

AUGUST 16, 2020
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>	<u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u>
<u>Monday, August 17</u>	NO SCHEDULED MASS	Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
<u>Tuesday, August 18 (SN) 8:00am</u>	Jerry Warnecke/No Exposition	Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
<u>Wednesday, August 19 (HF) 8:00am</u>	Raymond Erford/No Exposition	Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
<u>Thursday, August 20 (HF) 6:30pm</u>	Paul Niese/Dorothy Riepenhoff	Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
<u>Friday, August 21 (SN) 8:00am</u>	Louie Noiro/Deacon Ken Klear/ Andrea Haselman/Othmar & Dorothey Michel	Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
<u>Saturday, August 22 (SN) 4:00pm</u>	Paul & Lucille Schroeder/Frank Schnipke/ Allan Brown/Michelle Obarski/Elmer & Cecelia Dulle/Liv & Dec'd Scheckelhoff Family	<u>SUNDAY READINGS</u>
<u>Saturday, August 22 (HF) 7:00pm</u>	For the Parish	Is 22:19-23
<u>Sunday, August 23 (HF) 8:30am</u>	Linus & Arlene Rosengarten/Paul C. Morman	Rom 11:33-36
<u>Sunday, August 23 (SN) 10:30am</u>	For the Parish	Mt 16:13-20
<u>Sunday, August 23 (HF) 6:00pm</u>	Dale Schey	

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Whenever I have the opportunity to read and re-read the information printed in our weekly parish bulletin, I cannot help but to take particular note of the weekly Mass schedule and published intentions. I take even more interest in the fact that we have many daily Masses in our parishes, with the exception of this weekend's publication, that have no intention at all. The purpose of a Mass intention is not a matter of "buying" a Mass to remember a living or deceased person or persons, but one of having the "offering" of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the intention of the living or deceased. I like to think of the Mass intention in the same way we light votive candles before the sacred images in our churches. They are a way of perpetuating the prayers (and memory) we offer for some particular intention or person even when we may not be present. It is a communal and noble practice to remember our beloved dead and those living among us who may need a prayerful remembrance at Holy Mass. While we would certainly want to be physically present, the purpose of the Mass intention is that the Church continues to pray for those living and deceased members.

I have also noticed that a number of names of our beloved dead and living are included in some Mass intentions, particularly on weekends. There is no problem with a single intention for several persons, but there is an issue in accepting more than one stipend of money for a given Mass on weekdays, Sundays and holydays. In other words, Church law will not permit us to accept more than one \$10 stipend per Mass, regardless of the number of names to be remembered at a given Mass. After inquiring about our published intentions when I became your pastor, it was revealed to me that multiple stipends had been accepted for a given Mass in the past. We have tried to remedy this practice in

our parishes the past three years. Only one \$10 stipend can and will be accepted per Mass at St. Nicholas and Holy Family parishes. Should a donor wish to remember a loved one at Mass, living or deceased, we will be happy to include their name in the published listing for a given Mass. Persons who wish to offer a monetary gift to the parish may certainly contribute the added undesignated offering to their Sunday collection envelope as a free-will gift to the parish.

In an age gone by, the practice of offering a Mass stipend was to provide the livelihood of the priest serving his parish. This was at a time when priests did not receive a monthly salary and health care as remuneration. Today, when the Mass intention request is fulfilled (when the priest offers the Mass requested) the funds are transferred from the parish Mass stipend account into the general parish operating account. Only when the Mass requested has been offered are the funds transferred to the general operating account for the parish to assist with its mission of serving the people. Additionally, a parish cannot accept more Mass intention monies from a single donor that cannot be fulfilled within the calendar year from the date when the request was made.

Some may or may not be aware of the fact that a pastor of a given parish is obliged by universal church law to offer one of the Sunday Masses in the parish he serves solely for the people of the parish. This is why one of the two designated Lord's Day Masses in both Holy Family and St. Nicholas Parishes (either on a Saturday or Sunday) are listed in the bulletin "For the Parish". Because he is the local shepherd of the community and spiritual father to the people of his parish, the Church assures that pastors are remembering the people of their parishes prayerfully and every intention they hold close to their own hearts. God bless you.

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
for the week of August 3 – August 9, 2020

St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	3,836.00	Regular:	2,685.60
Easter:	20.00	Assumption:	10.00
Ascension:	5.00		
Utility:	5.00		
Total:	\$ 3,866.00	Total:	2,695.60

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes

PLEASE CONSIDER THE MINISTRY OF USHERING. Those serving in this capacity must be willing to wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. Please contact the Parish Office at 419-876-348 or snhfmnc@gmail.com.

2020 DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Congratulations on your milestone wedding anniversary! The Diocese of Toledo will honor you and other couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Sunday, October 25th, at 3:00 pm, at Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo. Thank you for your witness to the Sacrament of Marriage. Every registering couple is guaranteed an anniversary certificate. For more information regarding this event and to register please visit www.toledoanniversarymass.org or contact Alice Jacobs ajacobs@toledodiocese.org 419-214-4978.

FRIENDS OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY are canceling the 13 Annual Harvest of Crafts Show scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2020. Vendors will be notified by mail. The Craft Show is scheduled next year on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to house and feed 12 NET (National Evangelization Team) members who will be presenting a retreat to our Confirmation students. Three to four more host families from our parishes will be needed October 18 and 19. Families do not have to have children in school in order to host these young adults. Families usually host 2-4 team members, always of the same gender. The responsibility of the host family will be to pick up your guests around 8:30pm on Sunday, October 18 from St. Nicholas Parish Center, provide them breakfast and then bring them to the parish center on Monday, October 19. You are also asked to provide them supper and housing the evening of Monday, October 19. The NET members will leave your house on Tuesday, October 20 following breakfast. NET members are fun, creative and energetic young adults who come from all over the United States and commit one year of their life to spreading the joy of God and His Church. Please contact Deb Wehri at the Parish Office, 419-876-3481, if you are willing to host several NET members.



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION entrusted to his worldwide prayer network for August 2020: **The Maritime World**
We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

THE ZELIE MINISTRY: Are you grieving from a miscarriage or stillbirth? Are you, or someone you know, in need of prayer support, resources, or someone to listen who has been there before? We would love to "comfort you with the comfort we have received." (2 Cor. 1:4) We know this deep pain that many do not understand. We would love to send you a free care package of helpful resources, meaningful connections and a special gift in memory of your little one. Email us at zelieministry@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Deb Wehri's FORMED.org pick of the week is a bible study titled: *Mary: Queen of Heaven* to help us prepare for the Solemnity of the Queenship of Mary which we celebrate on August 22. This 34-minute video by Dr. Brant Pitre will explain why Mary is given this title, and why we honor her and seek her intercession. Please go to FORMED.org and then under search, type **Mary: Queen of Heaven**. For the children, Deb has selected a fun cartoon video about a different queen. All ages will enjoy Ryan Defrates: Secret Agent the Undercover Queen. The end of the video includes a brief teaching on following authority figures.

If you have not returned your Christian Formation registration forms, please do so this week! Forms may be found on the parish website www.stnicholasholyfamily.org under Ministries/Christian Formation/documents. They may also be picked up at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

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!

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: COMPLIMENTS OF NIESE TREE SERVICE & STUMP REMOVAL: Experienced tree trimming, stump removal and firewood. Free estimates. Dave Niese, owner. Call 419-876-3818.

