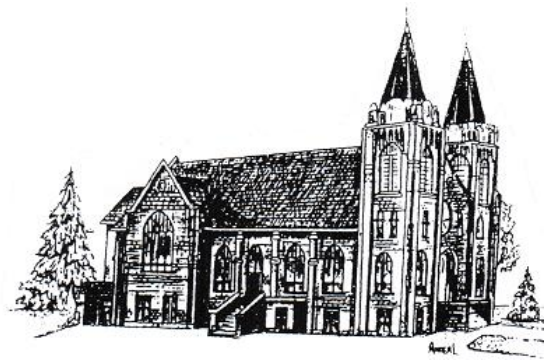


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 5, 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
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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

June 4	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Elmer & Flossy Lahr Anniversary
June 5	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	MCCL
June 6	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
June 7	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am {SN} 5 – 8 pm	Weekday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	+Elmer Hechtel
June 8	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
June 9	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Carl & Aggie Hennen
June 10	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
June 11	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Virginia Pozorski
June 12	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	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](http://www.churchofsaintnicholas.com)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
June 11 at 7:30 pm	Judi Schreiner	Mitchell Utecht Katelyn Utecht	Ralph Schreiner Jack Rausch	Judi Schreiner
June 12 at 8:00 am	Judy Schutz Gene Schutz Brenda Kraemer	Sarah Kraemer Kathy Kraemer	Elmer Frank Jerry Boeckmann	Lee Bautch

**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.



**A Message from Bishop Kettler:** A number of parishes in the Diocese of St. Cloud have recently been named as defendants in lawsuits stemming from the Minnesota Child Victims Act. As you may know, the act removed for 3 years the civil statute of limitations for historical cases of child sexual abuse. The deadline to file a claim was May 25, 2016.

Our parish has **NOT** been named in one of these lawsuits.

Most of these lawsuits arise out of misconduct that allegedly occurred many years ago – they are not allegations of recent abuse. No one currently in ministry in the parishes of our diocese has accusations of abuse reported against them. Attorneys on behalf of parishes and the diocese will work hard for a fair resolution of the lawsuits while allowing the work of the Church to continue. We will work with diocesan staff to keep you informed and updated on any further developments. More information is available at [www.stcldio.org](http://www.stcldio.org).

Please pray for a just resolution to these claims, and for healing for abuse victims and survivors, their families and friends, and our parish communities.

## Stewardship of Treasure May 29, 2016

Adult	\$XXX (33 of 162 envelopes)	Peter's Pence	\$XX (2 gifts)
Youth	XXX (0 of 45 envelopes)	Votive Stand	\$XXX
Loose	XXX		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>		



**Gospel Connection:** A year after the death of her daughter, a grieving mom writes to family and friends: "There are no appropriate words; nothing you can say that will make it better. But your calls, your visits, your invitations mean a lot to me. They remind me I am still alive and still have a life outside this tragedy. I cry a lot, and I am OK with that. I'm not embarrassed about it, and you shouldn't be, either. Don't suggest that I take medication. I'm entitled to my emotions. I need to feel, to grieve. I want to talk about my daughter. I want to say her name and hear her name, and if I cry, it's OK. Please don't avoid talking to me because you don't want to upset me. I will cry either alone or in front of you, and I don't want you to feel uncomfortable or guilty. If what you tell me is true, that you think of me all the time, please call me or send me an e-mail. Don't wait for that random grocery-aisle meeting to tell me how much I am on your mind . . . My loss is not contagious. You shouldn't be scared to be with me. Any discomfort you initially feel should subside if you give it a chance and give me a chance. If you are planning an evening out, a lunch date, a getaway, please make an effort to include me. I often feel like a pariah. My intention is not to 'bring you down,' and I do my best not to burden anyone with my sadness. Don't feel awkward inviting me to have some 'fun,' and don't assume I won't join in, so why even bother asking. I may often decline, but it is comforting to be included. Being excluded is killing me . . . If you see my kids, don't just ask them how I am doing; please ask them how they are doing. They lost their older sister, their confidante, their best friend, and need to know that people are concerned about them, too. This loss happened to my whole family - all of us. I realized this past year, after the last meal was dropped off, the last card arrived, and the official visits were over, everyone's lives resumed, except for ours. Yes, we go through the motions, smiling, working, shopping, nodding, and telling people we are fine. But deep inside there is that void, that constant ache that will always be there, as it should be, and that is all right with me." [Roberta Levine Waters, "A Grieving Mom's Request," *The Boston Globe Magazine*, March 8, 2015.]

In today's Gospel, Jesus encounters the widow of Nain who is burying her son and, Luke writes, "was moved with pity" for her. While we feel the heartbreak for survivors like the widow and the mom grieving for her daughter, we don't know what to do or say and so we avoid them. But in her letter to her family and friends, this grieving mother offers all of us a lesson in compassion. While we cannot restore their loved ones to life as Jesus does in today's Gospel, we can restore the grieving to life - we can help them cross the bridge from their isolating grief to being part of the community again. It does not require an understanding of the psychology of grief; it begins with loving and caring enough to call, to invite, to inquire, to offer. There are no words that will make it better - we can only offer the compassion that is of God that heals and restores in its own good time.

**Congratulations!** Congratulations to Elmer & Flossy Lahr, who are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! May the Lord continue to Bless them!



**Cemetery Tree Trimming:** The Cemetery Committee is asking for volunteers to help with trimming the trees and bushes in the cemetery on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Please contact Ralph Schreiner at 764-9080 or Dave Stang at 764-5339 if you have any questions. Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> will be the back-up date in case of rain.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> with a slide show and prizes will be awarded. For more information and registration, go to [www.catholicfoundation.info.com](http://www.catholicfoundation.info.com).

**Bishop's Charitable Golf Tournament:** This tournament will take place on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.catholicfoundation.info) or call Alice Coudron at 320-258-7656.

**Powerful Tools for Caregivers:** Join us on Thursday mornings from 9 – 11:30 am at the Kimball United Methodist Church starting July 28<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup> to learn about taking care of yourself, while caring for an adult family member or friend. To register (by July 21<sup>st</sup>), 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.

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**St. Nick Baseball:** The St. Nicholas Amateur team will play their next game in St. Nick against Pearl Lake at 2 pm. There will be a special recognition for Andy Lahr, as his number 15 will be retired. There will be a short ceremony 15 minutes before the start of the game. Come and cheer them on and congratulate Andy! There will also be games in Cold Spring on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm and in Kimball on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>: 1 Kgs 17:1-6 / Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>: 1 Kgs 17:7-16 / Mk 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>: 1 Kgs 18:20-39 / Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>: 1 Kgs 18:41-46 / Mt 5:20-26

Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 / Mt 5:27-32

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>: Cold Spring Area K of C Breakfast at St. Boniface in Cold Spring from 8:30 – 12:30. The menu will be eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns, pastries, cinnamon bread, fruit & beverages.