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THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2026

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS at the St. Nicholas Parish Center:

Monday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday following 8:00 am Mass - 2:00 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Friday following 8:00 am Mass - 2:00 pm

Bulletin deadline: Tuesday at 2:00 pm

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

We are in need of several volunteers to help with the upcoming church pictorial. If you are able and/or interested in helping out with this project, please contact the office by email at parishoffice@stnicholasholyfamily.org or by calling 419-876-3481 sooner rather than later would be appreciated. Possible tasks are: helping set up appointments after Masses for two weekends, greeting our families during photography on photograph dates, as examples. Every little bit of help will make a difference.

2026 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday of Holy Week (March 30)

8:00 am Mass SN

Tuesday of Holy Week (March 31)

No 8:00 am Mass or Exposition

11:00 am Chrism Mass (Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo)

1 to 2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We would like 1 to 2 volunteers from each church to help bring the Chrism oil back to each of our churches. If you are interested in assisting Fr. Scott with these bottles of oil, please contact the Parish office.

Wednesday of Holy Week (April 1)

8:00 am Mass & Exposition until 6:40 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction HF

7:30 pm Tenebrae (Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo)

Holy Thursday (April 2)

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (SN)

7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (HF)

Good Friday (April 3)

8:45 am Morning Prayer (SN)

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross with Liturgy of the Lord's Passion to follow (SN)

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross with Liturgy of the Lord's Passion to follow (HF)

Holy Saturday (April 4)

8:45 am Morning Prayer (SN)

8:30 pm Easter Vigil (SN)

Easter Sunday (April 5)

8:30 am Easter Sunday Mass (HF)

10:30 am Easter Sunday Mass (SN)

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March 8, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

We had a blessed Joy-filled Marriage Conference last weekend. Nine engaged couples attended this two-day event for time for reflection on marriage and on their relationship and for hearing talks from married couples who led the retreat. The couples included some of those getting married in our parishes or who are from our parishes as well as my brother and his fiancée who are getting married at St. Rose in Perrysburg. There was even one couple where the groom is from Spain and the bride is from Argentina! They will be getting married in Spain this year.



I am very grateful for our excellent team of eight married couples who lead this retreat every year. They do a wonderful job, and I appreciate their generous donation of their time to help prepare these couples for living out married life. I am grateful, as well, to Nurse Wendy Imm from Glandorf who speaks to the couples every year on family planning and reproductive technologies. Wendy very clearly and lovingly presents the truths about topics like artificial contraception and immoral fertility treatments from a medical and moral perspective while also proposing the Church's alternatives to these things (i.e. Natural Family Planning (NFP) and Natural Procreative (NaPro) Technology) which respect God's design for the human person and the gift of sexuality. She has a powerful personal witness with her fertility journey (being told that she could never have children naturally to now having four children naturally through NaPro Technology which healed the root cause of her condition). I am grateful for her willingness to speak to our couples about these important topics, and what a blessing it is to have a NaPro-trained nurse in our area to help women with their fertility concerns and with NFP. Overall, it was a great weekend, and I hope that this conference will bear abundant spiritual fruit in the lives of these engaged couples.

Next weekend, we will be blessed to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 36 Confirmation candidates. Msgr. William Kubacki, the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for our diocese, will be with us at the 7:00 pm Mass on Saturday, March 14 and for the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 15. I am looking forward to his joyful celebration as we also celebrate Laetare Sunday in the Church (4th Sunday of Lent) next weekend. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare their hearts for the graces that God desires to give them through this sacrament.

Also, I am excited to share with you that we will be creating a new church pictorial directory this year. Our last one was made in 2018 and so it seems like it is time to update this helpful resource. Pictures will be taken at the St. Nicholas Parish Hall from April 29 - May 2 while pictures will be taken at the Holy Family Parish Hall from May 7 - 9. You can schedule your photography appointment by going to www.ucdir.com, clicking on "Photography Session Sign-up," entering "oh2934" for the Church Code, and "photos2" for the Church Password. There will also be volunteers available after Masses in the future to sign up those who prefer a non-digital sign-up option.

May we continue to run well the race of this Lenten journey toward Holy Week and Easter, and may the Holy Spirit prepare the hearts of our Confirmation candidates as they seek to complete their Christian initiation next weekend.

In Christ,
Fr. Scott



Sister Grace's birthday is coming up on March 23. If you would like to send her a card or letter, her address is below. Please keep her in your prayers!

Sister Grace of Christ the King, OCD
920 E. Alhambra Road
Alhambra, CA 91801



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH: For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS			
for the week of February 23-March 1, 2026			
St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	\$4,947.10	Regular:	\$4,701.05
Utility:	\$137.00	Utility:	\$360.00
Easter Flowers:	\$110.00	Black/Indian Mission:	\$20.00
Easter:	\$1,000.00	Easter:	\$25.00
Total:	\$6,194.10	Total:	\$5,106.05

Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!



