

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Ascension of the Lord

June 2, 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

June 1	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	The Ascension of the Lord	+Dec Members of Decker Family
June 2	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	The Ascension of the Lord	+Ardella Flaschenriem
June 3	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	St. Charles	
June 4	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Oliver Hennen & Alverna Hennen
June 5	Wednesday	{SA} 8:00 am	St. Boniface	
June 6	Thursday	{SN} NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
June 7	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
June 8	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Pentecost	+Eugene Schutz
June 9	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	Pentecost	People of the Parish

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
June 8 at 7:30 pm	Anita Neu	Derek Utecht Volunteer	Laverne Ludwig Art Faber	Elmer Neu
June 9 at 8:00 am	Marion Frank Elmer Frank Greg Utecht	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Ron Stang Don Dufner	Shirley Lutgen

Grasshopper Chapel Mass: Due to a scheduling error, Father Statz will preside at the **Thursday, JUNE 6TH** Novena Mass at the Cold Spring Assumption "Grasshopper" Chapel. The Mass will begin at 7 pm with a Rosary following Mass at 7:30 pm. Please bring a lawn chair, a friend and dress for the weather. If it is raining, the Mass and Rosary will be held at St. Boniface Church in Cold Spring.

Donut Sunday: The Christian Women will host a Donut Sunday on Sunday, June 9th after the 8:00 am Mass. Everyone is welcome to stay after Mass for some coffee and donuts!!



Area Catholic Communities: The ACC Council members met for the first time on May 22nd. The purpose of this initial meeting was to gather information relating to each of the five parishes. All 5 parishes were represented at this meeting. Dave Stang volunteered to facilitate this group. The information shared was used to develop a Seven Elements Grid and a Staffing Chart. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 13th at St. Wendelin's in Mary Hall. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dave Stang or Mary Caskey.

Family of Edith Stang: The Family of Edith Stang would like to thank Fr. James Statz, Fr. Tom Olson, the music ministry, Christian Women, all the people who prepared the delicious lunch, the parking attendants, and everyone for their prayers and acts of kindness during Edith's illness and following her death. Thank you very much!

Stewardship of Treasure May 26, 2019

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Gospel Connection: The day her mom died, they drove two hours to the family home. On the drive, she fretted over the immediate and the practical: *What are we going to do with the house and all that stuff?* And she began to grieve: *How will I live in a world without her?* They spent that first day packing up Mom's clothes and making a first sort of her papers. That evening they had supper at the Ninety-Nine, Mom's favorite restaurant. And in Mom's honor, Mom's beloved martinis all around: "To Mom!" The couple on their left asked what they were drinking to. She explained that they were toasting her mother, who had just passed away. As they talked, they discovered that the couple knew her mother from church and told of her mom's many kindnesses. They promised to say a prayer for her.

An older man and his middle-age son sat down on their right. They began talking. "Are you from around here?" "No, we live two hours from here. My mother lived here, but she died this morning." "I'm sorry. Can I buy you a drink to toast your mother?" "Yes, thank you. She — I — would love that."

And as they toasted Mom and the stories continued, they discovered that her mother and the older man grew up in a nearby town. His parents emigrated from Italy. He told of the kindness and welcome Mom's family extended to his family, who faced discrimination and bigotry as immigrants.

It turned out to be a wonderful evening of celebrating a woman's life. Her daughter left still heartbroken — but she no longer wonders how she can live in a world without her. Mom showed her that evening that she will always be with her. [Adapted from "One Last Toast" by Jeannette Sanderson, *The Boston Sunday Globe Magazine*, December 30, 2018.]

Today's feast of the Ascension celebrates both an ending and a beginning; today marks both an absence and presence: Jesus has returned to the Father but remains fully alive with us in his spirit of compassion and humility that inspires us, motivates us, compels us to take on the work of being his witnesses and proclaimers of his Gospel. In every kindness we extend, in the principles of justice and mercy we advocate for, in making reconciliation a reality in the midst of division and discord, we reveal the presence of the Risen One to our broken and struggling world.

Bonfire June 1st: There will be a Parish Bonfire Night at St. Nicholas in front of the Parish House on Saturday, JUNE 1st after the 7:30 pm Mass. All are welcome! You should bring a chair to sit around the fire. There will be beverages and snacks, but feel free to bring your to share. Hopefully, the weather will be better this time!!



Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal. As of April 26, 5,754 parishioners have donated \$849,080 in gifts and pledges. That is 65% of the Diocese's goal of \$1,300,000. Every dollar raised goes directly to diocesan ministries like respect for life and the diaconate, and is not used for any other purpose. Please consider a donation if you have not already!

Peter's Pence Collection: We will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. You can use the envelope in your pack.

DCCW: The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a Fun, Food and Fund Day, Tuesday, June 25th from 9:00am -2:15 pm at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 442 2nd St. SE, St. Cloud, sponsored by the Foley/Princeton Deanery. Registration (\$15.00) is due by June 17th to Janis Fagin, 14585 31st.St. Clear Lake, MN 55319 . All are welcome!



ST. ANNE'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL : The theme this year is "Weird Animals." VBS will run July 15-18, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. This is a free program for youth in grades preschool - 6th grade. Participants will rotate between the following activity stations with their crew leaders: One-of-a-Kind Bible Adventures, Sing & Play Stampede, KidVid Cinema, Imagination Station, Wild Crafts, Untamed Games, Critter Cafe, and The Tail End. **Registration is due by July 1, and forms can be found on the table in the back of Church.**

St. Nick Baseball: The Nicks will play on Sunday, June 2nd at 2 pm in Eden Valley. The next game will be in St. Nicholas against Kimball at 2 pm at the St. Nick Ball Fields.

Readings for the Week: Monday, June 3rd: Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, June 4th: Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, June 5th: Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, June 6th: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26

Friday, June 7th: Acts 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19

Community Events:

- Thursday, June 6th: Fr. Statz is presiding at the Assumption Grasshopper Chapel Mass in Cold Spring at 7:00 pm. Bring a chair.
- Sunday, June 9th: St. Nicholas Donut Sunday after the 8:00 am Mass
- Sunday, June 9th: St. James Parish in Jacobs Prairie Parish Bazaar. Breakfast from 8 to 12:30 pm. Outdoor Mass at 9:00 am weather permitting. Most stands open at 10:00 am. Cake walk, Country store, Classic Car Display, beer garden, brats/hamburgers/hot dog, kid's inflatables, Bingo, live music, silent auction, quilt auction and cash raffle!!

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

❖ *Kiarra Ahrens*
❖ *Alex Foehrenbacher*
❖ *Gregory Gathje*
❖ *Lauren Johannes*

❖ *Kendra Kraemer*
❖ *Damian Lincoln*
❖ *Mitchell Utecht*
❖ *Rachel Utecht*

