

November 11, 2018
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>					<u>Weekday Readings</u>
Mon	Nov 12			No Scheduled Mass	Ti 1: 1-9/Lk 17: 1-6
Tue	Nov 13	(SN)	8:00am	Liv & Dec'd Fred Leis family	
				Mary Noirot/Exposition Closing 4pm	Ti 2: 1-8, 11-14/Lk 17: 7-10
Wed	Nov 14	(HF)	8:00am	Rita J. Singler/Exposition Closing 8pm	Ti 3: 1-7/Lk 17: 11-19
Thu	Nov 15	(HF)	6:30pm	Laurene Halm	Phlm 7: 20/Lk 17: 20-25
Fri	Nov 16	(SN)	8:00am	Dec'd Members of Altar Rosary	2Jn 4-9/Lk 17: 26-37
Sat	Nov 17	(SN)	1:00pm	Wedding- Jessica Nienberg & Jonathon Eiden	
Sat	Nov 17	(SN)	4:00pm	Lavon Leis/Paul Niese/Neil Balbaugh	
Sat	Nov 17	(HF)	7:00pm	For the Parish	<u>Sunday Readings</u>
Sun	Nov 18	(HF)	8:30am	For the Parish	Dn 12: 1-3/Heb 10: 11-14, 18/
Sun	Nov 18	(SN)	10:30am	Elnora Ruhe/Dick & Sarah Barlage/ John & Rena Kruse/Dick, Bill, Steve & Becky Warnimont	Mk 13: 24-32

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

As I was offering my personal prayers before the Blessed Sacrament during our statewide Holy Hour for Vocations this past Wednesday at Holy Family Church, I could not help but to recall a recent experience I had when eight young men from our parishes, high school and college aged, joined me for a dinner with Bishop Daniel Thomas at Immaculate Conception Parish in Ottoville. Popularly known as the "Andrew Dinner" because of St. Andrew's role in introducing his brother Simon Peter to Jesus, these scheduled events which incorporate prayer, a meal and presentation on vocational call with Bishop Daniel Thomas, provide a non-threatening setting to talk about a very important topic: discipleship and following Jesus Christ.

Having just completed the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week, I am mindful of the important work we all have in virtue of our membership in the Church to encourage our young people to consider a lifetime commitment to serve as priests and consecrated religious. The climate in the Catholic Church these days may have many wondering why a young man or woman would want to serve in such a capacity given the scandal experienced in our country and abroad by clerical improprieties. I hope that the sin of a few would not dissuade anyone from following the Lord's personal call to them to serve. The scandals that have plagued the Church in recent time express that the Church herself is broken and that we are in constant need of God's mercy and healing. Over the ages of time, the Church has embraced the sad presence of scandals and has risen above the fray of Satan's will to bring her down.

I would like to think that the next generation of priests who will be ordained to serve us will be the ones to assist in restoring the trust the people of God might have in their priests and religious. Our prayer ought to be that God call these courageous men to a strong spiritual life and union with Jesus Christ; that they hold in the depth of their hearts a desire to bring souls to Christ and to accompany them with a witness of faith that is wholesome and pure.

I firmly believe that Holy Family and St. Nicholas Parishes have in their midst potential candidates for the priesthood and religious life. I am most certain that each of the eight men who attended the recent Andrew Dinner with me possess the character and traits of candidates who could very well be called to serve Jesus Christ and his Church as priests. You might be interested in knowing that Fr. Philip Smith, our diocesan Director of Priestly Vocations, has asked that St. Nicholas Parish be one of the sites for the fall Andrew Dinner in 2019. Of course, we have accepted the invitation.

God bless you and your families these November days.

Monsignor Singler

WEEKLY OFFERINGS			
November 3 & 4			
St. Nicholas:		Holy Family:	
Regular:	\$3,472.85	Regular:	\$3,008.00
Fuel:	195.00	Fuel:	410.00
Holy Day:	1,371.00	Holy Day:	567.00
Total:	\$5,038.85	Total:	\$3,985.00

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.

St. Nicholas Parish Choir will practice tomorrow, Monday, November 12 at 7:00 PM in the church choir loft.

Extra Pictorial Directories may be purchased for \$10. Each family who had their photo taken will receive a free Pictorial Directory. If you would like to purchase an additional directory, please put your designated funds in an envelope marked "Pictorial Directory" and forward to the Parish Office or drop in the weekly collection. Please be sure to indicate your name and the number of directories you wish to purchase.

Holy Family Altar Rosary "Bakeless Bake Sale" is underway. Please have your donations turned in by next Sunday, November 18. You may place your donations in the offertory during Mass or mail them to St. Nicholas Parish Center, PO Box 40, Miller City, OH 45864, Attn: Holy Family Altar Rosary "Bakeless Bake Sale"

CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP

All Junior High Christian Formation classes meet this week, November 14, from 7-8pm at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall. All parents of junior high students are to meet in St. Nicholas Church for a presentation by the Culture Project.

