

MAY 31, 2020
PENTECOST SUNDAY

	<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>	<u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u>
<u>Monday, June 1</u>	NO SCHEDULED MASS	Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34
<u>Tuesday, June 2 (SN) 8:00am</u>	Liv. & Dec'd Family of Harold, Rita & Sharon Niese /No Exposition	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17
<u>Wednesday, June 3 (HF) 8:00am</u>	2020 Graduating Seniors/No Exposition	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27
<u>Thursday, June 4 (HF) 6:30pm</u>	2020 First Communion Class	2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34
<u>Friday, June 5 (SN) 8:00am</u>	Arnold Niese	2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37
<u>Saturday, June 6 (SN) Noon</u>	Brooke Bewsey & Jonathan Kruse Wedding	
<u>Saturday, June 6 (SN) 4:00pm</u>	For the Parish	<u>SUNDAY READING</u>
<u>Saturday, June 6 (HF) 7:00pm</u>	Charles D. & Rita J. Singler	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9
<u>Sunday, June 7 (HF) 8:30am</u>	For the Parish	2 Cor 13:11-13
<u>Sunday, June 7 (SN) 10:30am</u>	Neil Balbaugh/Michele Obarski	Jn 3:16-18
<u>Sunday, June 7 (SN) 6:00pm</u>	Liv. & Dec'd Gilbert Riepenhoff Family	
	Mary Lou Hohler	

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. ReconnectToledo.org has resources to help the faithful, including spiritual resources and good news stories.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Pentecost Sunday! Along with this culminating liturgical solemnity ending the glorious season of Easter, we have the blessed opportunity to ease our way back into our churches for public Masses once again. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! It was such a joy for me as your pastor to see so many people join together from our two parishes for the celebration of the outdoor Mass on Memorial Day. It was a sight to behold! Seeing smiling faces with the brightness of the sun showering its rays was a hopeful sign to me, as I hope it was for those who attended.

While I know first-hand that some of the re-entry practices we have been asked to follow may seem challenging and maybe even questionable to many of us, they are in place for our protection. We cannot be too lax in our attention to something we cannot see as the Coronavirus still has the ability to wreak its deadly effects on many people.

We have reached some significant milestones these current days with the completion of another academic year at Miller City New Cleveland Schools. That ending also marks an end and beginning for our 2020 MCNC graduating senior class. They are a fine group of talented young women and men who have made their mark in moving toward a prosperous and successful future. We wish them all the best for the future. We anticipate the joy for our second grade students who will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 14. Because of the seating capacity restrictions during this time, we will need to have two First Communion Masses, one at St. Nicholas and one at Holy Family, on June 14.

Another significant milestone achieved this week is the successful completion of seminarian Alex Elfreich's pastoral internship. The evaluations for his internship year were submitted to seminary officials in mid-May. Not to worry, he is not leaving our parishes just yet. Alex will be with us through the months of June and July before returning to the seminary in August. I am certain that you share my sentiments on the special grace it has been for our parishes to host a pastoral intern. I am sure Alex himself will have something to say to us in a future bulletin column, but suffice it for me to say here that this gifted young man has brought much to our parishes these past months. He has been a great housemate in the rectory, and has learned the reality of priestly ministry first-hand. I believe he has learned well from all of you.

Pentecost marks a crossroad for the believing Christian world. The bestowal of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are God's legacy to us all. Using wisdom, understanding, knowledge, piety, fortitude, counsel and fear of the Lord – these seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, allow us to find our way to God who is constantly calling us to himself in a holiness of life. These gifts are what have guided us in our recently trying times. God always has our back. God bless you all.

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.

NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

The Novena of Prayer for First Communicants at Holy Family and Saint Nicholas Parishes begins this Thursday, June 4th and will conclude on Friday, June 12, 2020. The Novena is for our second-graders who will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, June 14, 2020. See the Novena Prayer printed on the enclosed insert in today's bulletin. Please keep these children in your daily prayers during the novena.

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

Peter's Pence, a designated collection for June, is available on the St. Nicholas Parish and Holy Family Parish online giving links from June 1 – June 30, 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 if they no longer want to receive weekly contribution 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.

CENTURY FARM AWARD APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE: Catholic Charities is accepting applications for Century Farm Awards. This award designation honors Catholic families who have maintained a farm or homestead within their family for at least 100 years, with an emphasis on well-preserved working farms. Applicants will be asked to submit a registration form, copies of old deeds, and pictures to support claims. The information submitted must show family residence and ownership of a farm for at least 100 years. Applications should be submitted no later than August 15, 2020. A Mass honoring award recipients will be celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 14010 US-24, Grand Rapids, OH 43522, on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. For more information or to request the registration form, please contact Melissa Tonti at (419) 214-4898 or mtonti@toledodiocese.org.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Do you feel like your faith isn't all that vibrant, or makes that much of a difference in your daily decisions? Do you really *know* the Holy Spirit?

Deb Wehri's FORMED.org pick of the week takes us deeper into our celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which we celebrate today. This 30-minute video speaks to the longing of every baptized person. 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 Breath of God. This video will open you to a deeper relationship, or to begin a relationship, with the third person of the Blessed Trinity. Come, Holy Spirit

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (incoming Freshman thru outgoing Seniors) are invited to attend YOUTH MASS IN THE PARK being held at Kalida Four Seasons Park on Saturday, June 20, 2020 @ 8:00 PM (bring your own lawn chair). Please contact Jill Zeller 567-376-9115 with questions.

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

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE AS OF MAY 26, 2020

<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>Holy Family</u>
Parish Goal: \$11,000	Parish Goal: \$11,000
Total Pledged: \$19,611	Total Pledged: \$17,275

178.28%	157.05%
OF PARISH GOAL MET	OF PARISH GOAL MET

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

A special announcement from Bishop Thomas was sent to the Catholic Faithful this week. Access to this public notice can be found on our Parish website <https://stnicholasholyfamily.org> under the Bulletin icon.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:
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