

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 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

May 19	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Pentecost Sunday	+Rausch & Koetter Families
May 20	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	Pentecost Sunday	+Fr. Al Ludwig
May 21	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
May 22	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Elmer Boeckmann
May 23	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
May 24	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	Special Intention
May 25	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
May 26	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	The Most Holy Trinity	+Sue Flaschenriem
May 27	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	The Most Holy Trinity	People of the Parish

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
May 26 at 7:30 pm	Judi Schreiner	Dylan Utecht Volunteer	Laverne Ludwig Ralph Schreiner	Judi Schreiner
May 27 at 8:00 am	Sandy Stang Steve Stang Don Dufner	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Elmer Frank Ron Stang	Mike Kuechle

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.

Fr. Tom's Anniversary Mass: Fr. Tom has let us know that he will have a Mass for his 45th Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday, May 20th at St. Paul's Church in St. Cloud. This will be a 10:00 am Mass. He invites any parishioners from St. Nicholas and St. Anne's to attend. St. Paul's Church is located at 1125 11th Ave North, St. Cloud.



Memorial Day Mass: Memorial Day Mass will be held at the Cemetery in Kimball this year. There will be a presentation by the Cold Spring Legion at St. Nicholas Cemetery at approximately 10:00 am on Monday, May 28th with a short prayer service.

Christian Women/Men's Society Meeting: The Christian Women and Men's Society will have a meeting on Sunday, June 3rd at 7:30 pm in the Church Basement. The Catholic United Parish Volunteer Team will meet at another time (watch for an email!). Lunch Committee will be Shirley Kuechle and Trish Ludwig.

Stewardship of Treasure May 13, 2018

Adult	\$XXX	(30 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Peter's Pence	\$XXX (1 gift)
Easter	\$XXX (1 gift)

Gospel Connection: Will and Maggie have a secret language. It's a language that has evolved over time. It's a language that transcends the couple's everyday squabbles, distractions and differences in personality and perspective. It's a language grown out of desperation and love. Maggie explains how this "language" works: "We were on a bus recently with our three children. It was late, it was snowing, everyone was tired and the bus was crowded. I was squeezed on one seat with my two youngest children. Will and our eldest were strap-hanging in the aisle. From behind us came a noise: a crackling, rustling, splitting, then a specific crunch-crunch-crunch. My head spun around my neck, as did Will's. We took in our fellow passenger and his snack for a split second before I shot from my seat, hustling my daughters ahead of me, locking eyes with Will. And so began our wordless conversation.

"He tilted his head, meaning, *Is that person eating nuts in the same airspace as our daughter?* "I narrowed my eyes, which meant, *Yes, I'm afraid so.* "He frowned, to say, *Don't let her breathe in until we get off the bus.* "I shrugged, implying, *Don't worry, I won't.* We ushered our baffled, uncomprehending children off the bus and into the snow, miles from home.

I realize this sounds like a deranged thing to do, so let me explain. When our middle daughter was quite young, we learned that she had an immune disorder . . . Just the inhalation of a single particle of nut dust could kill her within 10 minutes. Life, for her, is a series of dangers, strung together, one after another, like beads on a thread . . . Will and I must constantly be thinking about how best to protect her - as well as trying to minimize the impact of her condition on her siblings . . . There is a sense of solidarity between us on this one issue. We never argue about how best to take care of our daughter, not because we always agree - far from it - but because we know we need to channel every atom of energy into protecting her and her siblings.

When it counts - when it's a situation of life or death - all that stuff and strife is forgotten. The secret code kicks in, and I know one thing: He and I will stand, teeth bared, between death and our daughter, unquestionably united, saying, *Get back, get away. You're not having her. Not today. Not tomorrow. Not any time soon.*" [From "Modern Love: 'It's Us Against a Particle of Dust'" by Maggie O'Farrell, The New York Times, March 9, 2018.]

Maggie and Will "speak" the language of the Spirit of God, the "language" that collapses disagreements and dissolves self-interests for the sake of a loved one. In their fierce protection of their daughter, God's Spirit enables them to "speak" to one another in the "language" of compassion and care for the good of their children. As the Spirit overcomes the barriers of language and perception to open up the hearts and minds of Peter's listeners on that first Pentecost, that same Spirit "blows" through our own homes and families enabling us to speak and hear God's language of mercy and forgiveness in our love and care for one another. The gift of Pentecost faith enables us to hear the voice of God speaking in the midst of the clamor and busyness, the pain and despair of our everyday lives, inviting us to embrace the life and love of God in our homes and hearts

Peter's Pence Collection: This weekend is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today.

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 has begun!! Please use caution when visiting the cemetery until work is finished.*** 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 3rd to July 19th. 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 priests will all be helping with Masses. Fr. Stanz is scheduled for June 7th.

DCCW: The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will have their 28th Annual "Fun, Food and Fund Day" on Thursday, June 14, 2018 hosted by the Cold Spring Deanery at St. Louis Catholic Church, 505 Burr Street in Paynesville. All women in the St. Cloud Diocese are invited. The theme this year is Angels Among Us. Registration & refreshments are at 8:30 am followed by Mass, silent auction, lunch and entertainment. Registration fee is \$15 by June 4th. For more information contact Lois Wesbur at 320-894-5837.

Nicks Baseball: The St. Nicholas Nicks invite you to come to their next baseball game! St. Nick will play St. Augusta at home on Sunday, May 20th at 2:00. They will be at Watkins on Friday, May 25th at 7:30 pm. Come and cheer them on!

Readings for the Week: Monday, May 21st: Jas 3:13-18 / Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, May 22nd: Jas 4:1-10 / Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, May 23rd: Jas 4:13-17 / Mk 9:38-40

Thursday, May 24th: Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:41-50

Friday, May 25th: Jas 5:9-12 / Mk 10:1-12

Community Events:

- Sunday, June 3rd: Parish Breakfast at Church of St. Joseph Heritage Hall in St. Joseph. Knights of Columbus will host from 8:30 to Noon all you care to eat Pep's pork & St. Joseph Meat Market Sausages, scrambled eggs, hash browns, pancakes and more!
- Thursday, June 14th: Fun, Food & Fund Day at St. Louis Catholic Church in Paynesville presented by the St. Cloud DCCW and the Cold Spring area Deanery. See above.