

# 10 WAYS TO SUPPORT HER WHEN SHE IS UNEXPECTEDLY EXPECTING

I had been brought up to believe that life is always a gift, but it certainly didn't feel like one when I gazed in shock at a positive pregnancy test. As a mom who had my first baby in college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame, and doubt.

However, I also know that an unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew was possible—not to mention the little bundle who inspires these sentiments! About nine months after looking at that pregnancy test, I received the very best gift I have ever been given: my daughter, Maria\*.

An unexpected pregnancy might be confusing along the way, but life—though at times difficult—is ultimately beautiful. Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.

Not sure how to help or what to say? Here are ten tips:

## 1. Be available.

An unexpected pregnancy can send a woman into crisis mode. If your friend just found out she is pregnant, she may not be thinking clearly, and she may feel she has no control over anything at the moment.

Be aware of how she is responding to you. Listen to her and let her know you love her and are there for her any time she needs you. Don't pass judgment on her either interiorly or through words or body language.

## 2. Respond positively.

When a woman experiencing challenging circumstances confides she is pregnant, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. Avoid responding with shock or alarm, and be calm and understanding. Let her know you're there for her and that it's going to be okay. Pay close attention to her emotional state, and act accordingly.

Depending on where she is emotionally, it may or may not be helpful to congratulate her at that time. However, it is always important to affirm that every person's life—including her child's and her own—is precious and beautiful no matter the circumstances.

## 3. Be honest.

The journey through an unexpected pregnancy is not easy, and it's okay if you don't know the perfect words to say. Just be honest. Let her know you are there for her, and ask her how she is feeling and how you can support her.

It's a good way to open the door to communicate, and she may be grateful for the opportunity to talk freely with someone. She might become emotional at times, but be patient—let's not forget hormones; the struggle is real.

## 4. Offer specific help.

Don't be afraid to ask her if she needs help with anything or to make specific offers to help. For example, you might offer to help with cleaning, finding a good doctor, or running to the store to pick up the one food that won't make her feel sick. But remember to read her cues, and make sure you're not being overbearing.

## 5. Set up a support system.

In addition to the standard baby registry, you can help her get other kinds of support by lining up much-needed, practical help. Think outside the box. Food = love, so take advantage of websites that allow friends and family to sign up to make meals, send food deliveries, or simply donate money. Some websites can even help organize other assistance like rides to the doctor, babysitting other children she may have, or help around the house. You can also look into what programs and assistance may be sponsored by your local diocesan pastoral care or Respect Life offices.

## 6. Tell her she is beautiful.

She may be feeling physically, spiritually, and emotionally drained with this pregnancy. Take the time to reassure her of her beauty, both inside and out, especially when morning sickness might make her feel otherwise.

## 7. Help her recharge and relax.

First-time mothers may have difficulty crossing that threshold into their new life as a mother. Your friend may be fearful that her life is "over," so help her see it's okay—good, actually—to still focus on herself sometimes. Even though she is a mother, she will still continue to be a woman, so affirm that it's healthy and important to take care of herself—not only physically, but emotionally, as well. Help her to do things she really enjoys. Take her out for a nice meal, a movie, or a day of pampering.

#### 8. Reassure her it's okay (and good) to be happy.

It can be hard to be happy about a pregnancy that many people see as unfortunate timing at best and totally irresponsible at worst. Even if your friend wants to be happy about her bundle of joy, she may not feel she "deserves" to show that happiness. Get excited about her pregnancy in front of her, and she may just feel comfortable enough to share her own excitement with you.

Also, continue to show your interest and excitement throughout her pregnancy. Ask questions about her developing child. What is she learning at her doctor appointments? What names is she considering? Ask her what she thinks her baby looks like. Does she think they will have her eyes?

#### 9. Encourage her.

Society tends to focus on ways that an unexpected pregnancy can be challenging. Help your friend to think of the benefits. Remind her of the fluttering kicks, somersaults, and maybe even dance moves her son or daughter will be rocking once they grow a little more. With moms' groups and opportunities for play dates, there's a whole new social world to explore. And there are plenty of benefits to being a young mom—like having more energy to chase her kids around.

