

October 18, 2020
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>	<u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u>
<u>Monday, October 19</u>	No Scheduled Mass	Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21
<u>Tuesday, October 20 (SN) 8:00am</u>	Alfred Ruhe/No Exposition	Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38
<u>Wednesday, October 21 (HF) 8:00am</u>	For the Upcoming Elections/No Exposition	Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48
<u>Thursday, October 22 (HF) 6:30pm</u>	Liv & Dec'd Ed & Alma Schnipke Family	Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53
<u>Friday, October 23 (SN) 8:00am</u>	Arnold Niese/Liv & Dec'd Ben & Anna Niese Family	Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
<u>Saturday, October 24 (HF) 1:00pm</u>	Caleb Tobe & Cassandra Kauser Wedding	
<u>Saturday, October 24 (SN) 4:00pm</u>	Lewis Otto Family/Gordie Verhoff/Paul Niese/ Liv & Dec'd Ed & Louise Barlage Family/ Raymond Erford	<u>SUNDAY READINGS</u> Ex 22:20-26 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40
<u>Saturday, October 24 (HF) 7:00pm</u>	For the Parish	
<u>Sunday, October 25 (HF) 8:30am</u>	Elmer Gable	
<u>Sunday, October 25 (SN) 10:30am</u>	For the Parish	
<u>Sunday, October 25 (SN) 6:00pm</u>	Norbert Steffen	

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that seven months have passed since the pandemic protocols have been put in place. We've run the gamut of adding a number of restrictions along the way, not to mention the increase of emotional and psychological challenges that the protocols bring to our personal lives. It does not appear that any relaxations of these protocols will be happening for some time yet. We can only hope! I want you to know of my sincere thanks for your cooperation through these trying days, weeks and months. And to those who remain at a distance from attending Masses in our parish churches, for whatever reason, know that you have a place close to my heart daily in prayer.

Many of you have been so kind in asking me how I am doing with all of this. To be honest, it has been a challenge like no other. My daily prayers of late have united so much more with our homebound and those in nursing care facilities who know and feel very well the impact of separation and isolation. While my pastoral work keeps me busy throughout a given day, it just isn't the same not being able to interact with all of you freely. I understand the need for social distancing and the use of facial coverings in church, but it just is not the same only seeing a partial view of your faces when I offer Mass at the altar or when I am preaching at the pulpit. It is frustrating, I know. I can only imagine how your frustration might be. Statistics of late indicate that another wave of COVID-19 cases is increasing in the Midwest. Our own Putnam County, at the time of this writing, remains at a level red with a high number of infections still occurring. It is hard to believe that this virus has such a grip on our lives.

I make a point in sharing these thoughts with you this weekend as a means to express my solidarity with all of you. As your pastor, I share these frustrations with you. It is most difficult to keep a focus

on this challenge spiritually and I admit that when I try to peer into this challenge with my scriptural and theological eyes, the fact of the matter is that we are still dealing with the setbacks and restrictions. Wisdom from my dear Mom many years ago has been coming to mind of late. When there were challenges facing our family Mom would always express that sacrifice and uniting ourselves with the sacrifice of Jesus on his cross would lead us to a greater and more fervent appreciation for the many graces given to us. I think my Mom had the nugget of prized wisdom. If there is "gold-lining" of this entire ordeal, I am certain that we will appreciate even more the gift of life and all that we have been given along the journey of life. As one of my former pastors would say when everything appeared lost, "Hang in!" I repeat the advice of that wise priest to all of you: "Hang in!"

We are in the process of looking ahead to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and are making provisions to add more liturgical services to accommodate an increase in Mass participants. We are in need of additional ushers and lectors to serve at our weekly Masses at Holy Family and St. Nicholas to relieve the handful of members who have shared their time in these capacities since public Masses were once again permitted in our churches in late May. Coupled with the upcoming holiday Masses, we hope to increase the number of ushers and lectors on our active rosters. If there were ever a time when we could use the assistance of our parishioners for these liturgical ministries, the time has come upon us. Could you help us out? Please, contact the Parish Office to solicit available times and dates. Thank you kindly.

Monsignor Singler



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. & Mrs. Daniel & Alexandra Kroeger who were recently married at St. Nicholas Church.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
for the week of October 5 – October 11, 2020

St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	2,959.80	Regular:	2,658.30
Utility	75.00	Utility:	150.00
All Saints:	75.00		
Total:	\$ 3,109.80	Total:	\$2,808.30

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and service of the mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions Thank you for your generosity.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES

DANIEL & ALEXANDRA KROEGER, St. Nicholas.
JODY, MELINDA, MICHAEL, MARCUS, MARIA and BRAXTON COX, St. Nicholas.

