

# START A NEW HABIT - SPEND TIME WITH GOD'S WORDS

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT LESSON ON LECTIO DIVINA – DIVINE PRAYER

*Lectio divina* is a method of praying the Scriptures. What better way to get to know God than by spending time with God's spoken word?

The practice of *lectio divina* traces its roots back to the early centuries in the Church. By the sixth century, [St. Benedict](#) had made it a regular practice in most monasteries. Today *lectio divina* is a widely held practice by many laymen and laywomen.

*Lectio divina* is a slow, rhythmic reading and praying of a Scripture passage. You pick a passage and read it. Notice what arises within you as you read it. Then you read it again, and then again, noticing what words and phrases grab your heart and noticing the feelings that arise. You respond to God about whatever is stirring within as you read and pray with the passage. Finally, you rest and let God respond and speak to you.

Let's consider the formal steps. To begin, you might open with a short prayer, (see Holy Spirit Prayer below). Ask God to guide your prayer time. Try to silence your mind and put off the cares of the day. You could make an act of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Simply; Lord I believe in You help my unbelief, Lord I Hope in You increase my Trust in You, Lord I Love You show me how to love You more. Then do the following:

### Read.

Slowly and thoughtfully, read the Scripture passage the first time.

Did a word or phrase capture your attention and grab your heart? Linger with it whenever this happens.

### Reflect.

Slowly and prayerfully, read the passage again. What is God saying to you in this passage? offering you? asking you? What feelings are arising within you?

### Respond.

Slowly and prayerfully, read the passage again. Respond to God from your heart. Speak to God of your feelings and insights. Offer these to God.

### Rest.

Possibly read the passage another time. Sit quietly in God's presence, asking, "What are you saying to me?" Rest in God's love and listen.

### Concrete resolution.

What is God calling you to do with what He has said to you. Practice a virtue like generosity, apologize to someone, do a kind act for someone who may have come to mind during your prayer time etc.

As you end your prayer period, you might close with an Our Father or another short prayer. It might be helpful to jot down in a journal what arose during this time. What did you say to God, and what did God offer you?

**Come Holy Spirit Prayer:**

*Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful, enkindle in us the fire of your love, send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth*

*O God, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit, help us to know what is truly right and always rejoice in his consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent**

**Gospel**

**Mt 1:18-24**

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."* When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

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# LADIES OF LEISURE SOCIAL

(Sponsored by St. John's Alter Rosary Society)

This is a casual gathering for a few hours once a month to bring adult ladies of the surrounding communities together for fellowship and FUN!

## WHEN

**Starting: January 18, 2023**

Event Times (1:00-4:00) or (6:00-9:00)

Gathering Every Third Wednesday

Up Coming Dates:

February 15, 2023

March 15, 2023

April 19, 2023...

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

## WHERE

**St. John the Baptist Parish Center  
In Glandorf**

Come play your favorite game or come for conversation and visiting.

## FREE EVENT

- No Fee
- No Monthly Commitment
- We are providing a space
- Please invite Adult Ladies from your family, friends, and neighbors.

## YOU ARE WELCOME TO...

Play board games

Play cards

Dominos, Dice

Knitting,

Crafting,

(Please bring your own supplies, & Games)

-Please bring your own Beverage.

-Snacks for sharing are optional.

## QUESTIONS OR RESERVE A TABLE

Please contact:

Jill Gerding

419-538-6942

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**



### **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE**

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 19**

7:35AM Rosary

**8:00AM Communion Service-Don Inkrott**

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

7:35AM Rosary

**8:45AM L/D Val & Mary Korte Family**

#### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 St. Peter Canisius**

7:15AM – 7:45AM Confessions

7:35AM Rosary

**8:00AM L/D Virgil Hageman Family**

6:30-8:15PM Adoration

**7:00-8:00PM Confessions**

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22**

7:30AM Rosary

**8:45 AM L/D Hups Kaverman Family**

#### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 St. John of Kanty-No School**

