



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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**PREP:**  
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Grades 3 - 8 Mon 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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### Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 8:30 AM  
Tuesday: 6:30 PM (Latin Mass)

**Please see Christmas schedule inside**

### Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday: 9 AM - 6:30 PM  
Benediction: 6:30 PM

### Confessions:

Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM  
Tuesday: 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM  
(other times by appointment)

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — "Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."  
(2 Sm 28:16)

**Psalms** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

**Second Reading** — The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

**Gospel** — "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31)



## ***Message from our Pastor:***

Dear Parishioners,

I offer to you and your loved ones my prayers and best wishes for a very Blessed and Merry Christmas. I pray the joy of this day may fill your hearts. What a wondrous gift the Lord's birth is for us! As we reflect on this day, we realize how different our King is from every other king who has lived. In the innocence and simplicity of a baby, He disarms us and conquers our hearts. I encourage you to take a few moments this Christmas season to pray before the Christmas crib, and there to see and ponder the simple and humble way the Lord came into this world. His desire is to enter our hearts as He enters this world. Please join me in praying this Christmas that more people will open their hearts to Our Lord's tender love. What we need, each of us personally, and the world, what we need most is Christ, to follow Him, to follow His way. His is the only way that leads us to true and lasting peace. Again as we pause before that Christmas crib, may we join in prayer that His peace will reign in the hearts and minds of all peoples.

Peace- Father Adam



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### **A Father's (Husband's) Christmas Crib Home Blessing**

*(This prayer is to be used by fathers or husbands in leading family prayer around the Christmas Crib, perhaps before the first family meal of Christmas or anytime during the season)*

**The Father of the family (or husband)** begins with the sign of the Cross and says:

"Our Help is in the Name of the Lord"

**All reply:** Who Made Heaven and Earth

Then the **father reads** Luke 2:1-8, *The Birth of Jesus*

After the reading, with hands joined, **the father says:**

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.



## Mass Intentions:

Sat 12/23	4:30 PM	Barbara Caserta (William Caserta)
Sun 12/24	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Tommy Pignataro (Lisa & Tom Pignataro)
	4:30 PM	All People of the Parish
	6:30 PM	All People of the Parish
	10:00 PM	All People of the Parish
Mon 12/25	9:30 AM	All People of the Parish
Tues 12/26	6:30 PM	Alice Jack (Family)
Wed 12/27	8:30 AM	All Holy Souls in Purgatory (Kay Hanzl)
Thu 12/28	8:30 AM	Charlie Wagner (Gloria Wagner)
Fri 12/29	No Mass	
Sat 12/30	4:30 PM	People of the Parish
Sun 12/31	8:30 AM	Special Intention (Cindy Saab)
	10:30 AM	Thomas Papay Sr. (Joanne Kochmaruk)



### Tabernacle Candle Intentions

To reserve one of the Lamps for a weekly intention, donation is \$10.

### Altar Wine and Bread

You are able to reserve in your name the Altar Wine and Bread used throughout the week for all the Masses. Donation is \$20.



### Blessed Mother or St. Joseph Flowers

Each arrangement is a donation of \$35. Stop by or call the parish office.



### Week of December 24 to 30

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of*

***Wednesday Adorers***

***St. Nicholas Memorial Society***

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of*

***Wednesday Adorers***



## We Need Your Help!

If you or you know a parishioner that is homebound or is in or going into in a nursing home or personal care facility, please let us know by calling the Parish Office.

## Prayer is Powerful!

Call Dolores 610-767-2013 or e-mail [dkine224@gmail.com](mailto:dkine224@gmail.com) with your prayer requests or join our Prayer Chain; feel the power and grace of prayer.

We are pleased to announce that our prayer list is now connected with Sacred Heart Church in Palmerton and is on a **Universal Prayer Chain**. This is a HUGE step for us because those on our prayer list will be having prayers said for them all over the world...Praise God!

