

**February 17, 2019  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</b>				<b>Weekday Readings</b>
Mon	Feb 18		No Scheduled Mass	Gn 4: 1-15, 25/Mk 8: 11-13
Tue	Feb 19	(SN) 8:00am	Marilyn Frederick/Exposition 4pm	Gn 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10/Mk 8: 14-21
Wed	Feb 20	(HF) 8:00am	Rita J. Singler/Exposition Closing 8pm	Gn 8: 6-13, 20-22/Mk 8: 22-26
Thu	Feb 21	(Mead)2:00pm	Mass at the Meadows of Ottawa	
Thu	Feb 21	(HF) 6:30pm	No Scheduled Intention	Gn 9: 1-13/Mk 8: 27-33
Fri	Feb 22	(SN) 8:00am	Sarah Erford/Frances Meyer (anniv)	1Pt 5: 1-4/Mt 16: 13-19
Sat	Feb 23	(SN) 4:00pm	Melvin Wagner/Kris Tripp & Norbert and Dorothy Verhoff	
Sat	Feb 23	(HF) 7:00pm	For the Parish	<b>Sunday Readings</b>
Sun	Feb 24	(HF) 8:30am	Elmer Gable	1Sm 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/
Sun	Feb 24	(SN) 10:30am	For the Parish	1Cor 15: 45-49/Lk 6: 27-38

*From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

Last September, Pope Francis announced that he was convening the presidents of the world's bishops conferences, the heads of the Eastern Catholic churches and representatives of the leadership groups of men's and women's religious orders to the Vatican to address the world-wide crisis of sexual abuse. At the time of that announcement, three words dominated Vatican news releases regarding the purpose of the event: "responsibility, accountability and transparency".

The "summit", an unprecedented gathering in our time and perhaps the history of the Catholic Church, will begin this Thursday, February 21 and conclude on Sunday, February 24. Four days is hardly a significant amount of time given the length and severity of the issue bringing global church representatives together in one location. Hopefully, the summit will be just the beginning of many meetings to address this moral concern and how the Church will maintain its vigilant resolve to oversee the protection of youth and vulnerable adults.

Another hope many have expressed during the preparatory sessions for the Summit is the disciplinary measures the Church needs to have in place for those who knowingly obscured transparency in these situations and a protocol when the one committing such heinous acts is a high ranking prelate. Hopefully, we have learned. Hopefully, our leadership in the Church will be more attentive. Hopefully, all of us will be more attuned to the care and protection of our youth and vulnerable adults.

One might think that any church group or organization would be a safe-haven against immoral acts, but it has become exceedingly clear that this setting has become Satan's lair as well. The way to embrace the challenge is to be more attentive to the care of the innocent and vulnerable in our midst and to report to the proper authorities any behaviors that give the impression of impropriety. Sadly, like our own communities where people trust so well and believe in the Catholic faith so deeply, we all need to be aware that our setting is not spared or insulated from evil acts. In our diocese, efforts have been made and continue to be implemented to assure the protection of youth and vulnerable adults. In our own parishes, any employee or volunteer working with youth is required to be trained and certified in working with said individuals. It is hard to believe that we find ourselves having to undergo such measures, but the climate of society today, regardless where we live, work and pray, warrants this kind of attention and security.

I hope you will join me this week, especially Thursday, February 21 to Sunday, February 24, in praying hard for Pope

Francis and the bishops and leaders gathering in Rome, that these few days will, in fact, strengthen the resolve and hope of the Church globally to a greater RESPONSIBILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY. May God bless each of you these winter days.

*Monsignor Singler*

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS  
February 9 & 10, 2019**

<b>St. Nicholas:</b>	<b>Holy Family:</b>
Regular: \$3,966.00	Regular: \$2,565.10
Fuel: 95.00	Fuel: 60.00
<b>Total: \$4,061.00</b>	<b>Total: \$2,625.10</b>

*Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.*

**NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR CONFIRMANDS**

**Join the parishes of Holy Family and St. Nicholas for a Novena Prayer for Confirmands starting this Friday, February 22-March 2, 2019. Check the flyer in today's bulletin for details. Our eighth-grade women and men will be confirmed by Bishop Daniel Thomas on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo. Please keep them, their sponsors and families in your daily prayers during the novena.**

St. Nicholas Choir will meet for practice Monday, February 25 & Monday, March 4 to prepare for Ash Wednesday Mass.

Holy Family and St. Nicholas ladies are invited to the combined annual Altar Rosary Wine & Cheese Party on Monday, March 4 at 6:00pm at Holy Family Parish Hall.

