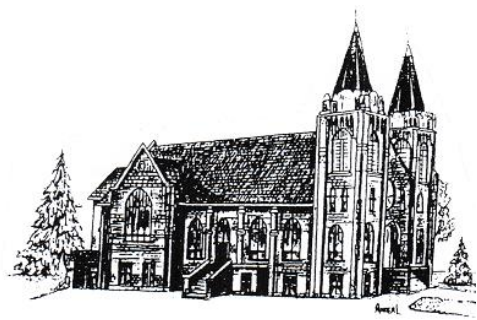


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Feast of Christ the King

November 23, 2014



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## MASS SCHEDULE

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 Nov
24	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	St. Andrew	
Nov 25	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Fr. Richard Walz
Nov 26	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
		{SN} 7:30 pm	Thanksgiving Day	For our Veterans
Nov 27	Thursday	{SA} 9:00 am	Thanksgiving Day	
Nov 28	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Nov 29	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	+Tom Decker
Nov 30	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish

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 26 at 7:30 pm	Mat Walz Brenda Kraemer Annette Schutz	Breanna Stang Maggie Ludwig <b>Gift Bearers: Paul Kraemer, Dylan Kuechle, Luke Ludwig</b>	Nathan Utecht Noah Krueger	Katherine Gathje Nathan Utecht
Nov 29 at 7:30 pm	Judi Schreiner Avon Vossen Mat Walz	Lauren Johannes Volunteer	Tom Landwehr Laverne Ludwig	Avon Vossen
Nov 30 at 10 am	Trish Ludwig Sandy Stang Steve Stang	Luke Ludwig Maggie Ludwig	Elmer Frank Paul Ludwig	Mike Kuechle



**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:** *Wednesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>* is 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 Parish Life Committee really appreciates all the help we get. Thank you in advance.



## Stewardship of Treasure Nov 16, 2014

Adult	\$XXX	(62 of 199 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(1 gift)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	

Energy Needs	\$XXX	(4 gifts)
All Saints Day	\$XXX	(2 gifts)
All Souls Day	\$XXX	(2 gifts)

**Stewardship Thought:** He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

**\*\*COLLECTION NOTE:** Part of this collection included some from November 9<sup>th</sup>. BK



**Gospel Connection:** The basketball coach was walking by the locker room after practice. What he heard sent him into a rage: two of his players, seniors, were taunting a freshman player. Their cruel bullying crossed the line into ugly racism. The coach threw open the door to the locker room - and everything immediately stopped. The two players knew immediately that they were in trouble. The coach, seething but keeping control, said to the two, "I want you here at eight tomorrow morning. No excuses." Promptly at eight the next morning, the two players were waiting at the front door of the gym. The coach pulled up in his car. "Get in," he ordered. In absolute silence, they drove to a small, rundown building that housed a grammar school in the heart of the city. "Gentlemen," he said, "a friend of mine teaches here and coaches their team in the city grammar school league. I offered your services this morning to run a clinic for his team." The two players got out and slowly walked to the playground in the rear of the building. There they were greeted by the teacher and his team of fifteen nine and ten-year-olds. The kids were Asian, Latino, black, and a host of different nationalities. "I really appreciate your coming to help us out," the teacher said, extending his hand to the two. Clearly their coach had not told him what had taken place the evening before. The two "star" players spent the next two hours putting the kids through drills, showing them how to line up their shots, going over defensive stands. The kids had a ball - what they lacked in skill they more than made up for in attentiveness and enthusiasm. The two high school players were gods to them. At the end of the morning, the two received hugs and smiles and high-fives from their young charges. "This was great! Thanks for coming," the teacher said. "My kids learned a lot. Your coach should be really proud of you." They smiled, glad that the kids had a great time. But they had learned much, much more. [Adapted from *Tell It Slant: A Conversation on the Language of Jesus in His Stories and Prayers* by Eugene Peterson.]

The high school players learn the lesson of Jesus' parable: that before God, we are anything but "gods." Before God, we stand as brothers and sisters; before God, the distinctions of class and culture that separate us disappear; before God, we are loved without condition and limit. The coach challenges his two players to see their world in a different light: as a community that is centered in the holiness of God that dwells within every man, woman and child; a community that sees deeper than the externals of race, nationality, culture and language in order to behold the love of God animating the lives of all who draw breath; a community that reflects the compassion and mercy of God in our care of one another. To belong to and build such a community is central to the call of the disciple to build the Kingdom of God in our own time and place.

**Religious Education News:** There will be class on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00, followed by the Thanksgiving Mass at 7:30 pm. Many students will take part in this Mass.

**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 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 respond by sending your contributions directly to Catholic Charities in the provided envelope. Thank you!

**Faith Formation:** The Men's Society will host a Faith Formation DVD presentation in the Church basement after Mass on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!

**Parish Council Nominations:** Parish Council Nominations are coming up during the weekend of December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Don Kuechle and Sue Stommes's terms will be complete. Both Don & Sue are eligible to be re-nominated. People that are not eligible to be nominated are the spouses of current council members and trustees. Current Council members are John Schutz, Vicki Landwehr, Robert Kraemer, and Marion Frank. The trustees are Mike Kuechle and Mary Caskey. Please think of people you would like to nominate.

**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, 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 eat ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, rolls, etc. from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.
- March 20-22, 2015 is the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Baxter, MN. For registration contact Alan & Missy at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 888-455-3496. Learn how to renew your marriage & draw closer to God!

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 / Lk 21:1-4  
Wednesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>: Rv 15:1-4 / Lk 21:12-19  
Friday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2 / Lk 21:29-33

Tuesday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>: Rv 14:14-19 / Lk 21:5-11  
Thursday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>: Sir 50:22-24 / Cor 1:3-9