



ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

CONTACT US

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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

**STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**
Every Friday during Lent
5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

SIMPLE SUPPER
Every Friday during Lent
6:00 pm

CLERGY & STAFF

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At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

MATTHEW 4:1-4

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 1st 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 stop by the church office and introduce yourself and your family.

If you are joining our parish, please register online:
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.

STEWARDSHIP

OPERATING FUND STATUS	
General Offerings as of	2/15/2026
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,283
Actual Collection	\$ 5,346
Over/(under) Weekly Budget	\$ (1,937)
Year-to-date Budget	\$ 239,125
Year-to-Date Actual Collection	\$ 296,810
Over/(under) Yearly Budget	\$ 57,685
Expenses Budgeted for the FY26	\$ 519,979
Expenses Year-to-Date	\$ 372,544

Thank you for your generosity!

3% Sunday Collection Contributions
Last Month: KQHE 92.7 FM - Total Donation \$1,200
Jan. 1 - Mary, Mother of God - St. Nicholas General Fund Total Donation \$1,144
This Month: Black and Indian Missions <https://blackandindianmission.org>
Next Month: Catholic Relief Services <https://www.crs.org>

Religious Education

RE Classes:
RE classes are Sundays 10:30 - 11:45 am.
See Heather for further information.

Sac Prep:
Next meeting is February 28, 9 am – 10:30 am.

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

Consider deepening your knowledge of Church teaching this Lent through the various Bible Studies. Sunday or Monday morning we will be studying the Catechism. Monday night we'll study the Creed, i.e., the Church's core beliefs, and the Sacraments. You can also participate in a study that offers practical ways of living out our faith. This last one is for independent study and, if people are interested, it will be available for group study Tuesday afternoons. If you are interested in the Monday night, Tuesday afternoon, or independent studies, please sign up on the bulletin board in the atrium.

All studies meet in the Conference Room.
For more information, scan this QR Code or visit www.stnicholasnp.org/faith-formation



Want to sign up for FORMED?

- Go to 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.



Youth Ministry



SUNDAY IN THE YOUTH ROOM

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

FIRST FRIDAYS

6th-12th grade Youth & Teens are invited for an evening together each month.

The next SNYM First Friday will be on Mar. 6th.
Please RSVP by March 5th to attend

CONFIRMATION

The next class will be on 3/1 - Lesson 8
1:30-3:30pm in the Youth Room

It is mandatory for both the Catholic Parent and the Candidate to attend the sessions.

*To RSVP and sign-up for events, view the SNYM calendar, and for more information, scan the QR Code above or visit www.stnicholasnp.org/youth-ministry.

Young Adults



GATHER•CONNECT•GROW

GCG will meet for our next gathering on Tuesday, February 24th.

*Please RSVP to attend by Feb. 22nd.

Scan the QR Code above or visit 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.

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.

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. 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.

Where shopping & giving unite



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.

•Donations are now being accepted for the Stained Glass Window Project. If you would like to help with this endeavor, you may begin making donations towards the stained glass. Please indicate your donation is for "stained glass windows" when submitting your donation.
Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

From the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters,

During our Sunday 9 am Mass this weekend, we are doing the Rite of Sending.



This Rite prepares our catechumen for the Rite of Election that will take place this Sunday evening at the Cathedral by Bishop Steve. After the election it means they are now being officially elected for the Sacraments of the Church during the Easter Vigil. We as parishioners ought to help them appreciate the faith by the way we live, talk, and practice our faith, especially within this Lenten season. For those who know them show your love, support, and encourage them as we welcome them into our parish community and the Catholic Church at large.

Father Aiden

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 am | +McKinley Win Ostanik

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 am | +McKinley Win Ostanik

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 pm | +Perry Keithley

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 am | Good health of
Ivy Nicholson

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 am | +McKinley Win Ostanik

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:00 pm | +Charles Wells, Jr.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 am | People of the Parish
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 \$10 per intention.

