St. Nicholas & Holy Family Parishes



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 15, 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 - noon
Friday following 8:00 am Mass - 2:00 pm
Bulletin deadline: Tuesday at 2:00 pm

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ADVENT MAGNIFICAT COMPANION BOOKLETS: These booklets have come in and will be distributed at the entryways of each church soon—prior to the 1st Sunday of Advent which is November 29th.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the washing of all the Mass server albs/altar clothes at each church location and/or did alb repairs. Also thank you to all that helped in SN working sacristy while Fr. Scott was on retreat. *It was all very much appreciated.*

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SACRAMENTS

Eucharistic Liturgies
Saturday Evening
4:00 pm - St. Nicholas
7:00 pm - Holy Family
Sunday Morning
8:30 am - Holy Family
10:30 am - St. Nicholas
Weekday
Tuesday - 8:00 am - St. Nicholas
Wednesday 8:00 am - Holy Family
Thursday 6:30 pm - Holy Family
Friday 8:00 am - St. Nicholas

Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Nicholas: Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Holy Family: Thursday 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm

Sacrament of Matrimony
Please contact Father Scott at least 6 months in advance to begin the Marriage Preparation process.

Sacrament of Baptism
First time parents are required to attend Baptism Preparation classes. We offer annual sessions in the Spring & Fall or as requested. Please contact the Parish Office for class information and to schedule Baptism. Please note that the Church asks that children receive baptism within a few weeks of birth (Canon 867 §1).

****UPCOMING BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**** The next class is being held **today, Sunday, *November 15th*** from 9:30-11:15 am at the Religious Education Center (REC) across from HF church. Please call or text Cheryl Hermiller at 419-969-4345 to register or ask questions. The next Baptism class will not be until the spring.

Sacrament of the Sick
Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Scott. Also call the Parish Office if interested in a First Friday homebound visit.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)
Process in place for those adults and children ages 7 and older interested in becoming Catholic. Please contact Fr. Scott.

Eucharistic Exposition
Tuesday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction **at St. Nicholas**
Wednesday 8:30 am - 6:40 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction **at Holy Family**

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Dear Parishioners,



It was such a blessed Women's Welcome Retreat last weekend. Fifteen women attended this powerful time of prayer, reflection, and impactful talks. It was the 7th time that we have held a Women's Welcome Retreat in our parishes, and I am grateful for the work of Welcome Team 6 who led this powerful experience. The "Giving Team," as they are called, spent much time preparing, and I appreciate their dedication and the gift of their time this past year to help deepen the faith of their sisters in Christ.

Sadly, one member of Welcome Team 6 passed away over the summer (Sheila Vorst who was a member of Glandorf St. John the Baptist). I appreciate how the team honored her memory with her picture in an empty chair saved for her. She was missed but definitely not forgotten.

Also, I would like to let you know about several updates regarding our Parish Staff. This past Monday, Kira Niese, our Youth and Family Minister, resigned her position. It was a hard decision for her, but Kira felt the Lord calling her to take another job. Her last day will be November 22 for our Praise and Worship Holy Hour for Vocations and potluck meal to follow. Kira has done such an excellent job in her role these past 16 months. I appreciate her kindness, organization, and hard work. She did very well organizing our St. Nicholas and Holy Family Parish Fun Days, potlucks, Together in Holiness couples, and Youth Nights. Her presence will be missed, but I believe the Lord is greatly blessing this next phase of her journey. Please keep her in your prayers as she makes this transition.

With both Kira and Moriah leaving our Parish Staff and Regina Schnipke returning, it has given us an opportunity to restructure our staff. Cherie Compton, Regina, and I met to discuss how best to do this, and I feel very much the Holy Spirit's guidance of us in this process. Regina will now become our full-time Coordinator of Religious Education, the same position that she held three years ago before she left for the Carmelites. Cherie will now fulfill the new part-time role of Live Jesus Coordinator. Live Jesus Ministries is a new initiative sponsored by the Diocese of Toledo. It is based on people growing in their faith through small faith-sharing groups. It is currently for youth, although Cherie and I have hopes that this ministry will grow into other areas of parish life including for adults of all ages and married couples. Live Jesus is relatively new (it is only a few years old), but it has been spreading throughout our diocese and now is in our own deanery (Ottawa Sts. Peter and Paul and Kalida St. Michael have also adopted this initiative). Cherie is so passionate about Live Jesus Ministries, and I believe she will thrive in this new role. I have confidence that Regina will do such an excellent job as well.

