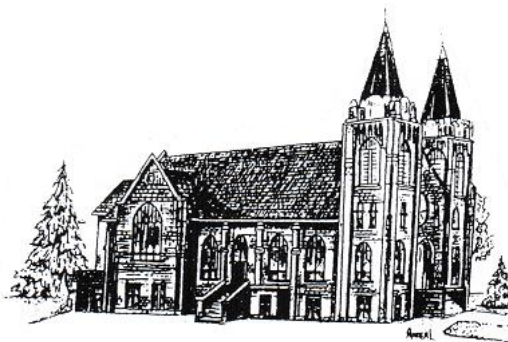


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2015



PARISH STAFF		PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS	
Fr. Thomas Olson	398-2229	Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287
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Sandy Stang, Parish Nurse	764-2030	Catholic United, Barb Walz	685-7376
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*Bulletin Deadline is Thursday at 9am *Email: stnicholas@meltel.net *Website: www.churchofsaintnicholas.com *Usual Office Hours of Secretary are Monday and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30am.		Parish Council, Robert Kraemer	685-3715
		Parish Council, Marion Frank	764-9111
		Parish Council, Paul Ludwig	764-2336
		Parish Council, Angie Spitzley	453-2091
		Trustee, Mike Kuechle	685-3225
		Trustee, Mary Caskey	597-2854

MASS SCHEDULE

Jan 24	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Edmund & Annie Walz
Jan 25	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish Jan 26
	Monday	{SA} 8:00	Sts. Timothy & Titus	
Jan 27	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Fr. Richard Walz
Jan 28	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Thomas Aquinas	
Jan 29	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Irene Warner
Jan 30	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Jan 31	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ben & Norbert Schwartz
Feb 1	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Alfred Theis

Fr. Tom will be on vacation from January 30th to February 10th. Please welcome Fr. Eb Schefers and Fr. Ben Kociemba for Masses while Fr. Tom is gone. Please watch the Mass schedule.

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 31 at 7:30 pm	Art Faber Louise Schutz Rita Schwartz	Lauren Johannes Volunteer	Laverne Ludwig Robert Wehseler	Lucy Schreiner
Feb 1 at 10:00 am	Mike Kuechle Kelly Bautch Leo Klaers	Andrew Bautch Michael Bautch	Phil Vossen Orville Cremer	Lee Bautch

Mass Server Training/New Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Tom continue training new Mass Servers on Wednesday, January 28th 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 1st to the Parish Office either by message at 764-7345 or email at stnicholas@meltel.net.



New Life in Baptism: Charlotte Grace Lahr, daughter of Ralph & Cassandra Lahr, will be brought into God's family through the waters of Baptism on Sunday, January 25th. Through the witness of her parents and God-parents, my Charlotte keep the flame of faith alive in her heart.

Readings for the Week: Monday, Jan. 26th: 2 Tm 1:1-8 / Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, Jan. 27th: Heb 10:1-10 / Mk 3:31-35

Thursday, Jan. 29th: Heb 10:19-25 / Mk 4:21-25

Wednesday, Jan. 28th: Heb 10:11-18 / Mk 4:1-1-20

Friday, Jan. 30th: Heb 10:32-39 / Mk 4:26-34

Stewardship of Treasure Jan. 18, 2015

Adult	\$1,105.00	(38 of 199 envelopes)
Youth	4.00	(4 gifts)
Loose	109.00	
TOTAL	\$1,218.00	

Church Rent	\$75.00 (1 gift)	Energy Needs	\$290.00 (8 gifts)
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Stewardship Thought: Accept my prayer as incense offered to you, and my upraised hand as an evening offering. May my life also be received as an offering to you, fragrant & pure.



