



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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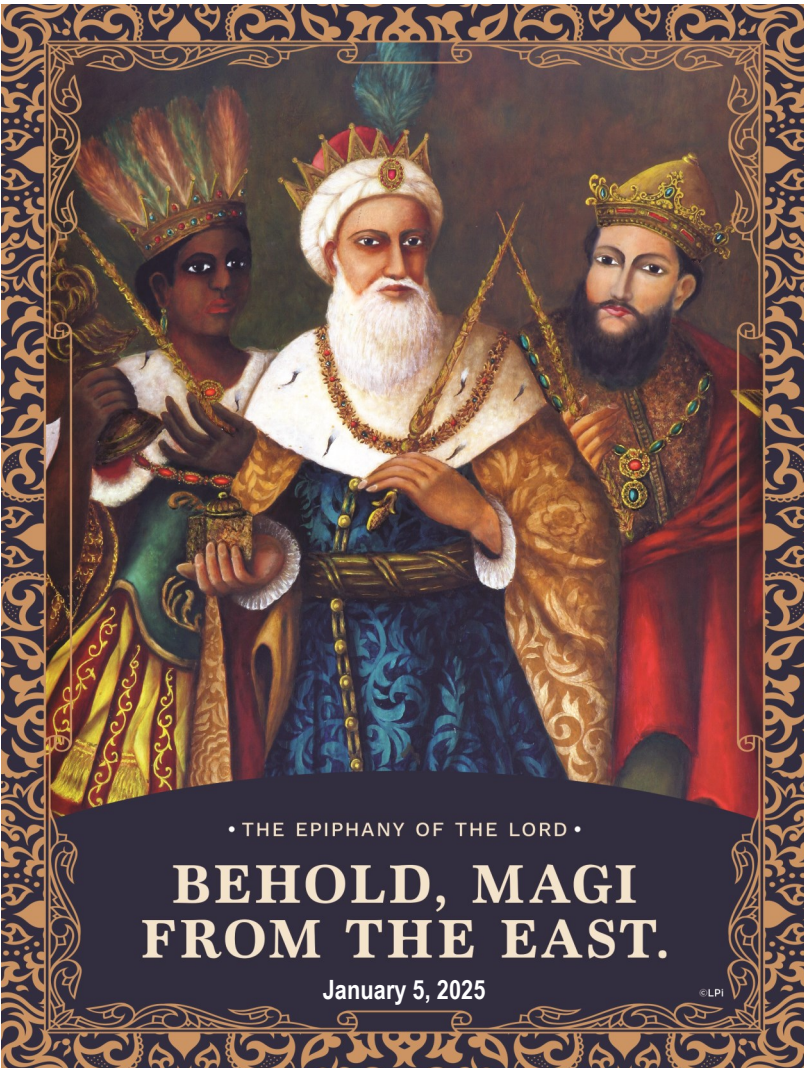
**PREP:**  
Grades K - 8: 2nd Monday of the month  
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

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

**Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:**  
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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

**Psalms** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

**Second Reading** — It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

**Gospel** — "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

### 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)

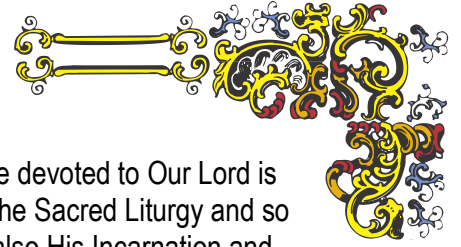
### Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:

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,

During this Christmas Season we consider that one of the ways we can be devoted to Our Lord is through His infancy. The whole mystery of Our Lord's life is present to us through the Sacred Liturgy and so we can have a devotion to Our Lord in His Passion, Death and Resurrection and also His Incarnation and His Infancy. During the Christmas Season it is certainly fitting to pause and pray at the Nativity scene, praying to the Infant Jesus. Our devotion to Our Lord in His Infancy, however, does not have to be confined to the Christmas Season. We can pray to Him in His Infant "state" continually. Such is the origin of the famous statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague, which we have in our parish church. Below is a little history of this statue and devotion to the Infant Jesus which has grown throughout the Church through this miraculous statue.

