

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Pentecost

May 15, 2016



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MASS SCHEDULE

May 14	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Pentecost Sunday	+Fr. Daniel Taufen
May 15	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	Pentecost Sunday	People of the Parish
May 16	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
May 17	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Dan Tishleder
May 18	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
May 19	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Floyd Walz
May 20	Friday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
May 21	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	The Most Holy Trinity	+Eugene Mueller
May 22	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	The Most Holy Trinity	Karen & David Schlaeter Family

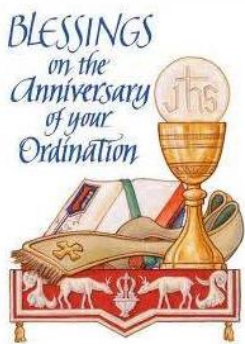
****Congratulations to Fr. Tom! He will be celebrating his 43rd Anniversary of Ordination on Friday, May 20th. He will hold Mass at SA at 8:30 am to celebrate!**

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
May 21 at 7:30 pm	Rick Utecht	Nathan Utecht Derek Utecht	Jack Rausch Allen Stommes	Cassey Lahr
May 22 at 8:00 am	Steve Stang Sandy Stang Annette Stang	Breanna Stang Olivia Metzger	John Hopfer Jerry Boeckman	Dave Stang


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.



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Stewardship of Treasure May 8, 2016

Adult	\$XXX (45 of 162 envelopes)	Energy Needs	\$XXX (4 gifts)
Youth	XXX (6 of 45 envelopes)	Home Mission	\$XXX (1 gift)
Loose	XXX	Peter’s Pence	\$XXX (2 gifts)
TOTAL	\$XXXXX		



Gospel Connection: It has been more than a week since her husband's funeral. The children have all returned to their homes; the legal paperwork required has been completed; she has made headway on the thank you notes. Now comes the toughest job of all. Cleaning out his closet. She begins packing up his suits and boxing up his sweaters. She puts aside a few ties and sports shirts the boys might want. As she moves through his things, she comes across his flannel shirt. He would wear it around the house on cold days. He last wore it the day before he went into the hospital. It still smells of him. And so she puts it on, holding it close to her skin. And for the moment she feels his arms around her again. Scent can be a comforting and reassuring sense. Psychologists call it "olfactory comfort." A nurse in Minnesota noticed that a child who was feeling intense separation anxiety was reassured by a garment with his mother's smell. So the nurse invented a soft shirt that could easily be converted into a blanket. The idea is that mom would wear the shirt next to her skin for a few hours before heading off to work or out for the evening, and baby, now wrapped in her scent, will be less anxious and upset when she steps out the door. Mothers whose children have left for college report going into their old bedrooms, closing the door, and inhaling the smell of feeling close to their absent kids. Such scents can be the assurance that we are loved despite the absence, that a part of the missing beloved remains. [From *Wearing God* by Lauren F. Winner.]

It is the Spirit of God - invisible, almost indefinable, but very real - that makes you and me the Church. It is the great love that binds the Father to the Son and now binds Father and Son to us, the bond that ties us to each other in God, making of us not just a clan or a club but a community of faith. It is a love that transcends words and laws and sentiments and embraces the heart and soul of each one of us. Like the reassuring scent of a beloved's shirt, the Spirit of God surrounds us in every act of compassion and mercy, fills our hearts in every moment of reconciliation and peace. Pentecost is the celebration of God's inviting us into the life of his Spirit, drawing us into communion with him, filling our own spirits with the "scent" of his divinity.

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!**

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.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18th at 7:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

Banns of Marriage II: The wedding of Tom Linn and Molly Manthe will take place here at St. Nicholas on Saturday, May 28th.

Memorial Day Mass: The Memorial Day Mass this year, held on Monday, May 30th at 9:00 am, will be at the St. Nicholas Cemetery. Please bring a chair. In case of rain, the Mass will be in the Church.

“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.

Peter’s Pence Collection: We will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the collection is an opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please use the envelope in your packet.

DCCW Event: The St. Cloud Council of Catholic Women will be holding their **26th Annual Food-Fun-Fund Day** at St. Francis Xavier Church on **Thursday, June 9th** beginning with a 9:00 am Mass followed by silent Auction—Lunch—Door Prizes and great entertainment. This year’s theme is “Color Your World with Prayer.” It is sure to be a fun and rewarding day. If you would like to attend, contact Anita at 685-3287 or Judi at 764-9080. *This event is open to ALL women of the parish.* **Also:** The Province of St. Paul & Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council is hosting a seminar June 13 – 14 in Monticello. The seminar is entitled, “Sowers of Hope!” and will feature several speakers. Register by May 15th; please see the brochure in the back of the church. Call Anita with questions.

2016 Diocesan Vocation Camp: Do you have a son in grades 7 – 10? Invite him to join an exciting week of sports, camping and prayer! Fr. Ben and seminarians will explore with them what it means to strive for greatness and to listen to God’s calling, perhaps even to the priesthood! Join other men who will play soccer, fish, celebrate Mass and much more! Talk to your pastor about a brochure or contact the Vocation Office. Camp dates are Battle Lake June 13-15, Avon Area June 20-22, Big Lake: July 11-13. We will pay the cost for your camp!

“Fishers of Men” Fish-a-thon: A new, unique Fishing Contest to support young men entering the seminary. The entry fee (\$15 for youth, \$30 Age 13 and older, or \$35 online) is a donation to the seminary students. Fish any body of water from Friday, July 8 at Noon to July 9th at 3 pm. Take a photo of your fish with the provided ruler. Photos will be shared at the Great Blue Heron at 3 pm on Saturday, July 9th with a slide show and prizes will be awarded. For more information, go to www.catholicfoundation.info.com.

St. Nick Baseball: The St. Nicholas Amateur team will play their next game in St. Nick against Luxemburg on Sunday, May 15th at 2pm.

Readings for the Week: Monday, May 16th: Jas 3:13-18 / Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday, May 17th: Jas 4:1-10 / Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday, May 18th: Jas 4:13-17 / Mk 9:38-40
Thursday, May 19th: Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:412-50
Friday, May 20th: Jas 5:9-12 / Mk 10:1-12

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!