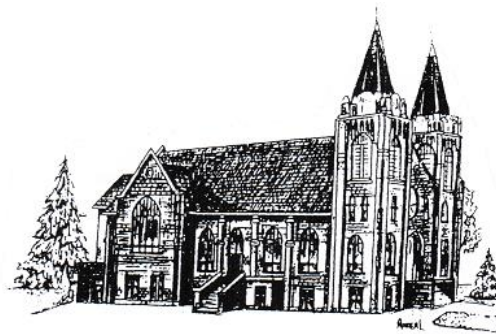


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4, 2018



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Fr. James Statz	398-2229	Christian Women, Anita Neu	685-3287
Brenda Kraemer, Secretary (Office)	764-7345	Men's Society, David Stang	469-4735
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		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

## MASS SCHEDULE

Nov 3	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	MCCL – Pro Life
Nov 4	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Dec. Relatives of Joseph W. Theis
Nov 5	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Nov 6	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Marilyn Ruhoff
		{SN} 5 – 8 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Nov 7	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
		{SA} 9 am – 4 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Nov 8	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Rita Yagee
Nov 9	Friday	NO MASS	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	
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

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 10 at 7:30 pm	Judi Schreiner	Mitchell Utecht Volunteer	Ralph Schreiner Jack Rausch	Judi Schreiner
Nov 11 at 10:00 am	Marion Frank Elmer Frank Judy Schutz	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Robert Kraemer Sy Schreiner	Mike Kuechle

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



**Breakfast Thank You!** Thank you to Group 3 who served a family-style breakfast to the people that attended Church last Sunday. The new style has been approved! The breakfast was great and the social time was much appreciated! Thank you for trying something new!

**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!

## Stewardship of Treasure October 28, 2018

Adult	\$XXX	(31 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	

Energy Needs	\$XXX (2 gifts)
World Mission	\$XXX (1 gift)



**Gospel Connection:** It's parent's night at Michael's school. His mom meets Michael's sixth-grade teacher. "Mrs. Patterson? Michael's mother? I'm so very pleased to meet you," the teacher gushes. "I must say that your Michael is a delight to have in class! He's helpful, courteous, conscientious . . ." And she goes on for several minutes telling her what a wonderful student Michael is. Mom is pleased, of course. But she can't help but think: *My kid? She was talking about my kid?*

When Mom sees Michael after her meeting with his teacher, she says, "Michael, your teacher says that your behavior is excellent at school . . . Why can't you be that good at home?" Michael scratches his head, not knowing how to respond. "Mom . . . I've only got so much goodness to go around!" [From *For Better or For Worse* by Lynn Johnston, November 1, 2015.]

Many of us see "goodness" pretty much as Michael does: We imagine ourselves as possessing only a certain, finite amount of "love" that we are able to give — and once that love is exhausted, that's it. But Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that love is a verb as well as a noun; love is a way of acting and responding; love is something we do, not a commodity we possess. Love enters the world through God's creating us and all that is good; the same love that compels God to create God "breathes" into us to continue God's work of creation by re-creating our world in compassion and peace. In light of today's Gospel, may we re-think our understanding of love: not as a limited "commodity" we possess but a spirit instilled in us that enables us to realize, in the good we do and give, the peace of God's kingdom here and now.

**Religious Education Information:** The next class will be on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be a regular class in the Parish Hosue.

Thank you to Trish Ludwig, Kelly Bautch, Annette Stang, Karen Lincoln, and Judi Schreiner for helping with the All Hallow's Eve Party last Wednesday! Especially to Trish and Kelly for planning, shopping and organizing! Fun was had by all how attended! First prize for dressing up as St. Theresa went to Sarah Theis. Second and third prize went to Ben Theis and Michael Bautch who both dressed as St. Michael. Thank you to the Christian Women for providing the cash prizes! I think the students were pleasantly surprised!

**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 hand 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).

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>: Phil 2:1-4 / Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>: Phil 2:5-11 / Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>: Phil 2:12-18 / Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>: Phil 2:3-8a / Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

### Community Events:

- Sunday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>: Mass for Health Care Professionals held at Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joe at 10:30 am.
- Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>: Knights of Columbus Breakfast in St. Joseph at the Church of St. Joseph. Serving Pep's pork & St. Joe Meat Market Sausage, scrambled, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and all the fixings from 8:30 am to Noon.
- 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.
- 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.

*Love the Lord Your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with  
all your strength.*

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*