2026 ACA GOALS:

SN: \$15,335.89
HF \$15,296.67



It is time for the yearly Spring Cleaning of God's house that each of us are all responsible for.

ST NICHOLAS is looking for several men, women & youth & their parent/s to help clean. **ST. NICHOLAS** church cleaning will take place on **Monday, March 16th** starting at 1:00 pm until done. Please bring rags & a bucket. Parents, this is a great opportunity to do a project as a family. ****Many hands, make light work, and you do not need to commit to the full day****

PICTORIAL Directory

It's time for our NEW Parish Directory! Every family receives a FREE 8x10 family portrait and a printed directory!

It won't be OUR directory without YOU!

Pictures will be taken on April 29-30, May 1-2 & 7-9
More information will be coming soon.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE for **April 11th through July 5th, 2026**: Please update your unavailability in MSP or call the Parish Office '**prior to Monday, March 23rd**'. This new ministry schedule will include the following Masses:
May 25: Memorial Day 9:00 am Mass at SN
June 7: 8:30 am Mass at HF to include Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday, Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Tuesday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 am Mass SN (†Ruth Erford)
Exposition until 4:00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction SN

Wednesday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 am Mass HF (Priest's Intention)
Exposition until **5:40 pm** Evening Prayer & Benediction HF
7:00 pm Evening of Grace SN

Thursday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday
5:15-6:15 pm Confessions HF
6:30 pm Mass HF (†Sylvester & Irene Dulle)

Friday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 am Mass SN (L&D Norman & JoAnn Balbaugh Family)
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross SN

Saturday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday; FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
2:30-3:30 pm Confessions SN
4:00 pm Mass SN (†Paul Niese, †Dale Schey, †Jerry Otto, †Brenda Scheckelhoff)
7:00 pm Confirmation Mass HF (People of the Parish)

Sunday, March 15 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 am Mass HF (†Adela Estrello)
10:30 am Confirmation Mass SN (People of the Parish)

Mass Servers (March 14 & 15)

4:00 pm Adalyn Kuhlman, Jack Recker, 1 server needed
7:00 pm Chase Niese, Thomas Deitering, 1 server needed
Beau Reyna (Thurifer)
8:30 am Natalie Cochran, Haley Brinkman, Cora Tobe
10:30 am Kade Gerschutz, Dominic Pfau, Derrick DeMuth, Wes Tobe (Thurifer)

Parish Events

Sun., Mar. 8: 11:30-1:00 pm 1st Potluck meal (SNPC)
All are welcome & invited.

Sat., Mar. 14: 6:15-7:30 am TMIY (SNPC)
7:00 pm Confirmation Mass HF

Sun., Mar. 15: 10:30 am Confirmation Mass SN
7:00-8:15 pm SHE meeting (SNPC)

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March 17th 7 pm Topic

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March 18th 7 pm Topic

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**SATURDAY MORNINGS
6:15 - 7:30 AM**

**Next week's topic:
Good Friday Through
Jewish Eyes**

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH HALL

**Session Seven Topic for Tonight!!
Surpassing Purity**

**TONIGHT MARCH 8, 2026
ST. NICHOLAS PARISH HALL
SUNDAY EVENING 7 - 8:15 PM**

**Session Eight Topic for Next Week:
Heroic Patience**



Parish School of Religion & Youth Nights Cherie Compton (CRE)
Grades 1-5 during release time in school.

Youth Nights (6th - 12th grades): Wednesday March 11th 7 pm

6 - 12th grade - Evening of Grace Confessions 7 pm St. Nicholas Church Families are Invited

8th grade - Confirmation Practice 6:15 pm St. Nicholas Church, followed by Confessions

Sunday School: Holy Family 8:30 am in the church basement: March 15th & 29th

St. Nicholas 10:30 am at MCNC upper classrooms: March 22nd & 29th





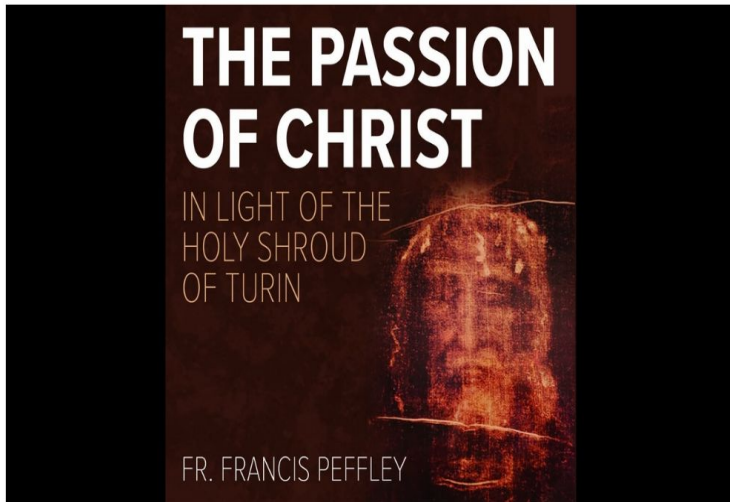
MESSAGE FOR LENT 2026
"LISTENING AND
FASTING"
POPE LEO XIV

To read the full message of Pope Leo XIV on Lent 2026 you can find it on EWTN's website!

