

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 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 7	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Wilfred Flaschenriem
Oct 8	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Krueger & Hansen Families
Oct 9	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Oct 10	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Eugene Stommes
Oct 11	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Oct 12	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Gregor & Frances Schreiner
Oct 13	Friday	{SA} NO MASS	Weekday	
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

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

Bible Study Class: The last Bible Study Class will be held **TONIGHT, Sunday, October 8th at 6:30 pm** in the Parish House. This will be the last class for this series and will be about the New Testament.

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.

Thank you! Thank you to Ken Rausch for the work done on the Old St. Nicholas Chapel! Ken has replaced the white painted wood with steel. He still has one part left to do on the roof yet, but it is looking great!

Thank you! Thank you to the confirmation students, family & friends that helped clean up the Adopt-A-Highway section of County Road 21 that is dedicated to the Memory of Jake Foehrenbacher. Thank you also to Kelly for providing treats after clean up! Check out the website for some pictures of the event!

Stewardship of Treasure October 1, 2017

Adult	\$XXX	(37 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Votive Stand

\$70.00

Gospel Connection: Once upon a time, in a kingdom far away, a dragon wreaked havoc throughout the land. One day, while the king was away, the dragon attacked the castle. The dragon was so ugly and smelled so disgusting that the guards froze in terror as the dragon demolished the palace. As the destruction continued, the guards finally came to their senses and began to shout and curse at the dragon and threatened the beast with their weapons. But the angrier and more threatening the guards were, the bigger the dragon got, the worse the dragon's smell became, the more violent destruction the dragon wreaked. In the midst of the turmoil, the king returned. He had never seen a creature as ugly or experienced a stench as foul as this dragon, now twice the size it had been. But the wise king knew exactly what to do. He smiled at the dragon and welcomed it. He softly patted the dragon's scaly tail. "Welcome to our palace," the king said. "Has anyone offered you anything to eat or drink?" And with each kind word and gesture, the dragon became a little smaller, less smelly, and less threatening. The king's court began to catch on. One steward offered the dragon tea; another brought bread and jam; the court physician treated an old wound in the dragon's hide. At every kind word, deed or thought, the dragon grew smaller and less threatening. The king and his court continued to be kind. Soon the dragon became so small he could hardly be seen. Then, after a maid offered a blanket for the night, the dragon vanished completely. In its place there appeared a small dove, that flew away into the morning light. [Adapted from "The anger-eating demon" from Who Ordered This Truckload of Dung? by Ajahn Brahm.]

In the person of his Son, God transforms the ugly "dragons" in our "vineyards" by his Spirit of compassion, mercy and forgiveness. We, too, can re-create our vineyards and castles by embracing Christ's Gospel of selfless and humble servanthood. Christ the Messiah comes with a new, transforming vision for our "vineyard": a vision of love rather than greed, of peace rather than hostility, of forgiveness rather than vengeance, a vision that enables us to reconcile even the ugliest and smelliest dragon among us.

Religious Education: Religious Education classes will meet on Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 pm in the Parish House. If you will be absent, please let your teacher know. There is a schedule on the website if you need another copy! There will be no class on Wednesday, October 18th due to the MEA holiday from school.

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.

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!**

Act-Oberfest Variety Show: Join the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of St. Cloud on Sunday, October 15th from 2 – 4 pm at the Falls Ballroom in Little Falls as Bishop Keller, Diocesan priest, and community members showcase their unique talents to benefit Diocesan youth. All proceeds go to Generation Next, a fund which supports retreats, mission trips and other faith-building activities. There is no ticket needed, but asking for a free-will offering. Food will be available for purchase. For questions, please call 320-258-7653.

Readings for the Week: Monday, October 9th: Jon 1:1 – 2:2, 11 / Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 10th: Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 11th: Jon 4:1-11 / Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 12th: Mal 3:13-20b / Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 13th: Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2 / Lk 11:15-26

Community Events:

- Sunday, October 8th: Cold Spring area Knights of Columbus breakfast at St. Boniface in Cold Spring. Serving from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit Rocori Action Packs and other charitable projects. (Action packs are food bags for weekends to elementary aged students for families in need.)
- Tuesday, October 10th: Pro-Life gathering at Great River Regional Library Array Room in St. Cloud at 7 pm. There will be an informative, and enlightening presentation.
- 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.
- 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!