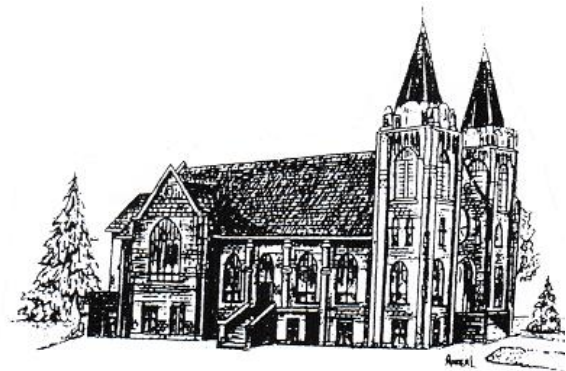


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2015



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MASS SCHEDULE

June 27	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
June 28	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Joe & Isabella Krippner
June 29	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Sts. Peter & Paul	
June 30	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Harold & Leona Hemmesch
July 1	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
		{SA} 9 am – 7 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at SA	
July 2	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Alfred & Ellen Hommerding
July 3	Friday	NO MASS	St. Thomas	
July 4	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+ W & MA Frank Family
July 5	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Msgn. Daniel Taufen

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 visits.
Our website has important information, including the weekly bulletin! www.churchofsaintnicholas.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
July 4 at 7:30 pm	Rita Schwartz Avon Vossen Mat Walz	Emily Utecht Rachel Utecht	Laverne Ludwig Art Faber	Avon Vossen
July 5 at 8:00 am	Shirley Lutgen Stacy Dufner Don Dufner	Sarah Kraemer Kathy Kraemer	Sylvester Schreiner Robert Kraemer	Mike Kuechle

THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE: Pope Francis announced a year dedicated to the promotion of the consecrated life. Throughout the year there will be testimonies of faith from various religious communities in our diocese posted in the bulletin. The Pope asks all Christians to be more aware of the gifts of the Holy Spirit which they have received and to live as a faithful follower of Christ in our world today.

Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls

From their beginnings in 1891, the Franciscan Sisters have attended to people in need. As soon as their motherhouse in Little Falls was completed, it immediately served as a hospital, a home for the elderly and an orphanage. The sisters quickly started many more hospitals, homes and even schools of nursing. In 1926, they established St. Francis High School in Little Falls. In 1928, they began serving in parish catechetical schools. In 1943, they took on elementary education, eventually staffing 12 parochial schools in the St. Cloud Diocese. In the 1960’s, at the call of the Pope, they began missions in South America and eventually served in Central America, Africa, the Far East and Mexico. Gradually, they also spread their services throughout the United States.

Today, the community is smaller, its members older and its traditional institutions have passed into the hands of others. However, with its associates and supported by generous donors, it continues to serve human needs, both materially and spiritually. The sisters are frequently described as simple, joyful and hospitable; qualities that have characterized them from their humble beginnings. Today, as then, they unceasingly strive to promote Gospel values in the spirit of Sts. Francis & Clare of Assisi.


Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration will be held at St. Anne’s on Wednesday, July 1st from 9 am to 7 pm.
Adoration will be at St. Nicholas on Tuesday, July 7th.

Stewardship of Treasure June 21, 2015

Adult	\$XXX	(31 of 164 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	
Cemetery Fund	\$XXX	(1 gift)
Peter’s Pence	\$XXX	(1 gift)

Stewardship Thought:

Lord, let us joyfully practice the grace of giving. We thank you for showing us the way.



Gospel Connection: An elderly woman, despondent over the recent death of her husband of 60 years, was moved into a nursing home. She didn't speak to any one; she never made any requests of the staff. All she would do is sit in an old rocking chair in the day room and rock. The old woman didn't have many visitors, and the few family members who came stayed only after a few awkwardly quiet minutes. But every couple of mornings, a young nurse would go into the day room. She didn't try to engage her in conversation or ask questions. She simply pulled up another rocking chair beside the woman and rocked with her. After a few minutes, the nurse would continue her rounds. Before leaving, she would touch the old woman on the arm, squeeze her hand, or offer her a tissue. Many weeks later, the old woman finally spoke. She turned to the nurse and took the young woman's hand and smiled. "Thank you," she said. "Thank you for rocking with me." [Adapted from InspirationPeak.com]

The story of the sick woman in today's Gospel is told as an afterthought - indeed, her whole life is an afterthought. She counts for little in the social structure of her time; her problems and illness elicit neither concern nor care from those around her. Her hemorrhages, in fact, mark her as unclean, someone to be avoided. But like the kindness of the nurse who does not let the widow's despondency "mark" her, the "power" of Jesus transcends the woman's isolation. May we readily pull up our own rocking chairs to care for those who are estranged or forgotten because of grief or illness; may the power of Jesus' compassion and peace enable us to seek out the needy, the lost and despairing in our midst.

Thank You! Thank you to the group of ladies who came to clean the Parish House this week! It was much needed and it looks fabulous now! Your efforts are much appreciated!

Thank you! Thank you to Mike Stang for bringing black dirt that was needed in the cemetery! Your help is very much appreciated!

Reminder: Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7th at 7:30 pm.

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.

The Bulletin is Online! Just as a reminder, our bulletin is on the Church Website. If you haven’t already, bookmark our website and check the bulletin for information if you happen to miss picking one up! Our website is www.churchofsaintnicholas.com.

St. Nick Baseball: The St. Nick Amateur team’s next game will be played on Sunday, July 5th in St. Nick against St. Augusta at 2 pm.

Readings for the Week: Monday, June 29th: Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18
Tuesday, June 30th: Gn 19:15-29 / Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday, July 1st: Gn 21:5, 8-20a / Mt 8:28:34
Thursday, July 2nd: Gn 22:1b-19 / Mt 9:1-8
Friday, July 3rd: Eph 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29

Community Events:

- Saturday, June 27th: St. Martin Parish Festival. Pee Wee baseball tournament & 5K at 10 am. Food stands & kid’s games open at 11 am. Polka Mass at 4 pm. Quilt & cash raffle, followed by live music.
- Sunday, June 28th: Immaculate Conception Church in St. Anna Church Bazaar. Mass at 10 am. Chicken & Ham Dinner 11 am to 2 pm. Live Music, Cash raffle, quilt raffle, gun raffle at 7 pm. Games & Amusements with food!

**Catholic United Financial
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2015**

President Barb Walz opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and a motion made by Jeff Theis to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Jerry Boeckmann. Treasurer’s report was read. Judy Schutz made a motion to accept the report as read; it was seconded by Jeff Theis.

The Ice Cream Social was discussed. We will be coordinating with the Parish Life Committee. The date will be July 11th and 12th after each Mass.

A Matching Grant Activity will be discussed at the September meeting.

A motion to donate \$50 to the Peter’s Pence fund was made by Jeff Theis and seconded by Judy Schutz.

The Catholic United Financial Annual Convention will be August 1, 2015 in Mankato. Volunteering as delegates were Barb Walz, Gene & Judy Schutz and Jeff Theis. We only need 3 delegates.

Being no further business, Jerry Boeckmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Judy Schutz. Fr. Tom closed the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by Gene Schutz, Secretary