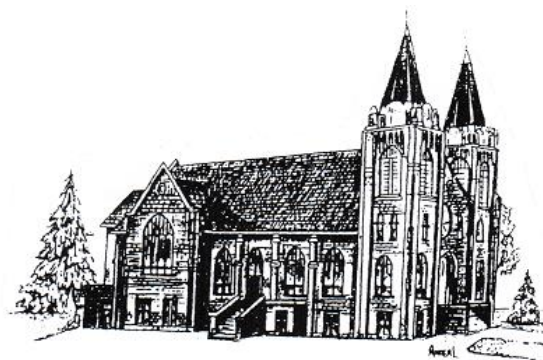


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2016



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Fr. Thomas Olson	398-2229	Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287
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		Trustee, Mike Kuechle	685-3225
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MASS SCHEDULE

June 25	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
June 26	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Fr. Richard Walz
June 27	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
June 28	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Irenaeus	+Ron Stommes
June 29	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Sts. Peter & Paul	
June 30	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Faithful Departed
July 1	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
July 2	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wilfred & Mary Ann Frank Family
July 3	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Sylvester Boeckmann

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
July 2 at 7:30 pm	Rita Schwartz	Emily Utecht Rachel Utecht	Laverne Ludwig Art Faber	Cassey Lahr
July 3 at 8:00 am	Marian Frank Elmer Frank Brenda Kraemer	Sarah Kraemer Kathy Kraemer	Sylvester Schreiner Robert Kraemer	Shirley Lutgen

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.



Religious Coordinator: Congratulations to Brenda Kraemer, as she has accepted the position of Religious Education Coordinator – taking over for Mat & Barb Walz. This will be in addition to Parish Secretary. Brenda would love to hear from you with **any** and **all** suggestions for our Religion program!!

Stewardship of Treasure June 19, 2016

Adult	\$XXX	(35 of 162 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Gospel Connection: One of the most remarkable books of 2016 is the memoir *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. Dr. Kalanithi was just completing a decade of training as a neurosurgeon when he was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he was a patient fighting for his own life. In an instant, the future he and his wife had planned and worked for evaporated and a new future had to be imagined. While pursuing his career in neurosurgery, he had postponed learning how to live. By the time he was ready to enjoy a life outside the operating room, what he needed to learn was how to die. Dr. Kalanithi died in March 2015, 22 months after the initial diagnosis. He left behind this beautifully written story of transformation in the wake of struggle and death, told with honesty and insight. The book ends with this reflection by Dr. Kalanithi on the nature of time:

"Time for me is now double-edged: every day brings me further from the low of my last relapse but closer to the next recurrence - and eventually, death. Perhaps later than I think, but sooner than I desire. There are, I imagine, two responses to that realization. The most obvious might be an impulse to frantic activity: to 'live life to the full,' to travel, to dine, to achieve a host of neglected ambitions. Part of the cruelty of cancer, though, is not only that it limits your time; it also limits your energy, vastly reducing the amount you can squeeze into a day. It is a tired hare who now races. And even if I had the energy, I prefer a more tortoise-like approach. I plod, I ponder. Some days, I simply persist . . . "In English, we use the word *time* in different ways. *The time is now two forty-five* versus *I'm going through a tough time*. These days, time feels less like a ticking clock and more like a state of being. Languor settles in. There's a feeling of openness. As a surgeon, focused on a patient in the OR, I might have found the position of the clock's hands arbitrary, but I never thought them meaningless. Now the time of day means nothing, the day of the week scarcely more. Medical training is relentlessly future-oriented, all about delayed gratification: you're always thinking about what you'll be doing five years down the line. But now I don't know what I'll be doing five years down the line. I may be dead. I may not be. I may be healthy. I may be writing. I don't know. And so it's not all that useful to spend time thinking about the future - that is, beyond lunch."

There is urgency to Jesus' call in today's Gospel to follow him in creating the Kingdom of God in our time and place. As Dr. Kalanithi comes to a new appreciation of the present in the face of his devastating illness, Jesus speaks bluntly of the need to act *now*, to make God's kingdom of mercy, compassion and peace a reality *immediately* for the good of the poor, the lost, the forgotten, the suffering. Consciously or unconsciously, we let so many agendas, interests and activities monopolize our days; Jesus' call to discipleship, however, demands a total, focused commitment to the Gospel that affects every moment, every decision, every relationship of our lives. To "follow" Jesus is to see that the true joy and meaning of God's gift of this life of ours is found in the hard but often hidden work of making the reign of God a reality in our place, in our time.

“Fishers of Men” Fish-a-thon: Thanks for everyone’s interest in the Fish-a-thon! The organizers were not prepared like they should be and have decided to postpone this event to a later date. They will advertise in the future! They hope that you will join them for what will be a bigger and better Fish-a-thon a little later!

Powerful Tools for Caregivers: Join us on Thursday mornings from 9 – 11:30 am at the Kimball United Methodist Church starting July 28th through September 1st to learn about taking care of yourself, while caring for an adult family member or friend. To register (by July 21st), please contact Cathy Phillips at 398-7700, ext 335 or for more information, contact Mike Lamb at 320-348-2322. See the bulletin board in the back of the church for a brochure.

St. Nick Baseball: The St. Nicholas Amateur team will play their next game in St. Augusta on Sunday, June 26th at 2 pm. They will also play in Watkins on Friday, July 1st at 7:30 pm.

Readings for the Week: Monday, June 27th: Am 2:6-10, 13-16 / Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday, June 28th: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 / Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday, June 29th: Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Mt 16:13-19
Thursday, June 30th: Am 7:10-17 / Mt 9:1-8
Friday, July 1st: Am 8:4-6, 9-12 / Mt 9:9-13

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, June 26th: St. Anna Church Bazaar. Mass at 10am, Chicken & ham dinner 11 am to 2 pm, Live music 1 – 5 pm, raffle, quilt raffle, gun raffle, games & amusements all day.
- Sunday, July 10th: Summer Breakfast at St. Boniface Church in Cold Spring sponsored by the Cold Spring Area Knights of Columbus. Serving eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns, pastries, fruit, etc. from 8:30am to 12:30pm.



The Road to Resurrection