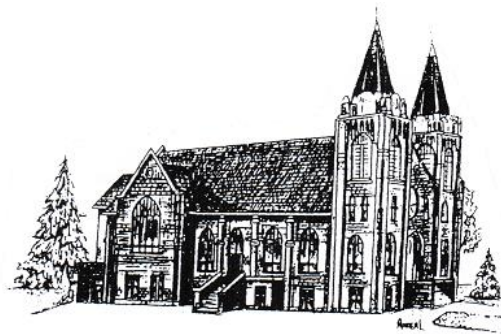


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17, 2018



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MASS SCHEDULE

June 16	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Elmer & Esther Faber
June 17	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Phil & Avon Vossen 60 th Anniversary Mass
June 18	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
June 19	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Tony Vossen
June 20	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
June 21	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Aloysius	Special Intention
June 22	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
June 23	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	People of the Parish
June 24	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	+Arnold Dingmann

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

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
June 23 at 7:30 pm	Elmer Neu	Dylan Utecht Volunteer	Laverne Ludwig Robert Wehseler	Anita Neu
June 24 at 8:00 am	Marion Frank Elmer Frank Don Dufner	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Ron Stang Paul Ludwig	Dave Stang

Prayer of a Father

Father of mankind, you have given me these children and entrusted them to my charge, to bring them up for you, and to prepare them for everlasting life. Help me with your heavenly grace to fulfill this sacred duty. Make me gentle, yet firm, considerate and watchful. Grant that, by word and example, I may lead them in the ways of true wisdom and piety, so that they too will know the joy of loving you. Grant that we all some day may be united in heaven, praising your glory forever. Amen.

Happy
Father's
Day



Stewardship of Treasure June 3, 2018

Adult	\$XXX	(31 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Gospel Connection: The bowl sat on the piano in the center of their farmhouse. Their mother had placed a large fluted glass vase in the center; the vase was large enough to hold entire branches. The bowl reflected the unfolding of each season: silver pussy willows in March, apple blossoms in May, ivory dogwood and magnolia branches in the summer, oak leaves in the fall, holly and red berries at Christmas. The bowl was her pride and the seasonal centerpiece of the house - but she insisted that the bowl hold only what she and her children cut and gathered from the land around them. Gifts of flowers from family and friends would be placed elsewhere in the house; the bowl in the heart of their home was reserved for the beauty around them.

Filling the bowl during the year was a family adventure. Writing in *The Boston Globe* [March 28, 2018], Leila Philip of the College of the Holy Cross, remembers those walks with her mother and siblings: "Like most things in a large family, getting out of the house involved a great deal of bustle and excitement, and hullabaloo - the finding of socks and boots, hats and lost mittens, the calling of the dogs, does someone have clippers? - then off we'd go. When I was younger, I thought my mother's insistence of never buying cut flowers was another facet of her inherited thrift. A child in the Depression, a teenager at the outbreak of World War II, a professor's daughter, my mother was generous, but rarely bought luxuries. It wasn't until she died that I realized that her bowl and our seasonal walks through the farm were her way of teaching us how to have a connection to the natural world around us, and an awareness of the seasons, our planet's movement, and ours, through time. "It's been a year since my mother died, and I'm nowhere near ready to let her go. I walk down our road to a neighbor's farm, looking for glimmers of silver pussy willows in the swamp, the way my mother taught me."

A mother teaches her children to appreciate the gifts of God in their midst in their walks on their farm and through the woods and pond near their home. The bowl and its contents reflected the spirit of gratitude for the lives each member of the family had been given by God and the bounty of the earth to sustain their lives. Jesus calls us to embrace the joy of such gratitude: though we "know not how" God makes the grain grow and the sun rise and the rain fall, we do know why: all of creation, the perfect and complete love that is and of God that compels God to set all of creation into motion and to breathe that love into our souls and set us on this life of ours.

Cemetery Project: Thank you! The granite work will start soon, now that the concrete work has been completed. The project is moving along well. 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



Donut Sunday! The Christian Women will host a Donut Sunday on **Sunday, June 24th** after the 8:00 am Mass. Stop by to have a donut and coffee and visit with your neighbors! The Christian Women ask that Group 3 help serve the donuts and make the coffee. The Christian Women are planning to do a Donut Sunday during the summer months, with each group taking a turn to serve. The July date will be announced at a later date.

Nicks Baseball: The St. Nicholas Nicks invite you to come to their next baseball game! St. Nicholas will play in Kimball on Sunday, June 17th at 2 pm. Happy Father's Day to some of the Nicks players! Come and cheer them on!

Mass Intentions: WE ARE IN NEED OF 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.

For Sale: The three statues of the weeping women of Jerusalem from the cemetery are offered for sale. They will be sold on sealed bids. Write the number of the statue that you are bidding on, and the dollar amount that you are willing to pay, on a piece of paper, and your name. Put it in an envelope, and write statue bid on the front, and drop it in the collection basket. Or you can mail it to: Church of St. Nicholas (sealed bid) 15862 Co Rd 165 Watkins MN 55389. All bids are due July 1, 2018. You can view the statues on the north side of the cemetery. The winning bidders will be responsible for removing them. Two or three people are able to lift them. All money collected will go to the cemetery cross improvement fund. Any questions call Jeff Theis, 597-2417 or Dave Stang, 764-5339. **The photos are also online!**



Readings for the Week: Monday, June 18th: 1 Kgs 21:1-16 / Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 19th: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 / Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 20th: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 21st: Sir 48:1-14 / Mt 6:7-15

Friday, June 22nd: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 / Mt 6:19-23

Community Events:

- Saturday, June 23rd: St. Martin Parish Festival. Events start at 10 am. Events include: 5k Run, PeeWee Home Run Derby, Bean Bag Tournament, auto show, live music by St. Martin Bank & Stone Road, Quilt raffle, beer garden, food stands. Mass at 5 pm will celebrate Fr. Greg Lieser's 55th Anniversary, Fr. Sylvarius Schmitt's 60th Anniversary & Sister Marcella Weber's 60th Anniversary.
- Sunday, June 24th: St. Anna Church Bazaar. Mass at 10 am followed by Chicken & Ham Dinner, live music, cash raffle quilt raffle, gun raffle, games & amusements until all drawings at 6 pm.
- Sunday, July 15th: Healing Mass in honor of St. Odilia at Crosier Fathers & Brothers in Onamia. Brunch to follow, reservations are required. Please call 320-532-3103 to make the reservations.