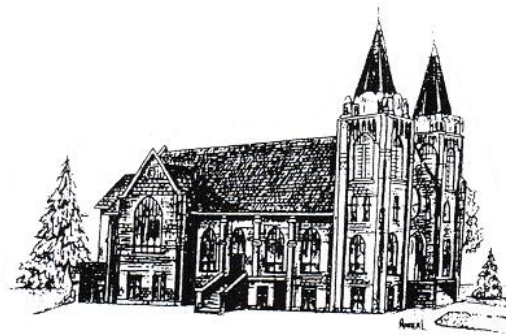


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2018



PARISH STAFF		PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS	
Fr. James Statz	398-2229	Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287
Brenda Kraemer, Secretary (Office)	764-7345	Men's Society, David Stang	469-4735
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		Parish Council, Sandy Stang	764-2030
		Parish Council, Don Dufner	764-9105
		Parish Council, Sue Stommes	597-3454
		Parish Council, Elmer Frank	764-9111
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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

Nov 17	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Elmer & Esther Faber
Nov 18	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Dec. Mem. of Romuald Kraemer Fam.
Nov 19	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Nov 20	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Elmer Boeckmann
Nov 21	Wednesday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Thanksgiving Mass	+Benedict Pozorski
Nov 22	Thursday	{SA} 9:00 am	Thanksgiving Mass	
Nov 23	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Nov 24	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King	+Tom Decker
Nov 25	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King	+Dominic & Susan Frank

\*\*Please welcome Fr. Tom Olson here for Masses on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. \*\*

Weekend Masses at St. Anne's in Kimball are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 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
Nov 24 at 7:30 pm	Elmer Neu	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Art Faber Allen Stommes	Anita Neu
Nov 25 at 10:00 am	Annette Stang Dave Stang Mike Kuechle	Jonathan Gathje Volunteer	Elmer Frank Don Dufner	Shirley Lutgen



**Annual Soup & Sandwich Supper:** The Parish Volunteer Team will again be hosting the Annual Soup & Sandwich Supper on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Serving will be from 5:00 pm to 7:15 pm. Thanksgiving Mass will be held at 7:30 pm that evening with Fr. Tom Olson. If any parishioner would like to donate a crock pot of soup, please contact Trish Ludwig at 320-248-8250. Each Religious Education family is asked to bring a pan of desserts. You will receive an email with the details!



**Honoring Marriage Day:** Honoring Marriage Day will be on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. This day is celebrating couples that have been married for 5, 25, 40, 50 or 60 plus years. Invitations will be mailed to the celebrating couples. **If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries ANYTIME in 2019, please let Brenda know!** You can contact Brenda by leaving a message at 764-7345, send an email to stnicholas@meltel.net, or call her cell number at 320-493-3957.

## Stewardship of Treasure November 11, 2018

Adult	\$1,364.00	(33 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	1.50	(3 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	90.42	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,455.82</b>	

Cemetery Donation	\$100.00 (1 gift)
Energy Needs	\$100.00 (1 gift)



**Gospel Connection:** In a touching essay in *The Boston Globe* [November 5, 2017] Vermont writer Martha Hurwitz tells a story many of us all know too well: that of moving from care-giver to cared for. Martha's elderly mother lived in the small upstairs apartment. Mom's presence was both a joy and a burden to Martha. Mom was pretty much managing on her own for the most part, but now Martha admits that she overlooked the signs of her mother's slide toward dependence for fear of what the ultimate burden might look like and how it would affect Martha's already busy and stressful life.

And then, one evening, her mom tearfully begged, "Please come up right away." Martha flew up the stairs and, in an instant, the roles of mother and child reversed, the roles shifted, and the ultimate responsibility for all life's important decisions changed hands.