#### 10. Point out some real-life role models.

Many amazing young mothers and birthmothers have experienced unexpected pregnancies and still followed their dreams. Other women have discovered that, even when unable to follow their lives as planned, something beautiful and good came out of the twists in the road, bringing opportunities, growth, and joy they hadn't imagined.

Point your friend to some of the many websites, blogs, and social media accounts dedicated to supporting young mothers. And let's not forget Mary, whose "yes" to bearing Jesus affected the course of history. The Blessed Mother is a great person to pour her heart out to, and she's a powerhouse of intercessory prayer.

An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her. Although the tips mentioned can be helpful, don't forget the most important thing is to pray. Even if it's just a quick two-second prayer, prayer is the most effective way we can help. Pray for her, for her child, and for guidance in how you can give her the best possible support.

Also, pay attention to how your friend feels most loved. One person might appreciate encouraging words, while another might feel more supported if you wash the dishes. Simple things—letting her know that you care and are always ready to listen, that you are available to help her, that you are praying for her—can give hope and courage when she might otherwise feel alone. Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone's life. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?

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*The author is now a married mother of four who works as an advocate for young mothers facing unexpected pregnancies. She had her first baby in college and is a proud Catholic who supports life in every circumstance and at every stage.*

Heartbeat International provides a directory of pregnancy services, which is accessible at [www.heartbeatinternational.org/worldwide-directory](http://www.heartbeatinternational.org/worldwide-directory). You can learn about setting up parish-based support for women who are pregnant and need assistance by visiting the websites for The Gabriel Project ([www.gabrielproject.us](http://www.gabrielproject.us)) and Elizabeth Ministry ([www.elizabethministry.com](http://www.elizabethministry.com)), which have chapters across the country. For more information about how you can help, or for information about help that may be available, such as pregnancy care centers, maternity homes, and other assistance, contact your local diocesan Respect Life office. A list of diocesan Respect Life Ministry offices can be found at [www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/diocesan-pro-life-offices.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/diocesan-pro-life-offices.cfm).

*\*Name changed for privacy.*



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**OCTOBER 17, 2021 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

† **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** †

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 St. Luke**

8:00 AM Communion Service – Mary Ann Myers

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues**

8:40 AM L/D Francis & Mary Ann Hanneman Family, Willie Recker, Br. Jerry Schwieterman’s 60th Birthday, Laurie Renzie, Poor Souls,  
End of all Abortions, For those suffering of any illness and COVID-19 (Br. Jerry’s address is on front of bulletin)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20 St. Paul of the Cross**

8:00 AM L/D Gary Wiechart Family, Kathleen Schwieterman(AN), Rita Jane Bockrath, Tim Bockrath, End of all Abortions,  
For those suffering of any illness and COVID-19

**6:30-7:30 PM Adoration**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 St. Gaspar**

8:40 AM Art Ellerbrock (AN), L/D Mel Nienberg Family, Laura Recker, End of all Abortions,  
For those suffering of any illness and COVID-19

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 St. John Paul II**

8:00 AM Eulitta Spangler, Religious Freedom, End of all Abortions, For those suffering of any illness and COVID-19  
8:40 AM Penance 6A

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal-Mary Ellen Halker

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 St. John of Capistrano**

No Mass at 8:00 AM

8:30 Confessions

1:00 PM Wedding Mass – Lammers/Niese

4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Doris Ellerbrock, Edward, Martha Mary & Don Smith, Oscar Schnipke, Alice Palte

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Larry Kirkendall, Jeff King, Zachary Cassidy, Kathy Verhoff, Walter Hoehn, Alfred Horstman Jr

10:30 AM L/D Mary E Verhoff Family, L/D Tom Balbaugh Family, Frank Tobe, Betty Richardson, Ron Lammers

*Whoever wants to be great must serve others. Who are the ones you consider “great?” What can you do to carry on their legacy? (Mark 10:35-45)*

*We pray in gratitude for all those who serve our parish, may they receive the graces they need.*



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

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 24** Jer 31:7-9 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 1:46-52

**From the  
Desk of  
Fr. Tony**

**OCTOBER 17, 2021  
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus tells us today, “whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

We must be suffering servants for Christ and others. Jesus is very clear today. Come as a servant and you will not be disappointed. This is not easy because the world tells us to take care of ourselves and pamper oneself. I agree that we need to take care of ourselves but we do not have to live the high life.

