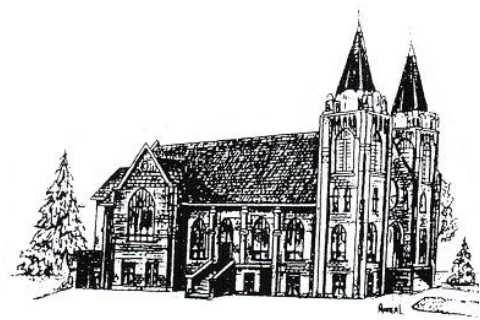


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2014



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MASS SCHEDULE

Oct 11	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Alfred Theis
Oct 12	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ed Weismann
Oct 13	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Oct 14	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Fr. Richard Walz
Oct 15	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Teresa of Jesus	
Oct 16	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Susan Flaschenriem
Oct 17	Friday	NO MASS	St. Ignatius	
Oct 18	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Oct 19	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Val Dufner

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 18 at 7:30 pm	Avon Vossen Louise Schutz Barb Walz	Nathan Utecht Derek Utecht	Ron Steil Tom Landwehr	Avon Vossen
Oct 19 at 8:00 am	Steve Stang Sandy Stang Leo Klaers	Sarah Kraemer Kathy Kraemer	Dean Dufner Jerry Boeckmann	Betty Johannes

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.

Fellowship Sunday: Catholic United Financial is sponsoring a Fellowship **THIS** Sunday after the October 12th 8:00 am Mass. *Everyone is Welcome* for coffee, juice & rolls.

Thank you: Thank you to all who helped out cleaning Church this past week! A huge THANK YOU to Lee and Kelly Bautch who clean every week and organized the big clean up!! It is important to maintain our beautiful church for many years to come! Please remember to contribute your \$20 for cleaning supplies if you were unable to attend. Your gift is also important!

Living Rosary: St. Nicholas will have our annual Living Rosary on Wednesday, October 22nd at 7 pm. The Religious Education students will be participating in the Living Rosary for class that day. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to There will be cookies served after the rosary. This is a wonderful experience if you have never been to a Living Rosary! share this experience with us!



attend.
Please


Video Being Shown: The Men’s Society will be hosting a Catholic Apologetics DVD after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, November 2nd. More information will follow, but please mark your calendar!

Stewardship of Treasure Oct. 5, 2014

Adult	\$XXX	(44 of 199 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	
Assumption	\$XXX	(1 gift)
Church Cleaning	\$XXX	(7 gifts)

Stewardship Thought:

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
--Hebrews 13:16



Gospel Connection: Not too many years ago, China hunted down and arrested Catholics. Priests and nuns especially were targeted. Religious who had been serving faithfully and openly in China before the Communist Revolution were driven underground. An American priest, Father Robert Maloney, was the superior general of the Congregation of the Mission, the community of priests and sisters founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Father Maloney traveled to China 20 years ago to offer support to their priests and sisters. He traveled not as a priest but as an ordinary tourist. He writes of meeting a group of Daughters of Charity: "One evening I received precise instructions: At 4 a.m., I was to leave the hotel where I was staying. Once outside I was to turn right and follow, at a distance of 50 feet, a woman who would guide me through dark streets to the Mass I was to celebrate. I followed her for about 15 minutes. Then, suddenly, I saw a door open, and my guide slipped inside quickly. When I arrived at the same spot, the door opened again and I entered. We climbed four flights of stairs silently and then knocked gently on a door. After a pause, someone opened the door and we went into a tiny attic. There, hidden away in mainland China, I celebrated Mass with 14 elderly members of the Daughters of Charity. When someone tapped on the door just after Mass began, everyone froze with tension for fear that the police were arriving, but it was another sister. These Chinese nuns have been cut off from their community for 45 years. That day they renewed their vows in this candle-lit attic with great emotion; this was the first time they were gathered together like this since 1949. They had remained faithful, in hiding, all those years. They were very poor. They prayed daily in private and went out almost every day to serve the needy. One told me that in 1950 she had been questioned for seven days and seven nights without rest, her interrogators taking turns, and was then thrown in prison for 30 years. During my journey, I found 70 elderly Daughters of Charity in mainland China. They had been living underground, in hope, for decades. Though I offered them financial help, they refused. They told me that they had all they needed and radiated confidence in the transforming power of the Gospel." [Rev. Robert P. Maloney, C.M., "A Feathered Thing: On the Resiliency of Hope," *America*, February 3, 2014.]

