

February 24, 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK				Weekday Readings
Mon	Feb 25		No Scheduled Mass	Sir 1: 1-10/Mk 9: 14-29
Tue	Feb 26	(SN)	8:00am No Scheduled Intention/Exposition 4pm	Sir 2: 1-11/Mk 9: 30-37
Wed	Feb 27	(HF)	8:00am Liv & Dec'd Gable-Recker fams./ Exposition Closing 8pm	Sir 4: 11-19/Mk 9: 38-40
Thu	Feb 28	(HF)	6:30pm Marilyn Inkrott/Liv & Dec'd Verhoff-Deters fams.	Sir 5: 1-8/Mk 9: 41-50
Fri	Mar 1	(SN)	8:00am Deacon Kenny Klear/Jim Steffen	Sir 6: 5-17/Mk 10: 1-12
Sat	Mar 2	(SN)	4:00pm Manny, Alfred and Mary Agnes Niese/ Mary & Joseph Motycka	
Sat	Mar 2	(HF)	7:00pm Kathy Sager/Pauline Connelly	Sunday Readings
Sun	Mar 3	(HF)	8:30am For the Parish	Sir 27: 4-7/1Cor 15: 54-58/ Lk 6: 39-45
Sun	Mar 3	(SN)	10:30am For the Parish	

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

In two weeks we will be immersed in the season of Lent. Unlike some years when we have no sooner completed the Christmas feasts and begin Lent, this year has offered us a chance to process the joy of God's incarnation before entering the solemn season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Households registered in our parishes should have or will be receiving a Lent & Easter letter from me along with the sacramental schedule we will be following for Lent and Holy Week this year. I have noticed when visiting parishioners in their homes that many keep this schedule handy on the refrigerator or bulletin board in the kitchen. We will also publish this same schedule in the weekly bulletin as those days approach.

Aside from the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving or charitable works, a number of spiritual events will be offered this Lent in our parishes. The most significant, I feel, is our Lenten Parish Mission which will be held at Holy Family Church on Sunday, March 10, Monday, March 11 and Tuesday, March 12. Monsignor Dennis Metzger will be our mission preacher those three evenings. I hope you will plan to join us for this very important event and topic: "Why am I still Catholic"?

With the Sacrament of Reconciliation as an important practice during Lent, I felt it might be beneficial to offer a two session presentation on the Rite of Penance and the purpose of going to confession. Titled "Forgiven", the 90 minute sessions will be held at Holy Family on Thursday, March 21 and Thursday, March 28 at 7:15 PM in Holy Family Parish Hall. The same sessions will be repeated on Friday, March 22 and Friday, March 29 at 9:00 AM in St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall. We will be viewing a video produced by the St. Augustine Institute, known for their orthodox Catholic publications.

Next weekend, we will have available in the back of our parish churches the popular "Little Black Book" published by the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw. This daily meditation booklet for each of the days of Lent provides scriptural and spiritual commentary to enrich your prayer life during Lent. For those who have internet access, our friends at Dynamic Catholic are again providing daily meditations

for the days of Lent. Known as "Best Lent Ever", many in our communities have found this spiritual resource most beneficial in recent years. Simply log on at dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever.

Indeed, it promises to be an exciting Lenten season at Holy Family and St. Nicholas Parishes. It is my firm hope and daily prayer for each of you and your families that the approaching Lent and Easter seasons will strengthen your faith in Jesus Christ who calls us and sends us to do his work on earth. All the practices and disciplines of this holy time serve to strengthen the bond of faith with God and one another. It's ours for the taking. As the old Latin adage advises: CARPE DIEM (Seize the day!)

Keeping each of you in my prayers these winter days,

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
February 16 & 17, 2019

St. Nicholas:	Holy Family:
Regular: \$3,522.00	Regular: \$3,892.00
Fuel: 5.00	
Total: \$3,527.00	Total: \$3,892.00

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.

NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR CONFIRMANDS

The Novena Prayer for Confirmands continues at Holy Family and St. Nicholas through next Saturday, March 2, 2019. Our eighth-grade women and men will be confirmed by Bishop Daniel Thomas next Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo. Please keep them, their sponsors and families in your daily prayers during the novena.

Holy Family and St. Nicholas ladies are invited to the combined annual Altar Rosary Wine & Cheese Party on Monday, March 4 at 6:00pm at Holy Family Parish Hall. Please sign up in the back of either St. Nicholas or Holy Family Churches.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU goes out to SN parishioner Garrett Steffan who designed and funded the fabrication of two new votive light stands in the sanctuary at St. Nicholas Church. These sturdy all metal stands will hopefully stave off anyone who attempts to steal votive light money from the church. May the light of Christ shine upon such perpetrators.

