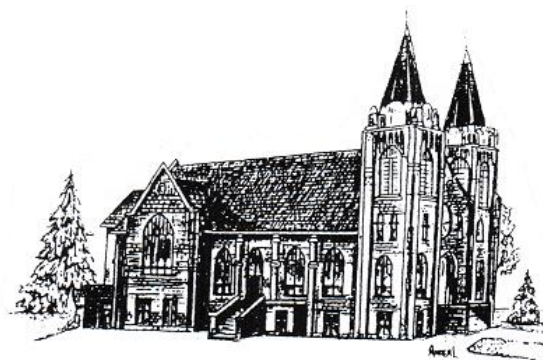


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2016



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		Parish Council, Sandy Stang	764-2030
		Trustee, Mike Kuechle	685-3225
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MASS SCHEDULE

Oct 15	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Oct 16	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Loren Linn
Oct 17	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	St. Ignatius	
Oct 18	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Luke	Special Intention S.S.
Oct 19	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Sts. John, Isaac and Companions	
Oct 20	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Bill & Barb Mateer
Oct 21	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 22	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Int. – Decker Family
Oct 23	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Jake Foehrenbacher

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 22 at 7:30 pm	Louise Schutz	Mitchell Utecht Katelyn Utecht	Laverne Ludwig Ralph Schreiner	Cassey Lahr
Oct 23 at 8:00 am	Marion Frank Elmer Frank Gene Schutz	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Sy Schreiner Phil Vossen	Shirley Lutgen




MASS TIME CHANGE: That time of year is fast approaching when St. Nicholas and St. Anne’s switch Sunday Mass times. This year, the switch will begin on Sunday, November 6th! St. Anne’s will have the 8:00 am Mass and St. Nicholas will have the 10:00 am Mass. Please mark your calendars for this change!! There is no change for Saturday Mass.

Cemetery Flowers: The Cemetery Committee has asked that all flowers be removed from the cemetery by November 5th. This will be in effect until Spring.

Breakfast at St. Nicholas! We will be hosting our Fall Breakfast on **Sunday, October 30, 2016**. We will be serving from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. The menu will be ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, fruit and donut balls, juice and coffee. Bake sale and raffle included. Group 5 and Group 1 will be hosting. Group 5 will arrive at 7:30 and work until 10:30 and Group 1 working from 10:30 to close. Mark your calendars and plan on having breakfast at St. Nicholas!!

Stewardship of Treasure October 9, 2016

Adult	\$XXX (35 of 162 envelopes)	Energy Needs	\$XXX (4 gifts)
Youth	XXX (1 of 45 envelopes)	Religious Education	\$XXX (7 gifts)
Loose	XXX		
TOTAL	\$XXXXX		



Gospel Connection: It was her first day teaching third grade at a Denver school. She realized immediately that she knew so little about the lives of these eight-year-olds, many of whom came from low-income and underprivileged homes. So she devised an assignment to get to know them. She passed out Post-It notes to her students and asked them to complete this sentence, "I wish my teacher knew . . . " Some notes were fun: "I wish my teacher knew how to do a backflip." There were also notes that lifted her up: "I want my teacher to know that she is not terrible, even though people say she is." But many notes were heart-breaking. "I wish my teacher knew sometimes my reading log is not signed because my mom is not around a lot," one student wrote. "I wish my teacher knew how much I miss my dad. He was deported to Mexico when I was three years old and I haven't seen him in six years" another student wrote. Another wants her teacher to know she's lonely: "I don't have anyone to play with me." One note that particularly struck the teacher: "I wish my teacher knew I don't have pencils at home to do my homework." She gave the students the option of signing the note or remaining anonymous, of sharing them with her alone or with the entire class. Surprisingly, most students wanted to post their notes on the classroom message wall. The assignment was a revelation to the young teacher. She had a better understanding of what her students are going through: poverty, bullying, a seriously ill parent. Through the assignment, the teacher writes, her students "feel respected, they feel safe enough to share some of these more sensitive ones. Kids can share what they feel comfortable with." The teacher now begins every new school year with the assignment. The Post-It responses have made her a more creative, flexible - and most importantly - a more compassionate teacher. The notes have helped teacher and students make connections that transform their classroom into a community. [From *"I Wish My Teacher Knew": How One Question Can Change Everything for Our Kids* by Kyle Schwartz.]

