

**March 17, 2019**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</b>				<b>Weekday Readings</b>
Mon	Mar 18		No Scheduled Mass	Dn 9: 4b-10/Lk 6: 36-38
Tue	Mar 19 (SN)	8:00am	Rev. Dennis Schroeder/Exposition Closing 4pm	2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22/Lk 2:41-51a
Tue	Mar 19 (SN)	7:00pm	Combined Parish Penance Service	Jer 18: 18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Wed	Mar 20 (HF)	8:00am	Rita J. Singler/Jerry Inkrott/ Exposition Closing 8pm	Jer: 17: 5-10/Lk 16: 19-31
Thu	Mar 21 (HF)	6:30pm	Alvera Verhoff	Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46
Fri	Mar 22 (SN)	8:00am	Jim Murray	
Fri	Mar 22 (SN)	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Sat	Mar 23 (SN)	4:00pm	Don and Mary Noiroi/Lawrence Hermiller Family/ Paul and Lucille Schroeder/Allan Brown	
Sat	Mar 23 (HF)	7:00pm	For The Parish	<b>Sunday Readings</b>
Sun	Mar 24 (HF)	8:30am	Elmer Gable/Elmer Tobe	Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12
Sun	Mar 24 (SN)	10:30am	Urban and Frances Meyer/Bill Barlage/ Jim Steffen	Lk 13: 1-9

*From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

The Second Sunday of Lent finds us standing in view of Our Lord transfigured before the eyes of three of his closest confidants – Peter, James and John. We are told in the gospel account of St. Luke that “while he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white” and that two Old Testament figures, Moses (representing the Law) and Elijah (representing the prophetic messages of faith) appeared with Jesus in glory. You can imagine the impact that moment had on the apostles. They wanted to savor the moment by erecting three tents for these three glorified persons.

The whole point behind the miracle of the transfiguration was not that tents were to be built on a mountainside, but that the true message of why Christ came into the world was once again made clear. Jesus was foreshadowing his pending death and resurrection. This miracle on the mountain was really a matter of making clear that the ways of the past, manifested in the persons of Moses and Elijah, were taking on a new significance. Jesus himself would become the New Covenant established between God and the human race. Jesus himself became the fulfillment of the Law and the message spoken by the Prophets.

This is an important understanding of faith and certainly offers our Lenten observance with faith-filled insight. To think of Jesus in his glory, realizing that the way to that transfigured image – through the passion, death and resurrection – gives hope in the darkness of this mortal life. It is to say that our journey through life is not all doom and gloom, but by casting our eyes on the glorified Jesus on the tree of life, His cross united with our crosses in life, we are brought to the same glory. We know that glory to be heaven.

Lent is a sobering time when we are brought to consider many things about ourselves. Most of all, it moves us to change ourselves; to be “transfigured” to the

glory of the one who did it all for our sake. When we find ourselves in this situation of changing our ways from darkness to light, sin to virtue, or brokenness to wholeness, only then will the voice in the cloud be made clearer to us: “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

*Monsignor Singler*

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

<b>St. Nicholas:</b>	<b>Holy Family:</b>
Regular: \$3,872.00	Regular: \$4,034.65
Fuel: 110.00	Fuel: 80.00
Ash Wednesday: 188.00	Ash Wednesday: 326.00
<b>Total: \$4,170.00</b>	<b>Total: \$4,440.65</b>

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

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

Tuesday, March 19 (SN) 7:00pm *Four priests will be available*  
 Thursday, March 21 (HF) 5:00 - 6:15pm  
 Saturday, March 23 (SN) 2:00 - 3:30pm

**FORGIVEN**

Monsignor Singler will be leading a two-part video series and conversation on the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Thursday, March 21 and Thursday, March 28 in the Parish Hall at Holy Family Church, New Cleveland, immediately following the scheduled 6:30 PM Mass (7:15PM). The same session content will be repeated at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall, Miller City, this Friday, March 22 and Friday, March 29 at 9:00 AM. Sessions will last 90 minutes. FORGIVEN is a video program produced by St. Augustine Institute, a reputable Catholic catechetical publisher. This might be a nice way to enrich your spiritual life this Lent. Come one, come all.



