

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

### Masses

Sundays: 9:00 a.m. - English  
12:00 p.m. - Spanish  
\*2:00 p.m. - Spanish starting Feb 18  
Mondays: 6:00 p.m. - Spanish  
Fridays: 6:00 p.m. - Spanish

### Adoration & Confession

Mondays: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Fridays: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

### Office & Church Hours

Tuesday thru Friday  
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday  
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

### Mission Statement:

*We, the parish family of St Nicholas Roman Catholic Church, are called to live the Gospel through the spirit of kindness and generosity of our patron Saint. Our multicultural community values a strong commitment to life-long spiritual growth through the Word and Sacraments, a devotion to nurturing the Catholic faith of the younger generations and sharing the many gifts God has given us for the benefit of others.*

# F E B R U A R Y

**09** 6:30 pm Valentine's Gala Dinner

**11** 12:30 pm at Cathedral Basilica  
Archbishop Aquila is celebrating  
special healing Mass on World Day of  
the Sick

**14** Ash Wednesday Masses  
5:30 pm English  
7:00 pm Spanish

**16** 16-18 Mountain Madness

**16** Every Friday during Lent 2/16 - 3/22  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Adoration  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm - Stations of the Cross  
6:00 pm - Mass

**18** New Mass Schedule Starts

**24** 9:00 am Lent Retreat for All  
at St John The Baptist



## Weekly Events

**Religious Education**

Thursdays 6:00 pm

**Food Pantry**

Wednesdays & Fridays

12:00 - 3:00 pm



## Upcoming Parish Events



# M A R C H

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4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Adoration  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm - Stations of the Cross  
6:00 pm - Mass

**02** 9:00 am Lent Retreat for All  
at St Nicholas

**24** Palm Sunday

**28** 6:00 Holy Thursday - Bilingual

**29** Passion of the Lord  
5:30 pm English Mass  
7:00 pm Spanish Mass

**30** 8:00 pm Easter Vigil - Bilingual

**31** Easter Sunday

## Valentine's Gala Dinner

**FEBRUARY 9TH, 2024  
6:30 PM**

Rekindle the fire of Christ love in your marriage,  
Enjoy a Romantic dinner,  
in the faith filled environment, and activities geared  
towards strengthening your marital bond!

**St. Nicholas**  
Catholic Church

Office 970.785.2143 514 Marion Ave. Platteville, CO  
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Cost \$100 Per Couple ~ Tickets available at the office



# The best thing about Memories ...is making them

## THE 3 KINGS CAME TO ST NICHOLAS

*The sight of the Star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did homage. Then opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.*

~ Mt 2:10-11

The 3 Kings came to St Nicholas with offering the gifts to baby Jesus, greeted the children and received the letters with their requests.

~ Jan 6, 2024



**ARE YOU SUFFERING?  
COME AND LISTEN**

**CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS  
& YOUTH (13+)**

**MONDAYS & THURSDAYS  
at 8:00 pm  
STARTING FEBRUARY 5TH**

**"I HAVE COME SO THAT  
THEY MAY HAVE LIFE  
AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL"**  
John 10:10

**FREE BABYSITTER AVAILABLE**

*At St John The Baptist  
1000 Contry Acres Dr. Johnstow, CO*



## FINANCE STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY 2024	DONATIONS	FISCAL YEAR TODATE BUDGET	FISCAL YEAR TODATE COLLECTED	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL
Offertory	\$ 10,021.33	\$ 72,900 .00	\$ 67,143.15	\$ (5,756.85)
2nd Collection Maintenance	\$ 1,703.09	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,703.00	\$ (-297.00)

## FINANCE STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 2023	DONATIONS	FISCAL YEAR TODATE BUDGET	FISCAL YEAR TODATE COLLECTED	SURPLUS / SHORTFALL
Offertory	\$ 12,993.96	\$ 63,500.00	\$ 57,121.82	\$ (6,378.18)
Loan Payment	\$ 3,157.55	\$ 15,830.46	\$ 11,686.59	\$ (4,143.87)



# New Mass Schedule Starting February 18, 2024



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**St Nicholas Catholic Church**

**Pastor: Rev. Angel Perez-Brown**


**Vicar: Rev. Patricio Chuquimarca**

 **Deacon: Paul VanHoudt**

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