Peace- Father Adam

## **The Infant Jesus of Prague**

In the city of Prague, Bohemia, (today the Czech Republic) in the beginning of the seventeenth century, Princess Polyxenia of Lobkowitz had received as a wedding gift from her mother, a statue of the Infant Jesus, previously brought from Spain.

It was a small statue, just nineteen inches tall, made of wood, wax, and cloth. It represented the infant Jesus dressed in royal robes and wearing a king's crown, with the left foot barely visible under a long white tunic. The left hand encircles a miniature globe, surmounted by a cross, signifying the world-wide kingship of the Christ Child. The right hand is extended in blessing with the first two fingers being upraised to symbolize the two natures of Christ, while the folded thumb and last two fingers touch each other representing the unity of the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit in the mystery of the Blessed Trinity. The face of Our Lord as represented in this statue has a strange power of evoking sentiments of deep gratitude of the mystery of God-made-Man. For all His majestic posture and regal attire, the little King of Prague is more striking for His outward expression of human littleness than by the impression of hidden greatness.

After the death of her husband, the princess devoted herself to works of charity and was particularly helpful to the Carmelites in Prague. In 1628, when the Carmelite Monastery had been reduced to poverty, owing to the ravages of war, the princess gave her precious statue to the Carmelites, saying, "I give you what I prize most highly in the world; honor and respect the Child Jesus and you shall never be in want."

Her gift was placed in the Carmelite oratory. The words of the princess proved prophetic, for as long as the Carmelites kept up their devotion to the Divine Infant of Prague, everything prospered with them.

The Carmelites were later forced to flee from the city, and in the confusion of the war, they were unable to take with them their miraculous statue. The invaders seized it and threw it into a pile of rubbish.

In 1635, peace once more came to Prague and the Carmelites returned. One of them, Father Cyril, who had previously received great spiritual help through his devotion to the Infant of Prague, sought the statue and found it amidst the rubbish.

Overjoyed, he again placed the statue in the oratory. Father Cyril knelt in prayer before the small statue. Gazing upon the simple statue of the Child Jesus, he contemplated the most marvelous event in the history of the world, the Incarnation. He was filled with awe and wonder as he prayed to the God who became a child because of his love for us.

Suddenly, the statue spoke to him. Father Cyril was stunned as he heard these words of promise:

"Have Mercy On Me And I Will Have Mercy On You. Give Me Hands And I Will Give You Peace. The More You Honor Me, The More I Will Bless You."

Startled by these words, Father Cyril examined the statue, and upon drawing aside the mantle covering it, he found that both hands of the statue were broken off. The hands were later restored to the statue through the generosity of a devotee of the Divine Child.

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# Mass Intentions:

|          |          |  |
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| Sat 1/4  | 4:30 PM  | The Poor Souls in Purgatory<br>(The Semler Family) |
| Sun 1/5  | 8:30 AM  | Hilda Steirer (Jeanette Noakes)                    |
|          | 10:30 AM | Catherine Niedzwiecki<br>(Carl J. Niedzwiecki)     |
| Mon 1/6  | 8:30 AM  | St. Nicholas Memorial Society                      |
| Tues 1/7 | 6:30 PM  | People of the Parish                               |
| Wed 1/8  | 8:30 AM  | Catherine Niedzwiecki<br>(Joe Hrobat)              |
| Thu 1/9  | 8:30 AM  | Steffie Mordawski<br>(Lorraine Stefanoski)         |
| Fri 1/10 | No Mass  |  |
| Sat 1/11 | 4:30 PM  | Jeanette Epser<br>(Brad & Stef FeKula and Colton)  |
| Sun 1/12 | 8:30 AM  | George Woytko<br>(Mary Woytko & Susanne Amici)     |
|          | 10:30 AM | Hilda Steirer (Sue Hankee)                         |

