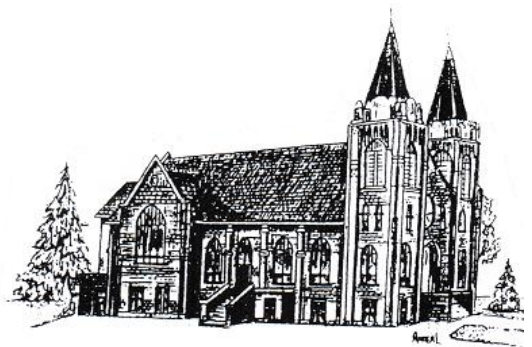


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 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 mornings.			

MASS SCHEDULE

Oct 14	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Oct 15	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Eugene Schutz
Oct 16	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Oct 17	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Ignatius	+Sandy Klaers
Oct 18	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Luke	
Oct 19	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. John & St. Isaac	+Msgr. Daniel Taufen
Oct 20	Friday	{SA} NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 21	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ewald Johannes
Oct 22	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Dec. Rel. of K & B Lutgen

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 14 at 7:30 pm	Anita Neu	Katelyn Utecht Derek Utecht	Tom Landwehr Ron Steil	Elmer Neu
Oct 15 at 8:00 am	Kelly Bautch Lee Bautch Mike Kuechle	Andrew Bautch Michael Bautch	Ron Stang Elmer Frank	Shirley Kuechle

Snow Removal: We are looking for a person or team to remove snow from the sidewalks, steps and parking lot at St. Nicholas this winter season. The salary is negotiable, but you WILL be paid! Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested or would like more information! Either by phone or email is fine.



Mass Time Change! It's that time of year again that Sunday Mass time will switch with St. Anne's! Starting on **Sunday, November 5th, St. Nicholas will have 10:00 am Mass on Sundays** and St. Anne's Sunday Mass will be at 8:00 am. Saturday Mass times remain the same with St. Anne's at 5:30 pm and St. Nicholas at 7:30 pm. Please make a reminder to yourself!

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 at the parish office. Mass intentions are \$10.

Stewardship of Treasure October 8, 2017

Adult	\$XXX	(30 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(5 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Energy Needs	\$XXX (6 gifts)
Propagation of Faith	\$XXX (1 gift)

Gospel Connection: In these increasingly irritating and angry times, a customer finds a place of peace and serenity in, of all places, her dry-cleaners. She writes: "[They are open] for drop-off and pick-up six days a week, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. The same couple has run it for decades; they seem to work all 66 hours, through a maze of moving hangers and mechanical escalators up to cleaner heaven. Somehow, whether it is 7:01 a.m. or 5:59 p.m., humid or icy outside, they sustain a cheerful serenity with each other. A customer enters rushed or ill-spirited (many of us are both), dragging a heavy soiled coat behind, yet leaves a few minutes later feeling lightened of more than fiberfill. When one or the other proprietor wishes me a pleasant day, I believe it. I believe because I am already having it.

"Something in their calm air makes me want to pull up a chair and linger. It's not the décor: a few orchids scattered around, watered perhaps with the organic solvent advertised on a poster. It's not the bowl of lollipops or Munchkins on Saturday morning for those who pop in with kneepads and parents before soccer practice. These are material trappings. They can't fool anyone out of irritability into serenity . . .

"[It's] profoundly simple. Irritability is effortless: the natural, default state of now. Happiness is not. You should plan for it . . . you must make [time] for it. At the dry cleaner, with its ever-present, serenely compatible couple, this seems so little to ask, for so much to receive." ["Want a happy marriage? Plan for it" by Elissa Ely, The Boston Globe, August 3, 2017.]

These cleaners possess a special "coat" of their own: a "coat" of welcome, of joy, of generosity that is a sign to all that the wedding banquet of God has begun here and now. God's grace is the thread with which we can sew together the pieces of "fabric" of our lives in order to create a coat of joy and optimism, of kindness and generosity, of gratitude and respect, making our lives a proper garment for God's wedding feast - a feast that begins in our own homes and workplaces, at our own tables and benches.

