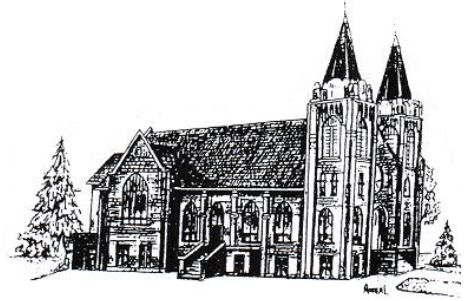


# CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2019



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Oct 12	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Oct 13	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Katherine Caskey
Oct 14	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Weekday	
Oct 15	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Ardella Flaschenriem
Oct 16	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Weekday	
Oct 17	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	St. Ignatius	S & S Stang Family Intention
Oct 18	Friday	NO MASS	St. Luke	
Oct 19	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	MCCL – Pro Life
Oct 20	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Spiczka & Beckius Families

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
Oct 19 at 7:30 pm	Judi Schreiner	Katelyn Utecht Volunteer	Ralph Schreiner Jack Rausch	Judi Schreiner
Oct 20 at 8:00 am	Trish Ludwig Marion Frank Elmer Frank	Caden Neiman Landon Neiman	Jerry Boeckmann Paul Ludwig	Shirley Lutgen

## Fall Breakfast at St. Nicholas

The Fall Breakfast at St. Nicholas will be held on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 am Mass.

There will also be a MCCL Bake Sale. If you would like to donate any baked goods, please bring them to the Church basement before Mass that day. Group 1 will be hosting this breakfast.

## MASS TIME CHANGE STARTING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

It is that time of the year again! SUNDAY Mass times will change with St. Anne's on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 8:00 am Mass will be at St. Anne's and the 10:00 am Mass will be at St. Nicholas. Saturday times will remain the same.



## Stewardship of Treasure October 6, 2019

Adult	\$1,255.00	(32 of 162 envelopes)
Youth	0.00	(0 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	298.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,553.00</b>	



Energy Needs	\$20.00 (1 gift)
Propagation of Faith	\$20.00 (1 gift)

**Gospel Connection:** To mark her grandmother's 100th birthday, Deborah and her family decided to throw a party. Her grandmother had outlived her husband and siblings and friends, so Deborah worried that the turnout would be too small — but a warm flock of people came from Philadelphia, Omaha and Los Angeles to celebrate their grandmother. An uncle toted "Happy Birthday" cookies from his bakery in Texas through two airports; a student from Gram's junior high English class 60 years ago came. Guests arrived all morning. At one point, the doorbell rang and Deborah opened the door to a couple, perhaps in their sixties. He carried a bouquet of red roses, she cradled a beautiful gift box. "Do you recognize us?" he asked. It took a moment, but Deborah recognized them. And it brought tears to her eyes.

Boris and Ethel emigrated from Russia to Brooklyn in the 1980s and the couple were her grandmother's tenants for 11 years. She charged them an astonishingly small amount to live in her downstairs apartment. Natural teacher that Gram was, she helped them with English and acclimating to life in America, while they helped with shopping, errands and home repairs. They remained friends and Boris and Ethel called Gram every so often. They had happened to call a few weeks before, and Gram invited her to the party. They wanted to come but were dealing with elderly parents of their own. But Boris and Ethel showed up, driving eight hours to salute their former landlady and friend. Deborah could not stop crying for the rest of the party. Deborah Milstein writes of the party for her grandmother, beloved by so many: "That a couple would travel such a distance, toting roses and a Russian shawl, to visit a former landlady — of all minor associations — struck me: later in life, how mundane a relationship is so valuable. When company is scarce, when our contemporaries are gone, we will be blessed by the kindnesses we've shown . . . While we can, we gather. They all matter: friends, acquaintances, colleagues, students, tenants. When we can no longer meet new people, all the bonds we've formed count. We need company on the journey, to help blow out the candles when there are so many on our cake." [From "The Warmth of 100 Candles" by Deborah Milstein, *The Boston Globe Magazine*, August 11, 2019.]

