

# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018



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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

Apr 14	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
Apr 15	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	+Jake Foehrenbacher
Apr 16	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
Apr 17	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Elmer Boeckmann
Apr 18	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Easter Weekday	
Apr 19	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Eugene Schutz
Apr 20	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
Apr 21	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Special Int. for John Decker
Apr 22	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	+Parents of L & D Ludwig

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](http://www.churchofsaintnicholas.com)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
April 28 at 7:30 pm	Anita Neu	Dylan Utecht Volunteer	Laverne Ludwig Allen Stommes	Elmer Neu
April 29 at 10:00 am	Brenda Kraemer Shirley Lutgen Dave Stang	Sarah Kraemer Kathy Kraemer	Robert Kraemer Elmer Frank	Lee Bautch

**Pallet Painting:** The Catholic United Parish Volunteer Team will be hosting an evening of painting and socializing on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Church basement. Jean Reinert from Backyard Garden Creations will be here to show us how to paint a pallet sign. To join in the fun, you will need to sign up prior to the event. For more details, there are packets in the back of church or go to the online bulletin to view the options. Any questions, please call JJ Utecht at 320-248-8960 or Annette Stang at 320-250-0681.

**Parish Dinner:** THIS SUNDAY AFTER MASS!

**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 had 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 April 8, 2018

Adult	\$XXX	(26 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	\$XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	



Rice Bowl	\$XXX
Good Friday	\$XXX (3 gifts)
Easter	\$XXX (5 gifts)
Easter Flowers	\$XXX (1 gift)
Energy Needs	\$XXX (4 gifts)

**Gospel Connection:** Thirteen years ago, Tracy Grant's husband of 19 years was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. Tracy became Bill's faithful caregiver. Over the course of seven months, her husband Bill "went from beating me silly at tennis to needing my help to go to the bathroom." It was a difficult, stressful and exhausting time, but Tracy, a deputy managing editor at The Washington Post, writes that those seven months were the time in her life when she felt "most alive. I was 42 years old. I had become a respected professional, a responsible and, I hope, loving parent. But I had to discover the reason I was on this earth. During those seven months, I came to understand that whatever else I did in my life, nothing mattered more. I discovered that the petty grievances of an irksome coworker, a child with the sniffles, or a flat tire pales in comparison with the beauty of spontaneous laughter, the night sky, the smells of a bakery. There were moments of joy, laughter, and tenderness everyday - if I was willing to look hard enough. I found I could train myself to set my internal barometer to be more compassionate than callous.

"In the days following Bill's diagnosis and brain surgery, being his caregiver required me to be the best reporter I knew how to be. I found clinical trials and talked to oncologists in Texas, Pennsylvania, and New York. It gave me a sense of purpose, and it gave Bill comfort - and a few chuckles - to overhear me reading the riot act to some insurance rep who'd told me a treatment wouldn't be covered." And now, 13 years after Bill's death, Tracy looks at those last seven months with gratitude. ". . . I haven't started a foundation to cure cancer. I haven't left the news business to get a medical degree. I work. I try to be there for my sons. I will never again have that high a purpose. But every day, I try again to be the person I became during those seven months. I try to be a little less judgmental, a little more forgiving and generous, a little more grateful for the small moments in my life. I am a better person for having been Bill's caregiver. It was his last, best give to me." [The Washington Post, August 30, 2016.]

Wherever and whenever true love is present, resurrection is experienced. Tracy experiences that sense of resurrection in her caring for her husband - and it changes her in profound and beautiful ways. And, whether she realizes it or not, her loving generosity is a "witness" to the possibilities for such resurrection in her life and the lives of those she loves. In the compassion and peace we are able to extend to those we love and who love us, we become "flesh and bone" signs of the hope and grace of Easter along the Emmaus roads we all walk.

**Religious Education:** Congratulations to Kiarra Ahrens, Alex Foehrenbacher, Gregory Gathje, Lauren Johannes, Kendra Kraemer, Damian Lincoln and Mitchell Utecht! These students received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 8 at St. Boniface in Cold Spring. Trish Ludwig is also pictures with the group. She has been their RE teacher for the last several years.



**Easter Flowers:** Thank you for the Easter Flower donations! These donations were made in memory of:



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| +Krueger & Hansen Families       | +Eugene Schutz                   |
| +William & Theresia Theis        | +Anton & Anna Pozorski           |
| +Willie, Jean & Sue Flaschenriem | +Parents of Marv & Linda Jungels |
| +Christian Women                 | +Ervin & Louise Linn             |
| +Loren Linn                      | +Sandra Klaers                   |
| +Parents of Leo & Carole Klaers  | +Alfred Theis                    |
| +Christian Women                 |                                  |

**Cemetery Project:** The Cemetery Committee has recommended an update to the Cross area in the cemetery. The split face granite is falling off and the statues are about ready to crumble. In the next couple of weeks the cement will be busted up and the statues removed. We will replace the existing cement with exposed aggregate. Also we will be adding granite ledgers with sandblasted pictures on it to replace the angels. There will be an model of the new project in the back of church in the near future. The cost of the project is estimated at around \$25,000. This is an enormous project for cemetery. It is important to the committee to maintain a safe and beautiful cemetery. If anyone is interested in donating to this project or have any concerns, please contact Dave Stang. Cell: 320-469-4735 or email: dstang@catholicunited.org

**KC's Tootsie Roll Drive:** The Annual Tootsie Roll Drive will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be KC Members with Tootsie Rolls that weekend. Please be generous!



**Readings for the Week:** Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: Acts 7:51 – 8:1a / Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>: Acts 8:1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>: Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>: Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59

## Community Events:

- Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: Rice Hospice Program Bereavement Support Group meeting at Paynesville Lutheran Church at 3:00 pm. Also on April 23, 30, May 7, 14, and 21. For more information, call Judie Dunlop at 320-231-4442.
- Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>: Rummage Sale at St. Anthony Church in St. Cloud from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. (2410 1<sup>st</sup> Street North St. Cloud)
- Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>: Swanycake & Sausage Supper from 3 – 8:30 pm at St. Anthony Parish, St. Anthony (off of State Hwy 238, Albany). All you can eat pancakes, sausage, potato salad, relishes, applesauce, bread, bars, cake & beverages.
- Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at St. Boniface in Cold Spring. Serving from 8:30 to 12:30 pm. Menu will be eggs, hash browns, ham sausage, cinnamon bread, fruit, sweet roll & beverage.
- June 5 – 7: Franciscan Girls Camp in Little Falls for girls in grades 6 – 8. For more information visit www.fslf.org.