

January 20, 2018
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>					<u>Weekday Readings</u>
Mon	Jan 21			No Scheduled Mass	Heb 5: 1-10/Mk 2: 18-22
Tue	Jan 22	(SN)	8:00am	Rita J. Singler/Exposition for Life/4pm Benediction	Heb 6: 10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wed	Jan 23	(HF)	8:00am	Jerry Inkrott/Exposition Closing 8pm	Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17/Mk 3: 1-6
Thu	Jan 24	(HF)	6:30pm	Rev. Tony Borgia	Heb 7: 25 -8: 6/Mk 3: 7-12
Fri	Jan 25	(SN)	8:00am	Special Intention	Acts 22: 3-16/Mk 16: 15-18
Sat	Jan 26	(SN)	4:00pm	Mary Jane Miller/Kenneth A. Niese/ Lewis Otto family & Gordie Verhoff & Paul Niese/ John Weskiel (anniv)	
Sat	Jan 26	(HF)	7:00pm	For the Parish	<u>Sunday Readings</u>
Sun	Jan 27	(HF)	8:30am	Don Kaple	Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/
Sun	Jan 27	(SN)	10:30am	For the Parish	1Cor 12: 12-30/Lk 1: 1-4, 4; 14-21

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Forty-six years ago, I was a freshman in high school and the tender age of fifteen. Little did I know that a legal decision made by this country's highest court on January 22 of that year, 1973, would come to be woven in the fabric of the remaining years of my adolescence, young adult and adult life ever since. Debates and protests from that time forward, coming from many directions, have looked more like a roller coaster without brakes. What I recall on that fateful day was a Catholic high school community and parishes in my hometown abuzz with sadness that a country boasting freedom and justice to sustain human life for all had now decided it was permissible to choose the option of ending it in a mother's womb. How could anyone do such an evil act? What leads people to despair to the point of making such a decision? These were the questions in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision.

I believe that many of us who lived at the time of Roe v. Wade's birthing would admit the culture and attitude of the time was most unsettling. It certainly contributed much to the tragic mistake taken to legalize abortion. At the time, our country was in the throes of a brutal and unforgettable war in a land far from our shores, the age of experimentation on multiple fronts with drugs, sexual promiscuity and any kind of "liberating" cause that would detach us from authority seemed to have the upper hand. The end result was upheaval. The values that provided the foundation of our human dignity went south in those years following Roe v. Wade. Even in the Catholic Church, there was unrest and a desire to discredit much that was rooted in traditional values. While the reforms of the Second Vatican Council were just in their beginning stages of renewing the heart of the Church in 1973, their effect gave rise to misinterpretation. It was almost as if we had lost our innocence and respect to take on what many said was "freedom". Unfortunately, it was a far cry from "freedom". It promoted the false pretense, one which has been around from the beginning of time and prompted by the Prince of Darkness himself, that fools us into thinking we are our own creator and maker in life; and therefore can choose what is important in our human affairs, regardless of what mores

(moral principles or virtues) imbued in our hearts by God really tells us and we know to be right or wrong.

The passage of time, now just four years shy of half a century since the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion on demand in this country and the arrival of another generation of believers can bring a renewed energy, a new fervor to change attitudes where those things that have gone astray and led many down a dark path can truly change. This is happening. I am inspired by our Catholic youth, the current generation, who have joined the rally call to promote life. They are the ones riding the busses to Washington for the March for Life to let the message be heard clearly. They are the ones who are helping their peers to treasure human life. I am hopeful that these young people and the generations following them will likely be the ones to end the legalization of such a heinous act. Pray for them. Pray for those who contemplate the act of aborting the life in the womb. Pray for those who have experienced this tragedy and are pained with guilt. Pray for the souls that have been lost and will never experience the joy of life in this world. Our cooperation with God's love, compassion and mercy are the only way we will end this atrocity once and for all.

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
January 12 & 13, 2019

St. Nicholas:	Holy Family:
Regular: \$3,831.00	Regular: \$2,628.00
Fuel: 10.00	Fuel: 55.00
Total: \$3,841.00	Total: \$2,683.00

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.