A simple birthday party becomes an occasion for expressing gratitude for a life centered in generosity and kindness. Gratitude is a practice — a way of approaching life — that is grounded in the conviction that God has breathed his life into us for no other reason than love so deep we cannot begin to fathom it, and that the only fitting response we can make to such inexplicable and unmerited love is to stand humbly before God in quiet, humble gratitude. We may not realize it or appreciate them at the time, but we have been blessed by many individuals whose presence in our life has contributed to making us who we are — and, though we seldom think of ourselves as the answer to anyone's prayer, we have been a blessing to others in small and hidden ways. Like the Samaritan leper who gives thanks for the miracle that has taken place in his life, we, too, can be transformed by such joyful gratitude once we realize God's loving presence in every human heart.

**Religious Education:** There will **NOT** be class on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and the Class with the Living Rosary will be on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. **TEACHERS:** Father will have a teacher Blessing at Mass on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the 8:00 am Mass for all teachers of Religious Education.

**Visitor for Weekend Masses:** Madi Field will be joining us at this weekend's Masses. Madi is from Eden Valley and is joining the Discalced Carmelites of the Holy Name of Jesus in Denmark, WI. This is a cloistered community. She will speak on her experiences. She is one of 16 Aspirants in the 17<sup>th</sup> Class. Please welcome Madi THIS week!

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Holy Mass is the foundation of Catholic spiritual life, inviting the faithful to open themselves to an outpouring of God's grace. Because of your generosity, the TV Mass is broadcast to homes and care facilities in 60 counties and reaches countless others online. Your generosity makes this possible. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Go to: [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal), or mail donations to PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

**Readings for the Week:** Monday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>: Rom 1:1-7 / Lk 11:11:29-32

Tuesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>: Rom 1:16-25 / Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>: Rom 2:1-11 / Lk 11:42-46

Thursday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>: Rom 3:21-30 / Lk 11:47-54

Friday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>: 2 Tm 4:10-17b / Lk 10:1-9

## Community Events:

- Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>: St. Anthony Church (St. Cloud) Christian Mothers Rummage Sale from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>: Rosary Rally & Eucharistic Service of Prayer & Praise. Join Bishop Kettler walking and praying from St. Augustine's Church to St. Mary's Cathedral. It begins at 2 pm in the St. Augustine's Unity Garden.
- Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>: KC Monthly Breakfast at St. Boniface Parish in Cold Spring. Serving eggs, hash browns, ham, sausage, cinnamon bread, fruit, sweet roll and beverage from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.
- Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>: The 177 Project – An Evening of Adoration and Music at St. Boniface in Cold Spring from 7 – 9 pm. Free!
- October 17 – 19: St. Boniface Christian Women's Annual Rummage and Clothing Drive for Fall. Oct 17: 1 – 7 pm, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>: 8 am to 7 pm. Oct 19<sup>th</sup>: 8 am to 10 am.
- Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>: St. Wendelin's (Luxemburg) Comedy Night with Tommy Ryman. Doors open at 6 pm with a show time of 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 at the door. All proceeds go to St. Wendelin's Catholic School.
- Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud serving from 8 am to Noon. Sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes and more!
- Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: Bouja & Chicken Noodle Soup at St. Anthony's in Watkins. Serving from 8:30 am till noon. You may pre-order by the gallon by calling Larry Flaschenriem at 320-764-2965.
- Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>: Fall Festival at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Opole, MN from 6 – 9:30 pm. Food, Fun & Fellowship. Kids games, bingo, raffle, country store, bake sale, silent auction and more!
- Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>: Annual Quilt Bingo in the St. Anthony Parish Center, St. Cloud. Roast beef sandwiches & Hot dogs will be sold starting at 5 pm. Over 40 handmade quilts starting at 6 pm.
- Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>: Women's Night of Worship at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Upsala. Join them for a night of prayer, adoration and fellowship. Refreshments to follow, childcare is available.