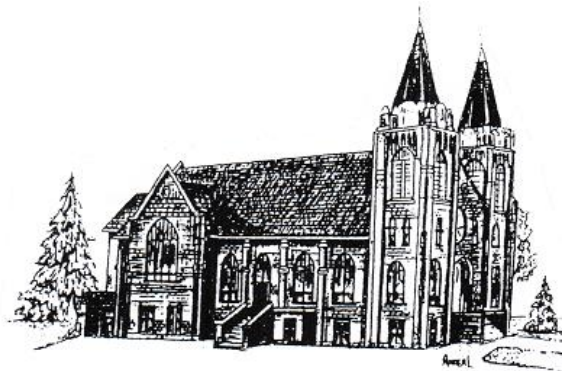


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2015



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		Parish Council, Angie Spitzley	453-2091
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		Trustee, Mary Caskey	597-2854

## MASS SCHEDULE

Aug 29	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Frances Schreiner
Aug 30	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Barbara Mateer
Aug 31	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Sept 1	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Ed Weismann
		{SN} 5 – 8 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sept 2	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
		{SA} 9am – 7 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sept 3	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Gregory the Great	+Hansen/Krueger Families
Sept 4	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Sept 5	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+John Decker Family
Sept 6	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	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 visits.

Our website has important information, including the weekly bulletin! [www.churchofsaintnicholas.com](http://www.churchofsaintnicholas.com)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Sept 5 at 7:30 pm	Mat Walz Louise Schutz Rita Schwartz	Lauren Johannes Dylan Utecht	Tom Landwehr Jack Rausch	Joe Decker
Sept 6 at 8:00 am	Judy Schutz Gene Schutz Kelly Bautch	Andrew Bautch Michael Bautch	Jerry Boeckman Peter Stang-Walz	Lee Bautch

## Community Events:

- Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>: 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Bingo at Sts Peter & Paul, Richmond, MN. Doors open at 5, bingo starts at 6:30 pm. Food will be available. To see photo gallery of quilts, visit [www.ssppr.com](http://www.ssppr.com). Paper bingo cards, bring your dabbers.
- Saturday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Partnership Barn Dance from 4 to 8:30 pm at Holy Spirit Church, 2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud. Mass with Bishop Kettler at 4 pm. Meal from 5 – 6 pm. Kids activities, silent auction, music & dancing.
- Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>: St. Boniface in Cold Spring will hold a "Battle Ready Rally" featuring Doug Barry, co-host of EWTN's "Life on the Rock." This event is for men, women & children ages 7 & older. For more information, contact Sherry at 685-3280, ext 604.
- Oct 2 – 4: Beginning Experience, Alexandria, MN is providing a program for divorced, widowed or separated adults designed to facilitate the grief resolution process to again love themselves, others and God. Information at 888-565-0178.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>: 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 / Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>: Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>: Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11

Friday, Sept 4<sup>th</sup>: Col 1:15-20 / Lk 5:33-39

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Adoration will be held on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 8 pm at St. Nicholas and on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am to 7 pm at St. Anne's. Won't you come and spend an hour with the Lord?



## Stewardship of Treasure August 23, 2015

Adult	\$XXX	(29 of 162 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	
Assumption	\$XXX	(2 gifts)

**Stewardship Thought:** Lord, we pour our blessings out into your hands. You have given us far more than we could ever need and we are eager to share your generous gifts with those who are in need.



**Gospel Connection:** Many years ago, a great warrior abandoned his life of war and destruction and became a monk, happily living a quiet life serving his brothers and the poor and sick of the villages around the monastery. One day, an arrogant warrior rode through the village. He terrorized the villagers with his threats and demands. He soon made his way to the monastery where he recognized the monk from their adventures years before. The reckless warrior did everything he could to provoke his old adversary into a fight: the poor threw rocks, shouted insults, smashing parts of the poor monastery. But the monk would not respond. By dusk, the warrior finally grew tired of the game; he defiantly spat on the monastery door and rode off. Some of the villagers who had been brutalized by the warrior, asked the monk why he did not confront the intruder. "If someone offers you a gift and you do not accept it, to whom does the gift belong?" the old monk asked. "He who offered it," they replied. "The same is true for anger, envy and ridicule," the monk explained. "When they are not accepted, they forever belong to the one who holds on to them." [Adapted from the Moral Stories website.]

In the hurts, indignities and injustices perpetrated against us, what is often worse than the act itself is what the act does to us as persons: we respond with suspicion, cynicism, self-absorption, anger, vengeance. One of the most difficult challenges of being a disciple of Jesus is not to let those things "outside" of us diminish what we are "inside" ourselves, not to let such anger or vengeance displace the things of God in the sacred place of our hearts but to let God's presence transform the evil that we have encountered into compassion and forgiveness.

**Religious Education:** The teacher's meeting will take place on **Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm** in the Parish House. We are still in need of teachers for classes this year. Please consider sharing your faith this year with our young people. Classes are small. Information is provided for you to teach. If you have any questions, please contact Mat Walz at 685-7376. **The first Mass/Class will be on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** More information and a class schedule will be sent out to each family in the next few weeks.

**Cemetery Reminder:** The cemetery committee would like to remind everyone that any flowers, wreaths & anything else that is not attached to the foundation or the headstone will be removed. This includes the wood crosses that are sticking in the ground. On Wednesday, July 29, we removed everything that was not attached. The **solar lights** will be left in place for the next couple of weeks for those who want to remove them themselves. This policy is in place to help with the lawn mowing. We receive many compliments on how beautiful the cemetery looks, so please do your part to help us! Thanks!

**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.

**Upcoming Meetings:** There will be meetings for Catholic United, Christian Women, and Men's Society will meet on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30 pm. The Lunch committee for the meetings will be: Trish Ludwig and Agnes Lutgen to bring cake or bars.

**Parish Council Meeting:** The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. If there are any agenda items to add, please contact the Parish Secretary.

**DCCW News:** The St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to attend the Fall Conference on September 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary Church in Upsala, MN. The theme is "Walking in God's Love with the Family." Register by Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> and the fee will be \$15.

**Koinonia Retreat:** The next retreat for adults 20 and older begins on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and ends at 5 pm on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the retreat is "Pascal Mystery." For more information and registration call Mary Lou Raden at 320-293-2080 or email her at cmkoinonia@gmail.com. The website to visit is [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org).

**Christian Parenting Seminar:** Are you finding it hard & even overwhelming at times to raise Christian children in today's world? You are not alone – and there's help! Presenter & author Jim Otremba will be at the Kimball Community Ed Building on Saturday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to Noon. Jim is first a parent, but has also spent years counseling families and leading workshops on Christian Parenting. Jim owns the Center for Family Counseling, Inc. in St. Cloud and is the author of "Daily Dozen of Christian Parenting." He is a frequent and popular speaker on the topic of parenting. Jim's presentation is very practical, based on what "works" through years of family counseling experience. Each person/couple who attends will receive a copy of Jim's book. Sponsored by Kimball Area Churches & Community Education.



### *Prayer to Begin a School Year*

God of wisdom and might,  
we praise you for the wonder of our being,  
for mind, body and spirit.  
Be with our children as they begin  
a new school year.  
Bless them and their teachers and staff.  
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds  
as they search for understanding;  
and peace and zeal to their hearts.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.