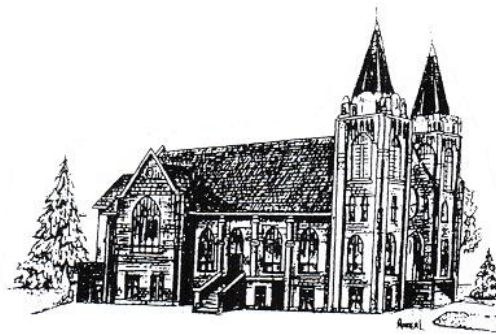


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 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 29	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sept 30	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Intentions of the Stang Family
Oct 1	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	St. Therese	
Oct 2	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Holy Guardian Angels	+Sr. Emeric Weber
Oct 3	Wednesday	{SA} NO MASS	Weekday	
		{SN} 7:30 pm	Weekday (Religious Education Mass)	RE Students & Teachers
Oct 4	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Francis of Assisi	+Marilyn Ruhoff
Oct 5	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 6	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Intention of J.D.
Oct 7	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Joseph W. Theis

**There is no Weekday Mass at St. Anne's on Wednesday, October 3rd because it will be at SN at 7:30 pm for Religious Education. All are welcome at this Mass!

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
Oct 6 at 7:30 pm	Judi Schreiner	Mitchell Utecht Volunteer	Ralph Schreiner Tom Landwehr	Judi Schreiner
Oct 7 at 8:00 am	Marion Frank Elmer Frank Shirley Lutgen	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Steve Stang Ron Stang	Mike Kuechle

Mass Time Change: Just a reminder, the Mass times will change on **Sunday, November 4th** this year. St. Nicholas will have the 10:00 am Mass and St. Anne's will have the 8:00 am Mass. Saturday Mass times remain the same.



Cemetery Blessing: Thank you to everyone involved in last week's Cemetery Blessing! It was a very nice walk over to the cemetery with beautiful weather! The Cemetery Committee did a fabulous job planning and coordinating all of the work that was involved in the upgrades. If you missed the blessing, you can find some pictures on the Parish Website. There are pictures both on the main page and also on the Cemetery tab.

Stewardship of Treasure September 23, 2018

Adult \$XXX (30 of 161 envelopes)
Youth XXX (0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose XXX

TOTAL \$XXXXX

Cemetery Donation \$XXX (6 gifts)
Religious Education \$XXX (2 gifts)
Catholic Campaign
for Human Development \$XXX (1 gift)
Assumption \$XXX (1 gift)



Gospel Connection: In a recent episode of the daily comic strip For Better or For Worse by Lynn Johnston [October 14, 2017], six-year-old Lizzy has had a bad day at school and she confides to her father:

"Daddy - why don't some kids get along with other kids? Sometimes, when you think someone's your friend, they're really not. Some kids do mean things for no reason. Kids fight over dumb stuff. They pick on each other. They don't share - an' they say things about other kids that aren't true. "I can't wait till I'm grown up . . . grown-ups don't do things like that to each other."

Lizzy turns to walk away, leaving her dad with a stunned, sad expression on his face that says, *Oh, Lizzy, if you only knew . . .*

Jesus challenges all of us adults to consider the values and faith we are modeling for our "little ones": what our public policies, our social and cultural institutions, our political and religious rhetoric reveal about the world we are building that we are handing on to them. The great responsibility of our baptisms is to show our children the purpose that our faith gives to our lives, to help those alienated from God reconnect with their sacred, to reveal the love and mercy of God to those who do not know God. To teach with conviction without judgment, to guide by example rather than by dogma, to inspire by generosity instead of sermons is to transform our world one generation at a time, to establish the reign of God one stone upon another.

Religious Education Information: Classes will begin **October 3rd at 7:00 pm with a Mass.** You will then find your teacher and walk over to the Parish House so you can see which room you will be in.

Current Teachers will need to complete the Safe Environment Training before the beginning of classes. It is new this year and will involve doing the "mini class" online. If you have any trouble with it, please let Brenda know.

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.

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!!

Readings for the Week: Monday, October 1st: Jb 1:6-22 / Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, October 2nd: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-33 / Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday, October 4th: Jb 19:21-27 / Lk 10:1-12

Wednesday, October 3rd: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 / Lk 9:57-62

Friday, October 5th: Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5 / Lk 10:13-16

Community Events:

- 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.
- Sunday, October 7th: Harvest Sunday Celebration at the Church of St. Augustine in St. Cloud. Breakfast from 7:30 am to Noon with sausage, eggs, hash browns, & homemade donuts. There will be a bake sale, jewelry sale, & gardener's market.
- Sunday, October 7th: Breakfast at Church of St. Joseph Heritage Hall in St. Joe from 8:30 to Noon. Serving all you can eat Pep's pork & St. Joe Meat Market Sausages, scrambled eggs, hash browns & pancakes and more! Knights of Columbus sponsored.
- 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.
- Saturday, October 13th: St. Anthony Church in St. Cloud Rummage Sale from 8 am to 1 pm.
- Sunday, October 14th: St. Boniface Parish Center Breakfast sponsored by Knights of Columbus from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Serving eggs, hash browns, ham, sausage, cinnamon bread, and more.
- 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.
- October 18, 19 & 20: St. Boniface Christian Women of Cold Spring are conducting their annual Rummage & Clothing Drive Fall Sale in the Parish Center Gym. Thursday from 1 pm – 7 pm, Friday from 8 am – 7 pm and Saturday from 8 am – 10 am.
- October 28th: Annual Quilt Bingo in the St. Anthony Parish Center in St. Cloud starting at 5 pm.

A Prayer for Teachers, Students and Parents:

Students: Lord, we lift hearts grateful for gifts of curiosity and imagination. Fill the minds of your children with a quest to understand your world and bless their hearts with the security of knowing you are present whether the learning is joyful, hard, lonely or full of friendship. Wherever they go, you are there. Amen.

Teachers: God, thank you for calling some to be teachers and providing them the gifts and training to lead others on a lifelong path of learning. Instill patience in hurried moments, insight to find the best strategies, and stamina that sustains when weariness threatens. Amen.

Parents: Precious Lord, we send our precious children into the world of learning, but they are never far from you. May the hearts of all at home be knit tightly together in a web of support and encouragement for healthy learning habits so we may share healthy life adventures wherever you lead. Amen.