



# ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## CONTACT US

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 St. Nicholas Catholic Church North Pole, Alaska

## MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY:** 5:00 pm

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 am & 12:00 pm

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY,**

**& \*FRIDAY:** 9:00 am \*Healing Mass on Fridays

**WEDNESDAY:** 7:00 pm

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & MORNING PRAYER

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY:** 8:00 am

**FRIDAY:** 7:30 am

## CONFESSION

**WEDNESDAY:** 6:00 pm

**FRIDAY:** 7:40 am

**SATURDAY:** 4:00 pm

Available by appointment

## CLERGY & STAFF

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*"Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*

**MATTHEW 3:10-11**

## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS:**

Prearrangement required.  
Please contact Fr. Aiden.

**1st COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:**

Please contact Heather.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Please contact Fr. Aiden.

## FUNERALS

Please contact Fr. Aiden

## YOUTH GROUP

Sundays | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday | 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

## RELIGIOUS ED.

**CHILDREN'S RE / EDGE:**

Sundays | 10:30 am - 11:45 am

**SACRAMENTAL PREP:**

Saturdays | 9:00 am

**OCIC:**

Sundays | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**OCIA:**

Tuesdays | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**BIBLE STUDY:**

Sundays | 10:30 am - 11:45 am

Monday Morning | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday Evening | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

*A community centered on the light of Christ through word, works, and worship.*

# WELCOME!



St. Nicholas extends a warm welcome to those who have recently joined our parish, are visiting, or are new to the area. Please feel free to please stop by the church office and introduce yourself and your family.

If you are joining our parish, please register online: [fairbanks.parishsoftfamilysuite.com](http://fairbanks.parishsoftfamilysuite.com)



If you are leaving our community, please let us know so we can update your record to keep our database current

# CONNECT



St. Nicholas uses FlockNote to send parishioners updates on parish events. To join FlockNote, text the keyword 'Nicholas' to 84576, or contact the parish office.

# Religious Education

**RE Classes:**  
RE classes are Sundays 10:30 - 11:45 am.  
See Heather for further information.  
**Sac Prep:**  
Next meeting is January 31<sup>st</sup>, from 9 am - 1 pm.

# OCIA / OCIC

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults & Children OCIA meets every Tuesday, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. For adults in need of the Sacraments or inquiring about the faith. Please contact the Dir. of Religious Ed., Heather, for more info.  
OCIC sessions are Sundays, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm.

# Bible Study

The Monday evening study is 6:30 pm - 8:30pm and is studying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. This is a parish-wide Advent study that all the bible study groups are doing. It's also available for individual study. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Atrium.

To preview the study, scan the QR Code or visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQiedJBdByI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQiedJBdByI)



Please see Heather for more details.

All studies meet in the Conference Room.

For more information, scan this QR Code or visit [www.stnicholasnp.org/faith-formation](http://www.stnicholasnp.org/faith-formation)



## Want to sign up for FORMED?

- Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
- Select your parish (using zip code)
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.



Formed.org is an online platform that offers a wide range of Catholic content, including movies, audio books, podcasts, and shows, aimed at deepening the spiritual journey of individuals and families.

# Youth Ministry



## SUNDAY IN THE YOUTH ROOM

- EDGE (6th-8th grade) - 10:30-11:45am
- HSYG (9th-12th grade) - 4-6pm

## CONFIRMATION

The next class will be on 12/14 - Lesson 4 1:30-3:30pm in the Youth Room  
It is mandatory for both the Catholic Parent and the Candidate to attend the sessions.

## FIRST FRIDAYS

6th-12th grade Youth & Teens are invited for an evening together each month.  
The next SNYM First Friday will be on Jan. 9th.

\*For more information scan the QR Code above or visit [www.stnicholasnp.org/youth-ministry](http://www.stnicholasnp.org/youth-ministry).



Please see the trees in the Great Room to donate gifts & necessities for the Fyndout Free families and our Adopted families by Dec. 17th.  
Thank you for your generosity!

