

# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Apr 7	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	+Howard Dodge
Apr 8	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	+Rosie Gathje
		2:00 pm	Confirmation at St. Boniface	
Apr 9	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	The Annunciation of the Lord	
Apr 10	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Harold Jungels
Apr 11	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Stanislaus	
Apr 12	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	Special Intention
Apr 13	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
Apr 14	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Parish
Apr 15	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	+Jake Foehrenbacher

Weekend Masses at St. Anne's in Kimball are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 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
April 14 at 7:30 pm	Art Faber	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Ron Steil Jack Rausch	Judi Schreiner
April 15 at 10:00 am	Trish Ludwig Don Dufner Greg Utecht	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Jerry Boeckmann Paul Ludwig	Mike Kuechle

**Pallet Painting:** The Catholic United Parish Volunteer Team will be hosting an evening of painting and socializing on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Church basement. Jean Reinert from Backyard Garden Creations will be here to show us how to paint a pallet sign. To join in the fun, you will need to sign up prior to the event. For more details, there are packets in the back of church or go to the online bulletin to view the options. Any questions, please call JJ Utecht at 320-248-8960 or Annette Stang at 320-250-0681.

**Parish Dinner:** THIS weekend will be the last weekend to sign up for the Parish Dinner on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> after Mass. The Parish Council members will be setting up for dinner on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.



**New Life in Baptism:** Christian, Makayla, Finley and Scarlet Preusser will be brought into God's family through the waters of Baptism after Mass on Sunday. Through the witness of their parents and God parents, may they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts.

## Stewardship of Treasure April 1, 2018

Adult	\$XXX	(19 of 161 envelopes)
Youth (Easter)	XXX	(5 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	



Votive Stand	\$XXX	Rice Bowl	\$XXX
Good Friday	\$XXX (21 gifts)	CRS Appeal	\$XXX (1 gift)
St. Cloud Visitor	\$XXX (1 gift)		
Easter Flowers	\$XXX (2 gifts)		
Easter	\$XXX (67 gifts)		

**Gospel Connection:** An art museum in New York recently displayed a sketch by the French artist Henri Matisse. It's a drawing in pencil of a mother holding her little boy - elegant in its simplicity, typical of Matisse. But if you look closely, you see that Matisse sketched the scene over and over again. He didn't entirely erase his scribbles. You can envision the artist drawing the same line, the same curve, the same detail again and again until he got it just right. In art, this is called *pentimento*, Italian for "repent" - to regret, to change one's mind. Many of the works of the great masters - da Vinci, Rembrandt, Titian, Caravaggio - reveal *pentimento* in their work: rethinking and reworking details and ideas. In this particular pencil sketch, the master Matisse left his erased false starts and stumbles for us to see, and the ghosts of his mistakes inspire us not for perfection, but for creation. [Faith Salie, CBS Sunday Morning, December 31, 2017.]

Our lives are filled with such "erasures": lines we redraw until we get them right. Those erased but still visible marks are the struggles and pain and "deaths" we have endured that make us more sensitive and sensible, more loving and compassionate, more aware and attentive. You might say these "pentimento" are our own "nail marks": the scars from our own Good Fridays that remain despite our small resurrections. God heals our own nail marks and scars in our own Easter experiences of compassion, forgiveness and justice.

**Religious Education:** Confirmation will be Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at St. Boniface. Students and Sponsors should be seated **by 1:00** pm. Regular RE Classes have finished for the year! Thank you for a great year! Continue to attend Mass with your family!

**Thank you!** Thank you to all who volunteered for Holy Week preparation and Masses! Thank you to the 7 confirmation students who participated in all the Masses! It really created a memorable and meaningful Mass. We all appreciate your commitment! Thank you to Tony Kuechle of St. Anne's for construction of the palm and candle holders. Thank you to our decorators, Liturgical Ministers, ushers, sacristan and music people. Much time was spent preparing, setting up and taking down!

**Easter Flowers:** Thank you for the Easter Flower donations! These donations were made in memory of:

+Krueger & Hansen Families	+Eugene Schutz
+William & Theresia Theis	+Anton & Anna Pozorski
+Willie, Jean & Sue Flaschenriem	+Parents of Marv & Linda Jungels
+Christian Women	+Ervin & Louise Linn
+Loren Linn	+Sandra Klaers
+Parents of Leo & Carole Klaers	+Alfred Theis



**Cemetery Project:** The Cemetery Committee has recommended an update to the Cross area in the cemetery. The split face granite is falling off and the statues are about ready to crumble. In the next couple of weeks the cement will be busted up and the statues removed. We will replace the existing cement with exposed aggregate. Also we will be adding granite ledgers with sandblasted pictures on it to replace the angels. There will be an model of the new project in the back of church in the near future. The cost of the project is estimated at around \$25,000. This is an enormous project for cemetery. It is important to the committee to maintain a safe and beautiful cemetery. If anyone is interested in donating to this project or have any concerns, please contact Dave Stang. Cell: 320-469-4735 or email: dstang@catholicunited.org

**Divine Mercy Sunday – April 8<sup>th</sup>:** Our area parishes are combining efforts to make it easier to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. In sharing this event, we have the chance to come together in prayer for our families, the church, our world and all souls! This year, Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Rockville will be hosting the event. It will be from 1:30 to 5:00 pm with events all afternoon.

**KC's Tootsie Roll Drive:** The Annual Tootsie Roll Drive will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be KC Members with Tootsie Rolls that weekend. Please be generous!



**Mass Intentions:** An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who had died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please drop it in the collection in an envelope marked "Mass Intention," or contact Brenda at the parish office. Mass intentions are \$10.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: Is 7:10-14, 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10

Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>: Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>: Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>: Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15

## Community Events:

- Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: Divine Mercy Sunday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rockville. Adoration starts at 1:30 pm, Chaplet of Divine Mercy every hour, Confessions from 2 – 3 pm, Speaker Fr. Ron Weyrens at 3:15, Benediction & Song at 4:45 pm.
- Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: Rice Hospice Program Bereavement Support Group meeting at Paynesville Lutheran Church at 3:00 pm. Also on April 23, 30, May 7, 14, and 21. For more information, call Judie Dunlop at 320-231-4442.
- Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>: Rummage Sale at St. Anthony Church in St. Cloud from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. (2410 1<sup>st</sup> Street North St. Cloud)
- June 5 – 7: Franciscan Girls Camp in Little Falls for girls in grades 6 – 8. For more information visit [www.fslf.org](http://www.fslf.org).