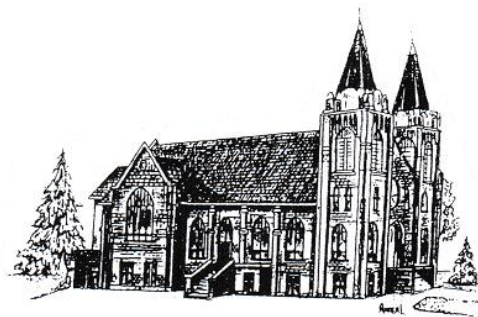


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2020



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Jan 18	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Dec. Mem of Decker Family
Jan 19	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Jan 20	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Jan 21	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St Agnes	+Ardella Flaschenriem
Jan 22	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Day of Prayer for Unborn Children	
Jan 23	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Loren Linn
Jan 24	Friday	NO MASS	St. Francis de Sales	
Jan 25	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Jerome Schwartz
Jan 26	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Dec. Members of Klaers Fam

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
Jan 25 at 7:30 pm	Elmer Neu	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Allen Stommes Robert Wehseler	Anita Neu
Jan 26 at 10:00 am	Don Dufner	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Ron Stang Jerry Boeckmann	Mike Kuechle

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!** Thank you to the individuals who helped to get the ice out of the parking lot! Even though it will get snowed on again, it really does help tremendously to have the ice cleared out! Thank you, also, to those that helped to take down and put away all of the Christmas decorations! Your help makes a big job go much faster and smoother! It is sad to see the decorations get put away; they are so nice to have. But, until next year, we will see them again.

**Annual Men's Conference:** Men: Please join us for the annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. John's University. You can register online at [www.stcdio.org/mensconference20](http://www.stcdio.org/mensconference20) or call Jan at 320-258-7615. The theme this year is "The Real Presence – Bringing Christ to the World." The cost is \$35 with pre-registration.

**Renew & Return Retreat for Women:** If you're a busy woman who longs to make time for prayer in your daily life, this morning retreat is for you. Throughout Scripture we hear the call to return to God. But how can we respond faithfully with so many demands on our time and attention? Join us for a morning of prayer, reflection, and conversation to remember we are beloved as we return to God for renewal. Held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Seven Dolors Church in Albany from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Registration is \$35 or \$40 at the door. Call Toni Hudock to register at 320-845-5405.

## Stewardship of Treasure January 12, 2020

Adult	\$XXX	(35 of 162 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(4 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	



Easter	\$XXX (1 gift)
Christmas	\$XXX (2 gifts)
Basement Rent	\$XXX
Solemnity of Mary	\$XXX (1 gift)
Energy Needs	\$XXX (1 gift)

**Gospel Connection:** Among the year's most powerful and rousing movies is **Harriet**, the story of Harriet Tubman, one of the most extraordinary freedom fighters in American history. She's played with passion and grit by actress Cynthia Erivo. She was born Araminta Ross on a farm in Buckstown, Maryland, in 1849. As a young woman of 27, she is promised her freedom in the will of the owner of her estate. The heirs, however, renege on that promise and plan to sell Araminta — "Minty" as she is called — "down river" to a plantation in the Deep South where she would be forever separated from her husband and family. Despite the odds against her, Minty pulls off a daring escape, even leaping from a bridge when she is cornered by the dogs and men on horseback who are quite literally hunting her down. At great risk, Minty makes it to Philadelphia, building a new life for herself with the help a supportive community of black abolitionists. As many emancipated slaves would do, Minty takes a new name to mark her new life as a free woman: Harriet.

But Harriet can't rest easy, knowing that her people continue to endure doomed lives as slaves. So she returns again and again to Maryland's Eastern Shore, often in disguise, to guide other slaves — including her parents and sister — to freedom. The dangers increase with each trip — but so does Harriet's guile and resourcefulness. Harriet Tubman would make 13 missions and guide 70 slaves to freedom, becoming one of the most successful conductors on the "Underground Railroad." Harriet's success in bringing slaves to freedom makes her a marked woman in slave states. As slaveholders increase the bounty on her, Harriet's friends in Philadelphia urge her not to return to Maryland. But Harriet will not hear of it. "God's time is always near," Harriet Tubman responds. "He set the North Star in the heavens; He gave me the strength in my limbs; He meant I should be free . . . Now I've been free, I know what a dreadful condition slavery is. I have seen hundreds of escaped slaves, but I never saw one who was willing to go back and be a slave."

In her crossing to freedom, Harriet Tubman realizes God's call to her: to bring other slaves to freedom and to work to end the institution of slavery. In Baptism, we "cross over" to the life of God; we are re-born in God's grace and called to take on the work of God's Christ: to testify to God's presence in our midst, to proclaim the justice and peace of Jesus' Gospel, to stand with the poor, the rejected and the forgotten — with the certain hope and assurance that the Spirit of God — our own "North Star" — leads us. Harriet Tubman mirrors the prophetic witness of John the Baptist, who gives his life to proclaim the presence of the "Lamb of God" in our midst. Like John the Baptizer, we have been called in Baptism to "testify" to the presence of the Lamb of God in our midst. Our "testimony" can be declared in less vocal but no less effective vehicles: in our unflinching compassion for others, in our uncompromising moral and ethical convictions, in our attempts (however small and simple) to bring forgiveness and reconciliation to those around us, with the vision and commitment of "prophets" like Harriet Tubman.

**Religious Education:** The next Class will be on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish House. There will be some "Safe Environment" information presented to students that is required by the Diocese. Please call with questions.

**Chaplets:** We will, once again, have Chaplets available during Lent. These Chaplets will have a suggested donation of \$5 each and will benefit the Religious Education program of St. Nicholas. If you are able to help in making the Chaplets, please contact Brenda at 320-493-3957. There are still some left to tie the knots in, but there will also be the need to attach the crucifix. Chaplets will be available at the Ash Wednesday Mass (February 26<sup>th</sup>).

**Prayer Service/March for Life:** You are invited to participate in the Prayer Service at St. Paul's Cathedral and the March for Life at the State Capital on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a bus going with pick-ups at Sts Peter and Paul in Richmond at 8:30 am and at Rockville's MIC at 8:45 am. The bus will return approximately 3:30 pm. There is no cost but a free will offering would be accepted. To Reserve a space on the bus, contact Linda Pederson at 320-267-6268 or email at the dedersonfam@aol.com.

**Fr. Mark Stang Book:** It has come to my attention that there is a book available written by Carol Sanders entitled, "Finding the Water." This book is all about the life of Fr. Mark Stang. The book is available at the St. Cloud Bookshop.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>: 1 Sm 15:16-23 / Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>: 1 Sm 16:1-13 / Mk 2:23-28

Thursday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7 / Mk 3:7-12

Wednesday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 / Mk 3:1-6

Friday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>: 1 Sm 24:3-21 / Mk 3:13-19

## Community Events:

- Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud from 8:00 to Noon. Serving fresh & smoked sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes and more.
- Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>: KC Monthly Breakfast at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Rockville. Serving eggs, hashbrowns, ham sausage, cinnamon bread, fruit and beverages from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Proceeds earned will help the Rockville Cemetery.
- Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>: Bouja & Chicken Noodle Soup at St. Anthony's Church in Watkins. Serving from 8:30 am to Noon. You may pre-order by calling Larry Flaschenriem at 320-764-2965.
- Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>: Vespers for Life at St. Anthony Church in St. Cloud. Rosary at 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm Vespers. Bishop Kettler and others from around the Diocese will be there for the unborn and an end to abortion.
- Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>: Prayer Service at St. Paul's Cathedral and the March for Life — see above information