St. Nicholas & Holy Family Parishes



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 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 - 2:00 pm
Friday following 8:00 am Mass - 2:00 pm
Bulletin entry deadline: Tuesday by 2:00 p.m.

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stnicholasholyfamily.org To view live stream Masses, type in website, click on the Media tab, and click on the corresponding church you want to view. If you ever have any questions/concerns, please let us know.

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..

PRAYER REQUESTS: If any parishioner has a prayer request/intention, please let us know by calling the office at 419-876-3481 or sending us an email at parishoffice@stnicholasholyfamily.org



PRAYER NETWORK: To 'receive' prayer requests, please join our prayer network by sending your email address to the parish's email address which is: parishoffice@stnicholasholyfamily.org or if you'd like to receive a phone call, please call the office at 419-876-3481, and we would be happy to add you on.

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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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November 29, 2026

Dear Parishioners,



I hope that you had a nice celebration of Thanksgiving this past Thursday. Thanksgiving is a holiday that reminds us of an important virtue to cultivate in our lives: the virtue of gratitude or thankfulness. Being grateful for something means that we recognize that what we have received is a freely-given gift. We realize that things could have been otherwise, but we are grateful that we do have what we were given. There are so many things to be grateful for. First and foremost is the gift of our life, that we exist. There are also the blessings of family, friends, the ability to work, the opportunity to go to school, and our hobbies and interests. Most especially, there is the great gift of our faith which has so many spiritual treasures and gives us the hope of eternal life.

This past week, one thing that I have reflected on is the gratitude that I have for all of the volunteers of our parishes. There are so many people who selflessly give of their time and talent in various ways. These include those in liturgical ministries, those who help with decorating and the upkeep of our churches and church grounds, those who serve on our various committees, those who help with the counting of our collections, those who help with faith formation opportunities for adults and youth, those who assist with parish mailings, those who help with our nursing home ministry, those who help with funerals, and more. Thanks so much to all those who help our parishes in ways big and small. It is greatly appreciated.

I am also grateful in a special way for our Parish Staff. We have such a dedicated, faith-filled team that generously serves the Lord and the people of our parishes. Although we have had different faces come and go these past 5 ½ years during my time here, all of them have been such a gift to me as pastor and to our parishes through their work and ministry. They are a huge reason that so many good things have been accomplished these past several years.

With the beginning of Advent, the priests of the Diocese of Toledo will be gathering on Monday, November 30 for our annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests with Bishop Thomas. We will gather at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey for a spiritual talk by Bishop Gerardo Colacicco of the Archdiocese of New York, for a Holy Hour with Evening Prayer, and for a meal together. It is a nice way to begin this holy season of Advent as we prepare our hearts for the two comings of Christ. Please keep us in your prayers.

Also, please note the many opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent found on page 5 of the bulletin, especially our Evening of Grace at Holy Family on Wednesday, December 16.

This Advent, may we seek to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior and King, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Fr. Scott



PRAYERS FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS rosary intention this week is for our pastor, Fr. Scott Perry.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: For single-parent families;
Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
for the week of November 16-22, 2026

St. Nicholas:		**Holy Family:**	
Regular:	$4,247.80	Regular:	$8,901.15
Utility:	$60.00	Utility:	$5.00
Cemetery:	$25.00	Cemetery:	$10.00
Human Dev.	$15.00	Human Dev.	$5.00
Christmas Flowers:	$25.00	Christmas Flowers:	$120.00
All Saints:	$10.00		
Total:	**$4,382.80**	**Total:**	**$9,041.15**

Thank you for your generous support of our parishes!

UPCOMING/SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER: Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Retirement for the Religious



UPCOMING HOLY DAY: Tuesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of the United States, and a holy day of obligation this year. **Mass times are:**
Monday, December 7 at 5:30 pm at Holy Family
Tuesday, December 8 at 8:00 am at St. Nicholas
Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm at St. Nicholas

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE for ***January 9 through Easter, April 4, 2027***: Please update your unavailability in MSP or call the Parish Office **by Monday, December 14**. This schedule will include the following Masses, liturgies & Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent:
February 10: Ash Wednesday 5:30 pm at HF, 7 pm at SN
March 25: Holy Thursday 7 pm at SN, 7 pm at HF
March 26: 12 pm Stations & Liturgy of Good Friday at SN,
3 pm Stations & Liturgy of Good Friday at HF
March 27: Holy Saturday 8:30 pm at HF only
March 28: Easter Sunday 8:30 am at HF, 10:30 am at SN



