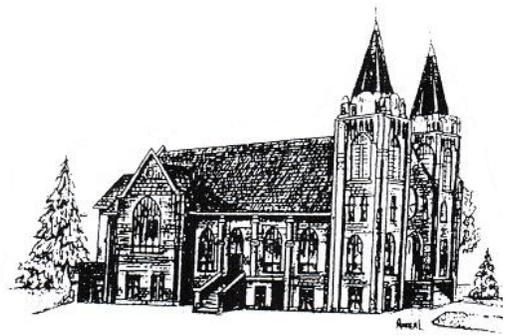


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11, 2018



PARISH STAFF		PARISH ORGANIZATION LEADERS	
Fr. James Statz	398-2229	Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287
Brenda Kraemer, Secretary (Office)	764-7345	Men's Society, David Stang	469-4735
Sandy Stang, Parish Nurse	764-2030	Catholic United	764-5339
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Melanie Pauls, Musician	534-8658	Ministry Scheduler, Annette Stang	764-5339
Brenda Kraemer, Rel. Ed Coordinator (H)	685-3715	Parish Council, Roger Utecht	253-9547
		Parish Council, Sandy Stang	764-2030
		Parish Council, Don Dufner	764-9105
		Parish Council, Sue Stommes	597-3454
		Parish Council, Elmer Frank	764-9111
		Parish Council, Kelly Bautch	597-3255
		Trustee, Ken Lutgen	764-2043
		Trustee, Mary Caskey	597-2854
*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

Nov 10	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Nov 11	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Eugene Schutz
Nov 12	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	St. Josaphat	
Nov 13	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Frances Xavier	+Michael Strand
Nov 14	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Nov 15	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	Special Int. for V & A Hennen
Nov 16	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Nov 17	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Elmer & Esther Faber
Nov 18	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Dec. Mem. of Romuald Kraemer Fam.

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)

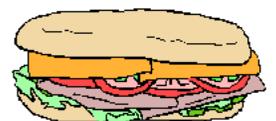
## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Nov 17 at 7:30 pm	Art Faber	Dylan Utecht Volunteer	Tom Landwehr Ron Steil	Lucy Schreiner
Nov 18 at 10:00 am	Lee Bautch Mary Caskey Trish Ludwig	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Paul Ludwig Jerry Boeckmann	Doug Caskey

**Flowers in Cemetery:** It's that time of year again! If you have not removed your flowers from the cemetery, the cemetery committee will now remove them. Thank you!



**Annual Soup & Sandwich Supper:** The Parish Volunteer Team will again be hosting the Annual Soup & Sandwich Supper on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Serving will be from 5:00 pm to 7:15 pm. Thanksgiving Mass will be held at 7:30 pm that evening with Fr. Tom Olson. If any parishioner would like to donate a crock pot of soup, please contact Trish Ludwig at 320-248-8250. Each Religious Education family is asked to bring a pan of desserts. You will receive an email with the details!



**Honoring Marriage Day:** Honoring Marriage Day will be on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. This day is celebrating couples that have been married for 5, 25, 40, 50 or 60 plus years. Invitations will be mailed to the celebrating couples. **If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries ANYTIME in 2019, please let Brenda know!** You can contact Brenda by leaving a message at 764-7345, send an email to [stnicholas@meltel.net](mailto:stnicholas@meltel.net), or call her cell number at 320-493-3957.

## Stewardship of Treasure November 4, 2018

Adult	\$XXX	(41 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	

Cemetery Donation	\$XXX (1 gift)
All Saints Day	\$XXX (17 gifts)
Energy Needs	\$XXX (4 gifts)
World Mission	\$XXX (3 gift)
Votive Stand	\$XXX



**Gospel Connection:** Raising children is a challenge: the responsibilities of providing for their safety and health, of teaching them manners and values. But four-year-old Noah's mom and dad also want to instill in their little boy a sense of social responsibility and compassion. How? Mom and Dad insist that Noah takes one-third of all the money he gets as gifts and allowances and shares it. Noah can choose who he shares that one third with. The other two-thirds are divided into spending money and money saved for the future. The third that Noah is to share can be given to people on a street corner, or to his friends, or even to the church collection basket. The choice is Noah's, but each month a third of his "income" needs to be shared.

