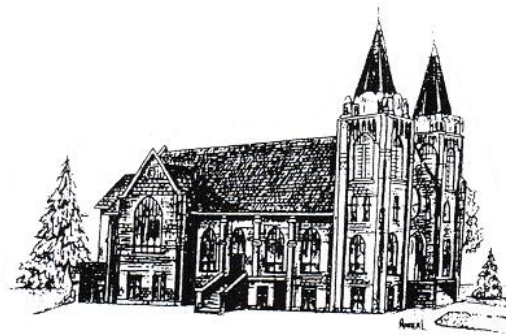


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018



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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

Sept 15	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sept 16	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Sylvester Steil
Sept 17	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Sept 18	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Ray & Sissy Slomkowski
Sept 19	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Sept 20	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Sts. Andrew & Paul	+Clarence Dank
Sept 21	Friday	NO MASS	St. Matthew	
Sept 22	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Sue Flaschenriem
Sept 23	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ignatius Lutgen

**Fr. Eb Schefers will be celebrating Mass with us on Sunday, September 16th. Since SA has Mass at 9:00 am for their Fall Festival that day, Fr. Statz will be there.

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
Sept 22 at 7:30 pm	Rick Utecht	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Jack Rausch Ron Steil	Joe Decker
Sept 23 at 8:00 am	Annette Stang Brenda Kraemer Mike Kuechle	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Jerry Boeckman Robert Kraemer	Dave Stang



St. Anne's Fall Festival: St. Anne's will be having their Fall Festival THIS Sunday, September 16, starting with a **9:00 am Mass**. Festivities to follow Mass. Breakfast will be served from 9 am to Noon. Also Schiefelbein Hamburgers and beer stand from 10 am to 3:30 pm. There is something FUN FOR EVERYONE!! There will be horse wagon rides by Prairie Percherons, inflatables for the kids, pull tabs and a bean bag tournament at 11:00. There will also be Bingo, a farmer's market, a cake walk, cherry tree, more kid's games and a petting zoo! The silent auction and raffle drawing will end at 3 pm and the Quilt raffle will also be drawn at 3 pm.

Stewardship of Treasure September 9, 2018

Adult	\$1,568.00	(36 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	1.50	(3 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	34.00	
TOTAL	\$1,603.50	



Energy Needs	\$100.00 (1 gift)
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$10.00 (1 gift)

Gospel Connection: Among the horrors of the Nazi regime during World War II was a plan to euthanize all mentally and physically challenged children and adults throughout Germany and its occupied territories. The Catholic bishop of Münster in the Rhineland would have none of it. Bishop Clemens August von Galen exhorted the people of the region to take into their homes or find hiding places in their barns for all the exceptional children and adults being cared for by Church-related schools and institutions - and then dared the government to try to find them. In a famous sermon preached in his cathedral on July 20, 1941, Bishop von Galen called Catholics to resistance.

"At this moment we are the anvil rather than the hammer. Other men, strangers, renegades, are hammering us . . . Ask the blacksmith and hear what he says. The object which is forged on the anvil receives its form not alone from the hammer but also from the anvil. The anvil cannot and need not strike back: it must only be firm, only be hard! However hard the hammer strikes, the anvil stands firmly and silently in place and will long continue to shape the objects forged upon it. If it is sufficiently tough and firm and hard, the anvil will last longer than the hammer. The anvil represents those who are unjustly imprisoned, those who are driven out and banished for no fault of their own."

Discipleship often calls us to be the "anvil": to sacrifice our own safety and security to absorb the blows directed at the poor, the vulnerable, the powerless. In resisting injustice, in remaining constant in seeking what is right, our lives are "shaped" in the spirit of Jesus' servanthood and "formed" in his Gospel of justice and mercy. To be an authentic disciple of Jesus means to put ourselves in the humble, demanding anvil-strong role of servant to others, to intentionally seek the happiness and fulfillment of those we love regardless of the cost to ourselves.

Religious Education Information: School is back in session! Religion classes will be right around the corner! Classes will begin in October. You should have received the schedule and a letter with some information. If not, please let Brenda know!

Current Teachers will be contacted by Brenda so you can get your Safe Environment Training completed before the beginning of classes. It is new this year and will involve doing the "mini class" online.

We are looking for some adults to step up and become involved in teaching our young people our faith. The class size is very small and materials will be provided for you to use. Please consider this great opportunity! If you are interested in ANY WAY, please contact Brenda Kraemer.

Cemetery Blessing: After Mass on Sunday, September 23rd, we will be processing over to the cemetery to do a blessing of the newly finished project – weather permitting! **Donuts will be served** at the cemetery after the blessing. The Cemetery Committee is asking all parishioners to consider donating to the project. The Committee has collected over half of the project cost. The total cost was \$25,582.00. If the project cost is collected by donations, money from our Cemetery Fund can be replaced. This money is used to care for the cemetery for the duration of time. Thank you very much to all who have already contributed to the project. It has been beautifully done! If you have questions about the project or donating, please contact Dave Stang at 320-469-4735 or email him at 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!!

Human Development: Thank you for your support to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! The money collected will be used to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. It is not too late to contribute to this collection. Please use your envelope or you can go to www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Readings for the Week: Monday, September 17th: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 / Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 18th: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a / Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 19th: 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13 / Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 20th: 1 Cor 15:1-11 / Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 21st: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:9-13

Community Events:

- Sept 14, 15, & 16: Albany Pioneer Days featuring Oliver and Hart-Parr tractors this year. There is something for everyone! Bring the whole family and join in the fun remembering the good ol' days!
- Sunday, September 16th: All you can eat breakfast at St. Wendelin's Parish of Luxemburg, MN from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Serving ham & cheese omelets, sausage, potatoes, applesauce, rolls, toast, beverages. Also a bake sale and raffle.
- Sunday, September 16th: Breakfast at St. Anthony in St. Cloud from 8 am to Noon. All you can eat sausage, ham scrambled eggs, pancakes and more!
- Tuesday, October 2nd: Pro-Life Gathering at the Great River Regional Library in St. Cloud at 7:00 pm.
- Saturday, October 6th: 34th Annual Craft Sale for 9 am to 3 pm at the Swanville High School Gym in Swanville, MN.
- 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.
- October 12-14: Beginning Experience at Luther Crest in Alexandria. BE is providing a program for divorced, widowed, or separated adults designed to facilitate the grief resolution process. Call 888-565-0178 or visit www.beginningexperiencemn.com for info.
- Sunday, October 14th: ACT-OBERFEST Variety Show at the Freeport Community Center from 2 – 4 pm. Food available for purchase, free refreshments. No tickets needed, but can donate to *Generation Next* a fund for diocesan youth retreats and faith activities.