

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Second Sunday of Easter / Devine Mercy

April 12, 2015



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MASS SCHEDULE

Apr 11	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	2 nd Sunday of Easter	+Esther Faber
Apr 12	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	2 nd Sunday of Easter	+Norbert Asfeld
Apr 13	Monday	{SA} NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
Apr 14	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	Vocations Mass
Apr 15	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Easter Weekday	
Apr 16	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Boeckmann Family
Apr 17	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
Apr 18	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	3 rd Sunday of Easter	+Andrew Stang
Apr 19	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	3 rd Sunday of Easter	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
Apr 18 at 7:30 pm	Avon Vossen Mat Walz Art Faber	Lauren Johannes Dylan Utecht	Tom Landwehr Jack Rausch	Avon Vossen
Apr 19 at 10:00 am	Elmer Frank Marion Frank Mike Kuechle	Michael Dufner Landon Winkelman	Ron Stang John Hopfer	Shirley Kuechle

Thank you for Easter Flower Donations in Memory of:

- +Ervin & Louise Linn
- +Frances & Gregor Schreiner
- +Loren Linn
- +Hansen & Krueger Families
- +Alfred Theis
- +Christian Women



Our Sympathy: to the family and friends of Eugene Mueller who died on Thursday, April 9th. At the time of the bulletin printing, funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced during the weekend Masses. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

Mass Time Change just around the Corner! Starting on Sunday, May 3rd, the Sunday Mass time will switch to 8:00 am and St. Anne’s will have the 10:00 am Mass. This will last until November.




Stewardship of Treasure April 5, 2015

Adult	\$XXX	(9 of 193 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(1 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	
Easter	\$XXX	(62 gifts)
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$XXX	(35 gifts)
Rice Bowl	\$XXX	

Stewardship Thought:

We thank God for this moment to pause and reflect on all the gifts he has blessed us with.



Easter Flowers	\$XXX (1 gift)
Votive Stand	\$XXX
Catholic Relief	\$XXX (1 gift)
Energy Needs	\$XXX (1 gift)

Gospel Connection: Lock the door. There are monsters out there. There are evil creatures that want to do you harm. You're right to protect yourselves and your children. Stay locked in. There are dangerous things out there that can destroy your life: illness, poverty, dangerous ideas, whatever "ism" is contrary to the "ism" you believe in - they're viruses: once you're infected, you'll never recover. Don't let the crazy stuff in. Bar the door. The brother or sister who wronged you, the troubled co-worker or friend who always wants a piece of you, the needy with their empty hands always extended. Don't risk confrontation or misunderstanding. Don't subject yourself to criticism or ridicule for doing the "wrong" thing or for being taken advantage of. Don't be a fool. Don't let anyone take what you have worked so hard to provide for yourselves and your family. Keep the door shut. Bolted. It's a dangerous and cruel world out there. Don't venture outside, beyond your safe, secure door. Or else.

On Easter night, as the writer of the Fourth Gospel recounts, the disciples of Jesus are huddled behind locked doors. They are terrified of the authorities who have just crucified their teacher and master. They are marked men. They have no direction; they have lost everything; they see no hope. But the Risen Jesus breaks through those doors and blesses them with his peace: peace that restores hope; peace that transforms, re-creates and renews; peace that is born of wisdom, gratitude and compassion. Too many disappointments, too many broken promises, too many hard decisions drive us to the safe but lonely isolation behind our own locked doors. Isolated in our own little world, overwhelmed by the anxieties that are part of life's everyday struggles, we can become mired in skepticism and paralyzed by fear. But the outrageous news of Easter calls us to see beyond on our own fears, sorrows and anger to recognize the blessings we have received and the blessings we have to offer.

Religious Education News: The next class will be on Wednesday, **April 15th**. Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 12th at 2 pm at St. Boniface in Cold Spring.

CRS Rice Bowl: Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU!

Catholic Relief Services: Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services collection. Through your generosity, families will be reunited, valuable skills will be taught to those seeking a better life, and vital humanitarian needs will be met.

Breakfast with the Bishop: Breakfast with the Bishop will be held on Wednesday, April 29th at the Gorecki Event Center at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph. Attendance & brunch are free, but attendees will be asked for a free will contribution to the Catholic Schools Student Scholarship Fund of the Catholic Foundation. To attend or host a table, call the Catholic Foundation at 320-258-0390.

Mass Intentions: An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one’s soul. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please drop it in the collection in an envelope marked “Mass Intention”, or contact Brenda at the parish office. Mass intentions are \$10.

Readings for the Week:

Monday, Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 14th: Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15

Thursday, April 16th: Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36

Wednesday, April 15th: Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21

Friday, April 17th: Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15

Community Events:

- April 12th: Diving Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at the Church of Sts. Peter & Paul, Richmond. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 1 to 4:30pm. Confession at 2 pm, Benediction and closing at 4:30 pm.
- Sunday, April 19th: Assumption Parish of Eden Valley Annual Spring Brunch from 9 am – 1 pm. Serving Scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, fruit, bread, muffins, rolls & beverage.
- Sunday, April 19th: Wat-Kim-Valley VFW Post 5460 Breakfast at the Watkins Village Hall from 8 am – Noon. Serving French toast, sausage, eggs, hash browns. Proceeds will go to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation. Also a silent auction & bake sale.
- April 19th: “Hope: Vision for Soulfulness” concert with Fr. Kevin Anderson from 4 – 5:30 pm at St. Boniface Church in Cold Spring. All are welcome! A social will follow the concert.
- April 23 – 25th: St. Boniface Christian Women of Cold Spring Annual Rummage & Clothing Drive Sale at the Parish Center Gym in Cold Spring. April 23rd from 2 – 7 pm, April 24th from 8am – 7 pm, and April 25th from 8 am – 10 am. Free Will donations.
- April 26th: 44th Annual Swanycake & Sausage Supper at St. Anthony Parish, St. Anthony (State Highway 238). All you can eat from 3 pm to 8:30 pm. Menu is Swany White pancakes, sausage from Pep’s Pork, potato salad, relishes, applesauce, homemade bread, etc