



ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CONTACT US

Parish Office Closed Monday,
Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day

ADDRESS: 707 Saint Nicholas Drive
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Facebook: St. Nicholas Catholic Church North Pole, Alaska

MASS SCHEDULE

3 pm Mass at Harding Lake

Every Sunday

May 25- Sept. 6

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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"Amen, I say to you,
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.
For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."
MATTHEW 18: 18-20

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 MINISTRY

Sundays | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm *7-12 grade

Young Adults-GCG | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

*Every last Tuesday of the month.

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

All Religious Ed.
programs will resume
in September 2026

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.

Religious Education

RE Classes & Sacramental Prep for 2026-2027 will begin September 20, 2026. Registrations have begun. Materials are available in the Great Room: registration forms, brochures, sacrament initial interview signups, and more. Please see Heather or Beth for more info.

OCIA / OCIC

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults & Children OCIA (adults) and OCIC (children) are for those in need of the Sacraments or inquiring about the faith. Please contact the Dir. of Religious Ed., Heather, for more info.

Sessions will resume September 15, 2026

Registration forms are available in the Great Room.

Bible Study

Sunday: 10:30am | Mondays: 10am & 6:30pm

All studies meet in the Conference Room.

Monday evening study will resume September 15

Sunday and Monday morning resume

September 20 and 21

Monday evening study: **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**: For details and to participate in person or via Zoom, please sign up on the bulletin board in the atrium.

Youth Ministry



SUNDAY IN THE YOUTH ROOM

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

SEPT 6 and 13



SEPT 20 **EDGE AND HSYG RETURNS!**

REGISTER TODAY
FOR **EDGE AND HSYG**



www.stnicholasnp.org/re-registration

FIRST FRIDAYS

Youth & Teens entering grades 7-12 in Fall 2026 are invited for an evening together on the First Friday of each month.

FIRST FRIDAYS will be held on Sep. 11th in observance of LABOR DAY

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

Young Adults



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Our next gathering will be on September 29th!

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

Scan the QR Code above or visit www.stnicholasnp.org/young-adults

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

OPERATING FUND STATUS

General Offerings as of	8/30/2026
Weekly Budget	\$ 8,773
Actual Collection	\$ 7,159
Over/(under) Weekly Budget	\$ (1,614)
Year-to-date Budget	\$ 78,957
Year-to-Date Actual Collection	\$ 66,004
Over/(under) Yearly Budget	\$ (12,953)
Expenses Budgeted for the FY27	\$ 618,728
Expenses Year-to-Date	\$ 62,409

Thank you for your generosity!

3% Sunday Collection Contributions

Last Month: St. Nicholas's Religious Education

Total Donation - \$ 1,025

This Month: March for Life

Next Month: World Mission Sunday

HOW CAN I SUPPORT?

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- Visit our online giving site at <https://giving.myparishsoft.io/app/giving/FD-257>
- Create your account or give as a guest
- Choose your preferred method and amount

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Finance Manager, Anne Armour. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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rewards



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

PayPal



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

From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday, God calls each of us a watchman. Not a judge. Not a bystander. A watchman - someone who loves too much to stay silent. *Silence is not always peace; sometimes it's just permission for someone we love to keep drowning.*

Jesus doesn't ask us to expose one another. He teaches us to go, quietly, one heart to another, because *correction without love is cruelty, but love without correction is cowardice.*

St. Paul gives us the reason behind it all: love is the fulfillment of every law. Not a suggestion. Not a feeling. The whole point. *Every commandment we've ever struggled to keep was really just love, spelled out in detail.*

So, ask yourself this week: whose soul have I stopped watching over? What word have I swallowed out of comfort instead of courage?

Christ promises He is present wherever two or three gather in His name, even in the hard conversations. *Especially in the hard conversations.*

Go. Speak. Love them back.

Father Aiden



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 am | Birthday of Justin Renner

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 am | Birthday of Austin Somaduroff

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00 pm | Birthday of Lois Renner

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 am | Birthday of Penelope Armour

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 am | +Mike Weber

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

5:00 pm | +Mike Weber

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 am | Blessings and graces in the marriage of Joe & Celeste Adams

12:00 pm | People of the Parish

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.

WEEKLY ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

IN MEMORY OF

The Deceased of
St. Nicholas Parish

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



DAILY READINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

1 Cor 5:1-8 / Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 / Lk 6:6-11

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 / Ps 13:6ab, 6c / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 7:25-31 / Ps 45:11-12, 14-17 / Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 / Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 / Lk 6:27-38

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 / Ps 84:3-6, 12 / Lk 6:39-42

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary / Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Cor 10:14-22 / Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 / Lk 6:43-49

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30-28:7 / Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 / Rom 14:7-9 / Mt 18:21-35

REGULAR MEETINGS & TIMES

PARISH POTLUCK:

Every 1st Saturday | 6:00 pm

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

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 | 11:00 am

Fundraising

Donations are now being accepted for the Stained Glass Window Project.

