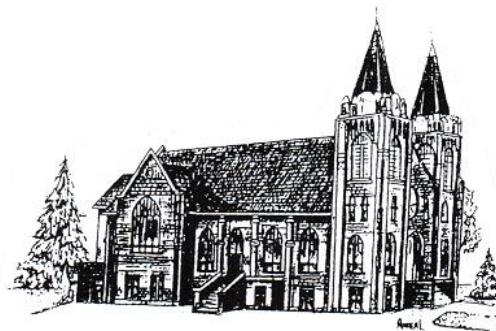


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018



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MASS SCHEDULE

Nov 24	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King	+Tom Decker
Nov 25	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King	+Dominic & Susan Frank
Nov 26	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Nov 27	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Dr. John & Lorraine Cesnik
Nov 28	Wednesday	{SA} 830 am	Weekday	
Nov 29	Thursday	NO MASS TODAY	Weekday	
Nov 30	Friday	NO MASS	St. Andrew	
Dec 1	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	First Sunday of Advent	+Alfred Theis Family
Dec 2	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	First Sunday of Advent	Spec Int Vern & Alverna Hennen

Please welcome Fr. Tom Olson here for Masses on Saturday, November 24th and Sunday, November 25th and Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, December 2nd.

Weekend Masses at St. Anne's in Kimball are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 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
Dec 1 at 7:30 pm	Rita Schwartz	Derek Utecht Volunteer	Robert Wehseler Laverne Ludwig	Joe Decker
Dec 2 at 10:00 am	Sandy Stang Steve Stang Greg Utecht	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Ron Stang Sy Schreiner	Dave Stang

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, or call her cell number at 320-493-3957.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be at St. Nicholas on Tuesday, December 4th from 5 to 8 pm and at St. Anne on Wednesday, December 5th from 9 am to 4 pm. Please plan to attend and spend some time with the Lord!

Stewardship of Treasure November 18, 2018

Adult	\$1,020.00	(32 of 161 envelopes)	Cemetery Donation	\$100.00 (1 gift)
Youth	0.00	(0 of 45 envelopes)	Energy Needs	\$300.00 (3 gifts)
Loose	200.00		Thanksgiving	\$170.00 (3 gifts)
TOTAL	\$1,220.00		Church Cleaning	\$100.00 (6 gifts)



Gospel Connection: When she was six years old, Clemantine Wamariya, her sister, brother and parents fled the genocide in their native Rwanda in 1994. Barely escaping the massacre, Clemantine and her sister Claire were separated from their parents; the two sisters spent the next six years migrating through seven African countries, searching for safety. They endured perpetual hunger, constant imprisonment and abuse, and witnessed unmanigable cruelty — but they also experienced moments of unexpected kindness and grace. The family eventually reunited and was granted refugee status in the United States, and a new struggle began for Clemantine and her family as they acclimated to their new home and culture.

Clemantine, now a Yale graduate and human rights advocate, tells her family's powerful story in her new book *The Girl Who Smiled Beads*. Clemantine recounts learning a critical lesson from her mother that enabled her to survive: sharing. "My mother used to test us. 'Get an orange,' she'd say at the end of a meal, and then she'd cut the orange into pieces and watch us. There might be two pieces, there might be four pieces, there might be six pieces. She wanted to be sure we didn't take more than our share. The exercise was illogical. We had trees full of oranges in the garden. We could each have had our own orange. But if my mother didn't cut that one orange into enough pieces for everyone to share, the correct answer to the test was to cut into more. My mother was radical, in her actions if not her words. Sharing was her philosophy, an ideology to counter what she considered to be emotionally stingy notions of possession or entitlement. We were never to think, *This orange is mine. I'm giving you what's mine*. We were to think, *This orange is ours. We're sharing what's ours*. I think back to this often in trying to make sense of the world — how there are people who have so much and people who have so little, and how I fit in with both of them. Often I find myself trying to bridge the two worlds, to show people, either the people with so much or the people with so little, that everything is yours and everything is not yours. I want to make people understand that boxing ourselves into tiny cubbies based on class, race, ethnicity, religion — anything, really — comes from a poverty of mind, a poverty of imagination . . . The only road to equality — a sense of common humanity [and] peace — is sharing, my mother's orange."

Clemantine's mother's orange reveals to her daughters the kingdom of God. That "kingdom" exists, not in nations and tribes, but within human hearts; the source of its power is not military or economic but its commitment to justice, generosity and peace. As Clemantine's mother realizes in the horror engulfing her family's homeland, Christ's reign is realized only in our embracing a vision of humankind as a family of individual souls made in the image of God, a vision of one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, a vision of the world centered in the spirit of hope and compassion taught by Christ — or as Clemantine's mother would say, a world in which "everything is ours and everything is not ours." On this solemnity of Christ the King, may we embrace the vision of the shared orange: to see all of us connected to one another by the love of God, thus making us all part of the reign of God's Christ.

Religious Education Information: The next class will be on Wednesday, November 28th. It is a regular class day at the Parish House. The Class on December 5th will be held at Church for grades 3 – 11 for Confessions with Fr. Statz. Grades 1 and 2 will be in the Parish House. THANK YOU to all who donated a pan of dessert for the Soup & Sandwich Supper. They were excellent!!

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.

Readings for the Week: Monday, November 26th: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 / Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 27th: Rv 14:14-19 / Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 28th: Rv 15:1-4 / Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 29th: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a / Lk 21:20-28

Friday, November 30th: Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22

Community Events:

- Monday, November 26th: 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 30th: 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.
- Saturday, December 1st: Knights of Columbus German Style Potato Pancake & Sausage Supper at St. Boniface Parish in Cold Spring. Serving from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Take out trays available.
- Saturday, December 1st: Christian Mothers Pro-Life Bake Sale at Assumption Church in Eden Valley from 3 to 4 pm and 5 to 6 pm. December 2nd: from 9 am to Noon. Christmas music, refreshments and meet with friends all while browsing delicious treats!
- Sunday, December 2nd: Breakfast at Seven Dolores Parish Center in Albany. Serving ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes with toppings, country fied potatoes and more from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. This is a Catholic United Financial Matching Grant breakfast!

SHARING TREE: The 6th and 7th grade Religious Education class is sponsoring our Sharing Tree. This year our church will be donating toys and non-food items to the Area Cold Spring Food Shelf. The Food Shelf is sponsoring a Toys for Tots program with toys going to local children. The tags on the tree are marked for various ages of children 12 and under and items for the food shelf (in particular non-food items such as bar soap, shampoo, laundry soap, etc.). You are more than welcome to also donate healthy food items as well. Cash received will be used to purchase additional toys. **All items need to be turned in by December 9th. We will be boxing up the toys and other items after Mass – all are welcome to help, particularly the 6th and 7th graders and their families.** We appreciate any help you can give to make Christmas special this year for area families. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Caskey (597-2854).

