

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

The Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2015



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MASS SCHEDULE

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
June 1	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	St. Justin	
June 2	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	Int. of L & D Ludwig
		{SN} 5 – 8 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
June 3	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Charles Lwanga	
		{SA} 9am – 7 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
June 4	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Alfred Theis
June 5	Friday	NO MASS	St. Boniface	
June 6	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Corpus Christi	Intention of the Celebrant
June 7	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	Corpus Christi	+Ed Weismann

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
June 6 at 7:30 pm	Louise Schutz Rita Schwartz Mat Walz	Mitchell Utecht Katelyn Utecht	Jack Rausch Robert Wehseler	Cassey Lahr
June 7 at 8:00 am	Leo Klaers Annette Stang Mike Kuechle	Breanna Stang Olivia Metzger	Phil Vossen Steve Stang	Dave Stang

Catholic Charities \$400,000 Challenge: If someone in your parish were going through a rough patch in their life, who would you suggest they lean on? Where would you offer as a resource for them to turn? Each year, over 65,000 men, women & children in Central Minnesota turn to Catholic Charities. Because Catholic Charities believes no one should be without food; no one should be without a safe place to live; no one should be without someone to lean on in a time of need; and most importantly, **NO ONE should be without hope;** we have embarked on the most critical campaign in our history.

The **Saving Children Saving Families** campaign began with the vision of raising \$8 million to build an endowment to support the work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud and to enhance the 90-year-old building at Catholic Charities St. Cloud Children's Home. We have already raised over \$3 million for this critical campaign. No, nine generous donors have pooled their gifts to offer a community challenge. **They hope their gifts totaling \$400,000 will inspire you to give, and together we will raise an additional \$400,000.** Will you join them to become a part of this important campaign for Catholic Charities? To learn more about this critical campaign and the community challenge, go to www.ccstcloud.org.



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 24, 2015

Adult	\$XXX	(34 of 188 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXX	
Peter's Pence	\$XXX (7 gifts)	
Energy Needs	\$XXX (2 gifts)	

Stewardship Thought: Lord, we thank you for filling us with your power, your peace, and your understanding. You protect us and keep us, you bless us and fill us. Let us give in joy, knowing that you will provide.



Catholic Home Mission \$XXX (1 gift)

Gospel Connection: Consider the miracle of a single seed, a seed so small you can barely see it, and yet containing within it the power to release life in the form of a great harvest or magnificent garden. After this long winter in many parts of the country, the planting season is now underway. Carefully, farmers and gardeners place seeds and plantings in the soft, warm spring ground. The nutrients of the soil, water and (not an insignificant amount of) fertilizer break open the life within the seed. Roots are established; the first green stalks and stems break through the soil and into the open air; stems and branches and vines begin to grow. After much tilling and watering, the first buds begin to blossom, the first fruits begin to develop. Part of the miracle is that the fruit of the now transformed seed both gives life and contains life: the harvested crop will give sustenance to you and me and the rest of creation, and within those fruits are the small seeds that will continue the cycle of life in the next planting season.

Many metaphors have been employed to explain the Holy Trinity of the Father, Son and Spirit. The great Eastern theologian of the eighth century St. John of Damascus saw "the Father as a root, the Son as a branch, and the Spirit as the fruit, for the substance of these three is one." Today we celebrate the heart of our Gospel-centered faith: our belief in the God who reveals himself as Father, Lord, and Giver of life; the God who has reveals himself as Son, the Word who unites us to God and to one another through his Gospel of reconciliation and peace; and the God who reveals himself as Spirit, who enables us to realize God's love in our lives and to bring that love to others in our imitating the humble and generous servanthood of God's Christ.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd at St. Nicholas from 5 to 8 pm and on Wednesday, June 3rd at St. Anne's from 9 am to 7 pm. Won't you come and spend an hour with the Lord?

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!

Peter's Pence Collection: The Peter's Pence collection is combined with those of our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to be a witness of charity. Please 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, May 31st at St. Augusta at 2 pm. There will also be a game on Friday, June 5th at St. Nick against Eden Valley at 7:30 pm. The Annual Little League Tournament will be held on June 5, 6 & 7th this year. Enjoy baseball!

Readings for the Week: Monday, June 1st: Tb 1:3, 2:1b-8 / Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday, June 2nd: Tb 2:9-14 / Mk 12:13-17

Thursday, June 4th: Tb 6:10-11, 7:1b, 9-17; 8:4-9a

Wednesday, June 3rd: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a / Mk 12:18-27

Friday, June 5th: Tb 11:5-17 / Mk 12:35-37

Community Events:

- Sunday, June 14th: St. James Parish of Jacobs Prairie Annual Parish Festival. Outdoor Mass at 9 am, Breakfast served from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, Quilt auction at 4 pm. Fun & refreshments throughout the day.

Congratulations to our students that will be graduating from High School this year: Hunter Ahrens, James Gathje, Nicole Johannes, Carrie Schreiner and Brook Stang. May God Bless You!

