

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>	<u>WEEKDAY READINGS</u>
<u>Monday, September 14 (HF) 8:00am</u>	No Scheduled Mass	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
<u>Tuesday, September 15 (SN) 8:00am</u>	John Deters/Bill Barlage /No Exposition	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 2:33-35
<u>Wednesday, September 16 (HF) 8:00am</u>	Raymond Erford/No Exposition	1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 7:31-35
<u>Thursday, September 17 (HF) 6:30pm</u>	Sr. Dorothy Nussbaum, RSM	1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
<u>Friday, September 18 (SN) 8:00am</u>	John Miller	1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
<u>Saturday, September 19 (HF) 1:00pm</u>	Stephen Adamczak & Angie Rosengarten Wedding	
<u>Saturday, September 19 (SN) 4:00pm</u>	Don & Mary Noiro, Jack Noiro, Steve Noiro	<u>SUNDAY READINGS</u>
	Louie Noiro/Liv & Dec'd Ben & Anna Niese	Is 55:6-9
	Family/Arnold Niese/Miller City Class of 1985	Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
	Ron Schnipke/Kris Oedy Tripp/Paul Weis	Mt 20:1-16a
<u>Saturday, September 19 (HF) 7:00pm</u>	For the Parish	
<u>Sunday, September 20 (HF) 8:30am</u>	Karl P. Morman, Debra Cavanaugh, Vicki Barlage/ Al & Angela Schroeder/Jim & Ruth Okuley	
<u>Sunday, September 20 (SN) 10:30am</u>	For the Parish	
<u>Sunday, September 20 (HF) 6:00pm</u>	For the Upcoming Elections	

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend, September 19 – 20, the Diocese of Toledo will again be sponsoring the annual *Perpetuate the Gift* Appeal for the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. These funds collected annually provide a pension for our diocesan priests who have served us faithfully. For those priests belonging to a religious order, such as the Society of the Most Precious Blood who serve in several of our Putnam County parishes, an annual collection for religious priests, brothers and sisters (called the Retirement Fund for Religious) is taken just before the Christmas holiday. While I would like to think I am a number of years away from my own retirement, this annual appeal provides funds to be invested for future generations of priests who have served the people of God in the parishes and institutions of the diocese.

You may or may not be aware of the fact that the retirement policy for diocesan priests serving the 19 counties of Northwest Ohio changed on July 1, 2018. When I was ordained to the priesthood 36 years ago, the retirement policy indicated that priests serving 40 years of active ministry or reaching the age of 70, whichever came first, would be eligible to retire. The dearth of active and available priests serving in our diocese, coupled with the corresponding universal church laws regarding the age of submitting resignations of pastoral office for pastors and bishops were the determining factors rendering a change in our diocesan priestly retirement policy. No longer is there a "forty years" option, nor reaching the age of 70 for retirement, with the exception of those diocesan priests who were ordained before January 1, 1983. I was ordained on June 9, 1984. As my luck would have it!

Entering "senior status", as we priests have come to name it, now occurs when a priest submits his

letter of resignation of office to the Diocesan Bishop, who can accept or refuse to accept, when reaching the age of 75. This new policy indicates, as well, that a priest may request senior status prior to the age of 75 for serious reasons, such as health. Bishop Daniel Thomas was quick to inform the priests of the diocese that active priests are not required to remain in the office of pastor until 75. In the latter years of their service, some priests may choose to step away from the administrative duties of a pastor, serve as a parochial vicar (what many know as associate pastors), or apply for pastoral assignments with less administrative demands.

The priests I know who are and have been on "senior status" keep themselves busy in the service of the people of God. Thankfully, they are willing to continue their priestly service. I hope you will be generous in your contribution to the *Perpetuate the Gift* Appeal this year, as you have in the past. Envelopes will be provided next weekend. Contributions are to be mailed directly to the diocese. Unfortunately, this annual collection will not be transmitted via our parish online giving option, however, donors may go to the diocesan website to make their contribution online at www.toledodiocese.org, click on "Give", Perpetuate The Gift. Information in this regard is printed on the envelope. On behalf of our Senior Status priests and those up and coming retirees I thank you for your generosity.

