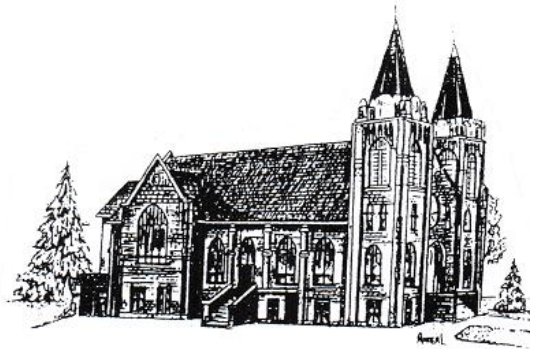


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020



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## MASS SCHEDULE

June 27	Saturday	SN 7:00pm PRIVATE	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Larry Frank
June 28	Sunday	SN 8:00 am	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Stanley Jungels
June 29	Monday	SA 8:00 am	Sts Peter & Paul	
June 30	Tuesday	SN 8:00 am	Weekday	+Ardella Flaschenriem
July 1	Wednesday	SW 7:45 am/ SA 8 am	Weekday	
July 2	Thursday	SW 7:34am / SM 8 am	Weekday	
July 3	Friday	HC 8:30 am	St. Thomas	
July 4	Saturday	HC 4pm/SA 5pm/SM6:30pm	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
July 5	Sunday	SN 9am/SM 8a/SW 10:30 a	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Alfred Theis

SN – St. Nicholas SA – St. Anne's SW – St. Wendelin HC – Holy Cross SM – St. Mary Help of Christian

- 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
Sunday, June 28 at 8:00 am			John Hopfer Art Faber	Lee Bautch

**MASS SCHEDULE:** The new Mass schedule will begin on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. At this time, Father Statz will only preside at the St. Nicholas and St. Anne's Masses. Father Matthew Crane will preside at the Masses at St. Mary's, St. Wendelin's and Holy Cross. Currently, this will be for the month of July. After that, both priests will begin a rotation; doing Masses at both parishes. For Mass times, please see the above schedule. It is listed on the back as well.

**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! **Please reply to the email that was sent to those already on the list!**

**Living the Promise Grant:** St. Nicholas is pleased to announce that \$400 has been received from the Living the Promise funds for adult faith formation from the Catholic foundation for the Diocese of St. Cloud. The Catholic Foundation is a non-profit organization that acquires, manages and distributes financial gifts and bequests in service to the Catholic community and parishes of the Diocese. We greatly appreciate this gift and will use it for adult Bible study materials in the future.

**Cemetery Tree Trimming:** The Cemetery Tree Trimming will take place on **Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.** It would be great to have a big crew and get the job done quickly. Please bring any equipment you think would be helpful. There will be some available to use here. Rakes and things of that nature would be helpful. If you have questions, please contact Ralph Schreiner at 764-9080. Lunch will be served when the trimming is complete!

## Stewardship of Treasure June 21, 2020

Adult	\$1,335.00	(23 of 156 envelopes)
Youth	0.00	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	38.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,373.00</b>	



Rice Bowl	\$16.07 (1 bowl)
Old St. Nick Chapel	\$20.00

**Connections:** Wendy Suzuki is professor of neural science and psychology at New York University and the author of **Healthy Brain, Happy Life**. In a story told at The Moth, the acclaimed theatre dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling, Dr. Suzuki talked about helping her own father deal with the onset of dementia. Wendy has always been close to both her parents — but it occurred to her that they never said *I love you* to each other as adults. Wendy decided to start saying those words to her parents. Easier imagined than said. You just don't say *I love you* out of the blue. What if her parents didn't respond? Could everyone handle the awkwardness of such a moment? But Wendy was determined. So, on her weekly Sunday night phone call, she gathered up all her courage. Wendy recalls:

"My theme that night was Keep it light. I said, 'How you doing? How was your week?' And sometime during the conversation, I said, 'Hey, Mom. You know we never say I love you. What do you think about the idea of starting to say that when we talk to each other? There was a long silence on the phone, and my stomach went all the way up to my throat. Then she said, 'I think that's a great idea.' *Thank goodness she said yes!* I said to myself. But keeping with my theme, I said, 'That's great!' and we continued our conversation. Then the tension started rising again. It's one thing to agree to say I love you, but it's another thing to actually say it. It had been my request, so I took the bull by the horns. I said, 'Okayyy' — in other words, *Get ready, Mom*. 'I love you!' And she said, 'I love you too!' And we had done it.

