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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Saturday Evening

4:00pm – St. Nicholas
7:00pm – Holy Family

Sunday Morning

8:30am – Holy Family
10:30am – St. Nicholas

Weekday

Tuesday 8:00am – St. Nicholas
Wednesday 8:00am – Holy Family
Thursday 6:30pm – Holy Family
Friday 8:00am – St. Nicholas

Holy Day

As scheduled in bulletin

Eucharist Exposition

Tuesday 8:30am - 4:00pm @ St. Nicholas
Wednesday 8:30am - 8:00pm @ Holy Family

Holy Family Parish, New Cleveland
St. Nicholas Parish, Miller City are
united through Faith in Jesus Christ
and are sustained by God's Word, the
Sacraments and prayer.

We are journeying together
toward God's Kingdom.
On our journey we are reaching out
to others in our world with
Christ's Good News of Salvation.

We are striving to recognize,
understand and fulfill
the needs of everyone in our
church families and local community
through providing meaningful
Liturgies, education opportunities,
good stewardship and numerous
pastoral services.

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Nicholas: Saturdays 3:00 – 3:30pm
Holy Family: Thursdays 5:45 – 6:15pm
Or by appointment

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact the Parish Office
at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of Baptism

First time parents are required to
attend Baptism Preparation classes.
Please contact the Parish Office for class
information and to schedule Baptism.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office

Rite of Christian Initiation

Process in place for those interested
in becoming Catholic.
Please call the Parish Office

Parish Registration: New members are WELCOME to join our Parish Community.
Please contact the Parish Office at 419-876-3481.

Parish Website: www.stnicholasholyfamily.org

Looking for a Mass while traveling? – Visit www.masstimes.org

For information about our Catholic Diocese of Toledo – Visit www.toledodiocese.org

October 4, 2020

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>	<u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u>
<u>Monday, October 5</u>	No Scheduled Mass	Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
<u>Tuesday, October 6 (SN) 8:00am</u>	Arnold Niese/Liv & Dec'd Ben & Anna Niese Family/ No Exposition	Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
<u>Wednesday, October 7 (HF) 8:00am</u>	Raymond Erford	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
<u>Thursday, October 8 (HF) 6:30pm</u>	Liv & Dec'd Gerten & Recker Family	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
<u>Friday, October 9 (SN) 8:00am</u>	Lavon Leis/Manuel Gutierrez	Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
<u>Saturday, October 10 (SN) 1:00pm</u>	Daniel Kroeger & Alexandra Parys Wedding	
<u>Saturday, October 10 (SN) 4:00pm</u>	For the Parish	<u>SUNDAY READINGS</u>
<u>Saturday, October 10 (HF) 7:00pm</u>	Linus & Arlene Rosengarten	Is 25:6-10a
<u>Sunday, October 11 (HF) 8:30am</u>	For the Parish	Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
<u>Sunday, October 11 (SN) 10:30am</u>	Neil Balbaugh/John & Dolores Siefker	Mt 22:1-14
<u>Sunday, October 11 (HF) 6:00pm</u>	For the Upcoming Election	

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

For a number of years, certainly following the 1973 Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion in our country and other human life issues that have emerged in modern time against the dignity of human life, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has designated the first Sunday of October as Respect Life Sunday. This year, in particular, the stakes are very high with the national elections fast approaching since legislative decisions have and will impact human lives from conception to natural death. What Respect Life Sunday provides the members of the Catholic faith is a reflective moment prayerfully upon the efforts we all take in defending the vulnerable. Truly, abortion is the most serious and fundamental concern at the outset of respecting human life, and those other human rights issues are certainly connected to it.

To quote again the USCCB in their 1998 Pastoral Letter entitled *Living the Gospel of Life*, we read: "Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and healthcare... But being 'right' in such matters can never excuse a wrong choice regarding direct attacks on innocent human life. Indeed, the failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claims to the 'rightness' of positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community. If we understand the human person as the 'temple of the Holy Spirit' – the living house of God – then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house's foundation. These directly and immediately violate the human person's most fundamental right – the right to life." (art.22) This is why the act of abortion is intrinsically evil and why it is the preeminent human rights issue. Catholic social teaching provides us with the means to inform our hearts and souls with a moral compass to navigate through the complexities of life.

The days of black and white distinctions have been skewed by distortions and falsehoods (smoke and mirrors), mostly to supplant personal choices for the sake of feeling good, all under the guise of personal liberty. Who are we fooling?

I recall visiting the capital city of our nation a number of years ago as a young priest. It happened to be in January. I was attending a national liturgical conference in Washington, DC which happened to be scheduled the same week as the March for Life. One afternoon, while taking a walk near the Washington monument that brisk January day, I noticed a group of people walking together with sizeable badges attached to their coats which read in bold letters: Catholics for Choice. It was puzzling to me and the more I reflected upon the way these persons identified themselves it became clearer to me how odd their declaration was. An "oxymoron", I said to myself. And to this day, the thought of that encounter comes to mind when I hear persons who claim to be professed Catholics but find themselves aligned with ideologies that promote acts that stand in opposition to the time-tried teachings of the Church. When speaking about human life, when speaking about respecting human life one cannot have it two ways.

