

**March 10, 2019**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</b>				<b>Weekday Readings</b>
Mon	Mar 11		No Scheduled Mass	Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18/Mt 25: 31-46
Tue	Mar 12 (SN)	8:00am	Flavia Null/Exposition 4pm	Is 55: 10-11/Mt 6: 7-15
Wed	Mar 13 (HF)	8:00am	Linus and Arlene Rosengarten/ Exposition Closing 8pm	Jon 3: 1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thu	Mar 14 (HF)	6:30pm	Rev. Tony Borgia/Agnes Scheckelhoff and Greg Wagner	Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7: 7-12
Fri	Mar 15 (SN)	8:00am	Rev. Bob DeSloover	Ez 18: 21-28/Mt 5: 20-26
Fri	Mar 15 (HF)	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat	Mar 16 (SN)	4:00pm	Mary Jane Miller/Steve Kleman/ Paul Niese (anniv)	
Sat	Mar 16 (HF)	7:00pm	For The Parish	<b>Sunday Readings</b>
Sun	Mar 17 (HF)	8:30am	Marilyn Inkrott	Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18/Phil 3: 17-4: 1
Sun	Mar 17 (SN)	10:30am	For the Parish	Lk 9: 28b-36

*From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God". These sentiments expressed in the verse of the gospel acclamation for the First Sunday of Lent captures a very important fact about the faith we profess as followers of Jesus Christ. While it is true that our biological bodies require nourishment to survive, our spiritual souls likewise require constant attention to growth. The Word of God manifested in the sacred writings of the Holy Bible and the commentaries provided in the magisterial teachings of the Church over time provide us with "nourishment" and the "food" to enrich our spiritual lives. Our physical body and our spiritual soul go hand in hand. They influence each other. How we pray and reflect on spiritual things influences how we care for our bodies, just as the care we give to our physical bodies influences our spiritual life and how we pray.

Lent gives us the chance to realign these two realities of our human life - the physical with the spiritual, or the body with the soul. The practices of this penitential season - prayer, fasting and the giving of alms - are the means in which that realignment is more apt to happen.

We are blessed at the outset of this Lenten season, in particular, with the preaching ministry of Monsignor Dennis Metzger who will be leading our 2019 Lenten Parish Mission at Holy Family Church tonight, Monday night and Tuesday night. The theme of our Mission this year is "Why Should I Still Be Catholic"? The question is an important one given the multifaceted issues that have developed in recent time regarding the Catholic Church. I am confident that our preacher will provide us with the tools to answer that question for ourselves. Please be sure to welcome Monsignor Metzger at our weekend Masses and during the Mission. The evening sessions on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday will begin at 7:00 PM. Each evening will begin with a brief prayer service and Monsignor will then share his reflection. There will be a different talk each evening so you will want to attend all three evening sessions. The session will end each night at 8:00 PM. Monsignor Metzger will make himself available to hear confessions on Monday, March 11 from 1:00 - 2:00 PM at Holy Family Church, and on Tuesday, March 12

from 1:00 - 2:00 PM at St. Nicholas Church (during exposition).

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your attention last weekend to the pre-Mass information on the 2019 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. Envelopes are still provided in the pews of our churches these days for those who did not receive a letter from Bishop Thomas containing the pledge card and return address envelope. These can be mailed directly to the diocesan office in Toledo or can be placed in the weekly collection at Church and we will see that your sealed envelope is forwarded to the annual Catholic Appeal Office in Toledo. The Annual Catholic Appeal goal for each of our parishes is \$11,000. I am confident that both parishes will achieve the goal set by the diocese. Remember, it is not the amount that makes the difference, it is the increase in participants that makes the bigger difference. Together we can do this. We have done it before in other ways! Blessings your way this Lent.

*Monsignor Singler*

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**  
**March 2 & 3, 2019**

<b>St. Nicholas:</b>	<b>Holy Family:</b>
Regular: \$2,482.01	Regular: \$2,881.00
Fuel: 198.00	Fuel: 360.00
<b>Total: \$2,680.01</b>	<b>Total: \$3,241.00</b>

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

**WHY SHOULD I STILL BE CATHOLIC?**

**Parish Mission** will be held at Holy Family Church today, Sunday, March 10, from 7-8 pm, Monday, March 11, 7-8pm, and Tuesday, March 12, 7-8pm. A different talk will be given each night.