What a privilege to be given this information today. Jesus was very direct today. We need to be slaves to all. When you are in doubt on what to do, just serve others. God gives us love so we can give it away to others. Love is not to be hoarded by us. What else can I say? It is simple. Congratulations to all those 8<sup>th</sup> graders confirmed the Holy Spirit is upon you now. You have the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Don’t hesitate to do Jesus’ work. Thank you, Jesus, for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you, Bishop Thomas, for coming and administering the sacrament. God bless you all. Fr. Tony



**2021 Confirmation Class**

Please welcome the Most Rev. Daniel Thomas!

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|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Holden Aldrich  | Preston Aversch      | Bethany Balbaugh | Carter Benton (St. Mary's, Leipsic) | Emma Best      | Sophia Bennett    |
| Hannah Brickner | Derek Brown          | Lillian Buckland | Brock Crumrine                      | Delaney Duling | Jordyn Dulle      |
| Carson Faber    | Sienna Fry           | Addison Grime    | Megan Gustwiller                    | Parker Heckman | Brayton Heitmeyer |
| Lauren Kimmet   | Aubrie Kneeven       | Lola Kuhlman     | Aubrey Leopold                      | Grant Leopold  | Evelyn Meyer      |
| Morgan Miller   | Mitchell Moening     | Owen Morman      | Libby Nienberg                      | Jake Quinn     | Savannah Recker   |
| Tyler Ruhe      | Maggie Schmiedebusch | Alyssa Schroeder | Andrea Schroeder                    | Ben Schroeder  | Jack Schroeder    |
| Owen Schumaker  | Colin Steffen        | Anden Utrup      | Alissa Verhoff                      | Ethan Wagner   | Samuel Warnecke   |

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:**

Mon. 8:00 AM: No Mass

Tue. 8:40 AM: Students

Wed. 8:00 AM: Jeff Schram, Jerry Hanneman;

Thu. 8:40 AM: Students

Fri. 8:00 AM: Gene & Rose Warnecke

Sat. 8:00 AM: No Mass

**Next Sunday OCTOBER 24**

**SUNDAY SERVERS:**

Sat. 4:30 PM: Cy Rump, Ross Maag, Kylee Lehman

Sun. 8:00AM: Brad Maag, Mallorie Maag, Hailey Morman

Sun. 10:30AM: Jacob Schimmoeller, Megan Brickner, Kayla Brickner

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**LECTORS**

4:30 Geri Ricker Jan Schroeder	Andy Gray Mary Rose Ellerbrock
8:00 Deb Schroeder Deb Burwell	Connie Cassidy Sharon Meyer
10:30 Rose Warnecke Gene Warnecke Choir-Jason Miller	Tim Hansen Jeanne Schram

**SUNDAY GIFT BEARERS:**

Sat. 4:30 PM: Lee Recker Family; Sun. 8:00 AM: Steve Leopold Family; Sun. 10:30 AM: Al Hueve Family

**OCTOBER USHERS:** Sat. 4:30pm: Mary Rose & Kevin Ellerbrock; Sun. 8:00 AM: Bryan Kaufman, Michael Recker;

Sun. 10:30 AM: Jerry Recker, Al Hueve

**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY:** 3

**ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY:** Ginny Schroeder & Karen Parker

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

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Ruth Ann Unverferth** will celebrate her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on October 18

**Virginia Kirkendall** will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 19

**Evelyn Palte** will celebrate her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 21

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY RUTH ANN, VIRGINIA & EVELYN!**

**SUBSTITUTES NEEDED**

We are looking for preschool substitute teachers/aides! Must have high school diploma and must love working with children! Please contact St. John's Preschool if you are interested in helping us out. 419-538-6264, [stjohnspreschool@bright.net](mailto:stjohnspreschool@bright.net) or through Facebook

**Attention Parishioners:** Fall clean-up at the cemetery is underway. Please remove all spring & summer flowers, etc. After November 3, 2021 all will be discarded. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Jeff Gerding, Cemetery Caretaker and Manager

**GLANDORF, SAINT JOHN'S IS EXCITED TO OFFER A SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION** that will run throughout the Advent season to help our preschool youngsters remember the true reason for the season. Forms were sent home to children who attend St. John's Preschool. Additional forms are available in the vestibules in the back of church. Thanks!

**WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED IN CHRIST:**

**Hazel Ruth**, daughter of Kyle & Leah Maag

**Briggs Taylor**, son of Caleb & Olivia Sowders

**Logan William**, son of Alex & Emily Ellerbrock

**Hope Nicole**, daughter of Neal & Ashley Blankemeyer

**Adrian Michael**, son of Ryan & Alisha Birkemeier

**Dominic James**, son of Christopher & Kristy Meyer

**Glandorf St. John's Alter Rosary Bingo Bake Sale** – next Sun., Oct. 24, 1:00pm St. John's Parish Hall. All members are asked to donate 2 baked items or \$5.00. You may drop these items off at St. John's Parish Hall the day of the bingo starting at 7:15am until the bingo. Any member 18 years or older is automatically in ARS and asked to donate items. You can pick up 50/50 tickets and a list of door prizes at the church exits. The 50/50 tickets can be put in an envelope and marked "ARS" and put into the collection or brought to the bingo.

*"We are living in times when it is necessary to form apostolic workers among people of all ranks." St. Gaspar del Bufalo*

### Adult Faith Information

Jeanette Schroeder - Coordinator

Diana Meyer, Jeanne Schram, Marlene Kleman, Deacon Don and Elaine Inkrott



Join Us for  
St. John's Parish Mission  
Given by  
Fr. Nathan Cromly  
November 1, 2, 3, 2021,  
7-9PM  
Talk - Adoration  
Free Will offering will be taken  
Location: 109 N Main St., Glandorf

**Fr. Nathan will be the main celebrant at morning Masses on Nov. 1, 2, 3 and will be available to talk with people after Mass.**

Fr. Nathan is a speaker, writer, retreat leader, educator, founder of Eagle Eye Ministries, and St. John Institute (SJI). He has a weekly podcast titled *Dare Great Things for Christ*, has appeared on EWTN, and been interviewed on Catholic Radio. Fr. Nathan has a passionate concern for forming prayerful Catholic leaders which has blossomed into the National Leadership Network.

Born & raised in Toledo (with roots in Glandorf) he currently ministers in Denver, CO.

Above all else, Father Nathan is a Catholic priest. He has dedicated his priesthood to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and is humbled to serve Christ's people so long as God gives him the opportunity.

**YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**  
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12/8/2020 to 12/8 2021  
**St. Joseph Pray for Us**

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Roy & Rita Morman on their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!



**HOME TO GOD:** Please remember in your Masses and prayers the souls of **Betty Richardson & Rebecca Goecke**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Deb Lammers** on the death of her loving sister, Betty; and to **Linda Klass** on the death of her loving sister, Rebecca.

**BANNS:** **III Mikayla Lammers**, of this parish, daughter of Russell & Amie Lammers and **Nolan Niese**, of Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa, son of Douglas & Marlene Niese

**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY WEDDED:** Mr. & Mrs. Tanner (Breann Schroeder) Schimmoeller



**GRANDorf Drawing winners for October are: Abby Schroeder & Ron Schmitz. Congratulations to all!**  
Next drawing - Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

*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)

**SPECIAL-K CLASS – Wednesday, October 20, 6:00pm**

*High School CCD Information*

*Message from Ruth Gerding Coordinator of High School CCD*

HS CCD - Looking forward to seeing the students again Wednesday night 7 – 8:15pm.

Reminder: If your child will be missing HS CCD, please contact Ruth Gerding at 567-204-1275.

Wednesday Adoration from 6:30 – 7:30pm

*Youth Director*

*Message from Colleen Halker*

[colleen\\_halker@yahoo.com](mailto:colleen_halker@yahoo.com)

**OCTOBER COUNT** - Including servers, Fr. Tony, Fr. Steve, Deacon Don, choir & babes in arms - this weekend Sat., Oct. 16/Sun., Oct. 17 including Confirmation Mass at 2:00pm, the **ushers** will count all people present at all of the October weekend Masses. Thank you very much!

