ST. NICHOLAS & HOLY FAMILY PARISHES



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 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 Closed 'Have a Happy Thanksgiving!'
Friday Closed
Bulletin entry deadline: Monday by 2:00 p.m.



NEW PARISHIONERS: We joyfully welcome new members! Please register online at stnicholasholyfamily.org or call the Parish Office at 419-876-3481 if you have any questions..

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS of St. Nicholas & Holy Family are welcome and encouraged to join in leading or praying the rosary on the 5th Sunday of the month which is **November 29th.**

THANK YOU: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the bulk mailing that will be sent out soon with our fiscal year-end report. *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).

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**

PLEASE NOTE: Eucharistic Exposition is canceled when there is a Funeral on a Tuesday or Wednesday at the corresponding church and also if there is a Miller City-New Cleveland School delay or a cancellation for any reason.

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Dear Parishioners,



I had the blessing of attending our area Andrew Dinner last Sunday. There were six high school boys (three from our parishes) and five total priests at the event at Fort Jennings St. Joseph which included praying Evening Prayer, sharing a meal together, and hearing about the priesthood. Fr. David Kidd, the vocations director for our diocese, and I both shared our vocations stories about how we came to answer God's call to be priests. It was a nice time and hopefully helpful for the young men who attended. In January, I will be leading another discernment group for young men in Putnam County which will meet at the Religious Education Center at Holy Family.

This past Wednesday, Regina Schnipke had her first day of work in returning to her role as the Coordinator of Religious Education for our parishes. Regina is very excited to be back home with us and to serve the Lord and our parishes in this role. I am looking forward to working with her again. She was such a blessing to us in her previous two years as the CRE from 2021-2023 and we are blessed to have her in that role again.

This past Thursday, I had the honor of celebrating the Funeral Mass for Lavina Steffen of St. Nicholas Parish. Lavina was 109 years old (and would have turned 110 in two months). I am unsure, but she may have been the oldest parishioner in the history of our two parishes. On the First Fridays of the month, I bring the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners, and I have been making these visits to Lavina for the past 5 ½ years. It was always a joy to see her, and I will miss those visits, but what a full life that Lavina had. Lavina lived on State Route 108 for many years, and I had joked that she was the first person in history to outlive the road number! Lavina's birthday was on January 8 and mine is January 9, and she always made sure to wish me a Happy Birthday each year. May she rest in the peace of God's Kingdom, and may the Lord grant strength and comfort to those who mourn her loss and to all those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Recently, I completed my Ministry Review which is an evaluation of pastors in our diocese during the last year of their term. I completed a self evaluation, ten Parish Staff members and parish leadership completed an evaluation, and forty parishioners selected by a couple of members of our Parish Staff completed one as well. I appreciate very much those who took the time to fill out the survey. I am grateful, as well, for the affirmation of my strengths and things I have done well and also for the comments related to continued growth. I also had the chance to discuss the review with a priest mentor of mine, Fr. Joseph Poggemeyer, who was my supervisor for my summer as a transitional deacon at Paulding Divine Mercy Parish in 2017. I appreciated his perspective as well. Overall, it was a positive experience, and it was good to reflect on all the good things that have taken place in our parishes these past 5 ½ years.

Although my six-year term concludes at the end of June 2027, I am eligible to be renewed for another six-year term. I am unsure when I will find out about where I will be next year but it could be around March - May 2027 when priest assignments are usually decided. The Diocese of Toledo has a Priest Personnel Board that recommends priest assignments to Bishop Thomas who ultimately makes the final decision. Msgr. Singler, our former pastor, is actually one of the members of that board along with my seminary classmate, Fr. Andrew Wellmann.

I hope that you have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving this Thursday. May we remember to thank God for the many blessings and gifts that He has given us, especially for the gift of our faith.

In Christ,
Fr. Scott



PRAYERS FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS rosary intention this week is: for the health and well-being of the current priests in our diocese.



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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
for the week of November 9-15, 2026

St. Nicholas:		**Holy Family:**	
Regular:	$4,660.30	Regular:	$6,052.75
Utility:	$40.00	Utility:	$115.00
All Saints:	$60.00	Cemetery:	$85.00
Cemetery:	$45.00	Human Dev.	$155.00
Human Dev.:	$85.00		
Total:	**$4,890.30**	**Total:**	**$6,407.75**

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OUR VISION:

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



Welcome to Elodie Faith Schmenk, daughter of Michael & Tessa, recently baptized at Holy Family Catholic Church.

