Through the Bible" sessions. An excellent intro & overview of the Bible from 7 - 9 pm. Call Molly Olivier at 320-290-3088 with questions.
- Friday, October 10th: Fall Mission Forum & Prayer with Sr. Mary Dumonceaux at 12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. Followed by a presentation and light reception.
- 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.
- Thursday, Friday & Saturday, Oct 16-18: St. Boniface Christian Women of Cold Spring having their annual "Rummage & Clothing Drive Fall Sale." The hours are: Thursday from 2 pm to 7 pm, Friday from 8 am to 7 pm, and Saturday from 8 am to 10 am.

Readings for the Week:

Monday, Sept. 29th: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday, Oct. 1st: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 / Lk 9:57-62
Friday, Oct 3rd: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 / Lk 10:13-16

Tuesday, Sept. 30th: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 / Lk 9:51-56
Thursday, Oct. 2nd: Jb 19:21-27 / Mt 18:1-5, 10