

APRIL 19, 2020
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

	<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>	<u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u>
<u>Monday, April 20</u>	All Health Care Workers	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
<u>Tuesday, April 21</u>	Arnold Niese/No Exposition	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
<u>Wednesday, April 22</u>	For the Sick and Suffering/No Exposition	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
<u>Thursday, April 23</u>	All First Responders	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
<u>Friday, April 24</u>	Louie Noirot	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
<u>Sunday, April 26</u>	Adam Lammers/Melvin & Alvera Alt Brenda Scheckelhoff	<u>SUNDAY READING</u> Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

FOLLOW THE DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS READINGS on usccb.org/bible/readings

ALL PUBLIC MASSES are cancelled up to and including Sunday, May 3, 2020. Our churches are open for private prayer throughout the day. Please use social distancing guidelines and hand sanitizer upon entering and departing church. **ALL EVENTS** that were to take place at either Church or Parish Hall are CANCELLED up to and including Sunday, May 3, 2020. Be advised, however, that an extension of cancellations may be possible. Check notices of such on our parish website <https://stnicholasholyfamily.org>

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Divine mercy. Two descriptive words that aptly describe a spiritual reality that touches human hearts in moments of calamity and brokenness. I cannot help but to think everything we have recalled and celebrated the past days of Lent, Holy Week and now within the Easter Octave have been God's guiding hand to ease our fears. Our restraint and stay home orders continue, as are the rising number of fatalities in our nation and in the world. Even this past week, statistical reporting from our state officials relay that four known cases of COVID-19 have now been reported in Putnam County. Hard to believe, yet a point of reality that this disease knows no boundaries or limits.

Divine mercy. God offers us this grace in our earthly journey for the purpose of knowing deeply His profound love for us. What does the grace of divine mercy require of us? Fidelity. Trust. Courage. Responsibility. These are the characteristics we suit upon ourselves as the armor against the invisible enemy known as Coronavirus-19. While the stories continue to abound of those who have succumbed to this travesty, often going through the final moments of life in isolation and solitude, longing to at least say a final goodbye to a loved one and vice versa, the trust and courage to leave this world to the embrace of God is most touching. Imagine the moments in history when similar health pandemics emerged wiping out thousands and millions of communities. It is certainly a lesson on the fragility of our human lives and a call to entrust our souls to the divine mercy of God.

Today, on this Divine Mercy Sunday 2020, our prayers to and with the Risen Lord are offered in remembrance of those currently suffering from this viral disease, those admitted to hospitals across the world, those quarantined in their homes, those health professionals and first responders who are attending to the care of the sick. We unite our prayers this Divine Mercy Sunday with those who are on a long road of recovery, whether it be from the illness that has stricken their bodies or the economic blows that have challenged businesses, families and individuals financially at this time.

We look to the Risen Christ who is the image of God's Divine Mercy in the flesh, whose Sacred Heart provides us with the image of blood and water, uniting heaven and earth, God to humanity. May our words this day be those directed by Our Lord himself to St. Faustina and the whole world this day: "Jesus, I trust in thee!"

Wishing you the joy, peace and tranquility of this holy season. Let us continue our prayers for one another and the world.

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly offertory envelope 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. Please do not send cash through the mail.

We will not post offertory received in the mail until the health risk to our weekly money counters has subsided.

NEW ONLINE GIVING OPTION

St. Nicholas Parish and Holy Family Parish now offer **ONLINE GIVING**, a web-based electronic contribution application that allows you to start, stop or change your special collection and regular offerings at any time. We are providing this service so that you have the **option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes**.

This service is safe and secure! Online giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass. This also helps the parishes streamline their cash flow, especially during bad weather, vacation times or COVID-19. Online giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the internet.

Please select the Online Giving tab on our parish website, choose your parish from the drop down and click your parish link to get started. There are several online giving options available to include one-time donation or recurring giving. Donations may be made through ACH bank transfer or credit card. You may select a suggested amount to give or enter the amount you wish to give on the available space, \$_____.

When entering your online offering you are asked to enter the Payment Method Address. Please note that you are being asked to enter YOUR address in this section.

Go to our parish website to get started with your one-time or recurring giving: <https://stnicholasholyfamily.org>

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.

ST. NICHOLAS CEMETERY is being prepared for Spring! Please remove your Fall & Christmas decorations prior to May 1st or they will be discarded.

SAINT NICHOLAS ALTAR ROSARY WOMEN OF ALL AGES dinner scheduled for May 3rd is cancelled. The fund raiser winner will be drawn at our next business meeting on Monday, May 18. To purchase tickets for a chance to win a lighted outdoor rosary, send check (made payable to SN Altar Rosary) to Julie Schnipke, 14173 Road G12, Ottawa OH 45875. Tickets are \$5/each or \$10/3 tickets

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR PARISH

Find out what is going on in our parish community! Access our Facebook account at [Facebook.com/St.Nicholas-HolyFamily](https://www.facebook.com/St.Nicholas-HolyFamily) (do not need Facebook to view) and our website <https://stnicholasholyfamily.org> to see communication from our pastor and catch the updated weekly bulletin.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

Join us for the 1:00 pm live stream broadcast of the Divine Mercy Holy Hour from Holy Family Church, New Cleveland today, April 19, 2020.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Deb Wehri's FORMED Pick for the Week is *The Grumpy Farmer* (2 ½ minutes) and *The Trappist*, an hour-long look into a monastery in South Carolina. Treat you and your family to a fun movie night and encounter this path of living the Catholic faith. Do you have an inner monk?

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS: Please hold on to your Lenten Mission box until we are together again. Parents please continue to check the parish website, [www.stnicholasholyfamily.org/Christian Formation](http://www.stnicholasholyfamily.org/Christian%20Formation) for updated material and worksheets for all elementary-age children to do.

Please give Deb Wehri feedback on FORMED material you have found helpful or inspiring, or what you are searching for at debwehri@gmail.com

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH: PLEASE report known or suspected abuse or neglect to the local Putnam County child protective services or to a municipal or county peace officer by calling the Agency, (419) 538-4580 or by calling the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, (419) 523- 3208.

TO MAKE A REPORT REGARDING THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR by Diocesan personnel (priest, deacon, consecrated religious brother/sister, or lay person), immediate contact should be made with local civil authorities, and with the Diocese of Toledo's Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mr. Frank DiLallo. He can be reached at 419-214-4880 (private line) or 1-800-926-8277, ext. 4880 (Outside Toledo, Within Ohio). To report any sexual abuse of a minor by a bishop, or a bishop's interference in an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, immediate contact should be made with local civil authorities and by going to ReportBishopAbuse.org or calling (800) 276-1562.

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE AS OF APRIL 10, 2020

<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>Holy Family</u>
Parish Goal: \$11,000	Parish Goal: \$11,000
Total Pledged: \$18,841	Total Pledged: \$14,600

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Funds collected at this point forward come back to our parishes. Thank you!

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:
COMPLIMENTS OF WAGNER SAWMILL: Buyers of standing timber. Manufacturer of hardwood lumber, firewood and mulch. Call 419-653-4126.