Respecting life requires in each of us an unwavering desire to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ which have, over the course of human history, been consistently reflected by the statements issued by the Magisterium (the Church's Teaching Office) through our Bishops, who by tradition, are the successors of the apostles. Let our prayers during this election cycle and on this observance of Respect Life Sunday be that our commitment to the dignity of human life, from conception to natural death, will be stronger and more fervent in acknowledging this precious gift given to us by the author of all life – God.

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

for the week of September 21– September 27, 2020

St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	3,943.30	Regular:	2,481.30
Holy Land	40.90		
Catholic University:	10.00	Utility:	150.00
Total:	\$ 3,994.20	Total:	\$2,526.00

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CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. Kirk & Tamara Meyer who were recently married in Crypt of the Temple of St. Sava, Belgrade, Serbia

CYO HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL: 2020-2021 CYO HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL teams are now forming. High School students please contact the Parish Office, 419-876-3481 or snhfmnc@gmail.com prior to October 12, 2020 with your team roster and contact information for your coach. Coaches need to pass a background check, complete online training and attend an in-person training to become certified. Certification training starts soon

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

6:30 p.m. Holy Rosary * 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass

Join all the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo in celebration of the feast of the patroness of the Diocese of Toledo - Our Lady of the Rosary! On October 7, Watch live (go to toledoprays.org) or join us in person at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral (2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, OH).



ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER, PRAY FOR US! Join in prayer for the approaching harvest season. May the weather be favorable and all farmers have a safe and bountiful harvest.

SN/HF YOUTH GROUP SPONSORED Blood Drive is Monday, October 19 at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall from noon until 6:00pm. Please call Deb Wehri (419-876-3481) to register or register online at www.redcross.org. Blood donors receive homemade soup, pie and ice cream. Masks and social distancing are required.

ST. NICHOLAS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY will meet tomorrow, Monday, October 5th for Installation of Officers. Rosary begins at 6:30pm at St. Nicholas Church with business meeting to follow at St. Nicholas Church.



FAST FOR HOLY FAMILIES: We invite you to join in the diocesan-wide initiative to reconnect with our faith. In October, we are *fasting* for the intention of *holy families*. This week fast from television or internet use – instead, spend that time in prayer or spiritual reading. Incorporate prayer throughout the day. Looking at the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus, we see what family is meant to be. A healthy family should consist of people who are trying to love each other, and mutually grow in holiness. Please visit ReconnectToledo.org/october

Live the Gospel of *Life*

"to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps"

The Gospel of Life

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH FESTIVAL in Columbus Grove is sponsoring a "mini" festival on Sunday, October 11th from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Lunch available for purchase in the church basement from 11:30 to 5:00pm.

DON'T WORRY RETIRE HAPPY: The Ottawa Knights of Columbus will be hosting Tom Hegna, an award-winning author, speaker, and economist. He is an industry leader and is considered by many as "The Retirement Income Expert". Please join us at the Ottawa K of C October 21st, 2020 at 7:30. There is no requirement to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. Please RSVP to jeremy.kuhlman@kofc.org.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Adults who are willing to drive high school students to the Mass for Life at St. Catherine's Church in Toledo on Saturday, October 24. Bishop Daniel Thomas will be the celebrant and will also lead the procession in prayer to the abortion center. We will leave around 7:30am and arrive back around 3:30. Please contact Deb Wehri if you are able to drive a group of students. For the past five years, we have been the only youth group that has participated in this annual gathering for the sacredness of life.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Deb Wehri's FORMED.org Pick of the Week continues our study of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this final video, *Reborn: The Mission to Love: 7 Keys to Catholic Parenting*, Edward Sri offers various ways that parents can form their children in virtue. This selection might be most helpful to parents of young children.

REMINDER – MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES. PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR BOOKS.

Junior High Christian Formation: Sixth and Seventh grade meet from 7:00-8:00pm this Wednesday, October 7 either at Holy Family Religious Education Center or at Miller City Upper Rooms. Eighth grade meet from 6:00-8:00pm this Wednesday, October 7 at St. Nicholas Parish Hall.

Seniors meet today, Sunday, October 4 from 9:30-11:15am at Holy Family Parish Hall. Juniors meet today, Sunday, October 4, at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall from 8:30-10:15am. Freshmen meet next Sunday, October 11, at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall from 8:30-10:15am. Sophomores meet next Sunday, October 11, from 9:30-11:15am at Holy Family Parish Hall.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: COMPLIMENTS OF FORSTER TRUCKING & EXCAVATING LLC: Complete site work, ponds, driveways, hauling dirt & stone. Contact Tom or Jean Forster at 419-876-3665 or 419-876-3121

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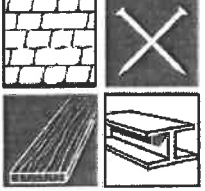
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