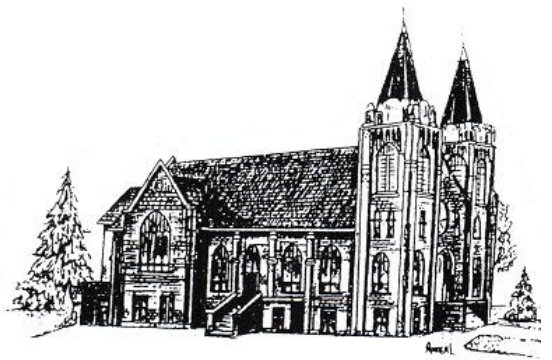


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, 2016



PARISH STAFF		PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS	
Fr. Thomas Olson	398-2229	Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287
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		Parish Council, Marion Frank	764-9111
		Parish Council, Paul Ludwig	764-2336
		Parish Council, Angie Spitzley	453-2091
		Parish Council, Roger Utecht	253-9547
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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 from 9:00 to 11:30 am.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Nov 12	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Dominic & Susan Frank
Nov 13	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ron Stommes
Nov 14	Monday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Nov 15	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Eileen Kern
Nov 16	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Nov 17	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Elizabeth	+Alcuin Pung
Nov 18	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Nov 19	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King	+Elmer & Esther Faber
Nov 20	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King	MCCL

**\*\*Fr. Tom will be on vacation from Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please welcome Fr. Jerry Mischke for the weekend Masses and Fr. Eb Schefers for the weekday Masses.\*\***



**\*\*MASS TIMES SWITCHED ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>!!  
 ST. NICHOLAS WILL BE AT 10:00 AM AND ST. ANNE'S WILL BE AT 8:00 AM\*\***

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](http://www.churchofsaintnicholas.com)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Nov 19 at 7:30 pm	Elmer Neu	Mitchell Utecht Katelyn Utecht	Laverne Ludwig Robert Wehseler	Elmer Neu
Nov 20 at 8:00 am	Lee Bautch Kelly Bautch Jeff Theis	Michael Dufner Landon Winkelman	John Hopfer Elmer Frank	Mike Kuechle



**Soup & Sandwich Supper:** The Annual Soup & Sandwich Supper is scheduled for Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> before the Thanksgiving Mass at St. Nicholas. Homemade Soups, Sandwiches and Desserts will be served from 5:30 to 7 pm. This will be a free will donation. There are take-out meals available. This will also be a Matching Grant event by Catholic United Financial. The Religious Education students will be collecting items for the food shelf during Thanksgiving Mass. **\*\* If you would like to make a soup, please contact Kelly Bautch at 597-3255. New soups are very welcomed!!**



**Annual Financial Report and Parish Directory:** The Annual booklet is available at the back of Church. Please take one per family. Thank you!

## Stewardship of Treasure November 6, 2016

Adult	\$XXX (36 of 162 envelopes)
Youth	XXX (5 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>

Military USA	\$XXX (2 gifts)
World Mission	\$XXX (2 gifts)
All Saints Day	\$XXX (10 gifts)
Church Cleaning	\$XXX (1 gift)
Votive Stand	\$XXX



**Gospel Connection:** He was a Marine combat veteran who had lived on a staple diet of *Semper Fi* and studied silence all his life. A proud and stoic man, he was admitted to the hospital when the cancer became too much. Every day his wife visited him and spent many hours at his bedside watching him watch television. He had never been much of a talker in their 50-plus years of marriage. But he was far more forthcoming with his doctor, especially when it became clear that his days were numbered. He spoke of his deep regret for not having spent enough time with his wife, whom he loved very much, and of his great pride in his son, who had joined the Marines in his father's footsteps. Later, the doctor mentioned the conversation in passing to his wife and son. They were incredulous and didn't believe him. They thanked him for his kindness, but said their husband and father they knew was incapable of expressing such sentiments. The doctor did not want this moment to be missed. So, the next morning, the doctor asked his patient if he could record an open letter from him to his family. The patient agreed. When the doctor gave the recording to his wife and son, they were moved to tears. The experience inspired the Stanford Friends and Family Letter Project. With guidance from seriously ill patients and families from diverse racial and ethnic groups, Stanford has developed a template for helping people write "last letters" to their families, centered around seven tasks: acknowledging important people in our lives; remembering treasured moments; apologizing to those we may have hurt; forgiving those who have hurt us; and saying "Thank you," "I love you," and "Goodbye." Once the letter is written, the writer can choose to share it with his or her loved ones right away; or the writer can store it in a safe place or with a trusted individual to be given to the family in the future. Some people update the letter over time, a kind of "legacy in progress." It takes courage and vision to write such a letter - especially when one's death seems far, far into the future. But it's the most important letter we may ever write - too important to leave for the last minute. [From "Writing a 'Last Letter' When You're Healthy" by VJ Periyakoil, M.D., *The New York Times*, September 7, 2016.]

