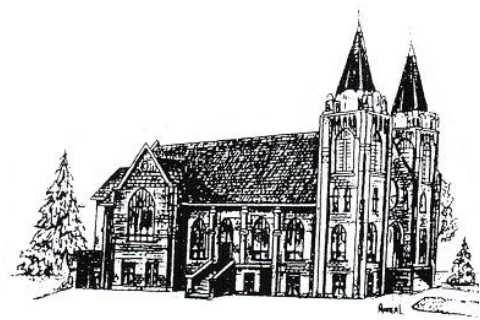


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2014



| PARISH STAFF  |              | PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS       |                                |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Fr. Thomas Olson  | 398-2229     | Christian Women, Anita Neu        | 685-3287                       |
| Brenda Kraemer, Secretary   | 764-7345     | Men’s Society, Lee Bautch         | 597-3255                       |
| Sandy Stang, Parish Nurse   | 764-2030     | Catholic United, Barb Walz        | 685-7376                       |
| Julene Faber, Musician  | 685-7211     | Prayer Line, Sue Frank            | stfrank@meltel.net OR 764-9112 |
| Melanie Pauls, Musician   | 309-5043     | Ministry Scheduler, Annette Stang | 764-5339                       |
| Mat & Barb Walz, Rel. Ed Coordinators   | 685-7376     | Parish Council, Don Kuechle       | 453-3120                       |
| Cell phone  | 320-217-4531 | Parish Council, Sue Stommes       | 597-3454                       |
| <b>*Bulletin Deadline is Thursday at 9am</b><br><b>*Email: stnicholas@meltel.net</b><br><b>*Website: www.churchofsaintnicholas.com</b><br><b>*Usual Office Hours of Secretary are Monday and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30am.</b> |              | Parish Council, John Schutz       | 764-6171                       |
|   |              | Parish Council, Vicki Landwehr    | 764-6603                       |
|   |              | Parish Council, Robert Kraemer    | 685-3715                       |
|   |              | Parish Council, Marion Frank      | 764-9111                       |
|   |              | Trustee, Mike Kuechle             | 685-3225                       |
|   |              | Trustee, Mary Caskey              | 597-2854                       |

### MASS SCHEDULE

|        |           |               |  |                             |
|--------|-----------|---------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Nov 15 | Saturday  | {SN} 7:30 pm  | 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | +Dec. Rel. of Decker Family |
| Nov 16 | Sunday    | {SN} 10:00 am | 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | +Dominic & Susan Frank      |
| Nov 17 | Monday    | {SA} NO MASS  | St. Elizabeth of Hungary                 |                             |
| Nov 18 | Tuesday   | {SN} NO MASS  | Weekday                                  |                             |
| Nov 19 | Wednesday | {SA} 8:30 am  | Weekday                                  |                             |
| Nov 20 | Thursday  | {SN} 8:00 am  | Weekday                                  | +Rita Ludwig                |
| Nov 21 | Friday    | NO MASS       | Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  |                             |
| Nov 22 | Saturday  | {SN} 7:30 pm  | Feast of Christ the King                 | +Esther & Elmer Faber       |
| Nov 23 | Sunday    | {SN} 10:00 am | Feast of Christ the King                 | +Dec. Hansen/Krueger Family |


**\*\*SUNDAY MASS TIMES HAVE NOW SWITCHED WITH ST. ANNE’S: 8 am AT SA / 10 am AT SN.**

**\*\* Please welcome Fr. Eb Schefers for Masses on November 15 – 16. Fr. Tom will return on during the day on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Weekend Masses at St. Anne’s in Kimball are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 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 22 at 7:30 pm     | Rita Schwartz<br>Anita Neu<br>Elmer Neu      | Nathan Utecht<br>Derek Utecht      | Elmer Vossen<br>Ron Steil    | Anita Neu   |
| Nov 23 at 10 am       | Mary Caskey<br>Greg Utecht<br>Brenda Kraemer | Sarah Kraemer<br>Katherine Kraemer | Orville Cremer<br>Don Dufner | Doug Caskey |



**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).

**Soup & Sandwich Supper:** Remember to keep the date of **Wednesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>** open for the Annual Thanksgiving Soup and Sandwich Supper in the church basement. A variety of soups will be served along with sandwiches and desserts. A free-will offering is asked of guests. Serving starts at 5:30 and goes until about 7:00 pm. The Thanksgiving Mass will be held at 7:30 pm with all the Religious Ed. Students. Please call Annette Stang if you can help us out this year. The committee really appreciates all the help we get. Thank you in advance.



**Incense:** Incense will be used on the Feast of Christ the King (November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>).

Stewardship of Treasure Nov 9, 2014


|                          |                |                       |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Adult                    | \$XXX          | (11 of 199 envelopes) |
| Youth                    | XXX            |                       |
| Loose                    | XXX            |                       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>\$XXXXX</b> |                       |
| Propagation of the Faith | \$XXX          | (2 gifts)             |
| All Saints Day           | \$XXX          | (1 gift)              |
| All Souls Day            | \$XXX          | (1 Gift)              |

Stewardship Thought:

Thank you, O Lord, for all that you have blessed us with. Give us wisdom to know how best to manage all that you have given us. Keep us from holding on to these blessings too tightly, for you are our object of worship, not the blessings.