**SN/HF Youth Group's annual Soup Supper** will be this 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 invite your family and friends. Take out will be available. Cost is by donation which supports Youth Group activities. A limited number of bags of Caramel Corn will also be available for purchase.

### **CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP**

The special session for Confirmation at the SN Parish Center Hall is next Sunday, February 24, following the 10:30am Lord's Day Mass at St. Nicholas. Lunch will be served so students need to register by Wednesday, February 20 and also remember to bring their books. This session will conclude at 2:00pm.

All Junior High Christian Formation students will meet this Wednesday, February 20.

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

Junior and Senior Christian Formation meet today, Sunday, February 17. Freshmen and Sophomore Christian Formation meet next Sunday February 24.

Parent meeting for First Communion is today, Sunday Feb. 17 at 2:00pm at the Parish Center.

Youth Group meets today Sunday, February 17 at 6:00pm. I Am Catholic meets next Sunday, February 24 at 6:00.

**St. George Deanery Senior Citizen Prom** will be Sunday, March 17 at the Kalida Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors will open at 4:00pm. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm. Wear your green, come and enjoy good food, entertainment, games and door prizes. This is a free event for everyone (age 21-99), sponsored by the Youth Ministers and High School Students of the St. George Deanery. Donations will be accepted. Please RSVP by calling the Parish Office, 419-876-3481 by Monday, March 4.

St. Nicholas Altar Rosary Society members are selling raffle tickets for a doll house and barn made by SN parishioner Larry Niese. Tickets are \$5.00 each and \$10.00 for 3 tickets. Proceeds for this fundraiser will be used to purchase new Mass vestments for St. Nicholas Parish. You may purchase tickets from any Altar Rosary officer, at Mack & Rita's, the Pit Stop or at the Parish Office. Drawing for the barn will take place at the Men of All Ages Dinner on Sunday, March 17, 2019; drawing for the doll house will be at the Ladies of All Ages Dinner on Sunday, April 28, 2019.

**The Men of All Ages Meal** will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall on Sunday, March 17, following the 10:30am Lord's Day Mass. Adult meals are \$7 and children under 10 are \$4. Sign-up sheets are in the back of both churches. Please sign up by Sunday, March 10 if you are able to attend. This meal is for men and boys of both parishes. Your fathers, sons, grandsons, fathers-in-law and sons-in-law are invited to attend also, even if they are from a different parish.

**Ottawa Knights of Columbus Chicken and Fish Fry** will be held this Friday, February 22 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Ottawa. Meals will be served 4:30PM – 7:00PM.

**DYNAMIC CATHOLIC.** For the month of February, our parishes received CDs entitled *Faith, Family, & Work* by John Abbate and Audio Books entitled *Rediscover Jesus, An Invitation* by Matthew Kelly. Copies are at entrances of St Nicholas and Holy Family Churches. They are yours to keep or to pass on. Any questions, please contact Julie Barlage at [julie@tawamulch.com](mailto:julie@tawamulch.com) or 419-303-5366.

### **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU**

**Holy Family Parish acknowledges with profound gratitude an anonymous restricted gift of \$13,000 from a Holy Family parishioner designated to underwrite the expenses incurred to install the new water well system. Many thanks and prayers to the good Lord for this parishioner!**

CLC Council 215 is offering a monetary scholarship to a qualifying student that is a member of Council 215. Deadline to apply is February 28. Call Pat at 419-235-1991, for qualifications or to get your application.

Mustard Seed Gift Shop, located behind St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glandorf, has a beautiful selection of First Communion Dresses and Veils in stock. They will also be hosting a First Communion Dress Resale this year, with all donations from the sale supporting HOLY FAMILY RADIO. The sale will be Tuesday, March 5, 2019 - Saturday, March 9, 2019. For more information like "Mustard Seed Gift Shop" on Facebook or call 419-538-7220.

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](http://www.wwme.org) or contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or [bschroeder@bright.net](mailto:bschroeder@bright.net).

**Cub Scout Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale** will be Sunday, March 24, at the St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall from 10:30am-1:00pm. The meal includes ½ chicken, green beans, applesauce and roll for \$8. Meals are \$6.50 and 50/50 tickets are available for \$1 or 6/\$5. Pack 207 will be selling tickets after Lord's Day Masses at St. Nicholas on February 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)** is a dynamic life-giving experience designed for high school juniors and seniors. 2019 TEC Schedule is Ladies: March 2-3; Gentlemen: February 23-25; March 23-25; and April 27-28. For more information contact Richard Maume, 419-214-4923 or register online at <http://TEC.DioceseOfToledo.org>.

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