

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 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

This past week in the United States was the celebration of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. This week is an initiative of the U.S. Catholic Bishops and is celebrated each year around the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (Of Human Life) written by Pope Saint Paul VI and issued on July 25, 1968. This encyclical reaffirms the Church's teaching on God's beautiful design for marriage and sexuality as well as moral ways to go about responsible parenthood and family planning.



Natural Family Planning (NFP) is the general name for several methods of family planning that respect the dignity of the human person, marriage, and sexuality without resorting to gravely immoral actions like the use of artificial contraception, direct sterilization, or abortion. NFP recognizes how God created the human body (that a woman is fertile during certain times of the month) and has couples practice abstinence during those times if they have a good reason for avoiding pregnancy. NFP can also be used by couples who are struggling with infertility to help increase their likelihood of conception. Overall, NFP respects the integrity of God's design for intimacy within marriage and its use has the potential to help couples grow in self-mastery, open communication, and emotional intimacy.

There are various different versions of NFP including the Creighton Model, Marquette Method, and Sympto-Thermal Method. There are several opportunities to take online classes to learn NFP methods which are listed on the Diocese of Toledo's helpful NFP website: <https://toledodiocese.org/natural-family-planning>. One such website is the Couple to Couple League: <https://ccli.org/myparishnfp/>. The diocesan website also includes several in-person options to learn NFP including my former parishioners, Jeff and Bridget Bockey from Delphos St. John's (jbockey@gmail.com, 419-233-1600). Also local is Wendy Imm who is a Creighton Method Fertility Care practitioner. Pamphlets for her practice (Divine Grace Fertility Care) are in our resource centers.

Natural Family Planning has been a great blessing to many couples. I remember back at our Joy-filled Marriage Conference in our parishes a few years ago, a young engaged women attending the conference was doing simply the cycle-charting aspect of NFP in preparation for her upcoming marriage to learn how it works. She gained a newfound freedom in doing so in her ability to predict her cycles for the first time in her life, and to me, it sounded like she could do a commercial for NFP! I imagine that NFP was also a great help to the woman and her fiancé once they entered into marriage in helping to plan their family.

I hope that NFP will continue to be a blessing to many others as well and will help couples to plan their families in accord with God's design.

In Christ,
Fr. Scott



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

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

WEEKLY OFFERINGS for the week of July 13-19, 2026

<u>St. Nicholas:</u>		<u>Holy Family:</u>	
Regular:	\$5,578.90	Regular:	\$2,736.25
Utility:	\$20.00	Utility:	\$5.00
Total:	\$5,598.90	Total:	\$2,741.25

Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!

EMHC OF SN & HF: If you are interested in being in the rotation to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for the Friday 8:00 am children school Masses throughout the upcoming school year or being a sub on this schedule, please let the Parish Office know by August 10th. (If you want to remain on rotation list from this past school year, no need to call.)

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY on Saturday, August 15 is a **not** a Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass this year. There will be no holy day Masses this year due to the solemnity falling on a Saturday. Masses on the evening of Saturday, August 15 will be for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS NEEDED: The next 'St. Nicholas' Eucharistic Adoration schedule will be updated soon, and we are needing adorers and subs. Please consider giving one hour of your time to Jesus.

LEADING THE ROSARY: A new 'St. Nicholas' Rosary schedule will be updated as well so if you are interested in leading the rosary by yourself or with someone else 30 minutes prior to any Mass at SN or being placed on the sub list, please contact the Parish Office by Monday, August 10th for either of these ministries.

ANNUAL DEAN'S VISIT: On Friday, July 17th, the Dean of the St. George Deanery, Fr. George Mahas from Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish and Cloverdale St. Barbara Parish, was here to review all the sacramental books, all Mass intention books, and other records of our parishes. Afterwards, Fr. George and Fr. Scott were able to do lunch together. All went well.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, July 27 - Weekday

Tuesday, July 28 - Weekday

8:00 am Mass SN (†Edward F. & Betty J. Morman)

Exposition until 4:00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction SN

Wednesday, July 29 - Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, Memorial

8:00 am Mass HF (L&D Meyer & Lammers Families)

Exposition until 6:40 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction HF

Thursday, July 30 - Weekday, Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2:00 pm Mass at the Meadows of Ottawa

5:45-6:15 pm Confessions HF

6:30 pm Mass HF (†Joe Kuhlman)

Friday, July 31 - Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Memorial

8:00 am Mass SN (†Gus & Archer Niese)

Saturday, August 1 - Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Memorial;

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3:00-3:30 pm Confessions SN

4:00 pm Mass SN (†Honey & LouAnn Niese, †Ed Kuhlman, Members of the MCNC Class of 1981, †Dave Bratton, †Betty Schroeder, †Tom Stuber, †Pam Schroeder)

7:00 pm Mass HF (For all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one, especially those of our parishes)

Sunday, August 2 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 am Mass HF (People of the Parish)

10:30 am Mass SN (People of the Parish)



Mass Servers (August 1 & 2)

4:00 pm Brantley Lammers, Lydia Verhoff, Jordan Schroeder

7:00 pm Mason Schroeder, Kendall Schroeder, Alyssa Kuhlman

8:30 am Natalie Cochran, Thomas & Evelyn Deitering

10:30 am Isabella Beckner, Aaron & Dominic Pfau

Parish Events

Sat., & Sun., July 25 & 26: After all Masses: Bethlehem Wood Carving display at SN plaza (or SNPC if inclement weather) and at HF plaza (or HF Parish Hall if inclement weather)

Wed., July 29: 7:30-8:30 pm SHE Meeting (SNPC)

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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

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

REGISTER NOW!

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, mandarin 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.

DAMASCUS SUMMER CAMP, FORMALLY KNOWN AS CYSC: Our annual CYSC donation boards are located in the entryways at both churches through August 31st. CYSC online giving link is open now through August 17th and can be accessed through St. Nicholas online giving. **God reward you for supporting this powerful & transforming mission!**

Parents of youth attending this camp that would like financial assistance, please fill out this form by scanning the QR Code by September 1st.

SHE
 Session Topic for Wednesday:
Heroic Patience
 July 29, 2026 St. Nicholas Parish Hall
 Wednesday Evening 7:30 - 8:30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME: Glandorf Parish invites all to an evening of Adoration and Worship music, every Wednesday evening from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Enter through the center doors of St. John the Baptist Church. Confessions are offered when Father is available.

ST. CATHERINE'S EMBRACE (August News): St. Catherine's Embrace is an outreach ministry that acknowledges and supports the many families in the St. George Deanery/ Putnam County area who have lost babies through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss. We offer prayers, resources and an engraved keepsake box filled with helpful books, artwork and handmade memorial items crafted by parishioners from across the county. There are trained volunteers in our parishes who can respond to families directly. If you or someone you love experiences a miscarriage or stillbirth, we are here to help. Simply call the parish office and we will take care of the rest. Are you interested in volunteering with St. Catherine's Embrace? We have multiple ways to get involved. We need woodworkers, seamstresses and parish outreach volunteers in particular at this time. Please call or text Mary Beth at (419)980-8065, email scembrace@gmail.com or message us on Facebook if you are interested in learning how your talents and gifts can be used to accompany local families in their time of need. Our next meeting is Tuesday, **August 4th** at 6:30 pm at the Glandorf Parish Hall Room 22. Join us!

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November 7th & 8th
St. Nicholas Parish Center

For more information or to sign up, call or text:
 Jenelle Niese at (419) 889-4211 or Megan Gonder (419) 956-8898.

LOST: A single band ring was found at SN church on July 21st. If it is yours, it can be picked up at the Parish office.



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