

## CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 6<sup>TH</sup> OF 8

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### **Racism**

In their November 2018 Pastoral Letter Against Racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, the U.S. Catholic bishops wrote, “Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that ... all [humans are] equally made in the image of God.” (p.4) Racism fails to acknowledge the dignity with which God creates each person, and it contributes to a culture of death.

Since the Civil Rights Movement in our nation, the country has moved forward in many positive ways past racial discrimination. Nevertheless, the nation still has a long way to go to reach reconciliation on race, as evident by the nightly news. Thus, it is imperative that especially as members of the body of Christ, we seek to reach out and listen to those whose race and ethnicity is different from our own to create a culture of communication, which may then lead to a culture of communion. As the USCCB states:

*We cannot, therefore, look upon the progress against racism in recent decades and conclude that our current situation meets the standard of justice. In fact, God demands what is right and just. As Christians, we are called to listen and know the stories of our brothers and sisters. We must create opportunities to hear, with open hearts, the tragic stories that are deeply imprinted on the lives of our brothers and sisters, if we are to be moved with empathy to promote justice. Many groups, such as the Irish, Italians, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Poles, Jews, Chinese, and Japanese, can attest to having been the target of racial and ethnic prejudice in this country. It is also true that many groups are still experiencing prejudice, including rising anti-Semitism, the discrimination many Hispanics face today, and anti-Muslim sentiment. Especially instructive at this moment, however, are the historical and contemporary experiences of Native and African Americans. (Open Wide Our Hearts, p.10)*

It is therefore incumbent upon Catholic Christians to reach outside of our comfort zones to communities different from our own to help rebuild a fractured human family. For while we may not be hurting from the scars of racism, members of our Church and the human family are. Racism ultimately then is an attack on human life and the human family, thus we are called to respond forcefully to it because of its broad range of effects into other areas which effect the dignity of the human person. As the USSCB has written:

*The injustice and harm racism causes are an attack on human life. The Church in the United States has spoken out consistently and forcefully against abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, the death penalty, and other forms of violence that threaten human life. It is not a secret that these attacks on human life have severely affected people of color, who are disproportionately affected by poverty, targeted for abortion, have less access to healthcare, have the greatest numbers on death row, and are most likely to feel pressure to end their lives when facing serious illness. (Open Wide Our Hearts, p.30)*

In summation, racism is an issue that still exists in our society. As Catholic faithful, we must lead the way in how we speak, act and love each member of our human family. Correspondingly, we should desire candidates that uphold the dignity of every human person, no matter their race or ethnicity.

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## Socialism

Pope John XXIII stated in *Mater et Magistra* (“On Christianity and Social Progress”) that “No Catholic could subscribe even to moderate socialism.” (Saint John XXIII, *Mater et Magistra*, 34)

The Church believes that socialism is a grave threat to the social order. Socialism violates the third major principle of Catholic Social Teaching: subsidiarity, or the belief that problems are best handled at the level in which they arise. Subsidiarity insists on limits to States intervention in the affairs of the family and society. As St. John Paul II wrote in *Centesimus Annus*, Subsidiarity “insists on necessary limits to the State’s intervention. . . inasmuch as the individual, the family and society are prior to the state, and inasmuch as the State exists in order to protect their rights and not stifle them.” (Saint John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 11)

Socialism, on the other hand, puts ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange of wealth exercised through the government and its officials. This type of power should not reside in the State. As Pope Benedict has taught:

*We do not need a state which regulates and controls everything, but a State which, in accordance with the principles of subsidiarity, generously acknowledges and supports initiatives arising from different social forces and combines spontaneity with closeness to those in need.* (Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, 28)

That much power in the hands of the State dispossesses individuals and families of their autonomy. As Pope Francis has commented: “No actual or established power has the right to deprive peoples of the full exercise of their sovereignty.” (Pope Francis, *Address to the Second World Meeting of Popular Movements, Bolivia, 9 July 2015*)

