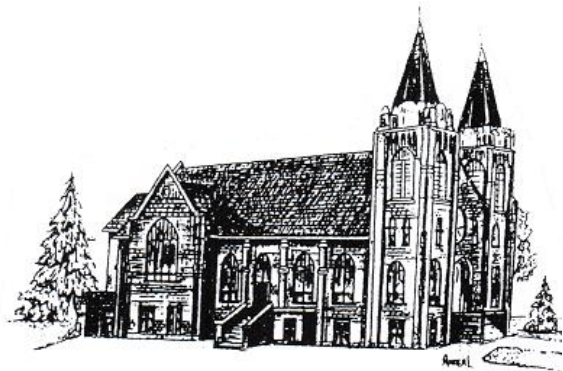


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2015



PARISH STAFF		PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS	
Fr. Thomas Olson	398-2229	Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287
Brenda Kraemer, Secretary	764-7345	Men’s Society, David Stang	764-5339
Sandy Stang, Parish Nurse	764-2030	Catholic United, Barb Walz	685-7376
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Melanie Pauls, Musician	309-5043	Ministry Scheduler, Annette Stang	764-5339
*Bulletin Deadline is Thursday at 9am *Email: stnicholas@meltel.net *Website: www.churchofsaintnicholas.com *Usual Office Hours of Secretary are Monday and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30 am.	Mat & Barb Walz, Rel. Ed Coordinators Cell phone 320-217-4531	Parish Council, John Schutz	764-6171
		Parish Council, Vicki Landwehr	764-6603
		Parish Council, Robert Kraemer	685-3715
		Parish Council, Marion Frank	764-9111
		Parish Council, Paul Ludwig	764-2336
		Parish Council, Angie Spitzley	453-2091
		Trustee, Mike Kuechle	685-3225
		Trustee, Mary Caskey	597-2854

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sept 26	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Dec. members of Rita Schwartz Family
Sept 27	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ron Stommes
Sept 28	Monday	{SA}8:00 am	Weekday	
Sept 29	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	+Edmund & Annie Walz
Sept 30	Wednesday	{SA}8:30 am	St. Jerome	
Oct 1	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Therese	+William & Catherine Johannes
Oct 2	Friday	NO MASS	The Holy Guardian Angels	
Oct 3	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Alfred Theis
Oct 4	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish

**\*\*For your calendar: There will be no Mass on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, October 5 – 7. Fr. Tom will be at the Priest’s retreat in Alexandria.**

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
Oct 3 at 7:30 pm	Rick Utecht Art Faber Avon Vossen	Nathan Utecht Derek Utecht	Jack Rausch Robert Wehseler	Lucy Schreiner
Oct 4 at 8:00 am	Mary Caskey Brenda Kraemer Shirley Lutgen	Sarah Kraemer Kathy Kraemer	Phil Vossen Robert Kraemer	Doug Caskey

**Group Chair & Co-Chair People:** Your group packet is available for pick up at the back of Church. This will have all of the information you will need for the coming year! Thank you for your service!


**Readings for the Week:** Monday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>: Zec 8:1-8 / Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Jn 1:47-51  
Wednesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>: Neh 2:1-8 / Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 / Lk 10:1-12  
Friday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bar 1:15-22 / Mt 18:1-5, 10

Stewardship of Treasure September 20, 2015

Adult	\$XXX	(33 of 162 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(3 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	
St. Cloud Visitor	\$XXX (1 gift)	
Energy Needs	\$XXX (2 gifts)	

Stewardship Thought:

They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever -- 2 Corinthians 9:9



Religious Ed Receipts	\$XXX (6 gifts)
Cemetery Donation	\$XXX (1 gift)

**Gospel Connection:** Years ago, there was a poor farmer who was a heavy drinker. When he went on a bender (which happened fairly often), he'd become abusive, forcing his family to escape into their cornfield, with him frequently shooting after them with his .22 rifle. One day, their neighbor, an elderly Amish farmer, came by. He explained that rats had been in his corncrib and asked if the farmer knew anyone who could sell him a .22. A bargain was struck and the old Amish farmer took the rifle and ammunition and set off home. One of the poor farmer's children followed the Amish farmer from a distance and watched him cross the river bridge. The old man stopped midstream and the boy watched him drop the rifle and ammunition into the swift water and then continue home. [James Didlow, writing in *Reader's Digest*.]

