

CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 4TH OF 8

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– *Faithful Citizenship USCCB 2016*

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Religious Freedom

Catholics in America have long enjoyed the fact that in the Bill of Rights, religious liberty, with its rights of conscience, is the first freedom that is protected in our Constitution. Yet today, religious freedom, even in the United States, is consistently being challenged. As Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, the acting chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty has pointed out:

Religious freedom is under stress throughout the world. Even in our Western liberal democracies, discrimination against religion in general and Catholic Christianity, in particular, is growing... “Yet, just as freedom of speech depends not only on one’s right to say what’s on one’s mind but also on the existence of institutions like newspapers, universities, libraries, political parties and other associations that make up what we call ‘civil society,’ so too freedom of religion ‘for the good of all’ must also encompass protecting those institutions that nourish the individual’s free exercise of religion. (Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, <http://www.usccb.org/news/20-100.cfm>)

We can see this stress and hostility towards religion from cases against the Little Sisters of the Poor to faith-based adoption agencies, the accreditation of religious educational institutions, the grants and contracts of faith-based charities and small businesses, and the licensing of religious professions. Our cherished religious liberties are now at stake by our political choices. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has written:

In the United States, religious freedom generally enjoys strong protection in our law and culture, but those protections are now in doubt. For example, the longstanding tax exemption of the Church has been explicitly called into question at the highest levels of government, precisely because of her teachings on marriage. Catholics have a particular duty to make sure that protections like these do not weaken but instead grow in strength. This is not only to secure the just freedom of the Church and the faithful here but also to offer hope and an encouraging witness to those who suffer direct and even violent religious persecution in countries where the protection is far weaker. (The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, P. 30)

It is imperative then as Catholics that we defend religious liberty and the rights of conscience in our political choices. For religious liberty has its foundation in the dignity of the human person. As Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami points out:

The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person. Religious freedom is the human right that guarantees all other rights — peace and creative living together will only be possible if freedom of religion is fully respected. (<http://www.usccb.org/news/20-100.cfm>)

In summation, it is the duty of every Catholic to fight for religious liberty to ensure not only the right of conscience in the workplace, but so that families, Churches, and peoples of all faiths can work in accordance with their religious beliefs while they care for the common good, the poor and vulnerable, and God’s creation.

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Immigration

The first principle of Catholic Social Teaching is the dignity of the human person. From the moment of conception, each person is made in the image and likeness of God. This principle teaches us then that every immigrant, documented or undocumented, is made in God’s image and deserves our love and respect as a child of God.

As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has written:

The Church supports the human rights of all people and offers them pastoral care, education, and social services, no matter what the circumstances of entry into this country, and it works for the respect of the human dignity of all especially those who find themselves in desperate circumstances. (Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity, A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2000)

Thus our starting point in discussing the immigration issue is one of mutual respect and the recognition of the dignity of our fellow man, especially the immigrant among us. One who has traveled to Latin American countries in particular can understand some of the desperate circumstances which drive migrants to our border seeking a better life.

Of course, the Church recognizes that a sovereign nation has a right and a responsibility to protect its own borders. As Pope Francis has stated:

Can borders be controlled? Yes, each country has a right to control its borders, who enters and who leaves, and countries that are in danger—of terrorism or the like—have more right to control them more . . . (Pope Francis, Interview with the Spanish newspaper El País on January 22, 2017)

The sovereignty of nations is consistent thought in Catholic Social Teaching as is further explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2241:

Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants’ duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws, and to assist in carrying civic burdens.