Furthermore, socialism treats people as groups, not individuals, including denying man his natural law right to private property for the common good. Saint Pope John Paul II, in *Centesimus Annus* (“The Hundredth Year”), wrote that this error is:

*Anthropological in nature. Socialism considers the individual person simply as an element, a molecule within the social organism, so that the good of the individual is completely subordinated to the functioning of the socio-economic mechanism.* (Saint John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 12)

This is why every Supreme Pontiff, from Pius IX in 1849 through Pope Francis, has opposed socialism. Pope Pius XI, in his encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno* (“On Reconstruction of the Social Order”), went so far as to say that socialism is “Irreconcilable with true Christianity,” and thus “No one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true socialist.” (Pope Pius XI, *Quadragesimo Anno*, 120)

In summation, if socialism is called ‘democratic socialism’ or ‘Christian socialism’ it remains, socialism – something the Catholic Church has clearly and forcefully spoken against as it deprives the individual of personal responsibility and attributes power to the State which belong in the hands of families and communities. A Catholic when voting, at every turn, must reject socialism as a legitimate principle of change.

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### Environment

As Catholic Christians, we are tremendously blessed to receive from God our Father the gift of this earth, what Pope Francis has called our ‘common home.’ Thus, from the first man, Adam, down to our day, we are called to work, revere and protect the great gift of our environment. Therefore, as our ‘common home’ is received as gift, protecting our environment is not ‘optional to the Christian experience.’ As Pope Francis remarked in *Laudato Si*:

*Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, 257)*

To live out our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork it is essential that we have an adequate anthropology to appreciate the importance of our ecology. In other words, if we more deeply appreciate the human person, and the human relationships we engage in, the better our relationship can be with nature and creation. Again, quoting Pope Francis:

*When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected. (LS, 117)*

*There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself. There can be no ecology without an adequate anthropology. When the human person is considered as simply one being among others, the product of chance or physical determinism, then “our overall sense of responsibility wanes”. (LS, 118)*

The human person, the crown of God’s creation, must then be respected, cherished and loved if we are to in turn respect and cherish our environment. When we fail to respect the human person, we fail to respect our environment:

*If the present ecological crisis is one small sign of the ethical, cultural and spiritual crisis of modernity, we cannot presume to heal our relationship with nature and the environment without healing all fundamental human relationships. Christian thought sees human beings as possessing a particular dignity above other creatures; it thus inculcates esteem for each person and respect for others. (LS, 119)*

*Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties? “If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of the new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away”. (LS, 120)*

In summation, when we vote as Catholics approaching the issue of the environment, we recognize that our care for creation flows from the centrality of the dignity of the human person. Because God has made us in his image and likeness, the environment in which he has deposited us is a great gift to help us flourish and create a culture of life and love. When, we fail to see God in each other, we fail to see the gift God has given us in our ‘common home’: A home that we must protect, cultivate and revere for future generations and for the common good of all.

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 2020      28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

‡ **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** ‡

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12**

8:00 In Thanksgiving for Fr. Tony, End of all Abortions, For those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13**

8:40 AM Blessing of Confirmation items

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 St. Callistus**

8:00 AM Ruth Ann Stechschulte(AN), End of all Abortions, For those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

6:30 PM – 8:15 PM Adoration

7:00 – 8:15 PM High School CCD in the parish center

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 St. Teresa of Jesus**

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 Sts. Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque**

8:00 AM 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

5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal-Kelsie Ellerbrock

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 St. Ignatius**

8:00 AM Oscar & Marie Kuhlman (AN), End of all Abortions, For those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

8:45 AM Confessions

1:30 PM Nuptial-Coleson/Richardson

4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Greg Hovest, L/D Robert & Alice Schroeder Family, L/D Jerome & Alma Schmitz Family, Lane Condon & Family, Levi Blake

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18      29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Gary Wiechart Family, Cy & Anna Marie Kahle, L/D Donald Recker Family, L/D Alfred, Mary & Gordon Verhoff Family

10:30 AM Sally & Charles Schierloh, Angie Schumaker, Ross Hansen (AN), Mass in Thanksgiving Ralph & Marie Pothast 65<sup>th</sup> Wed. Ann.

