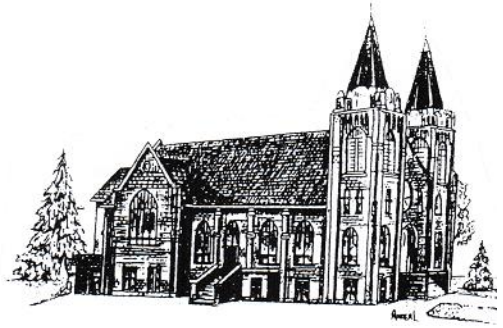


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

The 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 3, 2019



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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

Feb 2	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Feb 3	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Jim Bischof
Feb 4	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Feb 5	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Agatha	+Richard Schmitt
Feb 6	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	St. Paul Miki	
Feb 7	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Jerome Schwartz
Feb 8	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Feb 9	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Eugene Schutz
Feb 10	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Steve Gathje

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
Feb 9 at 7:30 pm	Rita Schwartz	Dylan Utecht Volunteer	Ron Steil Art Faber	Joe Decker
Feb 10 at 10:00 am	Kelly Bautch Lee Bautch Greg Utecht	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Sy Schreiner Ron Stang	Mike Kuechle



Breakfast at St. Nicholas: There will be a breakfast at St. Nicholas on Sunday, February 17th. Group 4 will be hosting this breakfast. Breakfast will be served right after Mass until 12:30 pm. It will be a free-will offering for sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, fruit, Danish rolls and beverages. All are welcome to attend!!

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2019: The Bishop's Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend is February 16 & 17. Please support our Diocesan Mission to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope and hands of justice. One of the ministries that are supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal are the Seminarians. Discerning a vocation to the priesthood demands time, prayer and significant self-searching. We are blessed in the Diocese of St. Cloud with good and selfless priests who nurture us through the Eucharist, teach us through the Word, and serve the other spiritual needs of God's people.

Stewardship of Treasure January 27, 2019

Adult	\$XXX	(26 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Energy Needs	\$XXX (1 gift)
Votive Stand	\$XXX

Gospel Connection: Dorothy Day is one of the most revered figures in the history of the American Catholic Church. As a college student in 1914, she became active in the fight for workers' rights and many social justice causes; she became a journalist for several socialist publications. She also experienced doomed love affairs, a failed marriage, a suicide attempt, and an abortion. Her activism and tumultuous personal life eventually led her to the Catholic Church. In the early 1930s, she and Peter Maurin started the Catholic Worker Movement, which continues to this day operating homes and soup kitchens for the poor and organizing to advocate for justice and peace issues. Dorothy Day died in 1980; her cause for canonization is underway.

In her autobiography *The Long Loneliness*, Dorothy Day writes of her conversion from atheistic anarchism to Catholic social consciousness. When she was eight years old, her journalist father lost his job and the Day family of six was forced to move into a dingy six-room tenement flat over a Chicago tavern. But it was at this hard time in her young life that Dorothy began to find something inspiring in the Catholic Church — an institution despised by her father.

Dorothy writes that her "first impulse toward Catholicism" was Mrs. Barrett, a neighbor and the mother of her friend Kathryn. One morning, young Dorothy burst into the Barrett apartment looking for Kathryn. Dorothy found Mrs. Barrett in the front bedroom. Mrs. Barrett was down on her knees, saying her prayers. Without dismay or embarrassment, Mrs. Barrett turned to tell little Dorothy that Kathryn and the children had all gone to the store and then went on with her praying.

That single moment had a profound impact on the young Dorothy. "I felt a burst of love toward Mrs. Barrett that I have never forgotten, a feeling of gratitude and happiness that warmed my heart," Dorothy remembered. "Mrs. Barrett in her sordid little tenement flat finished her breakfast dishes at ten o'clock in the morning and got down on her knees and prayed to God . . . She had God, and there was beauty and joy in her life."

Dorothy Day's own baptism would take place two decades later, following years when the very thought of God was alien to her. But the memory of Mrs. Barrett's kindness and peace remained with her. Mrs. Barrett probably never knew the impression her simple prayer life had on young Dorothy. Yet this mother and neighbor was a true "prophet": the love of God was revealed in her simple dedication as a mother and the faith reflected in her own simple prayer life. God continues to raise up parents and teachers, preachers and ministers, friends and classmates to help us realize our own call to be prophets of God's word, to embrace God's grace enabling us to transform our own Nazareth into God's dwelling place. May we possess the grace and wisdom to see God in the love in which others embrace us and to hear God speaking in the example of the prophets calling us, by the selfless integrity of their lives, to "proclaim" God's kingdom justice and peace here and now.

Religious Education Information: The next class will be on Wednesday, February 6th at 7:00 pm in the Parish House. Our Annual Sweetheart Dinner will be held in the Church basement on Wednesday, February 13th at 6:45 pm. Please note the slightly earlier time! This gives us a little more time for dinner. There are still some parents that I have not heard from if they are available to come and help make and serve the dinner. Please respond back to Brenda if you are able to come and help! Thank you!!

2019 Men's Conference: The 2019 Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 23rd from 8:30 am to 5 pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Sauk Rapids, MN. For more information, please see the website www.stcdio.org. The theme is "Mentoring Disciples."

Readings for the Week: Monday, February 4th: Heb 11:32-40 / Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 5th: Heb 12:1-4 / Mk 5:21-33

Wednesday, February 6th: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 / Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 7th: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 / Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 8th: Heb 13:1-8 / Mk 6:14-29

Community Events:

- Sunday, February 3rd: Breakfast at the Church of St. Joseph from 8:30 to Noon. Serving Pep's pork & St. Joe Meat market sausages, scrambled eggs, hash browns, pancakes, fruit, rolls, beverages. Mass times are 8:00 am and 10:00 am.
- Sunday, February 3rd: Breakfast at the Church of St. Augustine in St. Cloud (106 Wilson Ave SE) from 7:30 am to Noon. Serving sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, homemade donuts. Sunday Mass times are 8 am and 10 am.
- Sunday, February 10th: Breakfast at St. Boniface Parish Center in Cold Spring from 8:00am to 12:30 pm. Serving eggs, hashbrowns, ham, sausage, cinnamon bread, fruit, rolls & beverages. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus with proceeds for youth activities.
- Saturday, March 16th: Women's Lenten Retreat at Seven Dolores Church in Albany – Save the Date; more information to come.

