

“As We Await the Blessed Hope”

In these days so marked by the COVID 19 pandemic and all the ways it affects our lives, we all need to hear a message of hope! “As we await the blessed hope.” These are words well familiar to every Catholic, words we hear the priest pray in every Mass just after the Our Father. While I have always found impactful the prayer in which these words appear, called the embolism, they seem to have taken on even deeper significance during this unique 2020 Season of Advent. Here is the prayer in its entirety:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin,
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

This Advent, I invite you to use this prayer as part of your own daily prayer. Allow it to penetrate your heart, mind and soul, for it highlights the nature of this Holy Season, the very purpose of Advent, and draws us into the hope for which we long.

No doubt many of us right now are not feeling very hopeful, with all that’s transpired this year and with all of life’s uncertainties. Where is all this

going? When will we have a vaccine? Will we ever get back to “normal”? We may not be feeling very optimistic, our confidence may be low and frankly we may not find our future prospects encouraging. This is not meant to be depressing, it’s simply facing the reality. But as people of faith, we know that despite all of the challenges, we are nonetheless called to be a people of hope facing every challenge with a sense of joyful expectancy, reassured ourselves and reassuring to others, displaying an optimism not born of ourselves, but of the one who Himself gives us hope in the very midst of the challenges, the one for whom we wait in Advent: Christ Jesus who is our Hope!

As we learn early on in our catechism classes, hope, together with faith and love, is one of the three theological virtues, that virtue by which we both desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it (CCC 1817).

The Catholic Catechism helps us understand the hope we are called to and which even now the Lord is encouraging in us! The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of each person; it takes up the hopes that inspire our activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps us from discouragement; it sustains us during times of abandonment; it opens

up our hearts in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, we are preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity (CCC 1818).

This is the hope that Advent brings, a hope the Lord desires us to experience here and now, a hope which unfolds from the beginning of Jesus' preaching the beatitudes, which trace the path that leads through the trials that await his disciples. "But through the merits of Jesus Christ and of his Passion, God keeps us 'in the hope that does not disappoint.' Hope is the 'sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...that enters...where Jesus has gone as forerunner on our behalf.' Hope is also a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation: 'Let us...put on the breastplate of faith and charity, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.' It affords us joy even under trial: 'Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation.' Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire" (CCC 1820).

In this Advent time then, we are invited to be "witnesses to hope," the hope for which we wait at Christmas, the hope which even now is with us as he promised, as we look to the hope of eternal life.

In his book "Interior Freedom," Father Jacques Philippe, in reflecting on the exercise of freedom in the spiritual life, seems to be speaking directly to our current situation when he writes:

"We should not limit ourselves to accepting things grudgingly, but should truly consent to them – not to endure them, but in a sense 'choose' them (even if in fact we have no choice, and that's what most annoys us). Choosing here means making a free act by which we not only resign ourselves but also embrace the situation. That isn't easy, especially in the case of really painful trials, but it is the right approach,

and we should follow as much as possible in faith and *hope*. If we have enough faith in God to believe him capable of drawing good out of whatever befalls us, he will do so. Jesus says repeatedly in the Gospels, 'As you have believed so let it be done to you' (Mt. 8:16)".

If you've known someone who is not just hopeful but truly hope-filled, you've known someone who clearly has interior joy. Such joy is similar to that of Abraham of whom Saint Paul recounts: "He believed, *hoping against hope*, that he would become 'the father of many nations'...He did not doubt God's promise in unbelief, rather he was empowered by faith and gave glory to God, and was fully convinced that what God had promised he was also able to do" (Romans 4:18-21).

What God has promised he is able to do! We place our trust in Christ's promise relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful" (Heb 10:23). This Advent, we are encouraged and inspired that Christ who is our hope came to save us from our sins. He is preserving us even now in this pandemic, so that no matter our situation, if we consent in faith, he will deliver us from evil, grant peace in our days, help us with his mercy, keep us free from sin and safe from all distress, "as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ."