With regards to our administrative staff, Deacon Doyle recently submitted his resignation as our Business Manager. Deacon Doyle had only taken on this role four years ago due to our need at the time, but since then, Brenda Hermiller, our Bookkeeper, has been fulfilling many of the responsibilities normally fulfilled by a Business Manager. Deacon Doyle has provided great financial guidance these past four years, and I appreciate him sharing his gifts in service to our parishes. He has also excelled in coordinating all of the projects in our parishes. His organization and efforts are a huge reason why we have been able to complete so many of the projects that we have these past five years of my pastorate. Deacon Doyle will continue to oversee parish projects and be a consultative resource with regards to finances in a volunteer capacity. Brenda will now officially assume the title of Business Manager and continue the great work that she has already been doing with budgeting, accounting, auditing, compliance with diocesan policies, and HR-related matters. She is very knowledgeable, has great attention to detail, and has been such a gift to me and our parishes. I appreciate very much the great work that she does in service to all of us.

While transition can be difficult and unsettling at times, it can also be exciting as well. I am looking forward to what the future has in store. May the Lord bless our Parish Staff in this time of transition that He may guide us as we seek to best meet the spiritual and human needs of our local parish communities.

In Christ,
Fr. Scott

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
for the week of November 2-8, 2026

St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	$4,248.80	Regular:	$4,134.75
Utility:	$195.00	Utility:	$306.08
All Saints:	$520.00	Cemetery:	$487.00
Cemetery:	$295.00	Christmas:	$50.00
		Easter:	$50.00
Total:	**$5,258.80**	**Total:**	**$5,027.83**

Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal as of 11-6-26
St. Nicholas: 178.19% of Goal
Holy Family: 124.55% of Goal
Goals: SN: $15,335.89, HF $15,296.67
Thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU: Thank you to this year's 2026 Women's Welcome Giving team members of 14 for putting on this year's Women Welcome retreat for 15 attendees. Thanks also to Julie Barlage, the coordinator, and all who volunteered their time for this weekend. *It was very much appreciated and was well received.*



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:
For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

OUR MISSION:
We, the faithful of St. Nicholas & Holy Family Parishes, are called by Jesus Christ into an intimate relationship with Him through a deep personal prayer life, the celebration of the sacraments, and generous service to others in our daily lives. We seek to foster lifelong learning and growth in our faith, to support marriage and family life, and to strengthen and support others in discerning and living out their vocation.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, November 16 - Weekday, *Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint Gertrude, Virgin*
Tuesday, November 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious, Memorial
8:00 am Mass SN (†Lavon & Bev Leis)
Exposition until 4:00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction SN
Wednesday, November 18 - Weekday, *The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin*
8:00 am Mass HF (For all those mourning the loss of a loved one)
Exposition until **6:20 pm** Evening Prayer & Benediction HF
Thursday, November 19 - Weekday
2:00 pm Mass Meadows of Ottawa
5:45-6:15 pm Confessions HF
6:30 pm Mass HF (L&D Gilbert & Dorothy Riepenhoff Family)
Friday, November 20 - Weekday
8:00 am Mass SN (L&D Members of the Herman & Louise Scherger Family)
Saturday, November 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial; OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, SOLEMNITY
3:00-3:30 pm Confessions SN
4:00 pm Mass SN (†Bill & Rita Hermiller, †Bernard "Bernie" Schnipke, †Joan & Carl Lehman)
7:00 pm Mass HF (People of the Parishes)
Sunday, November 22 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, SOLEMNITY
8:30 am Mass HF (†Joe Kuhlman)
10:30 am Mass SN (L&D Bill & Rita Warnimont Family)
4:30 pm Praise & Worship Holy Hour for Vocations with Sung Evening Prayer HF

Mass Servers (November 21 & 22)
4:00 pm Brantley Lammers, Torrie & Chloe Otto
7:00 pm Colton, Levi & Keaton Hermiller
8:30 am Alex & Alivia Gilgenbach, Evelyn Deitering, Thomas Deitering (Thurifer)
10:30 am Isabella Beckner, Grayson Verhoff, Haley Wrasman, Max Long (Thurifer)

Parish Events
Today, Sun., Nov. 15: 9:30-11:15 am Baptism Preparation Class (HF REC)
Mon., Nov. 16: 5:30 pm Rosary Walk-weather permitting (SN parking lot) **All are welcome to join!**
Sat., Nov. 21: 6:15-7:30 am TMIY (SNPC)
Upcoming: Sun., Nov. 22: 'Potluck' after Holy Hour HF

