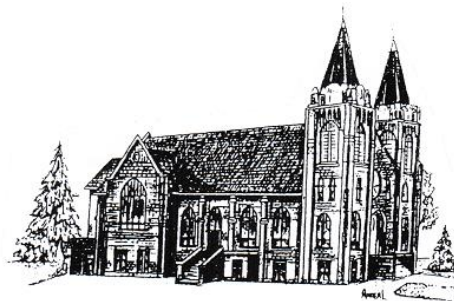


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 2019



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## MASS SCHEDULE

July 13	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Msgr Daniel Taufen
July 14	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	S & S Stang Family
July 15	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	St. Bonaventure	
July 16	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Ervin & Marcella Mueller
July 17	Wednesday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
July 18	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Stanley Jungels
July 19	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
July 20	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
July 21	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Alverna Hennen

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](http://www.churchofsaintnicholas.com)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
July 20 at 7:30 pm	Anita Neu	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Tom Landwehr Art Faber	Elmer Neu
July 21 at 8:00 am	Annette Stang Dave Stang Don Dufner	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Joe Gathje Gregory Gathje	Dave Stang

**Mass Intentions: WE ARE IN NEED OF MASS INTENTIONS.** An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who had died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please drop it in the collection in an envelope marked "Mass Intention," or contact Brenda at the parish office. Mass intentions are \$10.

**Save the Date! Nicktoberfest** is coming to St. Nicholas! The Parish Volunteer Team will be hosting a "Nicktober Fest" on **Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**. We will start with a Mass at 4:00 pm and then move to Nicktober Fest from 5 to 9 pm. There will be live music and a German-style meal, beverage and activities. Watch the bulletin for more information and ticket sales!



## Stewardship of Treasure July 7, 2019

Adult	\$XXX	(30 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	



Easter	\$XXX (2 gifts)
Annual Appeal Dist.	\$XXX

**Gospel Connection:** She saved a life. Then she was arrested. *New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof reports on a real-life, modern-day version of today's Gospel: Theresa Todd is the single mother of two teenage boys, 15 and 17. She works as a lawyer for a city and county in West Texas. Theresa was driving home on a Texas highway one cold night in February when she saw three desperate Central American migrants waving frantically. At least one car hurtled by them, afraid to stop. But for Theresa, compassion overrode fear and she stopped. The three were siblings: two brothers, ages 20 and 22, and their sister, Esmeralda, 18. The three escaped the violence in their native El Salvador, and then Guatemala, where friends were murdered and a gang leader wanted to make Esmeralda his "girlfriend."

When Theresa found them, Esmeralda was suffering from starvation, dehydration and a potentially fatal syndrome affecting her kidneys. Theresa invited the three to warm up in her car and then began frantically texting friends for advice on how to get medical care for Esmeralda. As she texted, a sheriff's deputy and a Border Patrol officer pulled up behind her car. Theresa was detained in a holding cell for three hours, her possessions confiscated. Esmeralda was hospitalized for four days, and she and her siblings are now in ICE custody.

By stopping to help a stranger, Theresa Todd may have saved a life — but her compassion got her arrested. It's unclear if she will face federal charges for assisting undocumented immigrants, but Theresa has no regrets: "I'm a mom, and I see a young man who looked the same age as my teenage son. And if my son was by the side of a road, I would want someone to help." The whole experience "was totally surreal — especially for doing what my parents taught me was right, and what I learned in church was right, which was helping people. So finding myself in a holding cell for that, it was hard to wrap my head around . . . I'm simply a mom who saw a child in need and pulled over to help . . ." [The New York Times, May 15, 2019.]

The Good Samaritan dwells in our midst in the selfless kindness and unheralded generosity of good people — people like us — who put humanity ahead of self-preservation (and, in Theresa Todd's case, arrest), who see beyond labels and stereotypes to recognize anyone in need as a child of God, who believe that it is God calling them to cross the road to help someone lying in the ditch. The Good Samaritan is the epitome of Gospel charity, the embodiment of the Gospel vision of humanity as a community of "neighbors" — male and female, rich and poor, able and challenged — sharing the same sacred dignity as sons and daughters of the God of all that is good.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal. In June, the Bishop's Annual Appeal distributed checks totaling \$209,360 directly to parishes to support Catholic school education and religious education. This is just one of the many vital ministries you support when you make a gift to the Appeal. To donate: visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal), or mail to PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

**St. Nick Baseball:** The Nicks will play on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> in St. Nicholas against Watkins. After this game, the scheduled games are complete and playoffs will begin.

**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](http://www.ccstcloud.org)

**Trip Opportunity with Fr. Matthew Luft:** Fr. Matthew Luft from St. Boniface, Sts Peter & Paul and Jacobs Prairie will be heading a trip to Orvieto, Assisi, Florence & Rome, Italy from November 5 – 14, 2019. Discover the magical town of St. Francis in Assisi. Visit Florence, the living museum of Italian Renaissance. Take part in a "hands-on" cooking class. Explore the classic sights of Rome, including a Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square. And so much more! For more information and to register online, go to [www.magitravelinc.com](http://www.magitravelinc.com) or contact Magi Travel at [info@magitravelinc.com](mailto:info@magitravelinc.com).

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>: Ex 2:8-14, 22 / Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>: Ex 2:1-15a / Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 / Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>: Ex 3:13-20 / Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>: Ex 11:10—12:14 / Mt 12:1-8

### Community Events:

- Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>: Holy Cross Parish Festival, Pearl Lake. Begins with the Pork Chop Trot with registration at 8 am, Polka Mass at 4 pm, food stands open at 5 pm with all kinds of activities to do. Concludes with street dance at 8 pm to midnight.
- Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>: Parish Festival in Osakis, MN. Outdoor polka Mass at 10:30. Pork Chop Dinner, hamburgers, brats, hotdogs, and other fair foods. Live & Silent Auctions, Lots of family games and actives.

**Stay for Ice Cream Floats after Mass on Saturday  
And  
Donuts & Coffee after Mass on Sunday!!**