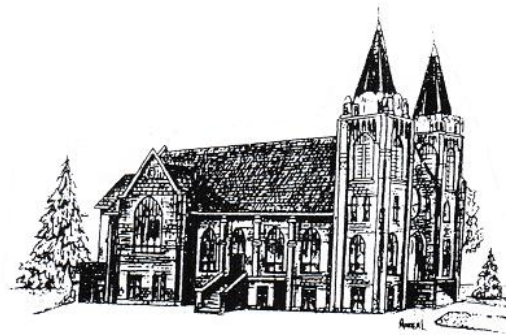


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5, 2018



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		Parish Council, Don Dufner	764-9105
		Parish Council, Sue Stommes	597-3454
		Parish Council, Elmer Frank	764-9111
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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.			

MASS SCHEDULE

Aug 4	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Willie & Jean Flaschenriem
Aug 5	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Aug 6	Monday	{SA} NO MASS	Transfiguration of the Lord	
Aug 7	Tuesday	{SN} NO MASS	Weekday	
		{SN} 5 – 8 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Aug 8	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Dominic	
Aug 9	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+William & Theresa Theis
Aug 10	Friday	NO MASS	St. Lawrence	
Aug 11	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Leo & Carole Klaers Anniversary
Aug 12	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+John & Julia Schutz

****THERE WILL BE NO MASSES ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK ****

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
Aug 11 at 7:30 pm	Rita Schwartz	Mitchell Utecht Volunteer	Tom Landwehr Allen Stommes	Elmer Neu
Aug 12 at 8:00 am	Shirley Lutgen Trish Ludwig Kelly Bautch	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Paul Ludwig Elmer Frank	Lee Bautch



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

Change of Trustees: Fr. Statz and the entire Parish Council would like to THANK Mike Kuechle for his MANY years of service to our Parish as one of the two trustees of St. Nicholas!! The Diocese of St. Cloud has a policy that the Trustee could serve up to a 10 year term (2 consecutive 5 year terms) and Mike has served well over this number of years! Fr. Statz, after being here for over one year now, consulted the trustees, the council and even the former pastor, and he chose Ken Lutgen. Fr. Statz considers Ken to be a very active member in the parish. Ken's term has officially begun on July 31, 2018. Mike is a very valuable resource for our parish and we hope that he will continue to be an active and present member of our parish! We very much appreciate all he does, and continues to do, for our Parish!

Stewardship of Treasure July 29, 2018

Adult	\$XXX	(41 of 161 envelopes)
	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



The Catholic Foundation	\$XXX
Cemetery Donation	\$XXX (1 gift)
Votive Stand	\$XXX
Energy Needs	\$XXX (3 gifts)

Gospel Connection: Who are your heroes? And not just mythic figures from history - but men and women who have touched your life, who have inspired you to do good things you never thought yourself able or disposed to doing, who have made you see that life is more than personal profit or gain. In a column in *The New York Times* [May 21, 2018], David Brooks writes that he's been lucky enough to be around a lot of people he regards as "moral heroes" and has wondered what traits such people have in common.

"First, they didn't over-think their decision before choosing to live this way. They didn't weigh the costs and benefits or wage any internal battle with themselves . . . At some point in their lives, somebody planted an ideal. Somebody set a high example of what a good life looks like, and the person who went on to become a moral hero just assumed that, of course, that's what one should do. They tend to have a *This is what I do* mentality. They don't have a lofty sense of themselves. They don't have a sense that they are doing anything extraordinary . . . Their identity is not based on being a lawyer or a pianist. Their identity is fused with a moral ideal . . . We see them tirelessly serving the poor or risking their lives for democracy and think they are performing great acts of self-sacrifice, but it doesn't seem that way to them. It feels like the activation of their own nature. Doing that work seems to them as ordinary as doing the dishes. Something needed to be done, so they did it . . . Often, they have another strong back. There's usually a team of peers around them sharing the core tasks and carrying them when they can't carry themselves . . . People who lead these lives tend to possess an insane level of optimism, a certainty that history does change for the better and that achieving justice is only a matter of time. They remain undaunted even in the face of severe hardship and assume that every wrong is temporary. Finally, the direction of their lives moves almost invariably from fragmentation to integration. The fragments of their character have become integrated around one single-minded moral cause. They tend to be hedgehogs, not foxes. Their efforts are generally built around healing some rupture in society, reconciling differences, bringing the unlike together, a move from fragmentation to wholeness. However contentious the world may look, they have a mind-set that at our deepest level we are all connected in a single fabric."