# Young Adults



## GATHER•CONNECT•GROW

GCG will celebrate New Year's Eve EVE at our next gathering on December 30th.

\*RSVP to attend by Dec. 28th.

Scan the QR Code above or visit [www.stnicholasnp.org/young-adults](http://www.stnicholasnp.org/young-adults)

Adults ages 18-39 are invited to share an evening together, 6-8pm on the last Tuesday of each month at St. Nick's.

# STEWARDSHIP

## OPERATING FUND STATUS

### General Offerings as of 11/30/2025

Weekly Budget	\$ 7,283
Actual Collection	\$ 6,910
Over/(under) Weekly Budget	\$ (373)
Year-to-date Budget	\$159,012
Year-to-Date Actual Collection	\$189,591
Over/(under) Yearly Budget	\$ 30,579
Expenses Budgeted for the FY26	\$519,979
Expenses Year-to-Date	\$163,398

Thank you for your generosity!

### 3% Sunday Collection Contributions

Last Month: Archdiocese of Military, Diocese of Bamenda, Gulu, Pankshin,

Maiduguri, Mutare - Total Donation \$1,051.17

All Saints' Day and Thanksgiving Day Total Donations to Fairbanks Food Bank \$590

This Month: Retirement Fund for Religious <https://retiredreligious.org/>

December 8 - Immaculate Conception Holyday collection will go to Interior Right to Life

Next Month: KQHE 92.7 FM <https://www.kqhe.org/>

January 1, 2026 - Mary, Mother of God Collection will be for St. Nicholas's General Fund

# HOW CAN I SUPPORT?

Thank you for prayerfully considering these opportunities to support our church.



\*Faith Direct is now upgraded to ParishSOFT Giving

## UPDATE for all Faith Direct Contributors:

Please sign into your Faith Direct account to verify that the transfer of your account went smoothly into the ParishSOFT Giving upgrade. You will be redirected to the new site if you type in [faith.direct/ak237](http://faith.direct/ak237). Log in with your Faith Direct credentials and you should see your account. New donors can also use the site to start contributing electronically. Please let our Finance Manager, Anne, know if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of St. Nicholas Parish.



Scan the QR Code and follow the instructions using KD433 for St Nicholas Catholic Church.



Donations to St. Nicholas Catholic Church can also be made at any time via PayPal.

2026 Offertory Envelopes are now available for pickup. Envelopes can be picked up at the parish office during the week.

## From the Pastor



*Dear Parish Family,*

This is the second Sunday of advent. What have you done since the beginning of Advent to receive Christ at Christmas? If you still are unsure on what to do this Advent, John the Baptist has an assignment for you in the gospel with his cry for repentance. His cry reminds us that repentance is more than sorrow; it is turning our lives toward Christ. St. John Chrysostom said, "Repentance is a medicine which destroys sin; a gift from heaven." You need this medicine this Advent for God to come reside in you.

This season let us clear away the clutter of resentment, distraction, and laziness, so that our hearts may be ready to welcome the Lord. True repentance bears fruit – joy, patience, generosity, and hope. What are you repenting from this Advent? Think about it this week.

Father Aidan

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**

9:00 am | +Richard Calkins  
7:00 pm | Pat Goble, for God's continued healing and support of her

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9**

9:00 am | +Joe Atkinson

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

7:00 pm | +Bruce & Joyce White

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11**

9:00 am | +Ruth & Don White

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**

9:00 am | Marie & Philip, for God's continued healing and support of them

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**

5:00 pm | People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

9:00 am | Newlyweds Joe & Celeste Adams, for God's blessings and graces in their marriage

12:00 pm | +Harry B. Niehaus

Mass intentions may be submitted directly through the parish office or via an envelope. Envelopes are available on the bulletin board in the atrium. Suggested donation is \$50 per intention.

## WEEKLY ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

*IN MEMORY OF*

Charles Gregory

From: Glenn & Janet Farris



To make a flower dedication, please fill out an envelope or contact the parish office. Suggested donation is \$55.