6:30 PM Parish

*You are invited to a rich feast. Don't ignore the invitation. Perhaps you are called to service through ordained ministry or the consecrated life. Trust that you will receive the grace you need. (Matthew 22:1-14)*

*For our priests and all liturgical ministers, may they enrich our community's Eucharistic celebrations, we pray.*

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, October 18**    Is 45:1, 4-6    1Thes 1:1-5    Mt 22:15-21

**From the  
Desk of  
Fr. Tony**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11  
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the gospel today, Jesus is speaking a parable to the chief priests and elders of the people. The king represents God the Father, and his son represents Jesus. The wedding feast or banquet is the invitation that God is extending to all those who follow him, the bride groom. Many people do not want to come to the wedding feast. The food will be wonderful and it will be a joyous time but people have other plans and it doesn't involve being present to Christ and his church. You

can say that the same may be said in today's world. Christ is inviting many people to partake of God's word and sacraments in his church but many people choose to avoid Christ's church. I know that we have permission by the bishop not to attend mass at this time because of Covid 19. But even before the pandemic only 27% of Catholics in the United States attended mass.

There is a large group of people in the United States and in the world called "Nones." Not the religious women dressed in habits but secular people who do not want to follow any religion. These Nones, make up their own beliefs about God and church. They do not want to belong to a church and do not want to take the time to look up what the Catholic Church believes and why we believe what we believe. The Nones, just want to be left alone. But Jesus calls us to be a church, the body of Christ, a people that worship and work together. The Nones do not want to be bothered by certain beliefs because they want to be free of religious expectations. Nothing sticks to them because they will not side with anyone. When Christians are persecuted, the Nones are secure in their little happy place. Christ wants us to be affiliated with him. Jesus calls us to believe in him and trust him. The church is not separated from it's head, Christ. You cannot separate the two.

So, let us be open to Christ's invitation and share in his feast, the body of Christ, and the feast in heaven someday. It may be difficult to be a follower of Christ but God feeds us on earth and in heaven. God bless you all.    Fr. Tony

**OCTOBER COUNT** - Including servers, Fr. Tony, Fr. Rick, Fr. Mark, Deacon Don, choir & babes in arms - this weekend Sat., Oct. 10/Sun., Oct. 11, the **ushers** will count all people present at all of the October weekend Masses.

***Live on St. John the Baptist Catholic Church – Glandorf***

***Facebook, NEW LINK AGAIN click on <https://youtu.be/6zbjQms0S4c>***

***on our website click on the "View Live" button and on Glandorf Cable 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!***

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** **Mon. 8:00AM:** Mary Ann Myers; **Tue., 8:40AM:** Eddie Duling; **Wed. 8:00AM:** Jerry Hanneman; **Thurs. 8:40AM:** Bob & Jackie Luttfiring; **Fri. 8:00AM:** Ken & Paula Elchinger; **Sat. 8:00AM:** Roger Schroeder.

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

**NEXT SUNDAY – October 18**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**4:30** Doug Deitering  
Diane Deitering

**8:00** Deb Leopold  
Steve Leopold

**10:30** Julie Grismore  
Jane Moening

**6:30** Lori Schroeder, Kathy Schmiedebusch  
Paula Elchinger, Jason Miller

**LECTORS**

Sharon Meyer  
Cari Homan

Janet Schroeder  
Deb Schroeder

Diana Meyer  
Doug Karhoff

Doug Karhoff  
Paula Siebeneck

**NEW MINISTER SCHEDULE WAS E-MAILED OUT**

**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!**

**OCTOBER SUNDAY USHERS:** **Sat. 4:30 pm:** Brian Grime, Richard Schmitz; **Sun. 8:00 am:** Tom Morman, Tony Maag; **Sun. 10:30 am:** Louis & Mary Ellen Halker; **Sun. 6:30 pm:** Richard Schmitz

**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY:** 2

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

**OCTOBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS:** Ginnie Riepenhoff, Jeff & Jeanne Schram, Marie Pothast, Bertie Hermiller, Mike & Judy Niese, Lee & Diane Recker

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.**

**Diocese has directed ministers to not distribute communion to the home bound until September 1st. Unless there is another change by diocese.**

Jesus, Mary & Joseph please keep us all safe.

