

**JANUARY 12, 2020  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, January 13**

**Tuesday, January 14 (SN) 8:00am**

**Wednesday, January 15 (HF) 8:00am**

**Thursday, January 16 (HF) 6:30pm**

**Friday, January 17 (SN) 8:00am**

**Saturday, January 18 (SN) 4:00pm**

**Saturday, January 18 (HF) 7:00pm**

**Sunday, January 19 (HF) 8:30am**

**Sunday, January 19 (SN) 10:30am**

NO SCHEDULED MASS

Rita J. Singler/Exposition Closing 4pm

Intention of Thanksgiving/  
Exposition Closing 8pm

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Intention of the Blessed Mother

Henry, Irene and Melvin Kahle

Don & Mary Noirot, Steve Noirot

For the Parish

Amy Altman, Michele Obarski/  
Liv & Dec'd Gerten & Recker Family

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**WEEKDAY READINGS**

1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

1 Sm 8:4-7/10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

**SUNDAY READINGS**

Is 49:3, 5-6

1 Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34

*From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We have come full circle in the Christmas season of feasts this weekend with the Baptism of the Lord. Today's feast, like Epiphany, is among the collection of "manifestations" in the Christmas cycle. The reason why Jesus' baptism is among those celebrated during the time of our commemoration His nativity is the plain and simple fact that it is united to our own baptism. Think of it for a moment. Jesus stood in line with everyone else on the banks of the Jordan River to be baptized by John. God stood in line with us and submitted himself to our ritual action to validate our own baptism. Wow! That is a revelation most touching and one certainly manifesting God's divine blessing in our midst.

It was a wonderful Christmas holiday this year. Alex and I are most grateful for the many cards, greetings, gifts and affirmations extended this holiday. I am most grateful as well for the generosity of so many, those who decorated our parish churches, our parish choirs and musicians who shared their love for God in music at our holiday Masses, and all those who attended to the liturgical ministries at our parishes. Sometimes we do not think about the involvement of so many for our weekend or holiday services. To all who had a hand in making our services so meaningful and inspiring, I thank you. A first glance at the figures of our respective parish Christmas collections indicate a significant increase in our sacrificial giving this year. Thank you for your love and care of our parishes this Christmas season.

I am away from our parishes for the next few days (January 11 - 20) for time to properly rest, relax and pray. I am grateful for Fr. Jim Morman who graciously responded to my request for his priestly service to all of you while I am away. Fr. Jim will be covering all liturgical services in my absence while I am away. I might add that he will be assisted in the pastoral care of our parishioners with Deacon Doyle Erford and Seminarian Alex Elfreich.

This afternoon, January 12, I am back in my hometown of Sandusky attending a banquet where I am being inducted in the St. Mary's Central Catholic High School Athletic & Achievement Hall of Fame. Some months ago, I received notice that my name was submitted for nomination and chosen to be one among several inductees for 2020. I was humbled by the distinction as I can recall a number of high school acquaintances that are more deserving of this honor than myself. The Hall of Fame was originally established for athletic distinction, but most recently added the honor for those alumni who have made significant achievements. While a most humbling gesture, I accept this induction happily knowing the many lives I have served since my high school graduation in 1976. Praised be Jesus Christ!

Be assured of a prayerful remembrance while I am away these next days.

*Monsignor Singler*

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

**December 31, 2019, January 1, 4 & 5, 2020**

<b>St. Nicholas:</b>		<b>Holy Family:</b>	
Regular:	3,805.00	Regular:	3,144.00
Solemnity:	2,000.00	Solemnity:	1,297.00
Christmas:	910.00	Christmas:	150.00
Energy:	423.00	Energy:	487.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,138.00</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,078.00</b>

**TOTAL CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS TO DATE**

<b>St. Nicholas:</b>		<b>Holy Family:</b>	
Christmas:	\$12,317.00	Christmas:	\$12,759.00

***Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.***



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LAVINA STEFFEN, St. Nicholas' most senior member, who turned 103 on January 8<sup>th</sup>!