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
November 30, 2020



JOIN US FOR
Solemn Vespers
for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Monday, December 7 at 7:30 pm
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Dear Eric,

I would like to invite you to our upcoming **First Vespers for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, with music by members of Mount St. Mary's Latin Schola on **Monday, December 7 at 7:30 pm**.

Due to the continuing rise in positive Coronavirus cases, only members of Mount St. Mary's Latin Schola will be participating. In addition, the concert will be available to the public online only and will be broadcast via www.athenaeum.edu/live.

This event will include the chanting of the psalms and canticles of Evening Prayer for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of the Seminary. The concert will feature Marian and Advent motets with brief readings taken from scripture and works by the saints.

If you are unable to join us for the livestreamed concert, playback of the performance will be available on the MTSM YouTube channel beginning December 8.

We hope you can join us as we honor Our Lady and herald the Advent season!

Dr. Mary Catherine Levri
Music Director



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent - St. Nick

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** ✠

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose

8:00 AM L/D Ray Siefker Family, L/D Ted Sealts Family,
End of all Abortions,
For those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:40 AM Charles Neate, End of all Abortions,
For those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

7:00 PM Daryl (AN) & Mary Jane Hunt, Urban Selhorst

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 St. Juan Diego

8:00 AM **COMMUNION SERVICE** – Deacon Don
10:30 AM Funeral – Marceil Schroeder
6:30 PM – 8:15 PM Adoration
7:00 – 8:15 PM High School CCD in the parish center this week

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:40 AM L/D Joe Karl Jr Family, Hageman Brothers & Sisters, End of all Abortions, For those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 St. Damasus

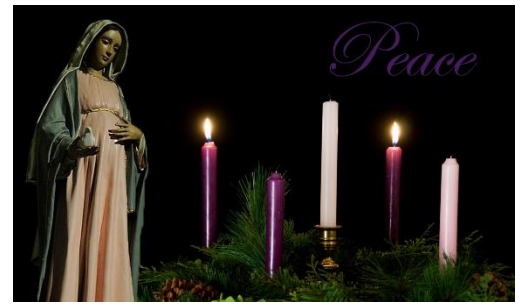
8:00 AM L/D Val & Mary Korte Family, L/D Wilbert J & Ardella Niese Family, Poor Souls, Religious Freedom, End of all Abortions,
For those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19
12:00 PM Rosary for our Nation
1:00 – 4:00PM Adoration followed by Benediction

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:00 AM For the Parish, End of all Abortions, For those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19
8:45 AM Confessions
4:00 PM Confessions
4:30 PM L/D Deb Kuhlman Family, L/D Edmund & Dolores Schroeder Family, L/D Ott Schnipke Family,
L/D Virgil & Eulalia Gerschutz Family, Art Ellerbrock, Mark Schmiedebusch, L/D Ray Schmitz Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM L/D Anna & Cy Kahle Family, Roger Miller, Marilyn Schroeder, Marilyn Roebke, Delphine Burwell
10:30 AM Angie Schumaker, Jim Hoorman, Virgil Bellman, L/D August & Cecelia Hermiller Family
6:30 PM Kenneth Kleman



God calls us to proclaim the Good news. How do you share that Good News? Pray for the grace to be a faith-filled witness of God's love. (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)

For the courage to proclaim God's Word of comfort and compassion, we pray.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 Is 61:1-2, 10-11 1Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**From the
Desk of
Fr. Tony**

**DECEMBER 6, 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent**

John the Baptist tells us today, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." John is telling us that Jesus will fulfill the mission of all the old testament prophets. John did a wonderful ministry in

performing a baptism of repentance. This was the opening or preparation for Christ's ministry. John used the natural element of water for baptism and so do we in our baptisms. But Jesus can top that. Jesus will baptize us with the Holy Spirit.

