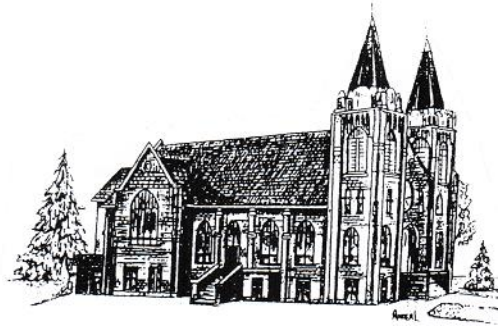


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019



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MASS SCHEDULE

Mar 16	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	2 nd Sunday of Lent	+Oliver Hennen
Mar 17	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	2 nd Sunday of Lent	People of the Parish
Mar 18	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Lenten Weekday	
Mar 19	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Joseph	+Sylvester Boeckmann
Mar 20	Wednesday	{SA} 8:00 am	Lenten Weekday	
		{SN} 7:30 pm	Stations of the Cross with RE	
Mar 21	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Lenten Weekday	+Hansen & Krueger Families
Mar 22	Friday	NO MASS	Lenten Weekday	
Mar 23	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	3 rd Sunday of Lent	+Elmer & Esther Faber
Mar 24	Sunday	{SN} 10:00 am	3 rd Sunday of Lent	MCCL – Pro Life

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
Mar 23 at 7:30 pm	Louise Schutz	Derek Utecht Volunteer	Laverne Ludwig Ralph Schreiner	Judi Schreiner
Mar 24 at 10:00 am	Don Dufner Sandy Stang Steve Stang	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Elmer Frank Ron Stang	Lee Bautch

Lenten Activities to consider: We still have chaplets available for a free will donation. Proceeds collected will benefit Religious Education. The Chaplet is a "short rosary" that has 21 knots for prayers to be said each day of Lent. They were made this year by people that volunteered from our Parish! Also, we will have the Magnificat Companion books available. The Men's Society will lead weekly Stations of the Cross. These are just a few of the many things you can do during Lent!

Stations of the Cross, led by the Men's Society:

- March 20th: 7:30 pm with RE Students
- March 26th: 7:00 pm
- April 2nd: 7:00 pm
- April 10th: 7:00 pm
- April 17th: 7:00 pm (Holy Week)

Lenten Thoughts to Ponder: What would I like transformed in my life by Easter? As I look over my life, what are some areas where God has already transformed me? Give thanks for those transformations and for those yet to come. What is one sacrificial action I can perform this week?

Stewardship of Treasure March 10, 2019

Adult \$XXX (22 of 161 envelopes)
Youth XXX (2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose XXX



Chaplet Donations \$XXX

**Saturday Evening Mass was cancelled due to weather.

TOTAL \$XXXXX

Gospel Connection: You'll think it when you're watching your son or daughter play on their school team. You'll see their determination, the skill they have worked so hard to develop that gets better and sharper with every game, and their selflessness to pass the ball or the puck or throw the tough block or hit the sacrifice for the good of the team — and it will hit you. Or you'll realize it when you see your child run to the assistance of someone in need, bend down to help another kid up, or say just the right words to bring peace and healing to a difficult situation.

You may actually say it when you're sitting next to the love of your life as your child makes the same promise to the love of their life that the two of you made to each other when you were their age. In that moment, you will see yourselves in them.

You will say it amid the joys and tears as you meet your first grandchild. As you caress the child, you will look over at the child's mom and dad — still and always, your child. And you will look at your spouse and say, maybe without using words, "You know, we raised a pretty good kid."

Our lives are filled with such moments of transfiguration: when the love of God bursts forth in our lives; when we are aware and assured that we are loved and cared for and about; when the light of the "holy" illuminates the ordinary and every day, breaking through the clouds of fear and darkness of despair that sometimes engulf us. In the event we have come to call Jesus' "transfiguration," the three disciples actually realize the divinity — the very life and love of God — that exists within the person of Jesus. That "divinity" exists within each one of us, as well, illuminating our perspective with the wisdom of God, inspiring us to embrace Jesus' example of humility and selflessness in service to others, compelling us to realize God's kingdom of justice and peace in this time and place of ours.

