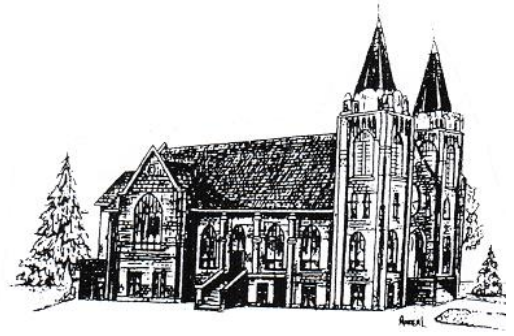


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, 2018



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MASS SCHEDULE

June 23	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	People of the Parish
June 24	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	+Arnold Dingmann
June 25	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
June 26	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Elmer Boeckmann
June 27	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
June 28	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Irenaeus	+Leona May
June 29	Friday	NO MASS	Sts. Peter & Paul	
June 30	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
July 1	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	K & B Lutgen Special Intention

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
June 30 at 7:30 pm	Louise Schutz	Mitchell Utecht Volunteer	Ron Steil Ralph Schreiner	Judi Schreiner
July 1 at 8:00 am	Sandy Stang Steve Stang Brenda Kraemer	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Robert Kraemer Paul Ludwig	Mike Kuechle



Donut Sunday! The Christian Women will host a Donut Sunday on **Sunday, June 24th** after the 8:00 am Mass. Stop by to have a donut and coffee and visit with your neighbors! The Christian Women ask that Group 3 help serve the donuts and make the coffee. The Christian Women are planning to do a Donut Sunday during the summer months, with each group taking a turn to serve. The July date will be announced at a later date

Cemetery Tree Trimming: Tree trimming and general maintenance at the Cemetery will take place on **Saturday, July 14th** starting at 8:00 am. There will also be some general maintenance around the parish house, like trimming some of the bushes by the front steps. Everyone is welcome to come and help – the more the merrier!! *If you can come for just a little bit, that is okay too!* If there are any questions, you can call Dave Stang at 320-469-4735 or Ralph Schreiner at 764-9080.



Stewardship of Treasure June 17, 2018

Adult	\$XXX	(29 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Peter's Pence	\$XXX (1 gift)
Cemetery Project	\$XXX (3 gifts)
Energy Needs	\$XXX (1 gift)

Gospel Connection: This year's Boston Marathon on April 16 was run under the most brutal conditions imaginable: sharp whipping winds, frigid temperatures and torrential rain battered the runners all along the 26-mile-route. But one runner was determined to finish the race no matter what - even if it took her until the next day to finish. Mary Shertenlieb's story is among the most remarkable stories of this year's marathon. This was Mary's first marathon ever - a special one because it has been five years since she was diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia. The 42-year-old mother of two decided to run Boston to raise money for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, the renowned treatment and research facility where Mary was a patient. She also wanted to show others that there is still reason to hope when cancer is diagnosed. Mary was soaked even before starting the race. About 12 miles into the marathon, the cold began to get to her. Because of her compromised immune system, she'd been warned to stop running if she got this cold. At 13 miles, she ducked into a medical tent, where one of her nurses at Dana-Farber urged her to stop. Her lips were purple and her body shook with chills. But Mary was determined to go on. "I kept thinking, I've done harder things than this. I've had cancer three times. I can surely, mentally, do this." So Mary pressed on. At 15.5 miles, she ran into her running companion's father, who took them into a Dunkin' Donuts to warm up. She knew her body couldn't take it anymore. On the verge of tears, she called her husband, Rich. Rich had an idea. Why don't they go home and wait for the rain to stop? Mary could take a warm shower and get some real clothes on. Then they would go back to where she stopped and finish the marathon at her own pace, on her own terms. And that's what they did. At 8 p.m., she and Rich went back to the Dunkin' Donuts and, together, finished the last 10.7 miles of the race - just the two of them, following the trail of orange peels and smashed cups, all the way to Boston. Rich alerted friends and supporters of their plans on social media. Sometimes they trotted, much of it they walked. Just after midnight, they crossed the finish line in downtown Boston, where they were met by police and volunteers and friends and fans. Mary had already met a \$15,000 fundraising goal for Dana-Farber - but when word about her unusual marathon path got out, donations soared beyond \$41,000. Mary said, "It was just overwhelming. I'm not a big crier, but I just burst into tears. I never thought I would feel this happy being in last place!" "I imagined myself crossing that finish line and I crossed it differently and I crossed it last, but I feel more fulfilled having it this way." [The Boston Globe; TODAY.com/NBC News.]

In her marathon through the storm, Mary Shertenlieb realized the spirit of Jesus with her "in her boat" in her determination to finish the race to raise money for Dana-Farber, in the care and concern of her supporters, in the understanding and resourcefulness of her husband who knew how important it was to her to finish. The voice of Jesus in our own "boats" speaks to us in the encouragement and support of others calling us beyond the fears, misgivings and doubts that stop us from embracing life to the full. Jesus speaks in the voices of those who reveal the grace of God's presence in our everyday lives and who challenge us to be the means of that grace for others. May we hear and become Jesus' "peace" and "stillness" in the "storms" and "marathons" of grief and hurt and despair we all ride out.

Cemetery Project: The granite work will start soon, now that the concrete work has been completed. The project is moving along well. 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.

Nicks Baseball: The St. Nicholas Nicks invite you to come to their next baseball game! St. Nicholas will play at St. Augusta on Sunday, June 24th at 2:00 pm. The All Star Game is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th in Elrosa at 8:00 pm. Come and cheer them on!

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.

For Sale: The three statues of the weeping women of Jerusalem from the cemetery are offered for sale. They will be sold on sealed bids. Write the number of the statue that you are bidding on, and the dollar amount that you are willing to pay, on a piece of paper, and your name. Put it in an envelope, and write statue bid on the front, and drop it in the collection basket. Or you can mail it to: Church of St. Nicholas (sealed bid) 15862 Co Rd 165 Watkins MN 55389. All bids are due July 1, 2018. You can view the statues on the north side of the cemetery. The winning bidders will be responsible for removing them. Two or three people are able to lift them. All money collected will go to the cemetery cross improvement fund. Any questions call Jeff Theis, 597-2417 or Dave Stang, 764-5339. **The photos are also online!**



Readings for the Week: Monday, June 25th: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 / Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 26th: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 / Mt 7:6, 12-14

Thursday, June 28th: 2 Kgs 24:8-17 / Mt 7:21-29

Wednesday, June 27th: 2 Kgs 22:8-13, 23:1-3 / Mt 7:15-20

Friday, June 29th: Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Community Events:

- Sunday, June 24th: St. Anna Church Bazaar. Mass at 10 am followed by Chicken & Ham Dinner, live music, cash raffle quilt raffle, gun raffle, games & amusements until all drawings at 6 pm.
- Sunday, July 15th: Healing Mass in honor of St. Odilia at Crosier Fathers & Brothers in Onamia. Brunch to follow, reservations are required. Please call 320-532-3103 to make the reservations.