

**MARCH 22, 2020**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

<u>Monday, March 23</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>	<u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u>
<u>Tuesday, March 24</u>	Arnold Niese/Exposition Cancelled	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
<u>Wednesday, March 25</u>	Urban & Mary Brown/Exposition Cancelled	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
<u>Thursday, March 26</u>	Alfred Wischmeyer	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10
<u>Friday, March 27</u>	Othmar & Dorothee Michel/Andrea Haselman	Lk 1:26-38
<u>Sunday, March 29</u>	Deacon Kenny Klear	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
	Don & Mary Noirot/Steve Noirot/Louie Noirot	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
	For Youth and College Students	<u>SUNDAY READINGS</u>
	For the Holy Family Parish	Ez 37:12-14
	For the St. Nicholas Parish	Rom 8:8-11
		Jn 11:1-45

**ALL PUBLIC MASSES ARE CANCELLED: Please see our website for updates <https://stnicholasholyfamily.org>**

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

Little did anyone know at this time last Sunday that the announcement would be made to literally suspend all public weekday and weekend Masses and liturgical services in the Catholic parishes in the State of Ohio. I believe the move was prudent, painful and aching as it has seemed these past days. I know it was not an easy decision to be made by Bishop Thomas and his brother bishops of Ohio. Not being able to celebrate publicly the liturgies for Holy Week with all of you will be the challenge of all challenges. I have to say this, however, that such set-backs have happened in other contexts and times in Church history. Still, the Church and her members have survived in the past. This circumstance is no exception.

If anything and as I mentioned in my last public homily for the Second Sunday of Lent, this emergency has brought many people to their knees. What has COVID-19 caused in your life these past days? For me, it has brought to my soul a greater appreciation for all of you. Not having the opportunity to interact with you is painful. I can only imagine the isolation felt by our senior members in care facilities or those members of our parishes who are in hospitals at this time for other ailments. Not being able to visit them and bring Holy Communion or not being able to offer a blessing over them is distressing; it is actually heart-breaking. I have heard from some of our parishioners these past days loathing the fact they cannot attend Mass and receive the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. It will be just for a time. God will provide our every need.

I have asked our pastoral intern, Alex Elfreich, to write an essay this weekend as a bulletin insert helping all of us to understand the meaning of making a "spiritual communion" when we cannot attend Mass

and receive Holy Communion. The Catholic Church has always embraced this notion of making a spiritual communion which provides the dual purpose of uniting us closely with one another and with our Lord in times such as the one we currently experience.

When our lives are altered by some significant impact, I believe God provides us with alternative ways to enrich our lives. One such opportunity has come our way and could, in fact, be a blessing in disguise for our spiritual lives given the current global health crisis. Weeks ago, St. Nicholas and Holy Family parishes were invited to participate in a pilot program of evangelization sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Toledo free of charge. A generous donor in our diocese has stepped forward to underwrite the participation of 12 parishes for a three-year period. Our parishes were asked to join the pilot group and I accepted the invitation. FORMED is an educational product of the St. Augustine Institute, a Catholic entity that aims to promote the faith by means of social media and the entertainment industry. FORMED was described to me as a "Catholic Netflix"; a multitude of media related materials for use in the private home to promote the Catholic faith. We have this very fine resource at our fingertips literally. Please take note of the directions in this weekly bulletin to connect to this Catholic resource. It will open a whole new way of connecting to everything Catholic. It promises to provide sources for every age group.

So, as we continue to live in a semi-quarantined existence these days, let us unite together in the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and charitable works. It will certainly be a unique Lent for us all and one we surely will never forget. God bless you and your families.