We all know some "moral hero" like this; every life here has been blessed by the kind of "saint" David Brook describes. They're the living signs of God's love in our midst; they accomplish the "work of God" because they believe in that work - healing, reconciliation, justice, mercy - and take it on in a spirit of humility and gratitude. They are "manna" for us in our deserts; they are "bread" that nourishes us along the road we travel through time; they are "water" that quenches our greatest thirsts for hope and meaning in our lives. May we give thanks for the "heroes" in our lives - and seek God's grace to become "heroic" signs of that grace for those we love and care for.

Catholic Foundation Grant: St. Nicholas Church is pleased to announce that \$1,025.00 has been received from the Living The Promise funds for Catholic schools, and youth or adult faith formation, and facilitated by the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of St. Cloud. The Catholic Foundation is a non-profit organization that acquired, manages, and distributes financial gifts and bequests in service to the Catholic community and parishes of the Diocese of St. Cloud. Within this grant, \$425 was for Adult Faith Formation and \$600 was for Youth Faith Formation. The Adult grant will be used to make Chaplets for Lent and the Youth Grant will be used for Religious Education supplies.

Cemetery Project: Everything is moving nicely. The granite ledger and cladding will be completed in the next couple of weeks. We are tentatively looking at installation to be the week of August 27th. Currently we have raised over half of the \$25,000 needed to complete the process. If anybody has any questions or concerns about this project, please do not hesitate to give Dave Stang a call or email. Cell: 320-469-4735 email: dstang@catholicunited.org

Maintenance Committee: The Maintenance Committee met and came up with a list of projects that are in need of being completed for the Church and Parish House. You will find the list on the parish website and copies in the back of Church. Any help would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to tackle any of these projects or are willing to offer your help, please contact Ken Lutgen at 764-2043 or Mary Caskey at 597-2854. Thank you to the people who have completed some of the projects already!!

Mass at Old St. Nick: Mass will be held at the Old St. Nick site on Sunday, August 19th for the 8:00 am Mass. Please bring a chair. In case of rain, Mass will be held at Church. Donuts and juice will be served after Mass! Just in case you don't remember or are unfamiliar with Old St. Nicholas, it is located between 15113 and 14716 on 200th Street between St. Nicholas and Cold Spring off County Road 2.



Household Hazardous Waste: There will be Household Hazardous Waste Pickup in the Church parking lot on Wednesday, August 22nd from 9 to 11 am. A list of acceptable items will be posted soon.

Readings for the Week: Monday, August 6th: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19

Tuesday, August 7th: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 / Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday, August 8th: Jer 31:1-7 / Mt 15:21-28

Thursday, August 9th: Jer 31:31-34 / Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 10th: 2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

Community Events:

- Saturday & Sunday, August 18 & 19th: St. Boniface in Cold Spring Parish Festival. 8/18: 5 pm Polka Mass, 6 pm food, beverages, games, inflatables, music with fireworks at 10 pm. 8/19: 10:00 am Parade, 11-1:30 Chicken & Ham Dinner, 11:00 food, beverages, games, inflatables, music. Quilt auction at 2 pm, General raffle and car raffle at 4:30 pm.
- Wednesday, August 22nd: Concert For A Cause, Rocori Area Community Foundation presents Church of Cash. Gates open at 4 pm, music starts at 6:30 pm at Richmond Lions Community Park. Tickets pre-sale are \$20, at the door for \$25. Tickets available at City of Cold Spring City Hall, Richmond City Hall, Schaefer's Auto Electric, Willenbring, Dahl Law Office in Cold Spring. This is Johnny Cash style music. Benefits RACF Community Builder Fund and the Firefighters Splash Pad.
- Saturday, October 6th: Partnership Barn Dance at the Shooting Sports Center in Parkers Prairie. Mass with Bishop Kettler at 4 pm, followed by a meal, live music, dancing, live auction, fun for kids and more.