7:15AM – 7:45AM Confessions

7:35AM Rosary

**8:00AM Chris Kingsley, Ruth Drerup, Breatrice Inkrott**

12:00PM Rosary

1:00PM-4:00PM Adoration/Benediction

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**

7:35AM Rosary

**8:00AM No Mass**

**8:30AM No Confessions**

**4:00PM For the Parish**

**10:00PM For the Parish**

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS**

7:25PM Rosary

**8:00AM For the Parish**

**10:30AM For the Parish**

In a week from now our church is going to look a little different. There will be decorations of Christmas trees, lights, flowers, and a manger scene will be set up. This is my first Christmas here and I have not seen our church at Christmas, so I look forward to seeing it. I have seen pictures. And the reason of our decorating will be on the little baby lying in the manger. And throughout the Christmas Season we will focus on different characters in the scene Mary, the shepherds, and the magi and how they relate to the baby in the manger. An important character and role to this scene that often gets overlooked is Joseph.

As I reflect on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I think we give great attention to Jesus obviously and many have a strong devotion to Mary that is seen every day with people coming into church praying the Rosary. Unfortunately, little attention is given to Joseph, and unfortunately, we seem not to know much about him. Joseph, I think is an important person for us to pay attention. One of the things I appreciate about Pope Francis has invited us to give more attention to Joseph, Pope Francis has included Joseph's name to be apart of the Eucharistic Prayer and from December 8, 2020-December 8, 2021 Pope Francis dedicated this year to Joseph.

Joseph in a way reminds of offensive linemen on the football field. Offensive linemen typically do not get credited for scoring touchdowns, passing yards, rushing yards, receiving yards, or any of the notable statistics. Yet without their contribution of protecting and leading their teammates would not have their notable stats. A

matter of a fact a good play does not get started without a proper exchange between the center and the quarterback. Similarly, Joseph protected, and lead Mary and Jesus and he seems to get little credit and gets overlooked. Yet what Joseph contributed was very important.

In our scriptures today attention is given to Joseph and the role that he played. In our scriptures today we learn that Joseph and Mary are betrothed, engaged to be married. And before Mary and Joseph are living together Mary is found to be pregnant with a child by the Holy Spirit. One can only imagine the thoughts, feelings, and emotions Joseph may have experienced at the moment.

Regardless of what Joseph was experiencing. What I think is most notable about Joseph is that he was a man of faith and he wanted to do things right. Yes, Mary was pregnant, but no Joseph did not want to expose Mary to this embarrassment that may have cost her, her life. The angel appeared to Joseph in a dream telling to “not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home” (Matthew 1:20). It is through the Holy Spirit that Mary has conceived this child and Joseph is to call this child Jesus. Joseph is told that God is with him. Joseph trusts in God and does the right thing. Joseph took Mary into his home. After Jesus’s birth we will encounter Joseph acting in faith again, when Joseph and Mary flee with the child Jesus to Egypt when Herod orders the massacre of all boys under the age of two.

I think we are called to be like Joseph, at times life is going to put obstacles in front of us, and we will be called to act in faith and do the right thing. And like Joseph we may not get attention for acting in faith and doing what is right, but we do the good that we do because we know our act of faith and our good has an impact on another. And without us it would never get done.

