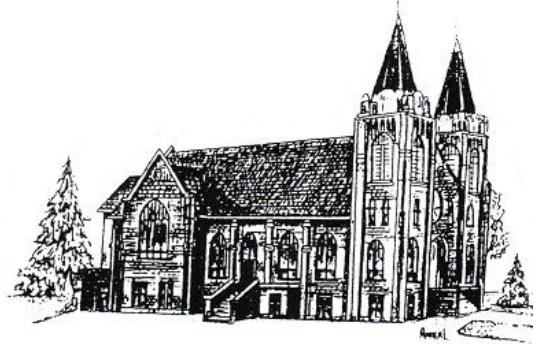


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017



PARISH STAFF		PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS	
Fr. Thomas Olson	398-2229	Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287
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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

Jan 21	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Jan 22	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Steve Gathje
Jan 23	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Day of Prayer for the Unborn	
Jan 24	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Francis	+Fr. Robert Eckman
Jan 25	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Conversion of St. Paul	
Jan 26	Thursday	{SN} NO MASS	Sts. Timothy & Titus	
Jan 27	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Jan 28	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Gregor & Frances Schreiner
Jan 29	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+William Theis

**** Please welcome Fr. Jerry Mischke here during the weekend Masses on January 28th and 29th. Fr. Tom will be away on vacation until February 10th. Watch the bulletin for Mass times! If in need of a priest, please call Brenda at the numbers above!****

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
Jan 28 at 7:30 pm	Art Faber	Emily Utecht Rachel Utecht	Tom Landwehr Allen Stommes	Cassey Lahr
Jan 29 at 10:00 am	Sandy Stang Steve Stang Don Dufner	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Sy Schreiner Elmer Frank	Shirley Lutgen



Stewardship of Treasure January 15, 2017

Adult	\$XXX	(38 of 162 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(1 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	

Christmas	\$XXX (1 gift)
Energy Needs	\$XXX (3 gifts)
Easter	\$XXX (1 gift)
Thanksgiving	\$XXX (1 gift)



Gospel Connection: In an episode of Lynn Johnston's comic strip *For Better or For Worse* [December 27, 2015], seven-year-old Michael is holding an old, scratched miner's helmet. It's the day after Christmas, and Michael is disappointed. "An old hard hat," Michael moans. "What a dumb thing for Grandpa to give me for Christmas." "Didn't you read the card, Mike?" his dad asks. "He said it was something special he wanted you to have." Michael's father goes on to explain the story of the hat: "My dad worked in the mine for thirty years. He risked his life sometimes to feed us . . . put my brother and sister and me through school. He wore this every day. It was a part of him. When your grandpa is gone, you'll have this to remember him by. Treasure it." Michael is next seen outside meeting up with his buddies. "Hey, Mike! Get anything neat for Christmas?!!" they ask. "Yeah! This!" Michael says, proudly wearing his grandpa's miner's helmet. And Mike begins to tell the story of the helmet.

Today's Gospel from Matthew is the beginning of Jesus' teaching ministry in Galilee. Jesus begins to tell the story of God's love for his people, a love that Jesus reveals in the compassion and healing of the "kingdom of God" - a "kingdom" that does not belong to some distant future but is part of our here and now. Like the fishermen he calls, Jesus calls us now to remember and tell the story of God's love in our midst - love that is manifested in every act of generous sacrifice and selfless compassion. Just ask young Michael about his Christmas present.

Religious Education: The next class will be held on January 25th at 7:00. This will be ALL Classes; the Confirmation class will begin at 6:30 pm.

Parish Custodian: St. Nicholas Church is looking for a custodian for the Church. This can be a single person or a couple and will be for the Church only. It will be approximately 2 to 3 hours per week and is flexible as to when works for you! If you have questions, please contact Mike Kuechle at 685-3225.

March for Life: The March for Life is scheduled at State Capital on Sunday January 22. There will be no prayer service beforehand because it's a Sunday. The march starts at 2 pm. Speakers and presentation at 2:30pm. The bus is scheduled to leave Richmond at noon and pick up at Rockville 12:15. To reserve your seat or more information call Linda at 320-597-4667.

Readings for the Week: Monday, Jan. 23rd: Heb 9:15, 24-28 / Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, Jan. 24th: Heb 10:1-10 / Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, Jan. 25th: Acts 22:3-16 / Mk 16:15-18

Thursday, Jan. 26th: 2 Tm 1:1-8 / Mk 4:21-25

Friday, Jan. 27th: Heb 10:32-39 / Mk 4:26-34

Community Events:

- Saturday, January 28th: Knights of Columbus & Holy Cross School Pearl Lake hosting a Spaghetti Supper from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Serving pasta, marinara with beef and/or Alfredo sauce, salad, garlic bread & beverages. Held at Holy Cross School in Marty.
- Sunday, January 29th: Catholic Order of Foresters Matching Grant Breakfast at Sts. Peter & Paul, Richmond Parish Center. Serving scrambled eggs, pancakes, toppings, and more from 9 am – Noon.
- Saturday, February 4th: Holy Cross School (Pearl Lake) Chili & Soup Cook Off serving from 5 – 8 pm. Prizes awarded for Judges' Choice, People's Choice and Best Decorated Table at 8 pm. To enter the contest contact 398-7885.