Good for Noah — and good for his parents, who are instilling in their son a natural respect for others and how sharing wealth, resources and time is the key to deeper satisfaction in life. Noah's parents' insistence on guiding their son in his early stages of philanthropy will result in one less person in society being selfish, greedy and short-sighted. Noah will grow up considering his good fortune as something he fully earned, yet not something to cling to. [Timothy Bachous, O.S.B., writing in *The Abbey Banner*, Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn., Fall 2018.]

Noah's mom and dad want to teach Noah not just the act of giving but the *attitude* of giving; they want Noah to realize all he has to be grateful for, and that such gratitude should translate into generosity. It is that attitude that Jesus exalts in the widow's gift. In the economy of God, numbers are not the true value of giving: it is what we give from our want, not from our extra, that reflects what we truly value, what good we actually want to accomplish, what we really want our lives and world to be. In the Gospel scheme of things, it is not the amount of content of the gift but the measure of the love, selflessness and commitment that directs the gift that is great before God; for Christ calls us not to seek greater things or talents to astound the world but for greater love and selflessness with which to enrich the world. Noah already gets it.

**Religious Education Information:** The next class will be on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be a regular class in the Parish House. Each family will be asked to contribute a dessert for our Annual Soup and Sandwich Supper on November 21<sup>st</sup>. You will receive an email with details.

**Church Cleaning:** IT'S CHURCH CLEANING TIME AGAIN! The Annual Church Cleaning will take place on 2 days. You are asked to attend at least one of the days! Many hands make light work! The first cleaning day is scheduled for **Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 pm**. The second day is scheduled for **Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 11:30 am**. If you have cleaning rags, you could bring some with you. Otherwise, cleaning supplies will be provided. If, for some reason, you are unable to attend, it would be appreciated if you were able to donate financially to provide for cleaning supplies. Thank you, in advance, for making our Church a beautiful, clean place to come each week!

**Hospice Volunteers:** At CentraCare Home Care & Hospice, volunteers play an important role in health care. Currently, in their hospice program, CentraCare is seeking individuals who might have an interest in severing individuals and their families who are patients of CentraCare Hospice. Being a hospice volunteer is important work, providing meaningful end-of-life companionship to those in need. They offer flexible training options to fit your busy schedule. If you are a person who has the compassion and a desire to serve the hospice patients, please contact Sherry Rausch at 320-240-3276 for more information.

**Retrouvaille:** Retrouvaille is a program that offers support and help to couples in hurting and strained marriages. With the many stresses and financial challenges facing couples today, many marriages are experiencing difficulties and Retrouvaille can help. The next program starts January 18, 2019 at the Country Inn & Suites in St. Cloud. Call 255-5314 for more information or check the website: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Please consider a gift to the appeal. Your gifts are used exclusively to support our shared mission to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice in the Diocese of St. Cloud. To donate: visit [www.stcdio.org/appeal](http://www.stcdio.org/appeal), call Anna at 320-258-7654, or mail: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>: Ti 1:1-9 / Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 / Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>: Ti 3:1-7 / Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>: Phlm 7-20 / Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>: 2 Jn 4-9 / Lk 17:26-37

## Community Events:

- Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>: St. Boniface Parish in Cold Spring Knights of Columbus Breakfast serving from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Proceeds to go to General KC charitable donation requests.
- Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Albany (6 miles North on State Hwy 238) from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Serving old fashioned ham, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, and more. Catholic United Financial Matching grant.
- Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud. Serving sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes with all the toppings from 8 am to Noon.
- Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>: Bouja & Chicken Noodle Soup at St. Anthony's Church in Watkins. Serving from 8:30 am to Noon. You may pre-order by calling Larry Flaschenriem at 320-764-2965.
- Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>: A prayerful night of adoration, music & fellowship at the Women's Night of Worship at St. Mary's Church in Upsala, MN. Mass at 6:30 pm. Childcare available.
- Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>: Arts & Crafts Sale from 4 to 8 pm at the Church of St. Joseph Heritage Hall in St. Joseph. Admission is free! To reserve a table as a vendor, call 363-7505.