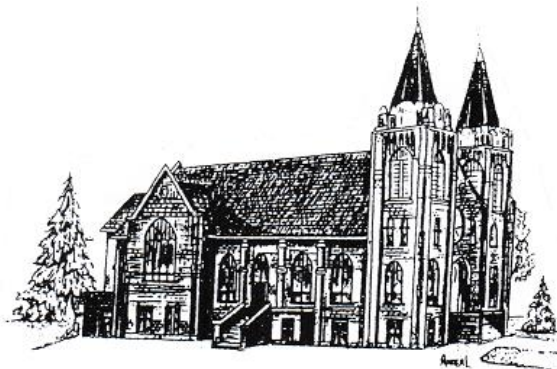


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2015



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MASS SCHEDULE

Oct 3	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Alfred Theis
Oct 4	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Oct 5	Monday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 6	Tuesday	NO MASS	Weekday	
		{SN} 5 – 8 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Oct 7	Wednesday	NO MASS	Our Lady of the Rosary	
		{SA} 9am – 7 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Oct 8	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Dolores Braegelmann
Oct 9	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 10	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Eugene Mueller
Oct 11	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vocations

**** 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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES				
	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Oct 10 at 7:30 pm	Mat Walz Anita Neu Elmer Neu	Lauren Johannes Dylan Utecht	Elmer Vossen Allen Stommes	Anita Neu
Oct 11 at 8:00 am	Don Dufner Stacy Dufner Jeff Theis	Michael Dufner Landon Winkelman	Dean Dufner Ron Stang	Mike Kuechle

Readings for the Week: Monday, Oct. 5th: Jon 1:1 – 2:2, 11 / Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, Oct. 6th: Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, Oct. 7th: Jon 4:1-11 / Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, Oct. 8th: Mal 3:13-20b / Lk 11:5-13

Friday, Oct. 9th: Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2 / Lk 11:15-26

Thank You! We would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Snorkel's 50th Reunion a huge success! Special thanks and appreciation goes to Travis Hansen & the St. Nicholas Baseball Association, Gary at Brinky's Liquor, Danny & Mary at Tessmer Meats, Linda at Betty's Embroidery, The *Cold Spring Record* & *Tri-County News*, Brenda & Betty at St. Nicholas Parish AND all the volunteers who gave their time. THANK YOU to all friends and family that attended to make the day even more wonderful! The day would not have been a success without each & every one of you! Until next time. . . .

~Rose Wieneke & Family

Stewardship of Treasure September 27, 2015

Adult	\$XXX	(38 of 162 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	
Energy Needs	\$XXX	(2 gifts)
Campaign for Human Development	\$XXX	(1 gift)

Stewardship Thought: Lord, let our hearts overflow with joy and generosity because of the great joy & generosity you have shown us. Let us bless our church, our community, & your kingdom by faithfully managing what you have so generously blessed us with.



Votive Stand \$XXX

Gospel Connection: She's very good at what she does - but she's "never felt quite right" making a living writing about something she has not done too well with in her own life. She writes for wedding magazines. As the former editor of *Modern Bride* and *Elegant Bride* magazines, Susan Schneider has spent the last ten years helping engaged women toward their big day. But she soon became very wary of the adjective "Perfect": The Perfect Dress. The Perfect Cake. The Perfect Day. She writes: "I worry that the bridal industry's emphasis on perfecting every last detail, which invariably involves hemorrhaging money, can lead to unrealistic expectations of marriage. In the best of circumstances, what a letdown to discover dishes in the sink, socks on the floor, and all those wedding bills to pay afterward. Not to mention more serious troubles like mine and my ex-husband's, which were ultimately about a mutual inability to walk in each other's shoes. Each of us needed the other to be something neither was, and we hurt each other even when we didn't mean to. We weren't able to take things with a grain of salt and a dash of humor. We certainly weren't ready for real married life." Susan Schneider believes it's time to rethink the idea of a "Perfect" wedding: "Weddings should be about the basic underpinnings of our lives: love and commitment and family. A wedding is a life celebration so touching that I, speaking as a guest, usually end up with tears streaming down my face - I guess because we so rarely get to witness life's real meaning." That's the real stuff of "fairy tale weddings": love, hope, generosity of heart and spirit. "Now that I'm not 'selling' weddings anymore, I can appreciate them for what they are: sweet and precious moments that ease us into our real lives, which will probably not be perfect, but will, if we're lucky, be pretty happy all the same." [From "Confessions of a Bridal Magazine Writer" by Susan Schneider, *The Boston Sunday Globe Magazine*, August 24, 2011.]

As Susan Schneider has discovered in her work (and life), a successful marriage - a marriage built on compassion, trust and forgiveness - transcends the "fairy tale" aura of the "Perfect" wedding. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of marriage as the joining of two hearts into one by God. It demands not perfection but commitment; it requires the hard work of patience, understanding and humility; it moves beyond the "hardness of heart" to embrace a spirit of generosity and selflessness. A couple's life together and their generous response to the vocation of parenthood model the unfathomable and profound love of God. In the life a couple creates together, life that sometimes means both taking on and letting go for the sake of the other, Christ is the ever-present Wedding Guest, who makes their simple, everyday life together a miraculous sacrament in which the love of God is revealed to all in their love for each another.

Religious Education: The next class will be Wednesday, October 7th. Please remember to bring your registration forms and payment if you have not already done so. Thank you! There will be a parent meeting for 2nd grade students and parents on Sunday, October 11th at 9 am at St. Anne's. This will be to talk about First Reconciliation and receive the materials.

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.

Prayer Line: If you would like to pray for someone or something, you should use our prayer line! There is a list of people that are willing to say prayers for your requests. If you would like to add a prayer request, please contact Sue Frank at 764-9112 or email her at stfrank@meltel.net. This resource has not been being used as much as it should!

World Mission Sunday: The weekend of October 18th we will join Catholic parishes all over the world in celebrating World Mission Sunday. We are invited to act in solidarity this day, as we pray and share our gifts to help build-up the church in need, especially in various areas of our world where the witness of Christ is helping the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, hope and peace. All funds support the pastoral, catechetical, charitable & evangelizing work of the Church in 180 countries through the efforts of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please use the envelope in your packet.

Community Events:

- Sunday, Oct. 4th: 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. 4th: 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 4th: Act-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.
- October 15, 16 & 17th: St. Boniface Christian Women of Cold Spring holding annual "Fall Clothing Drive & Rummage Sale." Located in the St. Boniface Parish Center gym. Hours: Thursday: 2 pm – 7 pm, Friday: 8 am – 7 pm, Saturday: 8 am – 10 am.
- Saturday, October 17th: Roast Beef Supper held at Mary Hall, St. Wendelin Parish in Luxemburg from 4:30 – 7:30 pm. Roast beef & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, ect. Will be served. Saturday Mass is held at 4:30 pm. Everyone is Welcome!
- Sunday, October 18th: *Sunday at the Abbey* presentation at 7 pm in the Abbey Chapter House (next to St. John's Abby Church) at St. John's, Collegetown. The presentation typically is 45 minutes and is free & open to the public.
- Saturday, October 24th: Deutche Fest – German Dinner & Dance held at St. Martin Parish Hall. Authentic German food, beer, & music starting a 4 pm. Dinner reservations recommended, please call 320-548-3647. Proceeds go to Catholic School Subsidies.



Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."