

**November 25, 2018  
Our Lord Jesus Christ  
King of the Universe**

<u><b>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</b></u>					<u><b>Weekday Readings</b></u>
Mon	Nov 26	(SN)	6:00pm	Liv & Dec'd Altar Rosary members	Rv 14: 1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21: 1-4
Tue	Nov 27	(SN)	8:00am	Rita J. Singler/Exposition Closing 4pm	Rv 14: 14-19/Lk 21: 5-11
Wed	Nov 28	(HF)	8:00am	Rev. Dennis Schroeder/Exposition Closing 8pm	Rv 15: 1-4/Lk 21: 12-19
Thu	Nov 29	(HF)	6:30pm	Marilyn Inkrott	Rv 18: 1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a
Fri	Nov 30	(SN)	8:00am	Amy Snavly	Rom 10: 9-18/Mt 4: 18-22
Sat	Dec 1	(SN)	4:00pm	Walter Weskiel/ Mary Jane Miller/ Chuck & Nick Niese/ Jim & Ron Schnipke & Liv & Dec'd Schnipke family	
Sat	Dec 1	(HF)	7:00pm	For the Parish	<u><b>Sunday Readings</b></u>
Sun	Dec 2	(HF)	8:30am	Edward H. Mary C Meyer	Jer 33: 14-16/1Thes 3:12—4:2/
Sun	Dec 2	(SN)	10:30am	Alvin & Mary Konst/Melvin Wagner	Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36

*From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

Today we culminate the entire liturgical year, one of a number of seasons, solemnities, feasts and memorials, with the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is the Church's way of saying that all we have prayed for in the liturgical year is summarized in one singular fact: Jesus Christ is the King of all Creation. There is no other feast, season or commemoration that expresses this truth more directly and succinctly than today's solemnity. And in our ending of the liturgical year today, we know that our faith beckons us to look forward to another year of God's grace in our personal lives, our families and our parishes.

Next weekend, we begin the preparatory season of Advent. This holy time invites us to align our hearts for two important events: the birthday of our Savior Jesus on Christmas and to await patiently for his Second Coming promised long ago. These two realities go hand in hand and complement each other. I hope you will make every spiritual effort this Advent to prepare for these important events.

Our parishes are promoting several spiritual initiatives during the season of Advent to assist you in preparing for the Lord's coming at Christmas and at the end of time. Back by popular demand, I am supporting and encouraging individuals and families to participate in the daily Advent meditations offered by Dynamic Catholic called Best Advent Ever. This on-line service is an easy connection. Simply go to the website: **BestAdventEver.com** There you will find a treasure trove of daily spiritual meditations to guide your Advent journey to Christmas. I highly recommend it!

So as to offer anyone interested in the origin and theological foundation of the Advent season and Christmas feasts, I will be leading a single, one time evening reflective session for adults at Holy Family Parish Hall on Thursday, December 13 at 7:15 pm. We will explore the contributions of Christian theologians and the Catholic Church over the ages in establishing these two important liturgical seasons.

As we have made available in year's past, the **Little Blue Book** from the Diocese of Saginaw, MI is now available for the taking this weekend in the entryways of

our churches. These written meditations are a fine way to devote some daily reflection to the spirit of the season.

Paramount to any spiritual initiative, we will have scheduled times throughout the season of Advent to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we have been hearing these last days of the liturgical year during Sunday Masses the call to preparedness for the Lord's return at the end of time, one of the most significant ways to do so is with a clean and pure soul. Going to confession is our "check and balance" with the Lord so that he will find us ready to embrace the fulfillment of the world. We can never be too ready! A mailing will soon be coming to all registered parishioners with the complete schedule for confessions and the holiday services we will be celebrating in our parishes. We will also have those times posted in our weekly bulletin.

Finally, perhaps this year we might add one further task to our Advent preparations for Christmas and that is to pray for one another, especially for those among us who are troubled on many fronts, some that may involve family or work related issues. You can certainly be assured of my continued daily remembrance for each of you and your families this approaching Advent season.