Religious Education: Classes will NOT meet next week, October 18th due to MEA and lots of football games that evening! The next class will meet on Wednesday, October 25th with the Living Rosary at the Church. Parents are encouraged to attend and become a Rosary bead. If you will be absent, please let your teacher know. There is a schedule on the website if you need another copy.

Liturgical Committee Meeting: There will be a Liturgical Committee Meeting at the church on Saturday, October 21st at 9 am to decorate for fall and to organize all the church decorations for the various church seasons.

The Living Rosary: The Living Rosary will be done on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00 pm with our Religious Education students. EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! There are more beads than students, so we have many openings!



Breakfast at St. Nicholas: Mark your calendars now! There will be a breakfast held at St. Nicholas on Sunday, October 29th from 8:30 am to Noon. On the menu will be scrambled eggs, pancakes and toppings, sausage, sweet rolls, fruit, and beverages. Groups 3 and 4 will be working at this breakfast. There will also be a bake sale for the DCCW and a raffle!

Automatic Payment Interest: At the last Parish Council Meeting, automatic payments for Sunday Collections were discussed. The Parish Council is wondering how much interest there would be in having this as an option for your regular Sunday donation. We would be able to set up how often the automatic withdrawals would be done, but most likely it would be every 2 weeks or once per month. What it would mean for you is that you would fill out a form with your banking information and a void check. You would decide how much you donate and that amount would be automatically withdrawn from your account every specified interval (once or twice per month). You would still need to use your regular envelopes for any special collections, like Energy Needs or any of the Holy Days. Right now, the Parish Council is considering this option based on how much interest there is in having it. *****If you would be interested in participating in automatic withdrawals for your Sunday collections, please email the Parish Office, or leave a message at the Parish Office phone. Phone is 764-7345 or email is stnicholas@meltel.net. Thank You!**

Readings for the Week: Monday, October 16th: Rom 1:1-7 / Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 17th: Rom 1:16-25 / Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 18th: 2 Tm 4:10-17b / Lk 10:1-9

Thursday, October 19th: Rom 3:21-30 / Lk 11:47-54

Friday, October 20th: Rom 4:1-8 / Lk 12:1-7

Community Events:

- Sunday, October 15th: Bouja & Chicken Noodle soup at St. Anthony's Church in Watkins. Pre-order by calling Larry Flaschenriem at 320-764-2965. Serving from 8:30 am till Noon.
- October 19 – 21: St. Boniface Christian Women of Cold Spring annual "Rummage & Clothing Drive Fall Sales" at the St. Boniface Parish Center Gym. Thursday: 2 pm – 7 pm, Friday: 8 am – 7 pm, Saturday: 8 am – 10 am.
- Sunday, October 22nd: KC Spaghetti Supper held at Sts. Peter & Paul School in Richmond. Serving from 4 – 7 pm. The proceeds will be split evenly between Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Boniface Catholic Schools, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
- Saturday, October 28th: Evening for Life Banquet held at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Center in Richmond. Roast Beef Dinner served at 6:30 pm. All paying guests are invited to bring along a youth at no cost. For reservations, call 597-2228 (Darlene Ludwig)
- Sunday, October 29th: St. Wendelin of Luxemburg all you can eat breakfast from 8:30 – 11:30 am. Menu is ham & cheese omelets, sausage, potatoes, applesauce, rolls, toast & beverages.
- Sunday, October 29th: Annual Quilt Bingo in the St. Anthony Parish Center, St. Cloud. Starts at 6 pm. There will be roast beef sandwiches and hot dogs sold starting at 5 pm. Featuring 40 handmade quilts!
- Saturday, November 4th: Annual SJU Holiday Craft and Boys Choir Bake Sale held in the Great Hall from 9 am to 3 pm at St. John's.
- Monday, November 6th: Women's Personal Safety Awareness Training held at the Eden Valley Community Center. Inspired by the still missing news anchor, Jodi Huisentruit, this program will leave you with a whole new perspective on what it means to be safe.