"Then it was my dad's turn. I knew because I made it through with Mom, Dad would be easy. So I asked my dad. He said yes. We said our awkward *I love you's*, and the night of the Big Ask was over. I was triumphant, but as soon as I got off the phone, I broke down in tears. Not only had I said I love you to my parents for the first time as an adult, I realized that night, I had changed the culture of our family. Forever . . . "

The following week, Wendy and her mom's exchange of *I love you's* was much less awkward. Then it was time to talk to her dad. I realized that he might not remember we had made this agreement last week, so I was ready to remind him. But that night he surprised me. Because that night and every Sunday since, he has said *I love you* first. Now, you have to remember that sometimes my dad can't quite remember whether I'm visiting for Thanksgiving or Christmas. But somehow, he was able to make this memory stick. And I know why. As a neuroscientist, I know that emotional resonance helps us remember. So the love or maybe even the pride he felt because his daughter asked whether she could say *I love you* to him — it beat dementia and allowed him to form a new long-term memory. And you can be sure that I will keep that memory for the rest of my life." [Originally told onstage at The Moth theatre and adapted for *Reader's Digest*, October 2015.]

We typically think of our "crosses" as burdens that weigh us down, obligations that sometimes overwhelm us — but more often than we think, the crosses we are asked to take up require us to put aside our own fear and self-consciousness to offer a word of compassion or care — an offering that may well be rejected. Wendy Suzuki takes up that cross of "awkwardness" and the result is a wonderful new relationship with her mom and especially her dad. Christ calls us not to fear taking up whatever "cross" that confronts us, trusting that it can be the means of bringing the hope of resurrection into some dark Good Friday.

**Congratulations to our First Communion Students!** Brady Mergen, Hailey Stommes, and Lily Wills have made their First Holy Communion at a private Mass on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>! Please pray for these students and their families that God will continue to bless them and they continue to grow in love for God.



**Combined Holy Saints Bulletin:** Holy Saints will have a combined bulletin with the first bulletin starting at the end of July. With the new bulletin, each parish is looking for business that would like to advertise. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office or Brenda with your businesses name and information.

**Holy Saints Mass Times Update:** The new Priest's assignments have come out from the Diocese and with that announcement our Holy Saints Community will have 2 priests on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Between the 5 parishes (St. Anne - SA, St. Nicholas - SN, Holy Cross - HC, St. Wendelin - SW and St. Mary Help of Christian- SMHOC) there will be 6 Mass times available on a weekend. The current Mass schedule looks like this:

Saturday Masses: HC: 4:00 pm	Sunday Masses: SMHOC: 8:00 am	Weekday: Monday – SA 8:00 am
SA: 5:00 pm	SN: 9:00 am	Tuesday – SN 8:00 am, SMHOC 6:00 pm
SMHOC: 6:30 pm	SW: 10:30 am	Wed – SW 7:45 am, SA 8:00 am
		Thurs – SW 7:45 am, SMHOC 8:00 am
		Friday – HC 8:30 am

\*\*Holy Days, Christmas & Easter will need some work with Mass times yet.

More than likely, **Confession** will be before the Sunday, 9:00 am Mass. Confession times with Fr. Matthew Crane will most likely be during his weekday Masses at SMHOC (currently on Tuesday and Thursdays).

**Update:** It sounds like we will gradually move to this schedule with priest on a rotating schedule. For the month of July, Father Statz will only do the Masses at St. Anne and St. Nicholas, while Father Matthew will do the Masses at SMHOC, HC, and SW. A rotation will start in August.

**Holy Saints Logo Contest:** We are looking for a prize-winning logo for our new Holy Saints Community and you could be the winner! Ideally, the logo will represent all five Parishes within our Area Catholic Community which includes: Holy Cross in Pearl Lake, St. Anne's in Kimball, St. Nicholas in St. Nicholas, St. Mary Help of Christians in St. Augusta, and St. Wendelin's in Luxemburg.

The logo could include portions of each parish, symbols from the names of parishes, or whatever creative idea you can think of. We will collect the logos, narrow the entries to 3 and ask parishioners to vote on the winning logo.

Rules of the contest: \* Include the meaning behind the logo design

- One entry per page (standard copy paper size)
- Include Entrants name and phone number

**Please turn in to the parish office or collection basket by July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Missellettes:** Since we are not currently using the missellettes during Mass, it was decided that we will make them available for you to take a copy home with you to use and bring to Mass. It will be your personal copy to use so they do not need to be sanitized after each Mass. They will be available in the back of Church. This missal is good until November 28, 2020.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal update:** We are the Church Together: The diocese is grateful to be able to offer weekly Mass to the faithful in many formats. There are TV, online and radio options available at <http://worship.stcdio.org/tv-mass>

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>: Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>: Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12 / Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>: Am 5:14-15m 21-24 / Mt 8:28-34

Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>: Am 7:10-17 / Mt 9:1-8

Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>: Eph 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29