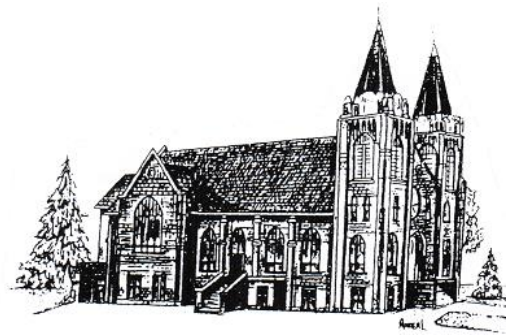


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018



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		Parish Council, Sandy Stang	764-2030
		Parish Council, Don Dufner	764-9105
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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 8	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Rita Yagee
Sept 9	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Magdalena Jungels
Sept 10	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Sept 11	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Leona May
Sept 12	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Sept 13	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. John Chrysostom	+Joan Meyer
Sept 14	Friday	NO MASS	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
Sept 15	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sept 16	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Sylvester Steil

\*\*Fr. Eb Schefers will be celebrating Mass with us on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.churchofsaintnicholas.com)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Sept 15 at 7:30 pm	Art Faber	Dylan Utecht Volunteer	Robert Wehseler Laverne Ludwig	Anita Neu
Sept 16 at 8:00 am	Trish Ludwig Sandy Stang Steve Stang	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Sy Schreiner Paul Ludwig	Shirley Lutgen

**St. Anne's Fall Festival:** St. Anne's will be having their Fall Festival on 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.

**Christian Women's Meeting:** The Christian Women's group will meet on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM**. The New Group Leaders can pick up their packets then. Breakfasts will be discussed along with other information. Leaders are: Group 1: Ron & Josie Stang and Kathy Theis. Group 2: Ken & Betty Lutgen and Judy Schutz. Group 3: Tom & Vicky Landwehr and Lee & Kelly Bautch. Group 4: Roger & Tammy Utecht and Randy & Vi Johannes.

## Stewardship of Treasure September 2, 2018

Adult	\$XXX	(29 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	



Votive Stand	\$XXX
Cemetery Donation	\$XXX (1 gift)

**Gospel Connection:** A renowned marriage therapist and counselor says he can tell in five minutes of listening to a married couple's conversation what their relationship is like and whether it will endure.

Five minutes.

What he listens for is the way in which they are attuned or not attuned to one another. If they pay attention and actually listen to their partner before formulating their response; if their response is conveyed with directness and respect; if there is an underlying interest in the well-being of the other person of the relationship. If these things are present in the conversation, the relationship is strong and likely to endure, even when there are considerable differences the couple is struggling to overcome. [Dr. John Gottmann, cited in "Tell Me about Your Day" by Patrick Thyne, The Living Pulpit, October-December 2003.]

Christ's gift of *Ephphatha* is the ability to put aside one's ego and wants and the need to control in order to listen with the ear of the heart to hear every word that is not said as well as said. Our self-centeredness can make us deaf to the presence of God, isolating us from God's compassion in the midst of conflict and anger, in the midst of brokenness and hurt - but *Ephphatha*, while not pretending disagreements do not exist, is to listen to one another with empathy: to love enough to listen from the perspective of the other and to seek the meaning of our lives in securing happiness and fulfillment in theirs.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:dstang@catholicunited.org).

**Annual Diocesan Blue Mass:** The Annual Diocesan Blue Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. This is a Mass to honor and celebrate our police, fire and emergency medical service personnel who serve in the diocese of St. Cloud. All family and friends of these First Responders are welcome to attend.

**DCCW Fall Conference:** The Annual Fall Conference for the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held on September 15, 2018 at Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Battle Lake, MN. Please see the flyer in the back of church for registration information

**Human Development:** Please be generous in this week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the CCHD can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>: 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>: 1 Cor 2:10b-16 / Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>: 1 Cor 3:1-9 / Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>: 1 Cor 3:18-23 / Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>: 1 Cor 4:1-5 / Lk 5:33-39

### Community Events:

- Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>: St. Anthony Fall Festival in Watkins from 10 am to 5 pm. Food, Refreshments, kids' games & inflatables, silent auction, raffle & more! Mark Kurtz "Chainsaw Man" will be giving a chainsaw carving demonstration!
- Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Grey Eagle from 9 am to Noon. Serving pancakes & sausage. Sponsored by Catholic United Financial with matching grant. Proceeds going to Religious Education.
- September 14<sup>th</sup>: Retrouvaille Program for couples living in a troubled marriage. Will be at the Country Inn & Suites in St. Cloud. Call 320-255-5314 for more information.
- 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 16<sup>th</sup>: St. Anne's Fall Festival in Kimball. See the announcement on the front page!
- Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>: 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 16<sup>th</sup>: 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 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pro-Life Gathering at the Great River Regional Library in St. Cloud at 7:00 pm.
- Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>: 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Sale for 9 am to 3 pm at the Swanville High School Gym in Swanville, MN.
- Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>: 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](http://www.beginningexperiencemn.com) for info.
- Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>: 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.