\*\*COLLECTION NOTE:

Not all of the collection was counted for this week. It will be added to the following week. BK



**Gospel Connection:** Since May, the Ebola virus has devastated many countries in Africa. Thousands of people have died of the disease. Among the many anonymous heroes are nurses like Josephine Finda Sellu. Josephine, 42, is the deputy nurse matron at the government-run hospital in Kenema in Sierra Leone. Kenema has been Sierra Leone's biggest death trap since the virus struck. Josephine is part of a select club: she is one of three surviving nurses of the original staff who did not become infected. They watched their patients die and their colleagues die, but they carried on. Josephine thought about quitting - her family pleaded with her to quit. But she says, "There is a need for me to be around. I am a senior [nurse]. All the junior nurses look up to me." If she left, she says, "the whole thing would collapse." In the campaign against the Ebola virus, the front line is stitched together by people like Josephine: doctors and nurses who give their lives to treat patients who will probably die; janitors who clean up lethal pools of vomit and waste so that beleaguered health centers can stay open; drivers who venture into villages overcome by illness to retrieve patients; body handlers charged with the dangerous task of keeping highly infectious corpses from sickening others. Many of these health care workers died, some have fled - but many new recruits sign up willingly, often receiving little or no pay, sometimes giving up their homes, communities and even their families. Often family members and neighbors will not let health care works return to their homes and villages, terrified that they carry Ebola virus with them. Josephine even had to quell a revolt among her nurses who, at one point, threatened her if another nurse died. That's when her children pleaded with her not to go back to the hospital. "It has been a nightmare for me," Josephine says. "Since the whole thing started I have cried a lot . . . It came to a time when I was thinking of quitting this job. It was too much for me . . . [But] you have no options. You have to go and save others. You see your colleagues dying, and you still go to work. "There are times when I say, 'Oh my God, I should have chosen secretarial,'" but her job as a healer, Josephine says, "is a call from God." [From "Those Who Serve Ebola Victims Soldier On" by Adam Nossiter and Ben C. Solomon, *The New York Times*, August 23, 2014.]

The parable of the talents focuses on the critical question of not what we possess in terms of talent and ability but our willingness to use those skills to make the kingdom of God a reality here and now. We may have the skills to be a brilliant surgeon - or we may be able to bring healing to others by our simple but under-appreciated ability to listen to them in their pain; we may have the opportunity to influence the lives of many people - or we may be a good mom or dad to our own children; we may have the skills to manage big organizations that accomplish much good - or we may take a regular turn at the local soup kitchen. The Spirit of God prompts us to use those "talents" for the common good, to bring healing to the broken, to establish the Kingdom of God in our time and place. Such an investment is demanding work, as Josephine and her colleagues well know. Whatever we can do, whatever our skills and resources enable us to do, the challenge of the Gospel is to be ready and willing to respond to the opportunities we have to give joyfully and generously for the sake of his Kingdom.

**Religious Education News:** There will be class on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Knights of Columbus St. Nick Celebration:** The K of C will be hosting their Annual St. Nicholas Celebration in the Church basement on **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**. *Everyone* is welcome to attend, ESPECIALLY FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN! There will be refreshments served and there is no charge to attend. St. Nick will even make an appearance at 3 pm!



**Make God’s Love Visible:** catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud kicks off its Make God’s Love Visible campaign this week! Catholic Charities provides food, connects people with homes, improves mental health, strengthens families and encourages seniors to be healthy and well all across the 16 counties of the Diocese of St. Cloud. Visit [ccstcloud.org](http://ccstcloud.org) to learn more! Please send your contributions directly to Catholic Charities in the provided envelope.

**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.

Community Events:

- Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>: Bouja & Chicken Noodle soup at St. Anthony Church in Watkins, MN. Serving from 8:30 to Noon. Also available for pre-order by calling Larry Flaschenriem at 320-764-2965.
- 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.
- Saturday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Cathedral High School is hosting an International Festival from 2 – 5 pm in the Commons. Free & open to the public. It is a celebration of the many cultures represented at CHS.
- Sunday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>: 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.
- Sunday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Breakfast at St. Wendelin’s in Luxemburg serving from 8:30 am to Noon. All you can eat Pep’s Pork sausage, ham, pancakes, scrambled eggs and all the trimmings. There will be a craft sale, bake sale, raffle & free blood pressure checks.
- Sunday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast at St. Anthony Parish in St. Anthony (6 miles N of Albany on State Hwy 238.) Serving all you can east ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, rolls, etc. from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Readings for the Week:

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| Monday, Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup> : Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Lk 18:35-43 | Tuesday, Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup> : Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 / Lk 19:1-10 |
| Wednesday, Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> : Rv 4:1-11 / Lk 19:11-28    | Thursday, Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> : Rv 5:1-10 / Lk 19: 41-44    |
| Friday, Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup> : Rv 10:8-11 / Lk 19 45-48      |   |