

## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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**Parish Office and Religious Education:**  
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**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

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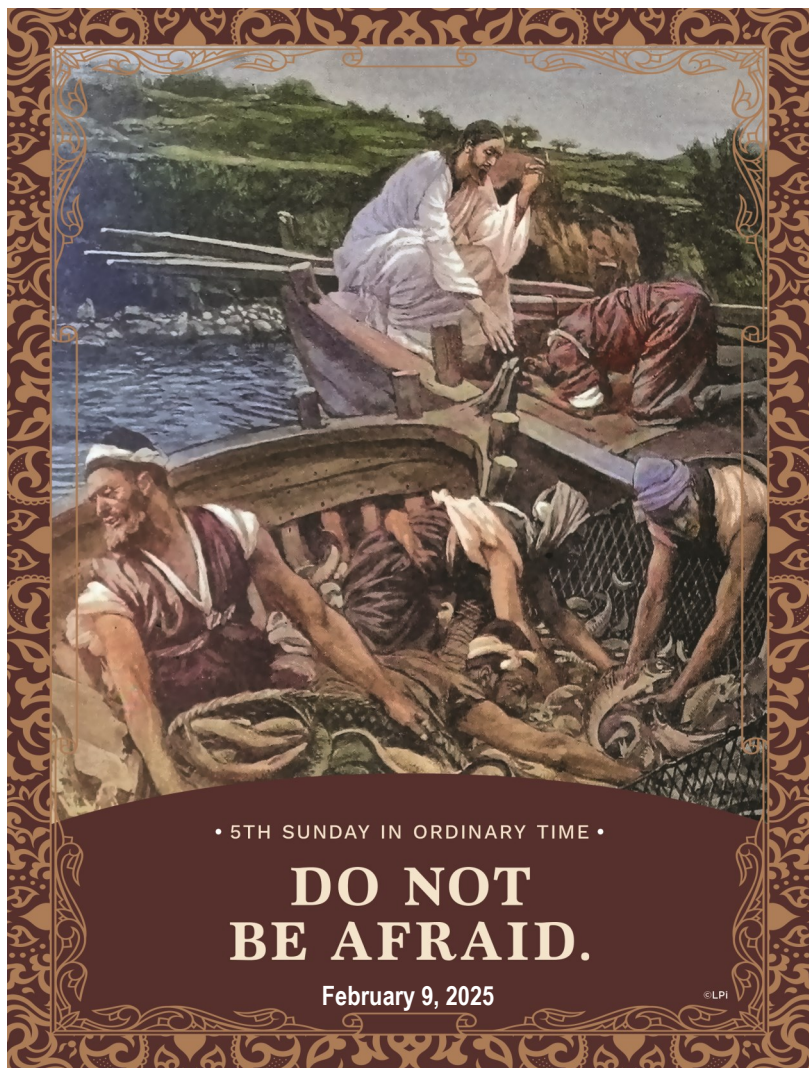
**PREP:**  
Grades K - 8: 2nd Monday of the month  
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

**BVMSN Credit Union:**  
484-272-2858

**Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:**  
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• 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**DO NOT  
BE AFRAID.**

February 9, 2025

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

**Psalms** — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

**Second Reading** — Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

**Gospel** — Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

## 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,

Special thanks to Szoke Brothers Inc. for the beautiful new railing they provided for our parking lot side entrance!! This will certainly help keep everyone safe coming to and going from our church and hall. It is a great improvement.

In other news about our facilities, we are taking bids on a roof covering for that entrance, so if you know anyone interested or can recommend anyone please let us know, email John at [facilities@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:facilities@stnicholaswalnutport.org). And we are looking into repairs and improvements to our parking lot lighting, including the front of the church. We have not quite diagnosed why one of the pole lights is out. If you have been here at night, you may have noticed this. We will keep you updated as we go.

If you are not signed up for Flocknote, please do so. Flocknote is a service we use to send texts and emails that keep you updated on all our news and events. Among other things we now use it to send our lector and extraordinary minister schedules and we hope to expand our usage of this service, including a quarterly newsletter. Once you are signed up there are a few groups you can join to get texts or emails specific to that group. It is important to join the group StNicks News in order to get timely parish updates. This is the group we will use to email a quarterly newsletter in the near future. To initially sign up you can text SAINTNICKS to 84576. You can also go to our parish website and go the "Contact Us" page, and there you find some further instructions and a link that takes you to Flocknote. If you are having trouble, please give Gina a call in our parish office and she can assist you.

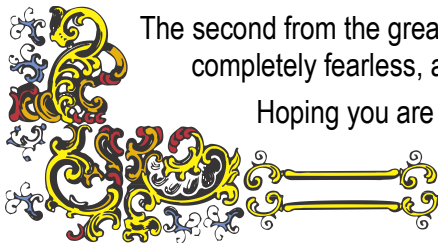
And finally, two quotes for the week:

The first from the late Orthodox theologian, Alexander Schmemmann, on the parables of Our Lord: "Books and words, created quite recently, yesterday and the day before, have become outdated, have fallen into nonexistence. They no longer say anything to us; they are dead. But these ingenuous stories, so simple in appearance, live on, full of life. We listen to them, and it is as if something happens with us, as if someone has glanced into the very depth of our life and said something which relates only to us, to me."

