

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JULY 12, 2026

**St. Nicholas Catholic Church**  
201 E. Main Cross Street  
Miller City, OH 45864

### Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 10:30 am  
Tuesday 8:00 am  
Friday 8:00 am

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 8:30 am until  
4:00 pm Evening Prayer



**Holy Family Catholic Church**  
7359 State Route 109  
Ottawa, OH 45875

### Masses

Saturday 7:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am  
Thursday 6:30 pm

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:30 am until  
6:40 pm Evening Prayer

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Deacon Doyle Erford, 419-890-8533/deacondoyle@stnicholasholyfamily.org

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Dear Parishioners,

## PASTOR'S NOTE

I had a nice time at the diocesan Discernment Group Leaders gathering in Port Clinton on Sunday and Monday. Fr. David Kidd, the Director of Diocesan Priestly Vocations, gathered together seven priests from around our diocese who lead discernment groups for their respective deaneries. It was a nice time to spend together and to share tips and experiences with each other. I do think that these discernment groups have played a significant role in the uptick in seminarians that our diocese has seen these past two years (nine seminarians have been accepted for next year with one more still applying). As a leader of one of these groups, I feel that there is much grace behind these groups from the many prayers being offered for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Thank you so much for your prayers for this intention, and may we continue to support and pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.



Also, we are blessed to have Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) missionary, Nathan DeMuth, speak to us after the Lord's Day Masses this weekend. Nathan is generously dedicating his time and talents to spreading the faith through evangelization on college campuses. I am proud of Nathan and the other current full-time missionaries from our parishes (Elena Niese with FOCUS and Madison Schroeder and Grace Schroeder with Damascus). May the Lord continue to bless Nathan and our other missionaries in their efforts to help others to grow closer to Jesus.

Also, you may have seen the very sad news recently that there is a new schism or break in the Catholic Church. A schism is when an individual or group of Catholics refuses to submit to the authority of the pope who we believe is the vicar of Christ and the successor of St. Peter. The word schism literally means something like "to tear" or "to break" since it is the breaking of a person or group from full communion with the Church that Christ founded. This reality is especially sad given that Jesus prayed at the Last Supper that all of his followers would be one.

The group that entered into schism is known as the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX). They were founded after the Second Vatican Council and have disagreements with the Catholic Church over teachings of the council such as its statements regarding religious freedom and interreligious dialogue. Recent popes have tried to reach out to the SSPX to heal this division. Recently, however, the SSPX decided to ignore what Pope Leo XIV had many times asked them not to do (ordain bishops without his approval) which always results in an automatic excommunication (a serious Church penalty). The Vatican also extended this penalty of excommunication not just to the bishops involved but also to anyone else who formally adheres to the society's beliefs. This penalty is given as something "medicinal," meaning that it is meant to try to heal and correct those who are heading down a wrong path. It is meant to be a sort of "wake up call" to help them realize that what they are doing is wrong. Because of these recent events, the Vatican has asked Catholics to not attend the liturgies of the SSPX.

It is a very sad situation, and it weighs heavy on my heart since I know of people who are connected to the SSPX. My hope and prayer, though, is that the members of this society will have a change of heart with regards to obedience to the pope and acceptance of the teachings of the Church. God's mercy is always available to all of us no matter what we have done.

As we continue to celebrate these summer months, may we have gratitude for the great gift of our Catholic faith, and may we seek and pray for unity among all Christians, that we may live out Jesus' desire that His followers may be one.

In Christ,  
Fr. Scott

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**  
for the week of June 29 - July 5, 2026

<b>St. Nicholas:</b>		<b>Holy Family:</b>	
Regular:	\$3,622.90	Regular:	\$4,274.05
Utility:	\$20.00	Utility:	\$5.00
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Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!



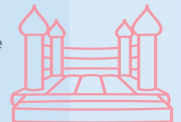
**Welcome to**  
Waylon Jon Michel,  
daughter of  
Thomas & Kayleen  
recently baptized  
at St. Nicholas.

**SAINT NICHOLAS AND HOLY FAMILY PARISHES**  
**FAMILY FUN DAY**

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship  
Games for kids, sack races, water balloon  
toss, and bouncy houses!  
Cornhole tournament starts at 12:30!  
Resources to use throughout the year and  
Football mania tickets for sale!



Where: Holy Family outside  
When: Sunday, August 30th  
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Who: All are welcome



**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

If you would like to volunteer, please email Kira Niese at:  
[yfm@stnicholasholyfamily.org](mailto:yfm@stnicholasholyfamily.org)

**Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday, July 13 - Weekday, Saint Henry**

**Tuesday, July 14 - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, Memorial**

8:00 am Mass SN (†Bob & Rita Maag, †Andrea Haselman, †Othmar & Dorothy Michel,  
†Deacon Ken & Mary Klear)

Exposition until 4:00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction SN

**Wednesday, July 15 - Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial**

8:00 am Mass HF (†Joe Kuhlman)

Exposition until 6:40 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction HF

