

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

The Most Holy Trinity

May 22, 2016



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	764-5339
Julene Faber, Musician	685-7211	Prayer Line, Sue Frank	stfrank@meltel.net OR 764-9112
Melanie Pauls, Musician	309-5043	Ministry Scheduler, Annette Stang	764-5339
Rel. Ed Coordinator		Parish Council, Robert Kraemer	685-3715
		Parish Council, Marion Frank	764-9111
*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

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
May 23	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
May 24	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Edmund & Annie Walz
May 25	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
May 26	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Philip	+Gregor & Frances Schreiner
May 27	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
May 28	Saturday	{SN} 3:00 pm	Wedding: Tom Linn & Molly Manthe	
		{SN} 7:30 pm	Corpus Christi	Wilfred & Ardella Flaschenriem
May 29	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish

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 28 at 7:30 pm	Rita Schwartz	Emily Utecht Rachel Utecht	Laverne Ludwig Art Faber	Joe Decker
May 29 at 8:00 am	Elmer Frank Marion Frank Brenda Kraemer	Sarah Kraemer Kathy Kraemer	Robert Kraemer Don Dufner	Shirley Kuechle

Assumption Church in Eden Valley: Assumption Church is happy to celebrate 20 years of adoring our Blessed Lord in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. In honor of these past 20 years, on Sunday, May 29th, we will have benediction after our 10:00 am Mass followed by refreshments in the lower level. All are welcome!

Incense will be used: Just a reminder that incense will be used at next weekend’s Masses for Corpus Christi – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ.


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.

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.



Stewardship of Treasure May 15, 2016

Adult	\$XXX (33 of 162 envelopes)	Energy Needs	\$XXX (1 gift)
Youth	XXX (0 of 45 envelopes)		
Loose	XXX		
TOTAL	\$XXXXX		



Gospel Connection: A woman in need of help saw a row of cars parked at a church at noontime. Hoping that someone there might be able to help, she went inside and found a group gathered in a small meeting room. She asked if the church might be handing out food, but she was told that she had come on the wrong day. This was the weekly midday Scripture study group. The food pantry would be open next week. The woman was embarrassed for interrupting the Bible study, but said her family needed food that day, not next week. The parishioners apologized and said that she would simply have to wait until the twice-monthly food giveaway came around again. With a look of disappointment, the woman backed out of the church door and walked away empty-handed. That's when the group was interrupted a second time - but this time, the interruption was transformative rather than intrusive. Several participants got up from their chairs and followed the woman out the door. They did their best to meet her needs from their own resources. A couple of the women even offered to give her a ride to the grocery store and then back to her home with the food they had helped her to purchase for her family. In that interrupted Scripture study, the group was able to hear in the distressed woman's voice more than a plea for food. They heard God's invitation to partner in the work of making whole again the world that God loves so much. [From "*Living by the Word*" by Cleophus J. LaRue, *The Christian Century*, June 24, 2015.]

The Spirit of truth - that perfect love that binds God the Father to the Son and God to us - manifests itself in our lives in ways so ordinary that we barely notice. God "interrupts" our lives in different voices and people and circumstances - all guiding us to the "truth": that the meaning and purpose of our lives are realized in embracing and being embraced in the creative, sustaining love of God.

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!**

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

Peter’s Pence Collection: We are taking 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.

Bishop’s Charitable Golf Tournament: This tournament will take place on Monday, June 27th at Territory Golf Club in St. Cloud. Join Bishop Kettler for golf, hole contest, prizes and food. Parishioners are welcome to register their own 4-member teams (\$75/golfer). All proceeds go to “Generation Next” a fund for diocesan youth programs and retreats. Register at www.catholicfoundation.info or call Alice Coudron at 320-258-7656.

Focus Group: The St. John’s Graduate School of Theology & Seminary invite you to participate in a market research focus group. A \$30 Amazon Gift Card will be awarded for your participation. You must: be between the ages of 22 – 75, have an interest in theology, ministry, social justice or volunteer service work, be available either May 31st, June 1st or June 2nd. Sign up at csbsju.edu/sot/focusgroup

St. Nick Baseball: The St. Nicholas Amateur team will play their next game in St. Nick on Sunday, May 22nd at 2 pm against St. Augusta. There will also be a game on Friday, May 27th at 7:30 pm in Eden Valley. Come and cheer them on!

Readings for the Week: Monday, May 23rd: 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday, May 24th: 1 Pt 1:10-16 / Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday, May 25th: 1 Pt 1:18-25 / Mk 10:32-45
Thursday, May 26th: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 / Mk 10:46-52
Friday, May 27th: 1 Pt 4:7-13 / Mk 11:11-26

- 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!