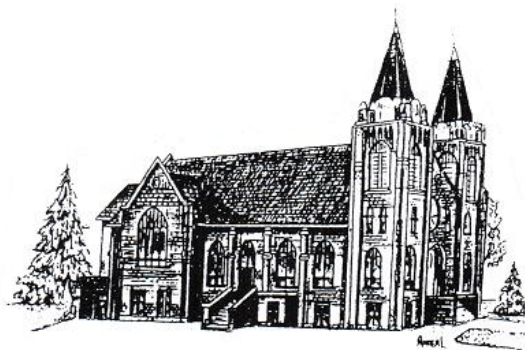


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020



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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.		Parish Council, Tom Frank	764-9112
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		Trustee, Ken Lutgen	764-2043
		Trustee, Mary Caskey	597-2854

MASS SCHEDULE

July 4	Saturday	HC 4pm/SA 5pm/SM6:30pm	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
July 5	Sunday	SN 9am /SM 8a/SW 10:30am	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Alfred Theis
July 6	Monday	SA 8:00 am	Weekday	
July 7	Tuesday	SN 8:00 am SN 5- 8 pm	Weekday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	+Dec. Family of Pauline Stein
July 8	Wednesday	SW 7:45 am/ SA 8 am	Weekday	
July 9	Thursday	SW 7:34am / SM 8 am	Weekday	
July 10	Friday	HC 8:30 am	Weekday	
July 11	Saturday	HC 4pm/SA 5pm/SM6:30pm	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
July 12	Sunday	SN 9am /SM 8a/SW 10:00 a	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Wilfred Frank

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

- Reconciliation: Sunday's before Mass at 8:30 am
- 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
Sunday, July 12 at 9:00 am		**see your email with the schedule for July 12	
THANK YOU!			

MASS SCHEDULE: The new Mass schedule will begin on Wednesday, July 1st. 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.

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 19th

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: St. Nicholas will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, July 7th from 5 to 8:00 pm. Won't you come and spend some time with the Lord?



Stewardship of Treasure June 28, 2020

Adult	\$1,380.00	(25 of 156 envelopes)
Youth	0.00	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	38.00	
TOTAL	\$1,418.00	



Living the Promise Grant \$400.00

Connections: A dad tells how his young daughter’s birthday request helped him begin to heal from his grief. “‘Daddy,’ my middle daughter said, ‘for my birthday I want a pretty garden again.’ “Two years ago, a tiny lump and Should I have this looked at? ended with my wife’s memorial service just after Easter. With the time lost to treatment, arguments and constant worry, the garden had been abandoned. My daughter, with her April birthday, didn’t realize how painful the memories were. Yet, I began — pulling weeds, turning soil, planting seeds as my hands bled and I wept. “Today, a daisy bloomed and tomatoes appeared. Though the garden is a gift for my daughter, I thank her.” [Tom Sunstrom, writing in *The New York Times*, April 14, 2020. Used with the permission of the author.]

In the simple, uncomplicated hope that children possess, a daughter makes more than flowers and tomatoes grow again in her family’s garden — she enables meaning and hope to bloom again in her father’s heart. When Jesus calls his disciples to embrace the simple faith of “little ones,” he is not saying that our approach to faith should be “dumbed down” to the level of children. He is calling us, instead, to embrace a faith that is centered in the love of God: love that is not compromised by self-interest and rationalization; hope that manages to find meaning in continuing on despite the grief and fear that overwhelms us; compassion that is not measured but offered completely and unreservedly, without limit or condition. Christ is asking us to embrace a faith that is simple, pure and honest, neither complicated nor compromised by “adult” stuff. May the “wise and learned” among us embrace the spirit of generosity and selflessness of “little ones” that enables us to plant gardens that have too long been deserts.

Cemetery Tree Trimming: The Cemetery Tree Trimming will take place on Saturday, July 11th 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 any questions, please contact Ralph Schreiner at 764-9080. Lunch will be served when the trimming is complete!

Parish Council Meeting: the next St. Nicholas Parish Council meeting will be Monday, July 13th at 7:00 pm. If there are additions to the agenda, please get those to Brenda.

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 business’s 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 1st. 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: 10:00 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).

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: Thank you to everyone who is supporting diocesan ministries through the Appeal, especially during these trying times. Our prayers are with you as we all work together and open our parishes to the celebration of the Eucharist. As of June 29, the Appeal raised \$1,013,905 in gifts and pledges toward the goal \$1,300,000. *Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.*

Readings for the Week: Monday, July 6th: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 / Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday, July 7th: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday, July 8th: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 / Mt 10:1-7
Thursday, July 9th: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 / Mt 10:7-15
Friday, July 10th: Hos 14:2-10 / Mt 10:16-23

HOLY SAINTS MINUTES: Meeting 6/16/20 St. Nicholas Church basement. Attending this meeting: Ed Maus, Fr. Crane, Dave Stang, Karen Des Autels, Mary Caskey, Tracy Dombrovski, Jerry Hurrle, Tracy Yarke, Brad and Leanne Donnay, Fr. Statz, Lana Vossen, Kathy Anderson. **Lawsuit**-Fr. Crane updated that \$22.5 million to be divided up amongst all parishes. All parishes in the St. Cloud Diocese are asked to pay \$15,500 Bulletin. **Bulletin:** Kathy Anderson (secretary of St. Wendelin and Holy Cross) spoke about the combined bulletin for the ACC through LPI. She would need info to be put in bulletin by 8am Tuesday morning for the coming weekend. Secretaries from all parishes will submit their info to Kathy. It will be 8 pages. **Website:** Mary Mueller needs questions addressed/answered. She would like the logo a.s.a.p. Holy Saints website will have a link to each parish website. Mary would take care of this. Discussion was had about what website would look like. Question were asked about secretaries and their hours as adjustments may need to be made. **Logo:** Tracy D. and Mary have an insert for guidelines for the logo contest to be put in bulletins. **Mass Schedule:** Only change since last meeting is to alter the Sunday Mass time at St. Wendelin’s from 10:30 to 10:00. **DFF (Director of Faith Formation):** Tracy Yarke reported that there have been two interviews so far. The position is going to be restructured and reposted hopefully by the end of the month. This position would most likely begin in November, as many of the spring sacraments have been postponed until this fall anyway because of Covid-19. **Priest Salaries/Expenses:** Went over “Policy on Compensation of Priests”. How the priest salary and expenses will be divided among the five parishes. Was suggested to collect ideas and bring back to finance council. **Holy Saints Pastoral Council:** Keep parish councils going.