What would we like others to know about us - and what would we like to know about others so that we may love them and serve them as brothers and sisters in Christ? Or maybe, like the judge, we'd prefer to know as little as possible about the situations that others are facing, that the less we know about others the better, hoping that maybe they and their problems will go away and leave us alone. This teacher possesses the spirit of perseverance Jesus asks of all of us: to keep our eyes and ears - and hearts - open to the needs and struggles of one another. Often we are the "judge" who has the power and opportunity to bring justice and peace to a wronged "widow" - but we can also embrace the persistence of the widow, seeking justice and healing for ourselves and others in the spirit of the Gospel Jesus.

Religious Education: There will be NO CLASSES on Wednesday, October 19th due to MEA and days off in school. Classes will resume on October 26th. Enjoy the mini vacation!!

Join the Choir! Melanie would love to have you join her in the choir loft on Sunday mornings to sing at Mass! Everyone is welcome!

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.



Evening for Life Banquet: The Evening for Life Banquet will take place on Saturday, October 29th in the Parish Center of Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Rockville. There will be Mass at 4 pm followed by Social Hour and a Pork Roast Dinner at 5:30 pm. The program and musical entertainment, along with Dinner will be \$9 per person. All paying guests are invited to bring along a youth at NO COST! Reservations are preferred. Please sent payment (Evening for Life) to Darlene Ludwig, 16803 180th St, Richmond, MN 56368. For more information or questions, please contact Karen Rausch 685-8233 or Linda Pederson 597-4667.

Mission Month: Parishioners throughout the St. Cloud Diocese are invited to join the Mission Office for the 14th Annual **Fall Mission Forum**, which will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral on **Thursday, October 27th**, beginning with Noon Mass in the lower Church, followed by a presentation and question and answer time with speaker Tolga Misirli, director of the Minnesota branch of the Niagara Foundation. Echoing both Pope Francis and Bishop Kettler's encouragement for Christian-Muslim Dialogue, Tolga will share his experiences of bringing people together from all walks of life to enrich one another and our communities. Come pray, learn and dialogue with us! The event is **free** and open to all! Contact the Mission Office with questions: (320) 251-1100 or visit <http://mission.stcdio.org>.

World Mission Sunday: The Weekend of October 23rd we will join Catholic parishes all over the world in celebrating World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis's intention for the month of October is "That World Mission Sunday may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it." All funds collected support the pastoral, catechetical, charitable and evangelizing work of the Church in over 1,150 of the most in-need dioceses in 180 countries. Please use the envelope in your packet or the envelope found in the *Visitor*. For more information, please visit www.mission.stcdio.org.

Readings for the Week: Monday, Oct. 17th: Eph 2:1-10 / Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday, Oct. 18th: 2 Tm 4:10-17b / Lk 10: 1-9
Wednesday, Oct. 19th: Eph 3:2-12 / Lk 12:39-48
Thursday, Oct.20th: Eph 3:14-21 / Lk 49-53
Friday, Oct. 21st: Eph 4:1-6 / Lk 12:54-59

Community Events:

- October 20, 21 and 22: St. Boniface Christian Women of Cold Spring annual Rummage & Clothing Drive Fall Sale at the St. Boniface Parish Center Gym. Thursday: 2 – 7 pm, Friday: 8am to 7pm, Saturday: 8am to 10 am.
- Saturday, Oct. 22nd: Roast Beef and Ham Supper at Sts. Peter & Paul’s Parish Center serving from 4 – 7 pm.
- Sunday, Oct. 23rd: German Style Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper from 3:30 to 7:00pm at the Parish Center in Rockville. This is hosted by the Cold Spring Area Knights of Columbus. Proceeds benefit parish projects in Rockville, St. Nicholas, Jacobs Prairie & Cold Spring.
- 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.
- Saturday, Nov. 5th: Gently Used Christmas & Toy Sale at Sts. Peter & Paul School Gym from 7 to 11 am.
- Saturday, Nov. 5th: Deer Hunting Bingo at The Great Blue Heron in Cold Spring starting at 1 pm. Buffet lunch will be served from 11:30 to 1 pm. All proceeds go to Sts. Peter & Paul School in Richmond.
- March 24 – 26: Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Baxter, MN. For more info: northmnwwme.org or call 888-455-3496.