

St. Nicholas
50 Years as a Parish
 1974 - 2024



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service
 1-800-276-1562 www.ReportBishopAbuse.org

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
 Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday:
 8:30 AM

Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:
 Wednesday: 9 AM - 6:30 PM
 Benediction: 6:30 PM

**See special schedule inside bulletin for
 40 hours adoration times.**

Confessions:
 Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM
 Monday: 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM
 (other times by appointment)



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

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TODAY'S READINGS

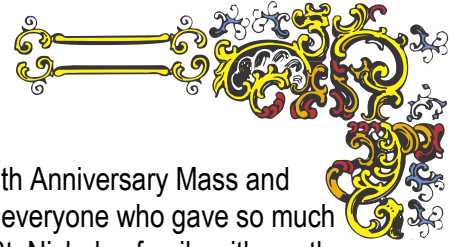
First Reading — "It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape." (Dn 12:1)

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Ps 16)

Second Reading — For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. (Heb 10:14)

Gospel — "And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." (Mk 13:27)

A Message from Our Pastor:



Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we welcome Bishop Schlert to our parish to celebrate our 50th Anniversary Mass and Gala. Our thanks to our bishop for joining us for this celebration and my thanks to everyone who gave so much time and effort to make this beautiful day come together. May the Lord bless our St. Nicholas family with another great fifty years together!

Tomorrow we begin our annual 40 Hours Adoration and Eucharistic Retreat. I cannot think of a more fitting way to cap our 50th Anniversary than to gather in prayer around our Eucharistic Lord. We begin on Monday with Exposition at 5:30PM, quiet prayer and time for confession until our evening liturgy at 6:30PM, at which we will have our first mediation by Father Keaton Eidle. On Tuesday and Wednesday exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place at the conclusion of the 8:30AM morning Mass and adoration will continue throughout each day until 6:30 PM when we will have our evening liturgy and Father Eidle will offer a mediation each evening. Please come and spend a little time with Our Lord.

What is Adoration? Eucharistic Adoration is when you spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration can be done when the Lord in the Holy Eucharist is present in the tabernacle or very often, Adoration is when the Holy Eucharist is made visible for the faithful to see. To start Eucharistic Adoration, the priest can uncover a ciborium containing the Sacred Hosts, the consecrated Eucharistic bread that is really Our Lord, or the priest places a Sacred Host in a special liturgical vessel called a monstrance, which comes from the Latin word to show. Placing the Sacred Host in a monstrance is called Exposition. You'll then have time with Jesus! During this time, you can pray in whatever way you want, bringing Jesus your needs, desires, fears, regrets, and more. "Exposed" Adoration usually ends with Benediction, a special blessing with the Blessed Sacrament. The priest approaches the altar, genuflects and kneels, then incenses the Monstrance from the kneeling position. He stands and faces the Eucharist while praying the closing prayer. Then wearing the humeral veil, a short vestment that covers his hands, the priest steps up and genuflects. He blesses the people using the monstrance or ciborium. The priest will then return the Eucharist to the Tabernacle, ending the time of Adoration. The priest wears the humeral veil to show that this Blessing comes from the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and is different from the blessings a priest can impart to people himself.

There is no wrong way to pray during adoration! You can talk to God about your personal intentions, seek spiritual guidance, or simply offer thanksgiving and adoration to God. It's a great time to practice *Lectio Divina*, prepare for the upcoming Sunday by reading the Scriptures ahead of time, or meditate on the mysteries of the rosary, or do some spiritual reading. Even just sitting in silence and allowing for God's presence to wash over you is an appropriate way to spend time in adoration!

The saints tell us very often of the benefits and importance of Eucharistic Adoration in our lives.

"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, 'Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do' . . . And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply." – St. Catherine Labouré.

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth." – St. Teresa of Calcutta.

I hope to see you at our Annual 40 Hours Adoration and Eucharistic Retreat!

Peace- Father Adam





Mass Intentions:

Sat 11/16	4:30 PM	Helen Anthony (Charlene & Robert Reilly)
Sun 11/17	8:30 AM	Frank Pecs (Gay Pecs)
	10:30 AM	Richard Augustine (Pat & Roland Hunsicker)
Mon 11/18	8:30 AM	Charles Wilson (living) (Cindy Saab)
Tues 11/19	8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
Wed 11/20	8:30 AM	Robert Andrejack (Faith Andrejack)
Thu 11/21	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Fri 11/22	No mass	
Sat 11/23	4:30 PM	Terry Macripo (Terry Rice)
Sun 11/24	8:30 AM	Janet & Lewis Kern (Kate Holland)
	10:30 AM	Dorthea Binder (Valerie Kressler)

Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

11/3	Collection Envelopes	\$7,470.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	All Souls	\$1,005.00
	Utility/Fuel	\$665.00



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.



