

**MAY 24, 2020**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**

<b><u>Monday, May 25 (SN Cem.) 9:00am</u></b>	<b><u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u></b>	<b><u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u></b>
<b><u>Tuesday, May 26 (SN) 8:00am</u></b>	For All Our War Dead	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
<b><u>Wednesday, May 27 (HF) 8:00am</u></b>	Arnold Niese/No Exposition	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
<b><u>Thursday, May 28 (HF) 6:30pm</u></b>	Mindy Smalley/No Exposition	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
<b><u>Friday, May 29 (SN) 8:00am</u></b>	Harold Lammers	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
<b><u>Saturday, May 30 (HF) 1:00pm</u></b>	Louie Noirot	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
<b><u>Saturday, May 30 (SN) 4:00pm</u></b>	Robert Nadler & Victoria Repko Wedding	<b><u>SUNDAY READING</u></b>
<b><u>Saturday, May 30 (SN) 7:00pm</u></b>	Paul & Lucille Schroeder/Allan Brown/	Acts 2:1-11
<b><u>Sunday, May 31 (HF) 8:30am</u></b>	Frank Schnipke/Michel Obarski	1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
<b><u>Sunday, May 31 (SN) 10:30am</u></b>	For the Parish	Jn 20:19-23
<b><u>Sunday, May 31 (SN) 6:00pm</u></b>	Mel Schroeder	
	For the Parish	
	Pastor's Intention	

The Diocese of Toledo has launched a campaign called *Reconnect* to assist parishes and the faithful as we continue to navigate Catholic life during COVID-19 and through the next phases of re-opening. One part of the campaign is a website with resources for parishes and the public. [ReconnectToledo.org](http://ReconnectToledo.org) has resources to help the faithful, including spiritual resources and good news stories. Another portion of the website is resources for parishes. These will continue to be populated with information.

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

The most asked question posed to me recently has gone like this: "Once we are able to return to our churches for public Masses, how are we going to fit everyone in our churches if we can only use 50% of our seating capacity"? The answer, hard as it may ring in our ears is: "We won't be able to fit everyone in our churches with a limit of only 50% seating capacity". Imagine coming to the church doors to be told by that kind, caring and smiling usher that 50% seating capacity has been reached in church. What happens next? While the thought of being turned away at the church doors may be frustrating to many of us, and this could very well happen (be prepared for it), it might be a moment for us to remember the gift attending Mass has been in our lives. It has been a challenge not to attend and receive Holy Communion for two months, but this very real predicament now that we can return to our churches tops them all. It is a situation to be embraced, not avoided.

Let's consider what we might do if we can't get into church at the Mass we regularly attend. Remember that the Ohio Catholic Bishops have extended their suspension of the Sunday Mass obligation until further notice. This was made public on May 8, 2020. While it may not be our preference to miss a Sunday Mass in person, the Church realizes that the circumstances prohibiting us from attending warrants a suspension. A major pandemic of a deadly virus is still in our midst and requires our serious attention if we value our lives and those of others. So what might we do considering that there is going to be limited space in our churches for our four normally scheduled Sunday Masses which, by the way, are well attended? Several options might include the following:

First, our parishes have learned through this pandemic to use the gift of social media to bring the celebration of Mass into our homes online. We will continue, as long as it is needed, to offer a pre-recorded Mass from our own parish churches and post it on our parish website and parish Facebook page in the late evening hours on Saturdays so it will be up and ready for viewing on Sunday mornings. That might be a most proper and safe option for the elderly and for those whose health condition would be compromised by attending a public Mass at this time.

Second, because the salvation of souls is primary to my priestly service and the current circumstance warrants it, I have decided to add an additional 6:00 PM Mass on Sundays beginning May 31 at St. Nicholas. We will follow a two-week cycle of scheduling this additional Sunday Mass between our parishes (two weeks at St. Nicholas, two weeks at Holy Family) beginning on June 7. The purpose of offering this additional Mass is to take the load off of our other Sunday Masses to accommodate a smaller number of congregants. That might be a really great option for families.

