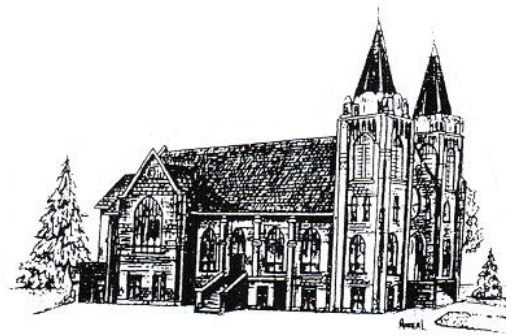


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 7, 2018



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Oct 6	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Special Intention of J.D.
Oct 7	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Joseph W. Theis
Oct 8	Monday	{SA} NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 9	Tuesday	{SN} NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 10	Wednesday	{SA} NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 11	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Anton & Anna Pozorski
Oct 12	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 13	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Oct 14	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Ervin & Louise Linn

\*\*There will be NO WEEKDAY MASSES ON OCTOBER 8, 9, AND 10. Father will be at the Clergy Conference in Alexandria those days. If you are in need of a priest, please contact Brenda at 320-493-3957.\*\*

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
Oct 13 at 7:30 pm	Rita Schwartz	Dylan Utecht Volunteer	Robert Wehseler Laverne Ludwig	Lucy Schreiner
Oct 14 at 8:00 am	Kelly Bautch Lee Bautch Mary Caskey	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Jerry Boeckman Sy Schreiner	Doug Caskey

**Mass Time Change:** Just a reminder, the Mass times will change on **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** 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.



**The Living Rosary:** ALL ARE INVITED to join us for the Living Rosary on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The Religious Education students will be participating. This is a great opportunity to pray together as a community! Each person becomes a bead of the rosary. The rosary is large enough that it completely wraps around the whole inside of the Church! Refreshments will be served and there will be pumpkin carving in the basement after the rosary.

## Stewardship of Treasure September 30, 2018

Adult	\$XXX	(34 of 161 envelopes)	Cemetery Donation	\$XXX (3 gifts)
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)	Catholic Campaign	
Loose	XXX		for Human Development	\$XXX(1 gift)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>		Energy Needs	\$XXX41 (3 gifts)



**Gospel Connection:** An adult - now a spouse and parent himself - remembers his mom and dad: "I grew up in the '50s with very practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen, before they had a name for it. My father was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones. Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now: Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat, with screwdrivers and wrenches going from one project to the next; and Mom in a house dress, a dish towel or some cooking utensil always in her hand.

"It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, the screen door, the oven door, the hem of a dress. Things we keep. It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, re-heating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

"But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more. Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away . . . never to return. So, while we have it . . . it's best we love it . . . and care for it . . . and fix it when it's broken . . . and heal it when it's sick. This is true for marriage . . . and old cars . . . and children with bad report cards . . . and dogs with bad hips . . . and aging parents . . . and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it." [Author unknown; adapted from Inspiration Peak.]

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of marriage as the joining of two hearts into one by God, a single heart that loves, that lifts up, that mends other broken hearts - including, when necessary, each other's. That is the mystery and wonder of the marriage covenant. A couple's life together and their generous response to the vocation of parenthood model the unfathomable and profound love of God. Marriage demands not perfection but commitment; it requires the hard work of patience, understanding and humility; despite disappointment and failed expectations, marriage centered in the love of God always moves beyond "hardness of heart" to embrace a spirit of generosity and selflessness. In the life a couple creates together, Christ is the ever-present Wedding Guest, who makes a couple's simple, everyday life together a miraculous sacrament in which the love of God is revealed to all.

**Religious Education Information:** The next class will be on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish House.

**\*\*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.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>: Gal 1:6-12 / Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>: Gal 1:13-24 / Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 / Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>: Gal 3:1-5 / Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>: Gal 3:7-14 / Lk 11:15-26

## Community Events:

- 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.
- Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>: 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 7<sup>th</sup>: 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](http://www.beginningexperiencemn.com) for info.
- Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>: St. Anthony Church in St. Cloud Rummage Sale from 8 am to 1 pm.
- Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>: 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 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.
- 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 21<sup>st</sup>: St. Anthony Parish Breakfast at St. Anthony's in St. Cloud from 8 am to Noon. Serving all you care to eat sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns and more!
- October 28<sup>th</sup>: Annual Quilt Bingo in the St. Anthony Parish Center in St. Cloud starting at 5 pm.



Let the little  
children come to Me.  
Don't stop them, for  
the kingdom of God  
belongs to such as  
these.



Mark 10:14