PUTNAM COUNTY YOUNG ADULTS:

We are still meeting every Monday evening to read through the book of Hebrews. We meet at the REC which is across from Holy Family Church off SR 109. Fellowship starts at 6:30 pm with our study beginning at 7 pm and will end around 8 pm.

Sunday, March 15th around 12 pm we will be having our monthly Young Adult Social. A time of food and fellowship. Contact Moriah Inkrott at 419-957-6744 for the details!



The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin by Fr. F. Peffley

The Holy Shroud of Turin was called the greatest relic in Christendom by Pope St. John Paul II. Fr. Peffley presents new, detailed scientific and medical evidence for the authenticity of the Holy Shroud.

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Evening of Grace



COME SPEND AN EVENING OF GRACE WITH US.
ALL ARE INVITED. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH,
CONFESSIONS STARTING AT 7 PM
AT ST. NICHOLAS PARISH.



REV. JERRY SCHETTER: Pastor of St. Augustine church in Napoleon, died on Sunday, February 22, 2026. Please remember him in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

MARCH IS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH: A time to raise awareness about the inclusion of persons with developmental disabilities* in the Church and all areas of community life. Pope Francis' 2019 message at the International Day for Persons with Disabilities, stated: "We are called to recognize in every person with disabilities, even complex and serious disabilities, a unique contribution to the common good through their original life stories. ...and to recognize them as persons of equal dignity, as brothers and sisters in humanity." *Developmental disabilities are impairments in physical, learning, language or behavior areas, including autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and learning or intellectual disabilities.

A Prayer for Generosity: St. Ignatius of Loyola Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, Teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve, To give without counting the cost, To fight heedless of wounds, To labor without seeking rest, To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward. Save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen



MILLER CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BBQ CHICKEN DINNER SUNDAY, MARCH 29:

Serving from 11:00 am until sold out. Dinner includes ½ chicken, baked beans, applesauce and dinner roll for \$10.00. Drive thru only (route is the same as last year) Bake sale items, prepared by the fireladies will be available thru the drive thru.



CUB SCOUT CHICKEN BBQ & MCNC GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1363 BAKE SALE - SUNDAY, MARCH 22:

The Scouts will be selling tickets individually and after all Masses today March 7 & 8 and 14 & 15. Meals will include ½ chicken, green beans, applesauce, dinner roll for \$10. Drive

thru serving will be at the St. Nicholas Parish Hall from 11 am to 1 pm. In addition, the MCNC Girl Scout Troop 1363 will be having homemade cookies in single packs for sale. We thank you for the support!



OTTAWA K of C: The Ottawa K of C will be having their Lenten Fish Fries on Fridays: **March 13th, 20th, 27th, and April 3rd.** Serving from 4:30pm-7:00pm. Meal consists of fried fish, baked fish, clam strips, baked potato,

french fries, cole slaw, applesauce, pasta dish, and garlic bread. Cost Adults \$12, school age K-8th \$5, and pre-school \$1.

PUTNAM COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE GARAGE SALE: Putnam County Annual Right to Life Garage and Bake Sale will be held in the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 10760 Rd H, Ottawa, Ohio on Tuesday, March 24 from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm & Wednesday, March 25 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Donations of gently used items and baked goods will be accepted on the following days: Sunday, **March 22** from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm & Monday, **March 23** from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS: Please pick up any items that belong to you from the entryways of each church and also from the SN Parish Center as well as the HF Parish Hall. Left over items will be donated to the 'upcoming Putnam County Right to Life garage sale'. Thank you.

MUSTARD SEED: The Mustard Seed at St. John's (Glandorf) is hiring a part-time Store Associate to join our team! We're looking for someone who is welcoming, detail-oriented, and enjoys serving. Retail experience is helpful but not required. Call 419-538-7220 for more information.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thursday, **March 12** at Lima Central Catholic High School. We will begin with mass at 5:45pm in the chapel, followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Sr. Katherine Marie Chiara, HMSS speaking on "Mercedarian Sisters make a new home in the Toledo Diocese." Persons who have an interest in this topic or the mission of the Serra Club are welcome to attend as guests. If interested in attending, please respond to Kathy at 419-303-0339 no later than Tuesday, March 10.



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