DAILY READINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Ps 19:8-10, 15
/ Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Is 55:10-11 / Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
/ Mt 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Jon 3:1-10 / Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
/ Lk 11:29-32

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 7c-8 / Mt 7:7-12

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Ez 18:21-28 / Ps 130:1-7a, 7bc-8
/ Mt 5:20-26

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Dt 26:16-19 / Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
/ Mt 5:43-48

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a / Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
/ 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

REGULAR MEETINGS & TIMES

PARISH POTLUCK:

Every 1st Saturday | 6:00 pm

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

February meeting will be Feb. 25
Meets 3rd Wednesday | 7:30 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Meets 2nd Wednesday | 7:30 pm

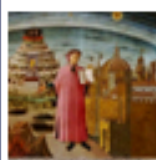
CHOIR PRACTICE:

Tuesdays | 6:00 pm

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP:

Wednesdays | 10:00 am

This Month and Upcoming at St. Nicholas



Lenten Confession Preparation

Fr. Robert Fath will offer two opportunities to prepare for your Lenten confession by reflecting on the seven deadly sins found in the Divine Comedy. All participants will leave with an examen to plan their confession.

March 3, 7 pm St. Nicholas

March 17, 7 pm Immaculate Conception



Memento Mori Seminars

The Diocese will be offering the following seminars at St. Nicholas:

-Wills, Trusts and Bequests

(will be rescheduled)

-Planning for your final resting place with a funeral home and planning your Catholic funeral Mass (Feb. 26th)

-End of Life/Palliative Care (Mar. 5th)

All seminars begin at 7 pm.

For more info and to register please visit <https://www.stnicholasnp.org/memento-mori-seminar>

OR call the church office.

From the Diocese



World Youth Day Sneak Peek,
Rescheduled for March, Date TBD

Discover more about World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul! Join the Diocese of Fairbanks on Zoom for a preview session to meet the team, view itinerary and ask questions. Scan the QR code to register.



Spiritual Exercises

Feb 19-22 (Thurs. Evening to Sun.) MEN

Feb 26-Mar 1 (Thurs. Evening to Sun.) WOMEN

Mar 5-8 (Thurs. Evening to Sun.) in SPANISH for MEN

All these weekends will be at Chena Camp in Fairbanks and the cost is \$200. Register: <https://iccfairbanks.org/se>

CATECHESIS: What Happens During the Rite of Election?

The celebration of the Rite of Election (or Enrollment of Names) closes the period of the catechumenate. In this ancient rite of the Church, the Bishop listens to the testimony of the sponsors, godparents, and assembly. Based upon this testimony, he judges their state of readiness and "elects" or "chooses" them to receive the sacraments of initiation at the coming Easter Vigil.

"It is called 'Election' because the admission made by the Church is founded on election by God, in whose name the Church acts..." (*OCIA 119).

The Rite of Election is "the focal point of the Church's concern for the catechumens" (OCIA 107) and "the hinge of the whole catechumenate." (OCIA 120). Celebration of the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion marks a significant step in the journey of those preparing for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. The community has an

apostolic vocation to give help to those who are searching for Christ. Particularly with the implementation of OCIA forthcoming, we as a diocese will be placing emphasis on formation opportunities for clergy, catechists, liturgists, and communities so that we may worthily celebrate the Order of Christian Initiation.

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion is usually celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent.

The Rite of Election is not an optional liturgical rite within the OCIA. It is to be celebrated with adults who are journeying through the OCIA process. The Rite of Election is only optional for children of catechetical age and those adults who are in exceptional circumstances. (OCIA 253, 277-290, 333-334).

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is now RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This article was written prior to the renaming.*



Article Source:

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/worship/sacraments/ocia/rite-of-election>

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, 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, Heather Patterson, Tom Pendergast, +David Peissner, Powers Family, +Sunday Powers, Gwen Price, Larry Purbis, Rob R., +Daniel Rawson and the Rawson Family, +Rosie Shearer, Matthew Smith, +Rose Marie Smith, +Nicki Snow, Snow Family, Austin Somaduroff, Stephanie, Rachael Stifford, Regis Swanson, Daranee Teapthong, Yingyos Teapthong, Maria Terch, Theo, Jim Took, Mike Wehner, Bridget Wells, Harper Wicker, Mary Wing, Arthur & +Rose Wood, +Kaylynn Woody, The Woody Family.

WEEKLY GRATITUDE

Thank you so much to the Social Committee for putting on the Couples Casino Night last Friday!



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North Pole, AK 99705

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