

AUGUST 2, 2020
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>	<u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u>
<u>Monday, August 3</u>	NO SCHEDULED MASS	Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36
<u>Tuesday, August 4 (SN) 8:00am</u>	Arnold Niese/Ben & Anna Niese Family Richard Wurth/No Exposition	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36
<u>Wednesday, August 5 (HF) 8:00am</u>	Priest's Intention/ No Exposition	Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28
<u>Thursday, August 6 (HF) 6:30pm</u>	Special Intention	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9
<u>Friday, August 7 (SN) 8:00am</u>	Special Intention	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28
<u>Saturday, August 8 (SN) 4:00pm</u>	Neil Balbaugh/Honey & Lou Ann Niese/ Mary & Joseph Motycka/Dwight Niese	<u>SUNDAY READING</u> 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
<u>Saturday, August 8 (HF) 7:00pm</u>	For the Parish	Rom 9:1-5
<u>Sunday, August 9 (HF) 8:30am</u>	Tom Deitering	Mt 14:22-23
<u>Sunday, August 9 (SN) 10:30am</u>	For the Parish	
<u>Sunday, August 9 (SN) 6:00pm</u>	Priest's Intention	

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

This first weekend of August signals beginnings and endings in our parishes. The “dog-days of summer” have begun and the excitement of another school year beginning on the horizon for our little ones is upon us. We express a fond farewell in our parishes this weekend to one who came to us just one year ago to begin a hands-on experience living and working among us while discerning his call to the priesthood. Alex Elfreich has served the parishes of St. Nicholas and Holy Family in many ways. While he was learning, observing and testing his natural and acquired talents in our midst, he was providing us a service of witnessing the Catholic faith.

From the perspective of a mentor and supervisor, I have found Alex’s company most enriching this past year. We prayed the Liturgy of the Hours together daily and shared many meals together, not to mention having wonderful table conversations of hopes and dreams. My fondest memory during his time with us was seeing him blossom as a pastorally-minded individual, particularly in his interactions with the school children, who obviously came to appreciate him and love him greatly. His supplemental presence and gift of music helped to enrich our Friday morning Masses with the school children. During the early weeks and months of COVID-19 restrictions when public Masses in our parish churches were suspended, Alex and I had the privilege of offering daily Mass in the rectory and remembered all of you daily with our noontime rosary. That will always remain a treasured aspect of our time together. He even learned to cook a few times during the internship, but by the end of our time together we assumed the roles very well – I cooked and he cleaned. We could certainly open our own restaurant together.

A few behind-the-scene projects he undertook this past year include the review of our parish office files to make them current and organized, the editing and revision of the Holy Family Cemetery Association Constitution and Regulations, and the editing of the first draft of revised Wedding Guidelines for our parishes.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the times he offered faith formation opportunities for our parishioners. The Lenten video segments on Good Friday, the inspiring presentation he shared on the Blessed Virgin Mary during the last evening of our scheduled Lenten Parish Mission in March, the video catechesis he provided on the mysteries of the Rosary, the video presentation he produced and directed for re-entering our churches in May, the collaborative efforts he provided with those coordinating our live-streaming and online posting of liturgical services – these are just a few of the noticeable things this young man brought to our communities this past year.

Above all, he has brought us his witness of faith and the traits we long to see in our future priests. His recent announcement of taking a leave of absence is just that, a leave of absence. Discernment for a person dedicating their life to God in service of others is serious business. I am more than confident that the good Lord will have Alex exactly where he needs to be and I applaud his courage in taking the time to pray and discern further, as he told us, “in the world”.

Join me in thanking this young man for all he has done for our parishes and our people this past year. May God, who has begun this good work in him, bring it to fulfillment.

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
for the week of July 20 – July 26, 2020

St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	2,467.45	Regular:	2,466.30
Utilities	30.00	Assumption:	10.00
Total:	\$ 2,497.45	Total:	2,476.30

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes

COVID-19 SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Holy Family Parish and St. Nicholas Parish are extremely blessed with parishioners who have undertaken sanitizing and cleaning church after each service. We are in need of parishioners to support this good work. Please call the Parish Office at 419-876-3481 or email snhfmcmc@gmail.com to sign up.



With Gratitude!



The members of St. Nicholas and Holy Family Parishes express gratitude to Alex Elfreich for his service to our communities this past year. May God bless you Alex!



PLEASE PRAY FOR RCIA CANDIDATE Stephen Adamczak, fiancé of Angie Rosengarten, who will enter into full communion of the Catholic Church next Sunday, August 9th at the Holy Family 8:30am Lord's Day Mass.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Jesus, the Word Became Flesh is Deb Wehri's FORMED.org Pick of the Week. Stephen Ray takes us to on a pilgrimage to the holy land and all the sacred places where pivotal points in Jesus' life took place. The videography is stunningly beautiful and Ray's narration is inspirational and educational.

Thank you to the parents who have returned the Christian Formation registration forms and, for students in grades 1-5, permission forms to the Parish Office. The deadline to have these forms in to the Parish Office is Monday, August 10. Forms are available on our parish website under Christian Formation/documents.

Trying to look at all of the possible scenarios in holding religious education classes this school year, we need to be prepared if one of our catechists is unable to teach for several weeks due to sickness or the need to be quarantined due to exposure to COVID-19. If you are willing to be placed on a substitute teaching list, and willing to complete the background check requirements, please contact Deb Wehri. We would like to have substitute catechists available for all grade levels. Thank you!

All 8th graders: Please reserve the entire day of Sunday, October 18 for your NET Confirmation Retreat.

PUTNAM COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY Interactive Zoom Storytime on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 am. August 3, 5, 10 and 12 @ 10:00am via ZOOM. Please email Valerie at vlaukhuf@seolibraries.org to get a password to participate. Each week, we will provide a FREE STEM creative kit *(while supplies last) to enhance your story time experience. Please place your order the week prior to story time. Please call your local library to reserve your kit or email Heather at hkuhlman@seolibraries.org.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: COMPLIMENTS OF NORTHWEST TRACTOR JOHN DEERE SALES & SERVICE IN OTTAWA: Our experienced staff is always ready to help you with all your needs. We always have a great selection of new and used lawn and garden tractors on hand. Call 419-538-7072.

AUGUST 15, 2020
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IS NOT A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR

Whenever the calendar date of a solemn liturgical feast designated as a holyday of obligation occurs on a Saturday or Monday the obligation to attend Mass is suspended. In the United States, the exception to this norm is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, the patronal feast day of our country.

One Mass commemorating the Solemnity of the Assumption will be offered at Holy Family Church on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 9:00 AM

PARISHIONERS ARE NEEDED to host National Evangelization Team (NET) members in their homes October 18 for the 8th grade Confirmation Retreat. Please contact Deb Wehri at the Parish Office, 419-876-3481, if you are willing to welcome young adults who have volunteered a year of their life to inspire students in their faith.



They all ate and were satisfied.