

# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2019



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Nov 9	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Nov 10	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Tony Vossen
Nov 11	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	St. Martin	
Nov 12	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Josaphat	+Dominic & Susan Frank
Nov 13	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Frances Xavier	
Nov 14	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+LaVern Schmidt
Nov 15	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Nov 16	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Tom Decker
Nov 17	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ardella Flaschenriem

**\*\* Mass Times have switched to 10:00 am at St. Nicholas and St. Anne's will have the 8:00 am Mass\*\***

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
Nov 16 at 7:30 pm	Brenda Kraemer	Derek Utecht Volunteer	Robert Kraemer Ron Steil	Brenda Kraemer
Nov 17 at 10:00 am	Annette Stang Dave Stang Judy Schutz	Jonathan Gathje Volunteer	Joe Gathje Gregory Gathje	Shirley Lutgen

**Breakfast Thank You!** Thank you to all of those who attended the breakfast at St. Nicholas last Sunday. A BIG THANK YOU to all those who donated food items for the breakfast preparation! It is greatly appreciated!!

**Make God's Love Visible:** Catholic Charities is launching its 2019 Annual appeal across the Diocese of St. Cloud. Last year, Catholic Charities provided a variety of assistance to nearly 53,000 of our Central MN neighbors. For some, we provided a place to live; for others, food and clothing. We worked with individuals in improving or maintaining their mental health, and for many seniors we provided meals, activities and education that improved their quality of life. At each interaction, we sought to build communities, provide family life and enhance human dignity. Our ability to help our neighbors next year depends on the success of this campaign. One hundred percent of all donations stay in Central Minnesota. There will be an envelope with information attached to this bulletin and you will receive information in the mail. Please consider a donation!

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish House. If you would like to add anything to the agenda, please let Brenda know.

## Stewardship of Treasure November 3, 2019

Adult	\$XXX	(38 of 162 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(7 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	



All Saint Day	\$XXX (14 gifts)
All Souls Day	\$XXX (7 gifts)
Energy Needs	\$XXX (3 gifts)
World Mission	\$XXX (1 gift)

**Gospel Connection:** She is the daughter and granddaughter of “holiday men.” “Holiday man” was a term her grandmother used to describe three generations of her family’s absentee fathers who, like clockwork, would return around Christmas before disappearing again to whereabouts unknown. Both her father and grandfather were only occasional presences in her life. There would be expressions of sorrow for not being there to raise her, apologies for missing milestone events, assurances that Daddy loved her — a brief hope that things would change. But they never did. Before heading off to college, she wondered if the women in her family were cursed. So one day she asked her mother about her relationship with her father. She wanted to know every misstep in their love story, determined to avoid her mother’s fate. But as she reflected on her parents’ story, she realized what the “holiday men” in her clan left behind: “a resilient, quick-witted tribe of matriarchs who didn’t miss a beat when their husbands fell short of their vows. Instead, they cut them off and shielded their offspring from the same hollow attempts at love.” The young woman, Kema Christian-Taylor, writes in a **The New York Times** essay [September 27, 2019]: “I had put finding love on a pedestal in my teenage years, and as such, I had been so busy pitying the matriarchs’ plight that I ignored their power. My grandmother, the first in her family to attend and finish college, had raised two Harvard graduates on her teacher’s salary: my uncle, who became a doctor, and my mother, who became a lawyer. Years later, she stepped in to help raise me when my mother’s marriage fell apart.

“Checking up on my homework, my grandmother would point to her head and say, ‘What you have up here, no one can take away from you.’ Dragging me to church and volunteer events, she showed me how giving back was the best thing we could do with our blessings . . . She taught by example that we needed to look out for other people.

“My mother, the breadwinner and provider, also gave me everything my father couldn’t: strong values, tough love, weekend drives to theater and choir and dance practices on the other side of town. She worked late nights to put me in the best schools that led me to a Harvard education, one that she had been saving for since before I was born . . .”