Welcome to William Roy Hunt, son of Steven & Abigail, recently baptized at St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, November 30 - Saint Andrew, Apostle, Feast
Tuesday, December 1 - Advent Weekday
8:00 am Mass SN (†Bill & Carol Ruck)
Exposition until 4:00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction SN
Wednesday, December 2 - Advent Weekday
8:00 am Mass HF (Priest's Intention)
Exposition until 6:40 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction HF
Thursday, December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial
5:15 - 6:15 pm Confessions HF
6:30 pm Mass HF (†Rich Kohls)
Friday, December 4 - Advent Weekday, *Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*
8:00 am Mass SN (†L&D Bill & Rita Warnimont Family)
Saturday, December 5 - Advent Weekday; SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
2:30-3:30 pm Confessions SN
4:00 pm Mass SN (L&D Kahle & Koenig Families, †Honey & LouAnn Niese, †Lawrence & Eleanor Hermiller, †Richard & Edna Wurth)
7:00 pm Mass HF (†Walter Weskiel (Anniversary))
Sunday, December 6 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 am Mass HF (People of the Parishes)
10:30 am Mass SN (†Paul "Spin" Rosengarten)



Mass Servers (December 5 & 6)
4:00 pm Luke Brickner, Jordan Schroeder, Gina Gerschutz
7:00 pm Kendall Schroeder, Mason Schroeder, Alyssa Kuhlman
8:30 am Abel & Zayda Schnipke, Liam Tobe
10:30 am Andrew Riepenhoff, Ella & Tatiana Inkrott

Mass Servers (December 7 & 8)
5:30 pm William King, Thomas & Evelyn Deitering, Lincoln Reyna (Thurifer)
7:00 pm Kayla & Colton Erford, Haley Wrasman, Derrick DeMuth (Thurifer)

Parish Events
Tues., Dec. 1: 7:30-10:30 pm Holy Aid Society Meeting (HFPH)
Sat., Dec. 5: 6:15-7:30 am TMIY (SNPC)

2026 -2027 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULES

Evening of Grace

Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 pm (Holy Family)

At least 4 Priests will be available to hear Confessions starting at 7:00 pm until all Confessions are heard. No formal Penance Service but simply individual Confessions.

Confessions

Thursday, December 3: 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM @ HF
Saturday, December 5: 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM @ SN
Thursday, December 10: 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM @ HF
Saturday, December 12: 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM @ SN
Thursday, December 17: 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM @ HF
Saturday, December 19: 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM @ SN

St. George Deanery Penance Service Schedule

Sunday, November 29: 2:00 pm at Ottoville Immaculate Conception
Wednesday, December 2: 7:00 at Fort Jennings St. Joseph
Wednesday, December 9: 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm at Kalida St. Michael
Tuesday, December 15: 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm at Glandorf St. John the Baptist
Monday, December 21: 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm at Ottawa Saints Peter and Paul

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 7, 2026: 5:30 PM at Holy Family
Tuesday, December 8, 2026: 8:00 AM at St. Nicholas
Tuesday, December 8, 2026: 7:00 PM at St. Nicholas

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Masses

Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24, 2026
4:00 PM	Vigil Mass at Saint Nicholas
4:00 PM	Vigil Mass at Holy Family

Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2026
12 Midnight	Mass During the Night at St. Nicholas
9:00 AM	Mass During the Day at Holy Family

Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 31, 2026: 4:30 PM at Holy Family
Friday, January 1, 2027: 8:30 AM at Holy Family
Friday, January 1, 2027: 10:30 AM at St. Nicholas

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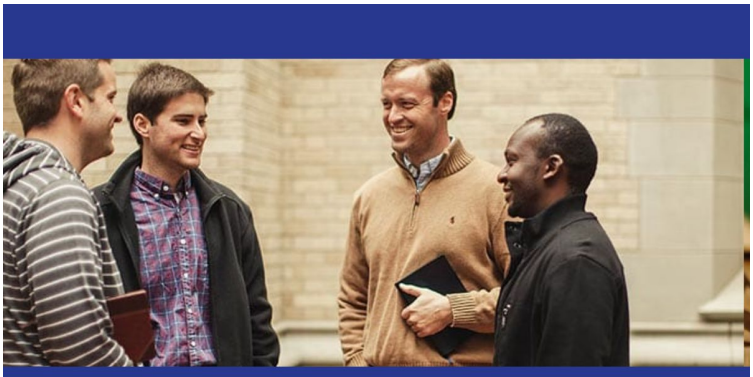
Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns | Trailer

You have a choice this Advent: Get caught up in the annual rush of shopping, decorating, and parties or slow down and take a few minutes each day to remember who this season is really about—Jesus. In Adore, Fr. John Burns will help you reclaim the sacred sense of longing and joyful hope at the heart of Advent.

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An offering from the Augustine Institute





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TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

SATURDAY MORNINGS
6:15 - 7:30 AM

Next week's topic:
Building a Spiritual Plan of Life

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH CENTER

Share the Gospel with our parish children!

