

**JUNE 28, 2020**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<u>Monday, June 29</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>	<u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u>
	NO SCHEDULED MASS	Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19
<u>Tuesday, June 30 (SN) 8:00am</u>	Albert, Catherine & Josephine Kaufman No Exposition	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27
<u>Wednesday, July 1 (HF) 8:00am</u>	Rita J. Singler/No Exposition	Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34
<u>Thursday, July 2 (HF) 6:30pm</u>	For All Newly Ordained Priests & Deacons	Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8
<u>Friday, July 3 (SN) 8:00am</u>	Louie Noiroit	Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
<u>Saturday, July 4 (SN) 4:00pm</u>	For the Parish	<u>SUNDAY READING</u>
<u>Saturday, July 4 (HF) 7:00pm</u>	Karl P. Morman	Zec 9:9-10
<u>Sunday, July 5 (HF) 8:30am</u>	For the Parish	Rom 8:9, 11-13
<u>Sunday, July 5 (SN) 10:30am</u>	Liv & Dec'd Schnipke-Wagner Families/ Allen Warnimont, Allen Warnimont II, Liv & Dec'd Alphonse (Pete) & Evelyn Warnimont Family	Mt 11:25-30
<u>Sunday, July 5 (SN) 6:00pm</u>	For All The Sick in Our Parishes	

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](http://ReconnectToledo.org) has resources to help the faithful, including spiritual resources and good news stories.

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, four men will have been ordained as priests to serve in the Diocese of Toledo: Fr. Michael Bialorucki, Fr. Zachary Brown, Fr. Peter Grodi and Fr. Kevin Moebius. I know these men very well having had the privilege of serving as their vocation director at the time when their affiliation as candidates to the priesthood began and their seminary formation commenced. Fine and gifted young priests they are and have become. As I rejoice with the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo this weekend that God has graced our local church with more workers in the Lord's vineyard, I am reminded that the journey these men have taken did not happen in a vacuum. I hope you will take notice and read their brief biographical comments in this weekend's bulletin insert.

Every vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life originates in the context of a home environment. Whether for good or ill, home life is the fertile ground at the outset of one's life where the early seeds of virtue are sown. As a person grows into self-awareness they begin to assess their life and identity as one who can impact the lives of others as a servant to them. They undertake that responsibility of serving not for personal accolades or recognition, but for Jesus Christ and his kingdom. Nurtured by a daily spiritual life and learning the art of prayer and meditation, a candidate for the priesthood grows into the person of Jesus himself. He is challenged daily in this role as a priest to become Christ to others. Thankfully, becoming Christ to others is an ongoing process. Believe me, I have been at it for 36 years and I am still trying to master it!

Knowing these men as I do and, pray God, the priests they have become, I am confident that their ministry to the parishes, wherever they will serve their first priestly assignments, will prosper abundantly. God is good and will provide our spiritual needs along the journey to heaven.

This weekend and the event of priestly ordination in our diocese leads me again to invite our young people at St. Nicholas and Holy Family parishes to consider the noble vocation of priesthood and consecrated life. I see in a number of our young people the kind of character and virtues that have already been placed in their hearts. My daily prayer having served as your pastor three years has been that God would awaken in the hearts of these individuals that burning desire and zeal to be Christ to others as his servants. Join me in offering prayers to God in sending us more priestly vocations in the Diocese of Toledo. Ask Christ, the Good Shepherd, to send more laborers in the harvest of His vineyard as priests and consecrated religious men and women. Our world is being challenged significantly these days. We need a sign of hope and direction lest we lose our way entirely. We need witnesses, who by their life and love for Christ, are leading and guiding us to the goal of heaven. Ad multos annos to our four new priests!

*Monsignor Singler*

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

With the transition of a soft re-entry in our churches, weekly offertory envelope contributions may be mailed to the Parish Office or offered collectively when the pandemic subsides. Please do not send cash through the mail.



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. On Thursday, July 9 and Friday, July 10 the Parish Office hours will be 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

**MANY THANKS**

Thank you to all Holy Family and St. Nicholas members who sent greeting cards and gifts on the occasions of my ordination anniversary (June 9) and my birthday (June 16) most recently. They were overwhelming expressions of support and encouragement. May God bless you for your kindness to me.

*(signed) Monsignor Singler*



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mr. & Mrs. Travis and Linsey Maas who were recently married at St. Nicholas Church.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENTLY BAPTIZED** HAYES PAUL SCHECKELHOFF, son of Charles & Susan Scheckelhoff, LIAM SIMON SCHROEDER, son of Daniel & Kimberly Schroeder, ERICA

LEIGH SCHROEDER, daughter of Jacob & Kylie Schroeder, LILLIAN OPAL BARBER, daughter of Aaron & Hannah Barber.

**DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE** St. Nicholas Parish is responsible for stocking the Food Pantry in Ottawa. Any non-perishable items you would use in your home are needed. In particular, hygienic products like toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant soap and products are in great need. Please place the items in the boxes provided in the main vestibule entryway of St. Nicholas Church before this Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Holy Family Parish will be collecting items during the month of July.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION** is a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Parishioners may donate in the envelope provided in the June packet or through our Online Giving link that is open through June 30, 2020.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to a Free Concert "God Bless the USA" performed by Voices of Faith. The Concert takes place at the Rex Center, Downtown Ottawa, this Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00pm. Bring a lawn chair to enjoy the event. Call 419-523-3363 for more information.

**PUTNAM COUNTY HEADSTART** is currently enrolling children for the 2020-2021 school year. Head Start is a free preschool for income eligible children ages 3 to 5. We have full day classrooms in Ottawa and Leipsic. For more information, or an application call 419-523-3228, text 419-719-4595 or stop in our office at 1205 East Third Street, Ottawa.

**TWO ST. NICHOLAS PRESCHOOL TEACHERS ARE NEEDED:** Please contact Deb Wehri if you are interested.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

Deb Wehri's FORMED.org Pick of the Week is a 30 minute documentary, The Story of Father Kapaun. This video tells the fascinating story of the most decorated Catholic military chaplain in American history. This Servant of God (the first of three steps in the canonization process) can be prayed to, especially for medical miracles. Servant of God Emil Kapaun, intercede for us!

Vacation Bible School-Home Edition packets are still available for pick-up at the Parish Office during regular business hours. You are also invited to watch Alex Elfreich's VBS videos on the parish website.

**2020 Century Farm Award Applications Available** Catholic Charities is now 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](mailto:mtonti@toledodiocese.org)

**ST. NICHOLAS AND HOLY FAMILY PARISHES** extend prayerful best wishes as our pastoral intern, Alex Elfreich, celebrates his 27<sup>th</sup> birthday tomorrow, Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALEX!

**BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: COMPLIMENTS OF OTTAWA TIRE & SERVICE CENTER:** provides a complete tire and auto mechanic repairs & service. Call 419-523-5309

*God Bless America*

