

**FEBRUARY 23, 2020**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, February 24**

**Tuesday, February 25 (SN) 8:00am**

**Wednesday, February 26 (SN) 8:00am**

**Wednesday, February 26 (SN) 5:00pm**

**Wednesday, February 26 (HF) 7:00pm**

**Thursday, February 27 (HF) 6:30pm**

**Friday, February 28 (SN) 8:00am**

**Friday, February 28 (SN) 7:00pm**

**Saturday, February 29 (SN) 1:00pm**

**Saturday, February 29 (SN) 4:00pm**

**Saturday, February 29 (HF) 7:00pm**

**Sunday, March 1 (HF) 8:30am**

**Sunday, March 1 (SN) 10:30am**

NO SCHEDULED MASS

Priest's Intention/Exposition Closing 4pm

John Miller

Priest's Intention

Tom Deitering

Priest's Intention

David Maas

Stations of the Cross

Chad Schroeder & Jennifer Leis Wedding

For the Parish

Amy Altman, Michele Obarski

For the Parish

Neil Balbaugh/Brenda Scheckelhoff/

Albert, Catherine & Josephine Kaufman/

Mary Snyder/Liv & Dec'd Gilbert Riepenhoff Family/

Urban & Frances Meyer

**WEEKDAY READINGS**

Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

**SUNDAY READINGS**

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11

*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. Homebound parishioners may contact the Parish Office this week to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 26th.*

*From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

It is no coincidence that we begin the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign in the parishes and institutions of the Catholic Diocese of Toledo this weekend. As the Lenten season will also begin by midweek, the crossroad of these two realities serves the purpose of broadening our sacrificial giving at a time when charitable works invite us to share in the good work of the diocesan church. It goes to show us that we belong to a wider community of faith. The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) connects us to our Bishop and the Catholic faith communities of Northwest Ohio, comprised of 19 counties.

Last year, St. Nicholas and Holy Family parishes very generously supported the ACA with contributions going over the designated quota (\$11,000) for each parish. The statistics for the 2019 ACA are most telling. St. Nicholas Parish generated \$17,605.00 (160.05% of the diocesan goal), with 151 donors. Holy Family Parish generated \$17,352.00 (157.75% of the diocesan goal), with 122 donors. And if that was not enough, our parishes were also the first communities in the entire diocese last year to reach our designated goal during the campaign. It certainly caused a stir among my brother priests! All of that was due to your trust in the good work of the Church in the diocese and certainly an affirmation that good things are happening in our Miller City and New Cleveland parishes.

We are at the starting line of the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal this weekend. Our diocesan goal remains the same as last year -- \$11,000 for St. Nicholas and \$11,000 for Holy Family. I would like to think that several developments in our parishes this past year indicate God's blessings upon your generosity. Our communities were

blessed to have two seminarians reside and serve in our parishes. Eric Kaufman and Alex Elfreich have been a visible reminder that your ACA monetary gifts provide the education and formation of future priests. Indeed, God has blessed us with their presence. And as the number of seminarians increases in the diocese, so does the expense to educate them so they can become wholesome, educated servant leader priests for the future.

I can't help but to think of Bishop Thomas' visit on the feast day of St. Nicholas last December 6 and the visit to Miller City - New Cleveland School during the lunch hour was his way of clearly thanking all of you for your support for the many ministries happening throughout the diocese. It was and will remain a memorable visit for one and all.

*On Course With Christ* is the theme of the 2020 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. Clearly, this annual campaign is a journey in every way. The key to the success of this effort is the participation of everyone. No gift is too small. Just seeing what we were able to do last year and increasing the number of donor participants this year, we should meet the challenge with great ease. I am confident that we can repeat our success again this year. Please use the pledge card/envelope that was mailed to every registered household, or use the cards we are providing in the pews this weekend at our churches. Funds we collect for the ACA that surpass our parish quota are rebated back to the parish. It is a win-win situation for the diocese and our parishes.