Religious Education Information: The next class will be Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm. Stations of the Cross will be at the Church at 7:30pm. Parents are encouraged to attend!! Confessions for students will be next week on March 27th.

Catholic United Financial: Our Catholic United Representative, Dave Stang, recently delivered a check to our Religious Education program! This check was a grant given to the program from the Catholic United Financial Foundation for technology. The Foundation recognizes the importance of the work being done, especially with students, to provide Catholic education to build a stronger, smarter community. Gifts to the Foundation have made it possible for them to support the Catholic communities where Catholic United members live, work, and worship together to build a stronger, more vibrant Church. This check will be used to replace some worn out DVD/VCR combo machines with new ones and a small TV to replace one that is on its last leg. Thank you!!

Lenten Chaplet: We have been fortunate to have parishioners help make our Lenten Chaplets this year! They are still available if you did not pick one up during the Ash Wednesday Mass. There will be a free — will offering with a suggested amount of \$5 per Chaplet. The money raised will go toward the Religious Education program. Once you have received your Chaplet, go back to your pew and start to pray. The first name that comes to mind is the person you will be praying for. Pray for a deepening conversion of faith during these 40 days of Lent. Each day you will pray: Apostle's Creed on the knot that ties the cross on the necklace. Glory Be, Hail Mary & Our Father for each set of knots. There are 7 sets of knots. Any time after Good Friday, give your Chaplet to the person you have been praying for. You will receive a card with these instructions.

St. Cloud Visitor/The Central MN Catholic: Just in case you missed the announcement in the St. Cloud Visitor, the St. Cloud Visitor has changed to a monthly diocesan magazine called The Central Minnesota Catholic. The name was chosen to be representative of all of the Catholics in the diocese's 16 counties, which stretch from east to west across the middle of the state. The new format has all of the regular features that the Visitor had with additional content.

Rice Bowls: Rice Bowls will be available to pick up at the back of Church. Encounter Annet in Uganda and her family. Her children were forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crricebowl.org for more information.

Readings for the Week: Monday, March 18th: Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 19th: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Thursday, March 21st: Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31

Wednesday, March 20th: Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28

Friday, March 22nd: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Community Events:

- Sunday, March 17th: Breakfast at Wat-Kim-Valley VFW at the Watkins Village Hall. Serving sausage, French toast, scrambled eggs, hash browns and beverages from 8:00 to Noon.
- March 22, and April 5th: 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 22, 29 and April 5, 12: St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud (2410 1st St N) Lenten Fish Fry. Serving fried fish, au gratin potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, dinner rolls, beverages from 4 to 7 pm. March 29th is Matching Grant with Catholic United!
- Fridays of Lent: Crosier Fathers & Brothers of Onamia. Taize Prayer Fridays at 7 pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. Healing Mass on Sunday, March 31st at 9:00 am at the National Shrine of St. Odilia, Onamia. Solemn Vespers Sundays at 5 pm in Onamia.
- Sunday, March 17th: Breakfast at St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud (2410 1st St N) All you can eat from 8:00 to Noon.
- Sunday, March 17th: Bouja & Chicken Noodle Soup Sale at St. Anthony's Church in Watkins. Serving from 8:30 – noon.
- Friday, March 29th: Parish Fish Fry at Church of St. Anthony's in Watkins from 4:30 pm to 8 pm. Serving all you can eat fish, homemade coleslaw, potato salad, baked beans, bread, bars and beverages.
- Sunday, April 28th: St. Wendelin's of Luxemburg, All you can eat breakfast from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Serving ham & cheese omelets, sausage, potatoes, applesauce, rolls, toast & beverages. Bake sale and raffle too. Mass is at 9:30 am.