We foolishly believe that somehow death does not apply to us, that we are invincible, that we will go on forever. But, as Jesus warns us in the terrifying images of today's Gospel, the time we are given in this life is precious - God gives us this gift of life to embrace and be embraced by the love that is uniquely of God. Love is our true legacy: the most important gifts we leave behind are our compassion, forgiveness, mercy and consolation. So think about what you would want your loved ones to read as you take your leave from this life - and begin living that legacy of love and care. And then, write on.

**Religious Education:** ALL classes will meet on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. All classes begin at 7 pm. Just a reminder, the Soup and Sandwich Supper on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> will have the Religious Education Students collecting items for local food shelves at the Thanksgiving Mass.

**Incense:** Incense will be used next weekend, November 19 & 20, at the Masses. It is the Feast of Christ the King.

**Join the Choir!** Melanie would love to have you join her in the choir loft on Sunday mornings to sing at Mass! Everyone is welcome!

**K of C Breakfast Tickets:** Attached to the bulletin this weekend, you will find a **Buy 1 Get 1 FREE Breakfast** ticket for the Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus at St. Boniface in Cold Spring on **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. Breakfast will be scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, fruit, rolls, beverages and more! Tickets at the door are \$8. Use this coupon and support our KC's!

**Collection for Military Services:** On behalf of the Most Reverent Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, and his Auxiliary Bishops and staff, heartfelt thanks to those who participated in the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. Your prayers and generosity will support the unique ministry to men and women who currently protect this great nation of ours and defend the freedoms we hold dear. You have also helped to provide the sacraments and pastoral care for Catholic veterans who served with distinction and who are cared for in VA Medical Centers across the US, Puerto Rico and Guam. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to the special triennial collection approved by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. This collection was last taken in 2013. **Please use the envelope attached last week or mark your donation.**

**Make God's Love Visible:** Catholic Charities ***Make God's Love Visible*** campaign will begin this weekend throughout the Diocese of St. Cloud. Catholic Charities is not supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. **Every Veteran deserves a hot meal.** George sent his Meals on Wheels driver from Catholic Charities into quite the fright this summer. When she stopped by to bring George his only hot meal of the day, he was nowhere to be found. Luckily, George was in the backyard, using the marksman skills he learned in the army to take out a mean squirrel. You'd never know from the precise shot that he can no longer walk well enough to drive. George usually has cereal for breakfast and a sandwich for dinner, but because of kind people like you, every day, he has a hot Meal on Wheels at noon. On behalf of George, and many others like him, thank you for your support of Catholic Charities. You can donate online at CcStCloud.org, or you can use the envelope that attached to the bulletin this week.

**Anniversaries in 2017:** Couples celebrating the milestones of their 5<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries in 2017 are asked to contact Brenda in the Parish Office. You will receive an invitation from Bishop Kettler to a celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. A cake and punch reception will be help afterwards in the gathering space.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 / Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>: Rv 4:1-11 / Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>: Rv 5:1-10 / Lk 19:41-44

Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>: Rv 10:8-11 / Lk 19:45-48

## Community Events:

- Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>: Sunday at the Abbey at St. John's in Collegeville at 7 pm in the Abbey Chapter House. Annette Atkins will present "The Abbey Comes to Indian Bush." Presentations are about 45 minutes & free to the public. Refreshments to follow.
- Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>: St. Anthony's Church in Watkins Bouja & Chicken Noodle Soup Sale serving from 8:30 am to Noon. Also Bouja is \$13 per gallon & Chicken Noodle is \$12 per gallon. You may pre-order by calling Larry Flaschenriem at 764-2965.
- Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at St. Wendelin's serving from 8:30 am to Noon. Menu includes Pep's Pork, ham, pancakes with toppings, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit Cold Spring Bakery Rolls, beverages. Sponsored by the St. Anne's Christian Women's group.
- Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Soup & Sandwich Supper at St. Nicholas serving from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Free will donation. Matching Grant from Catholic United Financial.