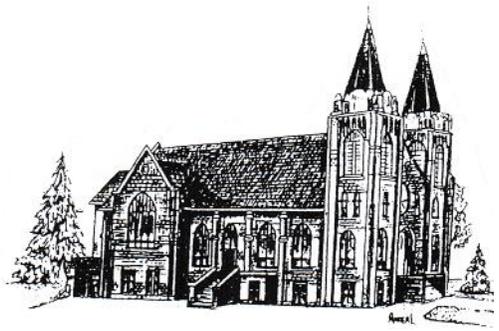


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

The 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 10, 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 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
Feb 11	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Feb 12	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Hansen & Krueger Families
Feb 13	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Feb 14	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Sts Cyril & Methodius	+Elmer Hechtel
Feb 15	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Feb 16	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Spec.Int of Jerry & Bertie Weinmann
Feb 17	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish

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 16 at 7:30 pm	Judi Schreiner	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Ralph Schreiner Allen Stommes	Judi Schreiner
Feb 17 at 10:00 am	Brenda Kraemer Shirley Lutgen Mary Caskey	Jonathan Gathje Volunteer	Robert Kraemer Don Dufner	Doug Caskey



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. Some of the ministries that are supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal are the Men's Conference, Women's Conference, and the efforts to dignify ALL LIFE at ALL STAGES through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Catholic Schools are also supported by the Annual Appeal. Catholic schools provide an excellent education grounded in Gospel values, community and service to others. They are key to the Church's evangelizing mission, building up the kingdom of God in our diocese and beyond. There is a flyer attached to this weekend's bulletin. Please see more of the areas that are supported by the appeal!



Our Sympathy: Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Alverna Hennen, who died and was buried this Saturday. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Stewardship of Treasure February 3, 2019

Adult	\$XXX	(43 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



St. Cloud Visitor

\$XXX (6 gifts)

Gospel Connection: Loving a 15-year-old daughter can be heart-wrenching. The little girl you spent a decade and a half nurturing and feeding and picking up after and dropping off and helping with homework and braiding hair and supervising play dates and fighting battles and holding hands to cross the street suddenly shuts you out of her life. She's busy with school and clubs and projects, and when she has free time she would rather be out with friends. You hear snippets of her life ringing from her upstairs room, conversations and laughter, favorite songs occasionally played in the car from her iPhone. You feel you are losing her.

Paulina was as remote as a 15-year-old could be from her mother. Not only did she worry for Paulina as most parents do, but Paulina's mom missed being part of her life. Then one day, Paulina's mom ran into Maddie, a friend of her older son who was away at college. After chatting about school, Maddie asked, "How's Paulina?"

"Good, I think," she said, mentioning that Paulina was taking a photography class taught by professionals. "She loves photography. Hates her math teacher." Then Maddie, eyes wide, asked, "Have you seen her Instagram feed? Mom started to panic. All she could think of were other parents she had spoken to whose daughters' feeds were filled with revealing photos. Oh God, she thought. Here it comes. "No," I said. "Why?" "It's amazing," Maddie said. "She's a great photographer. She has over a thousand followers."

Paulina's mom was stunned. A thousand followers?! That night, she worked up the nerve to ask Paulina if she could follow her on Instagram. Miraculously, her daughter said yes, shrugging as she walked up the stairs to her room. Mom grabbed her phone, and suddenly, there it was: Paulina's life. In black-and-white and full color. Beautifully framed photos of her friends, of their Brooklyn neighborhood. Paulina had a wonderful eye for finding the unique in the simple, the wondrous in the everyday.

Paulina's mother writes: "[Through her photography] I was able to be with Paulina out in the world again, to see what she sees, to virtually stand beside her and witness the people and places she moves through, in nearly real time. Not in a parent-policing role, but in a wonderful-world sort of way. ". . . there was the photo she posted of herself as a little girl among autumn leaves, wearing a checkered skirt, pink leotard and green high-tops. "*Wish I was still a little kid*," the caption read. "So I wasn't the only one," her mom says. [From "Rediscovering My Daughter Through Instagram" by Helene Stapinski, The New York Times, December 9, 2018.]

Love compels us to venture out on the "seas" of the new and different, to leave the safe harbor of our own perspective to cast our nets into the "deep water" of another's world. Paulina's mom carefully and sensitively ventures out into that "deep water" of social media and re-connects with her daughter. Jesus challenges us to put aside our own fears and anxieties to dare to lower our nets into the "deep water" of patience and understanding, the treacherous sea of reconciliation and selfless generosity. It often demands risking our own security and comfort and putting aside our discouragement and exhaustion; it can require us to keep "fishing" despite the criticism and doubts of the many who have returned to shore. Confident of God's grace and wisdom, we can set out in our own small boats and cast our fishing nets — despite the long night already passed — to bring in the "catch" of God's forgiveness and peace.

Religious Education Information: The next class will be our Annual Sweetheart Dinner 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. The next class will be back in the Parish House on Wednesday, February 20th at 7:00 pm.

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."

Volunteer Opportunity: Do you love working with kids? Do you have time to spare? Adults age 55 and over can receive an hourly tax-free stipend for volunteering 5 hours per week, or more, at local schools and Head Starts. Volunteer help children with activities, reinforce learning, help with art projects, and more. For more information, please call Sara at 320-229-4589.

Calling all High School Young Women: All High School young women are cordially invited to a Tea Party social on Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 5 – 9 pm at St. Louis Catholic Church in Paynesville. They will begin with Mass at 5 pm. You will enjoy a 4 course meal as you listen to speakers who will share stories of women who were transformed by Christ in the Gospels. Our evening will conclude with Adoration from 8:30 to 9:00 pm in the Church. This is a semi-formal dress occasion. Please RSVP by using the google doc at <https://bit.ly/2skIHCM> or contact Kelli Kleinschnitz @ kkleinschnitz001@gmail.com

Readings for the Week: Monday, February
Tuesday, February
Thursday, February
Wednesday, February
Friday, February

Community Events:

- Sunday, February 10th: Breakfast at St. Boniface Parish Center in Cold Spring from 8:00am to 12:30 pm. Serving eggs, hash browns, ham, sausage, cinnamon bread, fruit, rolls & beverages. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus with proceeds for youth activities.
- Saturday, February 16th: Food Shelf Benefit Spaghetti Dinner at the Church of the Holy Spirit in St. Cloud (2405 Walden Way). Serving from 4:30 pm to 7 pm. Serving spaghetti, lettuce salad, garlic toast, cake & beverages. Proceeds to benefit food shelf.
- Sunday, February 17th: Breakfast at St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud (25th Ave & 1st St North) from 8:00 am to Noon. Serving fresh & smoked sausage, ham scrambled eggs, pancakes with toppings, fruit, rolls, hash browns, and beverages.
- Saturday, March 16th: Women's Lenten Retreat at Seven Dolores Church in Albany – Save the Date; more information to come.



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."