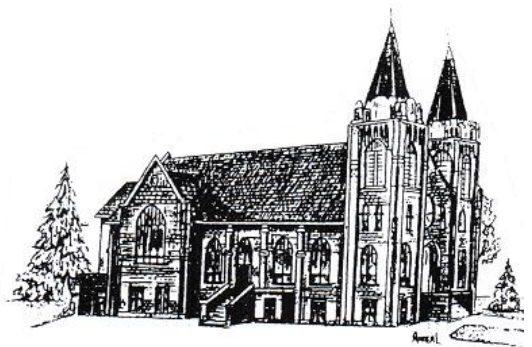


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2017



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MASS SCHEDULE

Nov 11	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Nov 12	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Tony Vossen
Nov 13	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	St. Frances Xavier	
Nov 14	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Elmer Boeckmann
Nov 15	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Nov 16	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Aloys & Rose Lahr
Nov 17	Friday	{SA} NO MASS	St. Elizabeth	
Nov 18	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Bill Loch
Nov 19	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Kevin Kraemer

Sunday, November 5th is the First Sunday of the switched Mass times with St. Anne's. St. Nicholas is at 10:00am and St. Anne's is 8:00 am on Sundays!

**Fr. Tom will be back to fill in for Fr. Statz on Saturday, November 18th both Saturday Masses.

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 18 at 7:30 pm	Rick Utecht	Mitchell Utecht Volunteer	Tom Landwehr Robert Wehseler	Lucy Schreiner
Nov 19 at 10:00 am	Lee Bautch Kelly Bautch Trish Ludwig	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Paul Ludwig Elmer Frank	Shirley Lutgen

Soup & Sandwich Supper: The Parish Life Committee will be hosting the Annual Soup & Sandwich Supper on Wednesday, November 22nd. This will be followed by the Thanksgiving Mass at 7:30 pm. We are looking for a couple more crock pots of soup! Would you be willing to donate a pot of soup? If so, please contact Trish Ludwig at 248-8250 and leave her a message with the kind of soup you would like to bring.



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 November 5, 2017

Adult \$XXX (48 of 161 envelopes)
Youth XXX (2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose XXX



All Saints/All Souls Day \$XXX (25 gifts)
Energy Needs \$XXX (2 gifts)
Propagation of Faith \$XXX (1 gift)

TOTAL \$XXXXX

Gospel Connection: A hospice nurse writes about the valuable lessons she has learned from her care of the dying: "Although I struggle, like every other human being, with the daily challenges of overwork, impatience, fear, anger, and disappointment, I know that it is always my choice instead to choose happiness, forgiveness, compassion, and joy, to live each day as if it were my last, and to be grateful for every day that I have. Working with the dying has brought light into my own life, illuminating the shadowy corners of negativity that I alone have the choice to relinquish or to transform into something more positive. Even though the work I do is with the dying, it has also been work within myself, and I thank God every day for both of those opportunities. So, in the end, what is it that the dying teach others around them? They teach how to love and how to allow ourselves to be loved; how to forgive and how to ask for forgiveness; how to find our joy and how to spread that joy around to others. They also teach us how to spend valuable time connecting our earthly self with our spiritual self so that these two separate but vital aspects of our being aren't strangers when they meet as the time of our own death draws near. And so it is perhaps meant to be that, with every person's dying, another person is learning to live well. Although I can't know for certain, I suspect from what I have witnessed that, possibly, the very best part of living might actually be the dying." [From Peaceful Passages: A Hospice Nurse's Stories of Dying Well by Janet Wehr.]

The parable of the ten bridesmaids reflects what this dedicated hospice nurse has learned from those entrusted to her care: that we have only so many opportunities to become part of Jesus' work of mercy and reconciliation; that we have only so much oil in our lamps to illuminate the love of God in our lives. There is so much we want to accomplish in our lives - but the many demands on our time to make a living derail us from making a life, a life that is centered in the love of family and friends, in an awareness of God's loving presence in our midst, in a yearning to contribute to the greater good of all. Christ warns us not to fall into the trap of the five "foolish" bridesmaids who squander their time before the Bridegroom's arrival, but to embrace the wisdom of the five "wise" bridesmaids, trimming our "lamps" with the "oil" of compassion, generosity and forgiveness in the precious time we have until Christ's coming.

Religious Education: Classes will meet on Wednesday, November 15th in the Parish House. Just a reminder to ALL students and parishioners, there will be a food donation box set up during the Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:30 pm.

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!

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.

Sharing Tree: The Sharing Tree will be coming soon! Look for it in the back of Church!

Labels and Receipts: There is a basket in the back of Church to collect your receipts and labels. Just a note on the Campbell's Soup Labels: if you have any left in your drawer, please get them turned in! Campbell's is discontinuing this program very soon. You might have even noticed that the labels look different on your newest cans. Please continue to save Teal's receipts, Plantenberg's receipts, Gohman Food receipts, any Our Family UPC codes from any of their products, and Box Tops for Learning. These really do make a difference!

Readings for the Week: Monday, November 13th: Wis 1:1-7 / Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 14th: Wis 2:23 – 3:9 / Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 15th: Wis 6:1-11 / Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, November 16th: Wis 7:22b – 8:1 / Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 17th: Wis 13:1-9 / Lk 17:26-37

Community Events:

- Sunday, November 12th: Breakfast at St. Boniface Church, Cold Spring Knights of Columbus. On the menu: eggs, sausage, ham hash browns, cinnamon bread, pastries, fruit & beverages. Proceeds for "Coats for Kids."
- 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.
- Sunday, November 19th: Bouja & Chicken Noodle Soup sale at St. Anthony's in Watkins. Serving from 8:30 to Noon, also pre-sale is available by calling Larry Flaschenriem at 320-764-2965.
- Sunday, November 19th: Breakfast at Church of St. Anthony, Albany. Serving old fashioned ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, caramel & cinnamon rolls, beverages from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. All you can eat!