



unite our
NATION

Adoration *for our* Nation

Join us for a day of prayer for our nation on
November 3, 2020

St. John the Baptist Parish, Glandorf
9:15 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Please come to pray and adore our Lord.

We are looking for committed adorers for each hour.
The sign up sheet is back in church on the radiator or
Contact Katie Verhoff @ 480-236-7305

Visit UniteOurNation.net for a complete set of resources!

Hello Everyone,

Well, as the leaves on the trees have changed their colors this autumn from green to yellow, orange, and red, so too has my hair started to change this fall semester, with more gray appearing each time I get it cut. Everyone here is healthy, but things here at the seminary are still rough, not just for me but for almost every guy in the house. For it feels like we are in the darkness of the tomb on Holy Saturday. Meaning there is hope, for the joy of Easter morning is coming; it just might not be until Christmas break, but it is coming. So, THANK YOU for all the love, prayers, text messages, phone calls, cards, letters, etc., not just for me, but for every guy who pursues the priesthood. It is so greatly appreciated, especially this semester.

We have reached the mid-semester break. This means our retreat week is the next week, and it is so needed right now, even if it is still at the seminary this year. For it is only the mid-semester break, but it feels like we should be at Christmas break. We recently, just held one of our Solemn Vespers here at the school, which was closed to the public and just live-streamed online. If I remember, I will try to let the parish know when our next Solemn Vespers and our Advent Lessons & Carols will be, so you can tune in online to enjoy the music and to experience just a small part of the vast treasury of music the church offers.

Since we are limited in our travels and what we can do for volunteer work in the community, we have been assigned to help at a local cemetery. This cemetery is where people are buried who cannot afford a funeral; it is quite the change from my volunteer work last year at the pregnancy center. At the cemetery, we are trimming grass, removing brush, cleaning/washing the gravestones, and resetting them. The main section we have been working in is a military veteran's section. By cleaning the stones (which is my job), you learn about the person buried there. For you see their name, their birth and death date, about their military career, and learn their faith by the symbol at the top of their stone. Doing this work reminds us of the spiritual work of mercy to pray for the dead. Being in the veteran's area reminds me personally to give thanks first to God for the freedom we have been given and to say thank you to all who have served our country to preserve our freedoms.

Working in the cemetery has reminded me of the importance of life. For without life, liberty and freedom does not matter, and you are not given even a chance to pursue happiness, which God is the source of true happiness. So, by denying any person the right to live, at any stage of life, from conception to natural death, is nothing but evil. And as Catholics, we are called to love God first and love our neighbor; our neighbor being everyone, for we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. So, remember when we make any choice in our lives, God knows it, good or bad, and it will be on our record on judgment day. The best part as Catholics we have the sacrament of reconciliation, to be forgiven of our past mistakes, as long as we are genuinely going to try to change, so to realign our life and heart with God's will.

Coming up during the first week of November is Vocation Awareness Week. That being said, it is time to do more than just continuing to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. When Jesus sent out the seventy-two to preach and teach, he didn't say pray today and go tomorrow, but he sent them out at that moment. Encourage kids and young adults to pray and ask God what He wants them to do and to try and explore religious life. Everyone loves seeing nuns, monks, and priests around, and you usually hear, I wish there were more. Well, it starts in the home, and it is time for all of us to do more. Start by bringing kids to Mass, for we are all one parish family, do not just stay in the back of the church but sit upfront so they can see, watch or read them stories from the bible. Do kids today even know bible stories? For example, like Jonah and the whale? For high school and college kids and young adults, go on a retreat or to an open house at a convent or with the diocese. What is there to be scared of? Parents pray for your kids' vocation (remember it is not a job; it is life) and teach them the faith. For when you were married in the Catholic church, you promised to accept kids and bring them up in the Catholic faith. You also made that promise for them with their godparents at their baptism. Again, these promises were made to God. Also, know that even if you go to a convent or a seminary, you can leave anytime (before ordination in the case of the priesthood). For that is the purpose of going, so to discern what God is calling you to, and time there will not be wasted, God will be forming you into a better person in ways you won't realize.

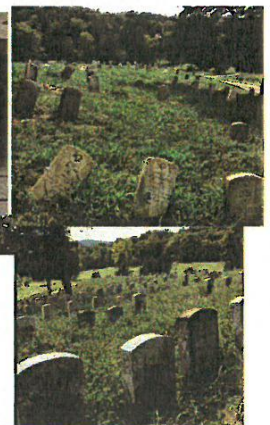
Just remember, God helps those who trust in Him!