#### **WEEKDAY SERVERS:**

**Tue. 8:45AM:** Students

**Wed. 8:00AM:** Gary Recker, Diane Utrup

**Thu. 8:00AM:** Students

**Fri. 8:00AM:** Ethan Weis, Lauren Weiss, Isaac Ansley

**Sat. 8:00AM:** **No Mass**

#### **Next Sunday, December 25**

#### **SUNDAY SERVERS:**

**Sat. 4:00PM:** Makenna Siefker, Landyn Schulte, Noah Schroeder Ethan **Weis-Thurifer(Incense)**

**Sat. 10:00PM:** Hayden Kaufman, Justin Kahle, Anthony Kahle Jacob Schimmoeller – Thurifer(Incense)

**Sun. 8:00AM:** Emma Hoffman, Addy Grime, Jack Schroeder

**Sun. 10:30AM:** Megan Brickner, Hannah Brickner, Dylan Siefker

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

#### **LECTORS**

**4:00PM** Steve Brown

Sharon Brown

Emilee Horstman

Elizabeth Ruhe

**10:00PM** Chris Hoehn

Mary Rose Ellerbrock

Tim Hansen

Mary Rose Ellerbrock

8:00AM Deb Schroeder

Deb Burwell

Connie Cassidy

Sharon Meyer

10:30AM Rose Warnecke

Gene Warnecke

Tim Hansen

Kelly Schroeder

#### **SUNDAY GIFT BEARERS:**

**Sat. 4:00PM:** Ray & Lisa Diemer

**Sat. 10:00PM:** Bart and Mindy Recker

Sun. 8:00AM: Greg & Loreen Ruhe

Sun. 10:30AM: Tony & Lisa Meyer

**SUNDAY USHERS:**

**Sat. 4:00PM:** Alex Ellerbrock, Steve Brown, Kenneth Schroeder, Louis Halker, Roger, Logan & Connor Koch

**Sat. 10:00PM:** Mary Rose & Kevin Ellerbrock, Bart Recker, Ken Kottenbrock, Jerry Recker, Al Hueve

Sun. 8:00AM: Tom Morman, Tony Maag, Mark Maag, Alan Wrasman, Elton Schroeder, Joe Schroeder

Sun. 10:30AM: Nathan Schroeder, Al Kaufman, Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum, Barry Maag, Ken Horstman

**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 3**

**ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY:** Rick & Jane Williams

**DECEMBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS:** Jo Ann & Roger Schroeder, Diane Nienberg, Connie & Don Dehnart, Jim Recker

**NEW SYMBOL FOR THE MISSIONARIES OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD IN THE UNITED STATES PROVINCE**

When the Missionaries of the Precious Blood created their United States Province from the former Cincinnati and Kansas City Provinces earlier this year, they knew they would need a new symbol for this new entity. The process of creating a new symbol began as it ends, with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Four Missionaries were asked to participate in a discussion of their own call, their experience of the Congregation, its mission, and their understanding of Precious Blood spirituality. They did a deep dive into the Congregation's identity. One question they were asked: If the Congregation was a person, what would be its personality traits? Some of their answers were: "Empathy; a person who really listens; nonjudgmental; integrity; looking at current events and ready to respond in love; respect for others; compassionate; spiritual; humble." Their thoughts were distilled and sent to a design firm that came up with the first round of symbol design drafts. The committee of four Missionaries took a long look, rejected a few designs outright, made recommendations on the rest, and set the designers back to work.

The drafts that made it through that initial process went on to the Provincial Council. Council members studied the design drafts, rejected some, and asked the artists to refine others. The drafts went through several more rounds. The council studied not only the symbol design but the words that went with it. Council members were unanimous on the design that they ultimately chose. Elements of the design include the cup, cross, and covenant. The wine that is filling the cup is both flowing in, representing God's Spirit infused into the Community, and flowing out to the world. It shows movement, because "Missionaries are not statues," as St. Gaspar said.

"This process has allowed us once again to talk about who we are and how to present that to the world," said Fr. Jeffrey Kirch, C.P.P.S., provincial director. "I appreciate the input of the council and of those four Missionaries who talked so vividly about their vocation and the identity of the Congregation that we all love. The new symbol was born out of all of that. I hope we can embrace it."

**PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS**

Sunday, January 8, 2022 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in Room 15 in the parish center presented by Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling St. John's Rectory 419-538-6928.. Next class will be May 21, 2023.

