

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

The Most Holy Trinity

June 16, 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

June 15	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	The Most Holy Trinity	MCCL – Pro Life
June 16	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	The Most Holy Trinity	+Erma Bautch
June 17	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
June 18	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Elmer Boeckmann
June 19	Wednesday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
June 20	Thursday	{SN} NO MASS	Weekday	+Ardella Flaschenriem
June 21	Friday	NO MASS	St. Aloysius	
June 22	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
June 23	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	Corpus Christi	Family of S & S Stang

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
June 22 at 7:30 pm	Judi Schreiner	Dylan Utecht Volunteer	Ralph Schreiner Ron Steil	Judi Schreiner
June 23 at 8:00 am	Judy Schutz Trish Ludwig Don Dufner	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Joe Gathje Gregory Gathje	Mike Kuechle

Area Catholic Communities: As noted a couple weeks ago, the council had their first meeting. Questions about Mass times have come up a few times with parishioners. Below is an insert Father Ron Weyrens had in his Tri Parish bulletin that might help answer some of your questions.

Will any of our parishes in our Area Catholic Community be closing? Bishop Kettler has asked all of the leadership to avoid closing parishes. It does not mean a change in parish status is impossible, but the focus of planning is having parishes work together for the sake of the mission.

What about the proposed plan implementation date of July 1, 2019? The date means that Area Catholic Community implementation will begin. In most areas, the plan may unfold in phases over time. Each area is expected to submit goals and objectives to the Planning Office by December, 2019. It does not mean everything will change on July 1. For our ACC, this year is one of planning, with changes coming around July 1, 2020.

How many priests will be serving our Area Catholic Community? Some ACCs should expect to have fewer priests available to them. For our community, conventional wisdom indicates that in the future Luxemburg, Pearl Lake, Kimball, St. August and St. Nicholas will be served by two priests. For this coming year, no planned changes in the number of priests or in the Mass times in our ACC.

Stewardship of Treasure June 9, 2019

Adult	\$XXX	(35 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Energy Needs \$XXX (1 gift)

Gospel Connection: In the folklore of Haiti, there is a story about a severe drought on the island. All the streams dried up and the wells were parched. There was no place to get water. The animals met to discuss the situation and decided to ask God for help. God responded by creating a well that would provide unlimited water, as long as one of the animals would serve as the caretaker and welcome all who would come in need.

The lizard Mabouya volunteered to be caretaker — but he soon became intoxicated with his newfound power. Mabouya became a gatekeeper, not a caretaker, and sent everyone in need away.

Eventually, God replaced the lizard with the frog, who croaked to all, “Come! This is God’s well! The hole in the ground in yours, but the water belongs to God.” [From “Carrying the Water” by Mark Nepo, *Spirituality and Health*, May/June 2019.]

Today’s Feast of the Holy Trinity calls us to realize the hand of God in every molecule of creation, in every cell of our being — life that God has brought into being out of a love so great and complete that we can hardly imagine it. Our only response to our creation and the world that sustains us is to humbly and gratefully acknowledge God’s goodness by becoming wellsprings of that goodness to one another, to make it possible for all our brothers and sisters to find their places at God’s table.

Living the Promise: We are pleased to announce that a Living the Promise grant of over \$850 has been awarded to St. Nicholas for youth and adult faith formation by the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of St. Cloud. The Catholic Foundation is a non-profit organization that acquires, manages, and distributes financial gifts and bequests in service to the Catholic community and parishes of the Diocese of St. Cloud. The funds will be used to purchase youth religious education materials and order materials to continue to make the Lenten Chaplets.

Peter’s Pence Collection: We are taking up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. You can use the envelope in your pack.

Bishop’s Annual Appeal: Supporting and nurturing families are essential ministries of the Church that are supported through your gifts to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully discern a donation to support diocesan ministries like youth faith formation and marriage preparation and family life. To donate: visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal, or mail to PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302, or there is an envelope in the June edition of *The Central Minnesota Catholic* magazine.

DCCW: The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a Fun, Food and Fund Day, Tuesday, June 25th from 9:00am -2:15 pm at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 442 2nd St. SE, St. Cloud, sponsored by the Foley/Princeton Deanery. Registration (\$15.00) is due by June 17th to Janis Fagin, 14585 31st.St. Clear Lake, MN 55319 . All are welcome!

St. Anne’s Vacation Bible School : The theme this year is "Weird Animals." VBS will run July 15-18, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. This is a free program for youth in grades preschool - 6th grade. Participants will rotate between the following activity stations with their crew leaders: One-of-a-Kind Bible Adventures, Sing & Play Stampede, KidVid Cinema, Imagination Station, Wild Crafts, Untamed Games, Critter Cafe, and The Tail End. Registration is due by July 1, and forms can be found on the table in the back of Church. *We are in need of adult volunteers to serve as Activity Station Leaders. We need youth grades 7-12 to serve as our Crew Leaders. If you are interested in sharing your gifts of time and talent, please email Erin Donnay at erin.donnay@gmail.com or contact Lana in the parish office at St. Anne.



St. Nick Baseball: The Nicks will play on Sunday, June 16th in Cold Spring at 2 pm. The next game will be Sunday, June 23rd at St. Nicholas against Luxemburg at 2 pm.

Foster Grandparent Program: Opportunity for volunteers age 55 and better to make a lasting difference in the lives of our Minnesota children and youth. There are some benefits for you too. To learn more, call 320-253-7464 or visit www.ccstcloud.org

Readings for the Week: Monday, June 17th: 2 Cor 6:1-10 / Mt 5:38-43

Tuesday, June 18th: 2 Cor 8:1-9 / Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 19th: 2 Cor 9:6-11 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 20th: 2 Cor 11:1-11 / Mt 6:7-15

Friday, June 21st: 2 Cor 11: 18, 21-30 / Mt 6:19-23

Community Events:

- Saturday, June 22: Religious Freedom Week Mass at St. Ann Catholic Church (514 SE 1st St in Wadena, MN) with Bishop Donald Kettler at 5:00 pm with Adoration to follow Mass.
- Sunday, June 30th: Church Bazaar in St. Anna at the Immaculate Conception Church. Mass at 10 am, chicken & ham dinner begins at 11 am, cash raffle, quilt raffle, gun raffle drawings at 6 pm. There will be live music and games and amusements.

Happy Father’s Day! Father of mankind, you have given me these children and entrusted them to my charge, to bring them up for you, and to prepare them for everlasting life. Help me with your heavenly grace to fulfill this sacred duty. Make me gentle, yet firm, considerate and watchful. Grant that, by word and example, I may lead them in the ways of true wisdom and piety, so that they too will know the joy of loving you. Grant that we all someday may be united in heaven, praising your glory forever. Amen.

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