

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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

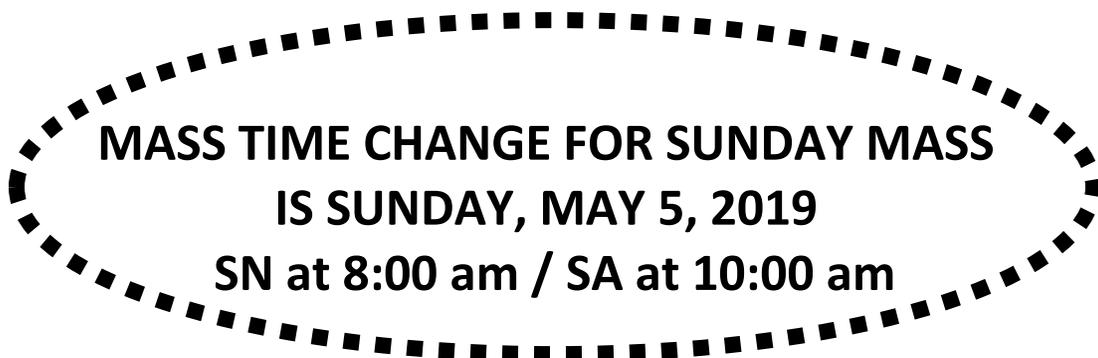
May 4	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	3 rd Sunday of Easter	+Stanley Jungels
May 5	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	3 rd Sunday of Easter	+Eugene Schutz
May 6	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
May 7	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am {SN} 5 – 8 pm	Easter Weekday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	+Martha Hopfer
May 8	Wednesday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
May 9	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Oliver Hennen & Grandpa Bill
May 10	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
May 11	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	4 th Sunday of Easter	Dec. Rel. of Elmer & Anita Neu
May 12	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	4 th Sunday of Easter	People of the Paris

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
May 11 at 7:30 pm	Judi Schreiner	Derek Utecht Volunteer	Ralph Schreiner Laverne Ludwig	Judi Schreiner
May 12 at 8:00 am	Greg Utecht Marion Frank Elmer Frank	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Steve Stang Sy Schreiner	Shirley Lutgen



Crowning of Mary: The Crowning of Mary will take place NEXT SUNDAY at the 8:00 am Mass. We are asking all Religious Education students to come and bring a flower to Mary! Please meet in the back of Church before Mass on Sunday, May 12th.

Stewardship of Treasure April 28, 2019

Adult	\$XXX	(27 of 161 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(1 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



Easter	\$XXX (14 gifts)
Good Friday	\$XXX (5 gifts)
Votive Stand	\$XXX
Energy Needs	\$XXX (2 gifts)
Home Missions	\$XXX (2 gifts)

Gospel Connection: Her mother came to live with her and her husband and family. She suffered from Parkinson's and her daughter wanted her to be cared for in the midst of her family who loved her dearly. It has been seven years since her mom died — and her daughter still can't forget the "washcloth incident."

It was seven months before her mother's death. The day did not begin well, first with a crisis at work she had to deal with, then cleaning up the portable toilet that had overflowed. Finally, she was able to take a shower up in the third-floor bathroom of their home. Finally, clean and ready to restart her day, she came downstairs. Her mother asked her for a washcloth. A simple, reasonable request — but that meant trekking back up to the third floor. In her mood, Mom might as well have asked her daughter to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Already late, this one more task put her over the edge. She suddenly lost it with her mother. She knew her fury was misplaced, but she was too overwhelmed to stop herself.

Seven years later, the daughter still feels the pain of that moment. She writes: "The tears still sting and slosh over my pail of remorse. I know that if she could, my mother would grab that pail and toss it out the window. She would forgive me; in fact, I believe she has forgiven me. But in a way, that makes it harder. Knowing of her unfailing love and grace makes me feel worse about my own failure. Of course, I am envisioning her at her very best, now in heaven knowing [and] seeing me with the eyes of God and I am remembering myself at one of my lowest moments . . . We might envision regret like the giant stone that sits at the mouth of the tomb. The stone is rolled aside, not away. It's still there, inches from the entrance, but it's not blocking anyone's resurrection. The stone that's rolled aside allows for feeding sheep, baptisms, and hopeful love of every kind . . . I hope to do the same — to leave the washcloth behind with the old grave clothes and inch my way forward in the light of Easter." [From "Resurrection by inches" by Heidi Neumark, *The Christian Century*, May 14, 2014.]

In today's Gospel, Jesus enables Peter and the others to leave behind their "washcloths" back at the empty tomb. Jesus asks Peter three times — the same number of times that Peter denied him on Good Friday morning — to profess his love for him. We can hear the pain and hurt in Peter's voice, but also his conviction in his response after Jesus asks the third time: "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus is not taunting Peter but calling him to move beyond the past to take on the challenges ahead. In forgiving Peter as he does, Jesus transforms Peter's regret and shame into understanding and commitment to the Gospel the fisherman has witnessed. As the Risen One restores Peter and the others to friendship, as he puts aside their failing him to be reconciled with them in peace, this Easter season is an invitation for us to put aside those regrets for the times we have failed and to realize how much we have learned and how far we have come from our own "washcloth" moments.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration will be held at St. Nicholas on Tuesday, May 7th from 5 pm to 8 pm. Won't you come and spend some time with the Lord?

Bonfire Night at St. Nicholas: There will be a Parish Bonfire Night at St. Nicholas in front of the Parish House on Saturday, May 18th 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, April 5th at 2 pm in Kimball. Their next game will be on Mother's Day, May 12th, at 2 pm in Cold Spring.

Readings for the Week: Monday, May 6th: Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, May 7th: Acts 7:51 – 8:1a / Jn 6:30-35

Thursday, May 9th: Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51

Wednesday, May 8th: Acts 8: 1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40

Friday, May 10th: Acts 0:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59

Community Events:

- Sunday, May 5th: Knights of Columbus breakfast at St. Joseph Catholic School in St. Joe. Serving Pep's pork and St. Joseph Meat Market sausages, scrambled eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more from 8:30 am to Noon.
- Sunday, May 12th: 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 18th: Parish Bonfire at St. Nicholas after the 7:30 pm Mass. Please bring a lawn chair to sit around the fire!

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