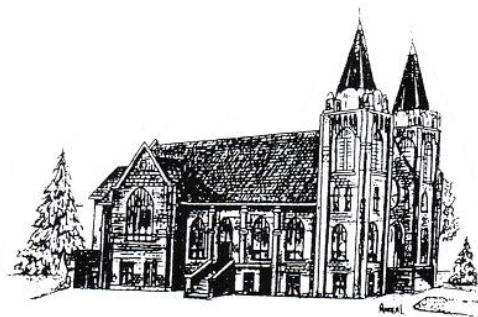


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

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

January 26, 2020



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## MASS SCHEDULE

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
Jan 27	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Jan 28	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Thomas Aquinas	+Richard Schmitt & Family
Jan 29	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Jan 30	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Stanley Jungels
Jan 31	Friday	NO MASS	St. John Bosco	
Feb 1	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Presentation of the Lord	+Gregor & Frances Schreiner
Feb 2	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	Presentation of the Lord	People of the Parish

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
Feb 1 at 7:30 pm	Rick Utecht	Dylan Utecht Volunteer	Jack Rausch Art Faber	Lucy Schreiner
Feb 2 at 10:00 am	Shirley Lutgen	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Paul Ludwig Elmer Frank	Lee Bautch

**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.

**Parish Volunteer Team Meeting:** The Parish Volunteer Team will meet **after the 10:00 Mass THIS SUNDAY!**

## Stewardship of Treasure January 19, 2020

Adult	\$XXX	(21 of 162 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(3 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	



Energy Needs \$XXX (2 gifts)

\*\*Saturday evening

Mass was cancelled due to weather

**Gospel Connection:** In a delightful story in *Vogue.com* [February 2, 2018], Patricia Garcia tells the story of how she finally “learned to stop worrying and love my nose.”

In the seventh grade, as her body was changing, which was good for the most part, her genetics decided to lengthen her nose by at least a full inch. Her exaggeratedly pointy, slightly asymmetrical nose became the bane of her existence. That summer she and her family were visiting the zoo when they came to a group of flamingos standing around a pond. “Hey, look!” her brother shouted pointing at her. “Your real family!” Ouch.

At 14, Patricia was having lunch with her aunt. “Why don’t you have a boyfriend yet?” she asked. The aunt, who had “work done,” added that “if you just took a little bit of length from that nose, you could be beautiful.” Thanks, Auntie.

At 16, Patricia looked into rhinoplasty — a terrible name for this type of procedure: a doctor peels off a layer of skin from your face, and then takes a hammer and chisel to the nose, fractures the bone in half, and reshapes what’s left. No, thank you.

When she was a senior in high school, Patricia was at a house party with her then-boyfriend. After a few too many beers, he proclaimed his love for her and said he had discovered the perfect name for her: “jolie laide.” She looked it up in the Oxford dictionary: “A woman whose face is attractive despite having ugly features.” It was the end of the relationship.

In college, Patricia read about singer Ashlee Simpson’s “fantastic” nose job, including the before and after pictures in *US Weekly*. She called her mom determined to find a plastic surgeon. Her mother sighed, “I thought you had grown out of this by now.” But her mother, who barely used makeup and had a naturally straight smile, agreed to go with her to a plastic surgeon who was recommended to them. The surgeon immediately focused on her ability to breathe with her deviated septum. He showed her on a computer screen what he would do to bring her already “beautiful nose down to a better size.” Patricia did not like what she saw. She had seen that nose on so many other people. She hated it. She left the surgeon’s office as quickly as possible.

So Patricia started a mental catalog of women with fascinating, unconventional noses: Barbra Streisand, Sofia Coppola, Anjelica Huston, Sarah Jessica Parker, Diana Vreeland. Good company, she reasoned.

At 23, she met a photographer — a guy with a perfect nose. He liked to take her picture when she was caught off guard. One night he showed up at her apartment and snapped a photo as Patricia opened the front door. *I love this and I love you*, he later wrote in an e-mail with the photo. In it, Patricia is smiling with her face turned to the right and the light of the flash settled entirely on her protruding beak. She put it up on her Facebook page. “Bella!” her aunt wrote.

Patricia married the photographer. “We now have a daughter. And we love everything about her. Especially her pretty, prominent nose,” Patricia writes.

A wise and perceptive photographer reveals to a young woman that her true beauty and grace is much deeper than the “prominence” of her nose. That’s what it means to “catch” others for God: enabling them to see the beauty in themselves, helping them realize the good that they are and can be, showing them the real presence that God is in their lives. Christ calls us to “fish” for those who are working hard to build fulfilling and meaningful lives for their families; Christ calls us to “catch” those who are struggling to survive; Christ calls us to “fish” for those who have lost all hope. In Baptism, we accepted Jesus’ invitation to cast our “nets” of patience, humility and hard-won wisdom to bring others to the peace and compassion of God.

**Religious Education:** The next Class will be on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish House.

**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>).

**2019 Contribution Letters:** Your 2019 contributions that you made to St. Nicholas Church have been sent out and you should be receiving them soon. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.

**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. 27<sup>th</sup>: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 / Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 / Mk 3:31-35

Thursday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 / Mk 4:21-25

Wednesday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>: 2 Sm 7:4-11 / Mk 4:1-20

Friday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 / Mk 4:35-41

## Community Events:

- Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>: Chili & Soup Cook Off at Holy Cross School in Pearl Lake. Serving from 5 to 7 pm. There will also be a quilt raffle and games for the kids. This will also be a Matching Grant fundraiser from Catholic United Financial.
- Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Catholic Men’s Conference at St. John’s University. Theme is “The Real presence – Bringing Christ to the World.” See the front of this bulletin for more information.
- Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>: Women’s Lenten Retreat held at Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids with registration at 8:30 am and closing prayers at 2:15 pm. Sponsored by the DCCW.