

JANUARY 26, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 27

Tuesday, January 28 (SN) 8:00am

Wednesday, January 29 (HF) 8:00am

Thursday, January 30 (HF) 6:30pm

Friday, January 31 (SN) 8:00am

Saturday, February 1 (SN) 4:00pm

Saturday, February 1 (HF) 7:00pm

Sunday, February 2 (HF) 8:30am

Sunday, February 2 (SN) 10:30am

NO SCHEDULED MASS

Priest's Intention/Exposition Closing 4pm

Liv & Dec'd Gable & Recker Families/

Edward F. Morman (annv.)/Exposition Closing 8pm

Mr. & Mrs. Roman Schumaker Family

Priest's Intention

For the Parish

Karl P. Morman

For the Parish

Neil Balbaugh/John & Dolores Siefker

WEEKDAY READINGS

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/

Mk 4:26-34

SUNDAY READINGS

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

Those who cannot attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays and would like Holy Communion brought to them may contact the Parish Office at 419-876-3481.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

From time to time over the course of our rich Catholic history, Popes have designated a particular observance on a calendar day, often a Sunday during the liturgical year, to emphasize some aspect important to the witness of the Christian faith. Pope St. John Paul II, for instance, designated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1967, Pope St. Paul VI designated the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, which we celebrated on January 1, as a World Day of Prayer for Peace in the world. This past fall season, Pope Francis declared that the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, which we commemorate this weekend, would be known as "The Sunday of the Word of God". I think Pope Francis has struck an important spiritual goldmine for Catholics worldwide with this observance.

We probably don't think of the fact how integral the word of God is to our lives. Some claim that it is simply a historical account of how people related to God long ago. Yet, the greatest wisdom shared in people's lives likely finds its origin in the Sacred Scriptures. The hymns we sing at Mass or the popular Christian type of songs heard on the radio today, or the prayers that are spoken aloud at Mass – many of these find their origin in the word of God. All the more reason to designate a pointed observance celebrating the holy word of God.

Aside from the liturgical use of Sacred Scripture, which often follows a particular theme or segment of the public ministry of Jesus, biblical reading is an important and enriching aspect of Catholic spirituality in our time. I remember back to my seminary days during course lectures and my professors offering a commentary on the sacred writings. After hearing the historical background to the writings of St. Paul, for instance, what his texts relayed made complete sense to me. Or, after learning the literary style behind the writings of the prophets in the Old Testament or the apocalyptic writings in the Book of

Revelation in the New Testament, the spiritual content had a deeper and compelling meaning for me. Surprisingly, I found myself making better connections to things going on in my life and in the world. In that sense, the word of God has significant meaning for our time in human history.

Group bible studies in our current cultural context are a relatively new experience in the Catholic Church. There was a time well before the Second Vatican Council, that Catholics were not encouraged to study the Bible. Our Catholic perspective was the tradition rooted in, first and foremost, magisterial teachings, the doctrines and dogmas of the Catholic Church. Our Catholic tradition emphasized the teachings of the catechism and sacramental life of the Church. The Second Vatican Council, however, opened the door to a greater appreciation of Sacred Scripture and the need to study the original texts and languages from which the tradition of the Bible emerged. Much of this has been prompted by the ecumenical dialogue with mainstream Christian Churches, who have helped to connect Catholic brothers and sisters to the treasure of sacred scriptural writing. It was this exciting development that has prompted many scripture study groups.

We may be underestimating the power of the Sacred Scriptures and the great influence they really have on our journey in this mortal life. Pope Francis' closing remarks in the inauguration of The Word of God Sunday says is most aptly: "May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. For as the sacred author taught of old: 'This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'"

Monsignor Singler

BLESSING OF THROATS

Anticipating the feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, throats will be blessed at the conclusion of all Lord's Day Masses next weekend, February 1 & 2, 2020.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS January 18 & 19, 2020

St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	3,597.00	Regular:	2,292.00
Christmas:	10.00		
Energy:	22.00	Energy:	35.00
Total:	\$3,629.00	Total:	\$2,327.00

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: Since 1997 the universal Church celebrates World Day for Consecrated Life close to the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2. Next Sunday we will observe this day with a special emphasis on the call to consecrated life in today's world.

RU CALLED is open to all young adults ages 18 – 39 who have wondered what it is like to be called to religious life as a Sister, Brother, or Priest. Come join local women and men religious for delicious homemade meal on Thursday, February 6 from 6:00-8:30pm at Lourdes University. Please contact Sister Sandy for additional information at RUCalled19@gmail.com.

BECOMING THE WOMAN YOU WERE CREATED TO BE: A Mother-Daughter "Tea" Program on the Gift of Fertility will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2020 from 1:00-4:00pm at Touches from the Heart Banquet Room, 136 S. Main St., Glandorf, Ohio (Entrance behind the building). Teenage women and their mothers are invited to join for an afternoon of tea and engaging presentations. Registration & Payment is required by February 16th at <https://eventbrite.com/e/becoming-the-woman-you-were-meant-to-be-a-mother-daughter-tea-program-tickets>

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.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: St. Rita's Medical Center is looking for volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic to share the sacrament with patients. If you are interested in serving the sick, please contact Matt Etzkorn, Spiritual Director (419)-226-9531.

THANK YOU to all who attended the Youth Group's Spaghetti Dinner last Monday. Next Sunday, February 2, is our annual Sub Sale. Orders may still be placed this week.

Pick up is from 10:00-12:00 at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall. Extra subs will be available for purchase. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP

Sixth & Seventh Grade Christian Formation meet this Wednesday, January 29, 2020 from 7:00-8:00pm at Holy Family Religious Education Center and St. Nicholas Upper Rooms.

Eighth Grade Christian Formation meets this Wednesday, January 29, 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 from 9:30-11:15) and Sophomores (SN Parish Center Hall from 8:30-10:15) meet today, Sunday, January 26 for Christian Formation. **Seniors (HF) and Juniors (SN)** meet next Sunday, February 2.

Thank you to all the youth who helped with the Spaghetti Dinner last Monday. Our parishes are blessed by your willingness to serve. A special thanks to Collin Oedy and Anthony Inkrott for washing and drying all the dishes!!

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

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to attend St. George Deanery's annual Junior High Gathering on February 9, "Your Mission: Be Fearless". This year the event will be held at Immaculate Conception, Ottoville. Forms are available at our parish website. If you do not preregister, you may come the day of the event and pay the full price.

CYO Basketball Schedule:

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Boys vs. Ft. Jennings St. Joseph at Miller City at 2:00pm

Girls vs. New Riegel All Saints at Miller City at 3:15pm



COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA will take place this weekend. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america

23rd ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY HOSPICE BENEFIT is scheduled for Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the Ottawa K of C beginning at 5:00pm. If you are interested in purchasing a pre-sale ticket to attend or in making a donation please contact Kendra Kuhlman at 419-523-4449.

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