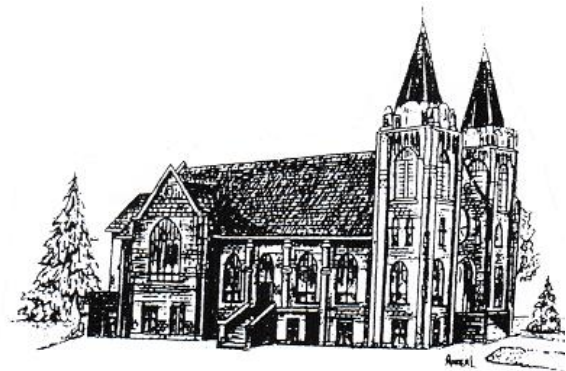


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2015



PARISH STAFF		PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS	
Fr. Thomas Olson	398-2229	Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287
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		Parish Council, Angie Spitzley	453-2091
		Trustee, Mike Kuechle	685-3225
		Trustee, Mary Caskey	597-2854

MASS SCHEDULE

July 25	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
July 26	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Gregor Schreiner
July 27	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
July 28	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	Lexi Ulwelling
July 29	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Martha	
July 30	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Alfred & Dolores Braegelmann
July 31	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Aug 1	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Irene Warner
Aug 2	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Val Dufner

****Please note the time change for Mass on Sunday, August 2nd at 10:00 am for the Parish Picnic. Mass will stay at 10:00 am at St. Anne’s with Fr. Schefers that day.**

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
Aug 1 at 7:30 pm	Rita Schwartz Louise Schutz Mat Walz	Lauren Johannes Dylan Utecht	Laverne Ludwig Art Faber	Lucy Schreiner
Aug 2 at 8:00 am	Marion Frank Elmer Frank Mike Kuechle	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Steve Stang Ron Stang	Shirley Kuechle

Combined Parish Picnic
Sunday August 2nd at St. Nicholas Church
Mass will be at 10:00 am for this morning
Everything will be provided for your enjoyment!



Stewardship of Treasure July 19, 2015

Adult	\$XXX	(28 of 164 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(1 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXXX	

Energy Needs \$XXX (3 gifts)

Stewardship Thought: Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us this opportunity to cheerfully share our resources with your kingdom here on earth.



Gospel Connection: When Ben Simon and Mia Zavalij were students at the University of Maryland, they began to notice that their school was wasting a lot of food: they found that one College Park dining hall was throwing out almost 200 pounds of leftovers every day - this in a city, Washington, D.C., where one in eight people were struggling with hunger. So Ben and Mia organized a group of their friends to collect the leftover food each evening and bring it to local churches and food banks. One of the churches they donated to was able to feed hundreds of people each month just from what Ben and Mia and their friends brought in. Shortly after Ben and Mia began their food runs, they started the Food Recovery Network. Every evening, student volunteers at colleges around the country show up at their school's dining hall. The cafeteria staff cart out the day's leftovers. The food is weighed and packaged and the students then take the food to local food banks and churches for distribution. Since its beginning four years ago, the Food Recovery Network has grown from Ben and Mia and a few of their friends in Maryland to 140 chapters in 35 states. The students have recovered more than 800,000 pounds of food from American colleges and universities. Thousands of poor and hungry families are fed from the leftovers these students collect every day.

We can learn a lot from leftovers. After feeding the crowds with the scraps of bread and fish, Jesus asks his disciples to gather up the leftovers. As the twelve wicker baskets of leftovers attested to the sign Jesus had worked, our own baskets of "leftovers" and fragments are signs of the many blessings we have received in our lives. Today's Gospel also challenges us to realize the many things we waste in our lives that can be the difference between life and death for our brothers and sisters, that our stored "wicker baskets" of clothing, food, household goods, toys and, yes, money, can become signs of the providence of God in our midst.



Baptismal Class: The next Baptismal Class will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm at St. Anne’s Church. This class is for all expectant parents who have never taken this class **OR** you have not taken this class in our parish before. It should be taken BEFORE the birth of your child. Both parents are expected to attend. Call St. Anne’s to register at 398-2211. If you know of someone who should take this class, please tell them!

St. Nicholas Church is pleased to announce that **\$1,196.00** has been received from the **Living the Promise** funds for youth and adult faith formation by The Catholic Foundation in the Diocese of St. Cloud. The Catholic Foundation is a non-profit organization that acquires, manages, and distributes financial gifts and bequests in service to the Catholic community and parishes of the Diocese of St. Cloud. A *huge* **Thank you** also goes out to Mat Walz for writing up our grant request!

Annual Diocesan Appeal: On behalf of Bishop Kettler and the Diocese of St. Cloud, we have received a check from the Annual Diocesan Appeal fund dedicated for Catholic Schools and Youth religious education. As of May 31st, 54.3% of the diocesan goal has been raised in cash and pledges toward the 2015 appeal goal. St. Nicholas received \$300.00. We thank everyone that participated in the Annual Appeal!

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.

Readings for the Week: Monday, July 27th: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 / Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday, July 28th: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-8, 28 / Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday, July 29th: Ex 34:29-35 / Jn 11:19-27
Thursday, July 30th: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 / Mt 13: 47-53
Friday, July 31st: Lv 23:4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 / Mt 13:54-58