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

**Every Friday there will be a rosary prayed at noon in church for our nation.** Please come and pray during your lunch hour!

***"Whenever you can, look after the poor prisoners, the sick in the hospital; great blessings will be showered upon you."* 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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5. Enter your email - and you're in!

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**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY!** Please pray the rosary as a family daily. You would make Our Blessed Mother so happy!

**BANNS:**

**III Kathryn Richardson**, daughter of Timothy Richardson & Janet Richardson & **Jeremy Coleson** of this parish, son of Scott & Beth Coleson

**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY WEDDED:** Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas (Kennedy Metz) Maag

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH FAMILY:** Derek & Jamie (Saum) Ebbeskotte; Ryan & Stephanie (Hiegel) Ellerbrock and their children Saleigha, Miya, Royce & Ryland.



**HOME TO GOD:** Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of **Kathleen Selhorst**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Pam Maag** on the death of her loving sister, Kathleen.

Please remember in your prayers Fr. Harry's classmate, Fr. Bill Beuth, C.P.P.S., who died earlier this week, was a true Missionary and had many hopes and dreams for the people of Guatemala, which he put into action through projects that our parish helped support. Our parish's twinning relationship with the people of the La Labor region has borne great fruit, and we hope that relationship will continue. We truly believe that a missionary spirit enhances parish life—certainly that has been evidenced in St. John the Baptist, where the people are so generous to their brothers and sisters in Guatemala and elsewhere.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Eulitta Spangler** will celebrate her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Oct 14

**Ruth Ann Unverferth** will celebrate her 80th birthday on Oct 18

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY EULITTA & RUTH ANN!**



**2020 Confirmation Class**

Please welcome Rev. Msgr. William Kubacki!

- Carlie Cecilia Brinkman Vincent Maximillian Brinkman Evan Sebastian Buckland Anna Teresa Buddelmeyer  
 Sophia Victoria Carrera Alysha Margaret Diemer Dane Sebastian Duling Nathan Nicholas Dulle  
 Brayden Hubertus Ellerbrock Larkin Michael Felkey Brandon Francis Frey Abigail Lucia Giesige Alexa Therese Glenn  
 William Sebastian Gulker Laney Teresa Hedrick Mason Stephen Heitmeyer Maya Clare Heringhaus  
 Derek Francis Horstman Megan Teresa Horstman Maci Maria Hovest Nicole Agnes Hovest Justin John Kahle  
 Hayden Isadore Kaufman Kaitlyn Elizabeth Kimmet Tessa Teresa Klausing Cole Andrew Kleman Austin Patrick Koch  
 Peyton Francis Kuhlman Carson Joseph Leopold Mallorie Maria Maag Ross Sebastian Maag  
 Breanne Alexander Maas Logan Wolfgang Maas Ethan Joseph Mason Wyatt Isidore Meyer Reagan Teresa Miller  
 Cole Michael Morman Claire Luke Prasuhn Phaylin Caterina Rader Dillon Joseph Recker Jordan Joan Recker  
 Tyson Joshua Rosengarten Elizabeth Cecilia Ruhe Isabel Catherine Rump Jacob Isadore Schimmoeller  
 Grant Guy Schmitz Sam Erik Schomaeker Alex John Paul Schroeder Felicia Rose Schroeder Halle Teresa Schroeder  
 Logan Joseph Schroeder Mitchell Thomas Schroeder Noah Pio Schroeder Sara Julia Schroeder Landyn Paul Schulte  
 Dylan Sebastian Siefker Makenna Marie Siefker Allison Grace Sonnenberg Lucas Christopher Stoepfel  
 Grady Joseph Toumazos Rose Teresa Turnwald Jase Isidore Utrup Ty Joseph Verhoff Molly Philomena Wahrer  
 Emma Cecilia Warnecke Matthew Augustine Warnimont  
**COME, HOLY SPIRIT COME!**

