

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2015



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MASS SCHEDULE

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 Apr 20
	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
Apr 21	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Edmund & Annie Walz
Apr 22	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Easter Weekday	
Apr 23	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Schutz Family
Apr 24	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
Apr 25	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	4 th Sunday of Easter	+Alfred Theis
Apr 26	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	4 th Sunday of Easter	+Tony Vossen

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 25 at 7:30 pm	Louise Schutz Rita Schwartz Barb Walz	Emily Utecht Rachel Utecht	Lavern Ludwig Art Faber	Cassey Lahr
Apr 26 at 10:00 am	Steve Stang Sandy Stang Jeff Theis	Katherine Gathje Jonathan Gathje	Phil Vossen Peter Stang-Walz	Dave Stang

Thank you for Easter Flower Donations in Memory of:

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



Thank you: Dora Mueller and family would like to thank everyone who helped out in any way with the funeral for Eugene. Your kindness and generosity was greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

Tootsie Roll Weekend: The Knights of Columbus will hold the Annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser during the weekend of April 24th and 25th after Masses. Please come prepared to help out! Money raised goes toward helping people with intellectual disabilities.




Stewardship of Treasure April 12, 2015

Adult	\$1,396.00	(32 of 193 envelopes)
Youth	1.00	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	88.50	
TOTAL	\$1,485.50	
Easter	\$576.00	(11 gifts)
Catholic Relief	\$100.00	(1 gift)
Energy Needs	\$170.00	(3 gifts)

Stewardship Thought:

Heavenly Father, we take this time to worship you with gifts of wholehearted repentance and loving obedience. May these be a fragrant offering to you, Lord.



Gospel Connection: This month, Apple is scheduled to release its eagerly-awaited new "smart watch." The first reviews from the tech community have been nothing short of ecstatic: The sleek new watch is beautiful, fast and smart. In a *TIME* Magazine cover story [September 22, 2014] about the new device, reporters Lev Grossman and Matt Vella-Cupertino begin with this observation: "Apple isn't in the business of inventing things, or at least not primarily. It practices a grislier trade: resurrection. The company's *modus operandi* is to browse for dead product categories, looking for freshly dug graves that might contain carrion ripe for reanimation - digital music players, tablet computers. Sometimes it comes across the walking dead, like the smart phone business, which had died but nobody noticed. "When it finds a likely candidate, Apple dissects it and studies the various causes of death. Then it builds something so completely thought through, so seductively designed, so snugly embedded in webs of content and services and communications, that it not only lives again, it thrives . . . Apple creates demand for things that there previously was no demand for. It takes products we never wanted and convinces us we can't live without them. It does this better than any company in the world. "This time Apple has dug up a truly grim specimen, the smart watch. Lots of bodies buried here, whole cemeteries' worth. This operation is vintage Apple . . . It's the first time the company has attempted it since the death of its legendary co-founder and presiding genius, Steve Jobs, but happily the product it has created is convincingly Jobsian: a startling beautiful and full-featured device called the Apple Watch."

The power of resurrection: that the good that exists in something - or someone - given up for dead and consigned to the abyss can be brought to life and endure. What Apple has done with technology, we can do for one another. What God has done in raising his Son to life, we can do in seeking to imitate his Son's Gospel of justice, reconciliation, compassion, and peace. We can re-create our lives in hope and possibility despite our past struggles and defeats; we can transform the plight of the poor and lost by helping them realize the potential for resurrection in their own lives. As the Risen Jesus appears to the Eleven "as flesh and bone," Jesus calls us to be "flesh and bone" witnesses of his resurrection, to be the "flesh and bone" of his compassion and peace for every soul consigned to forgotten graves and cemeteries of failure and rejection.

Religious Education News: The next class will be on Wednesday, April 15th.

Congratulations to the Confirmandi! Three of St. Nicholas’s young men were confirmed on Sunday, April 12th at St. Boniface in Cold Spring by Father Robert Rolfes, vicar general of the Diocese of St. Cloud. They were: **Paul Kraemer, Dylan Kuechle and Luke Ludwig**. Please congratulate them on their efforts when you see them in Mass!

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, April 20th: Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, April 21st: Acts 7:51 – 8:1a / Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday, April 22nd: Acts 8:1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40
Thursday, April 23rd: Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51
Friday, April 24th: Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59

Community Events:

- 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

Mass Time Change: 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.