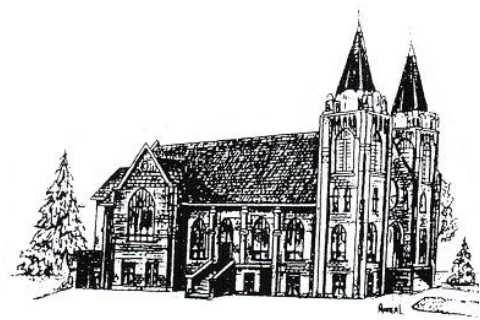


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2014



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MASS SCHEDULE

Oct 25	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	MCCL
Oct 26	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Krueger/Hansen Families
Oct 27	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Oct 28	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Sts. Simon & Jude	+Ron Stommes
Oct 29	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Oct 30	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Carol Fuchs
Oct 31	Friday	{SN} 7:30 pm	All Saints Day	+All Dec. from St. Nicholas
Nov 1	Saturday	{SA} 9:00 am	All Saints Day	
Nov 1	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	All Souls Day	+Edmund & Annie Walz
Nov 2	Sunday	{SN}10:00 am	All Souls Day	People of the Parish

****SUNDAY MASS TIMES ARE CHANGING WITH ST. ANNE’S ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND. ST. NICHOLAS WILL BE AT 10 AM AND ST. ANNE’S WILL BE AT 8 AM.****

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
Nov 1 at 7:30 pm	Anita Neu Elmer Neu Avon Vossen	Emily Utecht Rachel Utecht	Robert Wehseler Tom Landwehr	Elmer Neu
Nov 2 at 10 am	Don Dufner Jeff Theis Kelly Bautch	Andrew Bautch Michael Bautch	Phil Vossen Peter Stang-Walz	Lee Bautch

Video Being Shown: The Men’s Society will be hosting a video. Catholic Apologetics is not apologizing for our faith, but instead being able to logically defend it. The Men’s Society would like to delve into this starting next Sunday November 2nd after the 10 AM Mass in the Church basement. All are welcome.

Cemetery Flowers: It’s that time of year once again! Please remove any flowers that are at the cemetery. that is left after November 3rd will be removed and disposed by the Cemetery Committee. If you have any questions, please contact Ralph Schreiner at 764-9080.



Anything




Book of Life: During the month of November, the Book of Life will be in the center aisle for you to write the names of those you wish to have remembered at all the Masses during November. Those that have died from St. Nicholas since last November are: Daniel Strohmeier (12-20-2013), Ellen Hommerding (5-30-2014), Alfred Theis (6-4-2014), Edward Weismann (6-25-2014), and Ronald Stommes (7-12-2014).

Stewardship of Treasure Oct. 19, 2014

Adult	\$XXX	(42of 199 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(1 envelope)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	
Propagation of the Faith	\$XXX	(1 gift)
Church Cleaning	\$XXX	(3 gifts)
Religious Education	\$XXX	(1 gift)

Stewardship Thought:

Thank you for giving us these moments as reminders of you generosity. Thank you for letting us give as you have given to us. May we use these moments to consider how we can use our gifts to love you more deeply, Lord, and to serve our neighbor better.



Gospel Connection: A dad was asked by a group of kids what sacred him the most in life. His answer was honest and straightforward: **You** do. The dad, Brian Doyle, writes *in U.S. Catholic* (June 2014): "I'm scared about my kids, I say. That scares me most of all. They'll get hurt, and I can't save them. Your dad worries about that too, you know, at night, when you're asleep. He stands by your bed and thinks he's not a good enough dad for you. Believe me he does this. He'll never admit it, you know, but he does it. Trust me, I know. We worry you won't get to be the coolest and greatest for some reason - a truck hits you, a bad marriage, drugs. Sure we are scared. You think all dads are stern guys. Always on your case about homework, always saying the wrong thing, always lecturing about how the price of independence is responsibility, but you don't see us by your bed at night, terrified. Nor do your moms. We say we are going to check that the kids are asleep, to turn down the heat, to dim the light, and we do these things, but then we stand there, scared. Some of us cry and some pray and some do both at once. Some guys bend down and tuck their kids in but most of us try to get it together again before we go downstairs and say I think they are asleep, but they are devious animals, those children of yours, and who knows?"

Every good dad (and mom, too) understands that real love is total, demanding, unconditional - and terrifying. But when you really love someone, that someone's happiness and fulfillment make for your happiness and fulfillment. To love someone with our "whole heart and soul and mind" can empower us to do things that we do not think we can or could do; to love as completely and unconditionally as God loves us is demanding and heartbreaking. But understanding those demands and having faith in the embrace of such God-centered love enables us to sacrifice and take risks for the sake of those we love. We often underestimate what we can accomplish when we act out of love - love that is centered in the needs of another, love that has no ulterior motive except the well-being of the beloved, love that is selfless and unconditional, love that is of God.

Religious Education News: There will be class on Wednesday, October 29th.

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 **Sunday, 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. Group 1 will be working at this breakfast from 10 am to clean-up and Group 2 will work from 7 am to 10 am. There will also be a bake sale and raffle.

Annual Diocesan Appeal Thank you: St. Nicholas Parish reached its goal for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. In fact, we reached 103% of our goal (\$5,165)! Thanks to all who contributed to our goal!

Community Events:

- Sunday, October 26th: Breakfast at St. Nicholas! Pancakes, sausage, fried potatoes, apple sauce, and pastries will be served from 9 am to Noon.
- Sunday, November 2nd: Knights of Columbus German Style Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper at St. Boniface Parish Center in Cold Spring from 3 pm to 7 pm. Proceeds benefit Local Food Knights Projects.
- Saturday, November 8th: Dynamic Catholic presentation “Living Everyday with Passion & Purpose” with Matthew Kelly at St. Francis Xavier Church in Sartell, MN from 9 am to 1:30 pm. Tickets available online at www.DynamicCatholic.com.
- Saturday, November 8th: Gently Used Christmas & Toy Sale at Sts. Peter & Paul School in Richmond, MN. Hundreds of items to choose from at a bargain rate from 7 am to Noon.
- Koinonia Retreat November 14-16: at the TEC center north of Little Falls. Cost of the weekend is \$60 (full or partial scholarships are available). Call Mary Lou Raden at 320-293-2080 for more information.
- Sunday, Nov. 23rd: Turkey Bingo Party at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Rockville, MN from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Cash Raffle (max of 850 tickets sold) will be at 4:30 pm.

Readings for the Week:

Monday, Oct. 27th: Eph 4:32—5:8 / Lk 13:10-17
Wednesday, Oct. 29th: Eph 6:1-9 / Lk 13:22-30
Friday, Oct. 31st: Phil 1:1-11 / Lk 14:1-6

Tuesday, Oct. 28th: Eph 2:19-22 / Lk 6:12-16
Thursday, Oct. 30th: Eph 6:10-20 / Lk 13:31-35

Have a Safe and Happy
Halloween!

