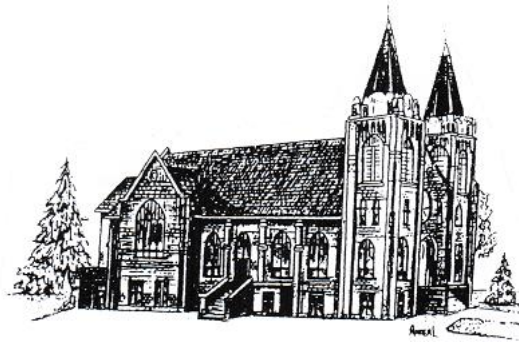


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2015



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Jan 17	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Jerome Schwartz
Jan 18	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Amanda Stommes
Jan 19	Monday	{SA} 8:00	Weekday	
Jan 20	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Ed Weismann
Jan 21	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Jan 22	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Day if Prayer of Unborn Children	MCCL
Jan 23	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Jan 24	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Edmund & Annie Walz
Jan 25	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 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
Jan 24 at 7:30 pm	Rita Schwartz Rick Utecht Avon Vossen	Nathan Utecht Derek Utecht	Tom Landwehr Jack Rausch	Cassey Lahr
Jan 25 at 10:00 am	Sandy Stang Steve Stang Trish Ludwig	Luke Ludwig Maggie Ludwig	Paul Ludwig Don Dufner	Betty Johannes

**Mass Server Training/New Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Tom will be training new Mass Servers on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> during our Religious Ed class time. Any child, grade 3 and above, that is interested in becoming a Mass Server can attend these training sessions. Please let Annette Stang know which Mass time you prefer. Also, any adults interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister can contact Annette. The training time for these two ministries has not been decided yet. Contact Annette at 764-5339 or her email at dnastang@meltel.net.

**Honoring Marriage Day:** Bishop Donald Kettler will host a special Mass for couples celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage. If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries in 2015, please submit your name and years of marriage by February 1<sup>st</sup> to the Parish Office either by message at 764-7345 or email at [stnicholas@meltel.net](mailto:stnicholas@meltel.net).

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>: Heb 5:1-10 / Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>: Heb 6:10-20 / Mk 2:23-28  
Thursday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Heb 7:25 – 8:6 / Mk 3:7-12  
Wednesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 / Mk 3:1-6  
Friday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Heb 8:6-13 / Mk 3:13-19

Stewardship of Treasure Jan. 11, 2015

Adult\$XXX(40 of 199 envelopes)

YouthXXX(1 gift)


LooseXXX

TOTAL\$XXXXX

Christmas\$XXX(3 gifts)

Solemnity of Mary\$XXX(2 gifts)

Stewardship Thought: We don't have to be afraid to give; God will always provide.



Energy Needs\$XXX(4 gifts)

Retired Religious\$XXX(1 gift)

**Gospel Connection:** A father who had done very well for himself, making a great deal of money in several enterprises, took his young son to visit some family members who lived on a farm several miles away. As they drove to the farm, his dad wanted to prepare the little boy. "Now I just want you to know before we get there that they don't live the way we do," he told his son. "They're not as well off as we are. The fact is, son, they're poor." But the boy seemed to thoroughly enjoy his time on the farm, even pitching in to help with some of the chores. After they returned to their home in the city, father and son were eating dinner on the patio by the pool. "So what did you think about life on the farm?" Dad asked. "I really liked it," his son said, "but why did you say they were poor?" His dad looked confused. "Well, they don't have very much money. And they certainly don't have the nice things like we do. Just look at these lights as an example," his dad said as he pointed to the special outdoor lanterns installed around the pool. "No, they don't have these lights at their house," the boy said, "but they have the sky full of stars. We have one dog but they have four and they have chickens and a horse and sheep and cows. We have this swimming pool, but they have a stream that flows into a lake. We have a wall around our yard, but they have so much land they can't put a fence around it. We have a housekeeper but they have neighbors and friends who always come to help. We buy the food we eat, but they grow just about everything they eat and sell the rest." After a few moments of silence, the boy asked, "Dad, how much money do you need to have to be rich?" His father realized that there was no answer to his son's insightful question. [Adapted from [academictips.org](http://academictips.org).]

