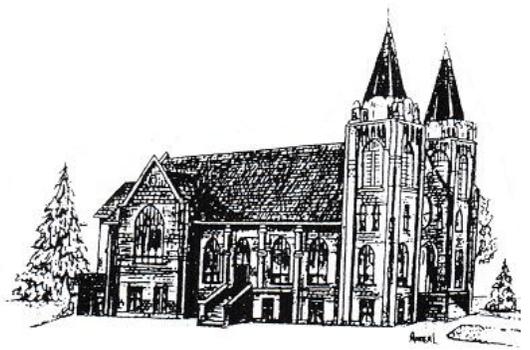


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 26, 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

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
Nov 27	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Nov 28	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Gregor & Frances Schreiner
Nov 29	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Nov 30	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Andrew	+William & Theresia Theis
Dec 1	Friday	{SA} NO MASS	Weekday	
Dec 2	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	First Sunday of Advent	+Arlene Lahr
Dec 3	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	First Sunday of Advent	Parents who have Lost a Child

**Please welcome Fr. Eb Schefers for both Masses on Saturday, November 25th.

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
Dec 2 at 7:30 pm	Rita Schwartz	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Allen Stommes Laverne Ludwig	Joe Decker
Dec 3 at 10:00 am	Marian Frank Elmer Frank Mike Kuechle	Andrew Bautch Michael Bautch	Jerry Boeckmann Phil Vossen	Shirley Kuechle



Soup & Sandwich Supper



Thank you to all who brought soups and helped to serve at our Soup & Sandwich Supper this past Wednesday! We had MANY people come to enjoy all of the different soups!

Parish Council Nominations: Parish Council Nominations will take place NEXT weekend. There will be nomination forms in the pews for you to write in Parish Members that you think would be able to serve on the Parish Council. This week, please pray about who you would like to nominate. Also pray about your willingness to be nominated. Paul Ludwig and Angie Spitzley are completing their 3 year terms. We thank them for their commitment and service to our Parish!

Stewardship of Treasure November 19, 2017

Adult	\$XXX	(32 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(5 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Thanksgiving	\$XXX (3 gifts)
Energy Needs	\$XXX (1 gift)

Gospel Connection: You're scrolling through the news or thumbing through the paper and you come across a story about a kid who overdosed or was bullied to the point of such despair that the kid took his or her own life. You might shrug for a second, shake your head, sigh that this is just another case of bad parenting, another failure of bloated public schools, another example of the wide chasm between "them" and "us." Or, you might not even notice the story at all as you move on to the business section or the sports page. But if that kid lived in your state or city or town, you'd notice. *Hey, this kind of thing just doesn't happen here!* You'd demand accountability; you'd want to know what's being done to help kids like this. Now if the kid went to the same school as your son or daughter, you'd immediately join other parents in asking some hard questions of school and law enforcement officials. If the kid lived next door to you, you'd be right there for that family. It would be as if your child had died. And if it was your own son or daughter . . . *That fact is: It is our own kid. Every kid is our kid.*

Harvard Professor of Public Policy Dr. Robert Putnam, author of *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*, writes: "Our sense of 'we' has shriveled. Now when people talk about 'our kids,' they talk about their own biological kids; they don't talk about all kids. This leads to a situation that's bad for the economy and bad for democracy. But it's just not right. We have an obligation to care for other people's kids too."

That's Jesus' point in today's Gospel: Every kid is our kid. Every person in trouble is our responsibility. Every injustice endured by another is our responsibility. Because every kid, every person in trouble, every innocent is Christ. To be a disciple of Christ is to possess the vision of God that enables us to see the goodness and image of God in every human being. Our care for the poor, our work to alleviate despair and injustice in our communities, our holding ourselves accountable for creating more opportunities for the under-educated and under-employed is our first and most meaningful response to our baptismal call to proclaim the coming of God's Kingdom in his Christ.

Religious Education: Classes will meet on Wednesday, November 29th. Thank you to the 7th graders and their parents who helped set up the sharing tree! Your help will be needed again to organize the collection of items on December 10th after Mass.

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 7th grade Religious Education class is sponsoring our Sharing Tree. This year our church will be donating toys and non-food items to the Area Cold Spring Food shelf. The Food Shelf is sponsoring a Toys for Tots program with toys going to local children. The tags on the tree are marked for various ages of children 12 and under and items for the food shelf (in particular non-food items such as bar soap, shampoo, laundry soap, etc.). You are more welcome to also donate healthy food items as well. Cash received will be used to purchase additional toys.. **All items need to be turned in by December 10th. We will be boxing up the toys and other items after Mass – all are welcome to help, particularly 7th graders and their families.** We appreciate any help you can give to make Christmas special this year for area families.



Message from Fr. Statz: During the season of Advent and Lent I want to call special attention to the season we are in. I would like to do the parts that pertain to the people the "Holy Holy Holy" and the "Lamb of God" in Latin. You May be thinking, didn't the council do away with the Latin. In fact the opposite is true, according to the Documents of Vatican II in Section III paragraph 47 it states, "Pastors of souls should take care that besides the vernacular 'the faithful may also be able to say or sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them.'" These prayers will be found in the back pocket of the Missal in both Latin and English.

Message on Icy Church Steps: During this winter season, if the steps going into Church are snowy or icy, or there is a chain across them, the Parish Council is asking you to use the elevator door to enter Church. This is being done for safety! Thank you!

Communion: If you are not able to make it to Church this winter season, or anytime, and you would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office at 764-7345 or Brenda at home (685-3715). Someone will be able to bring it to you!

Updating your Information: We are striving to keep our information up to date! If you, or any of your family members, have had changes to their address or especially your phone numbers, please update your information with the Parish Office! Many have dropped their land lines and only use a cell number. If you know of any changes, you can call 764-7345 and leave a message or you can email your changes to stnicholas@meltel.net. It only takes a minute, but saves others much time! THANK YOU!

Honoring Marriage Day 2018: The Honoring Marriage Day for 2018 will take place in St. Cloud on May 5, 2018 with a Mass at 1:00 pm for Couples celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50 or 60 years during 2018. If you will be celebrating one of these anniversaries, please contact the parish office. You will receive an official invitation from the Diocese. Thank you!

Advent Daily Reflections: There are books in the back of Church called "The Magnificat Advent Companion" that are available to you for your daily Advent reflections and prayers. You are welcome to take one!

Readings for the Week: Monday, November 27th: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 / Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday, November 28th: Dn 2:31-45 / Lk 21:5-11 Wednesday, November 29th: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 / Lk 21:12-19
Thursday, November 30th: Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22 Friday, December 1st: Dn 7:2-14 / Lk 21:29-33

Community Events:

- Saturday, December 2nd: St. Boniface Parish in Cold Spring is serving Authentic Mexican Tacos from 4 pm to 7:30 pm. Sponsored by the Hispanic Community and the Knights of Columbus.
- Sunday, December 3rd: Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast at St. Boniface in Cold Spring. Serving sausage, ham, waffles, scrambled eggs and beverages from 8:30 am to Noon.