

APRIL 12, 2020
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

	<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>	<u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u>
<u>Monday, April 13</u>	2020 First Communion Class	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
<u>Tuesday, April 14</u>	Jim Murray/No Exposition	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
<u>Wednesday, April 15</u>	Don Scheckelhoff/No Exposition	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
<u>Thursday, April 16</u>	Priest's Intention	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
<u>Friday, April 17</u>	Special Intention/ Liv & Dec'd Niese & Coble Family	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
<u>Sunday, April 18</u>	Lewis Otto Family/Gordie Verhoff/Paul Niese Paul & Lucille Schroeder/Allan Brown/ Frank Schnipke/Michele Obarski/Rita Hermiller/ Liv & Dec'd Lammers & Hermiller Family/ Linus & Arlene Rosengarten	<u>SUNDAY READING</u> Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

FOLLOW THE DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS READINGS on uscgb.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 Parishioners,

Happy Easter! This day, while remembered for an event God willed many ages ago, will be remembered in our time in history for a most challenging development; one likewise that involves life and death. While I have never thought of it in these terms before on Easter, I cannot help but to think of the fear instilled in the disciples after Jesus' brutal death on the cross and the fear that has been instilled in the hearts of people on earth these days and weeks. The disciples scattered in fear after Our Lord's death. We have a scattering of sorts in fear ourselves by restrictive movements and orders telling us to stay at home. Masking ourselves in public, or limiting the number of shoppers at the grocery store instills a fear of sorts in our minds and hearts. The Coronavirus pandemic has a tight grip on our emotions for fear of being infected, and for some even the fear of dying.

There is another fear at play on the day of the resurrection. It is the fear felt in the heart of the women who came to the tomb only to find that their Lord and Savior was nowhere to be found. It was the fear felt in the hearts of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the eve of that Easter day who did not recognize the Risen One, but only did so after he broke bread at their table. This kind of fear is one that gives way to life, light, truth, happiness and joy. It is for us in our time, the fear we feel now that will give way to a freedom from restraint. It is a fear that is rooted in trust that all will be well. It is the fear and sadness that brought Jesus to the tomb of his friend Lazarus to call out "Untie him and let him go free." This is the hope of the Easter of 2020. Even though we are homebound, even though our liturgical rituals have been slightly altered this year and seen from a "distance", even though we have made adjustments to making a "spiritual communion" these past days and weeks, Easter has still come to us. Indeed, Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia! His promise to each of us who believe in him is the same – out of darkness comes light, out of sickness and suffering comes healing, out of death comes life.

A debt of gratitude is extended this Easter Day to those in the faith communities of St. Nicholas and Holy Family who have labored to bring the Church to your homes these past days of Lent and Holy Week. I am grateful to Brenda Hermiller, our parish Office Manager, who posted my frequent messages and service schedules on our parish website and coordinated postal mailings to our households during this crisis time. I am grateful for the oversight of Deb Wehri and Marsha Ellerbrock who provided our pre-recorded services and other posted Lenten segments on our combined parish website. We took it to still another technological level with postings on our parish Facebook page and live-streaming abilities overseen and tested by Deacon Doyle Erford, Ruth Ellerbrock, Nichole Ellerbrock, Jim Lammers, John Barlage and Seminarian Alex Elfreich. A special thanks to Shelley Kruse and Cathy Wrasman who assisted in providing musical accompaniment to our Holy Week liturgies, and to Lois Erford who proclaimed the Holy Word for our on-line liturgies so that we would have some semblance of normalcy to our worship of God. I want to thank the team of decorators from Holy Family and St. Nicholas parishes who provided their gifted service in enhancing our sanctuaries for the liturgies of Lent and Holy Week even though only a portion of our number were able to see their talent in person. All of this shows us the gifted talent within our parish communities.

Finally, I wish to thank you, the good people of Holy Family and St. Nicholas Parishes for your fidelity and love of God. Your prayers and good works have made the lifestyle challenge we all share together most bearable. Indeed, in moments of trial and need, our parishioners have stepped up to the plate! Kudos to all of you!

As we continue to follow the directives in place for our health and wellbeing, you can be certain of a daily prayerful remembrance. The Risen Lord will be our beacon of hope in the darkness of this world. Jesus Christ will see us through this crisis. A Blessed Easter to one and all!

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

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.

Please do not send cash through the mail. We will not post offertory received in the mail until the health risk to our weekly mass counters has subsided.

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.

SN/HF PARISH OFFICE will remain open during normal business hours 8:00am – 2:00pm Monday - Friday. Please follow social distance guidelines and consider a phone call 419-876-3481 or email snhfmnc@gmail.com instead of a visit to the office. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

DAILY ROSARY AT NOON: Join Monsignor Singler and Alex Elfreich in praying a daily noontime Rosary for our parishes. You and your family members are invited to spiritually join them in praying the rosary each day. Social media sources are available to those who are learning to pray the rosary or wish to pray along with someone.

CATHOLIC LADIES OF COLUMBIA MEMBERS can invest in many different options offered by the Catholic Ladies of Columbia, including a \$10,000 life insurance policy for children up to the age of 18 for \$125. Investing made easy with no person-to-person contact. Please contact Joyce Ellerbrock at 419-348-6227 for additional information. When completing your enrollment forms enter Council 215 as your council of choice.

Join Us for Divine Mercy Sunday services from Holy Family Church, New Cleveland on Sunday, April 19, 2020.

Life Stream Lord's Day Mass at 9:00 am

Live Stream Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 1:00pm

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/St-Nicholas-Holy-Family-Parishes-1476477202669753/videos/>

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.

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

HOLY FAMILY WOMEN OF ALL AGES dinner scheduled for April 19th is cancelled

FORMED.ORG is a media service providing 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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Parents: please sign up on **FORMED.ORG** so you have access to great Catholic resources.

It's been a long and difficult Lent so let's enjoy some light-hearted entertainment on Formed.org this week. Deb Wehri's Pick for the Week is a delightful, feel-good movie for the entire family. Grab a large bowl of popcorn and watch *The Adventures of Oicee Nash*. Set in 1898 in Mississippi and Asheville, North Carolina, with beautiful scenery and colorful characters, this movie will captivate old and young alike.

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

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: COMPLIMENTS OF THE BUCKEYE CLUB: Great pizza made to order, wings, beer, liquor. Call 419-876-3201

