

# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Mar 28	Saturday	{SN}NO MASS	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
Mar 29	Sunday	{SN} NO MASS	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
Mar 30	Monday	{SA} NO MASS	Lenten Weekday
Mar 31	Tuesday	{SN} NO MASS	Lenten Weekday
Apr 1	Wednesday	{SA} NO MASS	Lenten Weekday
Apr 2	Thursday	{SN} NO MASS	Lenten Weekday
Apr 3	Friday	NO MASS	Lenten Weekday
Apr 4	Saturday	{SN}NO MASS	Palm Sunday
Apr 5	Sunday	{SN} NO MASS	Palm Sunday

Weekend Masses at St. Anne's in Kimball are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 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
Apr 4 at 7:30 pm				
Apr 5 at 10:00 am				

**PARISH DINNER RESCHEDULED:** The Annual Parish Dinner will be held on **Sunday, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>** after Mass. Please sign up by calling the parish office and leaving a message, sending an email or calling Brenda (320-493-3957). There is NO CHARGE, as it has been in the past!

**"My Parish" App: Diocesan app** — The diocese now has its own app. You can access it by downloading the "myParish" app in the Apple Store (iPhones) or on Google Play (Androids). Once you have the myParish app downloaded, click on "find a parish" and then search for "Diocese of St. Cloud." Buttons on the app include:

- Diocese info: links to the diocesan website, Facebook page, find a parish, Catholic schools and safe environment info
- Magazine: link to The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine
- Podcast: link to the diocese's Minnesota Catholic Podcasts page
- Calendar: link to online Calendar section of the magazine
- Espanol: link to Spanish articles in magazine
- Readings: Mass readings of the day
- Inspire Daily: Spiritual reflection of the day
- **TV Mass: Link to Diocesan TV Mass**
- Discover Mass: Find Mass times at area parishes
- Prayers: List of classic Catholic prayers with the option to set reminders or submit prayer requests
- Learn the Mass: Link to the diocesan video series, "Engaging the Mystery: Catechesis on the Mass"
- Giving: Link to information and giving opportunities for the Bishop's Annual Appeal
- **Press Releases: Official statements from the diocese and bishop**

## Stewardship of Treasure March 22, 2020

Adult	\$700.00	(3 of 156 envelopes)
Youth	0.00	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	



\*\*Donations that were sent to the Parish Office -  
THANK YOU!

**Connections:** A Vietnamese woodcutter is returning home after a long day working in the dense tropical forest. He comes across the remains of a soldier — an American. Time removed any traces of identity or personal effects long ago. With respect for life and the honor and dignity afforded to all human beings that is central to his Buddhist faith, the woodcutter carefully and respectfully buries the body. The moment is captured in a poem from the Vietnamese poet, Tran Thi My Nhung:

*Was your plane on fire, or did you die of bullet wounds, or fall down exhausted?  
Just so, you died in the forest alone.*

*Only the two of us, a woodcutter and his wife, dug this grave for you, burned joss sticks, prayed for you to rest in peace.*

*How could we know there would be such a meeting between you and I, once separated by an ocean, by the color of our sky, by language?*

*But destiny bound our lives together.*

*And today, by destiny's grace, you are finally going home.*

*I believe your American sky is as blue as the sky above this country where you have rested for twenty years.*

*Is it too late to love each other?*

*Between us now, the ocean seems so small. How close are our two continents in this moment.*

*I wish a tranquil heaven for your soul, gemmed with twinkling stars and shining moon.*

*May your soil rest forever in the soil of your home.*

[Adapted and translated by W.D. Ehrhart with assistance from Phan Thao Chi, published in *Friends Journal*.]

Death is the great equalizer and unifier: in the moment of death, we are all one and the same before our God. In these final weeks of Lent, may we see our lives and world in the light of Easter: that every one of us is the beloved of God; that in death God calls our souls "home" to God's dwelling place; that the dignity we all possess by virtue of being created in the image and likeness of God will be honored in our being raised up to the new life of God's Christ. For us who seek to follow Jesus, the reality of death should neither be denied nor terrify us but be a prism through which we see our lives and define the meaning and purpose we seek to realize in this precious gift of time.

**ACC Update:** The last update from 2-18-2020 is posted on the website. Please check for it there.

**Religious Education: CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELED. PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR UPDATES.** Please pray for Hailey, Brady and Lily as First Holy Communion has been postponed. Confirmation is still scheduled for Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> for Michael, Jonathan and Sarah.

**Stations of the Cross Schedule:** Stations of the Cross have been cancelled.

**Honoring Marriage Day:** The Honoring Marriage Day that was set on May 2<sup>nd</sup> will be postponed until September or October. Please watch for changes.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** "Transformed by faith and sent in service to all." The Appeal supports ministries that affect you, your family and your greater parish community. Please make a gift today. Go to [www.stcdio.org](http://www.stcdio.org). Each dollar raised goes directly to the ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose. The goal for **our parish** will be \$5,958 with the goal for the Diocese set at \$1,300,000.

**Naming our ACC: Name Unveiling** with a Mass, Wine & Cheese Social Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Mass: 6:30 PM at St. Wendelin's Church, Luxemburg. Wine & Cheese Social: in Mary Hall following Mass. Please watch if there will be any changes made to this gathering.

**Festival of Forgiveness: HAS BEEN CANCELLED.** It is recommended that parishioners go to individual confessions at your local parish. Watch for details.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, Mar 30<sup>th</sup>: Dv 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Jn 8:1-11 Jesus shows us the way to new life with God.

Tuesday, Mar 31<sup>st</sup>: Nm 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30 Let us always do what God desires of us.

Wednesday, Apr 1<sup>st</sup>: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Jn 8:31-42 Faith in Jesus and his words gives you the truth that sets you free.

Thursday, Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59 God promises to remain faithful always to the covenant he had made.

Friday, Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42 God always comes to our aid in times of trouble.

**Tips for Praying at Home:** These were posted from the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

- Create a prayer altar under your TV or streaming device. Consider setting a crucifix or other sacred art in the prayer space.
- Open your bible to the gospel of the day and place it on your "home altar" to remind you that the Word of God is among you.
- Light a candle to symbolize the beautiful light that shines in the darkness and to help your home resemble the Church.
- Set up chairs like a pew to help you engage in the mass and keep you from passively watching from the couch.
- Get dressed as you normally would when attending mass. Keeping this routine is especially helpful for children.
- If you have holy water at home, bless yourself and your family before you begin the mass.
- Take a few moments of silence to transition from the busyness of your home to the sacredness of the mass.
- Fully participate by sitting and responding according to the rubrics of the mass.
- Engage in community by having coffee and breakfast with your family after mass or by calling your loved ones to connect.

**Where to find the TV Mass:** You can find the Mass from the St. Cloud Diocese from their website ([stcdio.com](http://stcdio.com) – way at the bottom of the home page you will find a list of "Resources" and the TV Mass is there). You can also find it on the app for your device – see the front of the bulletin. There are also other options! Relevant radio is streaming the Mass from their chapel at noon each day. Locally, you can find it at 1330 AM from the Cities or listen online at [relevantradio.com](http://relevantradio.com). If you have a cable service, you can watch the EWTN. Channels for each company are: Midco – Channel 73, Mediacom – Channel 094, Dish – Channel 261, DirecTV – Channel 370. There are a multitude of websites that have a Mass as well.