**RECTORY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**

December 26<sup>th</sup> thru December 30<sup>th</sup>

**Adult Faith Information**

Jeanette Schroeder – Coordinator, Diana Meyer, Jeanne Schram, Marlene Kleman, Deacon Don and Elaine Inkrott

**DEEPEN YOUR ADVENT****COME EXPERIENCE LECTIO DIVINA – DIVINE READING**

**Tuesdays in the Parish Center: 12/6 there is no session,**

**12/20 - 9:30am and 7:00pm**

**EACH SESSION LASTS ABOUT AN HOUR.**

**Bring your Catholic Bible and a notebook. Questions call Jeanette 419-890-3724**

**“Because the Bible is the story of how we are saved it is an essential part of our dialogue with God. Lectio Divina is important because it leads to an “encounter with Christ, the living Word of God.” Far from mere reading, it’s an engagement with divinity.” Matthew Leonard**

**To Create a new FORMED account**

Go to [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org) . Click Sign Up. Chose sign up as a parishioner /organization Find your parish, type in Glandorf Oh - Click on St. John 109 Main St. Glandorf when it pops up. Fill out create a New Account. Already have a FORMED account. Visit [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org) . Click Sign In - upper right corner Have questions? Call 419-890-3724




**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THE FIRST SATURDAY, after 4:30 Mass until 8:00 on Sunday mornings.** Saturday/Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator back in church or sign up on line using the following link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4eaaab2ba7f85-adoration11>. We would like at least two people signed up for each hour. If you can’t make it to church to sign in please call Katie Verhoff 480-236-7305

**OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Tate Donald, son of Jeremy and Ashley Duling  
**CONGRATULATIONS TO PARENTS & GODPARENTS!**

**RCIA (Christian Initiation of Adults) INTEREST**

Monday, Dec 19, 6:00 – 7:30pm in the cafeteria.  **Sonia Siefker**

**Topic: #12 The Eucharist: Source & Summit of the Catholic Faith.**

These sessions are open to all interested persons – those wishing to become a Catholic and for Catholics who wish to up-date themselves. We welcome you. If you are interested, please call the rectory 419-538-6928 to sign up.

**THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY)**

**Attention ALL MEN!!!!** Join us on for That Man Is You (TMIY)

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 7-8:30pm in room 22,**

**No meeting on Saturday, Merry Christmas!!!**

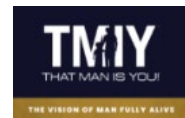
**Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> is the final session for the season. We will have pizza to celebrate another successful fall session! All are welcome!**

**2024 Sessions will begin Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>.**

For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net), 419-796-0763

**TMIY "THE LIGHT OF MEN" - Subjective Arguments for God's Existence (Wed. 12/21) (session 13)**

Speaker: Dr. Peter Kreeft, The Human Heart was not designed in Harvard or Hollywood, but Heaven, 5 Most common psychological or subjective arguments, Proving God through Aesthetical Beauty, Heaven's Peace and Totality is Unimaginable, A Thorough Examination of Pascal's Wager. Scripture: Romans 1:18-32, Religious: A Catholic Scientist Proves God Exists





### ***Grade School CCD Information***

***Message from Tammy Schmitz for Grade School K-4 Religious Education email at [k4ccd@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:k4ccd@glandorfstjohns.com)***



I would like to thank our CCD students for the saint socks and scrapbook of the St. John's families. So, I can get to know everyone a little bit better.

Fr. Matt Keller C.P.P.S

Thank you CCD students for the tool box full of Spiritual Prayers!

Deacon Don Inkrott

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!



### ***Jr. High CCD Information***

***Message from Mindy Recker for Jr. High Coordinator email at [jrhighccd@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:jrhighccd@glandorfstjohns.com)***



CCD Staff  
spreading Christmas  
cheer to some of  
shut in  
parishioners!!



### ***High School CCD Information***

***Message from Ruth Gerding Coordinator of High School CCD email at [hscdd@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:hscdd@glandorfstjohns.com)***

No HS CCD on December 21st and 28th.

Reminder: Seniors have a Retreat on 1-8-2023 (Sunday AM), starting at 9:00 AM until Noon.

