

**January 27, 2018
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>				<u>Weekday Readings</u>
Mon	Jan 28		No Scheduled Mass	Heb 9: 15, 24-28/Mk 3: 22-30
Tue	Jan 29	(SN) 8:00am	Liv & Dec'd Louis & Edith Barlage fams. Bill Barlage/ Exposition 4pm	Heb 10: 1-10/Mk 3: 31-35
Wed	Jan 30	(HF) 8:00am	Marilyn Inkrott/Exposition Closing 8pm	Heb 10: 11-18/Mk 4: 1-20
Thu	Jan 31	(HF) 6:30pm	Laurene Halm	Heb 10: 19-25/Mk 4: 21-25
Fri	Feb 1	(SN) 8:00am	Deacon Kenny Klear	Heb 10: 32-39/Mk 4: 26-34
Sat	Feb 2	(SN) 4:00pm	Henry, Kate, Ed & Marie Drummel Smith Neil Balbaugh/Kris Trip & Erford & Salome Oedy	
Sat	Feb 2	(HF) 7:00pm	For the Parish	<u>Sunday Readings</u>
Sun	Feb 3	(HF) 8:30am	Robert Schroeder	Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19/2Cor 12: 31-13: 13/
Sun	Feb 3	(SN) 10:30am	Mary Ida Schroeder	Lk 4: 21-30

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

In the late winter months last year, I had the privilege of attending a Mass and banquet for married couples that had participated in a Catholic Marriage Encounter weekend. I was happy to learn that a number of married couples in our parishes at Holy Family and St. Nicholas have been "encountered", as they say over the stretch of many years. During the course of the banquet meal, I was touched to hear the account of a married couple from our Northwest Ohio area explain a new arrangement how Marriage Encounter weekends might be experienced.

For many years, a husband and wife participating at a weekend encounter did so at a hotel, requiring an absence from home for an overnight stay. The leadership of Marriage Encounter would like to offer an alternative arrangement for married couples desiring to participate, but who would like to have the experience without a hotel overnight stay and the expense involved in doing so. A parish-based weekend encounter is being piloted in the Diocese of Toledo and St. Nicholas Parish has been invited to be the site to inaugurate to test this new arrangement. I believe it is timely and certainly a wonderful way to support and sustain the lives of husbands and wives in our parishes.

After hearing the presentation last winter, I was approached and asked by the presenting couple if the parishes I currently shepherd would be willing to pilot an encounter weekend at our St. Nicholas parish campus. I felt this was a grand opportunity to once again allow the Holy Spirit to spiritually renew the life of our parishes. So, having shared this good news with you this weekend, I am very happy and pleased to announce that a Marriage Encounter weekend has been scheduled at St. Nicholas on Saturday, March 30 and Sunday, March 31, 2019.

Information will be provided in the weekly bulletin these next weeks and months to prepare for this inaugural parish-based Marriage Encounter weekend. For me personally, the invitation to pilot such an event for our own parishioners only affirms in my mind the inspiration I find in the family life of our faith communities. It is my fervent prayer that many married couples in our parishes will want to participate in this unique opportunity.

This will definitely be a year of spiritual opportunities for us, as we are also preparing for our combined Lenten Parish Mission on March 10, 11 and 12, 2019 at Holy Family Church. Monsignor Dennis Metzger, current administrator of St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Parish in Toledo, will preach our 2019 Parish Mission on the topic: **Why am I Still Catholic?** Born in the rural Northwest Ohio town of Bethlehem and forty-five years of priestly service in the Diocese of Toledo, Monsignor Metzger will guide us through three evening presentations leading us to a greater appreciation for our Catholic faith in the midst of so many challenges in our times. Save the dates! May our good God bless you and keep you in his loving care these winter days.

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Sunday, January 20, Masses were cancelled due to snow emergency.

St. Nicholas:	Holy Family:
Regular: \$ 997.00	Regular: \$ 828.00
Fuel: 10.00	Holy Day: 10.00
Total: \$1,007.00	Total: \$ 838.00

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.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Anticipating the feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, throats will be blessed at the conclusion of all Lord's Day Masses next weekend, February 2 & 3, 2019

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.

Submarine sandwich order forms for February 3 are still being accepted until Friday, February 1. 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. Pick up next Sunday for those who ordered Subs is from 10-12 at the parish center. There will be extra available for purchase.

Husbands and wives ...there was a time when you would have put aside anything for a weekend alone with your spouse. It's time again! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend provides a chance for couples to spend time together, apart from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, with your focus on each other and your relationship. It's a time for you and your spouse to rediscover each other and to supercharge your relationship for an entire weekend. The two of you deserve it! You have a special opportunity to attend a WWME weekend right in your own parish family. The next weekend is going to be held at St. Nicholas Parish in Miller City, March 30-31, 2019. This weekend is for any married couples of the St. Nicholas and Holy Family parishes, whether married 1 year, 50+ years of anywhere in between. (It is an in-parish weekend, so rather than staying at a hotel, the presentations will be held at the parish and couples will return to their own homes to sleep Saturday night.) For information or to apply for a weekend, go to www.wwme.org or contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or bschroeder@bright.net.

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.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be celebrated on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2, 2019. Please pray for all consecrated women and men, especially in the Diocese of Toledo, and for vocations to the consecrated life. Bishop Daniel Thomas will celebrate Mass at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. All are invited to join the consecrated women and men of the Diocese for this special time of prayer.

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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP

Reminder for those attending the Junior High Gathering at Glandorf, St. John today, Sunday, January 27: Registration begins at 1:30 at the entrance to the gym (doors behind the flagpoles) of the old school. If you did not turn in a form, you may still attend. The fee is \$10.

All Junior High Christian Formation students meet this Wednesday, January 30.

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.

I Am Catholic meets today, January 27 at the SN Parish Center Hall at 6:00pm. Adoration follows in church at 7:00.

Senior Christian Formation meets at Holy Family next Sunday, February 3; Juniors 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.

The Putnam County Community Thrift Store (PCCTS) needs help to recycle metal. On Saturday February 9, 2019 from 8:30 AM to noon, volunteers will tear apart items for recycling of the metal components. The funds generated by the sale of the components are used to purchase food for the store's food pantry. All funds generated by your volunteerism help people in Putnam County. For details and to sign up for this volunteer opportunity contact Tim Macke, 419-969-0211, macketim@gmail.com or Ted Macke, 419-615-2891.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: SCHROEDER MASONRY: Commercial and residential brickwork. Call Tim Schroeder at 943-2271