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES** for January through March 29, 2020 are in the entryways of our parish churches for those who requested a hard copy. Please contact the Parish Office at 419-876-3481 if you did not receive a hard copy and would like to receive a hard copy ongoing.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS STILL AVAILABLE: REDISCOVER THE SAINTS: *Twenty-Five Questions That Will Change Your Life*** by Matthew Kelly are available in the entryways of Holy Family and St. Nicholas Churches.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENTLY BAPTIZED** Holy Family Parishioners **KORBYN ANN SCHROEDER**, daughter of Kyle & Kari Schroeder, **ENSLEY KATE BEINING** daughter of Rudolph & Chelsea Beining.

**NEW CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES:** Holy Family and St. Nicholas registered households should have received new weekly contribution envelopes in the mail. If contribution envelopes were not received, please contact the Parish Office at 419-876-3481. Thank you for your patient understanding as we implement this new method of sacrificial giving.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER DINNER DANCE** will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020. St. Anthony's Church, Columbus Grove will be hosting the celebration. Mass is scheduled at 3:00pm at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Hall with a Dinner & Dance to follow at 4:30pm. Music will be provided by the live band "Dueces Wild" of Delphos. Enjoy a beautiful evening with the love of your life. Cost per couple \$25.00 and there will be a cash bar. For tickets contact Harold & Mary Jane Kaufman at 419-615-8754 or Jeff & Beth Steffan at 419-615-5258.

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION FOR LIFE**

Join the parish communities of Holy Family and St. Nicholas for Eucharistic Exposition in solidarity with those attending the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. On Wednesday, January 22, the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion in our country, Holy Family Church will be the site for a day long Eucharistic Exposition for Life which will begin at the conclusion of the 8:00am weekday Mass and will conclude with Benediction at 7:45pm. Save this date and plan to attend this scheduled event to lend your voice in prayer to God to end all abortions.



**9 DAYS FOR LIFE: JANUARY 21 – 29, 2020:** 9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information.

Sign up to receive the novena by email, text message, or an app at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH IS IN NEED** of two persons to commit an hour of adoration each Wednesday from 10 – 11:00am at Holy Family Church. Please contact the Parish Office 419-876-3481.



**SN/HF YOUTH GROUP** is hosting an All You Care to Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, January 20 at SN Parish Center. Serving is from 4:00-6:00pm; eat in or carry out. All donations benefit the Youth Group. Menu will be salad, garlic toast, spaghetti with a hearty meat sauce and our fabulous dessert bar. Gluten free option available.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP**

**Sixth & Seventh Grade Christian Formation** meet this Wednesday, January 15, 2020 from 7:00-8:00pm at Holy Family Religious Education Center and St. Nicholas Upper Rooms.

**Eighth Grade Christian Formation** meet this Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall from 6:00-7:30pm and at St. Nicholas Church for Adoration from 7:30-8:00pm.

**Freshmen (HF Parish Hall) and Sophomores (SN Parish Center Hall)** meet today Sunday, January 12 and Sunday, January 26 for Christian Formation from 9:30-11:15am. **Seniors (HF) and Juniors (SN)** do not meet again until Sunday, February 2.

**SN/HF Youth Group** will meet this Sunday, January 12 for Game Night, beginning at 6:00pm at SN Parish Center; bring your favorite game. Any college-age students who are still on break are welcome to join us! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

**SN/HF Youth Group** sponsored Spaghetti Dinner is January 20 at the Parish Center; all youth group members are asked to sign up to help and to bring a dessert.

**I Am Catholic** will meet on January 26 from 6:00-7:00pm, in St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall followed by Adoration in church.

**All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders** are encouraged to attend St. George Deanery's annual Junior High Gathering on February 9. This year the event will be hosted by Immaculate Conception, Ottoville. Forms were given out this past Wednesday during class.

**CYO Basketball Schedule:**



**January 12, 2020**

Boys vs. New Riegel All Saints at New Riegel at 1:00pm  
Girls vs. Kalida St. Michael at Miller City at 2:00pm

**January 16, 2020**

Boys vs. Glandorf St. John at Miller City at 8:30pm

**BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: NIESE**

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