In summation, Catholics approaching the immigration issue must maintain a balance between caring for the dignity of every human person, be they documented or undocumented in our nation, while appreciating the necessity of each nation state to regulate its borders for the common good. Given the prosperity in the United States of America, it is also important for our nation to strive to seek to help, as best as we are able, those seeking a better life:

The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2241)

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FORMED OCTOBER 2020 WEEKLY PICS

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St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Movie: [*The Secret of Saint Thérèse*](#)

Movie: [*Miracle of Saint Thérèse*](#)

Book: [*The Young People's Book of Saints*](#)

2

Guardian Angels

Movie: [*Powers and Dominions*](#)

Movie: [*Defeating the Devil*](#)

Movie: [*Angels*](#)

Book: [*Angels and Demons*](#)

Audio: [*Former Satanist Becomes Catholic*](#)

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Saint Francis of Assisi

Program: [*Lectio: Prayer, Episode 1: Prayer*](#)

Movie: [*Saint Francis of Assisi*](#)

Movie: [*Clare and Francis*](#)

Movie: [*Saint Francis*](#)

Book: [*The Joyful Beggar*](#)

Audio: [*Saint Francis*](#)

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Saint Faustina

Program: [*Divine Mercy*](#)

Movie: [*Ocean of Mercy*](#)

Movie: [*Divine Mercy 101*](#)

Audio: [*The Saving Power of Divine Mercy*](#)

Audio: [*Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song*](#)

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Our Lady of the Rosary

Movie: [The Traditional Catholic Rosary](#)

Movie: [The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)

Book: [The Blood-Red Crescent](#)

Book: [Christians Courageous](#)

Book: [The Last Crusader](#)

Audio: [Praying the Rosary Like Never Before](#)

Audio: [The Miracle of Life Rosary for Children](#)

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Fatima Miracle of the Sun

Program: [Fatima: Hope for the World](#)

Movie: [Finding Fatima](#)

Movie: [The 13th Day](#)

Movie: [The Day the Sun Danced](#)

Movie: [Fatima: A Message of Hope](#)

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Saint Teresa of Avila

Book: [Fire of Love](#)

Audio: [Saint Teresa of Avila](#)

Audio: [Deep Conversion Deep Prayer](#)

Audio: [The 3 stages of the Interior Life](#)

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Saint Pope John Paul II

Movie: [Pope John Paul II](#)

Movie: [The Jeweler's Shop](#)

Movie: [John Paul II in America](#)

Audio: [Saint John Paul the Great](#)

Audio: [The Second Greatest Story Ever Told](#)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Respect Life Sunday**

† MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE †

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 Blessed Francis Xavier

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 St. Bruno

8:40 AM Fred Schroeder, Helene Siekmann, End of all Abortions, For those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 AM Kenneth Kleman, 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 8

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

6:00 PM 8th Grade Mass

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 Sts. Denis & John Leonardi

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

12:00 PM Rosary for our Nation

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal-Sharon Kidd

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

8:45 AM Confessions

8:45 AM Confirmation practice

1:30 PM Nuptial-Maag/Metz

4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM L/D Deb Kuhlman Family, Hazel (AN) & Roy Leap, Nellie & Richard Maag, John Maag,
L/D George & Mary Kuhbander Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Leonard Heuerman (AN), Jeff Kleman, Adrian Utrup, Ty Conn (AN)

10:30 AM L/D Ken Ellerbrock Family, Hannelore Verhoff, L/D Fortman/Meyer Family

2:00 PM For the Parish– Confirmation–outdoors at Shrine–Weather permit

6:30 PM Parish

*Let go of worry. Go to God in prayer. Then the peace of God will dwell in your heart and mind. Ask god to show you how to follow Jesus.
(Philippians 4:6-9)*

For this faith community, may we reverence and respect others as we participate in the building of a holy and just society, we pray.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, October 11 Is 25:6-10 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14

**From the
Desk of
Fr. Tony**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Respect Life Sunday**

In the gospel today, the landowner is God the Father. The tenants are the Pharisees, the elders, the chief priests, the scribes, and the Sadducees. These religious leaders killed the prophets and those who came before Christ. The servants could be St. John the Baptist and his followers. King Herod had John the Baptist killed. The son of the landowner is

