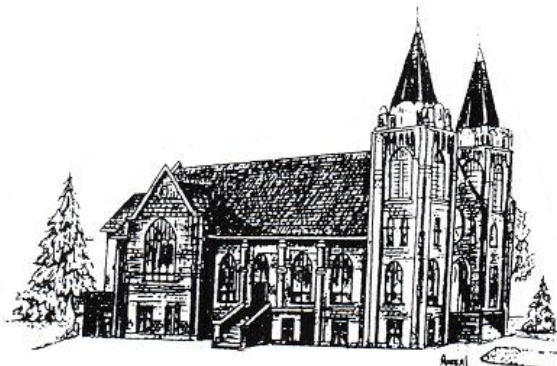


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Feast of Christ the King

November 22, 2015



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		Trustee, Mary Caskey	597-2854

MASS SCHEDULE

Nov 21	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Feast of Christ the King	+Elmer & Esther Faber
Nov 22	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	Feast of Christ the King	+Special Intention – FT
Nov 23	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Nov 24	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Andrew Dung-Lac	+Alfred & Ellen Hommerding
Nov 25	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
		{SN} 7:30 pm	Thanksgiving	+Ed Weismann
Nov 26	Thursday	{SA} 9:00 am	Thanksgiving	
Nov 27	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Nov 28	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	First Sunday of Advent	+Tom Decker
Nov 29	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	First Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish

****Please note the Mass schedule for Thanksgiving Masses!****

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 visits.

Our website has important information, including the weekly bulletin! www.churchofsaintnicholas.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Nov 25 at 7:30 pm	Mat Walz	Derek Utecht	Mitchell Rieland	Jake Foehrenbacher
Thanksgiving Mass	Kelly Bautch	Dylan Utecht	Adam Kraemer	Andrew Bautch
	Brenda Kraemer	**Gifts: Michael, Jonathan & Sarah		*Connor, Leah & Gregory
Nov 28 at 7:30 pm	Avon Vossen	Mitchell Utecht	Elmer Vossen	Avon Vossen
	Barb Walz	Katelyn Utecht	Robert Wehseler	
	Rita Schwartz			
Nov 29 at 10:00 am	Annette Stang	Katherine Gathje	Orville Cremer	Dave Stang
	Leo Klaers	Jonathan Gathje	Don Dufner	
	Jeff Theis			



Soup & Sandwich Supper / Thanksgiving Mass: Our Annual Soup & Sandwich Supper will take place this year on **Wednesday, November 25th** with serving starting at **5:30 pm**. Mass will be held at 7:30 pm. A variety of homemade soups and sandwiches will be served along with desserts! There will be a free will offering for Supper with the donations going to the Food Shelf.

Sharing Tree: The 7th grade religious education class is sponsoring our Sharing Tree. This year our church will be donating toys and non-food items to the Area Cold Spring Food Shelf. The Food Shelf is sponsoring a Toys for Tots program with toys going to local children. The tags on the tree are marked for various ages of children 12 and under and items for the food shelf (in particular non-food items such as bar soap, shampoo, laundry soap, etc.). You are more than welcome to also donate healthy food items. Cash received will be used to purchase additional toys and needed food items for families during the holidays. **All items need to be turned in by December 6th.** We will be boxing up the toys and other items after Mass – all are welcome to help, particularly 7th graders and their families. We appreciate any help you can give to make Christmas special this year for area families. Mary Caskey (597-2854).



Stewardship of Treasure November 15, 2015

Adult	\$XXX	(45 of 162 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(3 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	
Energy Needs	\$XXX	(1 gift)
Thanksgiving	\$XXX	(1 gift)

Stewardship Thought:

Dear Lord, let us be like the communities in the first-century churches, who gave generously to all in need. Help us to think beyond our own needs and support anyone in need that we may reach.



All Saints	\$XXX	(1 gift)
All Souls	\$XXX	(1 gift)

Gospel Connection: When Coral Collum was 12, she, her parents and two younger brothers made their first trip from their home in Apple Valley, California to New York City. Early on the third day of their trip, they took a taxi from their midtown Manhattan hotel to Battery Park to catch the first Liberty Island ferry. It was her mother's 34th birthday, and the family planned to cram every touristy thing she could think of to celebrate the day. The day was September 11, 2001. With thousands of other stunned onlookers, the Collums watched as the two United Airlines planes rammed into the towers of the World Trade Center. And suddenly, the family found itself in unimaginable chaos and horror. They were almost immediately caked with stinging white powder that quickly worked its way into their clothing and skin, and it burned so badly that both of Coral's little brothers were crying in pain. In an essay in *Commonwealth Magazine* [September 9, 2011], Coral remembers that horrible day: "The sun vanished. We kept running, past vague shapes of kiosks and park benches. I pulled up the neck of my T-shirt and tried to breathe through its fabric, but every breath stung. As we ran, a building loomed out of the fog, Battery Gardens Restaurant. Its plate-glass windows were shattered and a mob of people was trying to push inside. "There, amid the panic and confusion I noticed small acts of selflessness. Men pulled off their dress shirts, tore them into strips, and gave them to strangers to breathe through. Kiosk vendors passed out water bottles so that we could wet our cloths. An Asian man appeared out of the haze, pulled the breathing mask from his face, pressed it into my crying brother's hands, and disappeared into the darkness. When I went to look for toilet paper, I found a middle-aged woman at a bathroom sink, surrounded by crying children. 'Oh, *mija*,' she said to me, 'take this.' And she pulled the rag from her baby's mouth, tore it half, and gave it to me. What did I learn from that day near Ground Zero? That suffering is never far from human experience, but that neither is compassion. What I remember most [about that day] are the small acts of human kindness."

