

October 14, 2018
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>				<u>Weekday Readings</u>
Mon	Oct 15		No Scheduled Mass	Gal 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11: 29-32
Tue	Oct 16	(SN)	8:00am Marilyn Frederick/Exposition Closing 4pm	Gal 5: 1-6/Lk 11: 37-41
Wed	Oct 17	(HF)	8:00am Special Intention/Exposition Closing 8pm	Gal 5: 18-25/Lk 11: 42-46
Thu	Oct 18	(HF)	6:30pm Flavia Null	2Tm 4: 10-17b/Lk 10: 1-9
Fri	Oct 19	(SN)	8:00am Dick & Eileen Niese/Special Intention	Eph 1: 11-14/Lk 12: 1-7
Sat	Oct 20	(SN)	4:00pm Liv & Dec'd Lewis Otto family/Paul Niese/Gordon Verhoff Henry, Irene & Melvin Kahle	
Sat	Oct 20	(HF)	7:00pm For the Parish	<u>Sunday Readings</u>
Sun	Oct 21	(HF)	8:30am Adolph & Mary Niese	Is 53: 10-11/Heb 4: 14-16/
Sun	Oct 21	(SN)	10:30am For the Parish	Mk 10: 35-45

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

God does work in strange and mysterious ways. Last Sunday, as I was preparing to walk from the sacristy to the entrance of Holy Family Church to begin the 8:30 AM Lord's Day Mass, I received a desperate phone call from my sister in Sandusky indicating that my dear Mom was in the last moments of her life. After an unsuccessful attempt to reach the priests of my home parish in Sandusky, she called me. I responded that Sunday is the day priests are serving their parishes and it would be difficult to reach them at the parish phone number.

But God provides! I had the phone numbers of two of the three priests in Sandusky stored in my phone. I immediately texted both with the request: "Mom in last throes of life. If either of you can get to her for commendation prayers for the dying and Apostolic Pardon this AM at hospital, I would be most grateful." Our Lord's Day Mass at Holy Family began and I thought to myself that this was in God's hands now for sure. As I returned to the sacristy to remove my vestments after Mass, I picked up my phone only to read the message from my sister that my dear Mom died at 9:18 am. Surprisingly, her passing occurred at the moment of the consecration during the Mass I was offering. But what was even more touching to me was the remaining message from my sister that the pastor of my home parish in Sandusky had, in fact, arrived at the hospital to offer the prayers of commendation for the dying and the Apostolic Pardon ten minutes before she passed.

There have been many unexplained aspects that have emerged this past week for me and my family that point to the fact that God's hand was, indeed, guiding this journey. While my heart is heavy with sorrow and loss, the many blessings given to my Mom and family provides a perspective to embrace the void now felt.

I wish to thank you, the members of my spiritual family in faith at Holy Family and St.

Nicholas Parishes for your kind words, many prayers, messages, cards and expressions of sympathy extended to me and my family. I know, too, that my mother would also want me to thank you for your prayers for her. It will be six years in November that my father died. Mom sorely missed him as we all have in my family, but I am confident in my heart that they are together at last and the torch of their love for each other in this life is culminated in Christ.

May God bless you and keep you and your families these days.

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS			
October 6 & 7			
St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	\$3,509.00	Regular:	\$2,924.00
Fuel:	239.00	Fuel:	290.00
Total:	\$3,748.00	Total:	\$3,214.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.</i>			

JOIN MONSIGNOR SINGLER for the final Adult Formation session entitled REBORN on the Sacrament of Baptism. The hour long session will be held this Thursday, October 18 at 7:15pm at Holy Family Parish Hall and Friday, October 19 at 9:00am at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall.

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!

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.



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 by emailing it to snhparishes@gmail.com

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE HOLIDAY DINNER AT THE RECTORY are due back at the Parish Office by Sunday, October 21. The winning ticket will be chosen at the conclusion of the 10:30am Lord's Day Mass at St. Nicholas on Sunday, October 28.

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 next Sunday, October 21, at St. Nicholas from 8:30-10:15. Seniors meet next Sunday, October 21, at Holy Family from 9:30-11:15. Freshmen meet today Sunday, October 14; Sophomores meet today Sunday at St. Nicholas.

Congratulations to our Battle of the Youth team, "Get a Clue" who won the coveted Spirit Trophy last Sunday. We thank Ann Westrick for coaching this winning team.

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.

The Confirmation Retreat is next Saturday, October 20, at the St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall from 12 noon until 7:00pm.

THE YOUTH GROUP sponsored Blood Drive is tomorrow, Monday, October 15 at the St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall from 12 noon until 6:00pm. Walk ins are welcome. We will be serving homemade soup, homemade pie and ice cream to all potential donors.

OTTAWA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have a Chicken/Fish Fry this Friday, October 19 from 4:30PM-7:00PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Ottawa. Dine in or carry out.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is next weekend, October 20 & 21, 2018. This 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. Envelopes for this collection will be made available in the pews next weekend. Please offer what you are able.

PERPETUATE THE GIFT is the diocesan-wide collection that helps generate monies for the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. Your gift benefits our retired diocesan priests and your parish. Contribution envelopes are provided in the pews today. This annual campaign will conclude on December 31, 2018.

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.

STATEWIDE HOLY HOUR OF EXPOSITION FOR VOCATIONS. Catholic parishes across the State of Ohio will be united as one voice in prayer for an increase in priestly and religious vocations, Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 7-8pm. Holy Family Church will be one of the diocesan sites for this Holy Hour. As Pope Francis reminds us: *"Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community ... Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit."*

GLANDORF ST. JOHN'S ST. BONIFEST will be Saturday, October 27, from 3:00 p.m. – Midnight, in the parish center. Mass will be in church at 4:00 p.m. Meal from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. In the Adult Faith Room, you can browse The Mustard Seed Catholic gift shop, St. John's history scrapbooks, and enjoy games for kids. There will also be different kinds of raffles and a Silent Auction. Come on out and check out sport games on two big screens and enjoy some beer, wine, brats and hot dogs and fellowship all night!

THE FRIENDS OF PUTNAM COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY are hosting the 11th Annual Autumn Harvest Craft Show, Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9:00AM-3:00PM. The free show will feature 150 quality vendors at the Ottawa-Glandorf High School, 630 Glendale Avenue, Ottawa, Ohio along with lunch and bake sale. For more information, email friendscraftshow@yahoo.com or phone Judy at 419-659-5478. Proceeds benefit all locations of the Putnam County District Library.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: THE SILER PIT STOP CARRY OUT: Ed & Jenny Siler have a full line of party supplies, beer, pop, groceries and goodies. Fresh made Pizza. Call 876-3700.