DIOCESAN SNOW EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion. When Mass is cancelled, all other diocesan, parish, or school events in that geographic region are also cancelled.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process whereby adults enter the Catholic Church. This includes anyone not baptized, those baptized in another Christian denomination, i.e. Lutheran, Methodist, etc., or those baptized Catholic but were never catechized. At St. Nicholas and Holy Family, this process of entering into full communion is always available. Please call the Parish Office if you or a family member would like to begin this process.

Adults members from our parishes who are already fully initiated and are willing to accompany those in the RCIA process are needed. We will be meeting late afternoon/early evenings, generally on Mondays. Please contact Deb Wehri at the Parish Office if you are willing to be part of this group. No special skills are required. Together we read and discuss the Catechism of the Catholic Church, as we journey in faith.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION FOR LIFE

This Tuesday, January 22, the 46th anniversary date of the U.S. Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion on demand in our country, St. Nicholas Church will be the site for a day long Eucharistic Exposition for Life which will begin at the conclusion of the 8:00AM Daily Mass and conclude with a service of Benediction at 4:00PM. Plan to attend this event to lend your voice in prayer to God to end all abortions in our country and in the world.

THANK YOU!

A special thank you from Bishop Daniel Thomas was received recently. Through your generosity, the Diocese of Toledo reached the Annual Catholic Appeal goal for the first time since 2001! The 2018 ACA raised \$2,830,034.00 exceeding the goal of \$2.8 million.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: ROSES & RIBBONS FLOWERS & GIFTS: We can take care of all your flower & gifts for Weddings, Birthdays, Holidays and Funerals. We deliver to all local funeral homes. Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm & Sat 9am-2pm. Phone 419-943-2030.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP

All Junior High Christian Formation students meet this Wednesday, January 23. The prayer service for today (this afternoon) has been cancelled.

Please be advised that Junior High Christian Formation classes are cancelled when school is cancelled due to inclement weather.

The Youth Group's annual Soup Supper has been rescheduled for Monday, February 18—President's Day. The meal will be served from 4:00-6:30pm at the SN Parish Center Hall. There will be six varieties of soup, three varieties of homemade bread, and a generous dessert bar. Please mark your calendars and invite your family and friends. Take out will be available. Cost is by donation which supports Youth Group activities.

Submarine sandwich order forms for February 3 are still being accepted. Extra forms are available online at our parish website or you may place an order by calling the Parish Office. There are four choices: Turkey/ Ham/ Turkey-Ham Combo/ or Turkey-Ham-Salami Combo. Each Sub is \$4.00 and comes with lettuce and cheese.

I Am Catholic meets next Sunday, January 27 at the SN Parish Center Hall at 6:00pm.

Freshmen Christian Formation meets at Holy Family next Sunday, January 27; Sophomores meet at St. Nicholas.

Many families signed up at Remind.com in order to receive text or email messages regarding Christian Formation. Verizon will soon begin charging you for this service. Please contact Verizon and ask them to reconsider this change.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 10, 2019. All "encountered" couples are invited to attend the celebration

hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul, Parish, Ottawa. Mass will be celebrated at 3:00pm at St. Peter & Paul with a dinner and dance to follow from 4:30-8:00pm at the Ottawa K of C Hall. Pre-sale tickets are \$30 per couple. For tickets, contact Harold & Mary Jane Kaufman, 419-876-3541 or Jeff & Beth Steffan, 419-615-5258 by Monday, January 28, 2019. Anyone wishing to donate a door prize can bring the items the night of the celebration.



The Miller City-New Cleveland Local School District is creating an Academic Hall of Fame to honor its accomplished graduates. The Board of Education and Administration are searching for community members to serve on the Hall of Fame committee. Anyone interested in serving or in search of more information about the Hall of Fame and/or committee is invited to contact Mr. Kerry Johnson, Superintendent, at 419-876-3173.

Mustard Seed Gift Shop is looking for someone strong in heart, motivated, and reliable to be a sales clerk. The individual must be able to work Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Previous experience with a cash register helpful, but not necessary. If interested in joining a faith-filled team, email Julie Barlage before next Sunday, January 27, 2019 at mustardseedgiftshop.julie@gmail.com.