

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019



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MASS SCHEDULE

May 18	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	5 th Sunday of Easter	+Eugene Stommes
May 19	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	5 th Sunday of Easter	+Gregor & Frances Schreiner
May 20	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
May 21	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Ardella Flaschenriem
May 22	Wednesday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
May 23	Thursday	{SN} NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
		Grasshopper Chapel Mass 7:00 pm – Cold Spring		
May 24	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
May 25	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	6 th Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
May 26	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	6 th Sunday of Easter	+Family of L & D Ludwig

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
May 25 at 7:30 pm	Art Faber	Dylan Utecht Volunteer	Jack Rausch Ron Steil	Lucy Schreiner
May 26 at 8:00 am	Judy Schutz Shirley Lutgen Mary Caskey	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Elmer Frank Jerry Boeckmann	Doug Caskey

Grasshopper Chapel Mass: Father Statz will preside at the Thursday, May 23rd Novena Mass at the Cold Spring Assumption "Grasshopper" Chapel. The Mass will begin at 7 pm with a Rosary following Mass at 7:30 pm. Please bring a lawn chair, a friend and dress for the weather. If it is raining, the Mass and Rosary will be held at St. Boniface Church in Cold Spring.

Donut Sunday: The Christian Women will host a Donut Sunday on Sunday, June 9th after the 8:00 am Mass. Everyone is welcome to stay after Mass for some coffee and donuts!!



Area Catholic Communities: There will be a meeting of our Area Catholic Community (ACC) on Wednesday, May 22nd. Dave Stang, Mary Caskey and Father Statz will be our representatives attending this meeting. They will be meeting with our ACC, which will consist of St. Anne's in Kimball, Holy Cross of Pearl Lake, St. Mary Help of Christians in St. Augusta, and St. Wendelin of Luxemburg. This meeting will be laying some groundwork for any upcoming changes that may take place in the next few years. This will be a slow process and changes will most likely be gradual as the need arises. Dave and Mary encourage you to contact them if you have any questions or concerns.

Memorial Day: As of today, the schedule will be Mass at SA (Daily Monday morning Mass) and approximately at 10:00 am, the American Legion will be at the St. Nicholas Cemetery with a Military Presentation. Watch the bulletin next weekend for any changes.

Stewardship of Treasure May 12, 2019

Adult	\$1,205.00	(32 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	0.00	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	189.71	
TOTAL	\$1,394.71	



Easter	\$60.00	(2 gifts)
Energy Needs	\$200.00	(2 gifts)
Catholic Home Mission	\$125.00	(1 gift)
Holy Land	\$10.00	(1 gift)

Gospel Connection: She pins the nametag the admissions office has given her to her polo shirt with the school logo on it. Two years ago she was in their place: she was a new student, leaving home to begin the college chapter of her life. She knows those conflicting feelings of excitement in embarking on something new and fear that you might fail; anxious to be on your own — and anxious that you might crash and burn. But she made it safely and successfully through her first two years, and now the school has asked her to be part of the orientation for the incoming freshmen class. For her, this nametag is a sign of welcome and hope at all the possibilities before them.

He scribbles his name on the sticker. That in itself is an act of courage. But he wants people to know where he stands. He knows he will face a lot of heat for being part of this demonstration, but this issue speaks to his conscience and he knows he will regret not standing up for the poor, the disenfranchised, the vulnerable, the belittled. Just sticking this nametag to his jacket as the march begins is a call for justice.

Putting on nametags as they come into the house is a strange thing to do. They grew up in this house. Mom and Dad have lived here for most of their 50 years of marriage. Now they come back regularly, leaving their own families, to come home to help their mother. Dad has Alzheimer's and Mom wants him to be at home as long as possible. A few months ago they began wearing the nametags to help their dad remember: *I'm Doreen, your daughter. I'm Richard, your son. Even: I'm Paul, your next-door neighbor.* They can't help but tear up as they place the tags over their heads each time they visit, but they realize that wearing this nametag is the cost of love.

A simple thing like a nametag can be the sign of God's love in our midst: love lived by Jesus in his time among us, love perfected in his death and resurrection. Such love often asks us to do what is difficult and counter-intuitive, requiring of us a humility and generosity that places the needs of others before our own. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals a God of compassion and forgiveness, a God who breathes life into us and puts this marvelous creation into motion out of a love that is too complete and perfect to comprehend. In his "commandment" to love, Jesus articulates the only adequate, meaningful response we can make to God's love: to try to love as God loves. When we can see beyond our own fears and doubts, when we are able to embrace the needs and hopes of another — spouse, child, or friend — that love becomes a reality.

Bonfire Night at St. Nicholas: There will be a Parish Bonfire Night at St. Nicholas in front of the Parish House on Saturday, May 18th after the 7:30 pm Mass. All are welcome! You should bring a chair to sit around the fire. Popcorn, S'mores and ALL KINDS OF BEVERAGES, will be provided, but you can bring a snack to share if you would like. Plan on attending this entertaining, fun-filled social event!



Catholic Home Missions: Support the Catholic home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your donations support programs such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal. As of April 26, 5,754 parishioners have donated \$849,080 in gifts and pledges. That is 65% of the Diocese's goal of \$1,300,000. Every dollar raised goes directly to diocesan ministries like respect for life and the diaconate, and is not used for any other purpose. Please consider a donation if you have not already!

St. Nick Baseball: The Nicks will play on Sunday, May 19th in Luxemburg at 2 pm. The next game will be in St. Nick against St. Augusta at 2 pm.

Readings for the Week: Monday, May 20th: Act 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 21st: Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14: 27-31a

Wednesday, May 22nd: Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 23rd: Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 24th: Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17

Community Events:

- Saturday, May 18th: Parish Bonfire at St. Nicholas after the 7:30 pm Mass. Please bring a lawn chair to sit around the fire!
- Thursday, May 23rd: Novena Mass at the Assumption "Grasshopper" Chapel at 7:00 pm with Rosary at 7:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair.
- Sunday, June 9th: St. Nicholas Donut Sunday after the 8:00 am Mass

A New Commandment



As I have loved you, so you also should love one another