

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 5, 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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Dear Parishioners,

PASTOR'S NOTE



It was such a blessed priest convocation from June 22-25. So many priests from across the diocese gathered in Huron to hear speaker Rhonda Gruenewald present on strategies for promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and holy matrimony. It was very encouraging, as well, to hear the update that not only do we have nine new seminarians for next year but that one potential seminarian is still applying. That means we could go from 14 seminarians last year to 23 seminarians for next year. That level of increase is truly amazing! The hope is that this trend continues, and after hearing Rhonda speak, I am optimistic that it will. Rhonda has spoken in many different dioceses in the U.S. and Canada. There have been dramatic increases in the number of seminarians in places that implement some of her strategies which include things that we have started to do the past two years (like trying to have discernment groups in every deanery). She also said that she has met perhaps around 100 vocation directors and that our vocations director, Fr. David Kidd, is one of the best that she has come across. I agree that he has done an excellent job and tell him that often.

The Diocesan Pastoral Conference later this year on September 24 will include Rhonda returning to present this material to Parish Staff members from across the diocese. There will also be a day for parishioners to hear about this information on September 26. These parishioners will especially be invited to make up a vocations committee at their respective parishes to help intentionally promote vocations. One of my takeaways from the convocation is that our parishes and diocese are already doing very well with vocations, but there are still opportunities to go even further. I am looking forward to implementing things from this conference, and I am excited to see what the future has in store.

Speaking of discernment groups, the priest leaders of these discernment groups will be gathering in Port Clinton later today and into tomorrow. Fr. David Kidd will lead this gathering to help us in our efforts. I am looking forward to spending this time together.

Also, back on June 27, Bishop Thomas celebrated the ordination Mass of Fr. Andrew Messer, the newest priest of the Diocese of Toledo. It was a beautiful Mass, and it was moving for me to see Fr. Andrew shed tears of joy at different times during the liturgy. He had the honor of being ordained at his home parish of St. Joan of Arc in Toledo since the cathedral is currently under renovation. Fr. Andrew has been assigned to my previous parishes of Delphos, Landeck, and Spencerville for the summer and will return to Rome to finish his advanced degree in September/October. The hope is that he will be assigned full-time to a parish/parishes in the summer of 2027.

Also, even though I was away at the priest convocation for most of the week of the Putnam County Fair, I had the chance to spend Friday evening at the fairgrounds. I saw the animals of many of our parishes there and ran into several people that I knew. Congratulations to all of those who participated in the fair. I hope that it was positive and rewarding experience.

Finally, what a blessing it is to celebrate the 250th Birthday of the United States of America. Our celebration of July 4 this year takes on even more significance as we celebrate this milestone anniversary of a quarter century as a country. May this semiquincentennial be an opportunity to thank God for the blessings that He has given to our nation and to pray that America may be more and more conformed to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to whom the U.S. Bishops dedicated our country back in June. Happy July Fourth Weekend, and may we all remember to continue to support and pray for more holy vocations from our parishes and diocese.

In Christ,
Fr. Scott

WEEKLY OFFERINGS for the week of June 22-28, 2026

St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	\$3,207.05	Regular:	\$2,962.75
Utility:	\$30.00	Utility:	\$5.00
Peter Pence:	\$116.00	Peter Pence:	\$240.00
Home Missions:	\$10.00		
Total:	\$3,363.05	Total:	\$3,207.75

Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!



2026 Annual Catholic Appeal as of 6-26-26

St. Nicholas: 171.50% of Goal
 Holy Family: 119.92% of Goal
 Goals: SN: \$15,335.89, HF \$15,296.67

Thank you for your generosity!



PRAYERS FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS rosary intention this week is: for more holy vocations to the priesthood

from our parishes of Holy Family and St. Nicholas.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY: For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, July 6 - Weekday, Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday, July 7 - Weekday

8:00 am Mass SN (L&D Drummelsmith Families)

Exposition until 4:00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction SN

Wednesday, July 8 - Weekday

8:00 am Mass HF (Fr. Scott Perry, Deacon Doyle Erford, & our Faith Community)

Exposition until 6:40 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction HF

Thursday, July 9 - Weekday, Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

5:45-6:15 pm Confessions HF

6:30 pm Mass HF (Priest's Intention)

Friday, July 10 - Weekday

8:00 am Mass SN (L&D Members of the Herman & Louise Scherger Family)

Saturday, July 11 - Saint Benedict, Abbot, Memorial; FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3:00-3:30 pm Confessions SN