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

Monday, March 11	(HF) 1:00 - 2:00pm
Tuesday, March 12	(SN) 1:00 - 2:00pm
Thursday, March 14	(HF) 5:00 - 6:15pm
Saturday, March 16	(SN) 2:00 - 3:30pm

**A heartfelt thank you** to all parishioners at Holy Family and St. Nicholas for the hugs, kind words, cards and gifts that you have given me upon my retirement from parish duties. My belief has always been that God has blessed me with gifts, and my service to the people of our churches has been a labor of love in God's vineyard using those same gifts. My hope for the future is that others will recognize their gifts and talents and use them to serve God in these parishes. We are part of an awesome community. May you all be blessed for the kindness you have shown me and your willingness to help in our parish when I called upon you. -*Jane Kuhlman*

#### **CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP**

Junior High Christian Formation students will meet this Wednesday, March 13. Eighth graders will meet from 6-8 at St. Nicholas Parish Center hall.

Freshmen and Sophomore Christian Formation meet today, Sunday, March 10. Sophomores will meet in the Upper Rooms. Juniors and Seniors meet next Sunday, March 17.

Our next Youth Group meeting is Sunday, March 17, from 7:00-8:00pm at the Parish Center hall. This is an hour later than our normal meeting time. This is an important meeting to set our goal for our annual famine, "Walk With the Poor." Come prepared to sign up to help with our Spaghetti Dinner, April 8.

**Miller City-New Cleveland National Honor Society's Annual Blood Drive** is March 28, from noon until 6:00pm at the St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall. You may register online or call Deb Wehri at the office to request an appointment.

**Holy Family CLC** will meet this Thursday, March 14, at 7:00pm at Holy Family Parish Hall. We will be addressing several annual topics and would like your input. CLC cookbooks are on sale at \$10. each. New Cleveland Council #215 is accepting new members or transfers from inactive councils. Questions call Pat 419-235-1991.

**St. George Deanery Senior Citizen Prom** will be next 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 this Monday, March 11.

**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 from 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 next Sunday, March 17, following the 10:30am Lord's Day Mass. Adult meals are \$8 and children under 10 are \$6. Sign-up sheets are in the back of both churches. Please sign up by today, 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.

**BAPTISMAL CLASS:** All first-time parents, and parents expecting their first child from St. Nicholas and Holy Family are required (per diocesan policy) to attend Baptismal Instructions. The next class will be held on Sunday Morning, April 28, 2019, from 9:30am to 11:15am in the Religious Ed Center at Holy Family New Cleveland. These classes are held twice a year and the next one will be scheduled in October 2019. Please call the Parish Office (419-876-3481) or Marty Schroeder (419-943-3767) to register, ask questions or for more details and information.

**Ottawa Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** will be held this Friday, March 15, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Ottawa. Meals will be served 4:30PM – 7:00PM.

**Cantors Needed!** Would you be interested in sharing your singing talent? Holy Family Parish can use your help as a cantor/song leader. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Schnipke 419-876-3233.

**HOLY FAMILY ALTAR ROSARY ANNUAL WOMEN OF ALL AGES BREAKFAST** will be held Sunday, April 7, at Holy Family Parish Hall after the 8:30am Lord's Day Mass. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church.

**Cub Scout Pack 207 Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale** will be Sunday March 24. 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! Call or Text Jeff DeMuth at 419-890-9045 with questions or to order tickets.

**ST. NICHOLAS CEMETERY CLEANUP.** All fall and winter flowers and wreaths must be removed from St. Nicholas Cemetery by Friday, April 19. Any winter decorations left in the cemetery after April 19, will be discarded.

**MCNC High School** presents Beauty and the Beast on Friday, March 15 & Saturday, March 16, at 7:30pm and Sunday, March 17, at 3:30pm in the Miller City New Cleveland School Cafetorium. All tickets are \$8 at the door.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: NIESE SHEET METAL & ROOFING:** We feature seamless gutters and High Efficiency Gas Furnaces and Central Air. Sales and service. Call the office at 264-3242 or Nick at 643-4221 or Kevin at 943-2094.