

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017



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MASS SCHEDULE

May 20	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Int. of E & A Neu Family
May 21	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Dec. Rel. of Frances Theis
May 22	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
May 23	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Parents of L & D Ludwig
May 24	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Easter Weekday	
May 25	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Eldred May
May 26	Friday	NO MASS	St. Philip Neri	
May 27	Saturday	3:00 pm	Wedding of Vickie Stommes and Jeff Zierden	
		{SN} 7:30 pm	Ascension of the Lord	+Tom Decker
May 28	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	Ascension of the Lord	People of the Parish

**\*\*May 7<sup>th</sup> is the FIRST DAY OF THE TIME CHANGES FOR SUNDAY MASSES WITH ST. ANNE’S\*\***

Weekend Masses at St. Anne’s in Kimball are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 10:00 am.

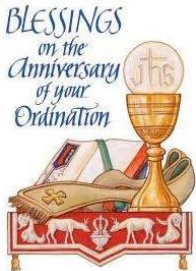
- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 7:00 pm at St. Nicholas.
- Weddings: Engaged couples should see the pastor at least 6 months before the planned wedding date.
- Anointing of the Sick: Call the parish office for homebound or hospitalized visits.
- Our website has important information, including the weekly bulletin! [www.churchofsaintnicholas.com](http://www.churchofsaintnicholas.com)

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES				
	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
May 27 at 7:30 pm	Judi Schreiner	Nathan Utecht Derek Utecht	Laverne Ludwig Ralph Schreiner	Judi Schreiner
May 28 at 8:00 am	Sandy Stang Steve Stang Lee Bautch	Breanna Stang Volunteer	Ron Stang Don Dufner	Dave Stang

**Memorial Day Mass:** Memorial Day Mass, Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, will take place at the Cemetery in Kimball at 9:00 am. In case of bad weather, Mass will be held in the Church. Please bring a lawn chair for Mass. **There will also be a short Military Honors ceremony at the cemetery here at St. Nicholas at approximately 10:00 am presented by the American Legion.**

**Congratulations Reception!** The Christian Women will host a Congratulations Reception for our High School Graduates and Newly Confirmed members of our Parish on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 am Mass. Coffee, juice, and rolls will be served. Our High School Graduates are Katherine Gathje, Noah Krueger, Maggie Ludwig, Brianna Stang, Emily Utecht, and Nathan Utecht. Our newly confirmed members are Andrew Bautch, Mitchell Rieland, and Patrick Schreiner.

**Congratulations to Fr. Tom!!** On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Tom will be celebrating his 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination!!



Stewardship of Treasure May 14, 2017			
Adult	\$XXX	(41 of 162 envelopes)	
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)	
Loose	XXX		
TOTAL	\$1,907.00		
Energy Needs		\$XXX (1 gift)	
Rice Bowl		\$XXX (1 gift)	