Condolences to the family, friends, and neighbors of Lavina Steffen, whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Nicholas. Please include Lavina and her family in your prayers.

ADVENT MAGNIFICAT COMPANION BOOKLETS: These booklets are available at the entryways of each church so please pick up your copy if you would like one for the upcoming Advent season..

Liturgy Schedule

Sunday, November 22 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, SOLEMNITY
4:30 pm Praise & Worship Holy Hour for Vocations with Sung Evening Prayer HF
Monday, November 23 - Weekday, *Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr, Saint Columban, Abbot, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr*
Tuesday, November 24 - Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial
8:00 am Mass SN (†Louie Noirot)
Exposition until 4:00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction SN
Wednesday, November 25 - Weekday, *Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*
8:00 am Mass HF (†Souls in Purgatory)
Exposition until 6:40 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction HF
Thursday, November 26 - Weekday, *Thanksgiving Day*
9:00 am SN Thanksgiving Day Mass (Don & Marlene Schroeder (60th Wedding Anniversary))
Friday, November 27 - Weekday
8:00 am Mass SN (†Chuck & Nick Niese)
Saturday, November 28 - Weekday, *Blessed Virgin Mary*; **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
3:00-3:30 pm Confessions SN
4:00 pm Mass SN (†Roger Barlage, †Ruth Coble, †Jim & Ron Schnipke)
7:00 pm Mass HF (†Tom Barlage, L&D Don & Teresa Scheckelhoff Family, †Carl Gable)
Sunday, November 29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 am Mass HF (People of the Parishes)
10:30 am Mass SN (†Sgt. Jaden Nuveman)

Mass Servers Thanksgiving Day (November 26)
9:00 am Landon, Grady & Cassidy Inkrott

Mass Servers (November 28 & 29)
4:00 pm Jack Recker, Ryker Heuerman, Amelia Nartker
7:00 pm Ben & Joe Schmenk, 1 server needed
8:30 am Brody, Lexie & Brynn Kuhlman
10:30 am Rebecca Steffan, Grayson & Elyn Gerschutz

Parish Events

Sun., Nov. 22: 5:30 pm 'Potluck' after Holy Hour (HFPH)
All are welcome to attend, even if you have not signed up.
Tues., Nov. 24: 7:00-8:30 pm Finance Council Meeting (SNPC)
Sat., Nov. 28: 6:15-7:30 am TMIY (SNPC)

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There's More to Your Nativity Scene than You Thought | Ep 4

In this episode, we explore the incarnational meaning of the nativity set, traditions to follow within your own family, and how we're not only preparing for the birth of Christ that happened 2000 years ago – but the present reality that Christ will one day come again for us. Are you ready?

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SATURDAY MORNINGS
6:15 - 7:30 AM