HS CCD for Freshman through Juniors resumes on January 4, 2023.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

Ruth Gerding, Coordinator of HS CCD

567-204-1275



## CYO BASKETBALL – Today, December 18

**BOY'S:** Birkemeyer: 1:00pm at Findlay

Ellerbrock: 1:00pm at Glandorf

Meyer: 4:45pm at Glandorf

**GIRL'S:** 2:15pm at Glandorf



### PENANCE SERVICES

#### St. John's

☐ Every Wednesday 7:15am - 7:45 am, 7:45pm—8:20pm

☐ Every Friday 7:15am—7:45am

☐ Every Saturday 8:30am

☐ Every Saturday 4:00pm—4:20pm

#### Throughout the area

☐ Ottawa— Monday, Dec. 19th at 4:00pm and 7:00pm

### THANK YOU

To my St John's Parish Family,

There are no words to properly express my gratitude for all you did for Denny at 8am Mass on 12/4. If there was a way to save him, I truly believe it would have happened.

A huge thank you to all those who assisted him immediately - with CPR, the AED, catching him when he collapsed and helping him into the ambulance- so many came to his aid. I also felt the love and prayers of all those on their knees during that time. I will never forget looking up and seeing the praying and the tears. You were all the hands and lips and voices of God during that time. My heart is broken but knowing that Denny died in our beautiful church in front of the Holy Eucharist gives me great peace.

Again, from the bottom of my heart THANK YOU! We truly are blessed with an amazing parish community!

Tricia Horstman and family



**TICKETS for 2023 GRAND-orf Club** were mailed out to you. Please watch for them! If you didn't receive your tickets in the mail there are extras in the racks in the church vestibules on the north & south side. For \$12 per ticket you will have two chances each month to win \$500. During the Holidays you may have ample opportunities to sell those tickets. Let's do our best inviting others, too, to share in the potential for benefits of our GRAND-orf Club Raffle. Thank you!

**December GRAND-orf Club winters are : Ben Macke and Ryan Kuhlman.** Congratulations. The next drawing will be January 8<sup>th</sup> in room 15. To be included in the January 8<sup>th</sup> drawing, return your tickets by Jan 2.

**2022 GRAND-orf Club Winners:** Ted and Judy Shalter, Kim and Karl Baumgartner, Linda Moening, Clint Salisbury, James Recker, Frances Roof, Aaron Siefker, Jill Gerding, Melinda Kaufman, Joseph Schroeder, Dr. Darla Lammers, Mary Behrns, Lydia Horstman, Tim Faber, John Schroeder, Barbara Kleman, Grant Leopold, Edna Nienberg, Ken Klass, Louise Steffes, Rosemary Wolke, Rosemary Schroeder, Ben Macke and Ryan Kuhlman.



## Advent School



**ADVENT PUBLIC ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST** during Advent Fridays, 1:00 – 4:00 pm *followed by Benediction*. Make an extra effort to spend personal/family time before the Lord.

**WORD ON FIRE'S THE MASS with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr:** Archbishop Denis Schnurr invites all the faithful to join him in a study of the Mass, produced by Word on Fire and led by Bishop Robert Barron. Participation in the study is easy. For the six weeks between Christmas and Lent, Archbishop Schnurr will send out one short video each week to help us deepen our appreciation for and participation in the Mass. Just watch the video at your convenience during the week and see how the Holy Spirit moves in you to renew and strengthen your love through the Eucharist- especially during the Sunday Mass. Here is the link to sign up.  
<https://catholicaoc.org/themass#study>

**Cardio Fitness class** will start Wednesday, January 11th at 7:30pm to 8:30pm at St. John's Parish Gym. Please bring an exercise mat & weights. This class will be every Wednesday & the cost is \$3.00. The instructor is Holly Flueckiger. Any questions please contact Sandy Meyer at 419-615-8403 or Jill Karhoff at 419-615-0085

**2023 Catholic Men's Conference:** Are you interested in attending the 2023 Catholic Men's Conference? Join other men from our parish in attending on Saturday, February 25th at the Kasich Center in Columbus. Register at [www.catholicmensministry.com/2023conference](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/2023conference) Cost is \$40 for men, \$25 for HS and college students. \$5 discount if registered by 12/31!