**RCIA** - Mon., Oct. 12, 6:00 – 7:30pm in the cafeteria in our parish center. **Topic for Oct 12: The Story of Salvation – Creation, the Fall & Redemption** - These sessions are open to all interested persons – those wishing to become a Catholic and for Catholics who wish to update themselves. We welcome you. If you are interested please call the rectory. 419-538-6928 to sign up.



**Happy 59<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Br. Jerry Schwieterman!  
 Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**May our dear Lord bless him with many blessings!**

**Address:** Br. Jerry Schwieterman, C.P.P.S., St. Charles Center, 2860 US Route 127, Celina, OH 45822

**UPDATE - Glandorf St. John's St. Bonifest October 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.** Reverse Raffle tickets are now available. If you had a ticket last year, to make it easy on your salesperson, please give them a call if you would like a ticket for this year. If you don't call, your salesman will be calling soon. If you haven't had a reverse drawing ticket (\$60) in the past and would like to have one this year please call the rectory 419-538-6928. This year we decided to have a **Chicken BBQ meal carry out only, tickets for Saturday, October 31 are on sale now. Each family in our CCD program received an order form for BBQ tickets, also on sale from Fr. Tony, at Your Place, Manufacturer's Plumbing Supply, Brooky's, Bombshelter and at the rectory. We will be raffling off 7 quarters of Beef and 50/50 tickets. There are extra tickets in the racks back in church.** You should have received your meat raffle/50-50 tickets in the mail. Everything else will be cancelled for this year. Thank you all!

**FERVORINO** –What makes a “worthy” guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can give is support to the couple as they voyage through life together because marriage naturally contains within it the fields of disappointment. Think of the weddings you have attended. Have you been a “worthy guest?”



**GRANDorf Drawing** will be today, Sun., October 11, no coffee & donuts will be served. Next drawing - Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**LIONS’ CLUB CHICKEN BBQ** today, Sun., Oct. 11 (same day as Confirmation will be an easy lunch) serving from 11:00 – 1:00pm, drive thru at the Glandorf Fire Station.

**Grade School CCD Information**

**Diane Utrup, Elementary Coordinator** [stjohnsreled@bright.net](mailto:stjohnsreled@bright.net).

**Jr. High CCD Information**

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

**Confirmation Mass** will be today, Sunday, October 11 at 2:00 pm **in Church**. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates to be confirmed this year as they make their final preparations to receive this great Sacrament. **COME HOLY SPIRIT, enkindle in them the fire of Your Love!**

**High School CCD Information**

**Message from Ruth Gerding Coordinator of High School CCD:**  
e-mail me at [stjohnshsccd@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnshsccd@gmail.com)

At each exit are prayer sticks for our HS CCD students. Please pick up and pray for the student whose name is on the stick. May pick up more than one. Thank you for helping our HS youth.

HS CCD continues on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:15 PM. All should continue to wear their masks. As well, on October 14th, the students will be participating in Penance Services in the church, and adoration will also be at that same time.

Thank you to the many HS Students and to their parents who have willingly participated in CCD so far this year. If anyone has any questions, please let me know.  
Thank you all so much,  
Ruth Gerding, Coordinator of HS CCD 567-204-1275

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

**Colleen Halker Youth Director** [colleen\\_halker@yahoo.com](mailto:colleen_halker@yahoo.com)

**Save the Date-** Women's Welcome Retreat (formerly CRHP) will take place on Saturday, October 17th- Sunday, October 18th. Brochures are available at the exits. Pick up one for more information about the upcoming retreat. To RSVP or for more information please call or text Tara Gerding 419-969-4806 or Lindsay Duling 419-615-2510. **Since Covid the ladies will not be staying over night this year. Please sign-up for Adoration during the Retreat. Adoration sign-up sheet is back in church on the register. Thank you!**

