

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23, 2017



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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

Apr 22	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Divine Mercy Sunday	Int. of E & A Neu
Apr 23	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	Divine Mercy Sunday	+Virginia Pozorski
Apr 24	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
Apr 25	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Mark	+Joseph Theis
Apr 26	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Easter Weekday	
Apr 27	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Arlene Lahr
Apr 28	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
Apr 29	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	3 rd Sunday of Easter	+Tony & Clara Stein
Apr 30	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	3 rd Sunday of Easter	MCCL

Weekend Masses at St. Anne's in Kimball are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 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
April 29 at 7:30 pm	Judi Schreiner	Rachel Utecht volunteer	Ralph Schreiner Laverne Ludwig	Lucy Schreiner
April 30 at 10:00 am	Shirley Lutgen Sandy Stang Steven Stang	Sarah Kraemer Kathy Kraemer	Elmer Frank Don Dufner	Shirley Kuechle



Crosiers Carry Cross Throughout Indonesia

The Crosier Fathers and Brothers have been serving the people throughout Indonesia for nearly 90 years. In 1958, the Crosiers began serving the Asmat people in the region of Papua, Indonesia. Helping the Asmat people with social-economic, education and health challenges is a pastoral priority. Currently, 10 Crosiers from Indonesia serve four parishes in the Diocese of Agats-Papua, ministering in many ways. Through their strong commitment to education, the Crosiers began Bina Cahya, a Catholic vocational-technical school in Bandung to serve children from low-income families, preparing them to enter the workforce. This school connects the Catholic Church and the whole of society in Indonesia. The Crosiers strive to help empower the people of Papua by teaching them self-sustainability. Funding is vital to send local people to study to become catechists, teachers and nurses. Critical funds are also needed to support the Crosier mission in Indonesia and its numerous ministries. Fr. Glen Lewandowski, OSCs, will be visiting our parish **next weekend, April 29 & 30th**, to speak to us about the Crosiers' missions in Papua, Indonesia. **Please welcome him!** www.crosier.org. **[Please be prepared to make a donation in the envelopes provided during Mass.]**

Stewardship of Treasure April 16, 2017

Adult	\$279.00	(7 of 162 envelopes)
Youth – Easter	15.50	(5 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	479.60	
TOTAL	\$774.60	



Easter – Adult	\$5,535.00 (57 gifts)
Easter Flowers	\$10.00 (1 gifts)
Energy Needs	\$270.00 (4 gifts)
Good Friday – Holy Land	\$1,815.00 (34 gifts)

Gospel Connection: Christine Kingery will never forget her grandmother's stories. She shared some of them on the NPR series *This I Believe*. Christine's Russian-born grandmother was captured by the Nazis and taken to a work camp in Germany when she was 17. They shaved off her waist-length hair and tortured her. She never saw her parents or siblings again. The resourceful young woman escaped the camp and worked for many months as a nurse in underground movements in Germany and Belgium until she was captured a second time by the Nazis and taken to a concentration camp. There she met Christine's grandfather, and the two escaped. Eventually, they and their newborn-daughter - Christine's mother - came to America. Christine remembers hearing these stories when she was eight years old. She said to her grandmother, "I hate the Germans for what they did to you! Don't you just get so *mad* at them?" Christine never forgot her grandmother's response. She said in her broken English, "The Germans are my friends. When I escaped and had nowhere to go, the Germans gave me food, shelter, and clothes. They were my friends even in the camps. The Germans are the kindest people I know." Her answer shocked Christine. It was her first introduction to the meaning of compassion. A few years later, when Christine was in high school, she had the chance to go to Japan. She visited Nagasaki. The experience was overwhelming. In every photograph, in every Japanese victim's face in the museum's exhibits, she saw her grandmother's reflection. Christine had to go outside to Peace Park on the bomb-site grounds. Beautiful colorful origami cranes - thousands of them - were draped over statues and trees. Christine sat on a bench and cried and cried. An old Japanese woman saw the teenager on the bench. She was about her grandmother's age. She sat next to Christine and put her wrinkled hands in Christine's. In broken English, the old woman said, "Peace starts right here. Peace starts with you and me. It starts today."

On Easter night, the Risen Christ leaves his new Church the gift of his "peace," peace that is so much more than the absence of conflict. The peace of Christ transforms, re-creates and renews; it is a peace centered in wisdom, integrity and an attitude of thanksgiving. It is peace born of gratitude and humility, peace that values the hopes and dreams and needs of another over one's own, peace that welcomes back the lost, heals the brokenhearted, and respects the dignity of every man, woman and child as a son and daughter of God. May we embrace the gift of such transforming peace in this Easter season and in every season.

Religious Education: Except for the Confirmation students, Religion classes are done for the school year! Confirmation will take place at St. Boniface in Cold Spring on Sunday, May 21st at 2 pm. There will be confirmation practice on Wednesday, May 17th at 6 pm. Candidates sponsors should attend.

Easter Flowers: Thank you for the Easter Flower donations! They were made in memory of:

+Ervin, Louise & Loren Linn	+Christian Women
+Hansen & Krueger Families	+Joseph W. Theis
+Theresa & William Theis	+Anton & Anna Prozarski
+Audrey, Jim & Phil	+Alfred Theis



Mass Time Change! It is that time of year again when St. Anne and St. Nicholas SUNDAY Mass times switch. Beginning **on Sunday, May 7th** St. Nicholas's Mass time will switch to 8:00 am and St. Anne will have the 10:00 am Mass. Saturday Masses remain the same.

Bible Study: The Bible Study sessions will begin on Wednesday, April 26th at 6:30 pm in the Parish House. Everyone is invited to come and see how the program works.

K of C Tootsie Roll Weekend: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser after Masses on the weekend of May 6 and 7th.



Readings for the Week: Monday, April 24th: Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 25th: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Mk 16:15-20

Thursday, April 27th: Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36

Wednesday, April 26th: Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21

Friday, April 28th: Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15

Community Events:

- Sunday, April 23rd: Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration at St. Boniface, Cold Spring. Opening at 2:30 pm with Fr. Todd Schneider. Opportunity for reconciliation 4:30 – 5:30 with a closing at 5:30 pm. Soup & fellowship to follow.
- Sunday, April 30th: Annual Swanycake & Sausage Supper at St. Anthony Parish, St. Anthony on Hwy 238, Albany. Serving from 3 pm to 8:30 pm. Menu: Swany White pancakes, sausage from Pep's Pork, potato salad, relishes, applesauce, bread, dessert, beverages.
- Thursdays from May 4 to June 29: Annual Novena of Masses at the Assumption (Grasshopper) Chapel in Cold Spring. Rosary at 7:00 pm with Mass at 7:30 pm. Mass is outdoors, so bring a chair. In case of rain, Mass will be at St. Boniface.
- June 6 – 8: Faith & Fun with the Franciscans – a Summer camp for girls completing grades 6 – 8 in Little Falls. Register by May 1st. There is a brochure on the Parish House Bulletin board with more information.

