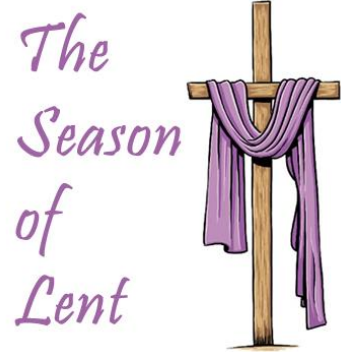


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018



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MASS SCHEDULE

Feb 24	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	2 nd Sunday of Lent	+Marvin Hilsgen
Feb 25	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	2 nd Sunday of Lent	+Eugene Schutz
Feb 26	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Lenten Weekday	
Feb 27	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Lenten Weekday	+Wilfred Flaschenriem
Feb 28	Wednesday	{SA} 5:30 pm	Lenten Weekday	
		{SN} 7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	
Mar 1	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Lenten Weekday	+Harold Jungels
Mar 2	Friday	{SA} NO MASS	Lenten Weekday	
Mar 3	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	3 rd Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
Mar 4	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	3 rd Sunday of Lent	+Rosie Gathje

Please welcome Fr. Tom Olson on Sunday, February 25th. Fr. Statz will be doing confessions for SA students. You can even wish him a HAPPY BIRTHDAY, as his birthday was last Thursday!

Weekend Masses at St. Anne's in Kimball are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 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
Mar 3 at 7:30 pm	Judi Schreiner	Dylan Utecht Volunteer	Ralph Schreiner Art Faber	Judi Schreiner
Mar 4 at 10:00 am	Don Dufner Marion Frank	Jonathan Gathje Volunteer	Ron Stang John Hopper	Shirley Lutgen

Stretching & Breakfast Make 'N Take: the Parish Volunteer Team is putting together a session for some healthy stretching exercises and making healthy breakfasts. This get together will be held on Saturday, March 10th at 10:00 am in the Church Basement. We will have an exercise instructor come and give us some helpful, easy stretches to do each day and different items to use to create a healthy, on-the-go type breakfast. This class will be open to anyone 21 years and older. More information will come, but please call Trish Ludwig if you have any questions or would like to sign up! There will be a \$15 and we are asked to bring a 1 quart Mason jar to class. There will be breakfast samples and we will be making a breakfast for later! Bring a friend and husbands are welcome too!

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will meet on Monday, March 5th at 7:30 pm in the Parish House. If you would like to add anything to the agenda, please email Brenda.

Bocce Ball on Sunday!! See the back side of this bulletin for details!!

Stewardship of Treasure February 18, 2018

Adult \$XXX (28 of 161 envelopes)
Youth XXX (0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose XXX



Energy Needs \$XXX (1 gift)
St. Cloud Visitor \$XXX (3 gifts)
Catholic Relief Services \$XXX (1 gift)

TOTAL \$XXXXX

Gospel Connection: "I know I am not an ordinary 10-year-old kid," says Auggie, the center of the extraordinary film *Wonder*. We first meet Auggie wearing an astronaut's helmet; when he takes it off, we see why he hides behind it: His young face is scarred, his earlobes are little flaps, his eyes tear-shaped slits, giving him a perpetual sad-puppy expression. He has endured 27 operations in his young life. But despite it all, Auggie is a great kid, funny and smart, good-hearted and kind, with a love for science, especially space travel.

The time has come for Auggie to enter fifth grade at a school. This is a big step for Auggie: his first experience interacting with other kids and making a place for himself in the outside world. Mom and Dad are naturally anxious as to how Auggie will be treated by other students. And that becomes the focus of the film: *Wonder* is not just about a young boy coping with a congenital facial deformity - it's also about those who love him and struggle with the impact Auggie's issues have on them.

As expected, Auggie becomes the target of bullies, led by Julian, the mean rich kid. But Auggie strikes up a friendship with a boy named Jack Will, who feels like an outsider himself because he's a working-class scholarship student. The friendship is strained when Jack betrays Auggie in order to stay cool with Julian - but Jack soon realizes the hurt he has caused and the good friend he has lost. Auggie and Jack's reconciliation is one of the best moments in the film.

Wonder is a rarity: a family film about real families. The movie doesn't sugarcoat the pain experienced by Auggie and his family and his friends. But we also see each person discover the best of who they are, the love they are capable of giving - and receiving.

Though he doesn't realize it, Auggie is what Archbishop Desmond Tutu calls an "agent of transfiguration": the means for others to realize the "divinity" that exists within themselves that enables them to transform despair into hope, sadness into joy, anguish into healing, estrangement into community. Love that calls us beyond ourselves is transforming - such is the divinity that Peter, James and John "see" in Jesus on the mount of the transfiguration. The challenge of the disciple's call is to allow that love to "transfigure" our lives and our world in the grace of God's love in our midst, in the humble and generous example of his Christ.

Religious Education: The next class will be on Wednesday, February 28th at 7:00 pm. We will have Stations of the Cross on February 28th, but will meet in class first. Confessions for students will be coming up in March.

Bocce Ball on the Lake in St. Nick! Sunday, Feb 25 starting around 1:30 -2:00. The plans are all set. Come join us for an afternoon in the outdoors. Bonfire (down below the ball park), roasting hotdogs, bocce ball games on the lake. All are invited. Parking will be on the west side (at the bottom of the hill) of the baseball park. Follow the path, either on the lake or through the woods, towards the back of the softball park. Hotdogs and marshmallows will be provided. Bring your own beverages and a snack to share, and your own chair if you want one. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will have a bean bag tourney in the church basement. If you have any questions, you can call Betty or Ken Lutgen.

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2018: Bishop, we are grateful for the Tribunal Office, where broken relationships receive mercy, blessing and healing. We support the Bishop's Annual Appeal! For more information please visit stcdio.org.

Diocesan Meeting: Trustees are asked to attend the Diocesan Meeting on Wednesday, February 28th at 1:30 in Albany. There is also the Pastoral Review Meeting on Thursday, March 1st at 7:00 pm at St. Anne's that is for all Parish Council members and trustees. Please plan to attend!

Stations of the Cross during Lent: The Men's Society will be hosting Stations of the Cross during Lent. There will be every Wednesday at 7:00 pm, except on Tuesday, March 6th and Tuesday, March 13th. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

Rice Bowl: Rice Bowls are available to pick up in the back of Church. This week, we encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit csrceibowl.org for more information.

Annual Parish Dinner: Our Annual Parish Dinner will be held this year on **Sunday, April 15th** after the 10:00 am Mass. This is a great time for socializing and fellowship with the members of our church! Please make an effort to attend this year if you haven't in the past! All are invited. More information will come out closer to the date.

Readings for the Week: Monday, February 26th: Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27th: Is 1:10, 16-20 / Mt 23:1-12

Thursday, March 1st: Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31

Wednesday, February 28th: Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28

Friday, March 2nd: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Mt 21:23-43, 45-46

Community Events:

- Sunday, February 25th: Knights of Columbus Roast Beef & Ham Dinner at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Rockville. Serving from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Proceeds to support KC Sponsored vocation scholarships and other religious activities
- Sunday, February 25th: Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast at St. Francis of Assisi Church State, Hwy 238 in Freeport (just North of Albany). Menu of sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes with toppings, sweet rolls, beverages. Free Will offering!
- Sunday, March 4th: K of C Breakfast at St. Anne's Church in Kimball serving from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. Menu of eggs, pancakes, hash browns, beverages. Proceeds to to Kimball Area Food shelf and SA Religious Ed program.