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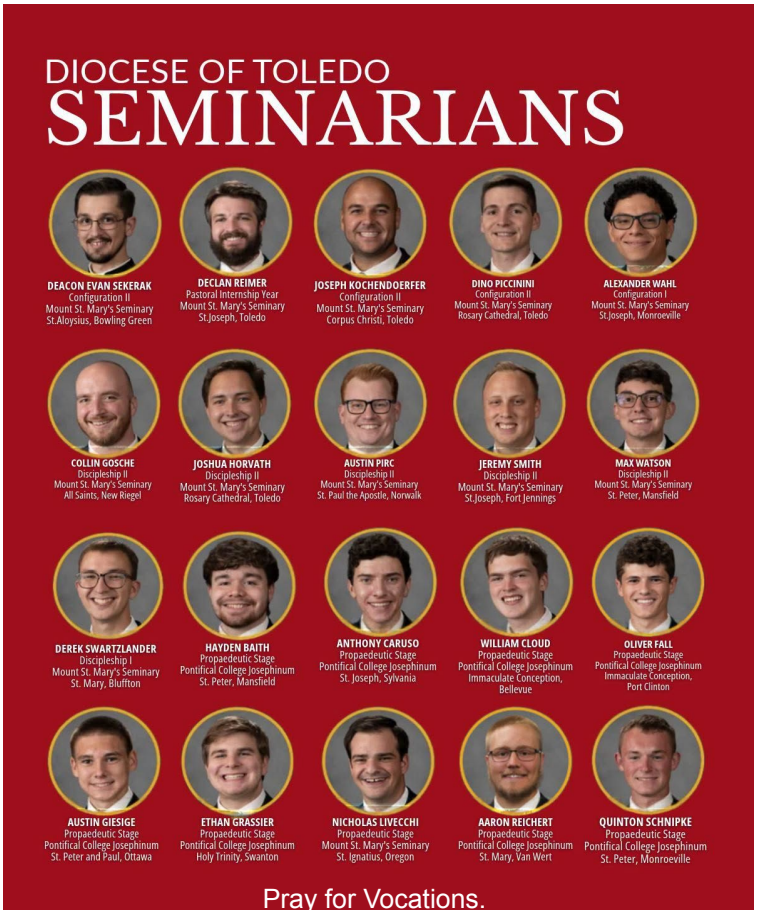


The Jesse Tree EXPLAINED – The (Not) Christmas Tree You've Never Heard of | Ep 3

The often-forgotten Jesse tree reminds us of God's faithful fulfillment of all his promises (of which there are so many throughout all of salvation history!). In Christ, he keeps every promise he has made, from Adam and Eve to John the Baptist. His promises of peace and salvation apply not just to ancient Israel, but to all of us today. Join us in learning about this hidden gem of an Advent tradition and how it can help you and your family walk through Advent in the light of Sacred Scripture.

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Next week's topic:
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Parish School of Religion & Youth Nights CRE - Cherie Compton
Grades 1-5 - During time release at school
***Changes in locations Wednesday Youth Nights JH 7:15 - 8:15 pm all still at MCNC**
Grade 6 - Old school cafeteria. November 18th
Grade 7 - Old school upper rooms. November 18th
Grade 8 - SN Church Praise and Worship. November 18th
HIGH SCHOOL 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Holy Family
Grades 9-12 - Church & REC "Live Jesus" November 18th
Sunday School
St. Nicholas - 10:30 am Mass Old school upper rooms.
- November 22, December 13 & 20

Holy Family - 8:30 Mass Church Hall Basement.
- November 15 & 22, December 6 & 13



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PRAYER TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION: O God, who enlightens the minds and inflames the hearts of the faithful by the Holy Spirit, grant that through the same Spirit, I may know my true vocation in life and may have the grace to follow it faithfully. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

YOUTH NIGHT SNACK DONATIONS: In past years we have been grateful to receive snack donations for youth nights. This year however, we are not receiving those donations. If you would like to donate or learn more, please scan QR Code to read more.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bishop Thomas has invited all of the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo do two things:

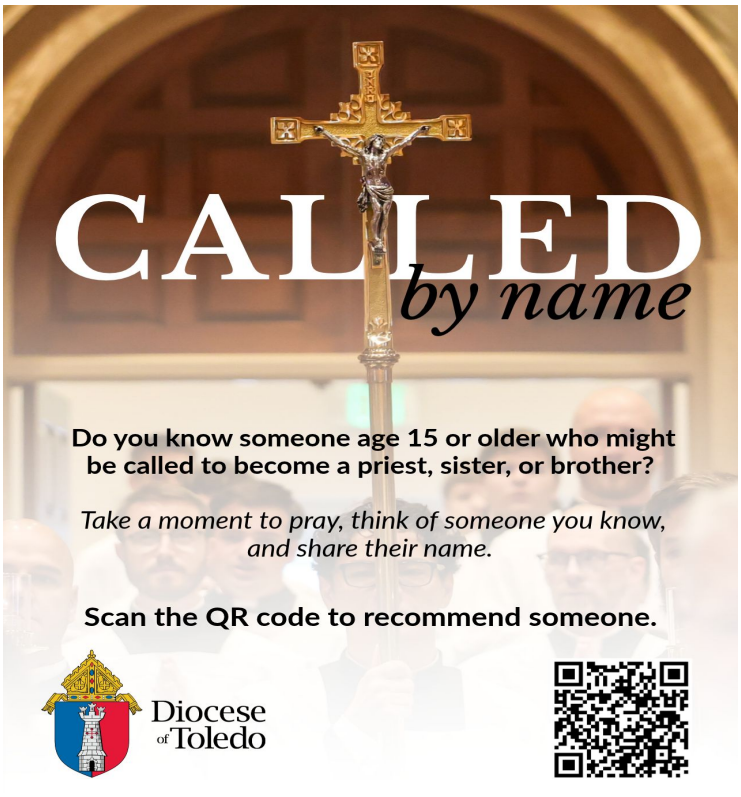
- **Pray one Hail Mary each day** for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. This can be done before evening supper, during the recitation of the Holy Rosary, or in classrooms or anytime throughout the day.
- **Performing a sacrificial act of fasting or penance each Friday** for this intention. This could be as simple as forgoing a meal or fasting from meat or a certain food, drink, or activity such as television or the use of electronic devices.

VISITATION SISTERS: Send Your Prayer Intentions to the Visitation Sisters! Did you know the Visitation Sisters will pray for your intentions? When the Diocese of Toledo was founded, our first bishop invited this cloistered order to establish a convent in Toledo. For more than a century, the sisters have faithfully continued their mission—"in prayer and sacrifice pleading for the salvation of souls, particularly those of the diocese, clergy, religious, and laity," as Bishop Schrembs intended. They will gladly pray for your intentions. Prayer requests may be submitted in several ways. By mail: ***Monastery of the Visitation*** 1745 Parkside Blvd. Toledo, OH 43607-1599 Online: toledovisitation.org/contact-us or by phone: 419-536-1343



DID YOU KNOW: ***Monastery of the Visitation*** is where we purchase our small and large hosts for all Masses. The small hosts come in bags of 250 each and large hosts come in a box of 50 each. We get auto deliveries once a month—at the end of the month which consists of 18-20 bags of small hosts and 1 box of large hosts.

WALKING MY SISTER HOME: Now streaming on PBS.org, this documentary features the Tiffin Franciscans and explores the legacy of religious orders in the communities they have served. It takes an honest look at the challenges aging sisters face and invites viewers to help care for them. The film will also air on WGTE, Toledo's PBS station, on **Sunday, November 15**, at 3 p.m. Watch the documentary »



UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PARTY for anyone that holds a CLC policy from Holy Family & St. Nicholas parishioners. **December 10, 2026** at Henry's restaurant, Ottawa, Ohio. The cost is $20.00 which covers buffet (it will have beef and chicken) style dinner and fountain drink. Alcohol and gratuity are extra. The sign-up sheet will be in the back of New Cleveland Church or call Pat at 419-235-1991. Deadline for sign-up is **December 6**. *We will be playing bingo for homemade baked item-prizes.*

REGARDING FORMER CLC INSURANCE: This announcement is for anyone that has any kind of investment (i.e. life insurance policy, annuities) with the former Catholic Ladies of Columbia. Your policy is now in the hands of Nationwide. If you have any questions or concerns about these, please call 800-845-0494. They will assist you with updating address changes or beneficiaries. Have you ever heard of a company called 1891 Financial Life? They offer opportunities similar to the Catholic Ladies of Columbia. For more information. Call Kathy Amstutz at 419-233-6487.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW: Sponsored by the New Bavaria Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society will be held on **Sunday, November 22, 2026** from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Come enjoy lunch—homemade soups, sandwiches, salads, pie and more! Carry-outs are available. After lunch, visit the craft tables, bake shop and Twice But Nice garage sale. There will also be Raffles! Free admission *We hope to see you there.*

2026 OTTAWA K of C FALL FRY SCHEDULE: Chicken/ Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 pm on the following date: **November 20th** with proceeds to benefit the Putnam County Right to Life

COMMUNITY WEIGHT ROOM: Miller City School (old school) is available Monday-Thursday from 5:00-7:00 pm. Walkers are welcome for free. We ask $10.00 a month or $100.00 for a full year to use the equipment. We have lots of equipment to use: exercise bikes, ellipticals, treadmills—multiple machines to use. Please enter the door that faces the church and someone can assist you with what we offer and get you started. ***Come check us out!***

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