Take Care, and I hope to see you all soon.

God Bless,

Eric T. Kaufman

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Every Life Matters – from the moment of conception to natural death.
Team Picture from our annual seminary golf outing.

FORMED NOVEMBER 2020 WEEKLY PICS

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NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS

Learn, [Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 9: Mary and the Saints](#)

Watch, [Pope John Paul II](#)

Watch, [Saint Rita](#)

Read, [The Year and Our Children](#)

Watch, [Bakhita: From Slave to Saint](#)

Watch, [Cat Chat Season 1, Session 1: Celebrating Mary](#)

Watch, [Cat Chat Season 1, Session 3: Teach Me to Pray](#)

Watch, [Ready Reasons: Are the Saints Aware of our Prayers?](#)

NOVEMBER 2 ALL SOULS

Learn, [True Reformers: Session 4, St. Charles Borromeo](#)

Listen, [Audiobook: Holiness is Always in Season](#)

NOVEMBER 4 ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

Listen, [Audiobook: Holiness is Always in Season](#)

NOVEMBER 7 ST. WILLIBRORD

Learn, [The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Lesson 3: Wedding at Cana](#)

Learn, [The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Lesson 4: The New Eve](#)

Learn, [The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Lesson 9: Full of Grace](#)

NOVEMBER 8 BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS

Learn, [Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 4: The Story of Salvation](#)

Learn, [Footprints of God](#)

Watch, [Jubilee](#)

NOVEMBER 10 POPE ST. LEO THE GREAT

Learn, [Lectio: Peter, Session 5: Peter and the Keys](#)

Read, [History of the Catholic Church](#)

Listen, [Answering Common Objections: The Pope](#)

NOVEMBER 11 ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Watch, [Brother Francis: The Saints](#)

ST. AUGUSTINE'S BIRTHDAY

Watch, [Restless Heart](#)

Read, [The Restless Flame](#)

Listen, [Saints for Sinners](#)

NOVEMBER 13 ST FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

Read, [The Young People's Book of Saints](#)

Listen, [St. Frances Cabrini](#)

NOVEMBER 15 ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Patron of Scientists

Learn, [From Nothing to Cosmos: God and Science](#)

Watch, [The Gardener of God](#)

Read, [The Young People's Book of Saints](#)

NOVEMBER 18 DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF STS. PETER AND PAUL

Watch, [Altar Gang: What's What in the Church](#)

Watch, [Jubilee](#)

Watch, [Paul of Tarsus](#)

NOVEMBER 21 THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Watch, [Mary of Nazareth](#)

Read, [The World's First Love](#)

Listen, [Answering Common Objections: Mary](#)

NOVEMBER 22 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Learn, [Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 2: Divine Revelation](#)

Learn, [Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 5: Who Is Jesus?](#)

Learn, [Footprints of God, David/Solomon: Expanding the Kingdom](#)

Learn, [YDisciple: Who is God?, Session 3: Is Jesus Really Divine](#)

Watch, [Keys of the Kingdom](#)

Listen, [Jesus Is...](#)

ST. CECILIA

Listen, [Audio Drama: Ode to Saint Cecilia](#)

Listen, [Faith and Culture: Ode to Saint Cecilia](#)

NOVEMBER 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Learn, [YDisciple: Advent, Session 1: Prepare the Way](#)

[Prepare the Way of the King](#)

NOVEMBER 30 ST. ANDREW

Learn, [Lectio: Evangelization, Session 2: Clothed with Power](#)

Listen, [Walk the Walk](#)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 2020 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

‡ **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** ‡

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 John Brown (AN), End of all Abortions, For those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 Sts. Simon & Jude

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

6:30 PM – 8:15 PM Adoration

No High School CCD this week

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:40 AM L/D Herb & Lucille Leopold Family, End of all Abortions, For those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00 AM For the 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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 St. Bonifast drive-thru Chicken BBQ

8:00 AM For the Poor Souls, End of all Abortions, For those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

8:45 AM Confessions

No 4:00 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Rosemarie Schroeder, Karl P. Morman, L/D Larry & Mary Ann Siebeneck Family, L/D Elaine Ellerbrock Family, L/D Arnold Borgelt Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 All Saints

8:00 AM L/D Tom & Arlene Haselman family, James Conn

10:30 AM L/D Jackie Klear Massey Family, Angie Schumaker, L/D Dean Shalter Family