**Gospel Connection:** Amy Krouse Rosenthal was a prolific children's author, essayist and NPR commentator. She died after a long battle with ovarian cancer on March 13. She was 51. Just a week before she died, her final published work appeared: a column in *The New York Times* titled "You May Want to Marry My Husband." The column has drawn more than four and half million readers online since its original publication. Facing a "pressing deadline" as she called it. Amy wrote the piece as both a last "valentine" to Jason, her husband of 26 years, and a profile of her spouse, designed with the hope that he might find love and happiness again: "First, the basics: He is 5-foot-10, 160 pounds, with salt-and-pepper hair and hazel eyes . . . He is a sharp dresser. Our young adult sons, Justin and Miles, often borrow his clothes. Those who know him - or just happen to glance down at the gap between his dress slacks and dress shoes - know that he has a flair for fabulous socks. He is fit and enjoys keeping in shape. If our home could speak, it would add that Jason is uncannily handy. On the subject of food - man, can he cook. After a long day, there is no sweeter joy than seeing him walk in the door, plop a grocery bag down on the counter, and woo me with olives and some yummy cheese he has procured before he gets to work on the evening's meal. Jason loves listening to live music; it's our favorite thing to do together. I should also add that our 19-year-old daughter, Paris, would rather go to a concert with him than anyone else . . . He is an absolutely wonderful father. Ask anyone. See that guy on the corner? Go ahead and ask him; he'll tell you. Jason is compassionate - and he can flip a pancake. Jason paints. I love his artwork. I would call him an artist except for the law degree that keeps him at his downtown office most days from 9 to 5. Or at least it did before I got sick . . . If you're looking for a dreamy, let's-go-for-it travel companion, Jason is your man. He also has an affinity for tiny things: taster spoons, little jars, a mini-sculpture of a couple sitting on a bench, which he presented to me as a reminder of how our family began. Here is the kind of man Jason is: He showed up at our first pregnancy ultrasound with flowers. This is a man who, because he is always up early, surprises me every Sunday morning by making some kind of oddball smiley face out of items near the coffeepot: a spoon, a mug, a banana. This is a man who emerges from the minimart or gas station and says, 'Give me your palm.' And, voilà, a colorful gumball appears. (He knows I love all the flavors but white.) My guess is you know enough about him now. So let's swipe right . . . I am wrapping this up on Valentine's Day, and the most genuine, non-vase-oriented gift I can hope for is that the right person reads this, finds Jason, and another love story begins."

This funny yet touching tribute from a dying woman to her beloved is an extraordinary example of the complete and total love we celebrate this Easter season. It is love that finds reason for gratitude despite the painful parting; it is love that celebrates the good of the other, in the wake of heartache. May the Spirit of the Risen One open our hearts and minds this Easter to realize his presence in our midst in the love of those we care for and who care for us, and to give thanks for God's embrace that we experience in the embrace of our families, our friends, our communities.

**Religious Education: Confirmation** will take place at St. Boniface in Cold Spring on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm.

**Banns of Marriage:** There is a promise of Marriage between Vickie Stommes and Jeff Zierden on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> here at St. Nicholas.

**Bible Study:** The Bible Study sessions will continue on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish House. Everyone is welcome to attend!! The reading assignment for this session is Genesis 12:1-9, 15, 17, 22, 25:19-34, 29:1-30:24, 32:22-32, and 37-50. This “Quick Journey through the Bible,” will take readers through the narrative story of the Bible in a timeline fashion by reading selected sections of the Bible. Each session of study will include a DVD section about the readings, then a discussion. Come try it!

**St. Nicholas Nicks:** St. Nick will play Kimball in St. Nick on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm. Come and cheer on the team!! They will also play the Cold Spring Silver Springers on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Cold Spring.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26 – 16:4a  
Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11  
Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>: Acts 18:1-8 / Jn 16:16-20  
Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>: Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1 / Jn 16:12-15  
Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>: Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23

**Community Events:**

- 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.
- Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>: Rosary here at St. Nicholas hosted by the KC's.
- Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>: 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun, Food & Fund Day at St. Ann’s Church in Wadena, MN. Registration at 8:30 am, Rosary at 9 am, Mass at 9:15 followed by fellowship, Entertainment by the Kuhn Brothers & Fr. Aaron & Fr. Matthew, Lunch with Silent Auction.

*Fr. Tom is Retiring!*

Fr. Tom will be retiring from active Priesthood on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Parish Councils of both St. Nicholas and St. Anne’s will be hosting a gathering for all parishioners. St. Nicholas will have a get together on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 pm and St. Anne’s will have a get together on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. All parishioners are invited to either or both receptions! Cheese and crackers, along with beverages will be served. There will also be a bonfire after the reception in front of the Parish House! Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the evening!

Fr. Tom has an announcement: The new Pastor of St. Nicholas and St. Anne’s will be Father James Statz. He will arrive on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Watch the St. Cloud *Visitor* for more information.