4:00 pm Mass SN (People of the Parish)

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

Sunday, July 12 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am Mass HF (L&D Pam Schroeder Family)

10:30 am Mass SN (†Roger Barlage)



Mass Servers (July 11 & 12)

4:00 pm Ryker Heuerman, Jordan Schroeder, Ellie Teders

7:00 pm Levi, Keaton & Colton Hermiller

8:30 am Brody, Lexie & Brynn Kuhlman

10:30 am Noah, Keira & Evan Warnimont

Parish Events

Mon., July 6: 7:00-8:00 pm 1st Monday of the month:
 Foundation of Prayer for Priests (SN church)

Tues., July 7: 7:30-10:30 pm Holy Aid Society meeting (REC)

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

OUR VISION:

To become a more vibrant community of intentional disciples of Jesus Christ who passionately and radically live out their Catholic faith.

LATEST PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE: We are currently in the design phase of the new pictorial directory. The hope is that the directory will be completed and available later this year.

GRACEFUL LIVING: The latest edition of **Graceful Living** will be mailed this week. You can [see the digital edition here](#).

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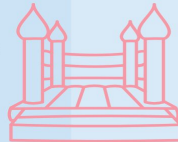
SAINT NICHOLAS AND HOLY FAMILY PARISHES FAMILY FUN DAY



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

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Session Topic for Wednesday! Profound Humility & Universal Mortification

JULY 8, 2026
ST. NICHOLAS PARISH HALL
WEDNESDAY EVENING 7:30 - 8:30 PM

DURING THE MONTH OF JULY: Holy Family Parish is responsible for stocking the Ottawa food pantry. Food items needed this year: Cream style corn, ketchup (24 oz preferred), graham crackers, boxed potatoes (au gratin, scalloped, etc), pancake mix, pineapple, Pop-Tarts and granola bars, mandarins oranges, salty snacks, hamburger helper type dinners, (they do not need macaroni & cheese) & laundry detergent (84 oz or smaller). Any personal items that have been used once but you decided that you didn't want to keep such as shampoo, lotion, perfume, hand soap, etc. **PLEASE MARK AS USED ITEM.** Please keep in mind that most of the families we serve are just 1-3 people. The Ottawa Food Pantry will accept fresh produce from your garden or fresh meat. Please call the Trinity United Methodist Church office at 419-523-6496 to arrange a drop off time. Summer hrs: Tues, Thursdays 9-12. Note: Monetary gifts are also welcome. Please place all the items in the clearly marked boxes provided in the entryway of Holy Family Church by Friday, July 31st and no later. Thank you for your donation.

FOUNDATION OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS will be held the 1st Monday of every month at SN church from 7-8 pm. Please join whenever you are available in support of our current priests and all future priests..

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE: There will be a blood drive at MC Sportsman Club hall on **Thursday, July 9th 12-6 pm.** To schedule an appt. call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit: RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: MCSPORTSMAN. Come give blood June 29-July 12 for a classic American Red Cross + Looney Tunes T-shirt, limited quantity!

UPCOMING FESTIVALS: St. Barbara Parish Festival/Cloverdale - Sunday, **July 12th**. BBQ Chicken/Pork Dinners (served 10:30 am-until gone). Carry-outs available. Big Ticket Grand Prize-\$1,000 (drawing-5:00 pm). Lunch Stand, Beer Tent, Kids' Games, Raffle Booth, Bingo, Cash Drawings, Bicycle Drawings & more.



JOB OPENING: Heartbeat of Lima is seeking a full-time Client Services Director for our life-affirming pregnancy & parenting resource center. Candidates *must* be a committed Christian, a servant leader, a compassionate human, ardently life-affirming, and an excellent communicator. See complete job description and application instructions at <https://support.heartbeatoflima.org/get-involved/job-opportunities> or email resume to info@heartbeatoflima.org

MOTHER/DAUGHTER RETREAT (St. Philomena): **August 7-9, 2026** Friday 6:00 pm - Sunday 12:00 pm at The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. Mothers and daughters ages 11-14 are invited to grow closer to Christ and one another while exploring God's gift of femininity through the St. Philomena Mother/Daughter Retreat. Based on Sacred Scripture, Catholic teaching, and St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, the retreat includes talks, activities, and dedicated mother-daughter time focused on female identity, friendship, chastity, the Holy Spirit, and the unique gifts each participant is created to be. **The cost is \$420 per mother/daughter pair and includes lodging, meals, and retreat materials.**



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