Fifteen years later, Martha's daughter, Rachel, returned home to live in Mom's old apartment, empty since she died in 2004. Shortly after Rachel moved in, Martha ruptured a disk and damaged the nerves and muscles in her knee. Surgery was required, followed by a slow recovery. And care. Rachel was wonderful, a blessing to Martha as she recovered. As she watched her daughter care for her, Martha hoped that the help she provided her mother 15 years before was such a blessing. But one day, several weeks after her surgery, Martha noted a change in Rachel's demeanor: stress and distraction, as Rachel took care of some task her mom still couldn't manage on her own. And Martha remembered that moment when she ran upstairs to answer her mother's call.

Martha said to Rachel, "You know, I remember how difficult it was for me what I first realized that Grandma Avis was struggling to manage her daily life. I'm sure it's hard for you to see me with a cane, having trouble walking and being in pain." Rachel's face softened. "Yes. That's true. It is sad and hard for me." Martha reflects: "It is sad and hard for me, too. Now I am the aging parent, and we are entering that blurred, gray area, where sometimes she will be the mother and I the child. I know it is the nature of human life, this decline and the passing on of responsibility, and it is not ultimately under our control. For each of us, though, it is both a joy and a burden."

The sign of the Gospel fig tree can take many forms in our lives. For these three generations of women, while the independence afforded by good health yields to the dependence of aging and physical need and the roles of caregiver and cared for reverse, love remains constant. With eyes and hearts of faith, we can recognize such "signs" of God's love in our changing worlds and passing stages. Change – sometimes frightening, often traumatic, seldom easy – is part of that journey for all of us. But when our "heavens and earths" pass away, the promise of the life of God and the values of the Gospel remain constant. With every change in direction, with every wrinkle of age, with every changing world and passing stage, God's love remains the constant that leads us in hope to the dwelling place of God.

**Religious Education Information:** The next class will be on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be a short class in the Parish House, with Thanksgiving Mass at 7:30 pm. Each family is asked to contribute a dessert for our Annual Soup and Sandwich Supper on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Serving of Supper begins at 5:00 pm.

**Hospice Volunteers:** At CentraCare Home Care & Hospice, volunteers play an important role in health care. Currently, in their hospice program, CentraCare is seeking individuals who might have an interest in serving individuals and their families who are patients of CentraCare Hospice. Being a hospice volunteer is important work, providing meaningful end-of-life companionship to those in need. They offer flexible training options to fit your busy schedule. If you are a person who has the compassion and a desire to serve the hospice patients, please contact Sherry Rausch at 320-240-3276 for more information.

**Retrouvaille:** Retrouvaille is a program that offers support and help to couples in hurting and strained marriages. With the many stresses and financial challenges facing couples today, many marriages are experiencing difficulties and Retrouvaille can help. The next program starts January 18, 2019 at the Country Inn & Suites in St. Cloud. Call 255-5314 for more information or check the website: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

**Catholic Charities:** Catholic Charities has launched their 2018 Make God's Love Visible campaign across the Diocese of St. Cloud. You most likely have received a packet of information in your mail. If you did not and wish to donate, there are extra envelopes in the back of church.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Please consider a gift to the appeal. Your gifts are used exclusively to support our shared mission to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice in the Diocese of St. Cloud. To donate: visit [www.stcdio.org/appeal](http://www.stcdio.org/appeal), call Anna at 320-258-7654, or mail: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 / Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>: Rv 4:1-11 / Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>: Lk 19:11-28 / Rv 5:1-10 / Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Rv 10:8-11 / Lk 19:45-48

### Community Events:

- Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Albany (6 miles North on State Hwy 238) from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Serving old fashioned ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, and more. Catholic United Financial Matching grant.
- Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud. Serving sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes with all the toppings from 8 am to Noon.
- Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>: Bouja & Chicken Noodle Soup at St. Anthony's Church in Watkins. Serving from 8:30 am to Noon. You may pre-order by calling Larry Flaschenriem at 320-764-2965.
- Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>: A prayerful night of adoration, music & fellowship at the Women's Night of Worship at St. Mary's Church in Upsala, MN. Mass at 6:30 pm. Childcare available.
- 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.
- Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Breakfast at Seven Dolores Parish Center in Albany. Serving ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes with toppings, country fried potatoes and more from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. This is a Catholic United Financial Matching Grant breakfast!