Juniors meet next Sunday, November 18, at St. Nicholas from 8:30-10:15. Seniors meet next Sunday, November 18, at Holy Family from 9:30-11:15. Freshmen meet today, Sunday, November 11 at Holy Family; Sophomores meet today, Sunday, November 11 at St. Nicholas.

I Am Catholic meets next Sunday, November 18 at 6:00pm in SN Parish Center; please remember your books.

St. Nicholas/Holy Family Youth Group is hosting this year's St. George Deanery Winter Fun Day on December 27, 2018. Registration forms are available from any Youth Council Officer, Deb Wehri or the parish website (stnicholasholyfamily.org).

Advance thanks to all who supported our Veterans' Day Dinner today from 4:30PM-6:30PM. Our next "event" is our Holiday Candy Sale. Order forms are in today's bulletin.

Please keep our second-grade parishioners in prayer as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Tuesday, November 13 at Holy Family Church at 6:30pm.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC. For the month of November, our parishes received CDs entitled *The Jesus Question* by Matthew Kelly and books entitled *Confessions of a Mega Church Pastor* by Allen R. Hunt. Copies will be placed at entrances of St Nicholas and Holy Family churches. We do not need these copies back. They are yours to keep or to pass on. Any questions, please contact Julie Barlage at julie@tawamulch.com or 419-303-5366.

St. Nicholas Altar Rosary Christmas Party is Monday, November 26 at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall. The evening will start with Mass at 6:00pm Mass in St. Nicholas Church. Please indicate your participation on the signup sheet in the back of St. Nicholas Church. The cost for the meal is \$8.00.

World Day of Cloistered Life will be observed on November 21, 2018 (Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary). The Church Universal will celebrate World Day of Cloistered Life, a yearly commemoration for Catholics worldwide, recognizing the inestimable gift of the hidden lives of contemplative religious in cloisters and monasteries. Kindly remember in prayer the Sisters of the Visitation, who themselves have resided in and prayed daily for all the lay faithful, consecrated religious, deacons, priests and bishops of the Diocese of Toledo for over 100 years. May they continue to be enriched by the blessings of the Lord and know of our prayers and gratitude for their consecrated witness.

An hour-long Prayer Vigil for Life will be held this Wednesday, November 14 at Capital Care Network, Toledo's last remaining abortion clinic, 1160 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH at 6:00pm. Join us as we pray and seek

God's grace that the 15 children scheduled to be aborted that week might be spared and given the gift of life! For more information, contact Peter Range, at prange@toledodiocese.org or 419-214-4933.

Join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas next Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018 for an ecumenical Prayer Vigil for Life from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., at St. Francis De Sales Chapel, 501 Cherry Street in Toledo. Following the Prayer Vigil, Bishop Thomas will lead a Procession to ProMedica Headquarters, 100 Madison Avenue in Toledo. The prayer vigil is being held to peacefully protest the transfer agreement ProMedica signed in February, 2018, with Capital Care Network, Toledo's only abortion facility. Over 13,000 signatures support asking ProMedica's President/CEO Randy Oostra and the ProMedica Board of Directors to reconsider this transfer agreement. You may sign the petition at www.petition.life which states: "I believe a prestigious healthcare provider like ProMedica should not support an abortion facility that ENDS life rather than SUSTAINS it."

Glandorf St. John's Advent by Candlelight Presents Pat Oedy-Murray speaking on "The Virtues of Advent" Sunday, Nov. 25th @ 7:00pm. All women are invited. If you are interested in hosting a table, or attending, or hearing more about this event, please contact Jeanette @ 419-890-3724 or email jmschroeder51@gmail.com.

The Lima Chapter of Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, will be held on December 1, at the Old Barn Out Back, Lima, OH. The speaker will be Ellen R. Millott author of the spiritual fiction novel *Full of Clover*. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Please call Kay Smith at 419-339-8971 by November 28, 2018. Cost is \$10.00 (which includes: breakfast, speaker, and handouts)

Handel's Messiah returns to the glorious acoustic of Rosary Cathedral on Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 P.M. The Toledo Symphony Orchestra joins forces with local choirs and international vocalists in this holiday tradition. Last year's performance was sold out, so contact the TSO box office to reserve your tickets today! For tickets call: (419) 246-8000 or visit www.toledosymphony.org

Ottawa Knights of Columbus will have a Chicken/Fish Fry this Friday, November 16 from 4:30PM-7:00PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Ottawa. Dine in or carry out.

The Ottawa Knights of Columbus would like to remind their members of the annual Memorial Mass for deceased members this Thursday, November 15, at 7:00 P.M at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Ottawa.

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:
COMPLIMENTS OF MACK & RITA'S: Beer and liquor and steaks and sandwiches. Miller City. Jackie Verhoff, owner. PH: 876-3571