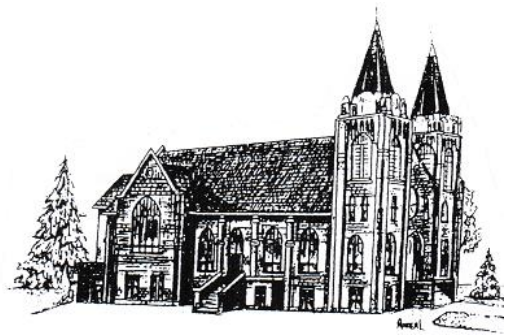


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 12, 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.			

MASS SCHEDULE

Aug 11	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Leo & Carole Klaers Anniversary
Aug 12	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+John & Julia Schutz
Aug 13	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Aug 14	Tuesday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	+Eugene Schutz
Aug 15	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Aug 16	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Walter & Irene Pozorski
Aug 17	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Aug 18	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Aug 19	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Jake Foehrenbacher

****TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MASSES ARE A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. THERE WILL BE NO TUESDAY MORNING MASS – IT WILL BE AT 7:30 PM INSTEAD FOR THE HOLY DAY.**

MASS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH WILL BE AT THE OLD ST. NICHOLAS CEMETERY AND CHAPEL UNLESS THE WEATHER IS RAINY

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
Aug 18 at 7:30 pm	Art Faber	Dylan Utecht Volunteer	Robert Wehseler Laverne Ludwig	Lucy Schreiner
Aug 19 at 8:00 am	Mike Kuechle	Michael Bautch	Sy Schreiner	Doug Caskey
**Mass at OLD St. Nick Cemetery	Judy Schutz Mary Caskey		Steve Stang	

Change of Trustees: Fr. Statz and the entire Parish Council would like to THANK Mike Kuechle for his MANY years of service to our Parish as one of the two trustees of St. Nicholas!! The Diocese of St. Cloud has a policy that the Trustee could serve up to a 10 year term (2 consecutive 5 year terms) and Mike has served well over this number of years! Fr. Statz, after being here for over one year now, consulted the trustees, the council and even the former pastor, and he chose Ken Lutgen. Fr. Statz considers Ken to be a very active member in the parish. Ken's term has officially begun on July 31, 2018. Mike is a very valuable resource for our parish and we hope that he will continue to be an active and present member of our parish! We very much appreciate all he does, and continues to do, for our Parish!

Trustee Meeting: There will be a Trustee Meeting on Tuesday, August 14th at 5:30 pm in the Parish House to go over the Financial Report.

Stewardship of Treasure Aug 5, 2018

Adult \$XXX (28 of 161 envelopes)
Youth XXX (1 of 45 envelopes)
Loose XXX
TOTAL \$XXXXX



Cemetery Donation \$XXX (1 gift)

Gospel Connection: In her new book *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving*, Diane Butler Bass recalls her first college teaching job. It was not a happy experience. Her credentials were strong but the college - a small, Christian School in California - turned out to be a poor match of her talents with the school's expectations. After four years at the school, she was let go. The president of the school told her, "Your work is wonderful. You are an excellent teacher. But you just don't fit in here." He looked at her and added, "One day you will thank me for this."

"Thank him?" Bass writes. "I wanted to throttle him. In less than two months, I would be without a job and a paycheck, with few prospects for the work in a weak academic job market. Being grateful to the person who put me in this position was the last thing on my mind." A week later, Bass was telling a friend of the exchange at that final meeting: "Can you imagine the nerve of him? That one day I will thank him? What kind of nonsense is that?" She expected her friend to rush to her defense. Instead, he leaned back in his chair and said, "You know, he's right." What? "Years ago," he continued, "I lost a job. It was painful, and I was angry. It didn't seem a favor. But, eventually, it was the event that made me understand that I was an alcoholic. And that led me to get sober. Eventually, I understood that it was what I needed for my life to change. Not that it was easy." But "I'm not an alcoholic," Bass shot back. "That's not the problem here." "I get that," he said. "But we all need to look at ourselves more honestly. To figure out who we are and where we are really heading. To correct course. Sometimes that only happens in circumstances like this. One day, I bet you will thank him." "Did you? Thank the guy that fired you?" "Yes," he replied. "I did. But not at first. Mostly I wanted to throw him off a cliff. And yes. I did thank him. Years later. After I learned gratitude."

