

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2015



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MASS SCHEDULE

Apr 4	Saturday	{SA} 7:30 pm	Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil	
Apr 5	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	Easter	Intention of the Celebrant
Apr 6	Monday	NO MASS	Easter Monday	
Apr 7	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Tuesday	+John & Julia Schutz
		{SN} 5 – 8 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Apr 8	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Easter Wednesday	
Apr 9	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Thursday	+Harold & Leona Hemmesch
Apr 10	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Friday	
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

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 11 at 7:30 pm	Anita Neu Elmer Neu Rick Utecht	Nathan Utecht Derek Utecht	Robert Wehseler Allen Stommes	Anita Neu
Apr 12 at 10:00 am	Kelly Bautch Lee Bautch Judy Schutz	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Orville Cremers Steve Stang	Betty Johannes



Dear Parishioners,

CHRIST IS RISEN! He is truly risen! Alleluia! The Easter message of joy echoes through the whole world proclaiming Christ's ultimate victory of light over darkness, grace over sin and life over death. It is the message upon which we build our lives and to which we anchor our own hope of victory with him.

In spite of the evil and sin that surrounds us, even in spite of the evil and sin that infiltrate our own lives, the risen Christ holds out to us the promise of eternal life with him. Because Jesus has died and risen again, conquering sin and death, we believe that with him we too shall live.

In the spirit of faith and hope, I wish you a Holy and Happy Easter!
Father Tom

Stewardship of Treasure March 29, 2015				Stewardship Thought: Lord, we use this time now to lay palms and garments before you. We praise and acknowledge your salvation in our lives with gifts of thanksgiving.	
Adult	\$1,771.00	(50 of 193 envelopes)			
Youth	1.00	(1 of 45 envelopes)			
Loose	189.50				
TOTAL	\$1,961.50				
Easter	\$900.00 (7 gifts)	Catholic Home Mission	\$10.00 (1 gift)	Easter Flowers	\$200.00 (1 gift)
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$360.00 (3 gifts)	Catholic United Financial	\$693.00	RE Breakfast	\$1,020.50



Gospel Connection: In one family, it is a Good Friday. A job has been lost, a career derailed. A serious illness has been diagnosed. A relationship has unraveled. But the other members of the family put aside their own lives and come together at the foot of their loved one's cross. Their love moves whatever mountain necessary, changes the course of whatever river is in their way. Together, Mom and Dad and sister and brother bear one another's crosses to bring hope, healing, forgiveness - and resurrection - to their life as a family. The love of our families transforms every tragic and desperate Good Friday into Easter.

In this classroom late one afternoon, it is a Good Friday. The numbers and diagrams in the algebra text are a mystery to the high school junior. She is frustrated and intimidated and wants to quit. A tired, overworked teacher just wants to go home after a long week; but, seeing her student's frustration, she takes off her coat, puts down her pile of books and papers, and patiently walks through the problems with her discouraged student. After a lot of hard work and patience, the "lights come on." A teacher's selfless caring and generous gift of time transforms this student's Good Friday into Easter.

In the wake of a devastating storm, it is a Good Friday. A village has been leveled; a town has been isolated; a city has been shut down. But good folks from all over come to rescue the lost, care for the hurting and dispossessed, repair and replace damaged and destroyed systems. Church groups and service organizations rally donations and supplies to get the suffering and afflicted beyond this catastrophic Good Friday to the Easter restoration of their homes and community.

We sometimes find ourselves struck in a Good Friday world: our problems batter us, overwhelm us, strain our ability to cope and make it all work. Our *Alleluias* are tempered by reality; we approach this Easter Day with "Christ is risen, BUT . . ." But in raising his Son from the dead, God vindicates the Gospel of his Christ: that good conquers evil, that love turns hatred, that light shatters the darkness. Our lives are filled with experiences of resurrection, when the despair and desperation of our Good Fridays are transformed into Easter hope by the compassion and mercy of those who have embraced the good news of Easter morning's empty tomb.

Religious Education News: The next class will be on Wednesday, **April 8th**. Confirmation practice will be held on Wednesday, April 8th at 7 pm at St. Boniface. A parent or the candidates sponsor should attend with the candidate. Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 12th at 2 pm at St. Boniface in Cold Spring.



Cana Dinner: The Cana Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 11th at Powder Ridge Event Center, Kimball after the 5:00 pm Mass at St. Anne's. Last chance to get your ticket! You can get them by calling Marilyn at 398-5232 by April 6th.

Palm Sunday Breakfast Thank you! Thank you to all who helped to make this breakfast possible! We had lots of help with the breakfast, raffle and bake sale. Thank you also for those attending to eat this delicious breakfast! This was also a matching grant breakfast from Catholic United Financial and our profit was just over \$1,000! This will benefit our Religious Education program.

Lawn Care Position: There is a paid position for lawn care open at St. Nicholas Church! This position would be responsible for cutting and trimming in the cemetery and around the Parish House. It is open to anyone age 16 or older and will take 7 to 8 hours per week to complete. Please see Fr. Tom if you are interested!

A HUGE Thank you to Catholic United Financial! In the last couple of weeks, we have received 3 checks from Catholic United Financial. One check was for \$500 from the MinisTREE Program. We receive \$10 for every card that is completed! You will find our "MinisTREE" at the back of church. Complete the job on the card and return! The second 2 checks were for matching grants that were from the past year, a breakfast and the euchre parties that were last spring for a total of \$813.28! If you have any questions about Catholic United Financial, you may contact our sales rep David Stang at 764-5339.

CRS Rice Bowl: Hungering for Celebration! We prayed, fasted and gave alms – and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord – and in the lives we have changed this Lent.

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.

Readings for the Week: Monday, March 30th: Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday, March 31st: Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Thursday, Apr 2nd: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26
 Wednesday, Apr 1st: Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25
 Friday, Apr 3rd: Is 52:13 – 53:12 / Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

- 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.
 - 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.