Gospel Connection: Whenever they see her head to her kitchen, her two granddaughters, five and three, run and grab their aprons. They know that Grandma is up to something good - and they want to be a part of it. And Grandma will put them to work, mixing and stirring, cracking eggs, patting dough. A big part of the fun is just climbing up on a stool and having a ringside seat as the transformation takes place. They sense that their grandma is doing something that she enjoys and they want some of the fun for themselves. Grandma knows how they feel. She was lucky enough to learn from her own beloved grandmother, who had learned to cook and bake in 19th-century Russia. When she was working on family-size versions of strudel and blintzes, she would give her granddaughter a scrap of dough and a small pan so she could make a child-size version. That little girl, now with two granddaughters of her own, remembers: "I cannot tell you how great that made me feel. Well, maybe I can. It made me feel as if she understood how it was to be tiny, and that she was confident I would one day grow up to be as big and competent as she was. As a child, I also helped my mother in the kitchen, and later, when my own kids were little, they did kitchen 'work' as well - starting with 'washing' dishes in a sink full of soapy water, a classic way to keep a toddler out of your hair. But it's the grandma incarnation that resonates for me. After all, that is what I have become - gray-haired, knife- and rolling pin-wielding, productive, if missing the foreign accent. And I have the little grandchildren trailing their aprons on the floor, waiting to get covered with flour, excited to see how much of the egg they can keep in the bowl before it slides down onto the counter or stove or floor. I know that there are lots of benefits to having kids learn their way around the kitchen: They are more likely to eat a variety of foods. They are sharpening math skills and improving physical dexterity. And they are getting comfortable with and competent at preparing food for themselves and others. For me, though, there were even more payoffs. When I was in the kitchen with my grandmother, she talked to me about subjects far beyond the table. Her tougher stories waited until I was a lot older than my own granddaughters are now. By the time my grandmother was ready to teach me her more serious lessons, she already had my full attention, thanks to years of sharing tactile, yummy fun." [From "In Grandma's Kitchen" by Miriam Weinstein, *The Boston Sunday Globe Magazine*, July 15, 2012.]

Being the "fisher" that Jesus calls us to become does not require us to cast our nets very far. The wisdom and values we instill in our children, the help we offer to neighbors and friends, our contributions to the life of our church and community, realize the vision Jesus articulates in today's Gospel. Christ entrusts to each one of us the work of discipleship: to extend, regardless of our own limits and circumstances, the love of God to all; to proclaim, in our own homes and communities, the compassion and justice of the Gospel; to take on God's work of reconciliation and forgiveness among all his sons and daughters. As God is present to us in the person of Jesus, we are called to be present to one another in his love and care.

Religious Education News: The next class will be on Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

2014 Donation Statements: Your 2014 donation statement will be mailed soon. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the Parish office at 764-7345 or email at stnicholas@meltel.net. Please update any addresses or phone numbers!

Catholic Men's Conference: St. Nicholas Men's Society is trying to get a group together for the Catholic Men's Conference at St. John's on February 21, 2015. The keynote speaker will be Msgr. James Shea, President of the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND. If we get a big enough group, the tickets will be discounted. The theme of the conference is "Men of Integrity." Fathers are encouraged to bring their sons. If interested, please contact Dave Stang at 469-4735 or dstang@catholicunited.org.

Pro Life Posters: In the last issue of the *St. Cloud Visitor*, there was an inserted poster with Pro-Life information. You are asked to hang this in your window.



Mardi Gras: You are invited to attend Catholic Charities Mardi Gras 2015 on Saturday, January 31st from 5:30 – 11:30 pm. at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. Get your discounted tickets for \$95 by going to www.ccstcloud.org.

Crosier Open House: In celebration of the Year of Consecrated Life as designated by Pope Francis, the Crosier Fathers & Brothers in Onamia invite you to an Open House on February 8, 2015 from 3 – 5 pm. This is a chance to visit with the Crosiers, a welcome & brief presentation on Crosier Consecrated Life & tours of the Crosiers' residence and church. This event is free & open to the public.

2015 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Bishop Kettler's call to the faithful for support of Diocesan Ministries is just around the corner. Commitment weekend is February 7 -8. Please pray for our Bishop and the success of his appeal, and pray also for your discernment and response.

Community Events:

- Sunday, January 25th: 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.
- Friday, January 30th: 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. Or 363-3570
- Sunday, February 1st: "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.
- Sunday, February 1st: Breakfast at Holy Cross School in Pearl Lake. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, etc. from 8 am to Noon. Proceeds benefit Holy Cross School. This is also a matching grant fundraiser with Knights of Columbus.
- Sunday, February 8th: Breakfast at Old City Hall in Watkins, MN. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, etc. from 8 am to Noon. Proceeds benefit St. Anthony's Religious Ed program and is a matching grant fundraiser with K of C.
- Sunday, February 8th: Luncheon at Assumption Church in Eden Valley. Serving pulled pork sandwiches from 9 am to 1 pm. There is a bake sale & silent auction. Benefiting Pro-Life concerns.
- Saturday, February 21st: 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.
- Sunday, February 22nd: Breakfast at St. Anne's in Kimball. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, etc. from 8 am to Noon. Half of proceeds go to the Rel. Ed. Program, half to the Kimball Food Shelf. Matching grant with the K of C.
- March 20-22, 2015 is the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Baxter, MN. For registration contact Alan & Missy at applications@northmnwwme.org or 888-455-3496. Learn how to renew your marriage & draw closer to God!