

# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 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 28	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	+Wilfred Flaschenriem
Apr 29	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
Apr 30	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
May 1	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Elmer Boeckmann
May 2	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Athanasius	
May 3	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Sts. Philip & James	+Katie Gohman
May 4	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
May 5	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Spec. Int for John Decker
May 6	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	+Andy Maus

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
May 5 at 7:30 pm	Louise Schutz	Mitchell Utecht Volunteer	Art Faber Robert Wehseler	Lucy Schreiner
May 6 at 8:00 am	Mary Caskey Lee Bautch Kelly Bautch	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Sy Schreiner Don Dufner	Doug Caskey

**Mass Intentions: WE ARE IN NEED OF 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 THIS WEEKEND. There will be KC Members with Tootsie Rolls. Please be generous!

**MASS TIME CHANGE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>!**  
**SUNDAY MORNING MASS WILL BE AT 8:00 AM – UNTIL**  
**NOVEMBER. ST. ANNE'S WILL HAVE THE 10:00 AM MASS.**

## Stewardship of Treasure April 22, 2018

Adult \$XXX (38 of 161 envelopes)  
Youth XXX (2 of 45 envelopes)  
Loose XXX  
**TOTAL \$XXXXX**



Easter \$XXX (1 gift)  
Home Missions \$XXX (1 gift)  
Energy Needs \$XXX (1 gift)

**Gospel Connection:** *The Crown* is the acclaimed Netflix series on the life and times of England's Queen Elizabeth II. A particularly revealing moment takes place in the first season of the series. Elizabeth's father unexpectedly becomes king when his brother, Edward VIII, abdicates the throne in 1936. King George VI was revered by his people for his humility and courage in leading England through World War II. In 1952, George VI dies after a long battle with cancer, and he is succeeded by his 26-year-old daughter, Elizabeth. The young princess confides to her grandmother, the dowager Queen Mary, her fear that she is totally inadequate and unprepared to succeed her father, that she is terrified that the nation and commonwealth will not accept her as their queen. The dowager queen tells her beloved granddaughter that to be king or queen is about service, service that is centered in God. The person and personality of Elizabeth, Mary explains, cedes to God's greater good - the monarchy.

"Monarchy is God's sacred mission to grace and dignify the earth," the venerable queen explains to Elizabeth, "to give ordinary people an ideal to strive towards, an example of nobility and duty to raise them from their wretched lives. Monarchy is a calling from God. That is why you are crowned in an abbey, not a government building; why you are anointed, not appointed. It's an archbishop that puts the crown on your head, not a minister or public servant. Which means that you are answerable to God in your duty, not the public."

Queen Mary instructs her granddaughter that the crown she is about take on is not about her but about her people; the crown is not just a form of government but a nation's identity centered in God and the Gospel of Jesus. Jesus leaves a similar instruction to his disciples at the Last Supper: that whether we are a queen of king or a poor farmer or shop owner, our lives are meant to manifest the goodness of God, that in all things and at all times we "remain" in Christ. As branches of Christ the vine, we are part of something greater than ourselves, something which transforms and transcends our unremarkable "smallness" to define the meaning and purpose of our lives.

**Religious Education:** Congratulations to Kiarra Ahrens, Alex Fohrenbacher, 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!



**Crowning of Mary:** During the Month of May -- a month both named for and dedicated to Mary -- Catholics have long honored her by placing a crown on her image. The tradition in the United States and many other countries has been for school children to have a "May Crowning" ceremony, with a procession of students, pretty dresses and a wreath of flowers that one child gets to place on the statue. Any students or children are invited to participate in our Crowning procession! We will be doing this at our Masses on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Please reply by email if you will be attending so we will have enough flowers for everyone. Thank you!

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Adoration will take place on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Nicholas from 5 to 8 pm and at St. Anne's on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm. Won't you come and spend some time with the Lord?

**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. *This project will be starting in the next week or two, as the ground is drying out enough to begin.* 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. 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

**Assumption "Grasshopper" Chapel:** This is an invitation to attend the Novena Masses in 2018! The Rosary will be prayed at 7:00 pm with OUTDOOR Mass at 7:30 pm every Thursday from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 19<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather! If there is inclement weather, the rosary & Mass will be held at St. Boniface in Cold Spring. Area priest will all be helping with Masses. Fr. Statz is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to those that planned and organized our "Pallet Painting Party" this last Friday, especially Annette Stang and JJ Utecht! We had over 30 participants come to the Church basement to create small pallet paintings of various designs. We also thank Jean Reinert and helper of Backyard Garden Creations for coming to share her talents with us! Check out the website for photos!

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>: Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>: Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14

Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>: Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17

## Community Events:

- 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.
- Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Breakfast with the Bishop, a benefit for the Catholic Schools Student Scholarship Fund will be held at the Gorecki Center, College of St. Benedict. To reserve a seat, call Alice at 320-258-7656.
- Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>: Knights of Columbus, Church of St. Joseph in St. Joseph Parish Breakfast. Serving Pep's pork & St. Joe Meat Market Sausages, scrambled eggs, hash browns, pancakes, fruit rolls, & beverages from 8:30 am to Noon.
- 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](http://www.fslf.org).