

CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Ascension of the Lord

May 8, 2016



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MASS SCHEDULE

May 7	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Ascension of the Lord	+Irene Kraemer
May 8	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	Ascension of the Lord	+Jake Foehrenbacher
May 9	Monday	{SA} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	
May 10	Tuesday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Genny Bisnsfeld
May 11	Wednesday	{SA} 8:30 am	Easter Weekday	
May 12	Thursday	{SN} 8:00 am	Easter Weekday	+Al Pung
May 13	Friday	NO MASS	Easter Weekday	
May 14	Saturday	{SN} 7:30 pm	Pentecost Sunday	+Fr. Daniel Taufen
May 15	Sunday	{SN} 8:00 am	Pentecost Sunday	People of the Parish

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
May 14 at 7:30 pm	Elmer Neu	Damian Lincoln Connor Lincoln	Tom Landwehr Phil Vossen	Anita Neu
May 15 at 8:00 am	Trish Ludwig Leo Klaers Jeff Theis	Luke Ludwig Maggie Ludwig	Orville Cremers Paul Ludwig	Shirley Lutgen

Benefit for Jeff Pauls: Jeff has had quite a journey this last year! In December of 2014, Jeff had knee surgery to replace his artificial knee. Since then, he has had 3 more knee surgeries due to a staph infection from the initial procedure. In January, 2016, Jeff was diagnosed with a rare & advance case of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. The "Burnout Cancer" Car Show & Dinner will be on **Saturday, May 21st** in Marty, MN. The Car Show is 1 – 4 pm, Silent Auction & Wine Pull from 1 – 8 pm, Pork Chop Dinner from 4 – 8 pm. For more information about the benefit, to donate silent auction items, or tickets to the Dinner, please contact Heather Pauls 320-241-5760, Nicki Holthaus 320-293-0301 or Glen Pauls 320-764-9202.

Banns of Marriage I: The wedding of Tom Linn and Molly Manthe will take place here at St. Nicholas on Saturday, May 28th.

Gather 4 Good: Catholic Untied Financial invites you to join them to Gather4Good on May 15th at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring, MN. At Gather4Good events, people of all ages comet together to assemble care kits that are distributed to homeless and domestic abuse shelters. Care kits provide a sense of normalcy, dignity, and hope to people in extreme desperation and need. The goal for the day is to bring together the Cold Spring and surrounding communities to pack 2000 kits on May 15th. Register online at gather4good.org and come join Catholic United Financial for a great afternoon of service! See the attached flyer!



Stewardship of Treasure May 1, 2016

Adult	\$1,509.00 (36 of 162 envelopes)	Energy Needs	\$50.00 (1 gift)
Youth	1.00 (2 of 45 envelopes)	Home Mission	\$30.00 (2 gifts)
Loose	89.00	Votive Stand	\$89.00
TOTAL	\$1,599.00		



Gospel Connection: In an essay in a recent issue of *Commonweal* [March 25, 2016], Margaret O'Brien Steinfelds recounts this phone conversation with her adult daughter: Daughter: "What was the name of the café on the corner of our block?" Mom: "Café? On our block? There was a filthy supermarket. When was this?" Daughter: "Jane [a friend] worked there in the late seventies when she was in high school." Mom: "She thinks it was on the corner?" Daughter (emphatically): "It was on the corner. I can see it. I remember it, just not the name." Time to line up some informants for crowd-recall, Mom decides. She asks the person who has been living in their building the longest. Like Mom, he remembers only the filthy supermarket. Next, the upstairs neighbor - she remembers neither supermarket nor café, but will ask her husband. Daughter phones again: "Jane thinks that it had the word butter in its name." Mom: "Bread and Butter? Butter and Jelly? Peanut Butter and Jelly?" Daughter: "No, no and no." Mom is now on a mission. The upstairs neighbor calls back. Her husband thinks he remembers something. "What's the French word for butter?" she asks. *Beurre*, Mom replies. Mom repeats the word, and she hears the husband in the background. Eureka! That's it: "Au Petit Beurre." The power of "crowd recall" and community memory.

This little exchange mirrors what it means to be church: to come together to remember the love of God revealed in his Risen Christ. In our small efforts to follow Jesus, in our everyday kindnesses in imitation of him, in our struggles to forgive and reconcile and heal and mend, we remember the Jesus of the Gospels and, in that memory, are inspired to follow him by the work of our Baptisms: to fill in the blanks for one another, to supply our own missing pieces to make for a complete and loving whole, bound together in God's grace.

Liturgical Meeting: There will be a Liturgical Meeting on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend!

Eucharistic Ministers: Starting in May, there will only be one Eucharistic Minister scheduled for each Mass on Saturday evenings. There were a couple of people that took themselves off of the list, so instead of having the Saturday Mass volunteers scheduled very often, it was decided to only use one extra person. **If you are interested in helping out and become a Eucharistic Minister, please speak to Fr. Tom!**

Assumption (Grasshopper) Chapel: The Annual Novena Masses for good weather and crops at the Assumption Chapel in Cold Spring will be held EVERY Thursday in May and June. Rosary will be at 7:00 pm with Mass at 7:30 pm. If the weather is bad, Mass will be held at St. Boniface Church in Cold Spring.

Christian Women Card/Stamp Collection: The Christian Women were participating in a service project to collect the fronts of greeting cards and "used" stamps. This has now ended! Thank you for your donations! They will be sent in to the Sisters of the Ministry of the Poor and St. Jude's Ranch for Children.

Incense will be used: Incense will be used during the Pentecost Mass on May 14th & 15th.

Memorial Day Mass: The Memorial Day Mass this year, held on Monday, May 30th at 9:00 am, will be at the St. Nicholas Cemetery. Please bring a chair. In case of rain, the Mass will be in the Church.

"Blue Mass" Bishop Kettler invites all parishioners to the St. Cloud Diocese's first "Blue Mass" to honor, thank and pray for all emergency responders. It is important for us to gather and pray for those who serve and to give thanks for their service. The Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, May 19th at the Cathedral in St. Cloud at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow.

St. Nick Baseball: The St. Nicholas Amateur team will play their next game on Sunday, May 8 in Kimball at 2 pm. The next home game will be Friday, May 13th against Richmond at 6:15 pm.

Readings for the Week: Monday, May 9th: Acts 19:17-27 / Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 10th: Acts 20: 17-27 / Jn 17: 1-11b

Wednesday, May 11th: Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 12th: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17: 20-26

Friday, May 13th: Acts 25: 13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19

Community Events:

- St. Anthony Thrift Store in Watkins has a large variety of clothing, household goods, craft items, books, toys & more. Located in the Church Basement. Open Thursday & Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to Noon. Come and check it out!
- Sunday, May 8th: Breakfast at St. Boniface Parish Center, Cold Spring sponsored by the K of C. Serving sausage, ham, has browns, eggs, pastries, cinnamon bread, etc. from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Proceeds support charitable activities.

Happy
Mother's
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A Mother's Prayer

Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, pray for all mothers, so that they will be able to fulfill their maternal responsibilities. Help them to be lovers and nurturers of all human life from the moment of conception until natural death, all the while being examples for their own children. Pray for their children, so that they, too, will be faithful followers of Your Son. We offer these prayers in Jesus' name, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

**All Mothers, Grandmothers, Great Grand-
Mothers: Enjoy the beautiful
day that God made!**