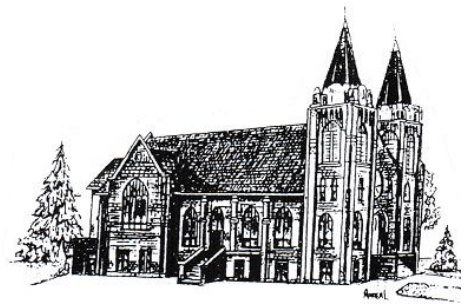


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2019



PARISH STAFF			PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS		
Fr. James Statz	398-2229		Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287	
Brenda Kraemer, Secretary	(Office)	764-7345	Men’s Society, David Stang	469-4735	
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Melanie Pauls, Musician	534-8658		Ministry Scheduler, Annette Stang	250-0681	
Brenda Kraemer, Rel. Ed Coordinator	(H)	685-3715	Parish Council, Don Dufner	764-9105	
*Bulletin Deadline is Thursday at 9am *Email: stnicholas@meltel.net *Website: www.churchofsaintnicholas.com *Usual Office Hours of Secretary are Monday and Thursday mornings.			Parish Council, Sue Stommes	597-3454	
			Parish Council, Elmer Frank	764-9111	
			Parish Council, Kelly Bautch	597-3255	
			Parish Council, Tom Frank	764-9112	
			Parish Council, Judi Schreiner	764-9080	
			Trustee, Ken Lutgen	764-2043	
			Trustee, Mary Caskey	597-2854	

MASS SCHEDULE


July 6	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Dec Family of Mary Ann Frank
July 7	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
July 8	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
		{SN} 7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
July 9	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Valerian Frank
July 10	Wednesday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
July 11	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Benedict	+Erma Bautch
July 12	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
July 13	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Msgr Daniel Taufen
July 14	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	S & S Stang Family

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
July 13 at 7:30 pm	Brenda Kraemer	Derek Utecht Volunteer	Robert Kraemer Laverne Ludwig	Brenda Kraemer
July 14 at 8:00 am	Trish Ludwig Marion Frank Elmer Frank	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Paul Ludwig Sy Schreiner	Shirley Lutgen

Parish Council Meeting: the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday, July 8th at 7 pm in the Parish House.



Float Saturday & Donut Sunday: Catholic United Financial and the Parish Volunteer Team will serve Ice Cream Floats after Mass on Saturday, July 13th. Then, on Sunday, July 14th the Christian Women will host a Donut Sunday after 8 am Mass. There is no cost! Stay and visit with your neighbors!!



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 29th**. 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 June 30, 2019

Adult	\$XXX	(22 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Old St. Nick Chapel	\$XXX
Rental Income	\$XXX (1 gift)
Votive Stand	\$XXX

Gospel Connection: The president of one of the nation’s leading theological schools and a former church pastor himself visited two pastors. Both ministers had lived long, productive lives and were now in the last stages of terminal illnesses. They all knew this would be the last time they would talk, so they took their time and chose their words carefully. M. Craig Barnes, the president of Princeton Theological Seminary, recounts the conversation with his two senior colleagues in an essay in *The Christian Century* [January 4, 2019]:

“As I listened to these two pastors, the most striking thing to me wasn’t their fearlessness at dying. Nor was I in awe of their amazingly sturdy faith, which was why they had so little to fear. The thing I keep thinking about is what both of them kept talking about at the end of their lives: gratitude. They were grateful for their families and for those who loved them through their days of faithfulness and failure over the years. They expressed gratitude to God for the grace of life. And they were grateful that they got to be pastors. Both of them had served several congregations over long ministries before becoming members of our seminary’s board of trustees. In their later years they became very close friends. It was almost as though they knew they would be leaving life on earth together. When our board had dinner, they would often sit together and exchange stories from their ministries. I loved listening in. There was nothing particularly remarkable about these stories, except the part where holiness broke through. But they were told as a way of saying, *Can you believe I got to see that?* At the very end these two well-worn pastors were amazed that they got to be used in God’s story with the congregations they served. That was their last sermon.”

“This is how pastors spend their lives. And at the end, this is what they remember, and why they die with gratitude on their lips. They don’t tell the stories of their successful capital campaigns or how many new members they found for the church. Nor are they particularly bothered by their ideas that failed badly and almost drove the congregation into the ditch. They believe in grace too much to care about what went well and what did not . . . This is what the old pastors remember, and why they are so grateful at the end of their lives. They got to spend their years functioning essentially as angels who keep saying, *Behold!* They knew the ground of the church was holy even when it was a holy mess . . . That’s the real job description of the pastor: revealing the presence of God in the ordinary life of a flawed church. Good pastors give their lives to do it again and again.”

That’s what Jesus calls the seventy-two — and now all of us — to do: “to reveal the presence of God” in every ordinary life, and to do so not with a sense of superiority or self-righteousness but in a spirit of gratitude and humility that we might be the means for God to illuminate and bless the life of another. And, as we work to make a difference in our “neighbors” lives, we make a difference in our own: the peace we work for embraces us and our own families, the justice we seek changes the way we see ourselves and others, the good we are able to make happen gives our lives a satisfying sense of meaning and purpose. We can bring such joy and peace to our own homes and neighborhoods in our own response to Jesus’ call to work for God’s harvest of reconciliation and justice in the part of the vineyard God has entrusted to us.

Bishop’s Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal. As of June 17, the diocese has raised \$962,984 in gifts and pledges. That is 74% of the goal of \$1,300,000. This is made possible through the donations of 6,659 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Every dollar raised goes directly to diocesan ministries and is not used for any other purpose. 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.

Bishop’s Annual Appeal: This week, we received a check from the Bishop’s Annual Appeal that is dedicated for Youth Religious Education. This check was in the amount of \$325.00. These gifts are granted from a withdrawal of roughly 20% of the Appeal earnings from July 1 to June 30th each year and the amount is based on the number of students in the religious education program at our church.

Catholic United Financial: Last week, St. Nicholas Parish received some checks from Catholic United Financial. These 2 checks were from the last 2 Matching Grant events and the funds received from the MinistREE cards. The MinistREE cards are activities that volunteers complete for the Church and we benefited \$651.00! The Matching Grants totaled \$1,200. This money will be used for Religious Education here at St. Nicholas. We are very grateful to Catholic United for these programs!

St. Anne’s Vacation Bible School : 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 many different activities. Please email Erin Donnay at erin.donnay@gmail.com or contact Lana in the parish office at St. Anne to register.



St. Nick Baseball: The Nicks will play on Sunday, July 7th at St. Nicholas against Eden Valley. The next games will be on Friday, July 12th in Farming at 7:30 pm and Sunday, July 14th in St. Nicholas against Watkins. After these games, 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

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 or contact Magi Travel at info@magitravelinc.com.

Readings for the Week: Monday, July 8th: Gn 28:10-22a / Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday, July 9th: Gn 32:23-33 / Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday, July 10th: Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a / Mt 10:1-7
Thursday, July 11th: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5 / Mt 10:7-15
Friday, July 12th: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 / Mt 10:16-23

- Community Events:**
- Saturday, July 13th: 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 14th: 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 activities