**TMIY "ALL THINGS NEW", YEAR 8, Saturday, October 17th, 6am-7:30am in the cafeteria**

**Please wear a mask.**

**Week 6 - Mary, Mother of All People**

- Speaker: Dr. Mark Miravalle
- Mary as Our Spiritual Mother
- Mary as Co-Redemptrix
- Mary as the Mediatrix of All Graces
- Mary as our Advocate
- Marian Doctrines Becoming Dogmas
- Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**World Mission Sunday** will be celebrated October 17/18. Please support the missionary work of the Church by your prayers and financial assistance. On Sunday, October 18, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will celebrate the 10:00 am Liturgy at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. All are invited to attend.

**Celebrate Respect Life Month!** Respect Life Month this October. Although we must cherish, protect, and defend human life year-round, the Catholic Church in the United States sets aside each October as Respect Life Month. This year’s theme, **“Live the Gospel of Life”**, is particularly suited for our times. While attacks against human life seem to grow ever more numerous and callous, we know that Christ has conquered sin and death.

The Diocese of Toledo is launching a faith initiative for the months of October, and November. Each month will focus on a pillar of the Christian life with a specific intention from our diocesan prayer. In October, we will *fast* for the intention of *holy families*. In November, we will *give alms* for the intention of *holy vocations*. *Here at Glandorf St. John's we have adoration every Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:15pm in church. Please come to pray a Holy Hour for Holy families.*

**40 Days for Life Campaign** until November 1. You can participate in three ways: prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil. We invite you to pray for an hour in front of Capital Care Network, the Toledo abortion clinic, located at 1160 W. Sylvania Avenue. To learn more or to sign up visit: [www.40daysforlife.com/toledo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/toledo). Or to learn more, email Peter Range at [prange@toledodiocese.org](mailto:prange@toledodiocese.org).

**Attention Parishioners:** Fall clean-up at the cemetery is underway. Please remove all spring & summer flowers, etc. After November 3, 2020 all will be discarded. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Jeff Gerding, Cemetery Caretaker and Manager

**BOX of JOY by Cross Catholic Outreach** – Once again this year, Holy Family Radio will be sponsoring the Box of Joy program for children suffering from severe poverty in Guatemala, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Grenada, and The Bahamas. Through the Box of Joy program, you can ensure these children are not deprived of Christmas blessings this year. By packing a gift box and sponsoring the cost of its shipment (\$9.00 per box), you can deliver a Box of Joy to a child overseas who would otherwise receive nothing. Gift boxes and additional information are available in the back of church, and filled boxes can be returned there at any time up through November 15th after 10:30 mass. For questions, please contact Brad Rump by phone/text at 419-722-9437 or by e-mail at [bjrump@coopertire.com](mailto:bjrump@coopertire.com) or go to the website at [www.crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy](http://www.crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy). This is a way to get your children and grandchildren involved in gift giving to the Poorest of the Poor.

**Don't Worry Retire Happy:** *The Ottawa Knights of Columbus will be hosting Tom Hegna, an award-winning author, speaker, and economist. He is an industry leader and is considered by many as "The Retirement Income Expert". Please join us at the Ottawa K of C October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 7:30. There is no requirement to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. Please RSVP to [jeremy.kuhlman@kofc.org](mailto:jeremy.kuhlman@kofc.org).*

### **Miscarriage and Infant Loss Memorial Mass October 18**

Did you or someone you love lose a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death? Come receive spiritual consolation at the second annual St. Catherine's Embrace Memorial Mass. It will be held on Sunday, October 18 at 1:30pm at St. Michael Catholic Church, 312 N. Broad St, Kalida. All are welcome at this special Mass, whether your loss was recent or years ago. Those outside Putnam County are also warmly invited. If you have questions about the Mass or St. Catherine's Embrace (a new outreach ministry in Putnam County to support families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss), call or text Mary Beth Weisenburger at 419-980-8065, Ruth Gerding at 567-204-1275 or Jill Streicher at 419-796-0637.