## Counting Our Blessings-Thank You!

|       |   |                   |
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| 12/22 | Collection Envelopes                        | \$5,477.00        |
|       | <b>Weekly Budgeted Operational Expenses</b> | <b>\$7,352.00</b> |
|       | Christmas                                   | \$796.00          |
|       | Preservation & Renovation                   | \$325.00          |



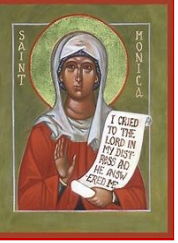
### Miraculous Medal Novena

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 January 5 to 11

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

*Wednesday Adorers*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of Wednesday Adorers*

## 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, Officers' Meeting 4th Wed @ 7:30PM.

## 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 do stop drinking.

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

## National March for Life, Washington, D.C.

Friday, Jan. 24 – St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Easton, Mass 6:30 a.m. before departure. Cost is \$20.

Call 484-259-7740 or email [andrewazan3rd@rcn.com](mailto:andrewazan3rd@rcn.com)

Why We March: <https://marchforlife.org/theme2025>

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Many miracles have occurred through intercession to the Divine Infant. During one invasion, all the children of the city were taken to the Church for protection—praying to the Infant, they were all saved. For almost four centuries, this promise of protection and blessing has inspired devotion and love of the Infant Jesus of Prague.

This devotion has spread from Prague throughout the whole Church. Today, replicas and models of the small statue are honored in every part of the world. The list of blessings attributed by devotees of the Infant Jesus is endless: health restored, financial problems solved, gifts of peace of mind and soul, and innumerable healings, both physical and spiritual. God has been astonishingly generous in blessing those who have been devoted to his Infant Son.

St. Therese, the Little Flower, was also a most fervent venerator and one of the great saints who has inspired greater devotion to the Infant Jesus.

For more than three centuries, this promise has inspired a worldwide devotion to the Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague. The original statue is still preserved in the church of St. Mary of Victory in Prague, under the care of the Carmelite Order.

The statue provides spiritual uplift for millions of people who have adopted the Holy Infant's call to humility, simplicity, and sincerity and to become little in order to become great and pleasing before Christ the King.

Devotion to the Miraculous Infant Jesus celebrates the "Child of God"—the great mystery of the Incarnation. With Childlike simplicity and trust we believe in the humanity and divinity of Christ and rejoice in God's caring and protective love for us. The Infant reminds us that God is holding us in the palm of His hand.

The spiritual meditation the statue inspires is the reason why the Infant Jesus of Prague is so continuously appealing to human hearts all over the world, which He has so firmly in His hands. You can find His statue in almost any church, convent, monastery and house, representing a Divine Protection toward His devotees.

## Observances the week of January 5, 2025

|              |                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Sunday:      | The Epiphany of the Lord         |
| Monday:      | St. André Bessette, Religious    |
| Tuesday:     | St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest |
| Next Sunday: | The Baptism of the Lord          |

## Memoirs, history, or science: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot!



Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa.

A poor Southern tobacco farmer whose cells are taken without her knowledge. The first "immortal"

human cells grown in culture. HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine; uncovered secrets of cancer, viruses, and the atom bomb's effects; helped lead to in vitro fertilization, cloning, and gene mapping. Join the Page Turners on Tuesday, January 21 at 7:15 pm in the Parish Center to deliberate this memoir. For more information, please contact: [community@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org).

## Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

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| Sunday:    | Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 |
| Monday:    | 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25                        |
| Tuesday:   | 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44                                |
| Wednesday: | 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52                              |
| Thursday:  | 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a                      |
| Friday:    | 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16                         |

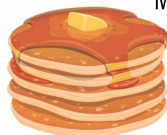


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## All You Can Eat Breakfast

\$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, January 12, 2025  
8am - 12:00pm

In the St. Nicholas Social Hall

A Portion of the Proceeds will benefit St Nicholas Parish  
Building Fund and Coats 4 Kids.