

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2015



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MASS SCHEDULE

May 23	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Pentecost Sunday	+Eugene Mueller
May 24	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	Pentecost Sunday	+Dec. Rel. of Ken & Jan Lahr
May 25	Monday	{SA} 9:00 am	Weekday/Memorial Day	
			Mass at St. Anne Cemetery, bring a chair	
May 26	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Philip Neri	+Boeckmann Family
May 27	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
May 28	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	Special Int. Carole Klaers
May 29	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
May 30	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	The Most Holy Trinity	+Ellen Hommerding
May 31	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	The Most Holy Trinity	People of the Parish

Weekend Masses at St. Anne’s in Kimball are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 10:00 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
May 30 at 7:30 pm	Avon Vossen Art Faber Barb Walz	Emily Utecht Rachel Utecht	Tom Landwehr Laverne Ludwig	Avon Vossen
May 31 at 8:00 am	Don Dufner Stacy Dufner Mary Caskey	Michael Dufner Landon Winkelman	Gene Schutz Peter Stang-Walz	Doug Caskey

Memorial Day Mass: Mass on Memorial Day, May 25th will be held at St. Anne Cemetery at 9:00 am. Please bring a chair. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held at St. Anne’s Church.

Prayer on Memorial Day: Today we honor the memory of those men and women who have given their lives for their compatriots in the cause of freedom. They have work, fought, and died for the heritage of freedom, that they have passed on to us. Help us to recall that you yourself gave up your life for all human beings in the cause of true freedom – to save us from self-love and sin. Teach us the true meaning of peace and freedom, that the real battle must always take place in ourselves before it will be won in families and nations. Make us keep your memory in our Eucharistic celebrations and pray for the peace and freedom of the whole world. Amen.




Fr. Mark Stang will be celebrating with St. Nicholas his 25th Anniversary of Priesthood with a Mass on Saturday, June 6th at 7:30 pm. We will be hosting a bonfire and outdoor movie after Mass. Please bring a chair or blanket for around the bonfire & movie. Cake and some beverages will be provided. Please bring a small snack to share with the group. This event will happen rain or shine!

Stewardship of Treasure May 17, 2015

Adult	\$XXX	(34 of 188 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	
Peter’s Pence	\$XXX	(1 gift)
Nepal Earthquake Relief	\$XXX	

Stewardship Thought:

We call upon the Lord to receive our gifts of tithes and offerings. Lord, we give to you in sincere imitation of your generous gifts to us.



Gospel Connection: Every Sunday, the villagers on a small Pacific island gather for prayer. On Sundays when the priest could not come for Mass, prayer leaders prepare for their day's services, readers are sought, and everyone sings. Unfortunately, impaired eyesight is a common problem due to the islanders' limited diets and the intense glare of the sun. The lack of electrical lighting in the simple church does not help either. One Sunday a woman named Marguerite was the prayer leader. Her husband, Anjua, was one the readers. When Anjua stood to read, he reached over to Marguerite to borrow her glasses. When he finished, his brother Airmail, who was to read next, borrowed the glasses from Anjua. Then Airmail returned the glasses to Marguerite for the remainder of the service. The pair of glasses, shared among the community, spoke as powerfully of God's love in their midst as the words of their prayer. [Janet Hockman, M.M., *Maryknoll*, November/December 2014.]

Like that pair of glasses shared by a family and community, the Spirit of God is a lens in which we recognize the presence of God's love in the midst of our homes and hearths, our communities and villages. The presence of that Spirit which we celebrate today enables us to recognize what is good, what is right, what is ethical, what is of true and of lasting worth that guides us on our lives' journeys to God. The Spirit of God calls us to recognize and celebrate our connectedness to God and to one another; it gives voice to the things we believe but hesitate to articulate; it gives us the courage and grace to work for the dreams we are sometimes too cynical or fearful to hope for. May the Spirit of God, the creative "breath" of the Holy One, always blow within our hearts to enliven us with his love, transforming us in constant hope and illuminating for us the possibilities of bringing the promise of Jesus' resurrection into our homes and hearts.

Quarterly Meetings: Quarterly Meetings will be held on Sunday, June 7th for Catholic United Financial at 7:30 pm, Christian Women at 8:00 pm and the Men’s Society at 8:00 pm. The Lunch Committee for cake/bars will be Betty Johannes and Carole Klaers.

Table & Chairs: Just as a reminder to parishioners, our parish has tables and chairs that can be borrowed out for your special gatherings. If you need any, you will need to reserve them by calling Betty Lutgen at 764-2043. There are pretty many tables/chairs and usually can accommodate a couple of parties. Please check with Betty first!

DCCW: Please join the DCCW for the 25th Annual Fun, Food and Fund Day, sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. The event is hosted by the Melrose/Sauk Centre Deanery and will be held on June 4, 2015 at St. Benedict Church, Avon, MN. It begins at 8:00, followed by registration, refreshments, silent auction, games, entertainment, lunch and door prizes. Tickets are \$15 before May 28th. Contact Irene Schmidt at 320-393-2472.

Peter’s Pence Collection: The Peter’s Pence collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantages: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in this collection. Use the envelope in your packet.

Bishop’s Charitable Golf Tournament: Join Bishop Kettler for golf on Monday, June 15th at Territory Golf Club in St. Cloud. All proceeds from this event will go to “Generation Next,” a fund of Catholic Foundation dedicated solely for Diocesan youth programs, retreats and activities. Parishioners are welcome to register their own 4-member teams (\$75/golfer) or individually. There are registrations forms at the back of church with more information if you are interested.

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.

St. Nick Baseball: The St. Nick Amateur team’s next game will be played on Sunday, May24th at St. Nick at 2 pm against Luxemburg. The Annual Little League Tournament will be held on June 5, 6 & 7th this year. Enjoy baseball!

Readings for the Week: Monday, May 25th: Sir 17:20-24 / Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday, May 26th: Sir 35:1-12 / Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday, May 27th: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 / Mk 10:32-45
Thursday, May 28th: Sir 42:15-25 / Mk 10:46-52
Friday, May 29th: Sir 44:1, 9-13 / Mk 11:11-26

Community Events:

- Sunday, May 24th: Holy Cross Parish Breakfast in Marty. Serving Scrambled eggs with fixings, Knaus sausage, pancakes, hash browns, donuts & caramel rolls, etc. from 8 am to Noon. Breakfast benefits Holy Cross School.