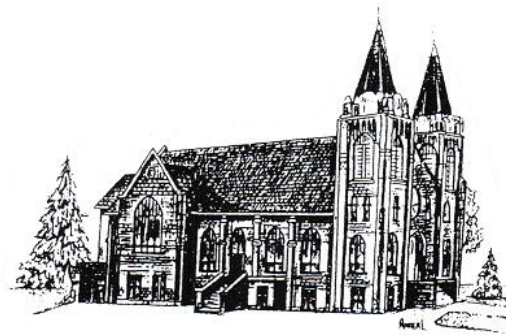


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

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

October 14, 2018



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Oct 13	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Oct 14	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ervin & Louise Linn
Oct 15	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	St. Teresa	
Oct 16	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Chester & Evelyn Strand
Oct 17	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Ignatius	
Oct 18	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Luke	+Elmer Boeckmann
Oct 19	Friday	NO MASS	Sts John & Isaac	
Oct 20	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Intention of GB
Oct 21	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Int of V & A Hennen

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
Oct 20 at 7:30 pm	Elmer Neu	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Jack Rausch Ron Steil	Anita Neu
Oct 21 at 8:00 am	Sandy Stang Steve Stang Trish Ludwig	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Paul Ludwig Elmer Frank	Shirley Lutgen

**Mass Time Change:** Just a reminder, the Mass times will change on **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** this year. St. Nicholas will have the 10:00 am Mass and St. Anne's will have the 8:00 am Mass. Saturday Mass times remain the same.



**The Living Rosary:** ALL ARE INVITED to join us for the Living Rosary on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The Religious Education students will be participating. This is a great opportunity to pray together as a community! Each person becomes a bead of the rosary. The rosary is large enough that it completely wraps around the whole inside of the Church! Refreshments will be served and there will be pumpkin carving in the basement after the rosary.

**Family Style Breakfast:** St. Nicholas will be hosting a Family Style Breakfast on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 am Mass. This will be a new way the Christian Women are trying to get our Parish together. Instead of advertising to area Churches, we will try to "keep it local." Everyone is invited to come! Group 3 will be serving. There will be more information about the breakfast in next week's bulletin, so stay tuned!

## Stewardship of Treasure October 7, 2018

Adult \$XXX (35 of 161 envelopes)  
Youth XXX (2 of 45 envelopes)  
Loose XXX  
**TOTAL \$XXXXX**

Cemetery Donation \$XXX (4 gifts)  
Catholic Campaign  
for Human Development \$XXX (1 gift)  
Religious Education \$XXX (8 gifts)



**Gospel Connection:** Cristian Hinojosa [*pronounced INN-a-hoza*] came fast out of the gate. He graduated from college in 2000 and took a terrific job as an investment banker. And he made money. Lots of money. He was making a six-figure salary at the age of 21. He was traveling all over the world. His phone calls to major investors and CEOs of major corporations were always returned. He was living the dream. And he was miserable.

"I remember having the thought, 'All I'm doing is trying to make money for my clients, my bosses, and myself.' And I said, 'I don't know if I can do this anymore.'" Cristian stuck it out for five wretched years, then decided to chuck it all for a different job - a *very* different job. "While I was actively employed as an investment banker, I submitted an application to the Dallas Fire Department, and a few months later, I got in."

Thirteen years later, Captain Christian Hinojosa lives in a two-bedroom rental, with his wife and two children - making a lot less than the seven-figure salary he would now be making in investment banking. Yeah, he left a lot of money on the table, but he says, "My quality of life went through the roof doing what I do." Amherst College psychology professor Catherine Sanderson was Cristian's undergraduate advisor. She fully supports her former student's decision - because, she says, money can't buy happiness. "There is the assumption always, that if I just had a little bit more, then I will reach happiness . . . Like hamsters on a wheel, we keep running after new stuff, never satisfied with what we just got. "When you talk to people who love their jobs, overwhelmingly what they say is not, 'I love my paycheck,'" Professor Sanderson laughs. "What they say is, 'I find my job meaningful.'" [CBS Sunday Morning, July 29, 2018.]

