

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020



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MASS SCHEDULE

May 16	Saturday	{SN} NO MASS	6 th Sunday of Easter
May 17	Sunday	{SN} NO MASS	6 th Sunday of Easter
May 18	Monday	{SA} NO MASS	Easter Weekday
May 19	Tuesday	{SN} NO MASS	Easter Weekday
May 20	Wednesday	{SA} NO MASS	Easter Weekday
May 21	Thursday	{SN} NO MASS	Easter Weekday
May 22	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Weekday
May 23	Saturday	{SN} NO MASS	Ascension of the Lord
May 24	Sunday	{SN} NO MASS	Ascension of the Lord

Mass Times will change with St. Anne's on Sunday May 3rd!! Sunday Mass will be at 8:00 am on Sundays (until at least July when we will begin with ACC Mass times).

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
May 23 at 7:30 pm	Please watch for scheduling details once we are permitted to have Mass again!!			
May 24 at 8:00 am	Most likely, we will only have the Sunday Mass – watch for more details!!			

Please send in your Donation Envelopes!

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You may send in your donation envelopes to the Parish Office. The address is: Unfortunately, even with our church doors temporarily closed, electricity, insurance, salaries, etc. need to continue to be paid. Thank you to those of you who have already mailed in your envelopes!

Churches slowly re-opening!

We have submitted our plan to Bishop Kettler and are waiting for his approval of the plan to re-open Church to public Masses. Once we receive approval, we will have just one weekend Mass on Sunday. The time will be determined by what happens at the next ACC meeting on Monday, May 18th. There will be a list of changes that we will need to implement for us to comply with the Bishop's guidelines. Here are some of the changes and/or additional things you will see:

- * Pews will be marked where you can sit in family groups. Ushers will seat you.
- * There will be hand sanitizer you will be asked to use before & after Mass
- * There will be no missellettes for the time being
- * There will be no Mass Servers or Extraordinary Ministers
- * Ushers will tell you when to go to communion or leave the Church
- * The Church will be sanitized after Mass
- * Weekday Masses will still be held in the basement
- * We ask that you practice social distancing when entering, leaving, and during communion procession
- * We ask that you not gather at the back of Church after Mass

Once we have been approved, more information will be posted. Brenda will also send out an email to those parishioners that have an email address with details.

Stewardship of Treasure May 10, 2020 **Donations that were sent to the Parish Office THANK YOU!

Adult	\$820.00	(11 of 156 envelopes)
Youth	0.00	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	0.00	
TOTAL	\$820.00	



Easter	\$100.00 (1 gift)
Home Mission	\$20.00(1 gift)
Peter's Pence	\$20.00 (1 gift)
Chapel Donation	\$25.00 (1 gift)

Connections: On *The New York Times'* Parenting website, a dad tells of transforming his son's terror into possibility:

"When my five-year-old son told me there might be monsters in his closet, I grabbed a jar from the kitchen, and the little net from his fish tank, and said, 'I hope we can catch one!' After I made a big show of searching and came up empty-handed, he consoled me. Since we turned that fear into a game, not only was he not afraid of closet-monsters, he was sorry there weren't any."

The Advocate that Jesus promises his disciples in today's Gospel is the grace and wisdom to take on the "monsters in our closets": self-centeredness, bigotry, violence, avarice. The Advocate is the Spirit of God that brings us together as a Church, the people of God, to take on those monsters, helping us to see that together, following the example of Jesus, we can transform those monsters of hate into opportunities for hope. The Risen Christ's promise of the Advocate is a mixed blessing: God's Spirit can be "scary," threatening our lives and lifestyles, confronting us with our irresponsibility and culpability — but that Spirit opens our hearts and consciences to hear the voice of God in the noise and tumult around us, enabling God's presence transform our "monsters" into the justice, forgiveness and peace of the Easter promise.

Religious Education: First Communion and Confirmation will be rescheduled to a later date. Please watch for updates.

Employment Opportunity: Our ACC is hiring a Director of Faith Formation! This person will be responsible for all Faith Formation for both adults and youth for the entire ACC. There is more information on the new tab for employment on our website. This job has been posted in numerous places. If you know of anyone that would be interested in applying, please pass on the information!!

Readings for the Week: Monday, May 18th: Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26 – 16:4a

Tuesday, May 19th: Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 20th: Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1 / Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 21st: Acts 11:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20

Friday, May 22nd: Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23

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.

NOTICE TO ALL

Please watch for NEW updates for when we can re-open to have public Masses again. We ask that you spread the word, once you hear, so that we can reach all who would like to attend Mass. We also ask that if you are not comfortable attending, that you stay home. Catholics are still dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation by the Bishop until further notice. We want everyone safe and healthy!