

FEBRUARY 9, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 10

Tuesday, February 11 (SN) 8:00am

Wednesday, February 12 (HF) 8:00am

Thursday, February 13 (MEAD) 2:00pm

Thursday, February 13 (HF) 6:30pm

Friday, February 14 (SN) 8:00am

Saturday, February 15 (SN) 4:00pm

Saturday, February 15 (HF) 7:00pm

Sunday, February 16 (HF) 8:30am

Sunday, February 16 (SN) 10:30am

NO SCHEDULED MASS

Rita J. Singler/Jim Murray

Ray & Rosemary Powell/
Exposition Closing 8pm

Mass at the Meadows of Ottawa

Doris Kaufman Schroeder Gibbs

Paul Niese/Joan Westrick

For the Parish

Linus & Arlene Rosengarten

For the Parish

Edward F. Morman

WEEKDAY READINGS

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

SUNDAY READINGS

Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37

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,

We are about two and one half weeks away from the start of Lent. I thought I would “prime the pump”, as they say, in sharing with you some of the inspiring spiritual initiatives that will hopefully provide you with a fruitful 2020 Lenten observance at Holy Family and St. Nicholas parishes this year.

First, our friends at Dynamic Catholic have provided our parishes with a free printed resource entitled *Best Lent Ever Journal*. Supplemented by the familiar online BestLentEver.com social media resource, this journal publication offers a daily focus to reflect upon and provides questions you have the ability to write about in the daily entries of the text. Interestingly, this resource provides additional readings from *Rediscover the Saints*, our 2019 Christmas gift given to parishioners as they departed from our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. An added feature for those interested in taking the daily reflection of the 2020 *Best Lent Ever Journal* to another level is the invitation from St. Nicholas parishioner Julie Barlage who will be overseeing a local Best Lent Ever Facebook page. This social media installation will be for a closed group of participants during the 40 days of Lent. Anyone can join the daily conversations sharing insights to the treasure trove of Lenten spirituality. The *Best Lent Ever Journals* will be available at all Masses next weekend, February 15 – 16. Further information regarding the Facebook page will be provided next weekend in the bulletin as well.

Second and back by popular demand, we will be providing the annual *Little Black Book* containing daily reflections for the 40 days of Lent. This publication, undertaken as a service of the Diocese of Saginaw, MI, was begun by their late Bishop Kenneth Untener, a dynamic preacher and teacher of the Catholic faith who died in 2004. *The Little Black Book* will be available for the taking next weekend, February 15 – 16 at our churches.

Third, Father Louis Guardiola, CPM, a member of the Fathers of Mercy from Auburn, Kentucky, will be leading our parishes through a Lenten Mission four

consecutive evenings on Sunday, March 8, Monday, March 9, Tuesday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 11 at St. Nicholas Church in Miller City. The evening presentations begin at 7:00 PM. Confessions will be heard one half hour before each evening session and after each session. Father Guardiola will be speaking on the following topics: The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven & Hell; Confession: The Sacrament of Divine Mercy; The Holy Eucharist: Sacrifice, Communion & Real Presence; Mary: Mother of God & Mother of the Church. Be sure to save the dates and invite your family and friends to attend.

Fourth, our very own in-resident theologian, pastoral intern Alex Elfreich, will be presenting a three part Lenten series entitled *Not Your Average Wedding: The Story of Good Friday*. Evening sessions will be held at Holy Family Parish Hall at 7:15 PM on Thursdays, March 12, 26 and April 2. Morning sessions will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall at 9:00 AM on Fridays, March 13, 27 and April 3.

Finally, additional opportunities will abound throughout the coming Lenten season for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), Daily Masses and Stations of the Cross. A parish-wide mailing will soon be arriving at all registered households indicating the dates and times for these Lenten services. It promises to be a very spiritually active Lenten Season at Holy Family and St. Nicholas Parishes this year. I hope you will plan to be a part of it all. God bless you these winter days.

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

February 1 & 2, 2020

St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	2,890.31	Regular:	2,514.00
Energy:	717.00	Energy:	520.00
Total:	\$3,607.31	Total:	\$3,034.00

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.