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges us to embrace the wisdom and the courage to become "firefighters" - or whatever work we can take on that gives our life a sense of meaning and purpose. Captain Hinojosa has grasped the lesson that the rich young man in today's Gospel can't comprehend . . . yet. The question is not whether money is good or bad; the Gospel challenge is what we do with our wealth, our sense of responsibility for the many blessings God has given us for the benefit of all. Wealth should enable us to live life to the full, but too often what we have can weigh us down, preventing us from moving on with our lives - the prosperity that should enable our journey becomes more important than the journey itself. While the rich young man is entombed by his possessions, Captain Hinojosa realizes that it is the good that we are able to do with our wealth that matters, that defines the meaning and purpose of our lives. May we possess the spirit of compassion not to become possessed by our possessions and the vision of faith to distinguish between the things of our world and the things of God.

**Religious Education Information:** The next class will be on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish House. THERE WILL NOT BE CLASS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> DUE TO THE MEA SCHOOL DAYS OFF. Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> is the Living Rosary and will be held IN CHURCH. Please meet in Church *with your parents. Everyone is invited to the Living Rosary!*

**\*\*We are looking for some adults to step up and become involved in teaching our young people our faith.** The class size is very small and materials will be provided for you to use. Please consider this great opportunity! If you are interested in ANY WAY, please contact Brenda Kraemer.

**Flowers in Cemetery:** It's that time of year again! Please remove any flowers that are in the Cemetery by November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Ralph Schreiner. Thank you!

**Evening for Life Banquet:** You are cordially invited to attend the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Evening For Life Banquet. The keynote speaker is Tracy Rademacher. Her presentation is entitled, "God's Plans For You." you won't want to miss this very special evening! It will be held on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Boniface Parish Center in Cold Spring. Mass will be at 5:30 pm. Social hour will be after Mass at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 7 pm. Program, musical entertainment will follow the meal. The cost is \$9 per person and you will be able to bring along a student at no cost. For reservations, please contact Darlene at 320-597-2228.

**Koinonia Retreat:** The next Koinonia retreat will be held on November 9 – 11, 2018 in Belle Prairie at the TEC center 3 miles north of Little Falls. Applications can be completed online at [centralmnkoinonia.org](http://centralmnkoinonia.org). Or, call 320-217-2476 (Dorie Reiter) for more information.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5:1 / Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>: Gal 5:1-6 / Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>: Gal 5:18-25 / Lk 11:42-46

Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>: 2 Tm 4:10-17b / Lk 10:1-9

Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>: Eph 1:11-14 / Lk 12:1-7

## Community Events:

- Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>: St. Boniface Parish Center Breakfast sponsored by Knights of Columbus from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Serving eggs, hash browns, ham, sausage, cinnamon bread, and more.
- Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>: ACT-OBERFEST Variety Show at the Freeport Community Center from 2 – 4 pm. Food available for purchase, free refreshments. No tickets needed, but can donate to *Generation Next* a fund for diocesan youth retreats and faith activities.
- October 18, 19 & 20: St. Boniface Christian Women of Cold Spring are conducting their annual Rummage & Clothing Drive Fall Sale in the Parish Center Gym. Thursday from 1 pm – 7 pm, Friday from 8 am – 7 pm and Saturday from 8 am – 10 am.
- Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>: Wat-Kim-Valley VFW (in Watkins) is having their VFW Benefit Breakfast benefiting 11 year old Sofia Wilson, who was diagnosed with osteosarcoma. Serving sausage, scrambled eggs, French toast, hash browns and more from 8 am to Noon.
- October 21<sup>st</sup>: St. Anthony Parish Breakfast at St. Anthony's in St. Cloud from 8 am to Noon. Serving all you care to eat sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns and more!
- October 28<sup>th</sup>: Annual Quilt Bingo in the St. Anthony Parish Center in St. Cloud starting at 5 pm.
- Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>: Arts & Crafts Sale from 4 to 8 pm at the Church of St. Joseph Heritage Hall in St. Joseph. Admission is free! To reserve a table as a vendor, call 363-7505.