## DAILY READINGS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Gn 3:9-15, 20 • Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
• Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 • Lk 1:26-38

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9**

*St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*

Is 40:1-11 • Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13 • Mt 18:12-14

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

*Our Lady of Loreto*

Is 40:25-31 • Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 • Mt 11:28-30

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11**

*St. Damasus I, Pope*

Is 41:13-20 • Ps 145:1, 9-13ab  
• Mt 11:11-15

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
• Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 • Lk 1:26-38

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**

*St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 • Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19  
• Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Is 35:1-6a, 10 • Ps 146:6-10 • Jas 5:7-10  
• Mt 11:2-11

## REGULAR MEETINGS & TIMES

**PARISH POTLUCK:**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday | 6:00 pm

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday | 7:30 pm

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday | 7:30 pm

**CHOIR PRACTICE:**

Tuesdays | 6:00 pm

**CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP:**

Wednesdays | 10:00 am

## This Month and Upcoming at St. Nicholas



**Limited Edition Prints Available**

A limited edition print featuring the talented artistry of our parishioner, Ruth Segler, are now available for purchase. Prints are of the church (print shown to the left) and are \$20 each. Please contact the Parish Office if you'd like to make a purchase.



**Upcoming Holyday of Obligation**

*This Monday, December 8, 2025 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holyday of Obligation.*

St. Nicholas will have Masses at 9am & 7pm that day. *If you'd like to assist at the Masses, please sign up on the bulletin board.*



**Advent Penance Services**

Sacred Heart Cathedral

December 10 at 6 pm

St. Raphael

December 18 at 6:30 pm

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

December 19 at 6 pm



**French Toast Breakfast**

**December 14, 10:00 am**

There will be a French Toast Breakfast in the Social Hall at 10 am on Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go to support the youth attending March for Life.

## From the Diocese

**Women's Retreat at St. Raphael's Parish**

Enjoy a day of prayer and reflection based on the Hope-filled promises of the Jubilee.

**Saturday, December 13th 9am - 5:30pm**

\$10 per person to attend.

To register:

<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/womens-retreat>



**Peace in the Womb-Christmas Caroling**

Mark your calendars for the Annual "Peace in the Womb-Christmas Caroling", a Pro life event in front of Planned Parenthood. This will be December 10-Wednesday 1:00-2:00pm and 4:00-5:00 pm. Song sheets provided.

Dress for the weather and bring a friend and a flashlight or a candle.



# CATECHESIS: What Is the Immaculate Conception?

**What Is the Immaculate Conception?** The Immaculate Conception is a dogma of the Catholic Church that refers to the belief that the Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin. This unique grace was bestowed upon her by God in preparation for her role as the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Unlike other human beings, who inherit original sin from the moment of conception, Mary was preserved from this stain so that she could be a pure vessel for the Incarnation of Christ. This doctrine was solemnly defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854 in the papal bull *Ineffabilis Deus*. The significance of the Immaculate Conception lies in Mary's role within salvation history. By being free from original sin, Mary was in perfect communion with God from the very beginning of her existence. This exceptional grace allowed her to fully embrace God's will, culminating in her acceptance of becoming the mother of Christ at the Annunciation. Mary's sinless nature emphasizes her unique place in Catholic theology as both the Mother of God and the model of perfect obedience and purity for all Christians. It is important to note that the Immaculate Conception does not refer to the conception of Jesus Christ, but rather to Mary's own conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. This distinction is often misunderstood, but it highlights Mary's special status as being uniquely chosen and prepared by God. The term "Mary's conception" underscores the significance of the Immaculate Conception, celebrating her being

conceived without original sin. Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 each year, honoring this profound mystery of faith that underscores the divine plan for humanity's redemption.

