

MAY 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter

	<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>	<u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u>
<u>Monday, May 11</u>	Safe and Successful Planting Season	Acts 14:5-8/Jn 14:21-26
<u>Tuesday, May 12</u>	Special Intention/No Exposition	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
<u>Wednesday, May 13</u>	2020 Miller City High School Graduates/ No Exposition	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
<u>Thursday, May 14</u>	Living Members of C.L.C Council 215	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
<u>Friday, May 15</u>	Intention of Thanksgiving/Andrea Haselman Othmar & Dorothy Michel/Deacon Kenny Klear	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
<u>Saturday, May 16</u>	All Engaged Couples from Our Parishes	
<u>Sunday, May 17</u>	John Weskiel/Walter Weskiel/Arnold Niese/ James Okuley, Sr.	<u>SUNDAY READING</u> Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

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

ALL PUBLIC MASSES are cancelled up to and including Friday, May 29, 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 Friday, May 29, 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,

After my Father died in 2012, one of my memorable customs was to take my Mom out to dinner on Mother's Day and purchase a flower bed of salmon colored geraniums that she or one of my siblings would plant around the parameter of her landscaped yard. Each year when it was time to visit Corso's Greenhouse in Sandusky to make the purchase of geraniums, I remember always wanting to suggest to Mom a different color of geraniums each year. She would politely hear me out and then reply "the salmon geraniums will do". She wasn't about to bend to my suggestion. Every time I see a potted salmon geranium plant, I fondly remember my beloved mother.

As we honor the happy memory of our mothers who have gone before us and those who live that special calling among us this weekend, we offer our profound gratitude to them for all the things they do to nurture our lives. I can only imagine with the COVID-19 challenges that have been ours these number of weeks how mothers have been tested to keep things at home moving with some normalcy. Overseeing that online homework and school studies are completed, keeping everyone occupied, preparing grocery lists, providing nutritious daily meals, making sure that the house is clean, and even attending to a professional job if she is not a stay-home mom. Wow! Mom's do a lot to keep us happy.

I will rely on the kindness of those adult members reading this Mother's Day bulletin column to share the following points with the children (even grandchildren) in your households. 1) If tensions have been high during the COVID-19 pandemic in your home (perhaps a lot of "fighting" and "name-calling") and Mom has told you numerous times to pick up after yourselves - do it without argument. 2) If your Mom has prepared meals for you or has laundered your clothes - thank her two times over. 3) If you have not, in a long time, told your Mom that you love her (regardless of your age) - do it before you go to bed tonight.

The global pandemic has tried our emotions, no doubt, but it does not cost us anything to tell our Mom's how much we love them; something we cannot take for granted and certainly something that needs to be said more frequently.

Prayerfully yours this Mother's Day Weekend,

Monsignor Singler

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE	
AS OF May 4, 2020	
<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>Holy Family</u>
Parish Goal: \$11,000	Parish Goal: \$11,000
Total Pledged: \$19,561	Total Pledged: \$17,125
177.83%	155.68%
OF PARISH GOAL MET	OF PARISH GOAL MET

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

Happy Mother's Day



She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel.

She watches the conduct of her household, and eats not her food in idleness.

Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her:

"Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all."

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a reward of her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Proverbs 31:25-31

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.

SAINT NICHOLAS ALTAR ROSARY MEMBERS will meet Monday, May 18th @ 6:30 pm via a ZOOM meeting. Rosary will begin at 6:30 pm, followed by a business meeting. Installation of officers and the Illuminated Outdoor Rosary drawing will be postponed until the October business meeting. Tickets will continue to be sold until that time. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Click on the link below or enter the URL below to join the ZOOM meeting from your computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89833925723>

Meeting ID: 898 3392 5723

PUTNAM COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE BLOOD DRIVE: Friday, May 15, 2020 from Noon to 6:00 pm at the Miller City Sportsman's Club. To schedule an appointment, please call Ginnie at 419-538-6743 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: PUTNAMRIGHTTOLIFE

DAILY ROSARY AT NOON: Monsignor Singler and Alex Elfreich continue 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.

FUN ACTIVITY IDEAS: take your dog for a walk*plan your flower garden*phone a friend*read a book together as a family*play the childhood game of telephone*plan an outdoor adventure*start a prayer journal"

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

Many thanks to those who have enrolled in online giving! We appreciate the positive feedback!

The Catholic Communications Campaign, a designated collection for May, is available on the St. Nicholas Parish and Holy Family Parish online giving links from May 1 – May 31, 2020. Thank you for your generosity to this national collection.

Parishioners who enroll and will continue to contribute online may contact the office at 419-876-3481 or snhfmenc@gmail.com if they no longer want to receive weekly contribution envelopes. Please notify the parish office prior to June 1st to not receive July – August envelopes.

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

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

In honor of Our Lady, Deb Wehri's FORMED pick of the week for family movie night is *The Juggler of Notre Dame*.

For adults wanting to discover why Catholics devote the month of May to Mary, watch the newly released *Formed Live: Mary and the Month of May*. Topics discussed include the rosary, the domestic church, the purpose of Marian devotions and May Crowning.

For those adults who wish to go deeper into a study of Mary, I suggest *Lectio: Mary*, a Bible study presented by Dr. Brant Pitre. In part one, *The New Eve*, discover why Jesus refers to his mother as "Woman." This is an inspirational and intriguing 8-part Bible study which explores in depth Catholic Marian teachings.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is tentatively scheduled for July 13-18. Registration forms will be available on our website soon.

LENTEN MISSION BOX: Parents, please send a check to the parish office, payable to **Missionary Childhood Association**, for the change your child has collected. The parish office will forward these checks to the Missionary Childhood Association on May 18th.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: **COMPLIMENTS OF MACK & RITA'S:** Hometown dining and hometown atmosphere with DELICIOUS steaks, chicken, fish, sandwiches, beer and liquor. Jackie Verhoff, owner. Call 419-876-3571

Lord, let your
Mercy
be on us, as
we place our
Trust
in you.