When you compare Jesus with any old testament prophet, like the John the Baptist, Jesus will do something greater. John was the last of the old testament prophets although he appeared in the new testament. I enjoy reading the old testament stories. There is much to learn in salvation history. But the old testament is the opening act or the junior varsity. The real presence of God is revealed in God himself, Jesus Christ. In the old testament we see God speaking in a cloud or a burning bush but we really come to understand God the Father through Jesus his son who walked this earth. God bless you all. Keep praying. Fr. Tony



TICKETS for 2021 GRAND-orf Club were mailed out this past week. Please watch for them! 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. Extra tickets will be in the racks in the church vestibules. Thank you very much. **The last 2020 drawing is next Sunday, December 13.**

We would like to thank the ladies who stuffed the Grand-orf Drawing envelopes for mailing. Your valuable time was greatly appreciated! Fantastic job! Thank you to all!

Thank you for the generous gift to St. John's Parish Family in memory of Ruth Korte by the Eugene Korte family. We appreciate it greatly!

During this pandemic of Covid we ask that you do not walk the halls of the parish center until further notice because of disinfecting purposes for our CCD program. Thank you!

WEEKDAY SERVERS: **Mon. 8:00AM:** Mary Ann Myers; **Tue. 8:40AM:** Eddie Duling; **7:00 PM:** Mary Ellen
Wed. 8:00AM: Communion Service light candles --Jerry Hanneman; **Thurs. 8:40AM:** Bob & Jackie Luttfiring;
Fri. 8:00AM: Ken & Paula Elchinger; **Sat. 8:00AM:** Roger Schroeder.

IMMAC. CONCEPTION LECTORS – Dec. 8: No 4:30 pm Mass on Monday. **Tue., 8:40:** teachers.
Tue., 7:00 PM: Mindy Recker, Kelly Schroeder

IMMAC. CONCEPTION EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: No 4:30 pm Mass on Monday. **Tue. 8:40 AM:** Teachers and 2 scheduled.
Tue. 7:00pm: **Sue Recker & Laura Wagner**, Ruth Stechschulte, Diana Meyer, Gary Meyer.

IMMAC. CONCEPTION USHERS: No 4:30 pm Mass on Monday.
Tue., 8:40: students; **Tue. 7:00 PM:** Bart Recker & Ken Kottenbrock

SUNDAY SERVERS: **Sat. 4:30PM:** Jackie & Bob Luttfiring;
Sun. 8:00AM: Cliff Schroeder; **10:30AM:** Gene Warnecke;
6:30PM Elton Schroeder

NEXT SUNDAY – December 13

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

4:30 Mary Ellen Halker
Louis Halker

8:00 Tom Schmitz
Gretchen Schmitz

10:30 Sue Bellman
Edna Nienberg

6:30 **Lee Recker, Diane Recker**
Kathleen Roof, Marge Nienberg

LECTORS

Chloe Schroeder
Morgan Miller

Diane Nienberg
Lauryn Bockrath

Janet Schroeder
Jay Rump

Nicole Ruhe
Mindy Recker

NEW 6:30 PM SUNDAY MINISTER SCHEDULE WAS E-MAILED

We will need 5 distributors along with Fr. Tony to distribute the Body of Christ at the 4:30pm, 8:00, & 10:30am. Let's also have distributor Number 2 distribute the Body since you have to help cleanse and set up after Mass. Thank you!

DECEMBER SUNDAY USHERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm: Mary Rose & Kevin Ellerbrock; **Sun. 8:00 am:** Joe Riepenhoff, Jeff Duling;

Sun. 10:30 am: Jerry Recker, Al Hueve; **Sun. 6:30 pm:** Tony Maag

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 1

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Paul & Linda Schulte

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

The Lector Workbooks for next year are now in the servers' sacristy. Please pick yours up today. These will start the first Sunday of Advent. Thank you!

