

The first mentioning of the Saint Nicolas Church goes as far back as 1120. The bishop of Terwaan entrusted the church to the young Saint Nicolas abbey of Furnes. Untill the French Revolution the parish church was served by a canon of the abbey.

The early Gothic tower dates back to the 13th century, the upper part was built at the beginning of the 14th century.

In 1494 the original transept was pulled down and replaced by a three nave building.

In 1775 the central nave was extended towards the east and subsequently expanded with two side chancels.

The tower was restored in the 19th century. A steeple was built but was later pulled down again . Later on the tower was restored. During the 1960's the vaultings and roofs were in need of restoration.

The Saint Nicolas Abbey in the first part of the 17th century (image from Flandria Illustrata - 1641)



Welcome in the Saint Nicolas Church Furnes



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A *Adoration of the Magi and two nuns kneeling* – 1601-1700

B *Plaques World War I*

C *Crucifixion (triptych)*– 1534
Jan van Amstel, ° Amsterdam ca 1500, + Antwerp ca 1540

D *Saint-Sebastian shot by arrows* - 1641-1660
Vigor Boucquet, ° Furnes 1618, + Furnes 1677

E *Calvary* – 1501-1600
Punishment painting imposed on Willem de Wale due to recalcitrance to a justiciary.

F *South-altar* – 1741

Statue of the Virgin Mary and Child – 1601-1700

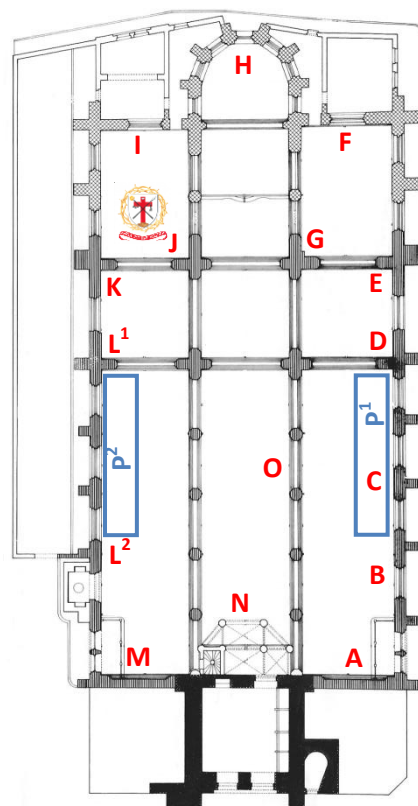
G *Cenotaph – Jan DESTROMPES* – 17th-century

Cenotaph – JACQUE ANSELMRYCX – 18th-century

Painting

Alice de Bevere, ° Kortrijk October 2nd 1921, + Sint-Idesbald February 14th 1984

H *High altar* – 1894



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Mid-13th-century
1494

Ca. 1775
Ca. 1888

I *North-altar with tabernacle* – 18th-century

Martyrdom of Saint-Barbara – 1706
Louis de Deyster, ° Bruges ca 1656, + Bruges 1711

J *Cenotaph – STA VIATOR* – 1664

Cenotaph – Alexander Van Veurne – 1762

The glorification of Christ

André Bulthe, °Veurne 1906, + Veurne 1998

K *Brass plaques* – 1886-1887

L¹ *Station I – Agony of Christ in the Olive Garden* – 1301-1400

L² *Station II – Judas kiss* – 1801-1900

M *Healing of the lame* – 1691-1700

N *Organ loft, Canopy* – 1896

Organ – 1738 – F. Loncke

O *Statue of Saint Nicolas* (under pulpit) – 1837
Philippe-Joseph Parmentier, ° Feluy 1784, + Gent 1851

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P² *Wallcovering with benches* – 1601-1650



Cross of the Sodality of the crucified Saviour – 1639 – Antwerp
In 1637 canon Jacob Clou founded the Sodality of the crucified Saviour to which he donated this cross in 1639.