6:30 PM For the Parish

How do you en flesh the great commandment of love? Be aware of how others show this vital commandment. Encourage those who you respect to dedicate their lives to ministry in the Church (Matthew 22: 34-40)

For catechists and parents, may they instill the commandment of love as they help our youth grow in Christian faith, we pray:

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 Rv. 7: 2-4, 9-14 1 Jn. 3: 1-3 Mt. 5: 1-12a

**From the
Desk of
Fr. Tony**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The

whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

The love of God brings freedom into your life. You are not dependent on other people's opinions of you. To love God means that you do not have to be needy for other people's attention because God is vying for your attention. Loving God means that you enter into a healthier way of living. It seems like when we give time to God in prayer, our relationships, bodies, and thinking are healthier. But we have to love God first and foremost.

Do I enter my days with the thinking of how I can love God and others more? Not how I can make more money and get my name in the paper. St. John Paul II says, "Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." Sure, we can control every one of our decisions each day but there is no adventure in that. Christ wants us to be open to the unexpected. Let God lead. Our ways are too predictable and boring. Jesus says, "My ways are not your ways and my thoughts are not your thoughts." God bless you all. Fr. Tony

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.

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!

OCTOBER COUNT - Including servers, Fr. Tony, Fr. Rick, Fr. Mark, Deacon Don, choir & babes in arms - this weekend Sat., Oct. 24/Sun., Oct. 25, the **ushers** will count all people present at all of the October weekend Masses.

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

NEXT SUNDAY – November 1

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

LECTORS

4:00 Lori Schroeder Sharon Siebeneck	Cari Homan Paula Siebeneck
8:00 Mark Schroeder Tammy Schroeder	Nicole Ruhe Greg Ruhe
10:30 Jason Kleman Marlene Kleman	Don Giesige Tony Schroeder
6:30 Susan Schmitz, Teresa Duling Bonnie Schroeder, Marti Leopold	Andy Gray Kathy Schmitz

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!

NOVEMBER SUNDAY USHERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm, Oct.31: Dale Evers, Matt Bockrath; **Nov. 1, Sun. 8:00 am:** Bart Recker, Ken Kottenbrock; **Sun. 10:30 am:** Barry Maag, Ken Horstman; **Sun. 6:30 pm:** Mary Ellen Halker

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 4

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Henry & Jane Kaufman & Sharon Meyer

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

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK is cancelled this year because of Covid-19. See you all next year!

World Mission Sunday we will celebrate on November 7/8. Fr. Tony will talk at all Masses on the Propagation of the Faith.

"Courage and let us quench the thirst of Jesus who is parched for souls." 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. You're in! No more passwords
- Have questions? Call 419-890-3724**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THE FIRST SATURDAY of the month. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 7. Sign-up sheet is available on the register back in church this week. If you can't make it to church to sign in please call Kate Verhoff 480-236-7305.

A Fatima rosary was found by the road in front of the parish center. Did anyone lose their rosary last week at the noon rosary on Saturday?



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

BANNS: **I Jenna Ellerbrock**, of this parish, daughter of Roger & Marilyn Ellerbrock and **Quinten Wessell**, of this parish, son of Scott & Joanna Wessell

II Kaitlyn Leopold, of this parish, daughter of Daniel & Tonnie Leopold and **Jason Fischer**, of Lima, son of William & Kathy Fisher.



HOME TO GOD: Please remember in your Masses and prayers the souls of **Arthur Ellerbrock, Robert Lally, James Conn & Mary Lou Bewsey**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Mary Lou Ellerbrock & Kathy Peck** on the death of their loved one, Art; to **Suzanne Ketner** on the death of her loving father, Robert; and to **Steve Conn** on the death of his loving brother, James; and to **Marilyn Gulker** on the death of her loving sister Mary Lou.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH FAMILY: Colby & Heather (Schroeder) Meuleman

DID YOU KNOW?

Joan Ebbeskotte will celebrate her 81st birthday on Oct. 30

Joseph Gerdeman will celebrate his 87th birthday on Oct. 31

Thomas Schroeder will celebrate his 86th birthday on Oct. 31

Laura Recker will celebrate her 97th birthday on Oct 21

Ruth Rosengarten will celebrate her 86th birthday on Nov. 2

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOAN, JOSEPH, THOMAS, LAURA & RUTH!

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.

RCIA - Mon., Oct. 26, 6:00 – 7:30pm in Room 15 in our parish center. **Topic for Oct 26: 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 the rectory. 419-538-6928 to sign up.