A little boy sees for himself how the "poor" live - and realizes the riches of God and the poverty of abundance. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites the first disciples - and us - to "come and see" beyond our own safe little worlds and to realize the good things that we have shut out of our lives, to break out of the cycle of emptiness that impoverishes our spirits and hearts. We need to get beyond our own Jerusalems and Bethsaidas to realize the good and holy within the Nazareths of others that we dismiss and diminish. Jesus calls us to open our hearts and minds enough to realize God's presence in the most surprising moments and unexpected places. Emmanuel - "God is with us" in the miracles and messes of every day.

**Religious Education News:** The next class will be on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

**Men's Society to Host Videos:** The Men's Society now has the Catholic Faith Explained series called "Symbolon" from the Augustine Institute. Please join us in the Church basement after Mass on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> to view the first installment. Come and see! All Parishioners are welcome to attend! Refreshments will be served.

**March For Life:** Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the Annual March For Life held at the Minnesota State Capital in St. Paul. Free busing will once again be provided. The bus leaves the Church parking lot in Richmond at 8:30 am and stops at Rockville's Church at 8:45am. The event begins with a prayer service at St. Paul's Cathedral followed by the march and a short program. We will return by approximately 3 pm. Dress for the weather, as the event is held outdoors. Your presence will send a clear message to our lawmakers regarding the right to life! For more information and to reserve your seat, call Linda Pederson at 597-4667.

**Mardi Gras:** You are invited to attend Catholic Charities Mardi Gras 2015 on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 – 11:30 pm. at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. Enjoy hors-d'oeuvres, silent auction, wine pull, jazz pianist Andrew Walesch, a gourmet dinner and dancing to The Fabulous Armadillos. The event supports Catholic Charities Emergency Services food shelf and Catholic Charities Domus Transitional Housing, a facility for homeless women and their children. Get your discounted tickets for \$95 by going to [www.ccstcloud.org](http://www.ccstcloud.org).

**Community Events:**

- Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>: Matching Grant Breakfast at Sts. Peter & Paul School in Richmond hosted by the Catholic Order of Foresters. Serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, etc. from 9 am to 12:15. Proceeds go to Sts. Peter & Paul School.
- Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>: "Come in from the Cold" Breakfast at St. Wendelin Parish in Luxemburg. Serving all you can eat ham & cheese omelets, sausage, potatoes, and more from 8:30 am to Noon. There will be a bake sale & Raffle drawing.
- Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>: Discovery Day at St. Johns Prep School. Students entering grades 6 – 12 in Fall of 2015 are encouraged to learn more about the school. Spend the day at SJP. For more info call Jennine at 363-2351.
- Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>: Theology Day at St. John's School of Theology & Seminary. Fr. Michael Patella, OSB will talk about Mary in History & Theology. Check in at 8:30 am, presentation from 9 – 1 pm. Free event, lunch is provided. Registration is required at [www.csbsju.edu/sot](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot). Or 363-3570.
- Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>: Open House at St. John's Prep school at 9 am for students entering grades 6 – 12. To register, please call Jennine at 363-2351.
- March 20-22, 2015 is the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Baxter, MN. For registration contract Alan & Missy at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 888-455-3496. Learn how to renew your marriage & draw closer to God!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN ON ATTENDING:**

**Winter Warm Up**

January 25, 2015 from 11 am to 3 pm  
Pizza, salad, chips & desserts will be served  
Free-will offering

Many games will be available to play with your neighbors. The whole family is invited to attend!  
Hourly door prizes will be drawn with our grand prize drawing for a Kindle Fire HD!  
No tickets/chances to purchase, only need to be present!