BAPTISMAL CLASS: All first-time parents and parents expecting their first child are required to attend Baptismal Instruction Class. The next class will be held on Sunday, November 14 from 9:30am to 11:15am at Holy Family Religious Ed Center. Please call or text Cheryl Hermiller 419-969-4345 to register or ask questions. The next class will be scheduled in Spring 2021.

SN/HF YOUTH GROUP SPONSORED Blood Drive is tomorrow, Monday, October 19 at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall from noon until 6:00pm. Walk-ins are welcome. Blood donors will receive homemade soup, pie and ice cream. Masks and social distancing are required.

CYO HEAD COACH AND CYO ASSISTANT COACH NEEDED for St. Nicholas and Holy Family High School Boys team. Mandatory Coach pre-certification steps begin soon. Please call the Parish Office (419) 876-3481 prior to October 30th for more information.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ANNUNCIATION RADIO FALL SHARATHON OCTOBER 27 -30, 2020. Now in their tenth year, they are committed to continue providing Catholic programming to listeners throughout the Toledo Diocese. In these tumultuous times, we need to make sure we are prepared for the year ahead. Please listen in as host Debbie Georgianni welcomes our own Msgr. Singler for a live interview on Thursday, October 29th at 9:00 am. Call in your pledge during the the Sharathon at 888-214-0624, or make a secure online donation on the Annunciation Radio mobile app, or at www.annunciationradio.com. 89.7 Toledo, 88.1 Sandusky, 89.9 Bryan, 89.5 Mansfield, 90.9 Willard.

BOX OF JOY: St. Nicholas & Holy Family Parishes are participating in the Cross Catholic Outreach program, Box of

Joy. Shoe sized boxes will be available in the back of church in the upcoming weekends. Boxes will need to be filled with goodies, and will be sent to children in need so they can experience Christmas Blessings. It will cost \$9 to ship each box. Please contact Cayla Kuhlman with any questions 419-969-4915 or Cayla.inkrott@gmail.com. More information will be forthcoming in the weekly bulletin.



FAST FOR HOLY FAMILIES: In October, we are *fasting* for the intention of *holy families*. This week do extra household chores, or tackle some of the chores that you dislike the most to take the place of fasting. A virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do the good. Mary and Joseph would have taught the Christ Child how to pray and act. In the home, he learned generosity and kindness. How can you model the virtues in a deeper way in your home? Visit ReconnectToledo.org/October

CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Deb Wehri’s FORMED.org Pick of the Week is a new series by Fr. Michael Gaitley, who you may know from his books and talks on consecration to Mary. *Divine Mercy: Episode 1: God’s School of Trust* is a beautiful, engaging 20-minute video explaining God’s mercy, His covenants and how we can learn to better trust God. The photography and art alone make this video a must see!

Please pray for our 8th graders who are on their Confirmation retreat today, Sunday, October 18 at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall.

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

Junior High Christian Formation: Grades 6-7 meet from 7:00-8:00pm this Wednesday, October 21 either at Holy Family Religious Education Center or at Miller City Upper Rooms. Eighth graders meet from 6:00-8:00pm this Wednesday, October 21 at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall.

High School Christian Formation: Seniors meet today, Sunday, October 18 from 9:30-11:15am at Holy Family Parish Hall. Juniors meet today, Sunday, October 18, at the Miller City Upper Rooms (upstairs of the old school) from 8:30-10:15am. Freshmen meet next Sunday, October 25, at Holy Family Parish Hall from 9:30-11:15am. Sophomores meet next Sunday, October 25, from 8:30-10:15am at St. Nicholas Parish Hall. Please note the change of location of where you have been meeting.

Any high school student wishing to attend the Mass for Life at St. Catherine Church in Toledo, Saturday, October 24, should contact Deb Wehri (419.296.4522) if they haven’t signed up. We are leaving the parking lot at St. Nicholas at 7:30am and plan on being back around 3:30pm. The day includes praying with Bishop Thomas for an end to abortion at Capital Care Abortion Clinic and having lunch at Bob Evans in Bowling Green.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: COMPLIMENTS OF GLANDORF WAREHOUSE: We offer a complete line of fertilizer and chemicals for both the farm and home. We also offer a full line of seed corn, beans, wheat and grass seed. Custom applications are also available. Call 419-538-6010