

# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2019



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## MASS SCHEDULE

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
Nov 18	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Nov 19	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Alverna Hennen
Nov 20	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Nov 21	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Presentation of the Virgin Mary	+Ervin Stommes
Nov 22	Friday	NO MASS	St. Cecilia	
Nov 23	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King	People of the Parish
Nov 24	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King	Dec & Living Romie Kraemer 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](http://www.churchofsaintnicholas.com)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Nov 23 at 7:30 pm	Anita Neu	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Jack Rausch Art Faber	Elmer Neu
Nov 24 at 10:00 am	Don Dufner Sandy Stang Steve Stang	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Ron Stang Jerry Boeckman	Mike Kuechle

**Thanksgiving Mass:** The Thanksgiving Mass schedule will be set for St. Nicholas on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. St. Anne's Mass will be on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**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.



**Annual Thanksgiving Soup & Sandwich Supper:** The Parish Volunteer Team will once again host the Annual Thanksgiving Soup and Sandwich Supper before the Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. The Mass will be at 7:30 pm. Supper will be served from 5:00pm to 7:15 pm. The cost of the Supper is a free will offering that will benefit. . . . . If any parishioner would like to donate a crock pot of soup, please contact Trish Ludwig at 320-248-8250. Each Religious Education family is asked to bring a pan of desserts.



## Stewardship of Treasure November 10, 2019

Adult	\$XXX	(28 of 162 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	



Votive Stand \$XXX

**Gospel Connection:** Every so often she receives an e-mail or voice-mail or text or Facebook message: a quick message, a name and contact. The final sentence is always the same: “Do you remember me?” “Of course I do,” she responds. “How could I forget you?” For most, she can remember exactly where that person sat in her classroom and who sat next to them. She can picture their faces, maybe hear their voices. Some are wisps in her memory — maybe she’ll recall the year or grade or school.

She started teaching when she was 22. Teaching turned out to be more of a challenge than she realized. Every student required something different from her, and that could change by the hour. Problems at home, fights with friends, hunger, fear — they all showed themselves differently. Some students strove for excellence; some seemed intent on disruption. Some students competed for the best grades; some refused to do any work at all. Some students had tons of friends; some longed for one. She tried to notice all of it and manage it as best she could, while working on all that needed to be taught and learned.

There were the highly memorable hallway fights and fire drills and field trips, the field days and test days and assemblies. But it was the daily schedules, the mundane routines, that brought teacher and class together. Retired teacher Stacey Curran remembers (in a piece in *The Boston Globe Magazine*, September 8, 2019): “For ten months a year, I’d revolve around them, circling their desks, saying their names, knowing their handwriting. We’d read together, crack up together, and bicker together. I learned when to push and when to be gentle. I knew who needed extra help and who could probably teach the class themselves. I’d try to calm the class clown and get the quiet ones to talk. Sometimes we laughed all day, and other times I drove home crying. As the year went on, we would function as a group, mostly accepting all of one another’s needs and quirks. Then June came, and they gleefully broke ties . . .”

She would welcome a new class in the fall and her now former students would move on to new grade levels and schools. She seldom saw them again. She occasionally reads or hears about them in the news. Sometimes it’s good; most times, devastating. Some are gone, others found trouble; some made their mark. She prays that most of them have made their way. But when one contacts her, she tells them all the good things she remembers about them. She tells them that she could never forget. At one time they were in her class. But always, they are hers.

This good and dedicated teacher is the light that shines in the midst of violence and despair; she is the sign of God’s faithful presence in the wars and storms that Jesus foretells in today’s disturbing Gospel. Compassion and mercy, justice and forgiveness are the lasting treasures of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom that is created in our own homes and classrooms and churches. It is not our portfolios and resumes that matter in the end, but the simple good we do that transforms lives that is our true and lasting legacy. May God grant us the wisdom to realize what a great and lasting world we can build if we put aside our attitudes and avarice that limit our vision to the ephemeral to embrace God’s grace to build such a sacred world.

**Religious Education:** The next Class will be on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please watch for an email that will be sent to each family about the Soup and Sandwich Supper. Each family is asked to bring a pan of dessert to share.

**Area Catholic Community:** Representatives from all 5 parishes met on Tuesday, October 29. They have started on one of the stated goals of developing our ACC identity. Attached to this bulletin, you will find a flyer with some instructions for you to submit your choice for a name for our ACC. Please submit your entries in the collection basket, by mail or by email to the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Stang at 320-469-4735 or Mary Caskey at 320-597-2854.

**Honoring Marriage Day:** Honoring Marriage Day will be held on May 2, 2020 at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. This will be for couples celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50 or 60 plus years of marriage ANYTIME in 2020. If you are one of those couples celebrating one of these anniversaries, please let me know. You will then receive an invitation for this Day at the Cathedral. You may email, call or tell Brenda this information!

**Foster Grandparent Opportunity:** Would you like to become a Foster Grandparent? The Foster Grandparent Program provides the opportunity for volunteers age 55 and better to make a lasting difference in the lives of our Minnesota children and youth. There are a variety of settings to volunteer at, including elementary schools, preschools, shelters, childcare centers and juvenile detention centers. For more information contact Sara Heurung, area supervisor, at sheurung@ccstcloud.org or 320-229-4589.

**Sharing Tree:** It’s that time of year again! St. Nicholas will have our Sharing Tree again. Thanks to Mary Caskey and some Religious Education students, they will be setting up the tree this next week with decorating with the tags of needed items. We appreciate any help you can give to make Christmas special this year for area families! Please watch for further updates and remember to pick up a tag next week!



**Readings for the Week:** Monday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 / Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>: 2 Mc 6:18-31 / Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 / Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>: 1 Mc 2:15-29 / Lk 19:41-44

Friday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 / Lk 19:45-48

### Community Events:

- 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.