

AUGUST 23, 2020
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>	<u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u>
<u>Monday, August 24</u>	NO SCHEDULED MASS	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
<u>Tuesday, August 25 (SN) 8:00am</u>	Arnold Niese/Liv & Dec'd Ben & Anna Niese Family/No Exposition	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
<u>Wednesday, August 26 (HF) 8:00am</u>	Joseph H. Recker/No Exposition	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32
<u>Thursday, August 27 (HF) 6:30pm</u>	Dorothy Riepenhoff	1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
<u>Friday, August 28 (SN) 8:00am</u>	Melvin & Mary Kathleen Barlage Andrea Haselman/Othmar & Dorothey Michel	1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
<u>Saturday, August 29 (HF) 1:00pm</u>	Logan Selhorst & Lauren Niese Wedding	
<u>Saturday, August 29 (SN) 4:00pm</u>	Liv & Dec'd Drummelsmith Family/ Arnold Niese/Ben & Anna Niese Family	<u>SUNDAY READINGS</u> Jer 20:7-9
<u>Saturday, August 29 (HF) 7:00pm</u>	For the Parish	Rom 12:1-2
<u>Sunday, August 30 (HF) 8:30am</u>	Karl P. Morman, Debra Cavanaugh, Vicki Barlage	Mt 16:21-27
<u>Sunday, August 30 (SN) 10:30am</u>	For the Parish	
<u>Sunday, August 30 (SN) 6:00pm</u>	Dorothy Riepenhoff	

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

When news media outlets reported sexual allegations leading to the arrest of one of our diocesan priests this past week, my thoughts immediately recalled the sadness and embarrassment felt two years ago when it was revealed that a high ranking prelate of the U.S. Catholic Church had engaged in similar improprieties. This most recent announcement brought the issue home to our own diocese and region. Once again, the emotions are front and center: Appalled, frustrated, angry, betrayed. These are the natural emotive feelings anyone with an attentive conscience might feel in the wake of such behavior. Such is the brokenness and weakness of human beings – including priests. Clearly, we do not live a perfect existence, but we stand before God who always calls us to a conversion of heart and to a vigilance in protecting the lives of others. Once again, that sacred trust has been breached.

After the initial news reports were made public about Fr. Michael Zacharias, who had until recently served as pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Findlay, Bishop Daniel Thomas wrote a communique to the priests of the diocese expressing his profound sadness by this development and requested that we priests join him from our parishes and pastoral assignments for a day of fasting and a Holy Hour of prayer on Wednesday, August 19. So moved, I decided to make my Holy Hour of prayer at a location where miraculous things have happened. I drove to the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. In the sacred silence and in the surrounding array of sacred images and burning candles, my focus being

the adorned image of Our Lady of Consolation, I knelt seeking understanding and reparation for the sacred trust that had been violated by a priest. My Holy Hour reflection also included a remembrance for those victimized by the deviant actions brought upon them.

Why do such things happen? Why do persons who are God's representatives on earth fall into sin and in some cases prey on others? These are the million dollar questions that often have no immediate answer to them. One thing is certain – we live in a broken world and we sin and those who devote their lives in service of others in spiritual matters are sinners as well. All of this points to the fact of our total reliance on God and God's mercy.

Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, published a 2019 essay entitled *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis* shortly after the revelation of serial improprieties made over time by a U.S. Cardinal. Acknowledging the hurt and sadness felt by many faithful Catholics in their spiritual leaders, Bishop Barron affirms the reasons for remaining steadfast in that faith. I hope the same is true in the wake of this most recent revelation in our own backyard: *"In the end, we are not Catholics because our leaders are flawless, but because we find the claims of Catholicism both compelling and beautiful. We are Catholics because the Church speaks of the Trinitarian God whose very nature is love; of Jesus the Lord, crucified and risen from the dead; of the Holy Spirit, who inspires the followers of Christ up and down the ages; of the sacraments, which convey the Christ-life to us; and of the saints, who are our friends in the spiritual order. This is the treasure; this is why we stay."* May God bless the Diocese of Toledo.

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

for the week of August 10 – August 16, 2020

St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	3,396.25	Regular:	3,005.30
Assumption:	200.00	Assumption:	300.00
Total:	\$ 3,596.25	Total:	3,305.30

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECENTLY MARRIED:

MR & MRS. SHANE AND COURTNEY HOWELL
MR. & MRS. DYLAN AND CIARA ELLERBROCK



Recent Baptisms

EMERSON DAVID KERN, St. Nicholas

Son of Jared & Allison Kern

GRACIE MAE GABLE, Holy Family

Daughter of Scott & Brittany Gable

VIVIAN ELIZABETH SCHMENK, Holy Family

Daughter of Ryan and Heather Schmenk

WESLEY JOHN VERHOFF, Holy Family

Son of John & Abby Verhoff

ISLA ROSE NIESE, Holy Family

Daughter of Tyler & Sarah Niese

A DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR HEALING WOUNDS OF RACISM TO PROMOTE THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON: Join Bishop Daniel Thomas on Tuesday September 1st, 2020 and all the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo to spend the day in prayer and fasting for the intention of an end to the sin of racism. Bishop Daniel Thomas will celebrate a Eucharistic Holy Hour at 7 pm at St. Thomas More University Parish in Bowling Green. If you are unable to attend please join in your own parishes for a Eucharistic Holy Hour when it is available. For more information, email Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice, at prange@toledodiocese.org or call 419-214-4933.

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Good and gracious God, even in the midst of these troubling times, you continue to reveal your loving presence in the communal life of our parish. Help us to see your active presence in our parish family, a community where peace, love and fellowship will prevail. May it be truly prayerful, intensely Eucharistic, and deeply joyful. Teach us how to be good stewards of our parish family even during these times of stress and anxiety, distance and isolation. By the power of the Holy Spirit make our hearts humble and compassionate so that we may carry out our responsibilities to our parish family in a just and holy manner. And through your Spirit, may we love one another as you love each of us, as sisters and brothers who gather around the Eucharistic table, an authentically holy, Catholic community, working together to hasten our Kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Deb Wehri's FORMED.org pick of the week reminds us of the power of a mother's prayer. This animated video on the conversion of St. Augustine through the prayers of his mother, St. Monica, will inspire all ages. Under Search, type: *Catholic Heroes of the Faith* and then click on The Story of Saint Augustine.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE. Signed permission slips are required for the Elementary children to leave their classroom to attend Christian Formation. Classes begin August 31st. Registration and permission slips are located on our parish website under Ministries/Christian Formation/documents or by calling Deb 419-876-3481.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK Monsignor Singler and all of you for the support, gifts, cards and prayers you have given to Dale and our family. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful community. (signed) *The Family of Dale Schey*

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: COMPLIMENTS OF TOM VERHOFF EXCAVATING: We install septic systems, provide maintenance/repair to septic tanks and can perform all your excavation needs. Free Quotes! Tom Verhoff, owner. Call 419-876-3958.



MAY GOD BLESS AND PROTECT OUR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, BUS DRIVERS AND STAFF, AS WE BEGIN A NEW SCHOOL YEAR.