Monsignor Singler



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS entrusted to his worldwide prayer network for September 2020: Respect for the Planet's Resources. We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

for the week of August 31 – September 6, 2020

St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	4,485.70	Regular:	3,229.30
Assumption:	10.00		
Catholic University:	161.00	Catholic University	170.00
Utility:	160.00	Utility	220.00
Total:	\$ 4,816.70	Total:	\$3,619.30

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA, a designated collection for September, is available on the St. Nicholas Parish and Holy Family Parish online giving links from September 1 – September 30, 2020

HOLY LAND/GOOD FRIDAY, a rescheduled designated collection from April, is available on the St. Nicholas Parish and Holy Family Parish online giving links from September 1 – September 30, 2020. Envelopes from the April packet may also be turned in at this time.



PRAY FOR HOLY DISCIPLES: We invite you to join in the diocesan-wide initiative to reconnect with our faith and one another during the months of September, October, and November. Each month will focus on a pillar of the Christian life with a specific intention from our diocesan prayer. In September, we will *pray* for the intention of *holy disciples*. Pray: Set aside 10 minutes per day Pray for the intention of holy disciples, particularly that the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo will become holier disciples. Learn the Diocesan Prayer, Heavenly Father, with the redeeming cross of Christ Jesus your Son, and the gifts of your Holy Spirit, renew and strengthen us, so that by our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we may foster Holy Disciples, Holy Families and Holy Vocations, so as to become a more Holy Diocese of Toledo. We turn to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, for her intercession and never-failing prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Go to ReconnectToledo.org/september You'll find a collection of videos about discipleship.

SPECIAL REQUEST.....NEEDING YOUR HELP!

Housing is urgently needed for 8 National Evangelization Team members October 18 and 19, 2020. If you can house 2 or more of these youth who are giving a year or more of their lives to share the love of God and His Church, please contact Deb Wehri this week at 419-876-3481.

SAINT NICHOLAS ALTAR ROSARY FUNDRAISER, an illuminated outdoor rosary, is now on display in the vestibule of St Nicholas Church. Raffle tickets can be purchased before/after St. Nicholas weekday and weekend Masses. Please make checks payable to SN Altar Rosary Society. Tickets may also be purchased by contacting Julie Schnipke, 14173 Road G12, Ottawa, OH 45875. Tickets are \$5/each or \$10/3. Drawing to be held at the next SN Altar Rosary Business Meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Deb Wehri's FORMED.org Pick of the Week begins a series on the Sacrament of Baptism: *Reborn-Session 1: A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism*. "It's so much more than just water and a cute baby." This first session, which explores the biblical roots of baptism, is for all ages and will foster an appreciation for one's own baptism, whether it was celebrated recently or many years ago.

Junior High Christian Formation is scheduled this Wednesday, September 16th: 6th grade at Holy Family, 6th & 7th grade at St. Nicholas meet from 7:00-8:00pm, 8th graders meet from 6:00-8:00pm at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall. 8th graders: Remember to bring your books with you. Masks and social distancing required.

The Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation will be online via Zoom, Monday, Sept. 14 at 7:00pm. If you need to receive the link, email Deb Wehri at debwehri@gmail.com.

The Youth Group will meet from 6:00-7:00pm, September 20th at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall, with masks and social distancing required. Please turn in your Youth Council and I Am Catholic applications- available on the parish website-soon.

High School Christian Formation begins next Sunday, September 20th. Juniors meet at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall from 8:30-10:15am; Seniors meet at Holy Family Parish Hall (basement) from 9:30-11:15am. Masks and social distancing required.

SPECIAL THANKS to Madalyn Erford, Bryer Palmer and Caleb Warnimont for donating their time in assisting with the installation of landscape bordering around the rectory lawn recently.

OTTOVILLE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH FESTIVAL will be October 4, 2020. Drive-thru for Chicken and Beef dinners from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Presale tickets only at a cost of \$10.00 each. Tickets can be purchased at the Immaculate Conception Parish Office weekdays between the hours of 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, or call the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513 to make other arrangements, or after any weekend Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Final day to purchase meal tickets is September 20th.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: COMPLIMENTS OF HOLY FAMILY RADIO: Bringing the best of Catholic Radio on 88.9 FM and 88.7 FM. Thank you to the Parishes and Parishioners for all the support! Holy Family broadcasts because of YOU. Connie Recker, 419-386-2400.

The LORD is
KIND and MERCIFUL,
SLOW to ANGER, and
RICH in COMPASSION.