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.

Week of November 17 to 23

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of
Wednesday Adorers*

St. Nicholas Memorial Society

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of
Wednesday Adorers*

Annual 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration and Retreat

November 18th, 19th & 20th with **Father Keaton Eidle**
"The Eucharist, Our Path to Holiness"

Father Eidle will offer a meditation each evening at 6:30PM, the theme of his talks will focus on how the Lord leads us to holiness through the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist

✠ **Nov 18th:**

Adoration will begin at 5:30PM with Confessions from 5:30-6:15PM.

Prayers, Meditation, and Benediction at **6:30PM**

✠ **Nov 19th:**

Adoration will begin at Morning Mass at 8:30AM and continue through the day.

Prayers, Meditation, and Benediction at **6:30PM**

✠ **Nov 20th:**

Adoration will begin at Morning Mass at 8:30AM and continue through the day.

Prayers, Meditation, and Benediction at **6:30PM**

Caring Hands Knit-Crochet Group

We create comforting items to be donated to those in need within our area, such as 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.



Women of Hope Retreat Malvern Retreat House March 14-16, 2025

"The Eucharist - Food for the Journey"

Ladies, join us for an inspiring weekend and renew your faith and relationship with the Lord. The retreat will be led by four dynamic and faithful women! You will be led in prayer, hear great talks, attend Mass & Adoration and much more.

Cost: \$275 includes overnight accommodations and meals. * \$75.00 deposit to secure your spot

*Virtual Option Available if 5 people register for Zoom
Cost is \$75 per person

Register at: malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400

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 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!

Ink Cartridges & Redner's Tapes

Save us \$\$\$! Place your used cartridges in the box in the portico and drop Redners Tapes in the box in the portico or in the collection basket. We will turn them in for credit!

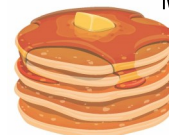


Knights of Columbus Council #16656

All You Can Eat Breakfast

**\$10 - Age 11 and up ■ \$6 Age 6-10 ■
Under 6 Free**

Pancakes
Sausage
Home Fries
Coffee/Tea/Juice



Made to order Omelets
Creamed Chip Beef
Ham
Toast

**Sunday, November 24, 2024
8am - 12:00pm**

In the St. Nicholas Social Hall

A Portion of the Proceeds will benefit St Nicholas Parish and Special Olympics.



50th 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.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Silent Auction

For those individuals attending the 50th Anniversary Gala, we invite you to bid on items offered by our Silent Auction table. The value of offerings will range from \$100 to \$500 payable at the day of the event. Winners can pay for items by cash, check or credit card.

BVMSN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Serving the parishioners and families of Assumption BVM and St. Nicholas Churches. We offer lower interest rate loans and financial counseling if you want to help clean up your credit. Your money is insured up to \$250,000. For more information, call the credit union at 484-272-2858 or stop by the St. Nicholas Rectory on Monday nights from 7pm-9pm. We are here for you.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Membership is open to anyone who has the desire to do stop drinking.

AA Group meets 6:30 PM Sunday in the social hall.

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.



One Family for Thanksgiving

St. Nicholas parish is one family in the Church, and we celebrate Thanksgiving as family. There are some who may not have a Happy Thanksgiving because of financial concerns.

As a Parish Family we would like to reach out to our parishioners in need of assistance.

There are several ways you can help. We are asking for **canned or boxed food donations** that would be used for a Thanksgiving Dinner, such as cranberry sauce, vegetables, turkey gravy, instant potatoes, rice, applesauce, or cake mixes. All food items can be brought to the social hall before November 20th. Or **take an envelope from the table in the portico marked "Turkey" and make a monetary donation.** These envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office by November 20th.

Finally, do you know of anyone in our parish or area that needs assistance? Fill out the form in the portico and place it in an envelope marked "TURKEY". Envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket or dropped off at the church office. All information will be kept confidential.

Pick up will be November 23rd and 24th in the social hall. The name of the family to receive the food package and the family size is needed ASAP, but no later than **November 17th**, so we can plan how much additional food needs to be purchased.



Keeping the Lord's House Tidy

St. Nicholas cleaning team is looking for team members, usually Thursdays in the evening, but time and day are flexible. Come help us keep the Lord's house clean!

Contact Lisa Pignataro
610 7374716



Boy Scouts

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

For those who ordered hoagies, remember to pick them up **Wednesday November 20th at 7:15pm** at the church. Hoagie sale benefits the Boy Scout Troop 62.



Order your 2025 Sunday Missal



If anyone would like to order at St. Joseph Sunday Missal for 2025, please sign up on the order list in the vestibules. The cost is \$7.00 each. Orders due by Nov 24.