"The king's wedding banquet" is celebrated in many different times and places; God invites sovereigns and peasants, scholars and laborers, the elderly and children; his table is set up in palaces and hovels, in cathedrals and chapels - even in a small attic somewhere in China. Regardless of our circumstances, despite our doubts and sense of unworthiness, God says "Come." Christ, in the parable of the king's banquet, calls us to realize that every one of us has a place at God's table - a table that extends from own family table in this time and place to God's great banquet table in the next. The only obstacle is our own inability to accept God's invitation amid the noisy activity that consumes our time and attention, or our fear to come to the feast because fear and doubt have destroyed our hope.

Religious Education News: There will be **NO CLASS on Wednesday, October 15th** due to the MEA school holiday. Class on October 22nd will be held at Church for the Living Rosary. Please see the “Caps for Love” announcement below!

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.

Mass Times on Sunday to Switch: Just a reminder to everyone that our Mass times on Sundays will switch to 10:00 am. This will start with the Mass on Sunday, November 2nd. The Saturday Mass times will remain the same. St. Anne’s will then have the 8 am Mass on Sundays.



Breakfast at St. Nicholas: St. Nicholas will be hosting a breakfast on October 26th! Breakfast will be Pancakes, sausage, fried potatoes, apple sauce, Danish pastries with coffee, milk and juice. Breakfast will be served from 9 am to Noon. Groups 1 and 2 will be hosting this breakfast.

World Mission Sunday: The weekend of October 19th we will join Catholic parishes all over the world in celebrating World Mission Sunday. We are invited to act in solidarity this day, as we pray and share our gifts to help build-up the church in need, especially the young church in various area of our world where the witness of Christ is helping the poor receive practical help and experience God’s love and mercy, hope and peace. Please use the envelope in your packet.

Community Events:

- Sunday, October 12th: Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Richmond hosting Knights of Columbus Matching Grant Sunday Brunch from 9 am to 12:30 pm in the Parish Center. Menu is French toast, scrambled eggs, liver sausage, pork sausage, cinnamon bread, etc.
- 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.
- Saturday, October 18th: Annual Evening for Life Banquet held at the Richmond Parish Center. Mass at 5 pm, social at 6 pm, Mandarin Chicken dinner served at 6:30 pm. Reservations call Darlene at 597-2228. Banquet is open to the public.
- Sunday, October 19th: Benefit Breakfast for Lisa Heinen at the Watkins Village Hall hosted by the Wat-Kim-Valley VFW. Breakfast will be served from 8 am to Noon.
- Sunday, October 19th: Sale of Bouja and Chicken Noodle Soup at St. Anthony’s Church in Watkins from 8:30 am to Noon.
- Saturday, October 25th: 26th Annual Watkins Lions & Lioness Craft Sale Expo at the Watkins Elementary School from 9 am to 1 pm. Many Venders, bake sale and luncheon.

Readings for the Week:

Monday, Oct. 13 th : Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5:1 / Lk11:29-32	Tuesday, Oct. 14 th : Gal 5:1-6 / Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday, Oct. 15 th : Gal 5:18-25 / Lk 11:42-46	Thursday, Oct. 16 th : Eph 1:1-10 / Lk 11:47-54
Friday, Oct. 17 th : Eph 1:11-14 / Lk 12:1-7	