



All Saints Cathedral Parish

NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH (PNCC)

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Catholic in Faith, a People Empowered

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A New Year, A Fresh Beginning with God

Reading the Bible is more than a religious habit – it is a path to spiritual growth, wisdom, and inner peace. The Bible offers guidance for everyday life, helping us understand God’s will, make wise decisions, and stay strong in times of trial. Through its pages, we find truth, comfort and purpose. It’s not just a book, but the living Word of God that strengthens our faith, renews our minds, and draws us closer to Him. When we read the Bible regularly, we allow God’s Word to shape our thoughts, renew our hearts, and strengthen our faith. It reminds us of His promises, teaches us to love others, and inspires us to live with integrity and hope. In a noisy and confusing world, Scripture becomes a stable foundation – a light that directs our steps. There is power in God’s Word. It is alive – a steady voice that speaks truth in every situation. When we open the Bible, we open our hearts to hear directly from the One who created us, loves us, and guides us. The more time we spend in Scripture, the more we begin to see God’s hand at work in our lives. His promises remind us that we are never alone, no matter what challenges we face. Let every reading of the Bible be a moment of encounter – a time to recharge your spirit, renew your faith, and draw closer to the Lord. The Word of God doesn’t just inform us: it transforms us. Make it your daily habit to read, and let His truth take root in your heart. You’ll find that His Word brings strength in weakness, hope in despair, and joy in every season of life. The Bible teaches us God’s promises, reveals His love, and reminds us of our purpose. When we make a habit of reading it every day, we allow God’s truth to help us grow in understanding, faith, and grace.

Having stepped into a new year, let us remember that every sunrise is a gift and every new season a chance to begin again. The past may hold its lessons, but the future is filled with God’s promises – promises of hope, renewal, and purpose. May the year 2026 be a year when we walk closer with the Lord than ever before, allowing His Word to guide our plans, His peace to guard our hearts, and His love to overflow into the lives of those around you. May it be a time of spiritual growth, deeper faith, and unshakeable trust in God’s goodness. Whatever lies ahead, remember that you do not walk alone. God goes before you, making a way even when the path seems uncertain. Leave behind worry and fear, and step forward with courage, joy, and confidence in His perfect plan.

“The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.”

– Isaiah 58:11

*May God bless you and keep you,
Father David*



**All Saints Cathedral Parish PNCC
Weekday Services
Lent 2026**

Ash Wednesday – February 18

Noon – Litany with Distribution of Ashes (English)
7 pm – Holy Mass with Distribution of Ashes (English)
8 pm - Holy Mass with Distribution of Ashes (Polish)

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays at Noon
February 25, March 11, March 25
(with Fellowship. afterward)

Fridays at 7 pm
February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27
(Soup and Salad Supper at 6 pm)

Bitter Lamentations (English)

Wednesdays at Noon
March 4, March 18
(with Fellowship afterward)

*Volunteers are needed to host Fellowship after Wednesday services
and Soup and Salad before Friday Stations of the Cross.*

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

Thank you!

Love is All Around Us!

I cannot believe it's February already! It is still quite wintery in Chicago but February has a few holidays that make the winter more bearable – namely, National Dark Chocolate Day (02-01), Groundhog Day (02-02), Ice Cream for Breakfast Day (02-07), Pizza Day (02-09), Chili Day (02-26), and of course, this year's Super Bowl falls on 02-08-26 and then Paczki Day falls on 02-17-26. More importantly, however, February is also commonly referred to as the “Month of Love” as we celebrate Valentine's Day on 02-14.

So, what is love? Love can be many, many things. From my old Webster's Dictionary and my even older Roger's Thesaurus (and I suppose if you were to look online using dictionary.com or thesaurus.com), I came up with many definitions of love, just a few of which follow. Most often love is a noun – an intense affection; a strong feeling of warm personal attraction and attachment; enthusiasm or fondness; kindness; active, self-giving concern for the well-being of others; a beloved person. Love is sometimes used as a verb – to feel affection for; to enjoy enthusiastically; to care for.

Love is often a combination of emotions, behaviors and beliefs. Love can include an emotional connection (warmth, closeness); behavioral actions (support, sharing of values and goals, respect, honesty, patience); intimacy (emotional closeness, vulnerability); commitment (being resilient and intentional; a conscious decision to maintain a relationship and foster its growth); and passion (intense feelings). One might say that love includes communication, commitment, compromise, compatibility, connection, compassion and chemistry. Love can involve sacrifice and struggle, unseen kindness, or anticipation of another's needs. In Scripture, we find the following words in 1 Corinthians 13:13, “And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love”. We read in 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs”.

