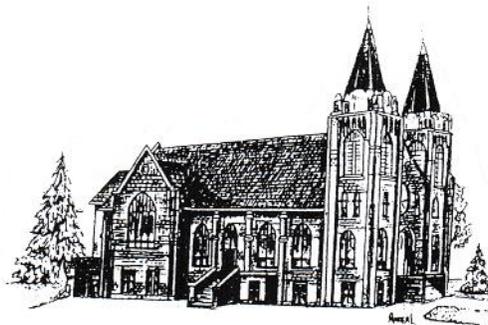


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Feb 16	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Spec.Int of Jerry & Bertie Weinmann
Feb 17	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Feb 18	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Feb 19	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Jerome Schwartz
Feb 20	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Feb 21	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Elmer Boeckmann
Feb 22	Friday	NO MASS	The Chair of St. Peter	
Feb 23	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+All Souls in Purgatory
Feb 24	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Tony Vossen

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](http://www.churchofsaintnicholas.com)

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Feb 23 at 7:30 pm	Art Faber	Derek Utecht Volunteer	Laverne Ludwig Robert Wehseler	Lucy Schreiner
Feb 24 at 10:00 am	Sandy Stang Steve Stang Judy Schutz	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Elmer Frank Sy Schreiner	Lee Bautch

**Bishop's Annual Appeal 2019:** The Bishop's Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend is THIS WEEKEND, 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 Catholic schools AND Youth and Adult faith formation. We honor our loving God by passing on our faith to the next generation, teaching them the power of love, mercy, forgiveness and sacrifice. Strong faith formation programs provide lifelong, meaningful faith experiences that enrich our families, Church and communities. You should have received an envelope in the mail from the Diocese, but there will be envelopes in the pews this weekend too. Thank you for discerning a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal!

**Thank you from the Hennen Family:** Vern Hennen and the entire Hennen family would like to THANK all who helped at Alverna's funeral last weekend. There were so many! They wish to thank Fr. Statz and Fr. Tom, the people who moved the mountain of snow, those who helped with traffic and parking, the music, those who prepared the lunch, and everyone else who helped in any small way. They very much appreciate your efforts!

## Stewardship of Treasure February 10, 2019

Adult	\$1,045.00	(21 of 161 envelopes)
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Loose	129.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,174.00</b>	



**Gospel Connection:** She once saw her life as an uninterrupted line from birth to decline. She had married and given birth to a wonderful little boy, Zach, and was teaching at the divinity school of a major university. The next part of the plan was to achieve tenure, master the Russian language, and watch Zach grow up. She called it “pragmatic determinism.” But after being diagnosed with stage IV cancer at the age of 35, time no longer pointed to the future. Time was a “loop”: start treatment, manage side effects, recover, start treatment again. She now lived “in the present.” The sicker she became, the more “hope” was a word that pointed to the unbearable: a husband and child left behind, an end without an ending.

Kate Bowler is an associate professor at Duke Divinity School. She tells the story of her sudden and unexpected confrontation with her mortality in her best-selling book *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved*. In a New Year's essay in *The New York Times* [December 30, 2018], she writes of her struggle to find tangible reasons to hope: “Approaching the new year, I wondered how I might renew hope for a future I can no longer see. So I rummaged around for inspiration in well-used daily planners and to-do lists, only to discover a stack of cards I had intended to mail long ago. Thank you for reintroducing me to tuna casserole. Thank you for inviting Zach to make a maze out of boxes. Yes, my dog often licks the television and thank you so much for taking him. There were photos that friends had hung by my bed of our last (surprisingly violent) round of Mennonite board games and of my misguided attempt to take my cello Christmas caroling. Someone had framed an image of Zach, grinning on my lap, my chemotherapy fluids hidden by a series of elaborate sock puppets we had created. “The terrible gift of a terrible illness is that it has in fact taught me to live in the moment. But when I look at these mementos, I realize that I am learning more than to seize the day. In losing my future, the mundane began to sparkle. The things I love — the things I should love — become clearer, brighter. This is transcendence, the past and the future experienced together in moments where I can see a flicker of eternity. “So instead of New Year's resolutions, I drew up a list for 2019 of experiences that had already passed: a record not of self-mastery but of genuine surprise. 1. My oncology nurse became a dear friend. 2. Even in the hospital I felt the love of God. 3. Zach is under the impression that I never get tired. These are my small miracles scattered like bread crumbs, the way forward dotting the path behind me.”

Kate Bowler's perspective of time and the direction of her life have been turned upside down. Life's meaning is not something to be fulfilled at some future point but is realized now; hope is to be found in the present, in every day joys that suddenly become miracles. In today's Gospel, Luke's version of the Beatitudes, Jesus turns upside down our own understanding of power and wealth, of joy and fulfillment. Jesus challenges everything our me-first, bottom-line-centered culture holds dear. Jesus' Sermon on the Plain articulates a new vision, a new attitude in approaching life, a vision and attitude Kate Bowler has come embrace: the treasure of life and time itself, the hope that can be realized in compassion and generosity, the fulfillment that is experienced in freeing ourselves from the pursuit of the things of this world so as to embrace the small but lasting “miracles” of the kingdom of God.

**Religious Education Information:** The next class will be back in the Parish House on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. A special THANK YOU to all the parents that helped out at the Sweetheart Spaghetti Supper last Wednesday! The dinner was delicious! This could not have been done without your help and it is sincerely appreciated!

**2019 Men's Conference:** The 2019 Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.stcdio.org). The theme is “Mentoring Disciples.”

**DCCW Lenten Retreat:** The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will conduct a spring Lenten Retreat, “Dignity of Women,” on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Albany starting at 8:30 am with the Rosary and Mass. Registration is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see the flyer in the back of church.

**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/2sklHCM> or contact Kelli Kleinschnitz @ [kkleinschnitz001@gmail.com](mailto:kkleinschnitz001@gmail.com)

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>: Gn 4:1-15, 25 / Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10 / Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 / Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>: Gn 9:1-13 / Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>: 1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19

## Community Events:

- Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud (25<sup>th</sup> Ave & 1<sup>st</sup> St North) from 8:00 am to Noon. Serving fresh & smoked sausage, ham scrambled eggs, pancakes with toppings, fruit, rolls, hash browns, and beverages.
- March 8, 22, and April 5<sup>th</sup>: Lenten Fish Fry hosted by the BBE Knights of Columbus at the KaDe Shack in Brooten, MN from 5 pm to 9 pm. All are invited!
- March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12: St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud (2410 1<sup>st</sup> St N) Lenten Fish Fry. Serving fried fish, au gratin potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner rolls, beverages from 4 to 7 pm. March 29<sup>th</sup> is Matching Grant with Catholic United!
- Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>: Women's Lenten Retreat at Seven Dolors Church in Albany.