WE ARE SEEKING A GRAPHIC DESIGN ARTIST.

Please contact Monsignor Singler at 419-509-6416.

**SUNDAY DINNER FOR EIGHT AT ST. NICHOLAS
RECTORY RAFFLE**

Join Chef Monsignor Singler and assistant Pastoral Intern Alex Elfreich for a *Sunday Dinner for Eight* people at St. Nicholas Rectory in Miller City. Tickets are available after all Lord's Day Masses at Holy Family and St. Nicholas Churches. Only 65 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be held after the 8:30am Lord's Day Mass at Holy Family Church on Sunday, February 23, 2020. Proceeds will underwrite remaining expenses from the 2019 National Catholic Youth Conference.



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS entrusted to his worldwide prayer network for February 2020: Listen to the Migrants' Cries. We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered

CUB SCOUT PACK 207 INVITES MILITARY VETERANS to join them on a trip to the Dayton Airforce Museum next Saturday, February 15th. Included will be the ride to and from the Museum as well as a box lunch. Meet at St. Nicholas Parish Hall 8:15am and return around 4:45pm. Please contact Ben Hopps at 419-615-9720 if interested. We appreciate our veterans!

THE MEN OF ALL AGES MEAL will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall on Sunday, February 23rd, following the 10:30am Lord's Day Mass. Adult meals are \$8 and children under 10 are \$6. Sign-up sheets are in the entryways of our parish churches. Please sign up by Friday, February 14th. This meal is for men and boys of both parishes. Your family from other parishes are invited to attend with you.

BOB KREINBRINK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available to all Catholic males between the age of 18 – 23 who are also a 3rd degree member of the Ottawa Knights of Columbus. Applications may be picked up at the Ottawa K of C Hall or the Miller City High School guidance counselor's office. Application deadline is March 6, 2020. Please call Gary Kreinbrink at 419-969-0729 with questions.

CLC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available in the entryway of Holy Family Church. There are two scholarships offered, one from the CLC Life Insurance and one from Holy Family CLC Local 215 members. The same application is used for both scholarships. Please mail CLC Local 215 application directly to Pat Gerten, 8163 Road 5-H, Leipsic OH 45856.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK February 7-14, 2020! This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. Visit www.foryourmarriage.org

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.

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>

THE ANNUAL YOUTH GROUP soup supper will be held Monday, March 30 at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall. Menu will include at least six varieties of homemade soup, Lisa Hoffman's delicious oat, wheat and white bread, drinks and a dessert bar. Eat in or carry out. Cost is by donation.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

Sixth & Seventh Grade Christian Formation meet this Wednesday, February 12, 2020 from 7:00-8:00pm at Holy Family Religious Education Center and St. Nicholas Upper Rooms.

Eighth Grade Christian Formation meets this Wednesday, February 12, 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, February 9 for Christian Formation. **Seniors (HF) and Juniors (SN)** meet next Sunday, February 16.

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to attend St. George Deanery's annual Junior High Gathering today Sunday, February 9, "*Your Mission: Be Fearless* at Immaculate Conception, Ottoville. Students may register at the door; the cost is \$10. Everyone is invited to the closing Mass at 6:00pm.

SN/HF Youth Group is meeting next Sunday February 16. **I Am Catholic** meets February 23; both meet in St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall at 6:00pm.

Parents of junior high and high school students: if you will be seeking partial reimbursement for the Catholic Youth Summer Camp fee this year, please inform Deb Wehri of your child's name and date they are registered to attend CYSC.

OTTAWA K of C will have a Chicken/Fish Fry this Friday, February 14th from 4:30pm – 7:00pm.

JOSH BLAKESLEY travels widely giving concerts, speaking at youth rallies, and leading praise and worship. Josh will perform at St. Rose Parish, 479 N. West Street, Lima 45801 on March 1, 2, and 3rd from 7 to 8 pm each evening. These song-filled programs will empower your Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The evenings are free and open to the public.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: HOLY FAMILY RADIO: Bringing the best of Catholic Radio on 88.9 FM and 88.7 FM. Thank you to the Parishes and Parishioners for all the support! Holy Family broadcasts because of YOU. Connie Recker, 419-386-2400