There are different types of love – romantic love (Eros); compassionate or brotherly love (Philia); familial love (Storge); and platonic love.

There is also Agape love. Agape is often recognized as the highest form of love representing selfless, unconditional and sacrificial love that acts for the well-being of others without expecting anything in return. It is not a feeling, but a conscious choice, action and commitment to love, exemplified by Christ's sacrifice. Agape often describes God's love for humanity and the love believers should have for God and others. It is selfless and sacrificial, unconditional, action-oriented, intentional, enduring and forgiving, full of grace and mercy. 1 John 4:7-8 emphasizes that love originates from God saying, “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love”. John 3:16 reads, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son”, while in Romans 5:8, we read, “But God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”. Further, 1 Corinthians 16:14 reads, “Let all that you do be done in love”, and Ephesians 4:32 says, “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you”.

We can cultivate Agape in our lives by actively choosing to serve others, especially those who cannot reciprocate. We can treat people with kindness and respect regardless of how we feel about them. We can invest our time, talents and treasures to support others. We can base our actions on the selfless love of Christ. We can forgive others – letting go of grudges and keeping no record of wrongs. When we do these

things, we are following God's commands as found in John 13:34-35, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.", and Matthew 22:37-39, "God commands, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'". Further, in John 15:13, we read, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends". God also tells us that we must love our enemies as in Matthew 5:44, "But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you", and in Luke 6:27-28, "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you". Further, Hebrews 13:2 contain these beautiful words, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it".

We express love in many different ways. It might be cooking someone's favorite meal or perhaps taking the "cook" out for dinner so he/she has a night off. It is sharing household duties or chores among all family members. It could be running an errand or two for someone who is usually running around in ten different directions at once. Love is asking "What can I do for you?" or saying, "Let me do that for you, please sit down and rest." It is being kind and considerate in what we do for others or say to others. Love can be listening to the same stories over and over again that your loved one has already shared many times with you. It can mean providing a meal for a homeless person or someone who can no longer cook. It means listening to a stranger - someone who needs someone else to just be there for them at that moment. It is also saying hello to a Veteran who is wearing a hat identifying the branch of service he or she served in and listening to a couple of his or her stories. Love can also be taking a few extra minutes when you order through a drive-thru to ask the person taking your order how his or her day is going and then smiling when you get your order.

And now you may ask, "Where is love?" Well, love is all around us for God is love. God is omnipresent – He is not limited by space or time and is present in all places simultaneously. He loves each of us every day. He forgives us because of His love. He blesses us abundantly each day because of His love. We just need to open our eyes and ears and hearts and souls so we can recognize His blessings and miracles. His love is with us in times of good health or in our suffering, in our laughter and in our tears, in the good times and in the bad, in our successes and in our challenges. His love is in our family members, our relatives, our friends, our work associates, our classmates, and the many strangers that we encounter throughout our day whether in person or on the phone. God's love is the mealtime we may share with someone. His love is in the conversations we have with our loved ones or strangers. His love is manifested in us as we love others as He loves us. Further, God's love is apparent in His brilliant creation, nature and animals. In His love, He created a beautiful world for us to share – the beautiful warmth of the bright sun, the amazing sight of bright stars in the night sky, the vibrant colors in a field of wildflowers, a majestic snow-capped mountain, a colorful rainbow after a rain shower, the invigorating smell of a pine forest, the exhilarating thrill of seeing Grand Canyon in person. God allows us to sit in His love as we listen to the birds greet a new day; as the bunnies nibble on some bark, dandelions or grass; and as the squirrels scamper about the yard foraging for food or navigate the trees and rooftops. You see, love is indeed all around us – God is all around us!

I pray that love fills your days and nights throughout February and throughout the rest of the year!

Rest in Peace, Adeline



Our parishioner and friend, Adeline Kozak, passed away on January 30th at the age of 103.

In addition to a life of service to our parish, Adeline was author of the book “The History of All Saints Cathedral Parish of the PNCC, 1895 to 1995” which was published in September of 1996 – 176 pages dedicated to her church. Copies of this book are still available (contact the office).

Adeline was preceded in death by her husband John and daughter Linda. She was laid to rest with them in our Cemetery on February 3rd.

May perpetual light shine upon our lovely sister, Adeline.

From the Western Diocese Newsletter

Outreach Tip for February

Be Publicly Useful in One Small Way

Pick one community need the parish can meet without strain.

