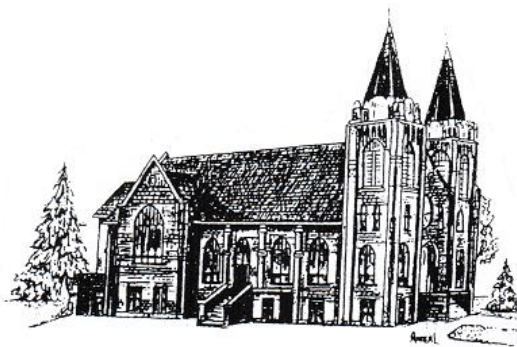


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 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 28	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ewald Johannes
Oct 29	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Oct 30	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Oct 31	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Holy Souls
Nov 1	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am {SA} 9 am – 7 pm {SN} 7:30 pm	All Saints Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament All Saints Day	Deceased of St. Nicholas Parish
Nov 2	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	All Souls Day	+Eugene Schutz
Nov 3	Friday	{SA} NO MASS	Weekday	
Nov 4	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ed & Anna Lutgen
Nov 5	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Dominic & Susan Frank

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
Nov 4 at 7:30 pm	Elmer Neu	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Lavern Ludwig Allen Stommes	Anita Neu
Nov 5 at 10:00 am	Don Dufner Shirley Lutgen Greg Utecht	Andrew Bautch Michael Bautch	Ron Stang Steve Stang	Lee Bautch

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 is HERE! 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. This will go until the first Sunday in MAY.

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.

Bible Study Materials: The materials that were used for the Bible Study class are now available in the lending library at the back of Church. The leader's guide and student workbook, along with the DVD's are there. Please use the sign out sheet and enjoy the many things that you will learn with these sessions!

Stewardship of Treasure October 22, 2017

Adult	\$XXX	(42 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Catholic Camp for Human Dev	\$XXX (1 gift)
Energy Needs	\$XXX (5 gifts)
Propagation of Faith	\$XXX (5 gifts)

Gospel Connection: This week's Gospel Connection is so very similar to the Foehrenbacher family's story that this could be them! Please keep them in mind as you read this passage.

In March 2008, Christopher Gregory died suddenly from a ruptured aneurism. He was 19 years old. His parents were devastated. In the awful, bewildering hours following their son's death, they were asked to consider donating his organs. But Chris had already answered that question: just the week before he had innocently mentioned that he wished to be a donor. Their decision to donate simply affirmed their son's generosity.

Three months later, they received a letter: "I cannot possibly imagine the grief caused by your loss," it read. "Certainly, there are no words anyone can say or write to extinguish that pain. Nevertheless, you have shared with me the grandest gift I will ever receive - the gift of life." Chris' parents eventually met the writer whose life was saved by their son's lungs. They would go on to meet the four other people who were given second chances by Christopher's gift. Chris' mom and dad have since become advocates for the Donor Network of Arizona.

Chris' father, Eric, writes in America Magazine [June 12, 2017]: "The experience of losing Christopher, but knowing his death meant life for five others, changed me in ways I never thought possible. I learned that it's possible to see God in all things, even tragedy. The more I learned about the science of organ transplantation, the more confident I have become in the existence of God. I learned that the butterfly effect is real, that something as seemingly inconsequential as checking a box while applying for a driver's license can have a tremendous effect years later and miles away . . . Most of all, in the face of division and distrust in the world today, I learned that how we treat one another matters. If the heart of a 19-year-old white boy beating inside the chest of a 65-year-old black man does not give us hope, then I do not know what hope is."

To love with our whole heart and soul and mind enables us to move beyond our fears and hurts in order to comfort, to forgive, to welcome back. Jesus reveals the mystery of the God of Supreme and Omnipotent Power loving his creation so completely and so selflessly - and all that God seeks in return is that such love be shared by his people throughout his creation. The generosity of heart of people like Chris and those who make possible the gift of organ donations is centered in the love of the "great commandment" of Jesus' Gospel: to love with the same selfless compassion, care and completeness of God who created us.

Religious Education: Classes will meet next week, November 1st at 7:00 pm IN THE CHURCH FOR ALL SAINTS DAY, FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 7:30 PM.. Parents are encouraged to attend Mass with your student. The next class will meet on Wednesday, November 8th in the Parish House. THERE WILL BE A SHORT PRESENTATION BY THE 10TH GRADE CLASS AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF THE STATUES THAT ARE IN OUR CHURCH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO CHURCH EARLY AND LEARN ABOUT WHO THE STATUES ARE AND WHAT THEY DID!



New Life in Baptism: Lily Kristine Wills and Walter Charles Dietman, children of Brian Dietman and Holly Froehling were brought into God's family through the waters of Baptism. Through the witness of their parents and God parents, may Lily and Walter keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts.

Welcome to New Family! Welcome to Brain Dietman and Holly Froehling and their two children Lily and Walter.

Breakfast at St. Nicholas THIS SUNDAY: from 8:30 am to Noon. On the menu will be scrambled eggs, pancakes and toppings, sausage, sweet rolls, fruit, and beverages. There will also be a bake sale for the DCCW and a raffle!

Cemetery Flowers: It is that time of year that all flowers need to be removed from the Cemetery. Please remove them as soon as possible. If items are not removed by November 5th, they will be disposed of by the Cemetery Committee. If there are any questions, please call Ralph Schreiner at 764-9080. Thank you!

Annual Financial Statement and Parish Directory: The Annual Financial Statement and Parish Directory booklets are now available in the back of Church. These have updated phone numbers of parishioners. As always, if you know of any changes, please let Brenda in the Parish Office know!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration will be held at St. Anne's on Wednesday, November 1st from 9 am to 7 pm. St. Nicholas will be the first Tuesday (November 7th). Won't you come and spend an hour with the Lord?



Readings for the Week: Monday, October 30th: Rom 8:12-17 / Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 31st: Rom 8:18-25 / Lk 13:18-21

Thursday, November 2nd: Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 5:5-11

Wednesday, November 1st: Rv 7:2-1, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a

Friday, November 3rd: Rom 9:1-5 / Lk 14:1-6

Community Events:

- 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!
- Thursday, November 2nd: All Souls Day Requiem Mass Celebrated at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud by Bishop Kettler. The names of those who have died will be mentioned during this Diocesan Mass.
- 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.
- Saturday, November 4th: Gently Used Christmas Toy Sale from 7 am to Noon at Sts. Peter & Paul School, Richmond.
- Saturday, November 4th: Deer Hunting Bingo at the Great Blue Heron, Cold Spring. Proceeds to Sts. Peter & Paul School. Buffet lunch begins at 11:30 serving Pulled Pork Sandwiches, chips, fruit, salad. Bingo begins at 1:00 pm.
- Monday, November 6th: Women's Personal Safety Awareness Training held at the Eden Valley Community Center. Inspired by the still missing news anchor, Jodi Huisentrui, this program will leave you with a whole new perspective on what it means to be safe.
- Thursday, November 9th: Thanksgiving Mass for Vocations, Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Cloud at 7:00 pm.
- Saturday, November 18th: Craft, Bake and Gently Used Toy Sale from 8 am – 3:30 pm at the Church of the Holy Family in Silver Lake.
- Sunday, November 19th: Breakfast at St. Wendelin's in Luxemburg. Serving Pep's Pork, ham pancakes, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, rolls and beverages from 8:30 am to Noon. Includes a craft sale, bake sale and a raffle.