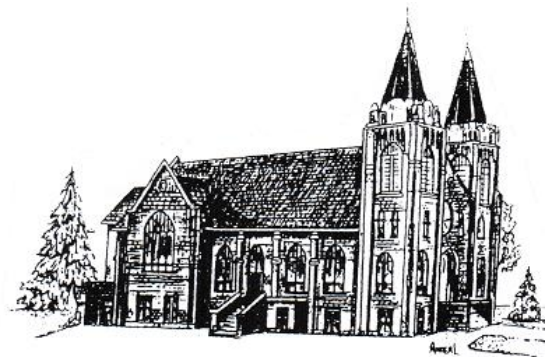


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2016



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		Trustee, Mike Kuechle	685-3225
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MASS SCHEDULE

July 30	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Alfred & Cel Schreiner
July 31	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Gregor Schreiner
Aug 1	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	St. Alphonsus	
Aug 2	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Donald Molitor
		{SN} 5 – 8 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Aug 3	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
		{SA} 9am – 7 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Aug 4	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. John Vianney	+John & Julia Schutz
Aug 5	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Aug 6	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Jean Flaschenriem
Aug 7	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	19 th 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


LITURGICAL MINISTRIES				
	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Aug 6 at 7:30 pm	Louise Schutz	Emily Utecht Rachel Utecht	Robert Wehseler Ron Steil	Cassey Lahr
Aug 7 at 8:00 am	Marion Frank Elmer Frank Trish Ludwig	Luke Ludwig Maggie Ludwig	Paul Ludwig Ron Stang	Mike Kuechle



Combined Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 7th: The Combined Parish Picnic will be held after 10:00 am Mass at St. Anne’s on Sunday, August 7th. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend! All are welcome! All the food is provided!


Blood Drive: Maggie Ludwig, daughter of Paul & Trish, is helping to organize a Blood Drive. Maggie would love to have more donors!! The Blood Drive will be held **on Wednesday, August 10th from 1-7pm** at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Eden Valley. If you can donate, call Maggie at (320)282-8876 and she will schedule an appointment for you!



Stewardship of Treasure July 24, 2016				
Adult	XXX	(39 of 162 envelopes)	Energy Needs	
Youth	XXX	(3 of 45 envelopes)		
Loose	XXX			
TOTAL	\$XXXXX			

Gospel Connection: This time of year, kids set up lemonade stands to make some extra pocket money. But nine-year-old Tristan Jacobsen is not your typical summertime entrepreneur. He set up his stand to earn money for something special: his adoption. Tristan was abandoned when he was four by his birth mother, whose life was a nightmare of drugs and sexual encounters with strangers - often while Tristan was in the room. As a result, the nine-year-old is coping with a number of emotional issues, including attention deficit disorder and depression. Donnie Davis and her husband have been caring for Tristan for the past five years and want to legally adopt Tristan, but the legal fees, close to \$10,000, are prohibitively high. So, wanting to help, Tristan began selling lemonade one weekend in April. And he sold a lot of lemonade. His stand attracted hundreds of thirsty - and generous - customers when word spread of the third-grader's enterprise. The stand raised close to \$7,000; an online fund-raiser brought in another \$9,000. Prior to the opening of Tristan's stand, the Davis family had done everything to save money for the adoption: cancelling a summer vacation and getting cheaper cell phone and internet service. Donnie even stopped getting her hair and nails done. Donnie maintains that whether legally adopted or not, Tristan "is absolutely our son. He is in our hearts . . . [the adoption] is more for reassurance for him, knowing that he has his forever family and he has our name." And the experience helped the struggling nine-year-old to see that there are good people in the world. The adoption should be finalized by the end of the year. [The Week; The Huffington Post; The Springfield News-Leader; People.com.]

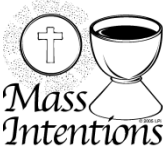
Tristan's lemonade stand should make all of us realize that the most important and valuable things in our lives do not have price tags; they are not stored in our all-ready bulging closets and stuffed attics and basements. The real treasure of life is the selfless and affirming love that is and of God, love that creates and embraces, affirms and consoles, enriches and lifts up. The fullness of life is to seek that unique, simple but profound love that is centered in gratitude to its Author and then working to share that love with those with whom we are privileged to journey through this life with.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St. Nicholas on Tuesday, August 2nd from 5 to 8 pm and at St. Anne’s on Wednesday, August 3rd from 9 am to 7 pm. Won’t you come and spend some time with the Lord

Tour of the Divine Mercy Chapels: The Melrose/Sauk Centre Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be hosting a tour of the Divine Mercy Chapels in the St. Cloud Diocese on Friday, Aug. 5, 2016. The day will begin with Mass at 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Church in Sauk Centre, followed by a visit to the Divine Mercy Shrine at St. Paul's Church, also in Sauk Centre, where we will also have a continental breakfast. We will then proceed to the Shrine of St. Peregrine at St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, the Assumption (Grasshopper) Chapel in Cold Spring, the Shrine of St. Cloud, St. Mary's Cathedral, and finally to the Shrine of St. Odilia, Crosier Priory, Onamia. The tour is open to anyone, not only ladies. You are asked to car-pool and bring a bag lunch. You can join us for the entire day, or just part of it, as you wish. Out of respect for the generosity of the women of St. Paul's, who are hosting the breakfast, we ask you to RSVP so they can accommodate all. To RSVP or for additional info, please call Irene Schmidt @ 320-290-1395 or Jean Zwilling @ 320-492-7069. We are looking forward to spending a "spirit filled" day at the invitation of Pope Francis in this "Year of Mercy".

Baptismal Class: The next Baptismal Class will be held on Thursday, August 18th at 7 pm at St. Anne’s. This class is for all expectant parents who have never taken this class OR you have not taken this class in our parish before. It should be taken BEFORE the birth of your child. Both parents are expected to attend. Call St. Anne’s to register at 398-2211. **If you know of someone who should take this class, please tell them!!



Mass Intentions: An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one’s soul. If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, please drop it in the collection in an envelope marked “Mass Intention” or contact Brenda in the Parish Office. Mass intentions are \$10.

Readings for the Week: Monday, Aug 1st: Jer 28:1-17 / Mt 14:13-21
 Tuesday, Aug 2nd: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 / Mt 14:22-36 Wednesday, Aug 3rd: Jer 31:1-7 / Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday, Aug 4th: Jer 31:31-34 / Mt 16:13-23 Friday, Aug 5th: Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7 / Mt 16:24-28

Community Events:

- Sunday, July 31st: Luxemburg Parish Bazaar. Mass at 10 am followed by a chicken & ham dinner, games, music and lots more.
- Saturday, Aug 13th: St. James Parish, Jacobs Prairie Barbeque Pork Chop and Corn on the Cob Feed from 4 pm – 9 pm. Menu includes barbecue pork chops, corn on the cob, potato salad, cabbage salad, beverages. All the corn you can eat!
- Sunday, August 14th: Cold Spring Area Knights of Columbus “Summer Breakfast” from 8:30 to 12:30 at St. Boniface Church in Cold Spring. Menu includes eggs, hash browns, sausage, ham, pastries cinnamon bread, beverages.
- 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!