

**St. Nicholas**  
**50** Years as a Parish  
**1974 - 2024**



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Nm 11:29)

**Psalms** — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

**Second Reading** — Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away. (Jas 5:1-2)

**Gospel** — "There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us." (Mk 9:39-40)

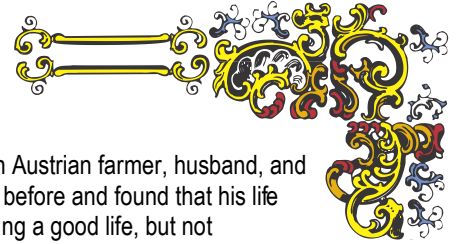
## Mass Schedule:

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

**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)

# A Message from Our Pastor:



Dear Parishioners,

I came across the excerpt below from a book by Blessed Franz Jägerstätter, who was an Austrian farmer, husband, and father who was executed in 1943, for refusing to serve in the Nazi army. I had never heard of him before and found that his life and martyrdom were truly remarkable. In his early life he was a rather ordinary faithful Catholic, living a good life, but not extraordinarily pious or devout. This seems to have gradually changed, he was becoming more and more devout, so much so that when he married in 1936, he and his new bride, Franziska, a deeply religious woman, honeymooned in Rome and received the blessing of Pope Pius XI. Soon after returning home he became the sacristan of his parish and began receiving Holy Communion Daily. Already an avid reader, he began thinking and pondering his faith and how to put faith into practice each day. While much of Austria was beginning to follow the tide of Nazism, Franz became ever more rooted in his Catholic faith and placed his complete trust in God. While carrying out his duties as husband and breadwinner for his wife and three daughters, this ordinary man began thinking deeply about obedience to legitimate authority and obedience to God, about mortal life and eternal life and about Jesus' suffering and Passion. Franz was neither a revolutionary nor part of any resistance movement, but in 1938 he was the only local citizen to vote against the "Anschluss" (annexation of Austria by Germany), because his conscience prevailed over the path of least resistance. Franz Jägerstätter was called up for military service and sworn in on 17 June 1940. Shortly thereafter, thanks to the intervention of his mayor, he was allowed to return to the farm. Later, he was in active service from October 1940 to April 1941, until the mayor's further intervention permitted his return home. He became convinced that participation in the war was a serious sin and decided that any future call-up had to be met with his refusal to fight. "It is very sad", he wrote, "to hear again and again from Catholics that this war waged by Germany is perhaps not so unjust because it will wipe out Bolshevism.... But now a question: what are they fighting in this Country - Bolshevism or the Russian People? "When our Catholic missionaries went to a pagan country to make them Christians, did they advance with machine guns and bombs in order to convert and improve them?... If adversaries wage war on another nation, they have usually invaded the country not to improve people or even perhaps to give them something, but usually to get something for themselves.... If we were merely fighting Bolshevism, these other things - minerals, oil wells or good farmland - would not be a factor".

Jägerstätter was at peace with himself despite the alarm he could have experienced witnessing the masses' capitulation to Hitler. Mesmerized by the National Socialist propaganda machine, many people knelt when Hitler made his entrance into Vienna. Catholic Churches were forced to fly the swastika flag and subjected to other abusive laws. In February 1943 Franz was called up again for military service. He presented himself at the induction centre on 1 March 1943 and announced his refusal to fight, offering to carry out non-violent services: this was denied him.

He was held in custody at Linz in March and April, transferred to Berlin-Tegel in May and subject to trial on 6 July 1943 when he was condemned to death for sedition. The prison chaplain was struck by the man's tranquil character. On being offered the New Testament, he replied: "I am completely bound in inner union with the Lord, and any reading would only interrupt my communication with my God".

On 9 August, before being executed, Franz wrote: "If I must write... with my hands in chains, I find that much better than if my will were in chains. Neither prison nor chains nor sentence of death can rob a man of the Faith and his free will. God gives so much strength that it is possible to bear any suffering.... People worry about the obligations of conscience as they concern my wife and children. But I cannot believe that, just because one has a wife and children, a man is free to offend God".

Franz Jägerstätter, who would not bow his head to Hitler, instead he bowed his head to God, and the guillotine took care of the rest. A man who put his faith into action, a true martyr for Christ. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007.