## WELCOME

### PASTORAL INTERN

### ALEXANDER ELFRIECH

Word has reached our parishes that diocesan seminarian Alexander Elfriech, a second-year theology student at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati, has been appointed by Bishop Daniel Thomas to serve a nine-month pastoral internship at Holy Family & St. Nicholas Parishes during the 2019-2020 academic year. Alex hails from St. Joan of Arc Parish in Toledo and is an alumnus of Bowling Green State University. He will begin his time with us in September 2019. More detailed information regarding his internship and biographical information will be forthcoming.

#### CHRISTIAN FORMATION/YOUTH GROUP

Junior High Christian Formation students will meet this Wednesday, March 20. Eighth graders will meet from 6-8 at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall.

Juniors and Seniors meet today, Sunday, March 17. Freshmen and Sophomore Christian Formation meet next Sunday, March 24.

Our next Youth Group meeting is today, Sunday, March 17 from 7:00-8:00pm at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall. This is an hour later than our normal meeting time. This is an important meeting to set the goal for our annual famine, "Walk With the Poor." Come prepared to sign up to help with our Spaghetti Dinner, April 8. I Am Catholic meets next Sunday, March 24 from 6-7 at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall.

#### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married Couples: You have a special opportunity to attend a Marriage Encounter weekend at St. Nicholas parish March 30-31, 2019. 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).

**Designated boxes** have been placed in the back of our parish churches to accept your expressions of gratitude for Sue Wenzinger's 24 years of service to Holy Family and St. Nicholas Parishes as parish secretary. Please join us in this effort to thank her.

**Holy Family Parishioner Tom Niese writes:** "I wish to thank the parishioners of Holy Family and St. Nicholas for their prayers and support during my recent hospital stay and recovery time."

**REMINDER: The Men of All Ages Meal** will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall today, Sunday, March 17 following the 10:30am Lord's Day Mass. Adult meals are \$8 and children under 10 are \$6. There will be a quarter auction so remember to bring your quarters!

**ST. NICHOLAS PARISH CHOIR:** We will begin practicing for Holy Week liturgies tomorrow, Monday, March 18 at 7:00 PM in the church choir loft.

**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 from this fundraiser will be used to purchase new Mass vestments for St. Nicholas Parish. You may purchase tickets from any Altar Rosary officer, 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 today, Sunday, March 17; drawing for the doll house will be at the Ladies of All Ages Dinner on Sunday, April 28.

**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 from 9:30am to 11:15am in the Religious Ed Center at Holy Family, New Cleveland. These classes are held twice a year. 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.

**Holy Family Altar Rosary Annual Women of All Ages Breakfast** will be held Sunday, April 7 at Holy Family Parish Hall after the 8:30am Lord's Day Mass. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Holy Family Church.

**Cub Scout Pack 207 Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale** will be next Sunday, March 24. Serving will be at SN Parish Center Hall from 11am to 1pm. Dinner includes: ½ chicken, green beans, applesauce, roll. Cost is \$8. Leg Quarter meals will be \$6.50. Tickets are still available and a limited number of meals will be available for walk-ins. Call or Text Jeff DeMuth at 419-890-9045 with questions or to order tickets.

**ST. NICHOLAS CEMETERY CLEANUP:** All fall and winter flowers and wreaths must be removed from St. Nicholas Cemetery by Friday, April 19. Any winter decorations left in the cemetery after April 19 will be discarded.

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

**Miller City-New Cleveland National Honor Society's Annual Blood Drive** is Thursday, March 28 from noon until 6:00pm at the St. Nicholas Parish Center Hall. You may register online or call Deb Wehri at 419-876-3481 to request an appointment.

**Miller City-New Cleveland High School** presents Beauty and the Beast today, Sunday, March 17 at 3:30pm in the Miller City-New Cleveland School Cafetorium. All tickets are \$8 at the door.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: BOB RUHE AG SERVICE:** Call about our aerial applications of seeds, fertilizer and chemicals. Reasonable rates. Call 419-943-3352