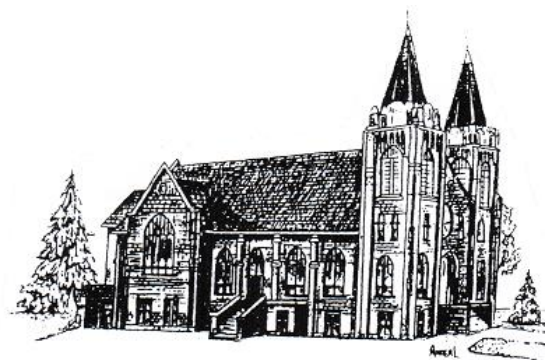


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2016



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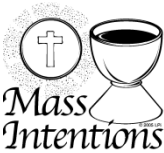
MASS SCHEDULE

Aug 20	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Aug 21	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Jake Foehrenbacher
Aug 22	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Aug 23	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Ben & Mary Neu Family
Aug 24	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Bartholomew	
Aug 25	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Ron Stommies
Aug 26	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Aug 27	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Eugene Mueller
Aug 28	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Frances Schreiner

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 27 at 7:30 pm	Elmer Neu	Damian Lincoln Connor Lincoln	Laverne Ludwig Art Faber	Elmer Neu
Aug 28 at 8:00 am	Steve Stang Sandy Stang Mike Kuechle	Michael Dufner Landon Winkelman	John Hopfer Dean Dufner	Shirley Lutgen



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.

Quarterly Meetings: Christian Women, Men's Society and Catholic United’s Quarterly meetings will be held on September 4th at 7:30 pm for the Catholic United and 8:00 for Men's and Women's Meetings. Meeting will be held in the Church basement. Lunch/Bars/cake: Lucy Schreiner and Diane Lang.

Stewardship of Treasure August 14, 2016					
Adult	\$XXX	(30 of 162 envelopes)	Energy Needs	\$XXX (1 gift)	
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)			
Loose	XXX				
TOTAL	\$XXXXX				

Gospel Connection: The movie *Brooklyn* (based on the novel by Colm Toibin) is the charming story of young Irish woman's journey from the yesterday to tomorrow. Eilis Lacey grew up in a small Irish village in the early 1950s. She is bright, open and industrious - and there's not much meaningful opportunity for her in her hometown. With the encouragement of her older sister Rose who wants more for her, Eilis decides to make a new life for herself in New York- Brooklyn, to be precise. While the streets of Brooklyn aren't paved with gold, she discovers many doors are at least partially open to her - if she has the courage to walk through them. It is not a promising start: she suffers serious seasickness on the ocean crossing; the letters from home only exacerbate her homesickness; she feels lost and alienated in this fast-moving, busy American city. But there are people along the way who help Eilis through: the benevolent priest who guides her through this strange, new world; the sharpened-tongued landlady who recognizes Eilis' innate kindness and generosity and looks out for her; and her haughty supervisor at the department store who steps in to step up Eilis' fashion sense. In time, Eilis manages to move beyond her loneliness. She takes night classes in accounting and excels. And she meets Tony and his Italian-American family. Eilis has a future. But Eilis is suddenly called back to Ireland for a family emergency. It's a difficult, confusing homecoming. Little has changed in Ireland - but Eilis has changed more than she's realized. She finally confronts her guilt for leaving her mother and sister and the cruel narrowness of her past. As Eilis says, her body has been in America for some time, but her heart had not made it fully across the ocean. Now it, too, had completed the crossing. On her way back to America, Eilis befriends another young Irish woman making her way to America: "You'll feel so homesick that you'll want to die, and there's nothing you can do about it apart from endure it. But you will, and it won't kill you. And one day the sun will come out - you might not even notice straight away, it'll be that faint. And then you'll catch yourself thinking about something or someone who has no connection with the past. Someone who's only yours. And you'll realize . . . that this is where your life is."

As Eilis discovers, life is a series of difficult passages, "narrow doors" we all struggle through - and there is no easy way to pass through them. The "narrow door" is the way of limitless love, unconditional forgiveness, sacrificial selflessness; it can only be entered by letting go of our fears, our control, our pride, our self-absorption; it is to be humble enough to realize the greatness of God's creation and the grace to seek the love of God within it. By taking the "narrow door," we move beyond easy answers and immediate gratification to discover the meaning and purpose of this life God has given us. And more often than not, we can be that "door" for someone struggling through.

Household Hazardous Waste Pickup: There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Pickup at the St. Nicholas Church parking lot on **Wednesday, August 24th from 9 to 11 am.** Products accepted for disposal are: Adhesives, aerosols, automobile chemicals, cleaners, fuels, fluorescent bulbs, garden chemicals, mercury, mothballs, paints, poisons, pool chemicals, roofing tar, sealers, solvents. Products NOT accepted include: appliances, antifreeze, business waste, demolition wastes, electronics, explosives, furniture, household garbage, medical waste, pharmaceutical waste, tires, unknowns, used motor oil. Oil & antifreeze have separate drop off sites. The complete list is posted at the back of Church, or check the Stearns County website.

DCCW 63rd Annual Fall Conference: The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will have their 63rd Annual Fall Conference Saturday, September 17, 2016 hosted by Melrose/Sauk Centre deanery at St. Mary’s Catholic School – 320 5th Ave SE in Melrose. All women in the St. Cloud Diocese are invited. The theme this year is “Women – Instrument of God’s Mercy.” Registration & refreshments are at 8:30 am followed by speaker, Fr. Mitchell Bechtold, followed by Mass and lunch. The afternoon speaker is Michael Stalboerger from Birthline. Registration fee is \$15 by Sept. 9th. Make checks to Melrose/Sauk Centre Deanery and mail to Gloria Roelike, 414 Todd Street S, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

Sermon on the Mount: TV star, Frank Runyeon, will be performing “Sermon on the Mount” on Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 pm at the EV-W High School. This is a One-man drama presentation about scripture and faith. It will teach about Jesus’s journey of faith and to inspired youth and families. This is a family-friendly event and is open to the public. The cost is a free-will offering to help with the cost.

Readings for the Week: Monday, Aug 22nd: Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 / Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday, Aug. 23rd: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 / Mt 23:23-26 Wednesday, Aug. 24th: Rv 21:9b-14 / Jn 1:45-51
Thursday, Aug. 25th: 1 Cor 1:1-9 / Mt 24:42-51 Friday, Aug. 26th: 1 Cor 1:17-25 / Mt 25:1-13

- Community Events:**
- Saturday, Aug. 20th: St. Boniface Parish Festival: Bluegrass Mass at 5 pm, 6pm Food, beverage, kid’s games open with music. Fireworks at 10 pm: **Sunday, Aug 21st:** Parade at 10 am, 11 am stands open, 2 pm quilt auction, 4:30 Raffle & Car Drawing.
 - Saturday, Aug. 27th: St. Martin Parish Festival. Parade at 11 am. Kid’s games & bean bag tournament at 1:30 pm. Food & beer stands. Mass at 4 pm. Evening music by Fabulous Armadillos with no cover charge. Fireworks at dusk.
 - Sunday, Aug. 28th: Quilt Bingo at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Center in Richmond with doors opening at 5:00 pm. Visit www.ssppr.com to see photos of quilts. Bring your dabbers!
 - 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!