The challenge facing Prof. Bass, as well as Jesus' listeners in today's Gospel, is to move beyond "murmuring" about the rejections and disasters that have struck us in order to stop to listen and see the presence of God in what has happened. Eventually, it leads us from the "murmuring" of anger and despair to the "manna" of awareness and gratitude for the joy and meaning of life in God. The late Maya Angelou said: "If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you must look forward, do so prayerfully. However, the wisest thing you can do is be present in the present . . . gratefully."

Cemetery Project: Everything is moving nicely. The granite ledger and cladding will be completed in the next couple of weeks. We are tentatively looking at installation to be the week of August 27th. Currently we have raised over half of the \$25,000 needed to complete the process. If anybody has any questions or concerns about this project, please do not hesitate to give Dave Stang a call or email. Cell: 320-469-4735 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!

Mass at Old St. Nick: Mass will be held at the Old St. Nick site on Sunday, August 19th for the 8:00 am Mass. Please bring a chair. In case of rain, Mass will be held at Church. Donuts and juice will be served after Mass! Just in case you don't remember or are unfamiliar with Old St. Nicholas, it is located between 15113 and 14716 on 200th Street between St. Nicholas and Cold Spring off County Road 2.



Household Hazardous Waste: There will be Household Hazardous Waste Pickup in the Church parking lot on Wednesday, August 22nd from 9 to 11 am. *Acceptable* items to drop off: Adhesives, aerosols, automotive chemicals, cleaners, fuels, fluorescent bulbs, garden chemicals, mercury, mothballs, paints, poison, pool chemicals, roofing tar, sealers, solvents. **Products NOT ACCEPTED:** Appliances, antifreeze, business waste, demolition, electronics, explosives, furniture, household garbage, medical waste, tires, used motor oil.

Primary Elections: Primary Elections will be held at St. Nicholas on Tuesday, August 14th from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm in the Church Basement. You may vote at your regular polling locations!

Jake Foehrenbacher Get Together: There will be a gathering party to remember Jake Foehrenbacher's Golden Birthday on Friday, August 17th at the St. Nick Baseball Park starting at 6 pm. Jake's Golden Birthday would have been on August 19th. Don, Kelly and Alex are inviting all to come and enjoy the company of family and friends! There will be food and beverages provided.

Readings for the Week: Monday, August 13th: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c / Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 14th: Ez 2:8 - 3:4 / Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 15th: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20-27

Thursday, August 16th: Ez 12:1-12 / Mt 18:21 - 19:1

Friday, August 17th: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 / Mt 19:3-12

Community Events:

- 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.
- Wednesday, August 22nd: Concert For A Cause, Rocori Area Community Foundation presents Church of Cash. Gates open at 4 pm, music starts at 6:30 pm at Richmond Lions Community Park. Tickets pre-sale are \$20, at the door for \$25. Tickets available at City of Cold Spring City Hall, Richmond City Hall, Schaefer's Auto Electric, Willenbring, Dahl Law Office in Cold Spring. This is Johnny Cash style music. Benefits RACF Community Builder Fund and the Firefighters Splash Pad.
- Thursday, August 30th: Mass and Anointing in Honor of St. Peregrine at St. Anthony Church in St. Cloud (2405 1st Street N in St. Cloud) at 5:30 pm. Will include a Mass, Anointing of the Sick for those struggling with cancer or other illnesses/chronic conditions, along with a special blessing for health care workers. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Center after Mass.
- Sunday, September 16th: All you can eat breakfast at St. Wendelin's Parish of Luxemburg, MN from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Serving ham & cheese omelets, sausage, potatoes, applesauce, rolls, toast, beverages. Also a bake sale and raffle.
- Saturday, October 6th: Partnership Barn Dance at the Shooting Sports Center in Parkers Prairie. Mass with Bishop Kettler at 4 pm, followed by a meal, live music, dancing, live auction, fun for kids and more.