Finally, I ask your prayers for the success of the 2020 ACA campaign and the many services that benefit the people of the diocese. As we begin the holy season of Lent this week, you can be assured of a prayerful remembrance for a fruitful spiritual journey these next 40 days. Bless you,

*Monsignor Singler*

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

February 15 & 16, 2020

St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	2,968.00	Regular:	2,669.01
Energy:	20.00	Energy:	20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,337.00</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,689.01</b>

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

**2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:** Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy – they all depend on our generosity. Faith, hope, and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal, which in turn fosters the Holy Disciples, Holy Families and Holy Vocations. Thank you for pledging today and assuring the continuation of these diocesan programs and services. For more information on ministry funded by the appeal visit [Toledodiocese.org/ACA](http://Toledodiocese.org/ACA).

**THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY** supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries still struggling to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information please visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

**BEST LENT EVER SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITY:** Are you longing for more? Join a daily meditation group on Facebook! Instant message Julie Barlage or text her at 419-303-5366 to have her add you to the closed group.

**HOLY MOMENT MINISTRY** will be presented and explained at the Wine and Cheese night hosted by the St. Nicholas Altar Rosary Society on Monday evening March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please come to enjoy and consider ways to minister to others in our parishes. Lent is a time of many possibilities!

### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

AT HOLY FAMILY & ST. NICHOLAS PARISHES

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020, 5:00pm – 6:15pm @ Holy Family.**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020, 2:15pm – 3:30pm @ 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, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 11:15am at Holy Family Religious Ed Center. Please call the Parish Office 419-876-3481 or Cheryl Tobe 419-969-4345 to register. The next class will be scheduled in Fall 2020.

**CUB SCOUT PACK 207 ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ AND BAKE SALE** will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Hall on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:30am – 1:00pm. Cub Scouts will sell dinner tickets after all Lord's Day Masses on Feb 29 - Mar 1. Cost is \$8.00. Bake sale items and 50/50 tickets

will be on sale at the BBQ. Call or text Jeff DeMuth at 419-890-9045 with questions or to order tickets.



Catholic Charities is hosting the ecumenical 40 Days for Life campaign in Northwest Ohio from Ash Wednesday, February 26 – April 5. You can participate in three ways: prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil. To sign up for daily prayer intentions, hours of prayer and information on upcoming events visit: [www.40daysforlife.com/toledo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/toledo).

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Grade Christian Formation do not meet this Wednesday evening.**

**Freshmen (HF Parish Hall from 9:30-11:15) and Sophomores (SN Parish Center Hall from 8:30-10:15)** meet today Sunday, February 23 for Christian Formation. **Seniors (HF) and Juniors (SN)** meet next Sunday, March 1.

**SN/HF Youth Group members:** registration and medical release forms for our 30 Hour Fast are available on our parish website: [www.stnicholasholyfamily.org](http://www.stnicholasholyfamily.org) Please note the new requirements. Keep up to date on 30 Hour Fast details on Instagram: Miller City Youth Group.

**Youth Group members** should contact Anthony Inkrott or Grace Schroeder to sign up to watch children during the Parish Mission March 8-11 at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall from 6:45-7:15. You are asked to plan activities; snacks and drinks will be provided.

**I Am Catholic** meets this evening, February 23 in St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall at 6:00pm.

**ST. NICHOLAS PARISH CHOIR** practices every Monday at 7:00pm in the church choir loft now through March 9th in preparation for the Lenten season.

**OTTAWA K of C** will have a Fish/Clam Strip Fry this Friday, February 28<sup>st</sup> from 4:30pm – 7:00pm.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be held at Sacred Heart Church Gym on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm – 6:00pm. Register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor code: SACREDHEART (walk-ins accepted).

**BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: LAW OFFICE OF AMBER L. NIESE, LLC:** Wills, Trusts, Probate, Real Estate, Medicaid, Special Needs and Business Needs [www.nieselawoffice.com](http://www.nieselawoffice.com). Phone: 567-825-1262



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