*Monsignor Singler*

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

March 14 & 15, 2020

	St. Nicholas:	Holy Family:
Regular	2,753.00	1,662.00
Energy	30.00	20.00
Black & Indian Mission:	20.00	
Flowers	10.00	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,813.00</b>	<b>\$1,682.00</b>

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

**FYI - weekly offertory contributions may be mailed to the Parish Office or offered collectively when this health crisis is over and we are able to have public Masses again.**

ALL PUBLIC MASSES, EXPOSITION, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, PARISH EVENTS AND MEETINGS AT HOLY FAMILY & ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH AND ON PARISH PROPERTIES ARE CANCELLED THROUGH and INCLUDING APRIL 12, 2020.

**SCHEDULED LENTEN CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD AT ST. NICHOLAS AND HOLY FAMILY CHURCHES:**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020, St. Nicholas Day of Grace, 9:00am – Noon & 4:00pm - 6:00pm**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020, 5:00pm – 6:15pm @ Holy Family.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020, 2:00pm – 3:30pm @ St. Nicholas.**

Confessions will be heard through the screen only. No confessions will be heard face to face due to the health directives.

Those persons going to confession are asked to distance themselves six feet from others while waiting to go to confession and offering their penance after confession in the Church.

**BOY SCOUT CHICKEN BBQ** today March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:30am – 1:00pm at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall is STILL ON. DRIVE THROUGH CARRY OUT MEALS ONLY!

**2020 SENIOR CITIZEN PROM “FUN IN THE SUN”** originally scheduled on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> is CANCELLED.

**BAPTISMAL CLASS:** scheduled for Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> is POSTPONED and will be rescheduled.

**HOLY MOMENT MINISTRY** meetings are CANCELLED. We would still like to send cards to homebound, nursing home residents or the ill during the duration of the coronavirus pandemic. Anyone interested in making cards at home will be provided directions and supplies. Please call Teresa Lammers 419-296-8845 or Linda Lammers 419-615-0989.

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH SPRING CLEANING** is POSTPONED until further notice.

**OTTAWA K of C Fish/Clam Strip Fries** are CANCELLED.

**HF/SN FRESHMAN AND PARENT TRIVIA CHALLENGE EVENT** originally scheduled for today, Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> is CANCELLED

**SN/HF YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS** are CANCELLED until further notice.

**FORMED.ORG** is a social media network which provides extensive Catholic movies, books and audios online. Holy Family and St. Nicholas parishioners have access to this resource FREE of charge.

To enroll go to the **Formed.org** website and click the side bar **SIGN UP**. Select **I belong to a Parish or Organization** and enter **45864** in the option to Find your Parish or Organization, select **St. Nicholas & Holy Family**. Next, you will be prompted to provide your name and email. A link will be emailed to you. Once you complete the sign in process you will not need to do so on subsequent visits. If you have any trouble accessing material, please call the Parish Office, 419-876-3481.

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

**ALL CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES AND ALL YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**ALL PARENTS OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION STUDENTS** are asked, if they have not already done so, to sign up for Remind.com to receive notices or suggestions for religious education materials. Please use the below access codes to Remind.com

**SUNDAY MORNING PRESCHOOL:** snhfpfe

**ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** snhfelcf

**JUNIOR HIGH CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** snhf678cf

**HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** snhfh

A letter was sent out this week to all Christian Formation families. If you did not receive your letter, please notify Deb Wehri at 419-876-3481

### DIOCESE OF TOLEDO ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE AS OF MARCH 16, 2020

<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>Holy Family</u>
Parish Goal: \$11,000	Parish Goal: \$11,000
Total Pledged: \$16,561	Total Pledged: \$ 9,025

<b>150.55%</b>	<b>82.05%</b>
OF PARISH GOAL MET	OF PARISH GOAL MET

**BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: MUSTARD SEED GIFT SHOP:** Located behind St. John Catholic Church in Glandorf. Features outdoor lighted rosaries and lighted window rosaries. They also have a variety of religious items for all your sacramental celebrations. **Free delivery to any Putnam County Funeral Home.** Call 419-538-7220.

**REMEMBER TO  
PRAY – FAST – GIVE**