**St. Anthony of Padua Parish Festival** - St. Anthony's will be sponsoring a "mini" festival on Sunday, October 11th. The Country Store will be held in the St. Anthony School gym from 11:00 – 4:30 p.m. The 5K will be held with sign-in beginning at 11:00 a.m. with the race beginning at 1:30 p.m. A Kiddie Tractor Pull will be held at 3:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 2:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$5.00 per child. There are 3 age groups ~ 4 & 5, 6 & 7 and 8& 9 year olds. Hamburgers, French fries, hot dogs, beer, pop and water will be available for purchase in the church basement from 11:30 to 5:00 p.m. We will have the drawings for the winning vehicle ticket, the Big Raffle Tickets, the Lottery Tree, Gas Cards and Country Store raffles at 5:00 p.m.

**MARIA STEIN SHRINE OF THE HOLY RELICS OCTOBER 25: VIRTUAL ST. PEREGRINE SERVICE** - Join us at 2pm via Facebook and YouTube as we pray for all those affected by cancer through the intercession of St. Peregrine. This is a virtual event that will include scripture, testimony and relic veneration. To have your intentions included, email to Susan Jenkins at [s.jenkins@mariasteinshrine.org](mailto:s.jenkins@mariasteinshrine.org) by October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Child Abuse or Neglect** - All suspected or actual acts of physical or sexual child abuse, or neglect must be reported to the Putnam County Children's Services Board first by calling 567-376-3780, ask for a Social Services worker. If after office hours, call the Sheriff's Dept. at 419-523-3208 or 419-523-5346. They have a beeper number to contact a caseworker after office hours. The person who witnessed or was told is to be the person to make the call. The supervisor (Business Manager, Coordinator of Rel. Ed. High School, Rel. Ed. Elementary, Preschool or Youth Group) can be present if requested. When appropriate, next call parents and notify pastor if not already notified. If abuse is by a teacher, parish staff, or volunteer, report incident to Diocese of Toledo after County Caseworker has been notified. Diocese Case Manager is Frank DiLallo 419-244-6711 (800-926-8277) ext. 122, or 419-243-2150 private line. Those who are supervising youth are mandated reporters.

### **Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us-Oct 11-17**

Arthur T Landwehr 10/11/16	Clarence W Pohl 10/14/09
Otto F Ruhe 10/12/83	Edna M Lauer 10/14/14
Marie L Meyer 10/12/99	Ruth Ann Stechschulte 10/14/17
James A (Jack) Rosengarten 10/12/13	Frances A Ellerbrock 10/15/82
Ty M Conn 10/12/18	Peggy Osting 10/15/01
Caroline A Gerdeman 10/13/86	Martha M Maag 10/16/82
Regina C Niese 10/13/96	Joseph E Stechschulte 10/16/10
Carolyn A Duling 10/14/87	Alphonse A Palte 10/17/00
Robert F Nartker 10/14/96	James H Ellerbrock 10/17/05
	Oscar L Kuhlman 10/17/08



### Minutes for Parish Council Meeting March 10, 2020

1. Members Present: Fr. Tony Fortman, Ashley Duling, Br. Jerry Schwieterman, Brenda Recker, Jodi Schroeder, Erica Hageman, Logan Miller, Tim Lehman, Eric Kaufman, Barry Maag, Tim Hoehn, Katie Schroeder, and Kelly Schroeder. 2. February minutes were read by Jodi Schroeder. Motion for approval was made by Barry Maag and seconded by Eric Kaufman. The minutes were approved. 3. New council member discussion to ask parishioners to volunteer as well as possible high school students for council. 4. Steam pipe quote for basement of parish center discussed. GEM will be contacted about moving forward with this project. 5. VRV Update: The system has been fixed since last parish meeting. It was under warranty. 6. In process of receiving quotes for transmitters to be replaced in the transformers. The current transmitters have lasted 25 years. 7. Men's restroom in parish center has been addressed. 8. The gutters on the church will be checked in the spring. 9. There is sidewalk salt in the middle vestibule for ushers to use during inclement weather. 10. Rectory windows with broken down weather covering: will get quotes to replace or fix glass. 11. Rectory porch: will seek advice from knowledgeable parishioners in construction to improve safety and appearance of this area. 12. Covid-19: Diocese memorandum to priests in the diocese to consider the following procedural changes during this time with the coronavirus: refrain from holy water, physical sign of peace, distribution of host on tongues and wine. St. John's parish will communicate these changes at this weekend's masses and in the bulletin. 13. New Business: Discussed possibility of welcome teams at the doors before weekend masses to greet people. 14. Closing prayer was offered by Fr. Tony Fortman. Respectfully submitted, Jodi Schroeder