St. Nicholas Choir will meet for practice tomorrow, Monday, February 25 & Monday, March 4 to prepare for Ash Wednesday Mass.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP

The special session for Confirmation at the SN Parish Center Hall is today, Sunday, February 24, following the 10:30am Lord's Day Mass at St. Nicholas. Students need to remember to bring their books. This session will conclude at 2:00pm.

All Junior High Christian Formation students will meet this Wednesday, February 27.

Freshmen and Sophomore Christian Formation meet this Sunday February 24.

I Am Catholic meets today, Sunday, February 24 at 6:00.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our youth group's Soup Supper last Monday. Thanks also to Lisa Hoffman for making all of the delicious bread! Our next two events will be a Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, April 8 and our 9th Annual 30 Hour Famine, April 18-19.

St. George Deanery Senior Citizen Prom will be Sunday, March 17 at the Kalida Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors will open at 4:00pm. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm. Wear your green, come and enjoy good food, entertainment, games and door prizes. This is a free event for everyone (age 21-99), sponsored by the Youth Ministers and High School Students of the St. George Deanery. Donations will be accepted. Please RSVP by calling the Parish Office, 419-876-3481 by Monday, March 4.

St. Nicholas Altar Rosary Society members are selling raffle tickets for a doll house and barn made by SN parishioner Larry Niese. Tickets are \$5.00 each and \$10.00 for 3 tickets. Proceeds for this fundraiser will be used to purchase new Mass vestments for St. Nicholas Parish. You may purchase tickets from any Altar Rosary officer, at Mack & Rita's, the Pit Stop or at the Parish Office. Drawing for the barn will take place at the Men of All Ages Dinner on Sunday, March 17, 2019; drawing for the doll house will be at the Ladies of All Ages Dinner on Sunday, April 28, 2019.

The Men of All Ages Meal will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall on Sunday, March 17, following the 10:30am Lord's Day Mass. Adult meals are \$7 and children under 10 are \$4. Sign-up sheets are in the back of both churches. Please sign up by Sunday, March 10 if you are able to attend. This meal is for men and boys of both parishes. Your fathers, sons, grandsons, fathers-in-law and sons-in-law are invited to attend also, even if they are from a different parish.

Ottawa Knights of Columbus Chicken and Fish Fry will be held this Friday, March 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Ottawa. Meals will be served 4:30PM – 7:00PM.

CLC Council 215 is offering a monetary scholarship to a qualifying student that is a member of Council 215. Deadline to apply is this Thursday, February 28. Call Pat at 419-235-1991, for qualifications or to get your application.

Mustard Seed Gift Shop, located behind St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glandorf, has a beautiful selection of First Communion Dresses and Veils in stock. They will also be hosting a First Communion Dress Resale this year, with all donations from the sale supporting HOLY FAMILY RADIO. The sale will be Tuesday, March 5, 2019 - Saturday, March 9, 2019. For more information like "Mustard Seed Gift Shop" on Facebook or call 419-538-7220.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Husbands and wives ...there was a time when you would have put aside anything for a weekend alone with your spouse. It's time again! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend provides a chance for couples to spend time together, apart from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, with your focus on each other and your relationship. You have a special opportunity to attend a WWME weekend right in your own parish family. The next weekend is going to be held at St. Nicholas Parish in Miller City, March 30-31, 2019. This weekend is for any married couples of the St. Nicholas and Holy Family parishes, whether married 1 year, 50+ years of anywhere in between. (It is an in-parish weekend, so rather than staying at a hotel, the presentations will be held at the parish and couples will return to their own homes to sleep Saturday night.) For information or to apply for a weekend, go to www.wwme.org or contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or bschroeder@bright.net.

Cub Scout Pack 207 Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale will be Sunday March 24th. Serving will be at SN Parish Hall from 11am to 1pm. ½ Chicken, Green Beans, Applesauce, Roll will be \$8. Leg Quarter meals are \$6.50 and 50/50 tickets are also available for \$1 or 6/\$5. Proceeds help our scouts do great things like campouts and spending the night in dark, scary caves! Scouts from Pack 207 will be selling tickets after all Masses today and next weekend March 2nd and 3rd. Call or Txt Jeff DeMuth at 419-890-9045 with questions or to order tickets.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: GLANDORF WAREHOUSE: We offer a complete line of fertilizer and chemicals for both the farm and home. We offer a full line of seed corn, beans, wheat and grass seed too. Custom applications are also available. Call the gang at 538-6010.