**The Immaculate Conception – A Singular Grace:** The Immaculate Conception is a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, bestowed upon the Blessed Virgin Mary from the moment of her conception. This dogma of the Catholic Church asserts that Mary was preserved free from the effects of original sin, making her a unique and special individual in the history of humanity. The Immaculate Conception is not just a theological concept, but a profound mystery that reveals the depths of God's love and mercy towards humanity. The singular grace of the Immaculate Conception is rooted in the Catholic Church's understanding of original sin and its effects on the human race. According to Catholic teaching, original sin is the sin of Adam and Eve, which has been passed down to all humanity, making us prone to sin and separation from God. However, through the Immaculate Conception, Mary was spared from this sin, making her a pure and sinless vessel for the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. The Immaculate Conception is also closely tied to the concept of Mary's role as the Mother of God. As the Mother of Jesus, Mary was chosen by God to bear the Son of God, and her Immaculate Conception was a necessary condition for this role. The Catholic

Church teaches that Mary's Immaculate Conception was a singular grace, bestowed upon her by God, to prepare her for her role as the Mother of God.

**Did Mary Need a Redeemer? Understanding How Christ Saved Her First:** No, Mary still needed Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross for her salvation. The Immaculate Conception was made possible through the merits of Christ's future death and resurrection. God applied the grace of Jesus' redemptive act to Mary at the moment of her conception, preserving her from original sin. So, while she was sinless from the beginning, she was saved by Christ, just like all humanity.

**Conclusion:** The Immaculate Conception is a profound mystery that reveals the depths of God's love and mercy towards humanity. Through the Immaculate Conception, we are reminded of the importance of Mary's role in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ and the significance of her unique status as the Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception is a doctrine that is deeply rooted in Catholic theology and devotion, emphasizing the importance of Mary's role in the Catholic faith.

For more information please check out the following links:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atbpPioMgcA>,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zUppdkbtWjk>,  
<https://www.catholic.com/tract/immaculate-conception-and-assumption>,  
<https://thecatholicandbook.com/understanding-the-immaculate-conception-2/>  
<https://www.catholic365.com/article/57634/the-immaculate-conception-what-catholics-should-know-about-marys-sinless-grace.html>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Francisco A. & Family, Janelle Allen & Family, Lois Armentor, Aletia Atkinson, Morgan Atkinson, Fred Austin & Family, Callie Jo, C. Bowman & Family, +Patricia Barth, Christopher Brown, Katrina Butler, +Wanda Byerly, Amanda Byrd, Terry & Beverly Cannon, +Marietta Castillo, Chip Channa, Jean Erickson, Bob and Anna Fath, +Tony Fazio, Mary Fish, +Wyatt Fleming & Family, Christina Fortenberry, Frazier Family, Kat Gannon, +Michael Goble, Pat Goble, Cody Gorrell, Lois Gould, +Ashley Groholski, Michael J. Guadagnoli, +Adolfo Guadiz, +Lori Harrand, Harvey Family, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, Fr. Joe Hemmer, Nathan Horne, John, Donald Jones, Joan Jones, Josh & Lauren & Family, Cynthia Julien, Eve Karczmarczyk, Kim, Kraft Family, Tom Laridaen, Brian, Lashinski Family, +Maxwell Lashinski, +Eleanor LeBeau, +Chelsey Luker, Casey McKee, Deshawn Miranda, Moon Family, Ron Murray, Nathalie, +Ann Nickerson, Doris Noblet, Evette Odhiambo, Bob Okri, Parr Family, Heather Patterson, Tom Pendergast, David Peissner, Powers Family, +Sunday Powers, Gwen Price, Larry Purbis, Rob R., Tamara Renner, +Rosie Shearer, Shearer Family, Matthew Smith, +Rose Marie Smith, +Nicki Snow, Snow Family, Stephanie, Racheal Stifford, Regis Swanson, Daranee Teapthong, Yingyos Teapthong, Maria Terch, Theo, Jim Took, Mike Wehner, Betty Wells, Bridget Wells, Harper Wicker, Mary Wing, Arthur & +Rose Wood, +Kaylynn Woody, The Woody Family.

## WEEKLY GRATITUDE

Thank you very much to all who came out and helped to clear snow from the church yard and walk ways after the big snow dump we had this last week!



## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

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