

October 7, 2018
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK				Weekday Readings
Mon	Oct 8		No Scheduled Mass	Gal 1: 6-12/Lk 10: 25-37
Tue	Oct 9	(SN) 8:00am	Lavon Leis (anniv)/Exposition Closing 4pm	Gal 1: 13-24/Lk 10: 38-42
Wed	Oct 10	(HF) 8:00am	Elmer Gable/Exposition Closing 8pm	Gal 2: 1-2, 7-14/Lk 11: 1-4
Thu	Oct 11	(HF) 6:30pm	Donald Kaple	Gal 3: 1-5/Lk 11: 5-13
Fri	Oct 12	(SN) 8:00am	Jim Steffen/Special Intention	Gal 3: 7-14/Lk 11: 15-26
Sat	Oct 13	(HF) 1:00pm	Wedding – Breann Rosengarten & Jonathon Wiener	
Sat	Oct 13	(SN) 4:00pm	Honey & LouAnn Niese/Bill, Dick, Steve & Becky Warnimont	
Sat	Oct 13	(HF) 7:00pm	For the Parish	
Sun	Oct 14	(HF) 8:30am	Don Kaple	Sunday Readings
Sun	Oct 14	(SN) 10:30am	Melvin Wagner/Ferd & Marcella Roof	Wis 7: 7-11/Heb 4: 12-13/ Mk 10: 17-30

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

As we gather for our Lord's Day Masses this weekend, you will have noticed the inclusion of offering the devotional prayer to St. Michael the Archangel after the final blessing and dismissal. Bishop Daniel Thomas issued a memorandum to all priests, deacons, pastoral leaders, religious houses and parishes in the diocese with the following: *"In our diocesan effort to take up periodic spiritual initiatives to combat intentionally the evil of the sexual abuse scandal in the Church, and after consultation with and the support of our Presbyteral Council, I encourage all pastors and pastoral leaders to include the invocation to Saint Michael the Archangel to be prayed at the conclusion of all Masses".* We will honor Bishop Thomas' request by including this prayer at the conclusion of all daily and weekend Masses at St. Nicholas and Holy Family parishes. After imparting the final blessing, announcing the dismissal and reverencing the altar, the priest-celebrant will turn to the tabernacle and recite the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel together with the congregation. After offering this prayer, the song leader will announce the recessional hymn for Mass. For those unfamiliar with this prayer, you will find it printed on the back cover of Today's Missal, the seasonal book placed in your pews that contains the readings for Mass. You will find the prayer on the upper right hand corner of the cover page.

Not only does the offering of this prayer keep in our minds the fact that sin and the presence of the Evil One in our world exist, but also reminds us that God's power to overcome our sin is greater than anything we ourselves might achieve. We rely on God's guidance and protection to overcome such temptations.

It is most appropriate that we are inaugurating this custom in our parishes as we commemorate Respect Life Sunday this weekend. We join our voices together with women and men across the nation in acknowledging the precious gift of human life and the responsibility given to us all to uphold its dignity at all costs. It seems pretty clear that we need help in our world. Our own efforts to promote life and to safeguard every human life, especially the young and vulnerable among us, need to be supplemented with help from above. And what do we do when we need help? We call out the reinforcements!

As we offer the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel publicly in our parishes, let us do so with a fervor and trust that God and his angels will protect our journey on this earth; that we will be vigilant in our care toward one another, always with the aim and outcome that these will reflect a basic desire for respecting the gift of life given to us by our good and loving God. St. Michael the Archangel, pray and protect us!

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS			
September 29 & 30			
St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	\$2,476.00	Regular:	\$2,267.00
Energy:	10.00	Energy:	10.00
Total:	\$2,486.00	Total:	\$2,277.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.</i>			

JOIN MONSIGNOR SINGLER for the Adult Formation Series entitled REBORN on the Sacrament of Baptism. The hour long sessions will be held this Thursday, October 11 at 7:15pm at Holy Family Parish Hall and Friday, October 12 at 9:00am at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES for the month of November 2018 through February 2019 will be prepared soon. If you have changes, contact Jane Kuhlman at 419-523-5958/jbkuhl@ymail.com or the Parish Office, 419-876-3481/snhf@fairpoint.net by October 13.

SN/HF YOUTH GROUP is hosting a dinner for local military veterans and their guests on Sunday, November 11 at SN Parish Center Hall. Monetary donations, gift cards to Wal-Mart and Kohls are needed to fund this event. If you are able to assist us, please place your donation in a sealed envelope marked "Veterans Day Dinner" and place in the weekly collection. Thank you kindly!



ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT TIMES FOR PHOTOS FOR THE HF/SN PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

are available for three (3) days: Thursday, November 8, Friday, November 9, and Saturday, November 10. Sign up by using the link on stnicholasholyfamily.org or call Jane Kuhlman, 419-523-5958 or the Parish Office, 419-876-3481. If you are submitting a photo, the cost is \$10. Please provide a vertical photo by dropping it off at the Parish Office or

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH CHOIR will practice every Monday beginning October 22 to prepare for the upcoming holy days. Practices will be at 7:00 PM in the church choir loft.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP

Junior High Christian Formation: 6th and 7th grade meet this week from 7-8pm. 8th graders, who meet from 6-7:30, will meet at St. Nicholas in the Parish Center with optional Adoration from 7:30-8:00.

Juniors meet today, Sunday, October 7, at St. Nicholas from 8:30-10:15. Seniors meet today, Sunday, October 7, at Holy Family from 9:30-11:15. Freshmen meet next Sunday, October 14; Sophomores meet next Sunday at St. Nicholas.

Don't miss out on the SN/HF Youth Group's Chicken Barbeque Dinner on Saturday, October 27 from 4-6pm at the St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall. You may eat in or carry out. Tickets are \$8 and are available from the Parish Office or any youth group member until this Tuesday, October 9. Menu includes ½ chicken (prepared by Uncle Bucks), green beans, cheesy potatoes and cake.

Participants in the Annual Battle of the Youth can register at 1:00 today, Sunday, October 7, at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Ottawa.

Volunteer CYO coaches for both high school girls' and boys' basketball teams are needed. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Deb Wehri at the Parish Office.

8th Grade Confirmation Candidates are reminded to schedule their fall interview with Monsignor Singler as soon as possible. This can be done online at our parish website.

SN/HF YOUTH GROUP SPONSORED BLOOD DRIVE is Monday, October 15 at the St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall from noon until 6:00pm. Please call Deb Wehri (419-876-3481) to register or register online at www.redcross.org. Blood donors receive homemade soup, pie and ice cream. Walk ins are also welcome.

OTTAWA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have a Chicken/Fish Fry this Friday, October 12 from 4:30PM-7:00PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Ottawa. Dine in or carry out.

PERPETUATE THE GIFT is the diocesan-wide collection that helps generate monies for the diocesan priests' retirement fund. It signifies the beautifully unending and total commitment of our priests to our spiritual salvation, and our contribution to their retirement. Your gift benefits our retired diocesan priests and your parish. Contribution envelopes will be provided in the pews next weekend, October 13 & 14. This annual campaign will conclude on December 31, 2018.

ST. NICHOLAS ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

meeting is tomorrow, Monday, October 8. The evening begins with the Rosary at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. The meeting will follow at 7pm. The speaker for the evening, from the Leipsic Community Center, will share with us the programs and activities available at the Center. We will also honor those celebrating 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversaries or 75th Birthday. Contact one of the officers or Parish Office by October 5 if you are celebrating one of these milestones. 2018-2019 Altar Rosary Programs can be picked up on the back table of St. Nicholas Church.

If there are any changes to be made on the nursing home volunteer schedule, contact Dana Tobe, Altar Rosary Vice President at 419-890-3389.

FORMER PARTICIPANTS IN CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RETREATS

are needed to offer feedback on your experience with the program. A meeting will be held with members of the SN/HF Pastoral Council tomorrow, Monday, October 8 at 7pm in Holy Family Parish Hall to gather this information.

BAPTISMAL CLASS: All first-time parents and parents expecting their first child from St. Nicholas and Holy Family Parishes are required (per diocesan policy) to attend Baptismal Instructions. The next class will be held on Sunday, November 4 from 9:30am to 11:15am in the Religious Ed Center at Holy Family Parish, New Cleveland. Please call the Parish Office (419-876-3481) or Marty Schroeder (419-943-3767) to register, ask questions or need more details and information.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, October 20 & 21, 2018, is a special moment of encounter with the Pope's missions throughout the world. While only some are called to go to the missions to serve, all of us are called, by our Baptism, to support the Church's missionary work by our prayers and financial help. Please offer what you are able.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA! Come, pray with us! Public Square Rosary Crusade at the Our Lord's Park, Main St., Ottawa (across from Schnipke Inn) next Saturday, Oct. 13, 12:00 Noon. Please join us in the display of your faith! Bring a rosary, a friend, and a chair if you need one.

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