

# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019



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## MASS SCHEDULE

May 11	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Dec. Rel. of Elmer & Anita Neu
May 12	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	People of the Paris
May 13	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
May 14	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Matthias	+Msgr. Daniel Taufen
May 15	Wednesday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
May 16	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Irene Kraemer
May 17	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
May 18	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	+Eugene Stommes
May 19	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	+Gregor & Frances Schreiner

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
May 18 at 7:30 pm	Elmer Neu	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Tom Landwehr Art Faber	Anita Neu
May 19 at 8:00 am	Sandy Stang Steve Stang Don Dufner	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Joe Gathje Gregory Gathje	Mike Kuechle

**MASS TIME CHANGE FOR SUNDAY MASS**  
**IS SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019**  
**SN at 8:00 am / SA at 10:00 am**

## Stewardship of Treasure May 5, 2019

Adult	\$XXX	(32 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(2 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$XXXXX</b>	



Easter	\$400.00 (4 gifts)
Energy Needs	\$25.00 (1 gift)

**Gospel Connection:** *The Pajama Diaries* is cartoonist Jill Kaplan's daily adventures of the Kaplan family: modern-multitasking mom Jill, her easy-going yet bluntly honest husband, Rob, and their two teenage daughters, Amy and Jess. In one episode [March 14, 2018], Jill has had a tough day dealing with the self-absorbed teenage angst of her two daughters. That evening, sitting with her husband, she shares her frustration and exasperation. "It's not just the stuff they notice that bugs me." Mom laments. "It's the stuff they don't. The little things: driving them places, buying their favorite snacks, making sure they wear sunscreen . . . All of that goes unnoticed. [Sigh] I know I'm complaining, but it really bugs me." Rob embraces his exhausted wife. "Congratulations."

"What?" Jill asks. Rob explains, "You're every mother on the planet." Jill quietly replies, "Weird how lonely it is being in good company."

The vocation of motherhood is very much an extension of the vocation of the Good Shepherd. In their total and complete love for their children, moms (and dads!) are the hand of God leading us through the rocky roads of life and catching us when we fall; in the wisdom of their experience and in their constant and patient support, they are the "voice" of the Good Shepherd calling us to the safety and forgiveness of home. Christ speaks in many voices — including our own. We can be the "voice" of Christ's compassion, comfort, forgiveness and peace in even our smallest and simplest words and acts of kindness and generosity. Today may we give thanks for our mothers who are the very voice of the Good Shepherd in our lives, assuring us with hope, mending our brokenness, be it our limbs or hearts, loving us unconditionally and completely, as God assures and heals and loves us from the moment of our birth.

**Bonfire Night at St. Nicholas:** There will be a Parish Bonfire Night at St. Nicholas in front of the Parish House on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> after the 7:30 pm Mass. All are welcome! You should bring a chair to sit around the fire. Popcorn, S'mores and ALL KINDS OF BEVERAGES, will be provided, but you can bring a snack to share if you would like. Plan on attending this entertaining, fun-filled social event!



**Catholic Home Missions:** Support the Catholic home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your donations support programs such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

**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!

**St. Nick Baseball:** The Nicks will play on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in St. Nick against Cold Spring. Their next game will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> in Luxemburg at 2 pm.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>: Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>: Acts 12:24-13:5 / Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>: Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>: Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6

### Community Events:

- Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at St. Boniface Parish Center sponsored by the KC's for Mother's Day. Serving eggs, hash browns, sausage, cinnamon bread, and more from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.
- Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>: Parish Bonfire at St. Nicholas after the 7:30 pm Mass. Please bring a lawn chair to sit around the fire!

# Happy Mother's Day

Dear Father, we thank you for creating each Mom with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We pray you give each Mom strength and wisdom. May we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. We pray for those who grieve today. We ask for your comfort to surround those who weep. May we never cease to appreciate your overwhelming goodness. Amen.