The Kingdom of Christ is found, not in destruction and pain, but in every act of selfless kindness and humble generosity, no matter how small or hidden or simple. This is why Christ has come into our world: to reveal the love of God in our midst, enabling us to transform this often broken world into the wholeness of God's. A 12-year-old girl discovers that truth in the midst of one of the most horrific moments in human history and remembers it into adulthood. Christ calls us to embrace not the things of the body but of the soul, not the things of the world but the things of God: the lasting, eternal treasures of love and mercy, the joy that comes only from selfless giving, the satisfaction that comes from lifting up the hopes and dreams of others. Such mercy and compassion are the foundation of the Kingdom of Christ.

Religious Education: The next class will be on Wednesday, November 25th. Just a reminder that grades 10 & 11 will need to bring a pan of bars for the Soup & Sandwich Supper on November 25th and grades 1 to 9 should bring a food shelf donation that will be brought to Mass on November 25th. Grades 10 & 11 should be in the Church basement about 5:30 to help serve Supper. Thank You!! **First Reconciliation** interviews will be on Saturday, Nov. 28th at 9:00 am at St. Anne's. **Wednesday, Nov 25th: Grades 7-11 should meet in the church basement at 6:45 pm to get information about the Christmas program. This will be a short meeting before Mass!**

Choir at St. Nicholas: It's that time of year again for choir to begin at St. Nicholas! Melanie would love to have you in the choir loft during Sunday Mass! Just come and join her. Melanie generally holds practice a half hour before Mass begins.



Book of Remembrance: During the month of November, the Book of Remembrance will be in the center aisle for you to write the names of those you wish to have remembered at all the Masses during November. Those that have died from St. Nicholas since last November are: Eugene Mueller (April 8, 2015) and Alois Flaschenriem (September 12, 2015).

Parish Council Nominations: It's that time of year again to think about nominations for our Parish Council! Nominations will be held THIS weekend during Masses. John Schutz & Vicki Landwehr are finishing their terms and they are both eligible to be nominated again. Spouses of the current members are NOT eligible to nominate. Current members are: Robert Kraemer, Marion Frank, Paul Ludwig, Angie Spitzley, Mike Kuechle (trustee), Mary Caskey (trustee), Anita Neu (Christian Women), and David Stang (Men's Society).

Christian Women's Organization: The CW would like to invite all women of our parish who are not yet part of the organization to join this group. As a group, we meet 4 times per year to discuss any issues concerning our parish. At this time, we set dates for cleaning the church and parish grounds, hold 2 breakfasts, organize funerals and deciding the need and payment of kitchen item purchases. We would welcome any and all new ideas to make the CW a more active part of our church community. We will have inductions into the CW at our December 6th meeting. Please give Anita Neu (685-3287) or Judi Schreiner (764-9080) a call with any questions or if you would like to join our group. The CW organization has been a vital part of our church community for over 100 years and we would like to keep it active for many more years!

Catholic Charities: Make God's Love Visible: At Catholic Charities, we believe: *No one should be without food. *No one should be without a safe place to live. *No one should be without someone to lean on, and most importantly, *NO ONE SHOULD BE WITHOUT HOPE. Visit www.ccstcloud.org for more information.



Banns of Marriage: Ryan Frank and Kaitlyn Pladson will be married here at St. Nicholas on Saturday, December 12th.

Readings for the Week: Monday, Nov. 23rd: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 / Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, Nov. 24th: Dn 2:31-45 / Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, Nov. 25th: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 / Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, Nov. 26th: Dn 6:12-28 / Lk 21:20-28

Friday, Nov. 27th: Dn 7:2-14 / Lk 21:29-33

Community Events:

- Sunday, November 22nd: Breakfast at St. Wendelin's Church in Luxemburg, sponsored by the Christian Women. Serving all you care to eat Pep's pork sausage, ham, pancakes, scrambled, eggs, and more from 8:30 am to Noon. Craft Sale, Bake sale & raffle too!
- Sunday, November 22nd: Turkey Party Bingo at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Rockville from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm.
- Sunday, November 22nd: Breakfast at St. Anthony Hwy 238, Albany. Matching Grant with Catholic United Financial, serving ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, rolls, beverage from 8:30 to 12:30 pm. Proceeds benefit religious education.
- Sunday, December 6th: Holiday Extravaganza at Sts. Peter & Paul School in Richmond from 9 am to 12:125 pm. Includes omelet breakfast, cookie/cake walk, silent auction and a visit from Santa!