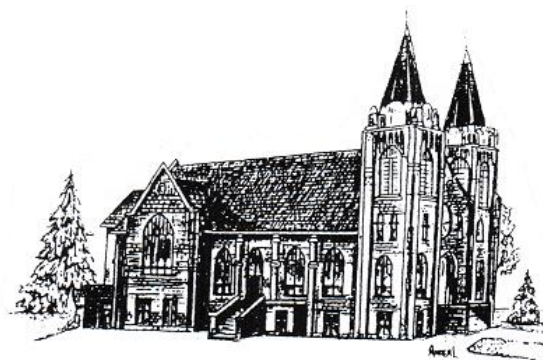


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2016



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Fr. Thomas Olson	398-2229	Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287
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		Parish Council, Paul Ludwig	764-2336
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		Parish Council, Sandy Stang	764-2030
		Trustee, Mike Kuechle	685-3225
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MASS SCHEDULE

Oct 8	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Eugene Mueller
Oct 9	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ewald Johannes
Oct 10	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Oct 11	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Krueger & Hansen Families
Oct 12	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Oct 13	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Ron Stommes
Oct 14	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 15	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Oct 16	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	29 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.churchofsaintnicholas.com)

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES				
	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Oct 15 at 7:30 pm	Art Faber	Lauren Johannes Dylan Utecht	Ron Steil Allen Stommes	Joe Decker
Oct 16 at 8:00 am	Dave Stang Jeff Theis Kelly Bautch	Andrew Bautch Michael Bautch	Elmer Frank Jerry Boeckman	Lee Bautch

**Flood Relief:** The United States Bishops, along with Bishop Kettler, asked all parishes to take up a special collection to help the people of Louisiana from their recent flood. We used our loose collection for this purpose from last weekend. We collected \$176. THANK YOU!

**Chair & Co-Chairs of Groups:** If you are a Group Chair or Co-Chair, your packet of information is located in the back of Church on the table. The first breakfast will be on October 30<sup>th</sup> for Groups 1 and 5. Thank you for your service!!



**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 6<sup>th</sup>! 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!!

**Church Cleaning!** That time of year has arrived to do the annual CHURCH CLEANING! There will be 2 days available for you to attend this year. They will be on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 pm and on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to Noon. Your group leader should be contacting you to determine which date will work the best for you. Please keep in mind that we like when our Church is nice and clean, but it takes work to keep it that way!! If you pitch in and help when there are MANY PEOPLE, it makes the work go faster and it is more fun! THANK YOU in advance for your help!!

Stewardship of Treasure October 2, 2016			
Adult	\$XXX	(43 of 162 envelopes)	
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)	
Loose	XXX		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>		
		Energy Needs	XXX ( 2 gifts)
		Louisiana Flood Relief	XXX
		Energy Needs	XXX (1 gift)
		Votive Stand	XXX
		CCHD	XXX (1 gift)

**Gospel Connection:** There was once a very wise and compassionate rabbi who served a congregation in a small European village. The villagers loved the rabbi and often came to him to pour out their hearts with their woes. Nagging spouses, aches and pains, lazy children - the rabbi listened patiently day in and day out. *Why is God making my life so difficult? Why must I suffer more than others? Why can't my life be as profitable as his or as comfortable as hers?* The rabbi heard it all over and over again. Then the rabbi came up with a plan. He announced to the congregation, "Place your troubles in a bag with your name on it," the rabbi said. "On Friday, just before the start of Sabbath, we will hang the bags on the great tree in the center of the village. Everyone will be allowed to exchange troubles and go home with those of your neighbor rather than your own." The rabbi's proposal was enthusiastically greeted by the villagers, eager at the prospect to exchange their troubles for someone else's, imagining that their lives would be easier and happier from that day on. On Friday, just before sundown, the villagers gathered beneath the tree with bags in hand. They tied their bags to the branches and the rabbi offered a blessing. Then the rabbi directed: "Now, if you will all move about inspecting the bags, you may choose someone else's troubles to take home, thus freeing yourselves from your own." The villagers rushed to the tree and began peering into the bags of those they thought had happier lives than they did. But before long the villagers grew quiet, moved by what they read of the plight of their neighbors' struggles and disappointments - and feeling foolish. And wiser. Each family then sought out their own bag and walked home to celebrate Sabbath. The rabbi smiled. It was just as he had hoped. The villagers had come to realize the sorrows of others. They became more thankful for what they had - and kinder to one another. [Adapted from "The Tree of Sorrows" from *Doorways to the Soul*, edited by Elisa Davy Pearmain.]

The rabbi understood that both sorrow and thanksgiving are choices we make, attitudes from which we approach life. We can be resentful and jealous and cynical - and we may have good reasons for feeling that way. Or we can put aside our disappointments and be mindful and grateful for what we have, for the good we possess that cannot be taken from us, for what we are able to do for others. Such a spirit of thankfulness can transform cynicism and despair into optimism and hope and make whatever good we do an experience of grace.

**Religious Education:** There will be regular classes in the Parish House on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**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!

**Sermon on the Mount:** TV star, Frank Runyeon, will be performing “Sermon on the Mount” on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.



**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 an individual or family. If you know of someone, please contact Fr. Tom!

**Evening for Life Banquet:** The Evening for Life Banquet will take place on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 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 180<sup>th</sup> St, Richmond, MN 56368. For more information or questions, please contact Karen Rausch 685-8233 or Linda Pederson 597-4667.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 –5:1 / Lk 11:29-32  
 Tuesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>: Gal 5:1-6 / Lk 11:37-41  
 Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>: Eph 1:1-10 / Lk 11:47-54  
 Wednesday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>: Gal 18:25 / Lk 11:42-46  
 Friday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>: Eph 1:11-14 / Lk 12:1-7

### Community Events:

- Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>: Catholic Women’s Conference from 8 am – 4:30 pm at Holy Angels Performing Arts Center in St. Cloud. For more information contact the Office of Marriage & Family at 252-4721 or [www.stcdio.org/womensconference](http://www.stcdio.org/womensconference)
- Saturday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>: 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.
- 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. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Roast Beef and Ham Supper at Sts. Peter & Paul’s Parish Center serving from 4 – 7 pm.
- Thursday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>: 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. 5<sup>th</sup>: Gently Used Christmas & Toy Sale at Sts. Peter & Paul School Gym from 7 to 11 am.
- Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>: 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](http://northmnwwme.org) or call 888-455-3496.