

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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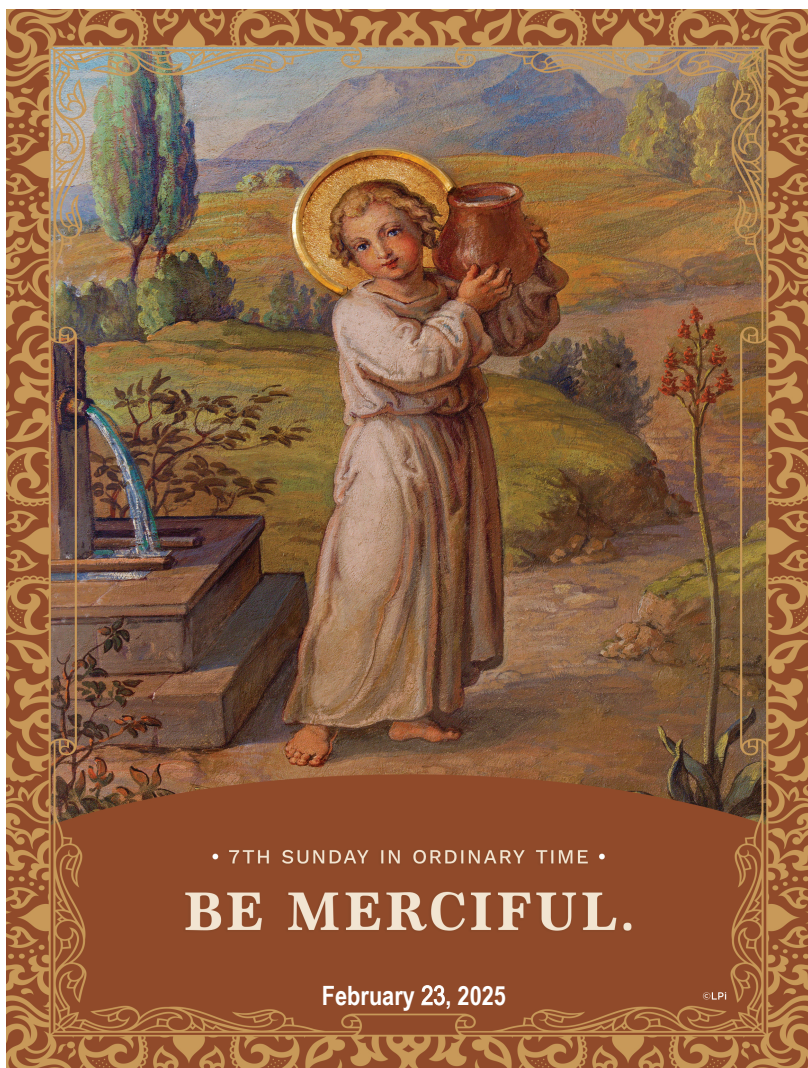
PREP:
Grades K - 8: 2nd Monday of the month
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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484-272-2858

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



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading — Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Cor 15:49)

Gospel — "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

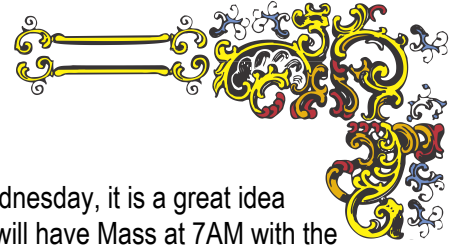
Mass Schedule:

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,

Lent is right around the corner. In these last few days leading up to Ash Wednesday, it is a great idea to make a personal plan for Lent. By the way, Ash Wednesday is March 5th, and we will have Mass at 7AM with the distribution of Ashes. Adoration will begin at 9AM and Ashes will again be offered after the 6:30PM Benediction.

