

# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2015



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### MASS SCHEDULE

Mar 21	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent	+Edmund & Annie Walz
Mar 22	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	Fifth Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
Mar 23	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Lenten Weekday	
Mar 24	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Lenten Weekday	+Hansen/Krueger Family
Mar 25	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Annunciation of the Lord	
		{SN} 7:40 pm	Stations of the Cross with Rel. Ed.	
Mar 26	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Lenten Weekday	+Fr. Dick McGuire
		{SN} 8:30 am	Stations of the Cross	
Mar 27	Friday	NO MASS	Lenten Weekday	
Mar 28	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Palm Sunday	+Fr. Richard Walz
Mar 29	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	Palm Sunday	+Eldred May

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
Mar 28 at 7:30 pm	Art Faber Avon Vossen Rita Schwartz	Damian Lincoln Connor Lincoln	Allen Stommes Tom Landwehr	Lucy Schreiner
Mar 29 at 10:00 am <b>Palm Sunday</b>	Elmer Frank Greg Utecht Judy Schutz	Sarah Kraemer Kathy Kraemer	Steve Stang Robert Kraemer	Shirley Kuechle Mike Kuechle

### Repent & Believe

**The Fifty Week of Lent: Points to Ponder:** Read John 12:20-33 Jesus Predicts His Own Death. Points to Ponder: Have you ever considered that Jesus might have been “troubled” about what was going to happen to him? How can the way he dealt with his anxiety help you deal with your own worries and fears? Is there someone in my life that I need to forgive? Do I keep in mind that it is as we forgive that we are forgiven? How am I doing on keeping my Lenten discipline?

#### Schedule for Reconciliation

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 am at St. Anne and 10:30 am at St. Nicholas  
Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: Penance Services: St. Nicholas at 4:00 pm, and St. Anne at 7:00 pm  
Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 am at St. Anne  
Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>: 8:30 am at St. Nicholas and again at 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>: 7:00 pm at St. Anne

\*\*There will be no confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday.


**Lawn Care Position:** There is a paid position for lawn care open at St. Nicholas Church! This position would be responsible for cutting and trimming in the cemetery and around the Parish House. It is open to anyone age 16 or older and will take 7 to 8 hours per week to complete. Please see Fr. Tom if you are interested!

Stewardship of Treasure March 15, 2015

Adult	\$XXX	(37 of 193 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	
Catholic Relief Service	\$XXX	(5 gifts)
Easter Flowers	\$XXX	(1 gift)

Stewardship Thought:

Lord, search us and find us to be giving in cheer and joy. Let these gifts be acceptable offerings of thanksgiving to you, our perfect God and savior.




**Gospel Connection:** Between the two of them, they worked three full-time jobs. The college tuition costs for their son and daughter are astronomical. But their love for their children and their hopes for their futures make their sacrifices more than bearable - almost a joy. *Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a single grain . . .*

As a teenager, she suffered from anorexia. Her eating disorder almost killed her, but thanks to a loving and patient family and her own hard work, she conquered her guilt and shame brought on by her distorted approach to food and her negative image of herself. Today she is in her twenties, with daughters of her own, leading a happy lifestyle and following a healthy, realistic diet. She is also part of a support system for other teenagers suffering through the same anxieties and fears she experienced - and overcame . . . *but if the grain dies, it bears much fruit.*

The most important lessons he learned in law school weren't in the classroom or from a casebook but in the legal clinic in a low-income neighborhood in the city. During his last year of law school he spent two afternoons a week at the clinic helping the poor, the elderly, and the non-English speaking work out problems with landlords, tax matters, immigration issues, and the myriad of legal entanglements and questions that can overwhelm those on the edge of society. His work at the clinic taught him why he wanted to be a lawyer: to obtain justice for the exploited, to be a voice to the powerless, to secure the rights of those who are invisible to the world. While many of his fellow law students were ready to sell their souls to become associates at big, prestigious firms, he found his soul in legal aid work. *Those who love their lives will lose them, but those who hate their lives in this world will keep them for eternity.*

In dying to our own needs and wants, we bring the new life of Christ's resurrection into the lives of others - and into our own lives, as well. The Gospel of the grain of wheat is Christ's assurance to us of the great things we can do and the powerful miracles we can work by letting go of our prejudices, fears and ambitions in order to imitate the compassion of the crucified Jesus.

**Religious Education News:** The next class will be on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. Class will be held at 7 pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:40 in the Church. Parents are encouraged to attend! The Palm Sunday Breakfast sponsored by the Confirmation class and Religious Education students, along with Catholic United Financial, will be held on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to Noon. Students are expected to help out at this event!



**Cana Dinner:** The Cana Dinner, celebrating marriage, will be held on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Powder Ridge Event Center, Kimball after the 5:00 pm Mass at St. Anne's. The cost is \$40/couple or \$20/single and are available after each Mass. "Marriage is a partnership with Christ at the center."

**Palm Sunday Breakfast at St. Nicholas:** Breakfast will be held **on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to Noon.** This breakfast is sponsored by the Confirmation class and the Religious Education students, along with Catholic United Financial. The menu is pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, fresh cinnamon rolls and drinks. The proceeds will go toward the Religious Education Program.

**Liturgical Committee Meeting:** The next Liturgical Committee Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**CRS Rice Bowl:** Hungering for a Healthy Harvest. CRS Rice Bowl brings our Lenten journey back to Africa this week, to the Democratic Republic of Congo. We join our fasting in solidarity with people who go hungry, and we remember in prayer the importance of building a community that is willing to support those most in need.

**Annual Parish Dinner:** St. Nicholas will hold the Annual Parish Dinner on **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** after the 10 am Mass.

**2015 Annual Diocesan Appeal:** God commands us to pass our faith to coming generations, to teach our children! Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal supports, among other ministries, training for catechists across the diocese. Thank you for giving to the Appeal! All parishioners have now received their letter from Bishop Kettler asking you to support the Appeal. Our parish goal is \$4,650. Last year we reached our goal with 29% of our parishioners participating. Please prayerfully consider what you will do this year to reach our parish goal again. ~ Father Tom

**Incense Will be Used:** For your information, incense will be used during Mass on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Easter.

**Catholic Relief Services Collection:** CRS Collection supports 6 Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, those who suffer from unjust laws, and teach valuable skills to those seeking a better life. Through supporting this collection, you help Jesus in disguise. Please use the envelope in your packet and be generous!

**Good Friday Collection:** Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday collection. Please support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to this collection. The pontifical collection allows for care of Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people living in the Holy Land. Please be generous in your support and you can use the envelope in your packet.

**Rice Bowl Collection:** Please turn in your Rice Bowl on Holy Thursday.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Jn 8:1-11  
Tuesday, Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>: Nm 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>: Is 7:10-14, 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38  
Thursday, Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>: Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59  
Friday, Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>: Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42

**Community Events:**

- Every Tuesday of Lent at 6:30 pm at St. Boniface of Cold Spring Parish Center Game Night. Euchre, 500, Carbles and other kid's games. Cost is \$3 for Euchre prizes – others at no cost. Lunch will follow. All are welcome!
- March 25 and 27-29<sup>th</sup>: Journey with Jesus to Calvary play at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (on State Hwy 238, Albany). Performances will be March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, March 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. All are free, accepting free-will donation to Religious Ed program. All are welcome.
- March 26<sup>th</sup>: Informational meeting for a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes & Barcelona with Fr. Greg Mastey from October 10 – 19, 2015 will be on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 & 7 pm at the Pastoral Center in St. Cloud. For more info, call Sheila at 320-258-7653.