

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019



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MASS SCHEDULE

Jan 12	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	The Baptism of the Lord	+John Decker
Jan 13	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	The Baptism of the Lord	+Rosie Gathje
Jan 14	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Jan 15	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+John Schutz
Jan 16	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Jan 17	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Anthony	+Tony Vossen
Jan 18	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Jan 19	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Joseph Theis
Jan 20	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	2 nd 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 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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Jan 19 at 7:30 pm	Art Faber	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Ron Steil Allen Stommes	Joe Decker
Jan 20 at 10:00 am	Kelly Bautch Judy Schutz Brenda Kraemer	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Robert Kraemer Sy Schreiner	Lee Bautch

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 14th at 7:00 pm in the Parish House. We will welcome new members Tom Frank & Judi Schreiner. If you would like to add something to the agenda, please email it to Brenda. An email has been sent to Council Member with the bylaws and constitution that are up for review. Please review these for the meeting.

Stewardship of Treasure January 6, 2019

Adult	\$XXX	(34 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Energy Needs	\$XXX (1 gift)
Christmas	\$XXX (9 gifts)
Thanksgiving	\$XXX (1 gift)
Basement Rent	\$XXX (1 gift)

Gospel Connection: For the ancient Celtic tribes of Ireland and Britain, God was first to be found in nature: in creation, the Celts realized a God present in all of life's complexities and mysteries. Wells were especially sacred places to the Irish, as writer Margaret Self writes in her book *Sacred Spaces: Stations on a Celtic Way*:

"I have come to recognize that joy and sorrow are two sides of the same coin, and my angels and demons walk hand in hand. A well, which the Celts revered as sacred space, expresses something of this paradox. It is sacred because it is the source of water; the cradle and assurance of life itself. Yet that source of life is only reached by descending into the depths of a deep, dark shaft . . .

"Not all of our memories are charged with the energy of joy. Some carry energy that feels destructive and negative. Yet these 'wells' of our lives may be the very place from which we draw living water . . . To risk the journey to the bottom of the well demands courage. For many of us, that journey into darkness only happens when circumstances force us into an encounter with 'rock bottom.' Must such an encounter be negative? Or might the dark shaft of the well truly bring us to 'sacred space'?"

At his baptism by John, Jesus begins his public life as teacher and healer; he begins his work of revealing to humankind the hope of the kingdom of God. In the waters of this "baptismal well," Jesus takes on what he knows will be a difficult life — but his willingness and courage to embrace this baptism reveals the Spirit of God in the midst of every human experience. Today may we renew our own baptisms, our daily journey to the dark and terrifying depths of life's dark wells, where we find the living water of God's grace.

Religious Education Information: The next class will be on Wednesday, January 16th at 7:00 pm in the Parish House.

MCCL March for Life: There will be a march in front of the State Capital at Noon on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. There will be a Prayer Service for Life before that at 10:30 am at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Your presence will send a clear message to state lawmakers and public officials that Minnesotans want to protect the right to life of unborn children. There will be a bus available to ride together with people from the area. To ride the bus to the rally, please call for reservations to Linda at 320-267-6268. She will let you know where the bus will be stopping.

2019 Men's Conference: The 2019 Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 23rd from 8:30 am to 5 pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids, MN. For more information, please see the website www.stcdio.org. The theme is "Mentoring Disciples."

Readings for the Week: Monday, January 14th: Heb 1:1-6 / Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 15th: Heb 2:5-12 / Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 16th: Heb 2:14-18 / Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 17th: Heb 3:7-14 / Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 18th: Heb 4:1-5 / Mk 2:1-12

Community Events:

- Sunday, January 13th: Breakfast at St. Boniface in Cold Spring. Sponsored by the St. Boniface Christian Women. Serving sausage & liver sausage, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, fruit, baked goods & beverages from 9 am to Noon.
- Sunday, January 20th: Breakfast at St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud (25th Ave & 1st St. North) from 8 am to Noon. Serving fresh & smoked sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes with fruit toppings, hash browns and more!
- Sunday, January 20th: Bouja & Chicken Noodle Soup sale. Serving & sale of soup from 8:30 am to Noon. You may pre-order by calling Larry Flaschenriem at 32-764-2965.
- Sunday, January 20th: Vespers for Life held at St. Anthony's Church in St. Cloud. Rosary at 3:30 pm and 4:00 Vespers with Bishop Donald Kettler presiding.
- Saturday, January 26th: One Day Men's Retreat from 8:30 to 4 pm at St. Mary's Church in Little Falls, MN. For more information, please call Paul Anez at 320-980-5499, also to pre-register. See the flyer in the back of Church.
- Sunday, January 27th: Breakfast at St. Wendelin Parish in Luxemburg. Serving scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, fruit, roll, & beverages from 8:30 am to Noon. There will be bake sale and raffle.
- Saturday, March 16th: Women's Lenten Retreat at Seven Dolores Church in Albany – Save the Date; more information to come.

Blessed Chalk for Home Blessing: There is still some blessed chalk available for you to bless your home for 2019. This prayer will also be available for you to pick up.

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The inscription contains the initial of the Three Wise Men: Casper, Melchior and Balthazar within our new year of 2010. Here is the Blessing: "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. As we mark this lintel, send the angel of mercy to guard our home and repel all the powers of darkness. Fill all who live here with a love of the gospel life and warm them with the fullness of your grace. And so Farther, may all who dwell here or grace its portals with their presence, find the joy and thoughtfulness of Mary, the God-bearing together with Jesus, the light of nations, in the unity of the Holy Spirit and the Church, now and forever, Amen." All who enter your home this year and pass under that chalked blessing are blessed with peace and all that is good.