Channel 3 to see all the Masses, services and prayers. Thank you!

Just so you are aware: There is a live camera videoing at every moment of the day in the church. Thanks much!

Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us-Dec 6-12

Theresa M Schroeder 12/6/96	Daryl L Hunt 12/8/03
John (Jack) Nienberg 12/6/01	Hildegard A Ford 12/8/08
Walter H Schweller 12/6/07	Jeanette M Caseman 12/8/15
Kenneth H Ellerbrock 12/6/16	Audrey I Steffes 12/9/14
Donald A Jostpille 12/6/19	Raymond J Schmitz 12/10/03
Mary W Verhoff 12/7/70	Dolores P Schroeder 12/10/16
Teresa M Maag 12/7/72	Veronica Borgelt 12/11/88
Edward J Fortman 12/7/76	Raymond H Schimmoeller 12/12/83
Kenneth B Eversole 12/7/80	John J Brinkman 12/12/14
James F Siebeneck 12/8/99	

“Pray that the life that still remains for me will be usefully employed for God and for his glory.” St. Gaspar del Bufalo

Adult Faith Information

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

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THE FIRST SATURDAY, after 4:30 Mass until 8:30pm. (3 hours). Saturday, Dec. 5th. Come, pray with Jesus!



If anyone would like to give their offerings through online banking automatic withdrawal, please see the form that is inserted in the bulletin last week or the parish website. If interested please fill out the form, attach a voided check and return it in a sealed envelope addressed. "Attn: Ashley" You may drop it in the collection basket, mail slot on the rectory garage door or mail to the rectory. Thank you for your continued generosity!



HOME TO GOD: Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of **Marceil Schroeder**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Kenneth & Keith Schroeder** on the death of their loving mother, Marceil.

DID YOU KNOW?

Karl Ellerbrock will celebrate his 83rd birthday on Dec 7th.

Donald Stechschulte will celebrate his 82nd birthday on Dec 7th.

John Gerdeman will celebrate his 84th birthday on Dec 10th.

Marie Pothast will celebrate her 84th birthday on Dec 10th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KARL, DONALD, JOHN & MARIE!

PENANCE SERVICES IN THE OFFING: Leipsic – Thur., Dec. 10, 7:00pm; Ottoville - Sun., Dec. 13, 2:00 p.m.; Kalida – Tue., Dec. 15, 4:00 & 7:00pm; Ft. Jennings – Wed., Dec. 16, 7:15pm; Ottawa - Mon., Dec. 21, 4:00 & 7:00 pm.

FERVORINO – *Like John the Baptist, every parent "prepares the way of the Lord" in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask; "Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?"*

ADVENT PUBLIC ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST during Advent Fridays, (Dec. 11) 1:00 – 4:00 pm, followed by Benediction. Make an extra effort to spend personal/family time before the Lord.

Grade School CCD Information

Diane Utrup, Elementary Coordinator stjohnsreled@bright.net.

Jr. High CCD Information

Message from Mindy Recker for Jr. High Coordinator email at stjohnsjrhighccd@gmail.com

High School CCD Information

Message from Ruth Gerding Coordinator of High School CCD:

e-mail me at stjohnshsccd@gmail.com

HS CCD on Wednesday 7:00 – 8:15 PM High School CCD in the parish center this week. Please wear your mask.

Thank you to the parents who helped set up for our Wednesday night's speaker, Brad Hurtig. Parents, please talk to your children about his message.

Also, thank you all so much for the donations of food. The challenge was won by the Sophomores who brought in 343 items. Seniors had 118 items; Juniors: 154 and Freshman brought in 88 items. The Food Pantry was SO APPRECIATIVE of the donations.

On December 16th, the students will be getting Christmas cards ready for Residents in our nursing homes and our Parishioners who are home-bound. If you know of anyone specifically; please contact the rectory (419-538-6928) with their names and we will make sure they receive a card or two. Also, please send along a card with your child on that night, as it will be greatly appreciated. We will also be serving the students pizza that night.

