

# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2019



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\*Bulletin Deadline is Thursday at 9am  
 \*Email: stnicholas@meltel.net  
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 \*Usual Office Hours of Secretary are Monday and Thursday mornings.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Aug 31	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+John Decker
Sept 1	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sept 2	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday (Labor Day)	
Sept 3	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	St Gregory	+Rainer Landwehr
		{SN} 5 – 8 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sept 4	Wednesday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
		{SA} 9 am – 4 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Sept 5	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Stanley Jungels
Sept 6	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Sept 7	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Joan Meyer
Sept 8	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Alfred & Dolores Braegelmann

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers	Ushers	Lector
Aug 31 at 7:30 pm	Anita Neu	Derek Utecht Volunteer	Art Faber Allen Stommes	Elmer Neu
Sept 1 at 8:00 am	Greg Utecht Shirley Lutgen Don Dufner	Michael Bautch volunteer	Elmer Frank Steve Stang	Mike Kuechle



Tickets have been sold out for this year's Nicktober Fest. A list will be kept just in case someone who purchased a ticket cannot attend. If you purchased a ticket and are unable to use it, please contact Brenda at the parish office.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Nicholas from 5 – 8 pm. Adoration will also be at St. Anne's on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm. Won't you come and spend some time with the Lord?



**Parish Council Meeting:** The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Parish House. The trustees will meet at 6:30 pm. If there is anything that you would like to add to the agenda, please contact Brenda.

**Donut Sunday:** The Christian Women will host a Donut Sunday on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> after Mass. Come have a donut and spend a bit of time with friends and neighbors!

## Stewardship of Treasure August 25, 2019

Adult \$XXX (32 of 162 envelopes)  
Youth XXX (2 of 45 envelopes)  
Loose XXX



Assumption of Mary \$XXX (1 gift)

**TOTAL \$XXXXX**

**Gospel Connection:** On a morning you're running late (of course!), a construction detail is forcing two lanes of downtown traffic into one. The demolition derby is underway: cars battling to squeeze into the one open lane — and compounding the confusion are those drivers who believe that their schedules are so much more important who honk and scream their way ahead of everyone else. Such tangled commutes should make us pause and realize the patience and humility of the "lowest place."

Or you're trying to get two hours' worth of errands done in 30 minutes. You're making good time — until you hit a line at one store. The sales associate is young — and new. She's struggling to help this one customer who has an endless stream of questions. She doesn't know the stock well enough to answer them all so she has to constantly consult the manager. Meanwhile, the line is growing longer and your patience is growing shorter. Every customer's order is a struggle for the poor kid. By the time it's your turn to check out, you're barely civil to her. You need to calm down and take the "lowest place."

You love having people over for dinner. But you've made it clear: it's your kitchen. Everyone's welcome to gather and enjoy a glass of wine — but *PLEASE DON'T HELP!* Your guests appreciate your hospitality — but chances are they would enjoy the evening even more if there was more of *you*. So perhaps you might take your foot off the gas and welcome their contributions to the feast; let them help with the clean-up. Cede control for the sake of the "lowest place."

The "lowest place" Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel is more a matter of attitude than location, a question of generosity rather than place setting. Jesus asks us to see one another from the perspective of Christ-like humility that realizes that we are not the center of all things but part of a much larger world and to embrace a spirit of Gospel-centered gratitude for all the blessings we have received, not because of anything we have done to deserve them, but only because of the complete and unconditional love of God for us.

**Religious Education:** Happy September! The calendar for this year's RE classes is just being finalized. It will be mailed out to all families next week. Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> with the first class in the Parish House. There will not be a "First Mass" this year, due to Father will be out of town for a couple of days that week. Parents are welcome to come with students this first day, especially first and second grade students. Watch for your letter with the calendar!