If you love working with children in grades 1-5, you may be called to serve as a classroom aide or substitute. This vital ministry runs every school day from 8:00 to 9:30 AM. And complete flexibility — no worries, you can work for just one day a week or all five. We will prepare you for what is needed and you can be compensated for your time. Ages 18 and up.

Called to love and serve.



Parish School of Religion & Youth Nights
Grades 1-5 - During time release at school

Wednesday Youth Nights JR HIGH 7:15 - 8:15 pm MCNC
Grade 6 - Old school upper rooms. December 2nd
Grade 7 - Old school cafeteria. December 2nd
Grade 8 - SN Parish Center. December 2nd

HIGH SCHOOL 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Holy Family
Grades 9-12 - Church & REC "Live Jesus" December 2nd

Sunday School
St. Nicholas - 10:30 am Mass Old school upper rooms.
- December 13th & 20th

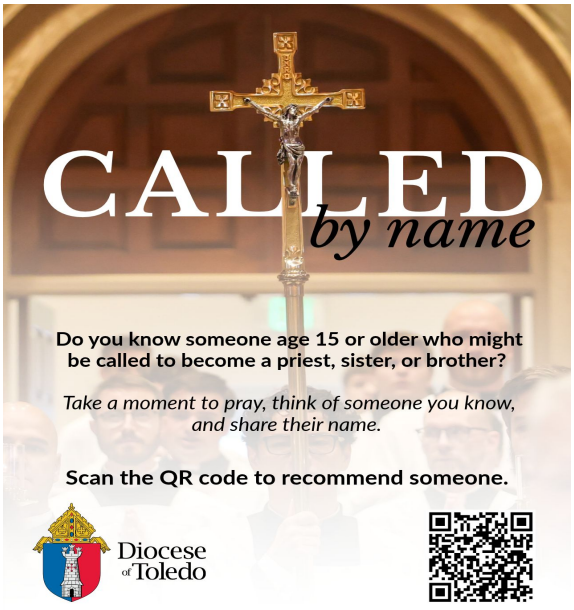
Holy Family - 8:30 Mass Church Hall Basement.
- December 6th & 13th



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!

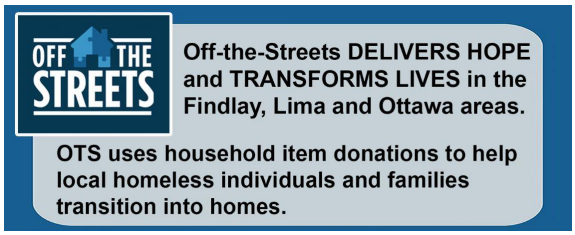


ADVENT WREATH: Sunday, November 29, 2026 - Thursday, December 24, 2026 Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can 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.



DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS: Please pray for the priests serving in our diocese as they gather on **Monday, November 30**, for their annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may the Lord renew them in fidelity and grant them consolation and joy in their ministry.

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.*



OFF THE STREETS: Accepting Donations of furniture and household Items - OTTAWA DROP OFF LOCATION – The non-profit organization, Off the Streets Findlay, provides HOPE and DIGNITY to those experiencing homelessness by helping them transition to permanent housing. New and slightly-used furniture household item donations help LOCAL homeless families transition into homes. WHEN: First Saturday of the Month, 9-10 am. Next one is **Saturday, December 5, 2026**. WHERE: 1206 E. 2nd St, Ottawa (Enter Putnam County Fairgrounds through Gate 5, then follow the signs.) What is accepted: New and slightly-used furniture and household goods, such as dressers, dining chairs, small dining tables (no glass tops), end tables, coffee tables, nightstands, lamps, microwaves, regular sofas, chairs, vacuums, and coffee makers. NOTE: mirrors, mattresses, entertainment centers or sleeper sofas are NOT accepted. Most currently needed: couches, coffee tables and TV stands.

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

UPCOMING TRIP TO ITALY WITH FR. ERIC MUELLER: November 8 - 18, 2027
catholicfaithjourneys.com/mueller2027 Join Fr. Eric Mueller on a pilgrimage to Italy! Walk in the footsteps of Sts. Francis and Clare in Assisi, Sts. Benedict and Scholastica in Norcia and Subiaco, and too many more to list! Stand in awe before the Eucharistic miracle of Orvieto and visit the Benedictine Monks of Norcia. Tour the major basilicas in Rome, have the opportunity for a papal audience, and tour some of the most ancient sites in Rome. Fr. Mueller will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass daily at many of these holy sites. $5,769.00 per person (Land Only price - airfare will be added once available) Visit our website above or call or text Maggie at 419-290-8782 for info.

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