A personal plan should include a prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is best to keep it simple and realistic. It is also great to plan on joining in the things we will have as a parish, such as Stations of the Cross and our Sunday Catechism and Lunch series, the topics for which I will announce next week. Every Wednesday, beginning on March 12, we will have Stations after the 6:30PM Benediction. We will also have a group that prays the Stations on Fridays after Divine Mercy and Rosary at 3PM. You might also consider making time for Wednesday Adoration or coming to Mass during the week. And of course there will be extra times for Confession during Lent, as we approach Holy Week.

Here are 20 other ideas I found of things you might consider for your Lenten Plan:

1. Think of what you typically spend a lot of money on. Do you buy too many clothes or eat out too often? Consider fasting from one of these and maybe donate the money to charity.
2. Take on 40 days of doing something particular like saying a particular prayer each day or doing 40 acts of kindness.
3. Pray before work. What is the first thing you do when you get to work? Check email? Consider taking 5 minutes to pray.
4. Attend week-day Mass once a week, or one extra day if you already go.
5. Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every day.
6. Start a Lenten Journal. Take some time each day in prayer and reflection on your spiritual journey and jot down what comes to you.
7. Fast from music on your drive to work and use the time to pray instead.
8. Limit time on social media.
9. Fast from snacking between meals.
10. Volunteer at a food pantry, soup kitchen, or homeless shelter.
11. Write letters to those in prison, nursing homes, or the military.
12. Reach out to someone you know who may be in need of companionship or offer to run an errand for someone who cannot get out.
13. Give up soda, coffee, or alcohol.
14. Read the daily Scripture.
15. Think of a habit that keeps you from being who God wants you to be. Give it up! (Maybe this is something to journal about as you consider what that habit might be.)
16. Save money and donate it to the poor.
17. Spend one hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration.
18. Wake up without hitting the snooze button and use that extra time for prayer right away in the morning.
19. Every morning, scroll through your phone contacts. Randomly stop on a person and say a prayer for them.
20. Go through your closet and find clothes you can donate to someone in need. Don't just pick the clothes you don't like or will never wear. If you have kids, they can do the same. Maybe they could also find a few toys they would consider donating.

I hope these ideas inspire you to be creative and make a personal plan for you during Lent this year.



Peace -- Father Adam



Mass Intentions:

Sat 2/22	4:30 PM	Steven Poliquin (Art & Louise Mazza)
Sun 2/23	8:30 AM	Elise Pear (Deacon Carlo Squicciarini)
	10:30 AM	Martha Papay, Brian Kresge, Mary- Ellen Meixsell, Richard & Erik Hosmann (JoAnn Kochmaruk)
Mon 2/24	8:30 AM	Donald L. (Cindy Saab)
Tues 2/25	6:30 PM	Veronica Lenner (The Semler Family)
Wed 2/26	8:30 AM	Richard (Cindy Saab)
Thu 2/27	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Fri 2/28	8:30 AM	No Mass
Sat 3/1	4:30 PM	Bruce Trexler (The Heiczinger Family)
Sun 3/2	8:30 AM	John Eisenreich (Mary Eisenreich)
	10:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Joe Hrobat)

Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

2/2	Collection Envelopes	\$4,460.00
	Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses	\$7,352.00
	Preservation & Restoration	\$854.00

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 23 to March 1

*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.

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!

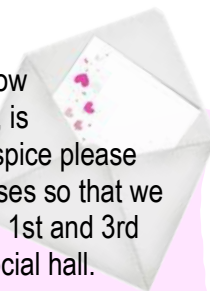
St. Nicholas Food Pantry Is Open

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 or call 610-644-0400

This Weekend!

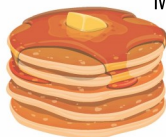


Knights of Columbus Council #16656

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

In the St. Nicholas Social Hall

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

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Our next Bible Study will begin February 27th 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. 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

St. Nicholas Game Night

Join us for a night of games, fun & laughter!

Friday, February 28th
starting at 6:30pm in the Social Hall



We will have a selection of popular board games and several card games to choose from.

Bring your own snacks and drinks, for a night of fellowship and fun! Email

Community@stnicholaswalnutport.org
with any questions