

**JULY 12, 2020**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	<u><b>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</b></u>	<u><b>WEEKDAY READINGS</b></u>
<u><b>Monday, July 13</b></u>	NO SCHEDULED MASS	Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1
<u><b>Tuesday, July 14 (SN) 8:00am</b></u>	For All Seminarians/No Exposition	Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
<u><b>Wednesday, July 15 (HF) 8:00am</b></u>	Tom Deitering/Urban & Mary Brown/ No Exposition	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
<u><b>Thursday, July 16 (HF) 6:30pm</b></u>	Liv & Dec'd Lammers & Inkrott Families	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
<u><b>Friday, July 17 (SN) 8:00am</b></u>	Louie Noiro	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
<u><b>Saturday, July 18 (SN) 4:00pm</b></u>	Francis Kern/Arnold Niese/ Liv & Dec'd Ben & Anna Niese Family	<u><b>SUNDAY READING</b></u> Wis 12:13, 16-19
<u><b>Saturday, July 18 (HF) 7:00pm</b></u>	For the Parish	Rom 8:26-27
<u><b>Sunday, July 19 (HF) 8:30am</b></u>	Don Scheckelhoff/Paul C. Morman	Mt 13:24-43
<u><b>Sunday, July 19 (SN) 10:30am</b></u>	For the Parish	
<u><b>Sunday, July 19 (HF) 6:00pm</b></u>	For a Bountiful Summer Harvest	

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,

It has been 50 days since we made re-entry into our parish churches for the public celebration of Masses. I believe we have done well to adapt to the restrictions that require our attention for prudent responsibility. Keep sanitizing your hands upon entering and departing church and keep the social distancing as best as you possibly can. One aspect, however, that does concern me is the use of face coverings (masks) in public. While we have not yet received any directive from diocesan officials to date mandating the use of masks in worship spaces, it is the reliable opinion of medical professionals that the use of masks in public places, including churches, does mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Directives from the diocese have been consistent in stating that masks are strongly encouraged. As many states have begun to regulate the use of masks in public, our own State of Ohio as recently as Tuesday of this past week issued regulations in mandating the use of masks in public for several "hot-spot" counties. Currently, these include Huron, Cuyahoga, Trumbull, Montgomery, Butler, Hamilton and Franklin counties.

I have noticed that only a handful of parishioners at Holy Family and St. Nicholas are using masks during the public celebration of Masses in our churches. Some may have a medical condition that will not allow them to wear a mask for a long period of time or at all; others may simply feel claustrophobic wearing something over their mouth. We certainly want to be respectful of those who have chosen not to wear a mask for these reasons. Those who are simply choosing not to wear a mask because they don't believe they will become infected or think

the COVID-19 pandemic is a fabrication of politicians and social media outlets really need to think again about this.

Statistics in the nation and in our own State of Ohio are staggering. In the United States alone, 2,940,862 people have been tested positive for COVID-19 and 127,839 people have died from it in our country as of this writing. As of July 7, the State of Ohio reports 58,904 cases have been confirmed and 2,970 persons have died from COVID-19. As of this writing, Putnam County figures indicate that 129 confirmed cases have been reported and 15 known persons have died. These figures paint a very real picture for all of us. I make a point in citing these facts not to scare anyone but to strongly encourage our responsible and prudent stewardship of the life God has given each of us. We have a responsibility to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. The pandemic crisis is not over and it requires our ongoing attention. Let us not forget the responsibility we have to one another in mitigating the spread of this contagious and deadly virus. It is far from over.

I hope that those who do not have a medical condition prohibiting them to wear a mask during church services would find it in their heart to wear a mask for the sake of those seated around you. No one can be forced to do something against their will, but this is a circumstance that calls each of us to care for one another – for our health and wellbeing.

*Monsignor Singler*

Thank you to Holy Family and St. Nicholas parishioners for your kind donations for our youth attending the Catholic Youth Summer Camp (CYSC). To date \$1,250 has been generated to underwrite the cost for our youth to attend this annual event.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**  
for the week of June 29 – July 5, 2020

<b>St. Nicholas:</b>		<b>Holy Family:</b>	
Regular:	3,718.70	Regular:	3,548.30
Utility:	30.00	Utility:	
Peter's Pence	20.00	Peter's Pence:	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,768.70</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,548.30</b>

*Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes*

**DURING THE MONTH OF JULY** Holy Family 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 baskets provided in the back of Holy Family Church before Friday, July 31.

*Great occasions  
for serving God come seldom  
but little ones  
surround us daily.*

*St. Francis de Sales*

**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 additional parishioners to support this ministry. Please call the Parish Office at 419-876-3481 or email [snhfmenc@gmail.com](mailto:snhfmenc@gmail.com) to sign up.

**PATHWAYS COUNSELING CENTER** has launched a COVID Crisis Line to help anyone experiencing anxiety, stress, fear, helplessness, and acute crisis during the COVID-19 pandemic. This line is staffed by trained mental health professionals to provide a *free* and *confidential* screening with follow-up recommendations if needed. This line is available Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (567) 538-5100

**PATHWAYS COUNSELING CENTER** is now offering trauma-focused counseling services for children ages 3 – 18. Trauma-focused therapy is an evidence-based, conjoined child and caregiver therapeutic model for children and adolescents experiencing emotional and behavioral difficulties related to traumatic life events. Contact: (419) 523-4300

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

**TWO ST. NICHOLAS PRESCHOOL TEACHERS ARE NEEDED:** Please contact Deb Wehri at the Parish Office if you are interested (419) 876-3481

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

Deb Wehri's FORMED.org Pick of the Week is a delightful 28-minute audiobook on *St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks*. Scarred by smallpox as a child, at her death her face became radiant and the scars disappeared. Based on her heroic virtue, she was declared a saint in 2012. This audiobook will be enjoyed by all ages. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, we ask your intercession for an end to COVID-19.

This is the last week to pick up Vacation Bible School-Home Edition packets at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Thank you to two very generous donors who funded a portion of the cost for Catholic Youth Summer Camp (CYSC). Parishioners who wish to donate may send a check made payable to St. Nicholas Church, CYSC. Please check out the Catholic Youth Summer Camp website at [www.cysc.com](http://www.cysc.com) to see the remarkable adventures and deep faith encounters provided to our youth.

**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.



**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS** entrusted to his worldwide prayer network for July 2020: **Our Families**  
We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

**THE 2020 CENTURY FARM AWARDS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED.** For more information please contact Melissa Tonti at (419) 214-4898.

**PUTNAM COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY** locations are hosting summer reading challenges for all ages online via Beanstack. Log your reading and activities in Beanstack & be entered to win prizes monthly. Register today by going to <https://mypedl.beanstack.org>. Be sure to choose the Putnam County District Library in Ohio.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: COMPLIMENTS OF KUHLMAN'S BODY SHOP & AUTO SALES:** We provide complete bumper to bumper auto and heavy truck body repair, mechanical and brake work, alignment, tire sales and wrecker service. Family owned and operated with years of trusted experience and quality work. Call the shop for a free estimate or more information. Greg Kuhlman, Jeff Kuhlman, owners. Call 419-943-3374