

# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 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.		Parish Council, Sandy Stang	764-2030
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		Trustee, Mike Kuechle	685-3225
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## MASS SCHEDULE

May 5	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Spec. Int for John Decker
May 6	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	+Andy Maus
May 7	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
May 8	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+John & Bernice Kuechle
May 9	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Easter Weekday	
May 10	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Romuald & Irene Kraemer
May 11	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
May 12	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Ascension of the Lord	+Elmer & Esther Faber
May 13	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	Ascension of the Lord	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](http://www.churchofsaintnicholas.com)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
May 12 at 7:30 pm	Rick Utecht	Derek Utecht Volunteer	Ron Steil Jack Rausch	Joe Decker
May 13 at 8:00 am	Judy Schutz Mike Kuechle Greg Utecht	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Steve Stang John Hopper	Shirley Lutgen

**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.

**SUNDAY MASS TIME HAS CHANGED!!**  
**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 29, 2018

Adult	\$XXX	(32 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	



Home Missions \$XXX (2 gifts)

**Gospel Connection:** An American visitor stopped by the home of one of his friends in Tanzania. As he entered the house, the visitor could hear all sorts of excited chatter and animated laughter coming from the living room. The visitor's friend and three guests were playing Scrabble. The four were really into the game. The visitor asked who was winning. They replied that they didn't know because they weren't keeping score. In fact, they were helping each other when needed, sharing and exchanging letter tiles. They even allowed a dictionary to be used. *What?* The visitor asked. *What about the rules?* The players explained that they weren't interested in individual scores. The whole idea was for the four of them to beat the total combined scores of their previous games. They weren't playing for individual honors but for community gain. What they wanted was to get the maximum points from the letters they had to the greatest extent possible. And playing this way, they said, helped them all learn new words in English, which was their third and fourth language. [Gabe Hurrish, MKLM, writing in Maryknoll, March/April 2018.]

This everyone-wins Scrabble game is the ideal of Jesus' "commandment" to his disciples gathered at table with him the night before he died. The love that Christ "commands" of us finds its source in the heart and spirit, not in whatever "rules" we establish, not in our own "winning" - especially when our winning means that another "loses." Loving as Christ has loved us begins by putting aside our own hopes and wants to realize, instead, the hopes and wants of others; by caring for and about others with humility and understanding, regardless of the sacrifice demanded of us; by readily making the first move to forgive and to heal, no matter how undeserving. May we realize the powerful sense of resurrection we can bring about by embracing the spirit of Christ's love in our attitudes and relationships.

**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>.



**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](mailto:dstang@catholicunited.org)

**Fr. Tom's Anniversary Mass:** Fr. Tom has let us know that he will have a Mass for his 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> Ave North, St. Cloud.

**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>.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>: Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26 – 16:4a

Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>: Acts 16:22-24 / Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>: Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1 / Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>: Acts 18:1-8 / Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>: Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23

### Community Events:

- 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).