Next week's topic:
The School of Nazareth and the Seven Steps

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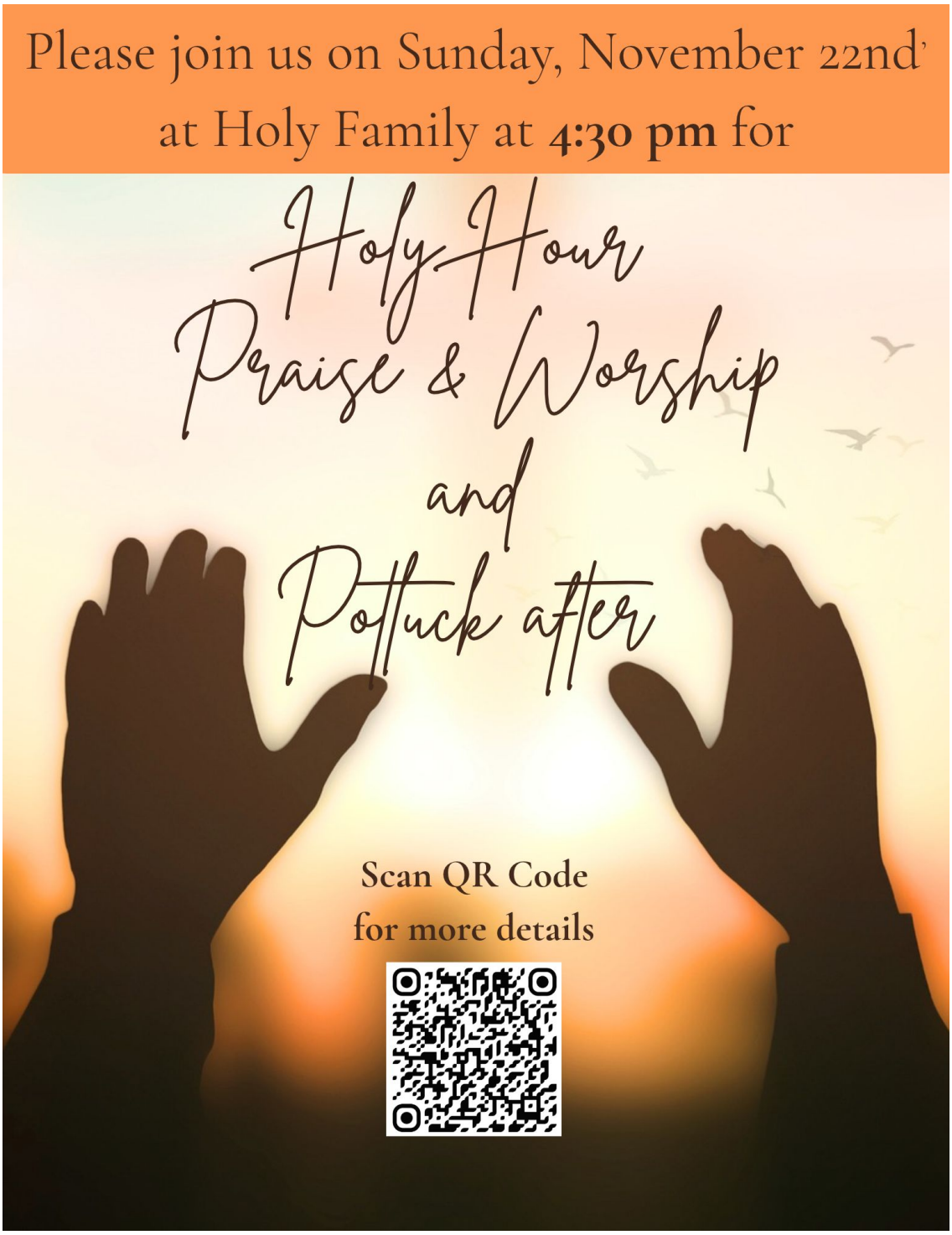


Parish School of Religion & Youth Nights
Grades 1-5 - During time release at school
***Changes in locations Wednesday Youth Nights JH 7:15 - 8:15 pm all still at MCNC**
Grade 6 - 8 - No Youth Night - Happy Thanksgiving!!

HIGH SCHOOL 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Holy Family
Grades 9-12 - No Youth Night - Happy Thanksgiving!!

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 22, December 6 & 13



Week 8 winner!
Jenelle Niese

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.

OUR ADOPTED SEMINARIANS FOR ST. NICHOLAS & HOLY FAMILY PARISHES



SEMINARIAN QUINTON SCHNIPKE
If you would like to send Quinton a card or letter of encouragement, his address is:
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Check out a short interview with Quinton at: https://toledopriesthood.org/schnipke



SEMINARIAN AUSTIN GIESIGE
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St. Nicholas and Holy Family Parishes are sponsoring families in need this Christmas through Crime Victim Services. Please take a tag from the tree and purchase the gift. After wrapping it, PLEASE bring it back to the church from which you took the tag with the **TAG ATTACHED**! This way we will know who the gift goes to. Any questions, please contact Denise Kaufman at 419-796-0565 or Amanda Kuhlman at 419-350-0878. Please return the gifts to church by **Monday, December 7th**. Thanks in advance for your generosity & support!



ADVENT WREATH: Sunday, November 29, 2026 - Thursday, December 24, 2026 Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

CATHEDRAL DEDICATION MASS is Now Available on YouTube — The Mass for the Dedication of the New Altar and Blessing of Rosary Cathedral is now available to watch on YouTube. Watch the Mass »

FALL PRIESTLY VOCATIONS Newsletter is Now Available — The Diocesan Priestly Vocations Fall 2026 Newsletter is now available! For future newsletters and other vocations updates, join the Friends of the Vocations Office mailing list. Read the fall newsletter »

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Monday, December 28th** from 10 am. to 4 pm. at the St. Nicholas Parish Hall. Spots are still available! Please sign up through Redcross.org or email Anna Schnipke at schnipkeanna@gmail.com

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!***

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.*

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW: Sponsored by the New Bavaria Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society will be held '**today", 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.*

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Strong communication and organizational skills and proficiency in all Microsoft O365 applications, especially Excel and SharePoint. Must be able to multitask.

High school diploma or GED required. Previous office experience preferred.

To apply, send your résumé to:
Fr. Randy Giesige
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or St. Mary Parish Office, Attn: Fr. Randy Giesige
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