“I was surrounded by fundamentally good, loving and formidable women who pushed me to think for myself when I asked for another’s opinion, to save my tears whenever I cried over something trivial, to strive to learn as much as I could because knowledge would be my power.” And now she has found love with her fiancé, a man who is everything that her father and grandfather were not. And every day she thanks the women in her life — the gift the “holiday men” left behind.

This young woman’s life moves from grieving what is absent in her life to realizing the good in her life. She experiences resurrection: moving from the cross of regret at her father’s failings to gratitude for the constant, unconditional love of her mother. Resurrection is the promise and hope of our faith as Christians — but resurrection is also an attitude, a perspective for approaching life and sorting out the decisions and complexities of our lives. In dying to our own worst impulses and disappointments, to the sometimes-overwhelming sense of hopelessness that paralyzes us, we can rise to the heights of the life and love of God. To become “sons and daughters of God” is to live with the conviction that the love of God transcends our despair, anxieties and sense of loss and hopelessness, and that God’s presence in our life will one day bring us to the fulfillment of the Easter miracle.

**Religious Education:** The next Class will be on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Cemetery Flowers:** The Cemetery Committee is reminding you that any flowers that are in the cemetery need to be removed. As of earlier this week, there are still many flowers out there! Thank you!

**Bishop’s Appeal Update:** Thank you to everyone who had donated to the Appeal. As of October 28<sup>th</sup> the diocese raised \$1,254,118 in gifts and pledges. That is 96.47% of the Diocese’s goal of \$1,300,000. This is made possible through the donations of 7,452 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** If you would like to make a donation, please visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

**Area Catholic Community Update:** Representatives met on Tuesday, October 29 at St. Mary Help of Christian Church. Joining the group was Brenda Kresky, the director of the Diocesan Planning Office. The committee received a meeting summary report from the Faith Formation Directors of each parish. The report shared what is currently happening and some future needs such as more involvement of adults, youth group, and young adult ministry. Work continued on 5 priorities (goals), which will be sent to the Diocese by the end of the year.

1. Strengthening our worship experiences including Mass times. Recommendations will be sent to the parish councils and parishes by February for any changes and approval.
2. Developing our ACC identity. A naming process will begin November 17<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information on this!
3. Building our Faith Formation Programs. Subcommittee formed to develop a job description.
4. Create a communication plan to share information throughout the ACC.
5. Under development--- Exploring Outreach programs within and outside the ACC.

The next meeting date is December 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>: Wis 1:1-7 / Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>: Wis 2:23-3:9 / Lk 17:7-10

Thursday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>: Wis 7:22b-8:1 / Lk 17:20-25

Wednesday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>: Wis 6:1-6 / Lk 17:11-19

Friday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>: Wis 13:1-9 / Lk 17:26-37

## Community Events:

- Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Concert & Food drive benefiting Catholic Charities Food shelves. Many area High School Choirs and the Minnesota Saints Chorale will perform starting at 7 pm at The Cathedral of St. Mary, 25<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Ave S in St. Cloud.
- Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>: KC Breakfast at St. Boniface in Cold Spring. Serving eggs, hash browns, ham, sausage, cinnamon bread, sweet rolls and more from 8:30 am to Noon.
- Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>: Bouja & Chicken Noodle Soup sale at St. Anthony’s Church in Watkins. Serving from 8:30 am till Noon. You may pre-order by calling Larry Flaschenriem at 320-764-2965.
- Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at St. Wendelin’s in Luxemburg from 8:30 to Noon. Serving all you can eat Pep’s pork, ham, pancakes, scrambled eggs, fruit and more. There will also be a craft sale, a bake sale, and a raffle. Free blood pressure checks.
- Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at the Church of St. Anthony in St. Anthony, MN (6 miles North of Albany). Serving ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, and more from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Breakfast.
- Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>: Sts. Peter & Paul Holiday Extravaganza in the school gym from 9 am to Noon. Breakfast of ham & cheese omelets, hash browns, sausage, applesauce and more. Also a Cookie & Candy walk and silent auction.