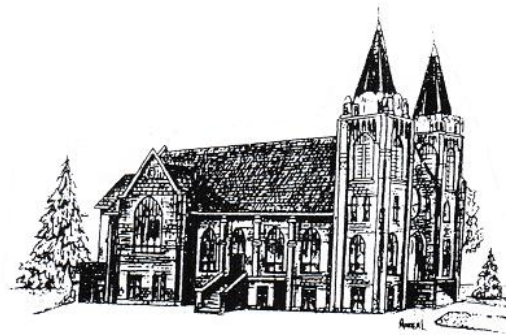


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 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

Oct 20	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Intention of GB
Oct 21	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Int of V & A Hennen
Oct 22	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Oct 23	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Richard Schmitt
Oct 24	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Oct 25	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Stephen & Philomena Theis
Oct 26	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 27	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Roman Utecht
Oct 28	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	30 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
Oct 27 at 7:30 pm	Rick Utecht	Derek Utecht Volunteer	Allen Stommes Art Faber	Joe Decker
Oct 28 at 8:00 am	Annette Stang Brenda Kraemer Mike Kuechle	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Robert Kraemer Don Dufner	Dave Stang

Mass Time Change: Just a reminder, the Mass times will change on **Sunday, November 4th** 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 24th 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.

Breakfast at St. Nicholas! A family-style breakfast will be served by Group 3 on Sunday, October 28th after the 8:00 am Mass. The Christian Women are trying a "new format" for breakfast. Everyone is invited! Group 3 will be serving bacon hash browns and egg bake, ham, fruit, donut balls, coffee, milk and juice. There will be a free will offering. Please mark your calendar and come next week to try this yummy breakfast!

Stewardship of Treasure October 14, 2018

Adult	\$XXX (33 of 161 envelopes)	Cemetery Donation	\$XXX (4 gifts)
Youth	XXX (2 of 45 envelopes)	Energy Needs	\$XXX (1 gift)
Loose	XXX	World Mission	\$XXX (1 gift)
TOTAL	\$1,476.50	Religious Education	\$XXX4 gifts)



Gospel Connection: This past summer, 17-year-old Maddy Wilford was a volunteer intern at Broward Health North Hospital in Parkland, Florida - the hospital that saved her life last February. Maddy was shot several times during the February 14 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. When EMTs found her in a classroom, she was so weak they thought she was dead. She was brought to Broward Health North bleeding from her lungs, with broken ribs and injuries to her tendons and muscles in her arms. She underwent five surgeries in two days. But Maddy survived and returned to school this fall. Maddy spent this past summer interning with the surgeon who treated her. "With my injuries, I would have been dead," Maddy says. "The work they performed on me, and how quickly I recovered - it made me become more interested."

Seventeen students, teachers and coaches were killed at Parkland. Maddy is part of another group: the 17 who were shot and survived and are now finding their way forward. Some of the 17 have recovered quickly and returned to school; for others, the wounds are deeper and the healing is slower. Maddy is doing OK: her physical wounds have healed, but she still gets tired faster than she used to. She suffers from the occasional panic attack when a sudden loud noise goes off (such as a fire alarm); she finds it difficult to stay focused, but she's determined to do well this school year. While other Parkland students became active in the anti-gun violence movement, Maddy has found her focus on medicine "because that's what I understand." "Some people would go through what [Maddy] went through and never want to set foot in a hospital again," her father, David, says. But for Maddy, returning to the hospital has only reinforced her interest in medicine. And the summer experience seemed to help her heal by showing her how to allay the pain of violence and illness.

Working in the hospital this summer was a transformative experience for Maddy. During her internship she saw a man die of stab wounds. She watched as doctors performed one of the surgeries that saved her own life. She snipped excess threads from sutures and learned how to identify a patient's veins on an ultrasound. She scrubbed in to watch a vascular surgeon graft a floppy bovine artery onto a vein in a patient's arm. At one point, blood soaked the blanket covering the patient, but Maddy was unfazed. She held the patient's skin taut as a surgical assistant placed a row of staples into the patient's arm. She saw both the dedicated skill and the uncompromising compassion possessed by every good doctor and nurse. Maddy had taken the first step in realizing her dream of practicing the kind of medicine that saved her life. [The New York Times, August 21, 2018.]

In the care she received, Maddy Wilford was inspired by the professionalism and generosity of heart and spirit of the dedicated doctors, nurses and staff at Broward Health North. In today's Gospel, Jesus extols that same spirit of selfless service that Maddy saw in the medical staff at Broward: to put ourselves and our skills at the service of those in need, of the suffering, of the victims of violence and injustice. Only in imitating the servanthood of Christ do we experience the true depth of our faith; only in embracing his compassion and humility in our lives do we enable the Spirit of God to renew and transform our world in God's life and love.

Religious Education Information: The next class will be on Wednesday, October 24th. It will be the Living Rosary and held IN CHURCH. Please meet in Church *with your parents*. *Everyone is invited to the Living Rosary!*

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

World Mission Sunday: World Mission Sunday is this weekend and parishes all over the world are celebrating. We act in solidarity this day, as we pray and share our gifts to help build-up the church around the world where the witness of Christ and support of the poor is still needed most. Envelopes are in your packets or can be found in the special mission insert in the October 19th edition of the Visitor. All funds collected on World Mission Sunday support the pastoral, catechetical, charitable and evangelizing work of the Church in over 1,150 of the most in-need dioceses in 180 countries through the efforts of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society directed by Pope Francis and administered by the local St. Cloud Mission Office.

Evening for Life Banquet: You are cordially invited to attend the 45th 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 27th 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. Or, call 320-217-2476 (Dorie Reiter) for more information.

Readings for the Week: Monday, October 22nd: Eph 2:1-10 / Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 23rd: Eph 2:12-22 / Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 24th: Eph 3:2-12 / Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 25th: Eph 3:14-21 / Lk 12:49-53

Friday, October 26th: Eph 4:1-6 / Lk 12:54-59

Community Events:

- Sunday, October 21st: 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.
- Sunday, October 21st: 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!
- Friday, October 26th: Holy Cross Fish Fry in Pearl Lake. Serving from 4 to 8 pm.
- Sunday, October 28th: Turkey Bingo at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. Starting at 7:00 pm. Lunch will be served.
- October 28th: Annual Quilt Bingo in the St. Anthony Parish Center in St. Cloud starting at 5 pm.
- November 1 – 4: Joetown Christmas Treasures Sales held at the Church of St. Joseph in St. Joe. Please see the flyer for times.
- Sunday, Nov. 4th: Mass for Health Care Professionals held at Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joe at 10:30 am.
- Sunday, November 4th: Knights of Columbus Breakfast in St. Joseph at the Church of St. Joseph. Serving Pep's pork & St. Joe Meat Market Sausage, scrambled, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and all the fixings from 8:30 am to Noon.
- Sunday, November 11th: St. Boniface Parish in Cold Spring Knights of Columbus Breakfast serving from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Proceeds to go to General KC charitable donation requests.
- Friday, November 30th: 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.