**Thursday, July 16 - Weekday, Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

5:45-6:15 pm Confessions HF

6:30 pm Mass HF (†Rich Kohls)

**Friday, July 17 - Weekday**

8:00 am Mass SN (†Bill & Carol Ruck)

**Saturday, July 18 - Weekday, Saint Camillus De Lellis, Priest, Blessed Virgin Mary;**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

3:00-3:30 pm Confessions SN

4:00 pm Mass SN (†Harold & Rita Niese, †Sharon Niese, †Clarence & Thelma Westrick, †Allan Brown,  
†Dorothy & James Riepenhoff, †Jane Wagner-Riepenhoff)

7:00 pm Mass HF (People of the Parishes)

**Sunday, July 19 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 am Mass HF (L&D Members of the former CLC Council 215)

10:30 am Mass SN (†Sgt. Jaden Nuveman)



**Mass Servers (July 18 & 19)**

- 4:00 pm Ellie Teders, Amelia Nartker, 1 server needed
- 7:00 pm Joe & Ben Schmenk, Kendall Schroeder
- 8:30 am Chase Koenig, Ava & Quinton Kuhlman
- 10:30 am Carly, Collin & Claire Ellerbrock

**Parish Events**

**Wed., July 15:** 7:30-8:30 pm SHE Meeting (SNPC)

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**MESSAGE FROM NATHAN DEMUTH:** This past year on mission has been an incredible gift, and I am deeply grateful to everyone who has partnered with me through your prayers and financial support!

Over the last year, my team and I had the privilege of helping grow the Catholic community at Elmhurst University from just 4 active members to nearly 30 students who are pursuing authentic, virtuous, Christ-centered friendships. I was also blessed to personally mentor seven young men as they sought to deepen their relationship with Christ through prayer, discipleship, and growth in virtue.

As I look ahead, I am excited to share that I will be serving at the University of Montana this coming year! I would be incredibly grateful for your continued prayers as I embark on this new mission and trust God to work in the hearts of the students I will encounter.

This mission is only possible because of faithful mission partners like you. Whether through prayer, monthly financial support, or both, your partnership allows me to go on mission. This summer, my goal is to raise fifteen hundred in monthly support for as long as I stay on staff. I am truly blessed to invite you to join me on this great mission. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 419-890-8549.

*“Some give by going, others go by giving, but without both mission is impossible.” – Mother Teresa*  
In Christ, Nathaniel DeMuth



# 2026 - 2027

## PSR & Youth Night Registration

Registration begins now.  
Deadline is August 10, 2026

Use the QR code to Register online or go to the parish website for the link: [stnicholasholyfamily.org](http://stnicholasholyfamily.org)

REGISTER NOW!

**SHE**

Session Topic for Wednesday:  
**Living Faith**

July 15, 2026 St. Nicholas Parish Hall  
Wednesday Evening 7:30 - 8:30 pm

**We have an ‘open position’ at:** St. Nicholas & Holy Family Parishes. This is for a First Grade Religion Catechist for school year 2026-27, during 1st and 2nd periods of school days only. This is a paid position. We are looking for someone that would like to share their faith and their love for the Eucharist with the children. If interested, please call/text:  
Cherie Compton at 419-523-4109

**VBS is rescheduled for August 3rd - 6th 2026**

If you were **NOT** signed up for the June date and are now able to attend, please follow this QR code.

Call/text Cherie w/ questions  
419-523-4109



**BETHLEHEM WOOD CARVING:** Fr. Scott and the Parish Staff extend a warm welcome to BETHLEHEM WOOD CARVING on the weekend of **July 25 & 26** for the sale of religious items from the Holy Land to support our Catholic brothers and sister who live there. There are a lot of reasons to support this mission through the visit. Your help ensures that the churches and holy sites remain places of Christian worship. Without the indigenous Catholic presence in the Holy Land, these places would turn into museums. They are our brothers and sister in Christ. They are suffering, and living conditions in the Holy Land are dire as a result of the border closures that restrict freedom of movement. We ask you again to support Louie and his mission. Louie will share more information after each of the Masses. You may reach Louie by going to his website:  
[www.stmichaelolivewood.com](http://www.stmichaelolivewood.com)

**THANK YOU:** Putnam County Right to Life is very grateful for all the support given to us throughout the year. At this time, we would like to thank all who stopped at our fair booth, all who gave a donation, and all who have helped us spread our message of life by volunteering to witness in our booth: Ruth Foppe & Nancy Benroth, David & Rita Iliff, Connie Recker & Irene Recker, Leon & Helen Meyer, Carl & Dee Luersman, Diane Kaufman & Carol Farthing, Herm & Rita Borgelt, Roger Brickner, Mary Grote & Maggie Courtright, Diane Inkrott & Christine, Bill & Melinda Bockrath, Karl & Elaine Steffan, Dianna Kitchen, Mike & Ruth Ellerbrock, Chase Maag, Paul & Marleen Kleman, & Mark & Ann Warnecke. Thank you! God bless you all!

**THANK YOU:** The Ottawa food pantry was greatly appreciative of the generosity shown from St. Nicholas church.



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