

**JANUARY 5, 2020
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 6

Tuesday, January 7 (SN) 8:00am

Wednesday, January 8 (HF) 8:00am

Thursday, January 9 (HF) 6:30pm

Friday, January 10 (SN) 8:00am

Saturday, January 11 (SN) 4:00pm

Saturday, January 11 (HF) 7:00pm

Sunday, January 12 (HF) 8:30am

Sunday, January 12 (SN) 10:30am

NO SCHEDULED MASS

Lavon Leis/Exposition Closing 4pm

Maryilyn Inkrott/ Ray & Rosemary Powell/
Exposition Closing 8pm

Adam Lammers/Norm & Donna Recker

Jim Murray

For the Parish

Liv & Dec'd Lawrence Hermiller Family

For the Parish

Kruse & McDonald Family/

Melvin & Alvera Alt

WEEKDAY READINGS

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

SUNDAY READINGS

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-3

Mt 3:13-17

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

As much as some may think the Christmas season is over now that we have begun a new calendar year, the fact is Christmas extends well beyond our civil observance of keeping time. In fact, we have this weekend and another next weekend before the Christmas season comes to its conclusion in the Church. I would like to think that the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, which we commemorate this weekend, provides still another perspective of understanding the Christmas mystery. In particular, the arrival of the magi who bring their unique greetings and gifts to the Christ Child express the public nature, if you will, of God's incarnation. It is to say that the God who shared our humanity came for the reason of breaking many barriers beyond race, nation and culture.

The astrologers from the East who follow a star in the sky are on a quest for meaning in their lives. It had to be a very unique encounter for them to gaze upon the face of Christ. For them, the promise of Jesus to save is entrusted to them. They, too, are now included in this plan of salvation. This is to say that Christ came into the world for any and all who wish to follow His way. This is a new and novel way of understanding as the temptation can always settle in many minds exactly who inherits the promise. It is not only by association or bloodline, but by lives that are faithful to God – lives that attend to the injustices of the world in bringing hope and light to despair and darkness.

In many Catholic homes, Epiphany is celebrated as a "little Christmas". The gift bearing magi offer us the challenge of our gift giving; not to one another, but to Jesus himself. What is our gift to Christ? Our love? Our kindness? Could it be that our gold, frankincense and myrrh might be spending more time with a loved one living alone, or attending to the care of the sick? We should never underestimate what God wants of us. The

more we trust in God's plan, the more will the journey of life bear greater and significant meaning. It is not a matter of what we ourselves want, but what God wants of us. When a person can have such trust they find themselves going places never imagined before. It is not coincidence, only providence at work in these moments.

It is my personal wish and prayer in the midst of these Christmas feasts that Jesus reveals himself to you in ways that only affirm your journey in life. I hope that as we celebrate this weekend the fact that He is the light to the nations of the world all will come to know a greater peace and joy. God bless you.

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

December 28 & 29, 2019

St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	\$4,589.00	Regular:	27,017.00
Flowers:	50.00	Solemnity of Mary	70.00
Christmas:	1,320.00	Christmas:	150.00
Total:	\$5,959.00	Total:	27,237.00

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

December 24 & 25, 2019

St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Christmas:	\$9,067.00	Christmas	12,449.00

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.



HOLIDAY REPRISÉ: A repeat Christmas Open House at St. Nicholas Rectory in Miller City has been scheduled for today Sunday, January 5, the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (Little Christmas) during the hours of 2:00-5:00pm. Bring your family members and friends to see this special holiday display.

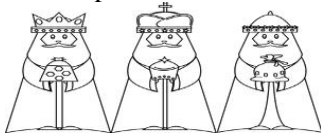


NEW CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: Holy Family and St. Nicholas registered households should have received new weekly contribution envelopes in the mail after Christmas. If mailed contribution envelopes were not received, please contact the Parish Office at 419-876-3481. Thank you for your patient understanding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

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 in the future.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER DINNER DANCE will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020. St. Anthony's Church, Columbus Grove will be hosting the Celebration. The 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. For tickets contact Harold & Mary Jane Kaufman at 419-615-8754 or Jeff & Beth Steffan at 419-615-5258.

2020 EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING KITS are available in the entryways of our parish churches this weekend.



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS entrusted to his worldwide prayer network for January 2020: Prayer intention for evangelization – Promotion of World Peace. We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

CYO Basketball Schedule:



January 5, 2020

Boys vs. Ottawa S.P.P.S at Ottawa S.P.P.S at 1:00pm
Girls vs. New Riegel All Saints at New Riegel at 2:15pm

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

THE SN/HF YOUTH GROUP will also be having their annual Sub Sale on February 2. Order forms will be available soon.

THE SN/HF YOUTH GROUP will be hosting an All You Care to Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, January 20 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) at the 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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP

Junior High Christian Formation meets this Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

Seniors (HF) and Juniors (SN) meet today, Sunday January 5 for Christian Formation. **Freshmen (HF) and Sophomores (SN)** meet next Sunday, January 12.

SN/HF Youth Group will meet January 12 for Game Night, beginning at 6:00pm; 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 6-7pm, followed by Adoration in Church.

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited 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 will be available soon.

ASKING FOR YOUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE

Our friends at Putnam County Right to Life are inviting Holy Family and St. Nicholas Parishes to assist their good work with a collection of funds to share in their important work promoting the cause of human life and its protection. Collection envelopes are available in the pews of our churches next weekend. Free will offerings will be collected next weekend, January 11 & 12, and the following weekend, January 18 & 19. Simply place your cash or check donation to Putnam County Right to Life in the designated envelope and drop in the offertory collection. Monies generated from this special collection will be forwarded directly to Putnam County Right to Life. Thank you for your generosity and love for life!



BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: OHIO CONCRETE CRUSHING AND AG: Concrete and asphalt crushing, demolition, tear outs, equipment and material hauling. Charlie and Sue Scheckelhoff, owners. Call 419-615-8656