Peace -Father Adam

## Why has God created us? by Blessed Franz Jägerstätter

That we might serve him, love him, and worship him in order to become eternally happy. Is God pleased when we meditate frequently on eternal happiness? It would very much displease God if we were to reflect only a little on heaven. Eternal joy, eternal delight, light without darkness, and everything eternal without end. If we meditate often on all of this, then sacrifice in our lives will become easier. However, heaven was not always open to us. It was closed to us because of the sin of the first human being. But God has had mercy on us. ... God is so compassionate that the greatest sinner need no longer doubt it. Yet we should not take advantage of God's compassion, for death can come to us unexpectedly. The examination of conscience! How have I sinned today in my thoughts? In my words? In my deeds? Through omission?

God's love for us human beings is so great that we can never comprehend it with our human understanding. Although we often offend God and even seriously offend him, God still persistently loves us. Otherwise, God would not time and again forgive us. Could we imagine a greater love? And we have not yet said enough about this love and forgiveness. Christ has even made atonement for our sins. He has freely taken on himself the greatest suffering that a human being could bear. And if that were not enough, Jesus Christ also sacrifices himself countless times every day on our altars in order to reconcile us with God the Father. Jesus even offers himself as food and wants to come to us sinful human beings. Now we must see our love of our neighbor in relation to God's love of us. Shouldn't we Christians become increasingly like to Christ? Although we shall never be offended so horribly by other human beings as we offend God, we are far—in relation to God—from forgiving our neighbors. We would never speak ill of our neighbors if we would truly care for them. Therefore, love of our neighbors is the greatest act of gratitude that we can show God for his love. Love is the first thing that God requires of us, and whoever walks in love remains in God and God in them!





## Mass Intentions:

Sat 9/28	4:30 PM	Margaret Kroboth (Elaine Jenkins)
Sun 9/29	8:30 AM	John Beginnes (Mary Woytko)
	10:30 AM	Catherine Niedziecki (Carl Niedziecki)
Mon 9/30	8:30 AM	James C. Rockel (Robert A. Bird)
Tues 10/1	6:30 PM	Felicia Dorman (Christina Dorman)
Wed 10/2	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Thu 10/3	8:30 AM	Sister Teresa Houlihan (Theresa Taddeo)
Fri 10/4	No mass	
Sat 10/5	4:30 PM	Jean & Fred Barlow (Kate Adams)
Sun 10/6	8:30 AM	Alois Badura (Elaine Jenkins)
	10:30 AM	James Karmonick (Elaine Jenkins)

## Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

9/15	Collection Envelopes	\$5,943.00
	<b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,352.00</b>
	Preservation & Restoration	\$265.00
	Mission Appeal	\$1,746.00
	School	\$648.00



### Miraculous Medal Novena

The prayers of the Miraculous Medal Novena are prayed publicly in our parish every Wednesday after the evening Benediction at 6:30PM. We offer public praying of the Miraculous Medal Novena as a perpetual novena of prayer as a part of the spiritual life of our parish. Please come and join together each Wednesday as we pray this beautiful prayer as a weekly devotion.

### St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour

**Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month  
6-7PM**

We come together to pray for those who have fallen away from the Faith!



### 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.



### 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 Sept. 29 to Oct. 5

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of  
**Susan Johnson (Kate Adams)***

***Wednesday Adorers***

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of  
**St. Nicholas Memorial Society***

## Caring Hands Celebrates 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary!

A total of 949 items were created by loving hands and sent forward to give comfort to many in our community.

**Thank you to the 20+ members who give their time and talent in such a meaningful way.**

We create comforting items to be donated to those in need within our area, such as prayer shawls, lap robes, cancer hats, premie & 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.



## 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.

## Boy Scouts

**Boys Scouts** meet Thursdays at 7 PM in the social hall. For more information, please call Mike, 610-824-6556.

St. Nicholas



## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

### 50th Anniversary Mass Celebration

at St Nicholas Catholic Church

Sunday, November 17 at 10:30 am

Presider Bishop Alfred A. Schlert and Father Adam Sedar

### Followed in the afternoon by the Gala Event

**Time/Location:** 1 pm Woodstone Country Club, 3777 Dogwood Rd, Danielsville PA.

**Gala Cost:** \$60 per Adult - \$30 for Children (5 - 12 years old) - Under 5 is free.

Enjoy a delicious meal, then an afternoon mingling with your fellow parishioners while you listen to a live band and take part in the silent auction. See the slide show to view how much St. Nicholas Church has grown through the years.

