

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2019



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sept 21	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Elmer & Esther Faber
Sept 22	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Erma Bautch
Sept 23	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	St. Pius	
		{SN} 7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	
Sept 24	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Rainer Landwehr
Sept 25	Wednesday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Sept 26	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Clara & Tony Stein
Sept 27	Friday	NO MASS	St Vincent de Paul	
Sept 28	Saturday	{SN} 4:00 pm	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Edith Stang
Sept 29	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish

****Saturday, September 28th Mass will be at 4:00 pm.
Mass will be held before the TICKETED Event of Nicktoberfest****

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
Sept 28 at 4:00 pm	Rick Utecht	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Jack Rausch Art Faber	Lucy Schreiner
Sept 29 at 8:00 am	Greg Utecht Sandy Stang Steve Stang	Michael Bautch Volunteer	John Hopfer Jerry Boeckmann	Mike Kuechle



JUST A REMINDER THAT NICKTOBERFEST IS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PURCHASED A TICKET. EVENT WILL BE HELD AFTER THE 4:00 PM MASS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH.

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, September 23rd at 7 pm at the Parish House.**
This is the rescheduled time!

2019 Annual Directory & Financial Report Booklet: the Annual Financial Statement and Parish Directory booklet is available for pick up on the back table at Church. Please take one per family. If there are any questions, please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.

Stewardship of Treasure September 15, 2019

Adult	\$XXX	(34 of 162 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(1 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	



Energy Needs	\$XXX (1 gift)
CCHD	\$XXX (1 gift)

TOTAL \$XXXXX

Gospel Connection: There's an old Egyptian tale about a little boy named Miobi who came to a village where the people acted very strangely. All the villagers did was moan and groan about almost everything. The fires didn't get lit, the goats didn't get milked, the children didn't get clothed, and the crops didn't get planted, all because the villagers were expecting at any time to get eaten by the monster that lived on top of the mountain.

Miobi craned his neck to look up, and sure enough, there was the monster. It had a head like a crocodile and a body like a hippopotamus and a tail like a very fat snake. Smoke and fire came from its nostrils. The villagers lived in dread that any day the monster might come down and devour them all. Miobi said to the villagers, "I'll go up the mountain by myself and challenge the monster." The villagers pleaded with him not to go, sure that he would never return, but Miobi was determined to take on the beast.

Miobi began to climb the mountain, and as he climbed higher and higher and got nearer and nearer, the monster looked smaller and smaller. *This is a very curious phenomenon*, thought Miobi. *When I back away from the monster, the monster gets larger, but the nearer I get to it, the smaller it becomes.* When Miobi finally reached the cave at the top of the mountain, instead of a gigantic monster, he found a quiet little creature about the size of a toad. It purred. Miobi picked it up and put it in his pocket and headed back down the mountain.

When the villagers saw Miobi safe and sound, they wanted to make him their god for slaying the monster. Miobi explained exactly what had happened and how he had brought the "monster" back down the mountain as a pet. He showed them the little-toad like creature. "What is your name?" the villagers asked the little creature. "I have many names," the creature replied. "Some call me famine, and some pestilence; some call me war, and some cancer." Then the little creature yawned and added, "But most call me 'What Might Happen.'" [From *52 Meditations to Nudge Your World* by R. Wayne Willis.]

Many of us are stalked by the monster of "What Might Happen": we squander the opportunities we have to do great things with the resources we have for fear of failure or loss; we're satisfied to avoid what is bad rather than to risk our comfort and treasure for the sake of good. Jesus calls us beyond our comfort zones to take up the cross of selflessness and compassion; he urges us to risk everything in order to realize the love of God in all things.

Religious Education: Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 2nd with the first class in the Parish House. There will not be a "First Mass" this year due to Father will be out of town for a couple of days that week. Parents are welcome to come with students this first day, especially first and second grade students. **SCHEDULE CHANGE:** There will not be class on Wednesday, October 16th and the Class with the Living Rosary will be on Wednesday, October 23rd.

Thank You from The Vossen Family: Julianna Vossen and the entire Vossen Family would like to THANK all who helped at Elmer's Funeral last week. They would especially like to THANK Father Statz, the men who helped with parking and traffic, the musician, the parishioners who helped with the lunch and all those who helped in any way! The Vossens very much appreciate your efforts!

Area Catholic Community Meeting: The next meeting is set for September 26, 7pm, at St. Anne's in Kimball



Adoration: Mark your calendars for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It will be held on Tuesday, October 1st in St. Nicholas from 5 – 8 pm and on Wednesday, October 2nd at St. Anne's from 9 am to 4 pm. Won't you come and spend some time with the Lord?

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Diocesan Ministries are here for YOU! visit our webpage for updates about how the Appeal supports ministries at the very core of our Church's mission. Go to: www.stcdio.org/annualappeal, or mail donations to PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

Campaign for Human Development: In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. Please use the envelope in your packet.

Readings for the Week: Monday, Sept 23rd: Ezr 1:1-6 / Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, Sept 24th: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 / Lk 8:19-21

Thursday, Sept 26th: Hg 1:1-8 / Lk 9:7-9

Wednesday, Sept 25th: Ezr 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6

Friday, Sept 27th: Hg 2:1-9 / Lk 9:18-22

Community Events:

- Saturday, October 12th: St. Anthony Church (St. Cloud) Christian Mothers Rummage Sale from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Saturday, October 19th: St. Wendelin's (Luxemburg) Comedy Night with Tommy Ryman. Doors open at 6 pm with a showtime of 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 at the door. All proceeds go to St. Wendelin's Catholic School.