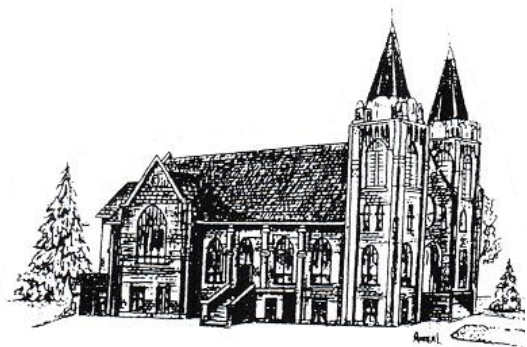


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017



PARISH STAFF			PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS		
Fr. James Statz	398-2229		Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287	
Brenda Kraemer, Secretary	(Office)	764-7345	Men's Society, David Stang	764-5339	
Sandy Stang, Parish Nurse	764-2030		Catholic United	764-5339	
Julene Faber, Musician	685-7211		Prayer Line, Sue Frank	stfrank@meltel.net OR	764-9112
Melanie Pauls, Musician	534-8658		Ministry Scheduler, Annette Stang	764-5339	
Brenda Kraemer, Rel. Ed Coordinator	(H)	685-3715	Parish Council, Paul Ludwig	764-2336	
<b>*Bulletin Deadline is Thursday at 9am</b> <b>*Email: stnicholas@meltel.net</b> <b>*Website: www.churchofsaintnicholas.com</b> <b>*Usual Office Hours of Secretary are Monday and Thursday mornings.</b>			Parish Council, Angie Spitzley	453-2091	
			Parish Council, Roger Utecht	253-9547	
			Parish Council, Sandy Stang	764-2030	
			Parish Council, Don Dufner	764-9105	
			Parish Council, Sue Stommes	597-3454	
			Trustee, Mike Kuechle	685-3225	
			Trustee, Mary Caskey	597-2854	

MASS SCHEDULE

Nov 18	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Bill Loch
Nov 19	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Kevin Kraemer
Nov 20	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Nov 21	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	+Joseph Theis
Nov 22	Wednesday	{SA} NO MASS	St. Cecilia	
		{SN} 7:30 pm	Thanksgiving Vigil	+Poor Souls
Nov 23	Thursday	{SN} NO MASS	Weekday – Thanksgiving Mass	
		{SA} 9:00 am	Weekday – Thanksgiving Mass	
Nov 24	Friday	{SA} NO MASS	St. Andrew	
Nov 25	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	+Esther & Elmer Faber
Nov 26	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	People of the Parish

Please see the schedule above for Thanksgiving Masses!

\*\*Please welcome Fr. Tom for Saturday Masses on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.  
\*\*Please welcome Fr. Eb Schefers for Saturday Masses on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

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
Nov 25 at 7:30 pm	Elmer Neu	Derek Utecht Volunteer	Ron Steil Jack Rausch	Elmer Neu
Nov 26 at 10:00 am	Annette Stang Steve Stang Sandy Stang	Jonathan Gathje Volunteer	Sy Schreiner Don Dufner	Dave Stang

**Soup & Sandwich Supper:** The Parish Life Committee will be hosting the Annual Soup & Sandwich Supper on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be followed by the Thanksgiving Mass at 7:30 pm. This event will have a free will offering to benefit Religious Education. The Religion program would like to use the money raised to purchase some new classroom tables and chairs and to provide transportation to a NET Mass in the Twin Cities for the Confirmation Candidates. This year, it will also be a Matching Grant event by Catholic United Financial.



Soup & Sandwich Supper



Stewardship of Treasure November 12, 2017

Adult	\$XXX	(32 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(6 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Energy Needs

\$XXX (2 gifts)

**Gospel Connection:** A dad looks back on the one thing he knows he and his wife got right in raising their children: "For all of the missteps my wife and I made in the realm of parenting, I'm pretty sure that one of our more brilliant successes was the prohibition we placed on the word bored. Every member of the household was banned from using that word or any of its correlatives when referring to one's immediate experience or outlook on life. Our rule, which didn't require enforcement until the kids reached adolescence, helped stifle some of the contempt that accompanies most expressions of boredom. The 'entertain me' attitude that springs from a lack of interest in what's happening in the world can make personal boredom appear to be someone else's fault. That wasn't a workable proposition in our house. Susan and I believe that one of the unheralded gifts of God's spirit is the reminder that life is intrinsically interesting and full of daily significance. Whatever our human capacity may be for losing resolve, feeling listless, and sensing an absence of meaning, there is always more to life than what is immediately observable to our eyes." [Peter W. Marty, writing in The Christian Century, September 27, 2017.]

For the true follower of Jesus, boredom is not an option. We have all been given much by God - some "talents" that have been entrusted to us to make God's Kingdom a reality in our own small corner of the vineyard. To "bury" our talents out of fear or laziness is to betray that trust. Jesus challenges us to commit whatever talents, strengths and resources we have, to use whatever wealth and resources we possess, to bring the hope and peace of the Kingdom of God into our hurting and desperate world. Whatever we are able to do or to give or to offer, the challenge of the Gospel is to refuse to allow ourselves to "bored"; to follow Jesus is to be ready and willing to seek out and respond to whatever opportunities we have to give joyously and humbly for the sake of others.

**Religious Education:** Classes will meet on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Parish House at 7:00 and move over to Church for Mass at 7:30 pm. Just a reminder to ALL students and parishioners, there will be a food donation box set up during the Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm. Seventh grade student will also be setting up the Sharing Tree before Mass that night! Parents are asked to help also.

**Cemetery Flowers:** Last call for removing flowers from the Cemetery! If items are not removed they will be disposed of by the Cemetery Committee. If there are any questions, please call Ralph Schreiner at 764-9080. Thank you!

**Choir!** It is that time of year again that the Choir will start singing with Melanie on Sunday Mornings! Please join her in the Choir loft on Sundays! She will have a short practice at 9:30 before Mass. Come and try it!!

**Sharing Tree:** The Sharing Tree will be set up by 7<sup>th</sup> Graders and their parents on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:45 pm. This is after the Soup Supper and before Mass. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



**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.

**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 Leaning. These will be benefiting Holy Cross School in Pearl Lake. These really do make a difference!

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 / Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>: 2 Mc 6:18-31 / Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 / Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>: 1 Mc 2:15-29 / Lk 19:41-44  
Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 / Lk 19:45-48

- Community Events:**
- Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>: 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 19<sup>th</sup>: 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 19<sup>th</sup>: 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!