Please continue to pray for the names you have on the prayer sticks...all is appreciated.

In the offing: In January, the Seniors will not be attending on Wednesday nights. They will have CCD on two Sunday mornings, to hear some presentations. These two Sundays will be January 10th and 31st, from 9:00 to 12:15 PM. Please schedule accordingly. The morning will begin with breakfast for the Seniors.

If your child is going to be absent from CCD, please call or text my cell number: 567-204-1275. If anyone has any questions, please let me know. CYO consent papers need to be turned in by December 16th to me.

Thank you all so much,
Ruth Gerding, Coordinator of HS CCD

PLEASE NOTE: Wednesday Adoration from **6:30 – 8:15pm**

Colleen Halker Youth Director colleen_halker@yahoo.com

RCIA - Mon., Dec 7, 6:00 – 7:30pm in the cafeteria

Topic: Mary & the Saints – Our Spiritual Mother & The Communion of Saints. 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.

Advent “Little Blue Book” We still have some books left on the radiators. Please take one. Happy Advent!

NOTICE – Church will be locked at **5:00pm** during the week unless there is a scheduled event going on in church.

TMIY "ALL THINGS NEW", YEAR 8, Saturday, December 12th, 6am-7:30am in the cafeteria

Please wear a mask.

Week 13 - A New Evangelization

- Speaker: Michael Gormley
- What's so 'New' about the 'New Evangelization'?
- The Original Evangelization: The Mission Ad Gentes
- Pre-Christian and Post-Christian Civilizations
- America is Mission Territory
- The Marks of a Post-Christian Culture
- How to 'Do' the New Evangelization

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS Sun., Jan. 10, 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. Stop by rectory to pick up your book. **Next class will be May 16, 2021.**

NOTE FROM BISHOP THOMAS: DISPENSATION FROM ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
The faithful are to be reminded that the dispensation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation, remains in place for the foreseeable future until you are notified otherwise. Those who are at high risk, especially the elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions are to be strongly advised to refrain from Mass attendance out of concern for their own well-being and out of Christian charity for others.
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS DISPENSED AS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION This feast day will be on Tue., Dec. 8. For those who wish to attend Mass Fr. Tony will have Masses on Tuesday, December 8 at 8:40am & 7:00pm. There will not be a 4:30pm Anticipation Mass on Monday.

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! **NEWLY UPDATED LIST OF OUR MILITARY (AWAY FROM HOME)**

Lt Anthony Maher, B Co/1-35 AR/2-1 AD, Unit # 61375, APO AE, 09877 (New address)

Alexander Closson(R4), USS Theodore Roosevelt, (CVN 71), Unit 100250, Box 4494, FPO AP 96632

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, CLR-25 2nd MLG, PSC Box 20186, Camp Lejeune, NC 28542

Evan Barrett, 7381B Dexter Ave., Fort Campbell, KY 42223 (New address)

Our seminarian, Eric Kaufman's Address

Eric Kaufman

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ADVENT - ANGEL TREE

St. John's Outreach group is asking you to please help *Heartbeat* again this year by picking an **angel ornament** from our tree or making a **monetary donation**. If you take an ornament, purchase the item, and **put it in the *Heartbeat* box near the tree**. The **baby bottles** are also located by the tree and you can use them for cash donations (which are in much need at this time). **Return the bottles to the *Heartbeat* box any Sunday** before Christmas. *You could also put any cash donations in a labeled envelope and put it in the collection basket or in the drop box of the rectory garage.* **Thank you** for helping parents and their children during this time when we remember Baby Jesus' birth.

Some of the most needed items at *Heartbeat* right now are: baby food, diapers (newborn, size 4, size 5), onesies (long and short-sleeved), sleepers (12 month and smaller), blanket sleepers (12 month and smaller).

