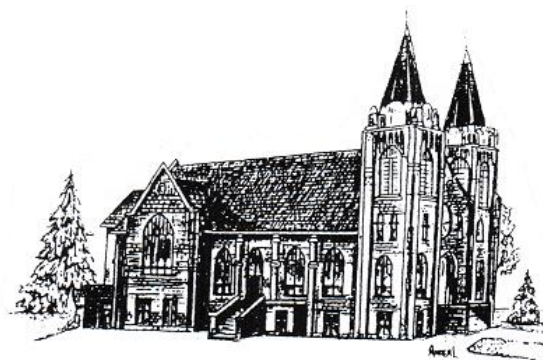


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2016



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sept 17	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sept 18	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ewald Johannes
Sept 19	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Sept 20	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Sts Andrew and Paul	+Msgr. Daniel Taufen
Sept 21	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St Matthew	
Sept 22	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+William & Catherine Johannes
Sept 23	Friday	NO MASS	St. Pius	
Sept 24	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	MCCL Respect for Life
Sept 25	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Eileen Kern

****St. Anne’s Sunday, Sept 18th Mass will be at 9:00 am because of the Fall Festival – St. Nicholas will still have the 8:00 Mass with Fr. Eb Schefers; please welcome him here that day!****

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 24 at 7:30 pm	Judi Schreiner	Mitchell Utecht Katelyn Utecht	Laverne Ludwig Ralph Schreiner	Judi Schreiner
Sept 25 at 8:00 am	Annette Stang Lee Bautch Greg Utecht	Breanna Stang Olivia Metzger	John Hopfer Orville Cremers	Dave Stang

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.



Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the CCHD! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry our Jesus’ mission to “bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.” (Lk 4:18). You can still contribute, please use the envelope in your pack.

Stewardship of Treasure September 11, 2016			
Adult	\$XXX (40 of 162 envelopes)	CCHD	\$XXX (2 gifts)
Youth	XXX (3 of 45 envelopes)		
Loose	XXX		
TOTAL	\$XXXXX		



Gospel Connection: Rachel is a heroine in the hospital's oncology department. Rachel is a wig-maker. But she is more than that. As one of her clients writes, "she is a one-person support group, combining her styling skills with the background of a therapist, the intimacy of a close friend, and the understanding of a sister." When she graduated from cosmetology school, Rachel had no interest in a marquee salon downtown. Her aunt's battle with Hodgkin's disease led her to this work. Twenty-four years later, she is a seasoned hairstylist and the guru of hair loss. A woman diagnosed with breast cancer remembers her first meeting with Rachel: "It was clear that she was the lifesaver I'd cling to during this ordeal, because she knew exactly what to say and when to hug - and because she was deft with a box of tissues, which appeared as if by magic when the first tears fell." Rachel worked with her to find a wig and a style that would look and feel natural. Then came the question about the woman's baldness-to-come: Should she shave it off or watch it go gradually? With the gentle wisdom and understanding that came from 24 years of these conversations, Rachel offered a number of suggestions and options. Then Rachel got to the point: "So much of your experience with cancer is out of your control. A lot of women like to take control where they can. You can decide when you'll lose your hair, instead of letting the cancer treatment decide for you." A few weeks later, the woman returned and asked Rachel to shave her beautiful dark locks. Rachel sat her down in her chair and turned her away from the mirror. Rachel worked gently and quickly. When she had finished, the woman writes, "Rachel twirled me around to face the mirror and somehow, in the same motion, she wrapped her arms around me from behind and placed her chin on the back of my chair. We were practically cheek-to-cheek. I stared. The tissues again appeared. Rachel was silent for as long as I needed. It was over. Rachel had virtually lifted and carried me up the first gruesome step of my recovery." [From "My wig specialist" by Susan Sloane, *The Boston Sunday Globe Magazine*, June 19, 2016.]

A hairdresser devotes her skills to helping women clear the first emotionally wrenching hurdles in their recoveries from breast cancer. In his parable of the crafty manager, Jesus challenges us: Should not the same skill and cleverness we use to create "dishonest" wealth be used to make possible the things of God? Rachel's skills as a beautician become a vehicle for extending compassion, understanding and hope to women undergoing a traumatic time in their lives; she invests the "wealth" she possesses to create possibilities for a better life for others. Our faith should challenge us to be as eager and as ingenious for the sake of God's reign, to be as ready and willing to use our time and "wealth" to create God's Kingdom of justice and peace as we are to secure our own security and happiness.

Religious Education: Classes this year will begin on Wednesday, October 5th. Registration material and the schedule for the year will sent out this week! We will begin with the Living Rosary in Church on October 5th. Parents are asked to be there and participate in the rosary! We are still in need of one teacher and anyone who would be available to fill in for a few classes during the year. Please contact Brenda in the Parish Office! The teacher’s meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00 pm in the Parish House.

Banns of Marriage III: There is a promise of Marriage between Bridget Gerads and Michael Holbrook here at St. Nicholas on Saturday, September 24th.

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.

ACT-Oberfest Variety Show: The annual Variety Show will be held on Sunday, October 16th from 2 – 4 pm at the Freeport Community Center for entertainment for the entire family. Bishop Kettler, various priests and youth will perform music and comedy. There will be food available for purchase and free refreshments. No tickets needed, but all guests will have an opportunity to contribute to *Generation Next*, a fund for diocesan youth retreats and faith activities.

Readings for the Week: Monday, Sept. 19th: Prv 3:27-34 / Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday, Sept. 20th: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 / Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday, Sept. 21st: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:9-13
 Thursday, Sept. 22nd: Eccl 1:2-11 / Lk 9:7-9
 Friday, Sept. 23rd: Eccl 3:1-11 / Lk 9:18-22

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!**

Community Events:

- The next program begins Sept 23, 2016: Retrouvaille is a program that offers support & help to couples in hurting & strained marriages. Call 320-255-5314 or check the website: www.helpourmarriage.org for more information.
- Saturday, September 24th: 3rd Annual Partnership Barn Dance 4:30 – 9:00 pm held at Mark & Carla Hoelscher Farm: 23942 370th Street in Browerville, MN. Free Will donation. Outdoor Mass at 4:30 with Bishop Kettler. Many activities to follow!
- Sept 30 – Oct 2nd: Beginning Experience Weekend for divorced, widowed or separated adults and young people ages 12 & up. Held in Alexandria, MN. To receive an application or more info: call 888-565-0178 or beginningexperiencecentralmn.org.
- Saturday, Oct. 1st: St. Wendelin Parish in Luxemburg Roast Beef Supper serving from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.
- Sunday, Oct. 2nd: Assumption Church in Eden Valley Fall Dinner serving from 10:30 – 1 pm. Roast Beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, coleslaw, corn, dinner rolls, homemade pies and beverages. Take-out meals are available. This is a Catholic United Matching Grant!
- March 24 – 26: Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Baxter, MN. For more info: northmnwwme.org or call 888-455-3496.