If you'd like to help with this endeavor, you may make a donation. When submitting your donation, please indicate it is for "stained glass windows". Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

FY26 Stained Glass Donations: \$47,354

Donations can be made in person, using the QR Code, or at the following link:

<https://giving.myparishsoft.io/App/Form/1f63adc1-7207-4c24-adf7-1boaco57e48f>



Upcoming at St. Nicholas

**Church Office Closed
Monday, September 7**

The parish office will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.



Finance Manager Position Available

St. Nicholas parish is currently seeking applicants for the position of Finance Manager. This is a part time, 15 hour a week position. If you have finance experience and would like to apply, please contact Fr. Aiden directly.



From the Diocese

Director of Faith & Family Formation Position Available

The chancery is seeking applicants for the position of Director of Faith & Family Formation. This is a full-time position with benefits. Salary DOE.

For more information and to apply please visit:
<https://dioceseoffairbanks.org/job-postings>



CATECHESIS: Bowing and Genuflecting at Mass

A Simple Catholic Guide to Reverence

Our bodily gestures at Mass are not merely movements. They are visible expressions of what we believe. The Church distinguishes between a **bow**, which expresses reverence and honor, and a **genuflection**, which signifies adoration. — General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM 274–275). (USCCB)

WHEN DO I BOW?

1. **Bow toward the altar:** When entering or leaving the sanctuary, ministers make a profound bow toward the altar, unless the Blessed Sacrament is present there in a way requiring genuflection. (USCCB)

2. **Bow your head:** A bow of the head is made when the Three Divine Persons are named together, and at the names of Jesus, Mary, and the saint whose feast is being celebrated. (USCCB)

3. **Bow during the Creed:** At the words “and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man,” the congregation makes a profound bow. On the Solemnities of the Annunciation and Christmas, the gesture is a genuflection instead. (USCCB)

WHEN DO I GENUFLECT?

One-knee genuflection means adoration. The ordinary genuflection is made by bending the right knee to the ground. It is reserved principally for the Blessed Sacrament and, during the specified period, the Holy Cross. (Vatican)

When entering church: If the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle, genuflect toward it before taking your seat. **When leaving church:** Genuflect toward the tabernacle before departing, when practical. **When passing before the Blessed Sacrament:** Genuflect unless you are moving in procession. (USCCB)

WHAT ABOUT TWO KNEES?

The two-knee gesture is not the ordinary liturgical genuflection prescribed by the Roman Missal. It is a devotional posture traditionally associated especially with profound adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament.

At Mass, therefore, do not confuse kneeling on both knees with the Church’s prescribed one-knee genuflection.

DURING THE CONSECRATION

The faithful normally kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer according to the norms of their country. In the United States, those unable to kneel make a

profound bow when the priest genuflects after the Consecration. (USCCB)

A simple rule to remember:

BOW = REVERENCE.

ONE KNEE = ADORATION.

TWO KNEES = DEVOTIONAL ADORATION.

Our gestures should always lead our hearts to the mystery they express.



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Francisco A. & Family, Janelle Allen & Family, Lois Armentor, Aletia Atkinson, Morgan Atkinson, Fred Austin & Family, Callie Jo, Bob Bank, C. Bowman & Family, +Stephen Ballek & Family, +Patricia Barth, Christopher Brown, Katrina Butler, +Wanda Byerly, Amanda Byrd, Terry & Beverly Cannon, +Marietta Castillo, Chip Channa, Jean Erickson, Bob & Anna Fath, Kelly Findlay, Mary Fish, +Wyatt Fleming, Christina Fortenberry, Frazier Family, Kat Gannon, +Michael Goble, Pat Goble, +Ray Goble, Cody Gorrell, Lois Gould, Greenwood Family, +Ashley Groholski, Michael J. Guadagnoli, +Adolfo Guadiz, +Lori Harand, Harvey Family, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, Fr. Joe Hemmer, Nathan Home, Lucas Johnson, John, Donald Jones, Josh & Lauren & Family, Cynthia Julien, Eve Karcmarczyk, Kim, +Rodney Koeller, Tom Laridien, Brian, Lashinski Family, +Maxwell Lashinski, +Donna Linville, +Eleanor LeBeau, +Chelsey Luker, Mary Mays, Casey McKee, Maureen Mallory, Deshaun Miranda, Moon Family, +Ron Murray and family, Nathalie, +Ann Nickerson, Doris Noble, Evette Odiambo, Bob Okri, +McKinley Win Ostanik, Oliver Padron, Heather Patterson, Kama Patterson, Tom Pendergast, +David Peissner, Powers Family, +Sunday Powers, Gwen Price, Larry Purbis, Rob R., +Daniel Rawson, Rawson Family, +Rosie Shearer, Matthew Smith, +Nicki Snow, Snow Family, Stephanie, Rachel Stifford, Regis Swanson, Daranee Teapthong, Yingyos Teapthong, Maria Terch, Theo, Jim Took, Annabelle W., Mike Wehner, Bridget Wells, Harper Wicker, +Mary Wing, Arthur & +Rose Wood, +Kaylynn Woody, Woody Family.

WEEKLY GRATITUDE

Thank you so much to all who came to Stewardship Weekend and signed up to volunteer at the church!



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