Best fits for aging parishes:

- Hosting a grief support hour
- Opening the church for quiet prayer during stressful times
- Providing a space for AA / caregiver / veterans group
- Partnering with a good pantry rather than running one

Do it consistently, not impressively.

Elevation of Clerics: On Tuesday, March 3 at All Saints Cathedral in Chicago at 10 a.m. (central time), Cleric Al Becker and Cleric Jason Fox will be elevated to Subdeacon and receive the minor orders of acolyte and blesser. Prime Bishop Anthony will preside and bestow the orders. All are invited to attend this important event!

Scholars Conference: This year’s Scholars Conference in the PNCC will be April 18, 2026 in Scranton, PA and online. If you would like further information, please feel free to contact Rev. Father Jim Ploskonka of the History and Archives commission at 216.650.5596.

Lenten Word of God Study

A study of the book “Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist” by Brant Pitre began February 10 and continues on Tuesdays through March 24th. Contact Father David for the Zoom info.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND BASKET RAFFLE



PNA FAMILY NIGHT at the CHICAGO WOLVES



God Bless Our Scouts!



Nicholas



Delfina

BINGO FOR BEADS



MORE CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT ALL SAINTS



Music Scholarship Sunday

Music Scholarship Sunday was recognized at All Saints on Sunday, February 1, due to inclement weather on the designated national date of January 25. Our thanks to all who donated so generously either with a door donation or through the online fund. Over \$300 was collected! Donations are accepted at any time throughout the year. We are pleased to announce that All Saints contributed over \$800 in 2025. Keep the music playing!



Women's Society News

On February 1, the Women's Society held their election of officers for the term 2026-2028. Congratulations to Cathy Andersen (President), Christine Turner (Secretary) and Janet Schumacher (Treasurer). We thank outgoing President Judie Szydowski for the leading the Society back to active service to our Parish these last two years.



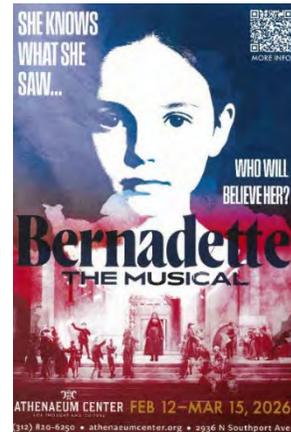
Do you have surplus craft supplies? Are you tired of crocheting, knitting or candy making? Want to explore a new hobby,

medium or material? Bring your unwanted craft supplies and gear that you no longer use to the church on **March 1, 8 and 15**. A table will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. You can then "shop" from the craft items donated by others! Any items left over will be donated to a charity shop. Contact Coordinator Judie Szydowski for more information.

Bernadette the Musical

The Athenaeum Center will be presenting the story of St. Bernadette Soubirous and the apparitions at Lourdes. The themes of faith, hope, and perseverance make it a powerful experience for the Lenten season. If you are interested in attending (perhaps as a group?), please contact Jill Lindenmuth for more information. Performances are scheduled for February 12-March 15 at the Center, 2936 N. Southport in Chicago.

<https://athenaeumcenter.org/events/2026/bernadette-the-musical/>



2026 Youth Convocation



August 3-7, 2026

Camp Monadnock, Jeffrey, New Hampshire

Detailed information is now available in the January 2026 God's Field, including registration, tshirt orders, materials and health forms. Children aged 8 and older can attend. Early registration fee (before April 30) is \$150; After May 1 the fee is \$250. Contact Sandy Dobrovolskis for additional information or contact Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich Jr. at RobNem21@aol.com.

Parish Committee Opening



The Parish Committee is still in need of a Recording Secretary. Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month (except December). We use Zoom for online attendance, and record the meetings to make it easier for the Secretary to produce the minutes. This is important work, and we ask you to consider coming forward to fill this position. Contact Father David or Chairman Gary Kurzynski.

Bishop Jerry Memorial Scholarship Fund



Please remember we continue to collect donations for the Bishop Jerry Memorial Scholarship Fund. There is a dedicated fund in the online giving software. Thank you for your generosity and remembrance. Our first award was given in July 2025 to Mary Jane Scott.

2026 Membership Dues

Membership Dues for the year 2026 are now due and payable. You can pay in full, or make partial payments throughout the year. Dues are \$125 per person or \$250 per family. Contact Financial Secretary Judie Szydowski if you have any questions.



The **MARCH** issue of the All Saints Newsletter will be published on Sunday, March 8. The deadline for submission is **Wednesday, March 4th**.