**If you know of someone in the hospital or homebound** Please call the parish office, 610-767-3107, so someone can visit them.

Please keep in your prayers our Parishioners who are sick, and those who are waiting for or recovering from surgery.

Also, please pray for our military Men and Women and their families; they give so much so we can enjoy our Freedom!



## Observances for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Wednesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

DECEMBER		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thurs. 12/28	9:30am	Terry Rice, Lisa Pignataro, Diane Turner

## Caring Hands Knit-Crochet Group

We create comforting items to be donated to those in need within our area. For example: prayer shawls, lap robes, cancer hats, preemie & newborn hats and blankets...etc.

Join us the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10am-12pm in the social hall. If you are interested or have any questions please contact: Krista Ambrosino @ 484.597.3685

Please call the parish center office at 610-767-3107 if you would like to suggest the name of someone who would benefit from one of our items.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve:

Sunday 24th at 4:30PM, 6:30PM and 10PM

### Christmas Morning:

Monday 25th at 9:30AM

## Blessing of Wine on the Feast of St. John the Apostle

Please bring your bottles of wine on Dec 27th, either for the morning 8:30 Mass or for the conclusion of Benediction at 6:30PM and we will impart the traditional St. John's Blessing for Wine. As wine is used for occasions of joy and unity, we bless this fruit of the vine, that all who partake of your bottle may be filled with joy and be united in peace.



## Parish Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Holy Rosary:** Saturday & Sunday: 30 minutes before Mass. Monday & Thursday: 9AM.

Tuesday: 6PM. Wednesday & Fridays: 3PM (*immediately after the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*).

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Every Wednesday & Friday at 3PM.

## Eucharist Adoration

Jesus still waits for us in the tabernacle. Please spend time with our Lord, in Eucharistic Adoration.

Eucharistic Adoration is every Wednesday between 8:30AM and 6:30PM.

Adoration is powerful! Thank you to everyone who reaffirmed their commitment to spend at least 30 minutes with the Lord per month! Indeed, we are still seeking new (30-minute) commitments to our monthly Adoration schedule on any given Wednesday of the month (*between the hours of 09:30 to 6:30PM*) by signing the clipboards on the table in the vestibule.



<i>Lector Ministry Schedule</i>		
	<b>December 30-31</b>	<b>January 6-7</b>
<b>Sat 4:30 PM</b>	Michael Semler	Kate Holland
<b>Sun 8:30 AM</b>	Jeanette Noakes	Barbara Schmidt
<b>Sun 10:30 AM</b>	Brianna Pereira	Sue Hankee

## Please NOTE!

The St. Nicholas parish office will be closed the week of Christmas December 25 thru January 2.



## Bible Study Thursdays

John's vision of the Ark of the Covenant (*Revelation 11:19*) is immediately followed by a "sign": a woman who personifies the Ark (*Revelation 12:01*). Within her womb, Mary holds the contents of the Ark earlier foreshadowed: (1) The Word of God (*the Ten Commandments*); (2) The Living Bread (*manna*); and (3) the Great High Priest (*Aaron's rod*). Importantly, just as the Ark was a sign of God's actual presence within Israel, Immanuel (*God with us*) is a sign of God's presence on earth. Mary, ***now assumed and glorified in heaven***, is an image of the Church (*a sign of hope and comfort to Christians of all that awaits them in their final union with Jesus*). **To learn more, please join our upcoming Bible Studies on Thursdays at 6:30PM** (01/04, 01/18, and 02/01/2024).

## Caring Cardmaking ♥ ♥ ♥

Our card making team at St. Nicks (Caring Cards) is in full swing. If you know of someone who is having surgery, is ill, is homebound or in a nursing home or hospice please contact us with their names and addresses so that we can get a card off to them. We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month at 10:30 in the social hall.

You can contact Pat Hunsicker at (610) 824-4017 or you can text or call cell phone (484) 464-7265. We don't want to miss anyone so please help if you can. Thank you.

