

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018



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MASS SCHEDULE

Apr 21	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	4 th Sunday of Easter	Special Int. for John Decker
Apr 22	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	4 th Sunday of Easter	+Parents of L & D Ludwig
Apr 23	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
Apr 24	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Richard Schmitt
Apr 25	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Mark	
Apr 26	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	Special Intention
Apr 27	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
Apr 28	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	5 th Sunday of Easter	+Wilfred Flaschenriem
Apr 29	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	5 th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish

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
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

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.



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

Stewardship of Treasure April 8, 2018

Adult	\$XXX	(23 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



St. Nicholas Chapel	\$XXX
Easter	\$XXX (2 gifts)
Easter Flowers	\$XXX (1 gift)
Energy Needs	\$XXX (1 gift)

Gospel Connection: There are many words that could be used to describe Aaron Feis: Selfless. Giving. Loyal. Resilient. But when it came to his everyday life at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, the word "ubiquitous" might fit best. Coach Feis had an all-encompassing presence that both athletes and non-athletes knew and loved, a presence that extended beyond the school walls to the Parkland, Florida, community. In a piece written for ESPN.com, not one friend or former player interviewed expressed surprise that Coach Feis ran toward the gunfire and take a bullet for the students at his school, the place where he played football, graduated in 1999 and returned to help his beloved community. They want everyone to know: This is who Aaron Feis was - every minute, every day.

Feis, a school security guard and assistant football coach at his high school alma mater, was one of 17 killed in the Ash Wednesday shootings at Stoneman Douglas. He died shielding two students from the gunfire. He was 37. Feis - nobody ever called him Aaron - was a loving father and husband and coach - more than a coach, especially to kids at-risk. His colleagues and friends all said that Feis thought about others more than he thought about himself. College recruiters also got to know Feis because he made it his business to know them. Feis wanted his players to find opportunities to keep playing. He spent countless hours making highlight DVDs for any player who'd ask. He did this on his own time, on the same salary he made as a school security guard. Feis would say to a college coach about one of his players, "Here's a DVD of a player who needs help. If he doesn't fit at your school, Coach, could you please talk to your other colleagues and help him find a home?" Feis helped get 50 to 70 players into college who might have fallen through the cracks. Brower County Sheriff Scott Israel said of his friend, "Before you even heard how he died, you knew he died putting himself in harm's way to save others. That's who he was. [He died] running toward danger while others were correctly running away from danger. "Head coaches have come and gone [from Parkland] but what's the one constant? Big Feis. Kids would do more for Feis because they never wanted to let him down." And Feis never let them down. [ESPN.com, People.com, February 22, 2018.]

Christ the Good Shepherd walks among us still in the lives of people like Coach Feis, whose love and compassion enable them to "lay down their lives" for the students, the patients, the soldiers, the mentally and physically challenged entrusted to their care. In Christ, we belong to one another; in imitating Christ, our lives are at the service of one another. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, may we give thanks for the courage and love of those who have laid down their lives for us and for others and seek for ourselves the grace to "lay down" our lives for the sake of justice and mercy for all the members of the "one fold."

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 from Very Rev. Robert Rolfes 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. Please continue to keep them in your prayers!



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



+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

Readings for the Week: Monday, April 23rd: Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday, April 24th: Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 25th: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Mk 16:15-20

Thursday, April 26th: Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20

Friday, April 27th: Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6

Community Events:

- Sunday, April 29th: 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 13th: 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.