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

Reminder 6th grade parent meeting for Confirmation is this coming Monday, October 26 (last names A-L) and Tuesday, October 27 (Names M-Z) - 6:30-8:30, parish center cafeteria. Parents only - no children. Masks are required. Thank you.

High School CCD Information

Message from Ruth Gerding Coordinator of High School CCD:

e-mail me at stjohnshsccd@gmail.com

HS CCD will be canceled for Wednesday October 28th. Please take time and pray the rosary for our country and to eliminate all COVID from this world. In addition, please pray for full recovery for all those who are inflicted with COVID.

The students were given home-work for the week they are off. Please ask your student about their homework assignment for this week?

See you back on Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00 PM. As always, please make sure you wear your masks.

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.

Thank you all so much,

Ruth Gerding, Coordinator of HS CCD

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

UPDATE - Glandorf St. John's St. Bonifest October 31st 2020.

Next Saturday, October 31 our Mass will be at **4:00pm**. Weather permitting it will be outside at the shrine. When you come to Mass, if you don't see the shrine setup then go to church. **If you have BBQ tickets and attend Mass next Saturday please walk over to the fire station to get your meals. Enter thru the back of the fire station.** We will have a line special for you. **Cars please line up down Brockman St to Church street and drive thru the fire station.**

Please return your St. Bonifest Meat Raffle & 50/50 tickets by October 30th. There are extra raffle tickets in the racks in the church vestibules. We still have reverse drawing tickets @ \$60 each. If you wish to purchase a ticket please call the rectory 419-538-6928 by October 28th.

St. Bonifest Chicken BBQ tickets for Saturday, October 31 are on sale from Fr. Tony, at Your Place, Manufacturer's Plumbing Supply, Brooky's, Bombshelter and at the rectory. We will have some extra tickets at the drive-thru.

Glandorf Leaf pick-up from now until Nov. 25. No grass or sticks.

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

PLENARY INDULGENCES FOR THE POOR SOULS

- 1) Visit to a church praying The Apostles Creed & Our Father.
- 2) Visit cemetery praying for deceased.

Our St. John's Memorial Mass for our deceased parishioners will be postponed until early part of 2021.

FERVORINO – In today's gospel the Pharisee was talking about commandments (Something we are forced to obey by external pressure) and Jesus was talking about love (an internal exhortation to give our heart, soul and mind to another). One demands allegiance, the other requires personal commitment. In our families we daily lay down our lives for each other not because we 'gotta' but because love compels us.

Adoration for Our Nation, A nationwide day of prayer, November 3rd. On election day Catholic churches across the country are opening their doors for Eucharistic Adoration. We are joining this effort to bring healing, hope and prayer to our nation through our Lord, Jesus. We are asking parishioners to sign up for one hour of adoration between the hours of 9:15am and 7:30pm closing with Benediction at 7:30pm on Tuesday, November 3. We will also have a 12:00pm Rosary for our nation and the 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet. To sign up for an hour, the signup sheet is on the radiator back in church, contact Katie Verhoff 480-236-7305 or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448ACA72EA0FC1-adoration12>

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

TMIY "ALL THINGS NEW", YEAR 8, Saturday, October 31st, 6am-7:30am in the cafeteria

Please wear a mask.

Week 8 - The Prophetic Vision of St. John Bosco

- Speaker: Mark Hartfiel
- "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of Joy."
- What Catholics believe and don't believe about Transubstantiation
- Are we devoted to the breaking of the bread?
- The Two Pillars: The Vision of St. John Bosco
- A Renewal of the Rosary
- The Program for the Third Millennium

Are you interested in playing High School Girls CYO Basketball? There will be practice on Mon., Oct. 26th, 7:30 – 9:00pm.

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 Now 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. Or to learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org or Veronica Leguire at vleguire@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE Fri., Nov. 6, 12:00pm to 6:00pm at the Ottawa VFW Hall. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS.

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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BOX of JOY by Cross Catholic Outreach –for Guatemala, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Grenada, and The Bahamas. The cost of its shipment (\$9.00 per box), 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 or go to the website at www.crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy. This is a way to get your children and grandchildren involved in gift giving to the Poorest of the Poor.

GLANDORF PRE-CANA I (Marriage Prep) Sat., Nov. 7 & Sun., Nov. 8, in the parish center

GLANDORF ST. JOHN'S NEW LIFE BOOK – The next 2 weekends and all during the week you'll have a chance to place in our parish NEW LIFE BOOK the names of any loved ones who have died. You'll find the papers up front on the railing in front of Mary's and Joseph's Shrine. Bring your pen!

Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us-Oct 25-31

Adelia E Schmitz 10/25/88	Thomas L Knapke 10/27/15
Erma A Uphaus 10/25/92	Rosina R Fipp 10/28/87
Joseph W Birkemeier 10/25/07	Beatrice M Hedrick 10/28/01
Linus L Gerdeman 10/25/12	Virgil B Kaufman 10/28/09
Allison Renee Hovest 10/26/84	William H Palte 10/29/92
Laura E Hageman 10/26/92	Raymond A Spangler 10/29/02
Donald E Smith 10/26/12	Carolyn M Parys 10/29/13
Albert F Ellerbrock 10/27/82	Wayne L Walters 10/30/13
Edward F Deters 10/27/83	Gabriel Recker 10/31/96
Louise P Kohls 10/27/91	Hazel R Leap 10/31/13
Lenora C Heckman 10/27/98	

OTTAWA SPSS FALL FESTIVAL MEAL will be a BBQ Chicken or Pork Chop Dinner on November 1, at the Ottawa Fire Station at 805 N. Agner St, from 11 - 1:30 p.m. Drive thru only. Meals are \$10.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK Nov. 1 - 7: Let us remember those who have given their lives in service to the Church by renewing our own baptismal commitment to serve the Lord. Please consider your call to serve God in your particular vocation. Hopefully some of you will hear a call to priesthood, diaconate or religious life and will be open to that possibility. If you would like assistance, please contact the Vocations Office: vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org or connect with us on Facebook: Vocation Ministries Facebook or call Fr. Stephen Dos Santos, C.P.P.S. @ 937-228-9263.

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:

- 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.**

CYO COACHES: RE-CERTIFICATION CLASS HEARTHSTONE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL 2020-2021 has been cancelled for Monday, OCTOBER 26th at GLANDORF. There will be a **zoom recertification class on November 9**. I have sent all of you an e-mail with the revised diocesan registration form. Please print off a form and fill it out and return to the rectory along with your registration fee of \$15 payable to the Diocesan CYO Office. Make sure you have all of your requirements completed before you hand in your registration. Thank you!

Putnam County Optimist Club Selling Fresh Evergreen Crosses & Wreaths - Cost: Cross \$50.00 and Wreath \$30.00. Note Deadline is October 30, 2020. Please contact Gayle Duling at 419-235-2082 with any questions. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP

October 18th Collection

Adults \$4,810.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$1,750.00 Loose \$609.00 Children \$129.50 Total: \$7,298.50

October 11th – Adults/Children \$1,828.00 Loose \$161.00

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!



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Statement of Bishop Daniel Thomas regarding comments by Pope Francis in a documentary film

Recent unofficial comments by Pope Francis in an unscripted interview in Spanish regarding the question of “civil unions” have gained wide attention. Even though the full context of the interview is not clear, the question he may have been answering is unknown, and the pope’s response has been variously translated, many have already rushed to conclusions.

From Pope Francis’ words, one can gather his desire to emphasize that persons with homosexual tendencies should not be disowned, but should be treated with respect and dignity in their families. The Holy Father is reaffirming the teaching of the Catholic Church that persons with homosexual tendencies: “must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2358).

In the documentary film, Pope Francis discussed “a law of civil coexistence” (*una ley de una convivencia civil*) for persons of homosexual orientation. While open to varying interpretations, this statement does not change the teaching of Jesus and his Church on the nature of marriage. Pope Francis, both as a bishop and as pope, has consistently emphasized that marriage should be exclusively defined as the life-long partnership between one man and one woman.

As Pope Francis affirmed in *Amoris Laetitia* “the exclusive and indissoluble union between a man and a woman has a plenary role to play in society as a stable commitment that bears fruit in new life. We need to acknowledge the great variety of family situations that can offer a certain stability, but de facto or same-sex unions, for example, may not simply be equated with marriage. No union that is temporary or closed to the transmission of life can ensure the future of society” (#52).

Catholics and non-Catholics alike should understand that unscripted comments expressed by a pope in a media interview for a film are not an official and authoritative exercise of the papal teaching office. The pope’s recent comments should be weighed within the context of prior official papal and Magisterial teachings, avoiding the spread of misinformation, misinterpretation of settled Church teaching, and misleading headlines.

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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.PP.S.,
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Br. Jerry’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.)