Third, since the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended by the Ohio Bishops, perhaps a family or individuals not being able to attend Mass in person on Sunday would choose to attend one of our scheduled weekday Masses. Again, it would take the load off of the number of congregants attending the regularly scheduled Sunday Masses.

Whatever we do, we must understand that it will not be "business as usual" in making re-entry in our spiritual home. Everyone will need to muster all the energy of Christian charity, patience and understanding, especially when the things we have known and done over time are not the same. Normalcy is forthcoming, but getting there will require a genuine attitude of kindness to one another. Keeping all of you in my daily prayers,

*Monsignor Singler*

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Weekly offertory envelope contributions may be mailed to the Parish Office or offered collectively when this health crisis is over. 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.

**USHERS NEEDED AT HOLY FAMILY AND ST. NICHOLAS PARISHES AS WE RE-OPEN OUR CHURCHES.** Ushers will greet and seat parishioners during our weekend Masses. Those serving in this capacity during COVID19 re-entry must be willing to wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. If you can help with this urgent ministry request, please call the Parish Office at 419-876-3481 or email [snhfmnc@gmail.com](mailto:snhfmnc@gmail.com).



## HAPPY FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

The parishes of Holy Family, New Cleveland, and St. Nicholas, Miller City, congratulate Deacon Doyle Erford on the Fourteenth Anniversary of his diaconal ordination which was celebrated on May 20<sup>th</sup>. We express to God our heartfelt thanks for his service to us all and ask that good health and prosperity come upon him. Ad multos annos!

## ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

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 Parish Office at 419-876-3481 or [snhfmnc@gmail.com](mailto:snhfmnc@gmail.com) if they no longer want to receive weekly contribution envelopes. Please notify the Parish Office prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> 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*

**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.

**NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:** Bishop Thomas invites the faithful across the Diocese to participate in a Novena to the Holy Spirit which began last Friday, May 22. The Novena will end on Saturday, May 30, the Vigil for the Solemnity of Pentecost. Please access the video and pray along guide at [www.reconnecttoledo.org](http://www.reconnecttoledo.org).

**RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN:** Place a red ribbon on your door, mailbox, or tree in your yard in solidarity with Catholics in Northwest Ohio during the Novena to the Holy Spirit. As we look forward with joy to the re-opening of public Masses, the red ribbons are a visible sign of our anticipation, excitement and unity.

**GOOD STEWARDS PRAYER:** *Loving Father, you alone are the source of every good gift. We praise you for all your gifts to us, and we thank you for your generosity. Everything we have, and all that we are, comes from you. Help us to be grateful and responsible. You have called us to follow your son, Jesus, without counting the cost. Send us your Holy Spirit to give us courage and wisdom to be faithful disciples. We commit ourselves to being good stewards. Help us to be grateful, accountable, generous, and willing to give back with increase. Help us to make stewardship a way of life. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN*

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Deb Wehri's FORMED pick of the week continues our look during the month of May at the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and also prepares us for the Solemnity of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which we celebrate next Sunday. In order to watch this 30-minute video, go to Formed.org, click on Search and type The Wild Goose, then click on The Wild Goose with Fr. Dave Pivonka. Look down at the list of videos in this series and click on The Spirit and Our Lady. This inspiring and informative selection focuses on what it means to be "filled with the Holy Spirit" and how the Holy Spirit brings meaning to our lives.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is cancelled for this summer. Bible activities will be available in the near future.



## 2020 MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Join our parishes in honoring the memory of our war dead and all deceased Holy Family and St. Nicholas parishioners for an outdoor Mass at St. Nicholas Cemetery tomorrow, Monday, May 25th at 9:00am. All are asked to bring their own lawn chair and be prepared to sit at an appropriate distance from one another. Masks are encouraged but not required. In case of rain or cold temperatures, Mass will move to St. Nicholas Church. Social distancing will be required in church and the use of hand sanitizers a must. Military tributes will follow Mass in St. Nicholas Cemetery.



**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