**MISCARRIAGE AND INFANT LOSS MEMORIAL MASS** Come receive spiritual consolation at the third annual St. Catherine's Embrace Memorial Mass. It will be held on **Sunday, October 24 at 1:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 189 N. Church Street, Ottoville**. If you have questions about the Mass or St. Catherine's Embrace, call or text Ruth Gerding at (567)204-1275.

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

**Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm-8:30pm in ROOM 22 OR Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6am-7:30am in ROOM 22**

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

**TMIY "THY KINGDOM COME"**

**Word - Witness - Walk (Sat. 10/23, Wed. 10/27)** (session 6)

- Speaker: Michael Gormley
- Sanctity Preaches Louder than Words
- The Word was Made Flesh so that You can Follow Him
- Before You Preach or Teach, Get Your Own House in Order
- Christ's Virtues Need to Become Our Virtues
- Kingdom Priorities Always Supersede the Passing Princes of This World
- The Ability to Evangelically Listen
- Be Active in Your Evangelization

**FERVORINO** – *Jesus was exasperated when he scolded: "Why do you put me to the test?" It is natural for children to test parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules and values. Be like Jesus; he was firm, honest and direct.*

**Celebrate Respect Life Month!** October is 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.

**RCIA INTEREST** – Monday, Oct 18, 6:00 – 7:30pm in the cafeteria

**Topic: #5 Who is Jesus, Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives?**

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 rectory 419-538-6928 to sign up.

**Pancake & Sausage Dinner Election Night-** Tuesday, November 2 @Ottawa VFW 4:30-7:00PM. Adults \$7.00, Children \$3.00. Ottawa Boy Scout Troop 224

**World Mission Sunday**, our annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, will be celebrated next Sun.,

Oct. 23/24. Parishes will have special collection envelopes to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love, mercy, hope, and peace. Envelopes and pencils will be in the pews next Saturday/Sunday.

**Glandorf St. John's St. Bonifest** is scheduled for Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00pm - midnight. We are asking for pork donations \$45 for 17lbs at the new price. If you are interested in donating pork for the festival please put in a plain envelope and mark it "PORK" ST. BONIFEST" drop in the collection basket or mail to P O Box, 48, Glandorf, OH 45848. Any questions please call the rectory 419-538-6928.

**ST. BONIFEST DESSERTS** We are looking for some delicious desserts for our St. Bonifest dinner on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Are you interested in donating a dish of your favorite dessert? If so, there are clipboards on the radiators in church this weekend please sign up with any dessert you wish – pies, cakes, cookies, or pudding mixtures. Drop off at noon on October 30.

**Each CCD family is asked to purchase or sell 2 meal tickets. The students brought home their meal ticket order form on Friday. We will be selling meal tickets October 9/10 after all Masses. We will have our meal catered in with help from the students & parents to serve it. You will receive a delicious meal of Beef Brisket, pork, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, roll & dessert for \$10.00 a meal. For children's meals ask for an extra plate to split a meal if you'd like.** If anyone would be interested in helping out at the St. Bonifest Festival, we would love to have you! Call the rectory 419-538-6928. Thank you very much!

**Reverse Raffle Tickets are on sale @ \$60 each. Top prize is \$6,000. If you had a ticket in the past, your seller will be giving you a call. If you haven't had a ticket in the past and wish to purchase one please call the rectory 419-538-6928. Also, if you purchased a ticket at the rectory last year and wish to purchase again please stop by the rectory. Your ticket is waiting for you! Thank you all!**

It's time again for the annual **St. Bonifest Fall Festival Silent Auction. Please consider donating a NEW auction item for this year's event.** Items can include gift certificates, sports memorabilia (especially OSU), religious items, event passes, etc. If you are interested in donating items or contributing a cash contribution, please drop off or send to the rectory by **Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**. For questions please contact: Mary Ellen Halker 419-538-6928 or Phyllis Vorst 419-615-2760

**Halloween Costume Contest** will be judged around **8:15pm. \$50 cash prize to the 1<sup>st</sup> place ADULT winner or \$100 to the ADULT winner if you purchased a meal ticket.** Prizes to be awarded to all other group winners!

