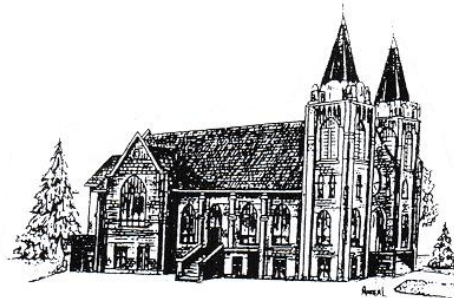


CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2019



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MASS SCHEDULE

Oct 5	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Richard Schmitt & Family
Oct 6	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Eugene Schutz
Oct 7	Monday	{SA} NO MASS	Our Lady of the Rosary	
Oct 8	Tuesday	{SN} NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 9	Wednesday	{SA} NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 10	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Weekday	+Alverna & Oliver Hennen
Oct 11	Friday	NO MASS	Weekday	
Oct 12	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Oct 13	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Katherine Caskey

****There will be NO DAILY MASSES ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY this week.****
Father will be at the Priest retreat in Alexandria. If you need to reach Father, please contact Brenda at 320-493-3957.

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
Oct 12 at 7:30 pm	Brenda Kraemer	Derek Utecht Volunteer	Laverne Ludwig Art Faber	Brenda Kraemer
Oct 13 at 8:00 am	Shirley Lutgen Mary Caskey Mike Kuechle	Michael Bautch Volunteer	Ron Stang Don Dufner	Doug Caskey



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED NICKTOBERFEST! Look for this event again next year!

2019 Annual Directory & Financial Report Booklet: the Annual Financial Statement and Parish Directory booklet is available for pick up on the back table at Church. Please take one per family. If there are any questions, please contact Brenda in the Parish Office.

Stewardship of Treasure September 29, 2019

Adult	\$XXX	(40 of 162 envelopes)
Youth	XXX	(1 of 45 envelopes)
Loose	XXX	
TOTAL	\$XXXXX	



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\$XXX (1 gift)

Gospel Connection: FBI agent Troy Sowers recently retired after 22 years of service. He expected nothing more than “doughnuts and coffee” at his retirement party. But his colleagues arranged something much bigger. When Sowers was a rookie agent working in Seattle, he and police were called when a baby was kidnapped from a Washington hospital by a woman impersonating a nurse. The kidnapper was soon apprehended, and Sowers managed to convince her to lead him to the baby. She had left the infant in a box next to a restaurant dumpster. Sowers rushed to the restaurant hoping the baby was still alive when they found him. “We knew [the baby] had been out there for several hours. When I picked him up, he was not crying, but just nuzzled right into my neck and I knew he was fine.” The medical crew arrived shortly and took the baby away. A senior agent told rookie Sowers, “Troy, I’ve got to tell you, something like that — you’ll never do anything better than that.”

The case stuck with Sowers and, over the years, he wondered what had happened to the child he rescued. At his retirement, he found out. His fellow agents tracked down the “baby” — now 22 years old — and invited him to the retirement party. And so, FBI Agent Troy Sowers was reunited with Stewart Rembert, now a corporal in the United States Marine Corps. “My parents wanted me to give you a hug,” Rembert told the stunned FBI agent. “Thank you for giving me an opportunity to have a life.

“It’s crazy to think that without his efforts, I wouldn’t even be here today. I wouldn’t be a Marine. My family wouldn’t be the same. . . I’m just super excited and honored to meet this man today,” Corporal Rembert said. Agent Sowers said the reunion was “probably one of the best surprises I’ve ever had. I’m glad [to see] what you’ve done with your life,” he told Rembert. “Pass it on.” [NBC News, August 9, 2010.]

Mustard-seed faith enables us to do many more important things than uprooting mulberry trees. Such faith is the unshakable conviction that every ordinary act of selfless kindness can re-create and transform; that the smallest act of forgiveness can lift up and heal; that the simplest act of compassion, done in faith and trust in God’s providence, can transform our world in the justice and peace of God. Agent Sowers’ dedication, compassion and empathy resulted in the blossoming of a great “mulberry” in the life of the child he fought to save. Christ calls us to embrace such “mustard seed” faith: to believe that whatever generosity and kindness we are capable of, done in the spirit of Gospel reconciliation, justice and peace, will one day yield the harvest that is the reign of God.

Religious Education: The next class will be Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7:00 in the Parish House. **SCHEDULE CHANGE:** There will not be class on Wednesday, October 16th and the Class with the Living Rosary will be on Wednesday, October 23rd. **TEACHERS:** Father will have a teacher Blessing at Mass on Sunday, October 13th at the 8:00 am Mass for all teachers of Religious Education.

Visitor for Weekend Masses: Madi Field will be joining us at the weekend Masses on October 12th and 13th. 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 17th Class. Please welcome Madi next week!

Bishop’s Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal. As of September 26, the diocese raised \$1,226,013 in gifts and pledges. That is 94.31% of the Diocese’s goal of \$1,300,000. This is made possible through the donations of 7,371 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. **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, or mail donations to PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

Readings for the Week: Monday, Oct 7th: Jon 1:-1-2:2, 11 / Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, Oct 8th: Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, Oct 9th: Jon 4:1-11 / Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, Oct 10th: Mal 3:13-20b / Lk 11:5-13

Friday, Oct 11th: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 / Lk 11:15-26

Community Events:

- Saturday, October 12th: St. Anthony Church (St. Cloud) Christian Mothers Rummage Sale from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Sunday, October 13th: 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 13th: 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 13th: 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. 18th: 8 am to 7 pm. Oct 19th: 8 am to 10 am.
- Saturday, October 19th: 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 20th: Breakfast at St. Anthony Parish in St. Cloud serving from 8 am to Noon. Sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes and more!
- Friday, October 25th: 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 27th: 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 28th: 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.