Additional information, agenda, and speaker bios can be found on the website. If you would like to carpool contact Mike Karhoff at 419-796-0763 (text or call) or [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net). We will meet at the north church parking lot at 5 am.

**Engaged Couples Conference ~** St. Anthony's Engaged Couples Conference will be held **Saturday, March 4th** from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Cost of the day is \$40.00 per couple. Any couples interested, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263. Payment can be dropped off or mailed to the St. Anthony's parish office or can be made the morning of the conference.

**SERVICE MEN & WOMEN** we are updating our military list. Please inform the rectory 419-538-6928 of any son/daughter if they are still active/inactive/or going to be active, any change of personnel or address changes. Thank you!

**Names in red are updates to our list**

**This is the list from last year of our Military ( Away from Home)**

**Lt. Col. Darek Schmiedebusch**, 6314 Chaucer View Circle, Alexandria, VA 22304

**Justin McFarland**, 283 Twin Lakes Dr. Destin, Fl. 32541

**Tyler McFarland**, 116 Hightower Lane. Aberdeen NC 28315

Lois Hermiller's son:

**SGT Jacob Zmyslo**; Combat Logistics Battalion 31; Maintenance Plt; Unit 38465; FPO, AP 96385

**Evan Barrett**, 205 Jumpers Pass, Oak Grove, KY 42262

**Ken Palte** Homestead Towne Center, 240 Town Center Blvd, Van Wert, OH 45891

**Alexander Closson**, 4540 Bay Vista Blvd Apt 106 Bremerton, WA 98312-4615

**PRIEST ADDRESSES**

Father Tony Fortman: mailing address: 4961 Salem Ave., Dayton, OH 45416

Residential: 1000 W Wenger Rd., Englewood, OH 45322

Eric Kaufman(SCM): St. Joan of Arc Parish, 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd. Toledo, OH 43614

Father Rick Friebe: 937 N Defiance St Ottawa, OH 45875

Father Stephen Schroeder: 6607 St. Rt. 224 Ottawa, OH 45875

**PARISHIONERS IN REST HOMES**

**Send a them a Christmas Card**

**Names in red are updates to our list**

**Meadows of Ottawa, 147 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa**

Wilma Unterbrink, John Wurth, Clete Morman , Esther Recker, Mary Balbaugh, Russ Nienberg, Carolyn Deters, Angie Maag, Leona Moore, Pat Hovest, Patricia Schmitz, Edna German, Edna Michel, Marilyn Weber, Irene Kaufman, Judy Schroeder, Evelyn Palte, **Mary Lou Rieman**

**Meadows of Kalida, State Route 224, PO Box 388, Kalida, OH 45853**

Margaret Schimmoeller, Annie Meyer, **Dave Steffes**

**Meadows of Leipsic, 901 E. Main Street, Leipsic, OH 45856**

Doris Morman, Dean Siefker

**Putnam Heritage Assisted Living, 1380 N. Locust St, Ottawa, OH 45875**

Roger Hovest

Please call the rectory if we missed anyone.

***Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us -December 18-24***

Elmer H Karhoff 12/18/01

Gertrude Stechschulte 12/18/05

Ronald B Dickman 12/19/03

Rita A Morman 12/21/19

Ruth Ann Rosengarten 12/21/21

Rosemary Lammers 12/22/13

Dennis E Hermiller 12/22/16

James E Buddelmeyer 12/22/17

Leo F Karhoff 12/23/01

Norman R Birkemeyer 12/23/13

Dakota John Schierloh 12/24/00

Rose Ann Giesken 12/24/20



**Advent Angel Tree and baby bottles for Heartbeat**

By St. John's Outreach. Take an angel from the tree in the back of Church and purchase the item on the angel or make a monetary donation in the baby bottles by Christmas.

**“NEEDY FAMILIES”** Since this is the time for thanksgiving and giving we would like to help our needy families. If you know of a needy family who would like to be included in the parish “Needy Families Collection” please call the rectory. Thank you!