### Minutes for Parish Council Meeting August 17, 2020

1. Members Present: Fr. Tony Fortman, Ashley Duling, Brenda Recker, Jodi Schroeder, Tim Lehman, Barry Maag, and Tim Hoehn. Absent: Katie Schroeder, Kelly Schroeder, Eric Kaufman, Megan Ketner, and Will Kaufman. 2. March minutes were read by Jodi Schroeder. Motion for approval was made by Barry Maag and seconded by Tim Hoehn. The minutes were approved. 3. Steam pipe in the parish center was completed the end of April. 4. Parish light update: All lights have been changed to LED. This includes church, parish center, rectory, sister's house and house across the street. Currently looking at the lights around the church to light the bell tower. 5. Gym floor has been refinished. 6. Exhaust fans will be placed where the duct work has been removed to in the parish center stage. This will help with cooling the area. 7. The parish council will remain the same members until the parish is able to have a vote by the congregation. 8. St. Bonifest discussion. Possible ideas: take-out meals, outdoor mass, prizes of beef, 50/50, etc. 9. Sound system for mass outdoors was discussed. 10. All Service Glass has measured the rectory windows and created a quote. 11. Closing prayer was offered by Fr. Tony Fortman. Respectfully submitted, Jodi Schroeder

**If your family is living in our Glandorf St. John's Parish and would like to be members and did not register as yet please do so by calling the rectory 419-538-6928.**

### **Single Catholic Women Invited to 'Zoom and See' Weekend**

Are you a single Catholic woman, age 19-35, seeking a meaningful life of service and dedication to God? The Adrian Dominican Sisters invite you to their virtual Zoom and See Weekend, October 23-24, 2020, to join other women discerning whether you are called to religious life – and particularly to life as a Dominican Sister of Adrian. The weekend begins at 7:00 p.m. EDT Friday, October 23, and concludes at 8:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, October 24. It will include time for prayer, silence, faith-sharing, and fun, as well as conversations about Dominican life and the life of a Sister. Please register online at <https://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern>. For information, contact Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, Vocation Co-director, at [tdeyonker@adriandominicans.org](mailto:tdeyonker@adriandominicans.org) or call or text her at 517-920-1395.

**To facilitate early, in-person voting, the Board of Elections office in Putnam County** — located at 575 Ottawa-Glandorf Road, Suite 2 — offers the following hours of operation:

- Monday, Oct. 12 through Friday, Oct. 16: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, Oct 19 through Friday, Oct. 23: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 24: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 25: 1 to 5 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 26 through Friday, Oct. 20: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 31: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 1: 1 to 5 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 2: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wear a mask and bring your ID.

**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**

**- No more than 5 customers in store; Stay 6' apart; Wear a mask**

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**STEWARDSHIP**

**October 4<sup>th</sup> Collection**

Adults \$6,626.00    Auto Electronic Giving \$1,750.00  
Loose \$2,123.25    Children \$72.00    Total: \$10,571.25  
**September 27<sup>th</sup> – Adults/Children \$1,182.00    Loose \$184.26**  
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 – 2021 dates will be scheduled soon, 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.PP.S., St. Charles Center, 2860 US Route 127, Celina, OH 45822

**Br. Jerry's Schulte's** address: Br. Jerry Schulte, C.PP.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.)