For ticket payments, event details, and Sponsorship/Donation/Advertising in our program book opportunities: <https://www.stnicholaswalnutport.org/Anniversary.htm>  
Or email: [event@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:event@stnicholaswalnutport.org)

**SPECIAL NEED**

### Gala Menu:

- ◆ Appetizer - Assorted Bruschetta
- ◆ Buffet Style Dinner includes Garden Salad, Bourbon Glazed Salmon, Tenderloin Tips Stroganoff, Rice Pilaf, Haricoverts (French Green Beans), Glazed Carrots
- ◆ Dessert Table by St. Nicholas Church
- ◆ Coffee/decaf/iced tea/lemonade
- ◆ Cash Bar

### Opportunities to Help Make the Celebration a Success

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Committee is seeking **photos of the Church/Congregation** and volunteers for **desserts for the event**.

For photos contact Robert Stettner at 610-554-4099.  
**You can also email digital photos to [event@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:event@stnicholaswalnutport.org)**

For desserts, please sign-up on the clipboards by the church doors or contact Lisa Pignataro at 610-737-4716 or email: [event@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:event@stnicholaswalnutport.org)

## Gala Reservation Form for those not reserving your place on-line (Please Print)

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Please place me at the table with: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount

Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying in installments: ☐

I paid extra to help someone who could not afford a ticket: ☐

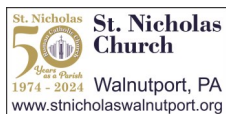
## 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE

ADULT-UNISEX SIZING—CHILDREN'S  
SIZING

**Sale ends November 1, 2024.**

Merchandise: Polo Shirt, Zip Hoodie,  
Pull Over Hoodie, T-Shirt, Bumper Magnet  
and Christmas Ornament.

Order forms and item description/cost can be found  
in the East and West Vestibules of St. Nicholas  
Church Walnutport.



Or Visit the Anniversary  
Page of the St. Nicholas  
Website to order on-line.



## Annual Blessing of Pets

We invite you to bring your pets  
for our annual Pet Blessing on  
Sunday, October 6th at 12:30 in  
the "BARKING" lot.

Hope to see you and your special friends!

## Open Your Pages to Frankenstein

Page Turners is thrilled to announce our  
next book club pick: Mary Shelley's  
timeless classic, "**Frankenstein.**"  
Whether you're revisiting this iconic tale  
or reading it for the first time, we promise  
an engaging and thought-provoking  
discussion. The 1818 and 1831 versions  
will be discussed beginning September 17-October 15.

Televised play on October 29. All meetings are at  
7:15pm in the Parish Center. Please contact  
[community@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org) for details.



## 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!

## St. Nicholas Food Pantry Is Open

Collections are on the third weekend of the month.  
If you know of a family or person that can use a hand  
at this time, please call the parish office.

## Coffee & Donuts This Weekend

Join us for a little socialization  
while enjoying Coffee and  
donuts, cheese and wine  
the weekend of  
September 28 and 29.



## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Dear parishioners of St. Nicholas,

It is that time of the year when we, once  
again, ask your support for the Annual  
K of C Baby Bottle Campaign to support  
LIFE. We donate ALL of the proceeds to two  
organizations, Cay Galgon Life Center of Bethlehem,  
and Care Net of Lehigh.

You can put change, dollars of any amount, or checks  
made out to **K of C #16656** in the baby bottles. On the  
checks, mark in the remarks column, "Baby Bottle  
Campaign".

The Knights of Columbus thank you very much for your  
generous support. May God Bless You.

Carl J. Niedzwiecki, Chancellor, St. Nicholas, K of C  
#16656



October		
Date	Time	Cleaning Volunteers
Thu. 10/3	5:30 PM	Mike & Donna Unger, Giovanna Noto
Thu. 10/10	9:30 AM	Tom & Lisa Pignataro, Diane Turner
Thu. 10/17	9:30 AM	Tony Scarselletti, Carl Litwin, Tim Gregory