

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020



| PARISH STAFF | | | PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS | | |
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| Fr. James Statz | 398-2229 | | Christian Women, Anita Neu | 685-3287 | |
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| *Bulletin Deadline is Thursday at 9am *Email: stnicholas@meltel.net *Website: www.churchofsaintnicholas.com *Usual Office Hours of Secretary are Monday and Thursday mornings. | Brenda Kraemer, Rel. Ed Coordinator (H) 685-3715 (Cell)320- 493-3957 | | Parish Council, Elmer Frank | 764-9111 | |
| | | | Parish Council, Kelly Bautch | 597-3255 | |
| | | | Parish Council, Tom Frank | 764-9112 | |
| | | | Parish Council, Judi Schreiner | 764-9080 | |
| | | | Parish Council, Jerry Boeckmann | 764-5845 | |
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| | | | Trustee, Ken Lutgen | 764-2043 | |
| | | | Trustee, Mary Caskey | 597-2854 | |

MASS SCHEDULE

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| May 30 | Saturday | {SN} NO MASS | Pentecost Sunday | |
| May 31 | Sunday | {SN} NO MASS | Pentecost Sunday | +Eugene Schutz |
| June 1 | Monday | {SA} 8:00 am | Easter Weekday | |
| June 2 | Tuesday | {SN} 8:00 am | Weekday | +Anita Vossen |
| | | {SN} 5:00 – 8:00 pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| June 3 | Wednesday | {SA} 8:30 am | Sts. Charles & Companions | |
| June 4 | Thursday | {SN} 8:00 am | Weekday | +John & Julia Schutz |
| June 5 | Friday | NO MASS | St. Boniface | |
| June 6 | Saturday | {SN} NO MASS | The Most Holy Trinity | |
| June 7 | Sunday | {SN} 8:00 am | The Most Holy Trinity | +Elmer & Esther Faber |

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 | | | |
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| | Eucharistic Ministers | Servers | Lector |
| Sunday, June 7 at 8:00 am | | | Elmer Frank Shirley Lutgen Jerry Boeckmann |

Churches slowly re-opening! We have received approval from Bishop Kettler to hold Masses with 25% seating capacity. 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 with no singing. The musician will do that for us!
- * 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 be held in the Church and not 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

Volunteer List: With the upcoming changes to our Mass schedule and times, we would like to look at our list of parishioners that have volunteered to be Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and Mass Servers. If you would like to start, continue or end your volunteer involvement for a Sunday only Mass, please contact the Parish Office. Please give this some thought and prayerful consideration. We will be re-organizing the list during the month of June. Moving to one Mass also means that you will not be as burdened by your obligation as some were with the past schedule!

| Stewardship of Treasure May 24, 2020 | | | **Donations that were sent to the Parish Office THANK YOU! | |
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| Adult | \$2,155.00 | (13 of 156 envelopes) |  | |
| Youth | 0.00 | (0 of 45 envelopes) | | |
| Loose | 0.00 | | | |
| TOTAL | \$2,155.00 | | | |
| | | | Easter | \$25.00 (1 gift) |
| | | | Old St. Nick Chapel | \$50.00 (1 gift) |

Connections: Do you remember the moment when you understood — fully grasped the concept — that 2 + 2 = 4? Do you remember the first time you could put together the letters *d-o-g* or *w-a-t-e-r* and knew exactly what that combination of letters meant? Or the day you got your driver’s license and the first time you took to the road by yourself — without Mom or Dad or a driving instructor sitting next to you? What a sense of power you felt! Everyone — even you — saw you a little differently from then on. Will you ever forget the moment you realized you were in love with the person who would become your spouse, that this was the “one” you wanted to spend the rest of your life with? Something inside of you convinced you that this was meant to be. What about that first big project you took responsibility for? You were terrified — but you kept that to yourself underneath a veneer of confidence bordering on bravado. You never worked harder in your life. It was as if all those economics courses in college and those internships where you were all but invisible had been designed to prepare you for this one project. What you had seen and heard had now become *real*.

In the Pentecost event, the faith they had received and the wonders they had witnessed came together for the Eleven and the remnant of Jesus’ disciples. It was a moment of understanding, clarity and wisdom that now enabled them to begin the task Jesus had entrusted to them but were largely clueless to take on: to realize the Kingdom of God that Jesus had revealed in the Gospel. It’s that same Spirit of God that God instills in our own church — both the domestic church of our home and the Eucharistic church of our parish community: the light of God’s wisdom and the power of God’s grace to create that Kingdom here and now.

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

Readings for the Week: Monday, June 1: Gn 3:9-15 / Acts 1:12-14 / Jn 19:25-34
 Tuesday, June 2: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 / Mk 12:13-17
 Thursday, June 4: 2 Tm 2:8-15 / Mk 12:28-34
 Wednesday, June 3: 2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12 / Mk 12:18-27
 Friday, June 5: 2 Tm 3:10-17 / Mk 12:35-37

Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes: (Wednesday, May 13, 2020)

Members present: Doug Caskey, Ralph Schreiner, Judi Schreiner, Ken Lutgen, Jeff Theis, David Stang, Elmer Neu and Anita Neu. Guest: Brenda Kraemer.

Meeting was opened with a prayer. Discussion for the evening were the Cemetery Funds, North property line trees and center tree line removal. There was much discussion again as to the type of tree to be added to the north property line.

In the end, it was decided to go with the present scheme planting arborvitae shrubs that will not grow too tall, nor too wide. Blue Spruce is not a good choice as they die from the bottom up. Jeff will watch for pricing on the arborvitae. The fence line is 961 feet. The account balances of the Cemetery funds were discussed. It was stated that the whole last project was completely funded by donations. As the center row trees continue to need removal, we will start grinding out the stumps and replacing them. Ralph will oversee the trimming in July. This is planned for the week after July 4th. Our center feature is completed as a nice group of volunteers added more paver stone to improve the aesthetics of the project. Future agenda items: North line, Finances, Center trees, Cemetery lot prices. Next meeting will be last week in June. David Stang made a motion to end the meeting, seconded by Jeff Theis. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Holy Saints Update: The new Priest’s assignments have come out this week from the Diocese and with that announcement our Holy Saints Community will go down to 2 priests on July 1st. What this means for the 5 parishes (St. Anne, St. Nicholas, Holy Cross, St. Wendelin and St. Mary Help of Christian) is there will only be 6 Mass times available for the 5 parishes on a weekend. Final Mass times will be out sometime in June as the Holy Saints Committee continues to work with the Priests. At this point it is looking like St. Nicholas will continue to have a Sunday morning Mass with no Saturday Mass. Please watch for further updates next week!



Congratulations to our High School Graduates! Here at St. Nicholas, we have 4 seniors that have graduated from High School this May! Please join me in congratulating Leah Krueger, Connor Lincoln, Derek Utecht and Dylan Utecht. They have had a very different end to their senior year of High School than was the normal. May God Bless them in all of their future plans!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: St. Nicholas will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, June 2nd from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Won’t you come and spend some time with the Lord?



Palms: Father will Bless the palms from Palm Sunday this Sunday at Mass. Palms that are not taken on this day will be made into crosses and be available to everyone after this Mass. At this point, the palms seem pretty green yet and can be braided or worked with.