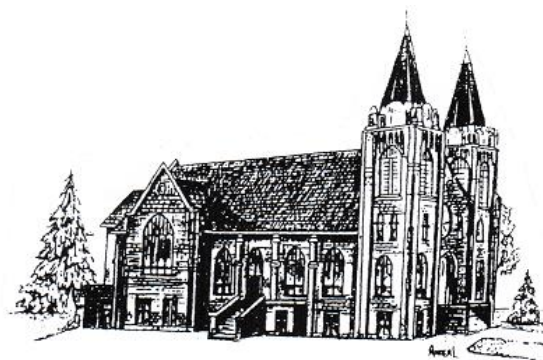


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 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
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		Parish Council, Marion Frank	764-9111
		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
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MASS SCHEDULE

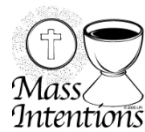
Sept 24	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	MCCL Respect for Life
Sept 25	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Eileen Kern
Sept 26	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Sept 27	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St Vincent	+Esther Brinker
Sept 28	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Sept 29	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	+Michael Rausch
Sept 30	Friday	NO MASS	St. Jerome	
Oct 1	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Oct 2	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Loren Linn

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
Oct 1 at 7:30 pm	Rick Utecht	Nathan Utecht Derek Utecht	Jack Rausch Tom Landwehr	Lucy Schreiner
Oct 2 at 8:00 am	Mary Caskey Brenda Kraemer Shirley Lutgen	Sarah Kraemer Kathy Kraemer	Ron Stang Robert Kraemer	Doug Caskey

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.



Flood Relief: The United States Bishops, along with Bishop Kettler, are asking all parishes to take up a special collection to help the people of Louisiana from their recent flood. Therefore, next weekend the loose collection will be for the flood victims. Please give generously!

Stewardship of Treasure September 18, 2016					
Adult	\$XXX	(27 of 162 envelopes)	CCHD	\$XXX (1 gift)	
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)	Energy Needs	\$XXX (2 gifts)	
Loose	XXX				
TOTAL	\$XXXXX				


Gospel Connection: She was quiet and painfully shy, overwhelmed by the more outgoing personalities of the family she married into years before. She was devoted to her husband; at family gatherings, she stuck to her husband's side, stroking the family dog, as the nieces and nephews buzzed around them. Her conversations were little more than, "Hi, good to see you. How are you?" She always baked for family gatherings - but except for the tarts and cookies, she barely registered. She and her husband lived only a few neighborhoods away. When they sent birthday and holiday presents, they received thank-you notes when the recipients could easily have walked over. One Christmas she knitted sweaters that quickly found their way to the bottom of closets. She and her husband gave generously. The family responded minimally. Not that they were mean or inconsiderate, just busy with their lives. Her husband died first. She continued to live in the house nearby, but without his connection, she saw the family less and less. One niece had grown fond of her; the rest drifted away as they grew up, went to school, got married and had children of their own. When she died, rather suddenly, the niece took it upon herself to pack up the house. At a Sunday family dinner, she came with mementos: photos, paintings, small pieces of furniture. She also brought a large stuffed envelope. She poured its contents on a table: their thank-you notes. She had saved them. We often realize too late what we mean to one another. [Inspired by the essay "A small token, a memento" by Elissa Ely, *The Boston Globe*, October 2, 2010.]

Jesus' story about Lazarus and the rich man seems to belong to a time long ago and a place far away - but the fact is that there are many Lazaruses at our own gates whom we overlook, ignore, dismiss. Lazarus may be sitting at the desk right next to us; Lazarus may even be sitting at our dinner table every night. Today's Gospel challenges us to remove the blinders of self-centeredness from our eyes and hearts to see God in our midst in the poor, the forgotten, the isolated, the marginalized; to realize the dignity of every human being as created in the image of God; to possess the humility that enables us to embrace one another as brothers and sisters, sons and daughters of God.

Religious Education: Classes this year will begin on Wednesday, October 5th. Please return your registration forms as soon as you can, either in the collection basket or by mail. 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.

Living Rosary: The Living Rosary will be said on Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00 pm in the Church. This is the first day of our Religious Education classes. **ALL PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!** If you have never attended a Living Rosary, this is an amazing experience! The rosary extends around the entire church and each bead becomes a person. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!





Congratulations! Congratulations to Bridget Gerads and Michael Holbrook, who exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, September 24th. May the Lord be with them as they begin married life!

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.

Stations of the Cross: The Parish Council has a request of our parishioners. They were wondering if anyone knows if the present Stations of the Cross that are hung in Church were donated by and individual or family. If you know of someone, please contact Fr. Tom!

Readings for the Week: Monday, Sept. 26th: Jb 1:6-22 / Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday, Sept. 27th: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 / Lk 9:51-56
Thursday, Sept. 29th: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday, Sept. 28th: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 / Lk 9:57-62
Friday, Sept. 30th: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 / Lk 10:13-16

- Community Events:**
- 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!
 - Saturday, Oct. 15th: German Dinner at St. Martin Parish Center. Serving Authentic German food, beer & wine from 3 pm to 8:30 pm. Dinner reservations recommended for sit down dinner. Please phone 320-548-3647. Handicap accessible.
 - Thursday, Oct. 27th: Estate & Pre-planning Funeral Seminar at Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond at 5:30 pm. Call 685-7762 to reserve your spot. There will be a number of speakers with a variety of pre-planning topics.
 - March 24 – 26: Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Baxter, MN. For more info: northmnwwme.org or call 888-455-3496.