**HORSE RACES** at 7:00, 8:00, 9:00 & 10:00pm. Come on out and win some BIG BUCKS!

**Glandorf C. L. of C. soup/salad luncheon at Julia's Barn,** November 1 at 12:00 noon cost is \$10. RSVP by 10/30/21 to Alice 538-6616 come join us!

**The Serra Club of Lima Area,** which exists to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life, will have their next meeting on Thursday, October 28 at LCC. Guests are welcome! Mass will begin at 5:45PM in the LCC Chapel, followed by dinner and a program. This month's program will be a musical program of praise and worship songs. If interested in attending, please contact Kathy McGraw @ 419-303-0339 for reservation.

**BOX of JOY by Cross Catholic Outreach** – Holy Family Radio sponsoring the Box of Joy program for children suffering from severe poverty. Gift boxes and additional information are available in the back of church, and filled boxes can be returned there at any time up through Nov. 14th after 10:30 Mass.

**Ottawa K. of C. Newsletters** are in the rack back in church.

St. Michael's, Kalida, OH, is hosting a 4-day Parish Mission on Becoming a Missionary Disciple for Christ featuring Richard Lane, an internationally renowned Catholic Evangelist. This will be a powerful four-night, three-day life changing Parish Mission. Sunday's (October 24) presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday (October 25-27) will feature 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. presentations in church. Born in Detroit, Michigan to Mary O. Alexander; retired Educator and the late Dick "Night Train" Lane; NFL Hall of Fame Cornerback, Mr. Lane attended Morehouse College in Atlanta Georgia. As a convert to the Faith in April 19, 2003, it was in early 2005 when Mr. Lane was led to begin proclaiming the Gospel as a Street corner Evangelist, sharing the Word of God. Mr. Lane has been invited to speak and preach throughout the United States, Canada, South American and Asia. Richard Lane has been blessed with the ability to reach all people of all faiths, all ages and socio-economic groups. This Parish Mission is for everyone. Invite your family members, friends and members of your church. More information can be found at RichardLaneMinistries.com.

#### **Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us- October 17-23**

Bernard J Maas 10/17/74	Bertha G Schroeder 10/21/95
John H Hermiller Sr 10/17/74	Bernadine M Mansfield
Alphonse A Palte 10/17/00	10/21/99
James H Ellerbrock 10/17/05	Carolyn S Aversch 10/21/09
Oscar L Kuhlman 10/17/08	Richard H Hoyt 10/21/15
Alphonse J Schroeder 10/18/97	Arthur A Ellerbrock 10/21/20
Ross M Hansen 10/20/04	Sylvester H Jostpille 10/22/80
Albert C Schroeder 10/21/91	Shirley J Recker 10/23/80
	Ann Marie Maas 10/23/93

**Kick off the Christmas Season** and benefit Ottawa Legion Baseball at the same time. Enjoy two nights at the Grand Hotel in Cape May, NJ. Visit historic Smithville, enjoy a Holly Trolley Lights Tour of Cape May and a tour of the 1879 Physick Estate. We'll have some enroute fun with a Hershey Sweet Lights Tour in PA, visit Kitchen Kettle Village and enjoy watching "Winter Wonderland" at the American Music Theatre. The dates are Nov. 28th to Dec 2nd and the cost per person is \$795.00, which includes everything except lunch. Contact Cheryl Kersh at [cherylkersh@gmail.com](mailto:cherylkersh@gmail.com) or 419.890.8565 to sign up or for more details.

**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** [www.mustardseedgiftshop.com](http://www.mustardseedgiftshop.com)  
**Store 538-7220 Brenda Maag 419-235-3106 Julie Barlage 419-303-5366**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**October 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 Collection**

Adults \$9,115.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$1,931.25 Loose \$1,009.00 Children \$52.91 Total: \$12,108.16

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!

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

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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 new dates for 2022 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 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** Glandorf St. John's will be having a 1—day class here in our cafeteria on Sunday, November 7, starting with the 10:30 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?**

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

**Br. Jerry Schwieterman's address:** Heritage Manor, Attn: Br. Jerry Schwieterman, C.P.P.S., 24 N. Hamilton St., Minister, OH 45865

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**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 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. Tony– pastor & Jodi Schroeder – Parish Council Pres.)