The second from the great G.K. Chesterton: "Jesus promised his disciples three things—that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble."

Hoping you are fearless, happy and in the right kind of trouble.

Peace -- Father Adam



## Observances for the week of February 9, 2025

- Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day  
Monday: St. Scholastica, Virgin  
Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes  
Friday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop (See Saint Profiles in the next column); Valentine's Day  
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint Profiles: Sts. Cyril & Methodius

These brothers by birth became brothers in mission. Cyril and Methodius were born to a Greek diplomat in the 800s. The two brothers served in local governmental posts before each withdrew to a monastery. Their lives changed when the political leadership in Eastern Europe — what is now Ukraine — requested priests who spoke the native Slavic languages. Cyril and Methodius had proven themselves as able administrators and holy men, so they were sent as missionaries. First, Cyril invented an alphabet. This became the foundation for what is now used today and is still called the Cyrillic alphabet! Next, the brothers translated the Gospels, the Psalms, and other liturgical books into the native language of the people. Their work spread across Eastern Europe. God indeed raises up saints for their times!





## Mass Intentions:

Sat 2/8	4:30 PM	Elizabeth Stemetzki (Janice & Bill Tanzola)
Sun 2/9	8:30 AM	John Eisenreich (Mary Eisenreich)
	10:30 AM	Edward Tanczos Jr. (Mary & children)
Mon 2/10	8:30 AM	Clifford Steinmetz (Carl Niedzwiecki)
Tues 2/11	6:30 PM	The Souls of Purgatory (The Semler Family)
Wed 2/12	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Thu 2/13	8:30 AM	Bruce Trexler (Jeanette Skrapits)
Fri 2/14	No Mass	
Sat 2/15	4:30 PM	Peter Kilpatrick (Mary Louise Trexler)
Sun 2/16	8:30 AM	Clifford Steinmetz (The Sparling Family)
	10:30 AM	Hilda Steirer (Sue Hankee)

## Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

1/19	Collection Envelopes	\$9,223.00
	<b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,352.00</b>
	Candles	\$318.00
	School	\$20.00

## 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 February 9 to 15

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of  
St. Nicholas Memorial Society  
Wednesday Adorers*

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

## 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.



## 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!

## 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.



## Boy Scouts

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

## Knights of Columbus



**St. Nicholas Council #16656 A Star Award Council** has been recognized for their church and community service and outreach programs.

Men that are practicing Catholics and 18 years old are eligible to join.

Call the Parish Office for more information. **To make your registration easier**, you can join the K of C online at [kofc.org/JoinUs](http://kofc.org/JoinUs).

**K of C** General Business Meeting 2nd Wed @ 6:30 PM.

## 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!

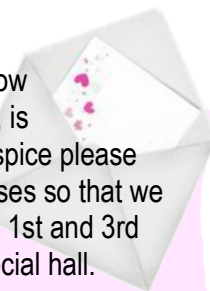
## St. Nicholas Food Pantry Is Open

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, let the parish office know.

## 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.



## 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 stop drinking.

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

## Winter Weather and Wednesday Adoration

In the case of winter storms, if Northampton School district is delayed, Adoration will begin at Noon, if school is canceled, Adoration will also be cancelled for the day. A Flock-note message will also be sent out.

Daily Mass will always be offered at the usual times regardless of weather.





## Warm Winter Gathering



North of 50 will have a winter get together on **February 25, 1 PM** in the social hall. It will be a "soup" get together. Sign up sheets are in the vestibules.

Bring your favorite soup or soup fixings.

For more information contact:  
Ann Orsulak 610 392 1092  
Lisa Pignataro 610 737 4716

## 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](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400

## Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Our next Bible Study will begin February 27<sup>th</sup> and continue every other Thursday until June 5, 2025. This will be an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this Bible Study will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Son, Jesus. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.



Join us for this 8-week video study program. We will meet every other week from 6:30PM to 8:15PM for an engaging video presentation by Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, call or text Gene Ballas at 610-533-1617 and/or [geneballas@msn.com](mailto:geneballas@msn.com). We hope you will join us!



## Sing Unto the Lord

The music ministry of St. Nick's would like to invite those who would like to be a part of enhancing the gospel with song to join one of our various choirs.

Please speak to any of the musicians for information.

"Those who sing pray twice" - St. Augustine

## Readings for week of February 9, 2025

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11  
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c//Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

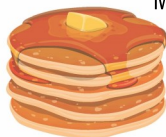


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## All You Can Eat Breakfast

\$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, February 23, 2025**  
**8am - 12:00pm**

**In the St. Nicholas Social Hall**

A Portion of the Proceeds will benefit St Nicholas Parish Building Fund.