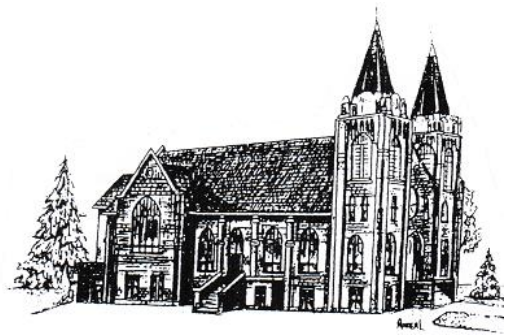


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 1, 2018



PARISH STAFF		PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS	
Fr. James Statz	398-2229	Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287
Brenda Kraemer, Secretary (Office)	764-7345	Men's Society, David Stang	469-4735
Sandy Stang, Parish Nurse	764-2030	Catholic United	764-5339
Julene Faber, Musician	685-7211	Prayer Line, Sue Frank	stfrank@meltel.net OR 764-9112
Melanie Pauls, Musician	534-8658	Ministry Scheduler, Annette Stang	764-5339
Brenda Kraemer, Rel. Ed Coordinator (H)	685-3715	Parish Council, Roger Utecht	253-9547
		Parish Council, Sandy Stang	764-2030
		Parish Council, Don Dufner	764-9105
		Parish Council, Sue Stommes	597-3454
		Parish Council, Elmer Frank	764-9111
		Parish Council, Kelly Bautch	597-3255
		Trustee, Mike Kuechle	685-3225
		Trustee, Mary Caskey	597-2854
*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

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
July 2	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
July 3	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Thomas	+Roman Utecht
		{SA} 9 am – 4 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	**Please note date change**
		{SN} 5 – 8 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
July 4	Wednesday	{SA} NO MASS	Weekday	
July 5	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Rausch & Koetter Families
July 6	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
July 7	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Jerome Schwartz
July 8	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	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
July 7 at 7:30 pm	Anita Neu	Volunteer Volunteer	Tom Landwehr Art Faber	Elmer Neu
July 8 at 8:00 am	Shirley Lutgen Trish Ludwig Kelly Bautch	Michael Bautch Volunteer	John Hopfer Don Dufner	Lee Bautch

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!* You can bring tools along with you if you have any. If there are any questions, you can call Dave Stang at 320-469-4735 or Ralph Schreiner at 764-9080.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Tuesday, July 3rd from 5 pm to 8 pm at St. Nicholas. Adoration will also be at St. Anne's on *Tuesday, July 3rd* from 9 am to 4 pm. This change is due to the holiday. Won't you come and spend some time with the Lord?

Stewardship of Treasure June 24, 2018

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



Energy Needs \$XXX (1 gift)
Cemetery Project \$XXX (2 gifts)

Gospel Connection: She's up at 4 a.m. and at her computer before the boys are up. She works a couple of hours before she gets them off to school. Then it's off to the day's appointments and meetings and back before they get home; then homework, dinner and bedtime. She hits her laptop for an hour or two before going to bed herself to get a head start on the next day. She works to bring in extra money to pay the tuition for her ten-year-old at a special school for the autistic. It's a strain on her and the family budget, but this school is her son's best chance - and that's all that matters.

Another student found her unconscious in the field near the school parking lot - and just in time, the EMTs said. Now her parents sit by her bedside, praying as they never have before that she will wake up. They hadn't an inkling that she was addicted. But they are resolved that their daughter will not be just another nameless statistic in the opioid epidemic. Regardless of the time and cost, they will get her the help she needs - and they'll walk with her every step of the way on the long road to recovery.

Their weekends are spent at ball fields and hockey rinks; during the week, they shuttle their young musicians to lessons and practices. The schedule can be a grind, but the children's love of playing - whether it be with a puck or an oboe - is their joy, too. Watching their children learn what it means to be part of something bigger than themselves, and, maybe, begin to realize a dream, is at the heart of being a parent.

What will we *not* do for our children? What dragon will not slay to protect them? What chasm will we not cross to bring them to the promised land? For many moms and dads, their joys and dreams are inextricably linked to their children's. Jairus, in today's Gospel, is just such a dad: to save his beloved daughter, Jairus does not hesitate to risk his standing in the community and career to approach the controversial rabbi reputed to work wonders. A parent's complete and unconditional love is the very reflection of the love of God in our midst. Whether a parent or friend, a neighbor or mentor, we can mirror that same love in our own generosity of heart, in our own resolve to lift up the fallen, to bring healing to the suffering, to restore life to the dead.

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. Nick will play on Sunday, July 1st at 2 pm in Eden Valley against the Hawks. Come and cheer them on!

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, July 2nd: Am 2:6-10, 13-16 / Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 3rd: Eph 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29

Thursday, July 5th: Am 7:10-17 / Mt 9:1-8

Wednesday, July 4th: Am 5:14-15, 21-24 / Mt 8:28-34

Friday, July 6th: Am 8:4-6, 9-12 / Mt 9:9-13

Community Events:

- Saturday, July 14th: Holy Cross parish Festival. Starting with the 5K/1K Pork Chop Trot with registration at 8 am. Festivities continue with Mass at 4 pm with Grilled Pork Chops with fresh sweet corn at 5 pm and Hamburger stand & Beer garden, and much more!
- 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.

