

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

6th Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016



| PARISH STAFF | | PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Fr. Thomas Olson | 398-2229 | Christian Women, Anita Neu | 685-3287 |
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| *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. | | Parish Council, Paul Ludwig | 764-2336 |
| | | Parish Council, Angie Spitzley | 453-2091 |
| | | Parish Council, Roger Utecht | 253-9547 |
| | | Parish Council, Sandy Stang | 764-2030 |
| | | Trustee, Mike Kuechle | 685-3225 |
| | | Trustee, Mary Caskey | 597-2854 |

MASS SCHEDULE

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| Apr 30 | Saturday | {SN} 7:30 pm | 6 th Sunday of Easter | +Alfred Theis |
| May 1 | Sunday | {SN} 8:00 am | 6 th Sunday of Easter | People of the Parish |
| May 2 | Monday | {SA} 8:00 am | St. Athanasius | |
| May 3 | Tuesday | {SN} 8:00 am | Sts. Philip & James | Thanksgiving – LMS |
| | | {SN} 5 – 8 pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| May 4 | Wednesday | {SA} 8:30 am | Easter Weekday | |
| | | {SA} 9 am – 7 pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| May 5 | Thursday | {SN} 8:00 am | Easter Weekday | +Ron Stommes |
| May 6 | Friday | NO MASS | Easter Weekday | |
| May 7 | Saturday | {SN} 7:30 pm | Ascension of the Lord | +Irene Kraemer |
| May 8 | Sunday | {SN} 8:00 am | Ascension of the Lord | +Jake Foehrenbacher |

****STARTING SUNDAY, MAY 1ST, MASS TIME WILL CHANGE TO 8:00 AM AND ST. ANNE’S WILL HAVE 10:00 AM****

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 | | | | |
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| | Eucharistic Ministers | Servers | Ushers | Lector |
| May 7 at 7:30 pm | Louise Schutz | Mitchell Utecht Katelyn Utecht | Robert Wehseler Ron Steil | Lucy Schreiner |
| May 8 at 8:00 am | Dave Stang Lee Bautch Kelly Bautch | Caden Neiman Landon Neiman | Peter Stang-Walz Sy Schreiner | Mike Kuechle |

Eucharistic Ministers: Starting in May, there will only be one Eucharistic Minister scheduled for each Mass on Saturday evenings. There were a couple of people that took themselves off of the list, so instead of having the Saturday Mass volunteers scheduled very often, it was decided to only use one extra person. **If you are interested in helping out and become a Eucharistic Minister, please speak to Fr. Tom!**

Benefit for Jeff Pauls: Jeff has had quite a journey this last year! In December of 2014, Jeff had knee surgery to replace his artificial knee. Since then, he has had 3 more knee surgeries due to a staph infection from the initial procedure. In January, 2016, Jeff was diagnosed with a rare & advance case of Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. The “Burnout Cancer” Car Show & Dinner will be on Saturday, May 21st in Marty, MN. The Car Show is 1 – 4 pm, Silent Auction & Wine Pull from 1 – 8 pm, Pork Chop Dinner from 4 – 8 pm. For more information about the benefit, to donate silent auction items, or tickets to the Dinner, please contact Heather Pauls 320-241-5760, Nicki Holthaus 320-293-0301 or Glen Pauls 320-764-9202.

| Stewardship of Treasure April 24, 2016 | | | |  |
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| Adult | \$XXX | (44 of 162 envelopes) | Energy Needs | |
| Youth | XXX | (1 of 45 envelopes) | Home Mission | |
| Loose | XXX | | | |
| TOTAL | \$XXXXX | | | |

Gospel Connection: An American Maryknoll sister was working in the missions of South Sudan. The village where she lived with another nun was caught in the crossfire of the never-ending civil war in the African country. After another bombing in the area, the two sisters sat under the trees with about 12 women for prayer and Scripture study. Sister Theresa Baldini writes in Maryknoll Magazine: "We used the Scripture . . . from Luke's Gospel, chapter 6, where Jesus says to love our enemies. I asked the group how we would describe an enemy. Most of the women said that their enemy was the Khartoum fundamentalist Muslim government soldiers who were bombing them. Then one woman said: 'I believe my enemy is someone who has wounded my heart, but whose [own] wounds I do not know.' She went on to say: 'Maybe if I can know the person's story better, especially to know the person's wounds, and the person can know my wounds, we would not be an enemy to each other.' "The theology of the Sudanese women," Sister Theresa writes, "has deepened my faith, compassion and forgiveness."

The night before his death, Jesus leaves his fledgling church the gift of his "peace" - but it is not "peace" as our world understands "peace." The peace of the Risen One is not the mere absence of hostility or a cease-fire but the long, often frustrating work of creating community: community that is built on respect, selflessness and humility. As the women of Sudan realize, peace begins in understanding the "wounds" of the other, in opening our own hearts to listen to the story of another's brokenness and pain. May we embrace the mindset that is the peace of Jesus: the constant seeking out of God's love, justice and mercy; the understanding of our "connectedness" to God and to one another as children of the same God; the awareness of God's presence in every relationship and decision of our lives.

Religious Education: Religious Education classes have now ended for this school year!! Classes will continue in September!



THANK YOU! A very BIG THANK YOU to Mat Walz! Mat has submitted his resignation as Religious Education Coordinator. Mat & Barb have held this position for many years! We sincerely appreciate Mat and Barb for their many years of dedication to the education of our youth! You will be missed!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St. Nicholas on Tuesday, May 3rd from 5 to 8 pm and at St. Anne on Wednesday, May 4th from 9 am to 7 pm. won't you come and spend an hour with the Lord?



Catholic Home Mission: Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and will help ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. To learn more about home missions funding and who the appeal helps, please visit www.uscch.org/home-missions.

Assumption (Grasshopper) Chapel: The Annual Novena Masses for good weather and crops at the Assumption Chapel in Cold Spring will be held EVERY Thursday in May and June. Rosary will be at 7:00 pm with Mass at 7:30 pm. If the weather is bad, Mass will be held at St. Boniface Church in Cold Spring.

Christian Women Card/Stamp Collection: The Christian Women were participating in a service project to collect the fronts of greeting cards and “used” stamps. This has now ended! Thank you for your donations! They will be sent in to the Sisters of the Ministry of the Poor and St. Jude’s Ranch for Children.

Readings for the Week: Monday, May 2nd: Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26 – 16:4a
 Tuesday, May 3rd: 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14
 Thursday, May 5th: Acts 10:1-8 / Jn 16:16-20
 Wednesday, May 4th: Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1 / Jn 16:12-15
 Friday, May 6th: Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23

Community Events:

- St. Anthony Thrift Store in Watkins has a large variety of clothing, household goods, craft items, books, toys & more. Located in the Church Basement. Open Thursday & Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to Noon. Come and check it out!
- Sunday, May 8th: Breakfast at St. Boniface Parish Center, Cold Spring sponsored by the K of C. Serving sausage, ham, has browns, eggs, pastries, cinnamon bread, etc. from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Proceeds support charitable activities.

“Blue Mass” Bishop Kettler invites all parishioners to the St. Cloud Diocese’s first “Blue Mass” to honor, thank and pray for all emergency responders. It is important for us to gather and pray for those who serve and to give thanks for their service. The Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, May 19th at the Cathedral in St. Cloud at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow.

