

March 3, 2019
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK				Weekday Readings
Mon	Mar 4		No Scheduled Mass	Sir 17: 20-24/Mk 10: 17-27
Tue	Mar 5	(SN) 8:00am	Laurene Halm/Exposition 4pm	Sir 35: 1-12/Mk 10: 28-31
Wed	Mar 6	(SN) 8:00am	Ash Wednesday – Father Bob DeSloover	Jl 2: 12-18/2Cor 5:20-6:2
Wed	Mar 6	(HF) 5:00pm	Ash Wednesday – Liv & Dec'd Krietemeyer & Lammers families	Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
Wed	Mar 6	(SN) 7:00pm	Rita J. Singler	
Thu	Mar 7	(HF) 6:30pm	Father Tony Borgia	Dt 30: 15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Fri	Mar 8	(SN) 8:00am	Marilyn Frederick	Is 58: 1-9a/Mt 9: 14-15
Fri	Mar 8	(SN) 7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat	Mar 9	(SN) 4:00pm	Rita Hermiller (anniv) and Liv & Dec'd Hermiller-Lammers fam/Don & Mary Noirot/ Brenda Scheckelhoff/Dolores Meyer & Liv & Dec'd Meyer family	
Sat	Mar 9	(HF) 7:00pm	Walter Weskiel	Sunday Readings
Sun	Mar 10	(HF) 8:30am	Tom Deitering & Deitering-Kaple families	Dt 26: 4-10/Rom 10: 8-13
Sun	Mar 10	(SN) 10:30am	For the Parish	Lk 4: 1-13

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I am sure we have all heard the saying “when it rains, it pours”. Referring to many things that can happen all at once or in close proximity from one development to another, I personally felt as if I were in a severe rain storm this past week. Fr. Bob DeSloover’s death and funeral services, preparations for the Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign this weekend, the start of the Lenten Season this approaching Wednesday, the closing on the sale of my parent’s home in Sandusky have been weighing on my heart. Another more pressing matter, however, developed this past week and will affect the daily operation at our parishes.

On Friday, February 22, Sue Wenzinger informed me of her intention to resign as parish secretary effective Friday, March 8. She explained to me that after 24 years of service to the parish in this capacity it seemed appropriate now to step aside and try something different. I am most appreciative of the work Sue has undertaken for our parishes these many years and the hours of work she has provided in being the “voice” of St. Nicholas and Holy Family parishes on the phone and her oversight in maintaining the office activities of the combined parish office.

Working in the service of the Church is no easy task and deserves some sort of recognition. At her request, Sue wishes to depart her position without ceremony, with no public recognition or party. I asked if our parishes could offer her a recognition similar to the one we provided Jane Kuhlman around the Christmas holiday. She said that would be fine. So, we will be placing designated envelope boxes in the back of our parish churches to accept your cards and letters of gratitude to Sue Wenzinger these next weeks.

Obviously, Sue’s notice offers a limited amount of time in securing the permanent services of a new parish secretary so I have chosen to appoint Holy Family parishioner Melanie Schroeder as our interim parish secretary. This “interim” position will be three to four months in length. Melanie has accepted this appointment and will have begun working with Sue Wenzinger by the time of publishing this weekly bulletin. The interim parish secretary position these next several months will give us time to review the position, make changes to the job

description if needed and allow time for any interested persons to formally apply for the permanent position. We will publish the opening of the permanent position and application requirements in a future weekend bulletin.

The rain may feel like it’s pouring at times, but God’s guidance and prompting are the mainstay through our journey through life. The same is true of our parish life. As we offer prayers of gratitude to God for the service of Sue Wenzinger these past 22 years, we wish her well in her future endeavors. May our good God bless Melanie Schroeder as she assumes the interim role of parish secretary these next several months. Please pray for the review and search that will soon be underway for our parishes. A blessed and fruitful Lent to all of you.

Monsignor Singler

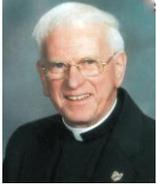
WEEKLY OFFERINGS			
February 23 & 24, 2019			
St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	\$3,413.50	Regular:	\$4,131.00
Fuel:	40.00	Fuel:	20.00
Total:	\$3,453.50	Total:	\$4,151.00

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.

Holy Family and St. Nicholas combined annual Altar Rosary Wine & Cheese Party is tomorrow, Monday, March 4 at 6:00pm at Holy Family Parish Hall. If you would like to attend please contact Jodi Niese 419-890-7129.

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

Cantors Needed! Would you be interested in sharing your singing talent? Holy Family Parish can use your help as a cantor/song leader. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Schnipke 419-876-3233.



**Rest in Peace
Fr. A. Robert DeSloover
1936-2019**

A special message of gratitude is extended to all St. Nicholas and Holy Family Parishioners for the care and kindness extended to our former pastor, Fr. Robert DeSloover during his illness these past years. Thanks is also extended to those who prepared the desserts for the funeral luncheon or had a special role and service in the celebration of his Funeral Mass.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP

Junior High Christian Formation students will meet Wednesday, March 13. Eighth graders will meet from 6-8 at St. Nicholas Parish Center hall. There are no classes on Ash Wednesday this week.

Freshmen and Sophomore Christian Formation meet next Sunday, March 10.

Our next Youth Group meeting is Sunday, March 17 from 7:00-8:00pm at the Parish Center hall.

Holy Family CLC will meet March 14, 2019 at 7:00pm at Holy Family Parish Hall. We will be addressing several annual topics and would like your input. CLC cookbooks are on sale at \$10. each. New Cleveland Council #215 is accepting new members or transfers from inactive councils. Questions call Pat 419-235-1991.

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 \$8 and children under 10 are \$6. 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.

Putnam County Right to Life will meet this Tuesday, March 5, at St Michael's Parish Center, Kalida. For more information contact Ann Warnecke malw@bright.net

BAPTISMAL CLASS: All first-time parents, and parents expecting their first child from St. Nicholas and Holy Family are required (per diocesan policy) to attend Baptismal Instructions. The next class will be held on Sunday Morning, April 28, 2019, from 9:30am to 11:15am in the Religious Ed Center at Holy Family New Cleveland. These classes are held twice a year and the next one will be scheduled in October 2019. Please call the Parish Office (419-876-3481) or Marty Schroeder (419-943-3767) to register, ask questions or for more details and information.

Ottawa Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be held this Friday, March 8, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Ottawa. Meals will be served 4:30PM – 7:00PM.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

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. 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 bcschroeder@bright.net.

Cub Scout Pack 207 Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale will be Sunday March 24. Serving will be at SN Parish Hall from 11am to 1pm. ½ Chicken, Green Beans, Applesauce, Roll will be \$8. Leg Quarter meals are \$6.50 and 50/50 tickets are also available for \$1 or 6/\$5. Proceeds help our scouts do great things like campouts and spending the night in dark, scary caves! Call or Txt Jeff DeMuth at 419-890-9045 with questions or to order tickets.

MCNC High School presents Beauty and the Beast on Friday, March 15 & Saturday, March 16, at 7:30pm and Sunday, March 17, 3:30pm in the Miller City New Cleveland School Cafetorium. All tickets are \$8 at the door.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: THE SILER PIT STOP CARRY OUT: Ed & Jenny Siler have a full line of party supplies, beer, pop, groceries and goodies. Fresh made Pizza. Call 876-3700.