**Area Catholic Community Meeting:** Members of our Area Catholic Communities (hereafter ACC) met on Tuesday, August 20th at St. Wendelin's Mary Hall. A warm welcome to Fr. Matthew Crane (newly assigned to St. Mary Help of Christian Parish) in absentia. Fr. Crane was unable to attend due to his installation Mass at St. Mary Help of Christian.

As it currently stands, our ACC will be shepherded by our current pastors. There is no plan to change Mass times. It is possible that the three pastors may rotate among the parishes for weekend Masses. Discussion did take place regarding a possible Mass schedule, in the event our ACC had only two priests. There was a good discussion and agreement that St. Mary Help of Christian would have two weekend Masses and the other parishes one weekend Mass. No future Mass times were established and remember, no change in Mass times are expected currently.

Fruitful discussion followed on Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. The council saw this as an area where we could collaborate, since St. Mary Help of Christian is looking at hiring a Faith Formation Director and possibly a Youth Minister. One idea which surfaced is to hire a degreed person in Religious Education for the ACC. This person would develop a program to deepen the faith life of children, youth, and adults. This person would seek volunteers and stipend persons to work in our various parishes. A similar model could be used for Youth Ministry.

Next steps in regard to Faith Formation and Youth Ministry:

- \*Present idea to Parish Councils for approval
- \*Have Finance Councils determine what funds are available in their budget.
- \*Create a Task Force to study options and create job descriptions.

The next meeting is set for September 26, 7pm, at St. Anne's in Kimball

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** The Bishop's Annual Appeal proudly supports youth religious education in the diocese. Your generosity helps make this possible. To donate: visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal), or mail to PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

**Cemetery Work:** The installation of the pavers is tentatively set for September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Please contact Doug at 597-2854 if you can come and help out.

**Diocesan Ministry Day 2019:** Message from Bishop Kettler: "Please join me and other Catholics from throughout the diocese at Diocesan Ministry Day Sept. 30 at St. John's University. Keynoter and local author Laura Kelly Fanucci will share her message on 'Our Baptismal Call to be Priest, Prophet and King.' There will be learning sessions - and lunchtime conversations - on prayer, spirituality, family life, liturgy, parish planning, Catholic social teaching, youth ministry and much more. Don't miss the optional retreat the night before - and join me afterward for "Beer, Brats and Bishop." Come relax and have fun with ministry colleagues from around the diocese. Learn more and register at [www.stcdio.org/dmd2019](http://www.stcdio.org/dmd2019). I look forward to seeing you!"

**DCCW:** The 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference of the Council of Catholic Women will be held at St. Boniface in Cold Spring on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 8:30 am. The theme this year is "Servants of God, Guiding Our Youth." Register by 9/11/19 with a \$15 check payable to Cold Spring Deanery and send to Marlene Statz 27586 Co Rd 9, Richmond, MN 56368.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 / Lk 4:31-37

Thursday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>: Col 1:9-14 / Lk 5:1-11

Wednesday, Sept 4<sup>th</sup>: Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44

Friday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>: Col 1:15-20 / Lk 5:33-39

## Community Events:

- Monday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>: Labor Day St. Stephen Parish Festival. All stands/food begins at 11 am to 7 pm in St. Stephen, MN.
- Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>: St. Mary's Cathedral Block Party. Outdoor Mass at 4 pm, live music, food, raffles, bingo, festival games for everyone! Diamond Back will play at 7 pm.
- Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>: Fall Crawl at Powder Ridge in Kimball. 5 k'ish Course so you can run, walk, or crawl to taste beer and wine from breweries of the area. Pre-purchase your tickets online at Powder Ridge!
- Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>: St. Anne's of Kimball Annual Fall Festival. Polka Mass at 9 am with music by Lavern & The Starlights. Breakfast served from 9 am to noon. Hamburgers and food stands open from 10 am to 3 pm. Fun for Everyone!
- Sunday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>: St. Anthony of St. Cloud Sunday Breakfast from 8 am to Noon. Sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes and more.