Submit your pictures and stories to our new email: ascpncc@gmail.com

Remember to include captions for your pictures!

Pray and Study on Thursdays in Lent

Bible Study with Father David is held on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. We are currently studying the book of Ephesians. Contact Father David for the study materials and Zoom info.

And starting February 19th, join Deacon Doug at 6 pm on Thursdays for “**Lenten Hours**”. You can attend in person or via Zoom. Contact Deacon Doug for the booklets and Zoom info.



The Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 St. Michael the Archangel National Catholic Church
 6629 W. 133rd Avenue in Cedar Lake, Indiana



Everyone is cordially invited to attend

A Lenten Tea

Featuring Guest Speaker, Ms. Cindy Varencamp
 "The Beatitudes - Jesus' Instruction Manual" found in Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 12 noon
 in our Fellowship Hall



Tickets are \$15 per person
 Must be purchased by March 8, 2026
Includes food and beverages



Contact Christine Wachna 847-927-9534 christine.wachna@att.net
 or any SAMBS Member



25th Mission & Evangelism Workshop

🕒 2026-05-29 @ 04:00 PM - 2026-05-31 @ 01:00 PM

📍 73 Main Street, Westfield, MA

For more information and to register, visit
<https://pncc.org/event/25th-mission-evangelism-workshop/>

2026 - 2027
POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
Now accepting applications!

Returning again are our merit-based programs:

- UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
- GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Thanks to the generosity of our member donors, we are proud to announce the following **NEW** scholarship programs:

- EDMUND (NASIEROWSKI) NASH SCHOLARSHIP
- WALTER & BERNICE KOTAPKA SCHOLARSHIP
- WALTER DROZDAL SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: April 15, 2026
 Official rules & regulations are available on pna-znp.org



February 10 – Western Diocese Lenten Word of God Series begins
February 18 – Ash Wednesday
February 22 – Annual Congregation Meeting
March 1-15 – Women’s Society Craft Swap
March 29 – Palm Sunday
April 5 – Easter Sunday
April 12 – Easter Dinner
May 29-31 – PNCC Mission & Evangelism Workshop (Westfield, MA)
August 3-7 – PNCC Youth Convocation (Jeffrey, New Hampshire)
August 9 – Summerfest
September 28-30 – PNCC General Synod (Manchester, New Hampshire)

PARISHIONERS: Bob Gradowski, Mark Kowalsky, Sherry Lapinski, Sylvia Smolka, Teri Heath, Bob Maycan, Diane Hughes, Sonny Collinet, Phyllis Collinet, Donald Pagels, Mary Andersen, Lorraine Truskolaski, Joan Pagels

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Derek Michaels, Dave Jazdzewski, Linda Przebieda, Susan Occhiphinti, Don Nystrom, Nancy Walton, Stenia Dabrowska, Jeff Gap, Jason Malkowski, Sophia Forchas, Audrey Bockenbauer, Cheryl Miceli, Jim Lakowski, Byron Sahovich, Susan Meyer, Barbara Boyle, Luz Raygosa, Eluid Raygosa, Suzanne Eberle, Margaret “Gosia” Szajowska, Richard Kitching, Ed Davis, Derek Jones, Alivia Lindbeck, Kathy Joseph, Sherrie Sekyra, Tony Kilroy, Tina Tziolas, Rosetta Bizzotto, Barbara Consentino, June Felski, Jill Ziegler, Rita Bader, Eugenia Czaban

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Stephanie Rowinski

PRAY FOR ALL OUR TROOPS DEFENDING FREEDOM but especially for: Michael Warren Sobczyk (USAF), Hannah Sobczyk (USAF), Noe Corral-Galvan (USAF), Anna Wietrecki (USA)

Remember to let us know when you or a loved one can be removed from the Prayer List. Thanks!

MEETINGS, ETC.

(unless otherwise announced)

Cemetery Trustees

March 23 *(in person)*

Future Direction Committee

February 15, March 15, April 19

Parish Committee

February 17 *(via Zoom only)*

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

February 15

Women's Society

March 22

Saint Cecelia Choir Rehearsal

February 23, March 23

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

(see Weekly Bulletin for schedule changes)

Sunday Masses

9 am English / 11:30 am Polish

School of Christian Living Classes

10:15 am October - May

Bible Study with Father David

Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom

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EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS or DEATHS
Please report to [Father David](#) immediately.

CEMETERY

Visiting Hours: 8 am – 5 pm

Office Hours: By appointment only

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