

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 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

Aug 10	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Good Health for Kim Barka
Aug 11	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Larry Frank
Aug 12	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Aug 13	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Ava Rose Archambault
Aug 14	Wednesday	{SA} 7:00pm	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Aug 15	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	+Family of L & D Ludwig
Aug 16	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Aug 17	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+People of the Parish
Aug 18	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+MCCL – Pro Life

****Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on Wednesday August 14th at 7:00 pm at SA and Thursday, August 15th at SN at 8:00 am****

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
Aug 17 at 7:30 pm	Rick Utecht	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Tom Landwehr Jack Rausch	Lucy Schreiner
Aug 18 at 8:00 am *At Old St. Nick Chapel	Trish Ludwig Sandy Stang Steve Stang	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Jerry Boeckmann Paul Ludwig	Lee Bautch



TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE BEFORE AND AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND. TICKETS WILL BE \$20 EACH. Each ticket will get you a commemorative mug, a meal and 2 drink tickets. **There will be a limited number of tickets sold, so be sure to get yours right away!** Nicktober Fest will be on Saturday, September 28th beginning with Mass at 4 pm. There will be live music, a German-style meal, beverages and activities!

Mass at Old St. Nick Chapel: Mass will be held on Sunday, August 18th at 8:00 am at the Old St. Nick Chapel on 200th Street.

**Please bring a lawn chair. Just as an FYI: 200th Street is under construction. Please be vigilant in driving through the construction. Donuts will be served after Mass!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Thursday August 15th is the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at St. Anne's on Wednesday evening, August 14th at 7:00 p.m. and at St. Nicholas on Thursday morning, August 15th at 8:00 a.m.

Stewardship of Treasure August 4, 2019

Adult	\$XXX	(38 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Votive Stand \$XXX

Gospel Connection: Three times that year he had had car trouble on the freeways in and around Portland, Oregon: a blowout on the freeway, a bunch of blown fuses, and running out of gas. Each time he was stuck, he was disgusted with the way people refused to help or how some tried to take advantage of his situation, like the tow trucks that would whizz pass him without stopping and the gas stations that would not lend him a gas can for “safety reasons” but would sell him a cheap, one-gallon container — with no cap — for \$15. But all three times he was rescued by those least able and expected to help: Mexican migrant workers.

When his tire blew, he was driving a friend’s car and discovered he had no jack. He put big signs in the window, NEED A JACK, and offered money. Three hours went by, and no one stopped. Finally, as he was about to begin hitchhiking, a van pulled up and a guy bounded out of the vehicle. The man was Mexican, with his family of four in tow. He didn’t speak English, so he called out his young daughter, who did. As the driver and the Mexican worked to change the tire, the stranded motorist accidentally broke the man’s jack. He felt like an idiot. No worries — the wife was gone in a flash and returned 15 minutes later with a new jack and the tire was finally changed. The two were filthy and sweaty. His wife produced a large water jug for them to wash their hands. The grateful driver tried to put a twenty-dollar bill in the man’s hand, but he wouldn’t take it. He then quietly slipped it to the man’s wife. He asked the daughter where they lived, thinking he might send them a gift. The daughter explained that they lived in Mexico; they were in Oregon to pick cherries and peaches over the next few weeks, then go back home.

As they said goodbye, the girl asked the stranded driver if he had lunch yet. When he told her no, she ran up and handed him a tamale. He thanked them again and walked back to his car and opened the tamale (he was starving by now). And inside the foil was his twenty-dollar bill. He ran back to try to catch the van, waving the twenty. The father waved him off with a smile and, in fractured English, called out, “Today you, tomorrow me.” The stranded driver, Justin Horner, is a graphic designer in Portland. He recounted the story in an essay in *The New York Times* [March 6, 2011]. Justin concludes his story with this:

“This family, undoubtedly poorer than just about everyone else on that stretch of highway, working on a seasonal basis where time is money, took a couple of hours out of their day to help a strange guy on the side of the road where tow trucks were just passing him by . . . Since then, I’ve changed a couple of tires, given a few rides to gas stations and once drove 50 miles out my way to get a girl to an airport. I won’t accept money. But every time I’m able to help, I feel as if I’m putting something in the bank.”

We are all called to be “faithful and prudent servants” of the abilities and resources that the “master” has entrusted to us and for which he will hold us accountable — not for the breadth and depth of those gifts but for what we have done with those gifts for the sake of the kingdom of God. Humility is the grace to be grateful for what we have as gifts from God and to realize our responsibility to put those gifts to the service of the whole “household.” Jesus promises that such “faithful and prudent servants” who keep the kingdom of God before them in all of their relationships, who lead and influence others by the example of their own humble service, who place the common good before their own interests, will find places of honor at the master’s table at the banquet of heaven.

Bishop’s Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal. As of July 22nd, the diocese has raised \$1,008,445 in gifts and pledges. That is 77.5% of the diocese’s goal of \$1,300,000. This is made possible through the donations of 6,838 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Every dollar raised goes directly to diocesan ministries like the Vocations and Diaconate office, 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.

Cemetery Help Needed: The Cemetery Board Meeting will be held on August 21st at 6:30 at Mike Lutgen’s place. Some volunteers will be required to come and help with the ground preparation work for the cemetery pavers that will be laid. This is scheduled for September 7th at 9 am. You should bring a shovel with you. Please contact Doug Caskey if you have any questions. Doug’s number is 597-2854. The installation of the pavers is tentatively set for September 14th at 9 am. Please contact Doug if you can come and help out!

Save the Date: DCCW: The 66th Annual Fall Conference of the Council of Catholic Women will be held at St. Boniface in Cold Spring on Saturday, September 21st starting at 8:30 am. The theme this year is “Servants of God, Guiding Our Youth.” Register by 9/11/19 with a \$15 check payable to Cold Spring Deanery and send to Marlene Statz 27586 Co Rd 9, Richmond, MN 56368.

Mass & Anointing: There will be a Mass with Anointing of the Sick in honor of St. Peregrine on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 5:30 held at St. Anthony’s Church in St. Cloud. Each year, St. Anthony’s Church asks St. Peregrine for his intercession for those who are sick and those who care for them. All are welcome, especially those affected by cancer or other illnesses and chronic conditions. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Center following Mass.

Readings for the Week: Monday, August 12th: Dt 10:12-22 / Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 13th: Dt 31:1-8 / Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 14th: Dt 34:1-12 / Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, August 15th: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20-27

Friday, August 16th: Jos 24:1-13 / Mt 19:3-12

Community Events:

- Saturday, August 10th: St. James Parish of Jacobs Prairie BBQ Pork Chop and corn on the cob feed from 4 to 9 pm. All the corn you can eat!
- Saturday & Sunday, August 17-18: “Boni-Fest” Parish Festival at St. Boniface in Cold Spring. Saturday Polka Mass at 5 pm, food & beverage stands open at 6 pm with fireworks at 10pm. Sunday: Parade at 10 am, festival opens at 11 am, raffle at 4:15pm.
- Monday, Sept 2nd: Labor Day St. Stephen Parish Festival. All stands/food begins at 11 am to 7 pm in St. Stephen, MN.
- Saturday, September 7th: St. Mary’s Cathedral Block Party. Outdoor Mass at 4 pm, live music, food, raffles, bingo, festival games for everyone! Diamond Back will play at 7 pm.
- Saturday, September 14th: Fall Crawl at Powder Ridge in Kimball. 5 k’ish Course so you can run, walk, or crawl to taste beer and wine from breweries of the area. Pre-purchase your tickets online at Powder Ridge!