The *Heartbeat* Pregnancy Center in Ottawa is located at 1225 East Third Street. The hours are Mondays 10:00-1:00 and Wednesdays 1:00-4:00. Please call 419-523-1150 for appointments.

Maria Stein Shrine – now - JANUARY 11: ANNUAL NATIVITIES DISPLAY - Our beloved annual Christmas event is back this year with never-before seen nativities from the extensive collection of Tim and Katherine Nealeigh! The display will be located on the first floor, near the main entrance. Add this unique experience to your holiday travel plans!

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life, will have their next meeting on Thursday December 10 at St. Charles Church. Guests are welcome either in person or via live stream (www.stcharleslima.org). Mass will begin at 6:30PM followed immediately by the program. This month's program speaker will be Janis Burns-Watson, Chaplain at Mercy Health St. Rita's. Ms. Burns-Watson is a former protestant minister who converted to Catholicism in the recent past via RCIA. Social distancing practices will be in place. No reservations are required. If any questions, call Kathy McGraw 419-303-0339

Note from Fr. Tony,

Please do not enter the sanctuary area. You may go to Blessed Virgin & St. Joseph's Shrines to light votive lights if you wish.

Please remember the rules to stay at least 6 feet from each other, if you have any symptoms of sickness (flu, cold or any other sickness) please do not (do not) go to church. Please stay home and pray. Stay safe and keep others safe. The church will be disinfected.

Since Putnam County is **RED** Fr. Tony is kindly asking all of you to wear a mask when you come to Mass on Weekdays and at Saturday/Sunday Masses. Thank you!

Jesus, Mary & Joseph please keep us all safe.

Fr. Tony Fortman, C.P.P.S.

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“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

November 29th Collection

Adults \$7,367.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$1,750.00

Loose \$762.00 Children \$82.50 Total: \$9,961.50

November 22nd – Adults/Children \$860.00 Loose \$1,033.56

Monthly Auto W/drawl Online: \$ 4500

Ottawa Food Pantry: Note: Monetary donations - Send to Trinity United Methodist Church, in care of Sandi Racer. **Thank you for your willingness to help the less fortunate!**

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!



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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 – The 2021 dates are scheduled for **January 10, May 16, & September 19, from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in room 15, in the parish center** - presented by Deacon Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling rectory.

ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY at Noon on First Fridays of the month.

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 The Diocese of Toledo has a marriage preparation class, entitled "A Joy-Filled Marriage." This is a mandatory, two-day class. St. John's class will be November 7 & 8, 2020.

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

SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION: PENANCE Saturdays 8:30am & 4:00pm.

Br. Jerry Schwieterman's address: Br. Jerry Schwieterman, C.P.P.S.,
St. Charles Center, 2860 US Route 127, Celina, OH 45822

Br. Jerry's address: Br. Jerry Schulte, C.P.P.S., St. Charles Center, 2860 US Route 127 Rm 107, Celina, OH 45822

Fr. Rick's new address: 937 N. Defiance St., Ottawa, OH 45875

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 CYO HIGH SCHOOL & PUTNAM COUNTY GRADE SCHOOL BOY'S & GIRL'S SPORTING TEAMS ANNOUNCEMENT: 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 (which is not an excused absence) you will be sitting out one game.—**To play CYO sports, the following are the only excused absences from CCD: sickness, death in family, college visitation day, parish sponsored event, sport tournament games only with O-G athletes/fans involved, and work (up to 3 missed CCD classes due to work).** After the third absence due to work, the player is not permitted to play in a game until he/she returns to CCD class. All other reasons are unexcused. Parents, if your child is sick, please call his/her teacher/leader before class. If necessary, the Parish Council will review attendance or unexcused absence issues on an individual basis. We kindly ask the cooperation of all concerned as we implement this church policy for the good of our parish. (Fr. Tony– pastor & Brenda Recker – Council Pres.)