The Amish farmer's generosity of heart and humility of spirit to buy and destroy the rifle is the "cup of water" that Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel: a reflection of the compassion that Christ asks of all who would be his followers. Jesus promises us that even the simplest act of love and kindness will one day be honored by God. Anyone and everyone in need or in trouble have a claim on our compassion and charity because they belong to Christ. In whatever opportunities we have, with whomever we meet and are able to help, may we not hesitate to act in Jesus' name.

**Religious Education:** The next class will be Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to bring your registration forms and payment if you have not already done so. Thank you!

**Annual Financial Report and Directory:** The Parish Financial Report and Directory is now available in the back of the Church. Please only take one booklet per family! If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Tom.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development:** Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the CCHD! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus’ mission to “bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” (Lk 4:18).

**40 Days for Life:** All are invited to take part in the Fall 40 Days for Life from Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Join together for fervent prayer, fasting and to stand for Life during a 40 day peaceful public witness outside the St. Cloud Planned Parenthood facility. Contact Judy at 320-453-7592 or Mary Jo at 320-453-3695 to sign up.

**Community Events:**

- Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>: St. Joseph Parish Center, Waite Park holding a K of C Dad’s Belgian Waffle Breakfast from 8 to Noon. Also serving sausage, waffle toppings & beverages.
- Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Annual Evening for Life Banquet at the Rockville Parish Center. Mass at 5:30 pm, Social time at 6:45 pm. For reservation tickets, call Darlene at 597-2228. Sponsored by MCCL Chapters of Rockville/Cold Spring/St. Nick & Richmond.
- Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>: Sunday Brunch at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Center in Richmond. Serving French toast, scrambled eggs, liver sausage, pork sausage, and more from 9am to 12:15 pm. Proceeds benefit Sts. Peter & Paul School.
- Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>: Fall Dinner at Assumption Church in Eden Valley. Serving Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn and more from 10:30 am to 1 pm.
- Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>: Art-Oberfest Variety Show held at Little Falls Ballroom from 2 – 4:30 pm. This is a fundraiser by the Diocese to support Youth retreats & programs. Features Bishop Kettler, Fr. Marv Enneking, Fr. Ron Dockendorf, and many others!
- 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.
- Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>: *Sunday at the Abbey* presentation at 7 pm in the Abbey Chapter House (next to St. John’s Abby Church) at St. John’s, Collegeville. The presentation typically is 45 minutes and is free & open to the public.

Catholic United Financial  
Sunday, September 13, 2015

- \*President Barb Walz opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read. A motion by Mat Walz to accept the minutes as read was seconded by Judy Schutz. The Treasurer’s report was read and Judy Schutz made a motion to accept the report as read. It was seconded by Jeff Theis.
- \*The Matching Grant activity was tabled again until the December meeting.
- \*The date for Fellowship Sunday will be October 18, 2015 after the 8 am Mass. Coffee, juice, and rolls will be served.
- \*The date for our Vocation Mass will be Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the 8 am Mass.
- \*Religious Ed program will be doing a Living Rosary on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm.
- \*The giving out of St. Nick packages will be on Sunday, December 6, 2015 after the 10 am Mass. Everyone is welcome to receive a package. A motion by Judy Schutz to go ahead with the event was seconded by Jeff Theis.
- \*A donation to the Youth Rally of \$75 was made motioned by Jeff Theis and seconded by Mat Walz.
- \*November 22, 2015 will be the Annual Catholic United Financial Appreciation lunch. It will be held in Paynesville by Dave Stang and other area councils.
- \*Being no further business, Jeff Theis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Dave Stang. President Barb Walz closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Gene Schutz