*Monsignor Singler*

<b>WEEKLY OFFERINGS</b>			
<b>November 10 &amp; 11</b>			
<b>St. Nicholas:</b>			<b>Holy Family:</b>
Regular:	\$3,781.00	Regular:	\$2,885.00
Fuel:	40.00	Fuel:	10.00
Cemetery Fund:	145.00	Cemetery Fund:	35.00
CCHD:	225.00	CCHD:	310.00
		Holy Day:	10.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,191.00</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,250.00</b>
<i>Thank you for your generosity and support of our parishes.</i>			

St. Nicholas Parish Choir will practice Monday, December 3 at 7:00 PM in the church choir loft.

**Holy Family Cemetery Annual Fall Cleanup is underway.** Please remove any items you want to keep by December 15. After this date any items still in the cemetery will be discarded.

**St. Nicholas Altar Rosary has adopted two families for Christmas through the Putnam County Crime Victim Services. A Christmas tree with gift tags for suggested items has been placed by the St. Nicholas statue in church. If you would like to help bring the joy of the Christ Child to someone in need, please take a gift tag, purchase that item, gift wrap, and attach your gift tag to the wrapped gift. Place gifts by the Blessed Virgin altar in the sanctuary of the church. In lieu of cash donations, please give in the form of a gift card. The deadline for collection is Sunday, December 9. Thank you and God bless you for your support.**



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

All Junior High Christian Formation students meet this week, Wednesday, November 28.

Juniors meet next Sunday, December 2, at St. Nicholas from 8:30-10:15. Seniors meet next Sunday, December 2, at Holy Family from 9:30-11:15. There are no High School Christian Formation classes this weekend.

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).

Please continue to send in your order forms for our Holiday Candy Sale. Additional order forms are in the back of each church or on our combined parish website.

The annual Youth Group Christmas Caroling at The Meadows of Ottawa is next Sunday, December 2. All who wish to participate should meet at Holy Family at 5pm. We will eat at McDonald's after caroling.

Holy Family CLC/Altar Rosary Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 10 at 6:00pm at Holy Family Parish Hall. The cost of the meal is \$6.00 and includes chicken breast, California blend vegetables, cranberry salad, and peppermint ice cream with a wafer. Sign up sheets are on the back table at Holy Family Church. Deadline to sign up is December 3. Donated baked items for prizes for the BINGO game are appreciated.

CAP (Cancer Assistance Program) Bingo has been rescheduled for this Thursday, November 29 at Leipsic Eagles. Doors open at 6:00pm. Bingo begins at 7:00pm. Participants must be 16 years old to play. All proceeds are used to assist cancer patients in Putnam County.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:**  
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#### **CORRECTION**

**Practice for the Christmas Program at Holy Family is scheduled FRIDAY, December 28 from 9:00am-12:00 noon at Holy Family Church for all participants. (There will be no practice on Wednesday, December 27 as previously noted in the letter sent to parents). The Christmas Program will take place that same evening Friday, December 29 at 7:00pm Please contact Ann Westrick with questions -- 419-943-4114.**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Reflections on the Liturgical Seasons of Advent & Christmas with Msgr. Singler, Thursday, December 13 at Holy Family Parish (7:15pm-8:30pm) ONE SESSION, ONE NIGHT ONLY.

St. Nicholas Parish RECTORY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE is Sunday, December 16 from 2:00pm-5:00pm. Invite your family and friends from neighboring parishes to this holiday treat! Anyone wishing to donate cookies for the open house please call the Parish Office.

Kindly remember in prayer all our Priests serving in the Diocese of Toledo, as they gather on Monday, December 3 for the annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through our prayers, may the Lord grant them grace, peace, renewed fidelity, and the consolation of his presence.

**Support the Retirement Fund for Religious.** A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

#### **2019 March for Life**



Interested in attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 18, 2019? Join the College and Young Adult bus trip sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo! The trip is only \$192, but for college students there is a special discounted price of \$132! Our trip includes two nights in the Marriott Hotel in Downtown Washington, D.C., as well as free time to tour the city. We depart Thursday, January 17, at 3pm and will return Saturday evening, January 19. Payments by check can be made out and mailed to Catholic Charities, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo with "March for Life" in the memo line. Be sure to include name, email, cell phone and rooming preferences. If you have any questions, contact Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice, at [prange@toledodiocese.org](mailto:prange@toledodiocese.org) or call 419-214-4933. Deadline to register is Friday, December 14.