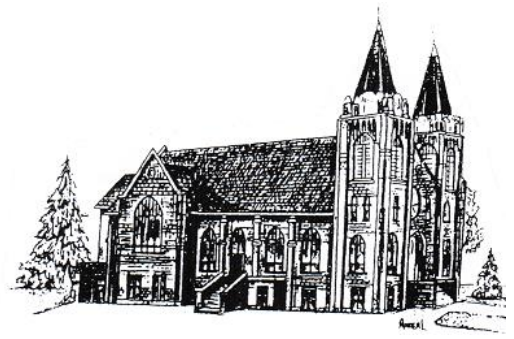


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018



PARISH STAFF		PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS	
Fr. James Statz	398-2229	Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287
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		Parish Council, Sandy Stang	764-2030
		Parish Council, Don Dufner	764-9105
		Parish Council, Sue Stommes	597-3454
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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

July 14	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Int. of John Decker
July 15	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Virginia Pozorski
July 16	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
July 17	Tuesday	{SN} NO MASS	Weekday	
July 18	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
July 19	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Sr. Emeric Weber
July 20	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
July 21	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Leona May
July 22	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Elmer Boeckmann

**\*\*There will be NO MASS on Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Fr. Statz will be having Mass at the Hilltop Care Center at 9:30 am that day.\*\***

**\*\*Please welcome Fr. Mark Willenbring for Masses on July 21<sup>st</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fr. Statz will be away.\*\***

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
July 21 at 7:30 pm	Louise Schutz	Dylan Utecht Volunteer	Robert Wehseler Laverne Ludwig	Joe Decker
July 22 at 8:00 am	Greg Utecht Annette Stang Don Dufner	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Sy Schreiner Steve Stang	Shirley Lutgen



**Donut Sunday:** The Christian Women will be hosting a Donut Sunday after 8 am Mass on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Come have a donut and coffee and visit with your neighbors!!

**No Mass on Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>:** Fr. Statz was asked to preside over Mass at the Hilltop Care Center in Watkins at 9:30 am that Day. You can join him for Mass there if you wish.

## Stewardship of Treasure July 7, 2018

Adult \$XXX (28 of 161 envelopes)  
Youth XXX (2 of 45 envelopes)  
Loose XXX  
**TOTAL \$XXXXX**



Cemetery Donation \$XXX (1 gift)

**Gospel Connection:** *Education Across Borders* is a nonprofit group that organizes volunteers to build homes for the poor in the Dominican Republic. Every summer, teenagers and young adults join the group for two-week service trips. Their initial enthusiasm wanes a bit on the first day when they begin work on a house and realize they will never see it finished. *Why can't we finish the house?* they ask. *Weren't we good enough? Didn't we work hard enough? Will the poor resent us for "failing" this project?*

John McLaughlin, who directs Education Across Borders, explains to them that service work, if it is to last, must be about accompaniment more than accomplishment. That unfinished house is a tangible reminder that there is still much to be done. McLaughlin remembers one group from an American parish who came focused on the work of completing the house. They rose before dawn and worked ten or more hours every day in the tropical heat. They left disappointed that "we didn't get done as much as we wanted." "But 'getting a lot done' was never the point," McLaughlin says. "Keeping up such an industrial pace had all but precluded [the students] from learning Dominicans' names, speaking Spanish or having their assumptions - about the causes and structures of poverty, for example - challenged. No emotional risk was involved for the students . . . little transformation could take place for anyone."

Another group McLaughlin worked with got little done because of constant downpours every afternoon. "We lost many hours of building time that week, but the students took the opportunity to talk more with the villagers, including Etienne, a young immigrant from Haiti . . . Several students went to great lengths to embrace him, plodding through long, piecemeal Spanish-English-Creole conversations, sharing their meals with him and even, in the case of one volunteer, giving him a church-suitable shirt (in a culture that values appearance highly) so that he could attend Mass for the first time. "That Sunday, Etienne sat among the students at the service and afterward joined in the *despedida*, the traditional send-off party. The sun came out, and stayed out; perhaps we should have spent the day on the construction site, to make up for lost time. But by then the students knew, without me telling them, where they were most needed. They were in the community center, dancing not with each other, but with their new Dominican and Haitian friends. . . . Service is fundamentally about relationship," McLaughlin has discovered. "Yes, it involves mixing concrete or ladling soup, but it also means walking with and listening to the suffering, sharing stories and laughter, tears and prayers. Understanding service as accompaniment reminds us to whom the house really belongs, and to Whom we really belong." [From "Unfinished Houses: Building the kingdom on God's time" by John J. McLaughlin, America, July 21-28, 2014.]

Just as he sends forth the Twelve, Jesus sends us forth with our "walking sticks," not to build or rule or dominate but to heal, comfort and encourage. Our own service to others, Jesus says, should be centered not in efficiency or results but in mercy, humility and gratitude. Let us build houses for the poor, but first may we welcome them into our homes and communities; let us feed the hungry, but first make places for them at our tables; let us reach out to the lost and troubled, but first recognize them as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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

**Maintenance Committee:** The Maintenance Committee met and came up with a list of projects that are in need of being completed for the Church and Parish House. You will find the list on the parish website and copies in the back of Church. Any help would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to tackle any of these projects or are willing to offer your help, please contact Ken Lutgen at 764-2043 or Mary Caskey at 597-2854. Thank you!!

**Nicks Baseball:** The St. Nicholas Nicks invite you to come to their next baseball game! Watkins will play at St. Nick on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Come and cheer them on! Playoffs will start the following week already!

**Stewardship Day 2018:** The event is Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 am to 3 pm at St. Mary Help of Christians, St. Augusta. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Register online at [www.stcdio.org/stewardship](http://www.stcdio.org/stewardship). The keynote speaker is Eric McArdle, president and co-founder of Catholic Stewardship Consultants. For nearly 20 years, he has worked with hundreds of parishes across the county on every aspect of stewardship development. The day will also feature a panel discussion with local parish representatives sharing their experiences with stewardship. If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>: Is 1:10-17 / Mt 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>: Is 7:1-9 / Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 / Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 / Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 / Mt 12:1-8

### Community Events:

- Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>: 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 15<sup>th</sup>: 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.

