

# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14, 2019



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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

Apr 13	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Palm Sunday	People of the Parish
Apr 14	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	Palm Sunday	+Jake Foehrenbacher
Apr 15	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Monday of Holy Week	
Apr 16	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Tuesday of Holy Week	+Elmer Boeckmann
Apr 17	Wednesday	{SA} 8:00 am	Wednesday of Holy Week	
		SN 7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	
Apr 18	Thursday	{SN} 5:30 pm	Holy Thursday	Confirmation Students
		{SN} 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
		{SA} 7:30 pm	Holy Thursday	
		{SA} 8:30 – 10:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Apr 19	Friday	{SA} 12:00 pm	Good Friday	
		{SN} 3:00 pm	Good Friday	
Apr 20	Saturday	{SA} 8:30 pm	Holy Saturday Mass	
Apr 21	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	Easter Sunday	Intention of the Celebrant

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
Apr 18 at 5:30 pm	Anita Neu	Volunteer	Allen Stommes	Joe Decker
Holy Thursday	Elmer Neu	Volunteer	Robert Wehseler	
	Art Faber			
Apr 19 at 3:00 pm	Brenda Kraemer	Volunteer	Don Dufner	Lee Bautch
Good Friday		Volunteer	Ron Stang	Doug Caskey
Apr 20 at 10:00 am	Sandy Stang	Jonathan Gathje	Elmer Frank	Dave Stang
Easter	Steve Stang	Volunteer	Sy Schreiner	
	Judy Schutz			

## Confessions During Holy Week:

Sunday, April 14	Penance Service: 4:00 pm	St. Nicholas
Sunday, April 14	Penance Service: 7:00 pm	St. Anne
Monday, April 15	9:00 am	St. Anne
Tuesday, April 16	8:30 am	St. Nicholas
Wednesday, April 17	5:00 pm	St. Anne
Wednesday, April 17	7:30 pm	St. Nicholas

## Mass Schedule for Holy Week

	St. Nicholas	St. Anne
Holy Thursday, April 18:	5:30 pm	7:30 pm
Adorations until	8:00 pm	10:00 pm
Good Friday, April 19	3:00 pm	12:00 pm
Holy Saturday, April 20	-----	8:30 pm
Easter Sunday, April 21	10:00 am	8:00 am

\*\*\*FYI: There will be incense used on Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

## Stewardship of Treasure April 7, 2019

Adult	\$XXX	(31 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	



Chaplet Donations	\$XXX
Old St. Nick Chapel	\$XXX
Energy Needs	\$XXX (1 gift)

**Gospel Connection:** What is the most precious thing you own? What is that one thing that defines who you are, that one thing that you would be totally lost without? Your job? Your profession? Is it your work that gives your life meaning? Do you find your identity in what you do as a doctor, a lawyer, a manager, a police officer, a health care worker, carpenter, a computer tech? Does your work express what you want to make of your life and your world? So are you willing to lay it all down on the road? Or is it your skill as a writer, a cook, a carpenter, a painter? Do you find your life's satisfaction in what you create? Do you find your joy in expressing what others are unable to express and see their awe and delight at what you are able to communicate in the medium you work in? Or is your greatest joy the pleasure you bring with your beef bourguignon or chili or chocolate chip cookies? Or do you do you consider yourself blessed to be able to fix what is broken or restore what's been lost? Will you lay it all down on the road? Or maybe it's being a loving parent or grandparent; a patient, generous teacher; a successful coach that can make a team out of a bunch of players. Will you lay it all down on the road? Whatever it is that makes you the person you are, whatever gifts you possess that give your life purpose and meaning — will you lay it all down on the road? Would you lay your work, your talents, your love before the "One who comes in the name of the Lord?"

There is something noticeably missing in Luke's version of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday: palm branches. Unlike Matthew and Mark's accounts, Luke makes no mention of palms being waved or hosannas being sung. In Luke's account of Jesus' entry into the city, the people place along Jesus' path their single most important possession: their cloaks. A cloak was the most expensive article of clothing one possessed; most people owned only one that was constantly mended and never discarded. For the poorest of the poor, a cloak was more than an article of clothing: it was their shelter and home. The holy poor of Luke's narrative place all that they have at the disposal of the Messiah. To be disciples of the Redeemer Jesus is to "lay down" at the service of one another whatever we have and are, to "empty" ourselves (as the Apostle Paul writes in today's second reading) our comforts and fears and pride in order to become vessels of God's life and love in our own Jerusalems, in our own Holy Week journeys.

**Religious Education Information:** Regularly scheduled classes have finished for this school year! Just because this is the last class, there will still be things that we will do as a group. There is Holy Week participation, Ditch clean up in early May, and a few other odds and ends. \*\*I would like to especially thank the people that have committed to teaching our young parishioners. We would not have a program without your talents and help! Thank you to Rosie Hennen, Jeff Theis, Karen Lincoln, Joe Decker and Kelly Bautch and with Christmas assistance from Trish Ludwig, Betty Lutgen, Annette Stang and Jeanne Theis. Thank you to all parents of students for your help in getting your student where they needed to be!

**Confirmation Practice:** Confirmation practice will be on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface. Please have your sponsor come with you. If there are any questions, please contact Brenda. Confirmation will be on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Boniface. You should be in the Parish Center that day at 6:00 pm with your sponsor.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Divine Mercy Sunday is the first Sunday after Easter. Leading up to that day, short, different prayers can be prayed each day, called the Divine Mercy Novena. This Novena starts on Good Friday and ends on Holy Saturday. If you are interested in learning how to pray it, or if you would like to pray it as a group along with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, contact Ken Lutgen at 764-2043. There are also pamphlets on the table in the back of Church.

**Rice Bowls:** Rice Bowls can be dropped off in the back of Church at any one of the Holy Week Masses. Encounter our neighbors. We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives?

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>: Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15

Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>: Is 52:13 – 53:12 / Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9

## Community Events:

- Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>: Rummage Sale at St. Anthony Gym at 2410 1<sup>st</sup> Street N in St. Cloud from 8 am to 1 pm.
- Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at St. Anthony – St. Cloud (2410 1<sup>st</sup> Street N) Serving sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes with topping, fruit, rolls, hash browns, and beverages for 8 am to Noon.
- Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>: St. Wendelin's of Luxemburg, All you can eat breakfast from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Serving ham & cheese omelets, sausage, potatoes, applesauce, rolls, toast & beverages. Bake sale and raffle too. Mass is at 9:30 am.
- Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>: Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. There will be 3 speakers. There will be a light reception to follow.
- Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>: Supper at St. Anthony Parish off of State Hwy 238 (St. Anthony). Serving Swanycake & sausage supper potato salad, relishes, applesauce, and more! From 3:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

