

**MARCH 1, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 2

Tuesday, March 3 (SN) 8:00am

Wednesday, March 4 (HF) 8:00am

Thursday, March 5 (HF) 6:30pm

Friday, March 6 (SN) 8:00am

Friday, March 6 (HF) 7:00pm

Saturday, March 7 (SN) 4:00pm

Saturday, March 7 (HF) 7:00pm

Sunday, March 8 (HF) 8:30am

Sunday, March 8 (SN) 10:30am

NO SCHEDULED MASS

JoAnn Balbaugh/Exposition Closing 4pm

Liv. & Dec'd Niese-Lammers Families/
Exposition Closing 8pm

Intention of the Blessed Mother

Priest's Intention

Stations of the Cross

Melvin, Mary Agnes & Alfred Niese/
Walter Weskiel/Kris Tripp/Dwight Niese/
Norbert & Dorothy Verhoff/Ken Okuley/
Mary & Joseph Motycka/JoAnn Balbaugh

For the Parish

Elmer Gable

For the Parish

WEEKDAY READINGS

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

SUNDAY READINGS

Gn 12:1-4a

2 Tim 1:8b-10

Mt 17:1-9

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 have begun our Lenten journey to Easter. There is something daunting about the forty days of Lent. They provide a clear-cut understanding of our redemption in Jesus Christ and the need to embrace our moral weaknesses for the purpose of having a change of heart. Indeed, it is a holy and reflective time.

In many Catholic dioceses in our country, a special celebration is held this First Sunday of Lent to acknowledge men and women who wish to profess their faith in God as Roman Catholics. Some have never been baptized in any church denomination; others may have been baptized in a recognized Christian denomination, but wish to live out that Christian faith in the Catholic Church. You may often hear people use the term "Catechumen" when referring to those who have never been baptized. Those who have experienced a Christian baptism and wish to profess that faith in the Catholic Church are called "Candidates for Full Communion with the Catholic Church".

The First Sunday of Lent, in instances when a person is a catechumen or candidate for full communion, is the time that a diocesan wide ritual called the Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates who are Preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist or Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church is celebrated. It's a mouthful, no doubt, but the title reflects clearly that the event is a combined ritual to acknowledge the various circumstances that bring people to the Catholic faith. The Diocesan Bishop or his delegate presides at this service to acknowledge the intent of these individuals desiring the sacraments of initiation. It is the Bishop's prerogative in the sacramental life of a diocese to call these persons to Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. In the

Diocese of Toledo, two of these ceremonies are celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent each year. This is due to the sizeable number of persons entering the Catholic Church in Northwest Ohio. The Rite of Election service is celebrated at our Cathedral Church in Toledo and at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Findlay.

I am happy to relay that Holy Family Parish has a Candidate for Full Communion who will be attending the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates who are Preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist or Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church in Findlay this afternoon at 3:00 PM. Stephen Adamczak, a baptized member of the Presbyterian Church residing in Ottawa, has been meeting with our RCIA team of parishioners these past months to learn more about the Catholic faith. It is his intention to enter the Catholic Church as a full member. Stephen is engaged to marry Holy Family parishioner Angie Rosengarten in September 2020.

Please join me in praying these days of Lent for Stephen and others like him in parishes around our diocese and nation who are preparing to declare their profession of faith as members of the Catholic Church. A blessed Lent to one and all.

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

February 22 & 23, 2020

St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	3,829.00	Regular:	3,714.00
Energy:	10.00		
Total:	\$3,839.00	Total:	\$3,714.00

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.

APRIL - JUNE LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES will be prepared soon. Please update your Ministry Scheduler Pro Account or contact the Parish Office by next Monday, March 9th, with any dates you are not available in April – June 2020.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION LAST WEEKEND to support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! Holy Family Parish collected \$471 and St. Nicholas Parish collected \$682 to help restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections

LENT BY CANDLELIGHT will be held next Sunday, March 8th at the Ottawa K of C Hall. Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Altar Rosary Society invites men and women to join this free event to grow in the faith and be inspired on our Lenten journey. For additional information please call Becky Hermiller 419-796-8120 or Deb Barney 419-204-7292

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC LADIES OF COLUMBIA COUNCIL 215 monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12th at 7:15pm at the Putnam Heritage in Ottawa. Please bring ideas for charitable donations and matching funds.

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 29th 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, ask questions or for more details and information. The next class will be scheduled in Fall 2020.

PARENTS OF THE HF/SN FRESHMAN CHRISTIAN FORMATION: Please watch your mail this week for a letter with an enclosed post card regarding the upcoming Parent/Freshman Trivia Challenge which will be held on Sunday, March 22nd at Holy Family Parish Hall. If you do not receive a letter this week, please contact the Parish Office at 419-876-3481

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS
AT HOLY FAMILY & ST. NICHOLAS PARISHES**
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020, 5:00pm – 6:15pm @ Holy Family.
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020, 2:00pm – 3:30pm @ St. Nicholas.

HOLY FAMILY CEMETERY COMMITTEE will meet Saturday, March 14th at 10:00am at the Holy Family Religious Education Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the SN/HF Youth Group Soup Supper on Monday, March 30 at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall. Serving is from 4:00-6:00pm and will include at least 6 varieties of home-made soup, three kinds of home-baked bread, drinks and an extensive dessert bar. Eat in or

carry out. Free-will donations will help with our 30 Hour Fast expenses.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

Sixth & Seventh Grade Christian Formation meet this Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 7:00-8:00pm at Holy Family Religious Education Center and St. Nicholas Upper Rooms. On Wednesday, March 11 6th and 7th will not have class but are expected to attend the Parish Mission at St. Nicholas from 7:00-8:00pm.

Eighth Grade Christian Formation meets this Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall from 6:00-7:30pm and at St. Nicholas Church for Adoration from 7:30-8:00pm. On March 11, the 8th grade will meet from 6:00-7:00 for their first Theology of the Body class, and then will be dismissed to attend the Parish Mission at St. Nicholas from 7:00-8:00pm.

Freshmen (HF Parish Hall from 9:30-11:15) and Sophomores (SN Parish Center Hall from 8:30-10:15) have their final class on March 22. **Seniors (HF) and Juniors (SN)** meet today, Sunday, March 1.

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.

The next Youth Group meeting is Sunday, March 15 from 6:00-7:00pm in St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall. The Culture Project will be here with a presentation on Social Media.

Any high school student wishing to participate in our 10th Annual 30 Hour Fast should get a registration and medical release form from Grace Schroeder, and then begin to solicit donations. Our goal this year is \$8,621.49.

OTTAWA K of C will have a Fish/Clam Strip Fry this Friday, March 6th from 4:30pm – 7:00pm.

PUTNAM COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE will meet this Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 pm in St. Michael's Parish Center in Kalida. All our welcome!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Al and Suzy Wischmeyer of Ottawa who won the Sunday Dinner for Eight at the Rectory Raffle. Many thanks to all who purchased a raffle ticket for this fund raiser for our youth.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: 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

REMEMBER TO PRAY - FAST – GIVE

