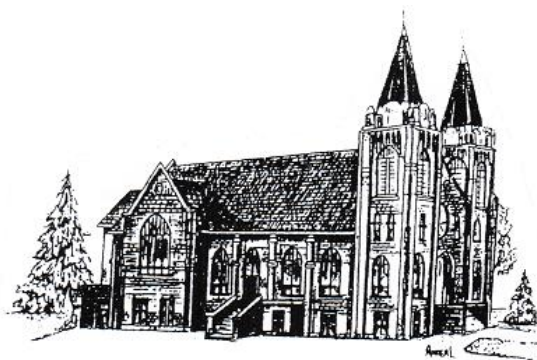


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2016



| PARISH STAFF | | PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS | |
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| Fr. Thomas Olson | 398-2229 | Christian Women, Anita Neu | 685-3287 |
| Brenda Kraemer, Secretary | 764-7345 | Men's Society, David Stang | 764-5339 |
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| | | Parish Council, Paul Ludwig | 764-2336 |
| | | Parish Council, Angie Spitzley | 453-2091 |
| | | Parish Council, Roger Utecht | 253-9547 |
| | | Parish Council, Sandy Stang | 764-2030 |
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| *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. | | | |

MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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 |
| Aug 29 | Monday | {SA} 8:00 am | Passion of St. John the Baptist | |
| Aug 30 | Tuesday | {SN} 8:00 am | Weekday | +Harry Frank |
| Aug 31 | Wednesday | {SA} 8:30 am | Weekday | |
| Sept 1 | Thursday | {SN} 8:00 am | Weekday | +Edmund & Annie Walz |
| Sept 2 | Friday | NO MASS | Weekday | |
| Sept 3 | Saturday | {SN} 7:30 pm | 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | +Alfred & Cele Schreiner |
| Sept 4 | Sunday | {SN} 8:00 am | 23 rd 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.

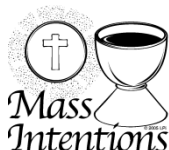
Weddings: Engaged couples should see the pastor at least 6 months before the planned wedding date.

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 |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Sept 3 at 7:30 pm | Rita Schwartz | Nathan Utecht Derek Utecht | Tom Landwehr Jack Rausch | Joe Decker |
| Sept 4 at 8:00 am | Marion Frank Elmer Frank Kelly Bautch | Andrew Bautch Michael Bautch | Jerry Boeckman Phil Vossen | Lee Bautch |



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 21, 2016

Adult \$XXX (40 of 162 envelopes)
Youth XXX (1 of 45 envelopes)
Loose XXX
TOTAL \$XXXXX

Energy Needs \$XXX (2 gifts)
Assumption of Mary \$XXX (12 gifts)



Gospel Connection: At a small school outside of Amman, Jordan, a Syrian refugee mother begged the principal to accept her daughter into the school. The principal explained that there was no space. The Syrian refugee crisis had added tens of thousands of refugee children to all of Jordan's already-crowded schools, and this small school was no exception. But this mother, who had already been turned away by several schools, would not give up. So the principal, Maha Salim Al-Ashqar, made a deal with her: "I will register your daughter, if you bring a chair for her. I will not make my students sit on the floor so we need a chair . . ." That was three years ago - and that's been the policy at the Khwala Bint Tha'alba Elementary School for Girls ever since. Bring a chair - and you're in. Many families who have fled violence and war in their home country have brought all kinds of small plastic chairs for their children so they would have a place to learn. Already filled to capacity with almost 300 Jordanian students, the school has accepted an additional 65 chair-carrying Syrian students. But simply accepting the students is only the beginning. Many of the children have suffered untold trauma and are in need of special counseling and care as a result of the violence they have seen in their homelands and on their dangerous journeys to freedom. Principal Al-Ashqar and her teachers make sure that their students not only get an education but find a place of safety and a sense of belonging in their new home. The school offers refugee students, who otherwise might get no schooling or attend low-quality schools, the chance at an equal footing with their Jordanian peers. Parents who would have been happy if their children could learn just to write their names now dare to have bigger dreams for them. "I really love my school, and I also love my students," the principal says. "And I think love is giving as much as you can, by helping and supporting them to take away their hurt." And love at the Khwala Bint Tha'Alba School begins by pulling up a chair. [NBC News; mashable.com]

Jesus envisions his Church to be a place where there is always room for another chair. What has happened at the Khwala Bint Tha'Alba School is what Jesus asks not only of our schools but of our churches and institutions and even our homes: to embrace a spirit of welcome and respect that mirrors the limitless, unconditional love of God. Jesus assures us that to make room for another chair at our table is to make room for our own chair at God's table in eternity.

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
Tuesday, Aug. Wednesday, Aug.
Thursday, Aug. Friday, Aug.

Community Events:

- Sunday, Aug. 28th: Quilt Bingo at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Center in Richmond with doors opening at 5:00 pm. Visit www.sspr.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!



St. Anne's Fall Festival: Held on Sunday, September 18th

Mass at 9:00 am with live Polka music by Laverne & the Starlights

Breakfast served from 9 am to 12 pm. The menu features Nelson Bros. Fritter Bread French Toast, Knaus sausage, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, and beverages.

Schiefelbein Hamburgers and Beer Stand from 10 am to the end

Bean Bag Tournament with an 11 am sign up – 11:30 am start.

Raffle Drawing at 3 pm with the Grand Prize being a 2016 Cub Cadet LX 42" Lawn Tractor

Many Other Activities throughout the day!

