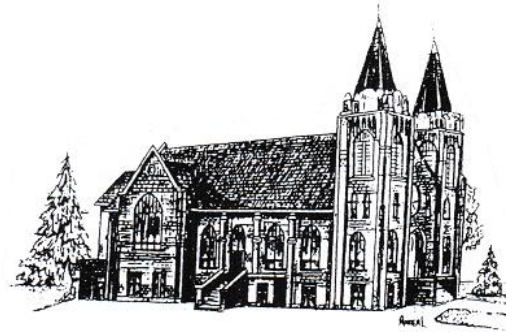


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, 2018



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MASS SCHEDULE

July 21	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Leona May
July 22	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Elmer Boeckmann
July 23	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
July 24	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Esther Schutz
July 25	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. James	
July 26	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Joachim and Anne	+Alfred & Dolores Braegelmann
July 27	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
July 28	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Gregor Schreiner
July 29	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Teresa Dufner

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

****Fr. Gerald Mischke will be here for Mass on Saturday, July 28th. ****

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 28 at 7:30 pm	Elmer Neu	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Jack Rausch Ron Steil	Anita Neu
July 29 at 8:00 am	Lee Bautch Marian Frank Elmer Frank	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Ron Stang Robert Kraemer	Dave Stang



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

Cemetery Clean Up THANK YOU! THANK YOU to the MANY people who came to help with Cemetery Maintenance on Saturday, July 14th. There were more than 30 people that pitched in to help trim trees and other maintenance things. Thank you to those who came to brave the heat and humidity; it was the fastest the work has ever been completed and things look absolutely fabulous! Thank you to the ladies who prepared lunch for everyone and kept the drinks cold! The word on the sloppy joes was they were the best some people had ever eaten!! Thanks again to all who helped – even if it was only for a short while!!

Stewardship of Treasure July 15, 2018

Adult \$XXX (32 of 161 envelopes)
Youth XXX (0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose XXX
TOTAL \$XXXXX



Cemetery Donation \$XXX (3 gifts)
Energy Needs \$XXX (4 gifts)

Gospel Connection: In his memoir *Unscripted*, NBC sportscaster Ernie Johnson Jr., writes about playing peewee baseball, a league for eight-year-olds. Young Ernie's team was leading by a couple of runs when the batter of the opposing team lined a fastball that bounced over Ernie's head and cleared the fence. Ground-rule double, scoring two and tying the game. But before the game could continue, the ball had to be retrieved. Two outfielders took it upon themselves to climb the fence and get the ball. The other members of the team sprinted toward the fence to help them find it.

As it turns out, Ernie Johnson writes, "the ball had come to rest in plain sight about ten feet past the fence. Our two missing outfielders had seen it. But they had also discovered a blackberry bramble. It was filled with a motherlode of ripe and apparently delicious blackberries." While their coach was trying to explain to his infielders how to handle the next play, Johnson writes, "our leftfielder and centerfielder were stretching their skinny arms through the bramble, deftly avoiding the menacing thorns, rejoicing in their discovery, and testifying to another reason this game is our national pastime. "I have no memory of how that game turned out. But a game that features a blackberry delay struck a chord . . . 'the blackberry moment.'"

A lifetime later, that story has become for the sportscaster "central to my perspective on work, relaxation - shoot, life. It's a kind of parable about not being afraid to step away from the game . . . to appreciate the unexpected, unscripted moment. We're all so focused on sticking to the script from one day to the next, one meeting to the next, one sales call to the next, that we blow right by the unscripted moments that can profoundly impact not just our lives but also the lives of those with whom we share the planet, the workplace, or a home."

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to embrace our own "blackberry moments," to seek out our own "deserted" places and times where and when we allow ourselves to reconnect with the love and peace of God. We all need "desert" times and places to escape the demands of our calendars and things-to-do lists in order to re-center our lives in the compassion and grace of God, to hear again the voice of Christ the Shepherd calling us to lives of joyful gratitude and fulfilling service.

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.

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 to the people who have completed some of the projects already!!

Mark your Calendars! Mass will be held at the old St. Nicholas Chapel on Sunday, August 19th – weather permitting. You will need to bring your own chair, but donuts will be served after Mass!

Also to Mark your Calendar: There will be Household Hazardous Waste Pickup in the Church parking lot on Wednesday, August 22nd from 9 to 11 am. A list of acceptable items will be posted soon.

Nicks Baseball: The St. Nicholas Nicks invite you to come to their next baseball game! Playoffs are starting! Please check local papers for the schedule.

Readings for the Week: Monday, July 23rd: Jer 23:1-6 / Eph 2:13-18 / Mk 6:30-34

Tuesday, July 24th: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 25th: 2 Cor 4:7-15 / Mt 20:20-28

Thursday, July 26th: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 / Mt 13:10-17

Friday, July 27th: Jer 3:14-17 / Mt 13:18-23

Community Events:

- Saturday, July 28th & Sunday, July 29th: Our Lady of Lourdes Church Bazaar in Little Falls. 7/28: Mass at 4 pm, Music, food & Refreshments, games. 7/29: Polka Mass at 8:30 and 10:30 am, Chicken Dinner 11 – 2:00 pm, Music, games, raffle at 4 pm.
- Sunday, August 26th: St. Francis of Assisi Fall Festival in St. Francis. Mass at 10 am. Chicken & ham dinner starting at 11 am. Games, food, music all day. Auction at 2:30 pm, Grand Raffle at 7:30 pm.
- Saturday & Sunday, August 18 & 19th: St. Boniface in Cold Spring Parish Festival. 8/18: 5 pm Polka Mass, 6 pm food, beverages, games, inflatables, music with fireworks at 10 pm. 8/19: 10:00 am Parade, 11-1:30 Chicken & Ham Dinner, 11:00 food, beverages, games, inflatables, music. Quilt auction at 2 pm, General raffle and car raffle at 4:30 pm.