**STEWARDSHIP (December 8 & 11 , 2022 Collection)**

**Adults \$10,504.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$1,931.25**

**Loose \$ 1,404.00 Children \$133.00 Total: \$13,972.25**

Thank you to all of you who have been continuing to make your Weekly/monthly contributions to your St. John’s parish family and for sharing your treasure, time, & talent with your St. John’s parish family! We are most grateful!

**Heartbeat Needs:** Gift cards for gas or groceries.

**Ottawa Food Pantry** needs the following items canned mandarin oranges, boxed potatoes all varieties plus mashed, pasta (no spaghetti), rice-a-Ronni, Knorr – side dishes, peanut butter, condiments

*the mustard seed*

Christian Gifts & Educational Resources

*Mustard Seed Gift Shop normal business hours  
Tues, Thurs, & Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm; Wed 12:00pm  
to 8:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 1:00pm*

**Phone number 419-538-7220 [www.mustardseedgiftshop.com](http://www.mustardseedgiftshop.com)**

***Brenda Maag 419-235-310 Julie Barlage 419-303-5366***



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at 614-634-1043 or [divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com](mailto:divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com)



The mission of St. Catherine’s Embrace is to reach out to, assist and embrace all families in the St. George Deanery, regardless of faith affiliation, who have lost a child from miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death. Please call the rectory 419-538-6928.



**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
**Missionaries of the Precious Blood**  
**St. George Deanery**



*Sunday, December 11, 2022*

**Pastor:** Rev Matthew Keller, C.P.P.S. **Deacon:** Don Inkrott **Business Manager:** Ashley Duling **Administrative Assistant:** Michelle Horstman **Music:** Dan Ellerbrock **Maintenance:** Joe Schroeder **Janitors:** Mark Klausing (Church), Mark Kaufman (Parish Center) **Cemetery Caretaker-Manager:** Jeff Gerding

LOVE



*Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

**OFFICE HOURS** Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm, Closed for lunch 12:30pm – 1:30pm

**REGISTRATION**-New members should register as soon as possible. Moving out? - please inform the rectory.

**INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR PARISH?** If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher or in any other way please call the rectory 419-538-6928.

**PARENT SESSIONS** are required by the Toledo Diocese for Infant Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist, and First Penance.

**PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS** – Next classes will be **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:30AM, in room 15, in the parish center** - presented by Deacon Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling rectory.

**WEDDINGS:** The Toledo Diocese requests all dates be set at the rectory at least 6 months in advance. **Pre-Marriage Class required.** Parties who recently joined our parish who do not live within our parish boundaries, or who do not belong to a family already registered in the parish; need to be aware that we cannot schedule a wedding date until six months after the time of registration. The normal six-month preparation period would apply from that point. Normally only parishioners and those related to our parishioners marry here. Any other person needs prior permission of his/her pastor.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS** Glandorf St. John's will be having a 1—day class here in our cafeteria **on Sunday, November 5, 2023** starting with the 8:00am Wendy Mass. This is a mandatory, 1-day class. Please register by calling the rectory.

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT COMPLETED? DID YOU REMEMBER YOUR PARISH, ST. JOHN'S?**

**DIOCESAN POLICY FOR CYO SPORTS** – All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish in order to play on the parish team.

**PARISH POLICY FOR HIGH SCHOOL CYO** Playing any sports this year? You are expected to attend both the Fall & Winter sessions of High School Religious Education Groups or Grade School CCD Classes---plus weekend Saturday or Sunday Mass. This includes all players, coaches and their families. Attendance at these groups/classes will be monitored and reviewed. For each class missed, beyond 4 classes you will be sitting out one game.

Parents, if your child is sick, please call or text Ruth Gerding at 567-204-1275 before class. This also includes the **PUTNAM COUNTY GRADE SCHOOL BOY'S & GIRL'S CYO SPORTING TEAMS.** We kindly ask the cooperation of all concerned as we implement this church policy for the good of our parish. (Fr. Matt— pastor & Mike Karhoff – Parish Council Pres.)

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