Jesus, the Son of God. The tenants or the Pharisees, the chief priests, the Sadducees, the elders, and the Romans had him killed also. God trusted the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the chief priests, and the scribes but they did not produce fruit. So, Jesus said to these Jewish religious leaders, "Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." Jesus is looking for a people that will follow him. If a people is willing to follow Christ and trust in his word then they will produce much fruit. But we cannot deny Christ like the chief priests, the Pharisees, and Sadducees did. Do we try to get rid of Christ when he is prompting us to pray to him each day and follow his morality and ethics? If we deny the teachings of the church, then we are denying the teachings of Christ. Christ is the head and the church is the body of Christ. They cannot be separated. Jesus is the corner stone that was rejected by the builders, the leading religious people of Christ time. Do we deny Christ by denying his church? The magisterium of the church has the authority to teach you and me in the matters of faith and morals. Give Christ's church permission to teach you about Christ and discipleship. 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.

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.

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 11

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

4:30 Mary Ellen Halker
Louis Halker

8:00 Tom Schmitz
Gretchen Schmitz

10:30 Sue Bellman
Edna Nienberg

6:30 Chris Schroeder, Elaine Gerding
Sue Recker Sharon Siebeneck

LECTORS

Chloe Schroeder
Morgan Miller

Diane Nienberg
Lauryn Bockrath

Janet Schroeder
Jay Rump

Cari Homan
Chris Birkemeier

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:** Brian Grime

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 1

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Paul & Linda Schulte

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

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!*

OCTOBER COUNT - Including servers, Fr. Tony, Fr. Rick, Fr. Mark, Deacon Don, choir & babes in arms - Starting this weekend Sat., Oct. 3/Sun., Oct. 4, the **ushers** will count all people present at all of the October weekend Masses. Thank you very much!

"Prudence and discretion are the scales for performing any good work." St. Gaspar del Bufalo

Adult Faith Information

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

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THE FIRST SATURDAY of the month, October 3rd, **will be from 5:30pm until 8:30pm on Saturday only.**

Blood Drive on October 6 at the Ottawa K. of C. Hall. They are in need of some volunteers and an area chairperson. If you are interested please call Micha Alt 419-360-6495.



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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mike & Connie Schmitz on their 40th Wedding Anniversary!

BANNS:

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

III Kennedy Metz of this parish, daughter of Kenneth & Constance Metz & **Nicholas Maag** of this parish, son of David & Jean Maag

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY WEDDED: Mr. & Mrs. Derek (Jamie Saum) Ebbeskotte

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED IN CHRIST: Grant Michael, son of Bryan & Sharon Maag

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH FAMILY: Cody & Danielle (Schroeder) Bockrath



HOME TO GOD: Please remember in your Masses and prayers the souls of **Baby Lane Jeffery Condon & Roger Miller**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Brad, Laurie & Lexi Condon** on the death of their loved one, Lane; and to **Stanley Miller** on the death of his loving brother, Roger.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cletus Morman will celebrate his 89th birthday on Oct 4

Elizabeth Nienberg will celebrate her 82nd birthday on Oct 4

Ruth Korte will celebrate her 81st birthday on Oct 4

Ralph Pothast will celebrate his 87th birthday on Oct 9

Agnes Sager will celebrate her 99th birthday on Oct 10

Anna Meyer will celebrate her 84th birthday on Oct 10

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CLETUS, ELIZABETH, RUTH, RALPH, AGNES & ANNA!

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

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.

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.**

TMIY "ALL THINGS NEW", YEAR 8, Saturday, October 10th, 6am-7:30am in the cafeteria

Please wear a mask. Join us for one Saturday or every week.

Week 5 - Four Great Truths about Mary

- Speaker: Dr. Mark Miravalle
- Our Advantages Over the World, the Flesh, and the Devil
- Bringing Mary Into Our "Homes"
- The Three Identities of Mary
- The Dogmas Regarding Our Blessed Mother
- How Are We Men Called to Be Like Mary
- Getting to Know Our Spiritual Mother Better

RCIA - Mon., Oct. 5, 6:00 – 7:30pm in the cafeteria in our parish center. **Topic for Oct 5: The Bible – God's Love Letter to Humanity -** 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.

Please remember the soul of **Betty Morman** mother of our CCD teacher **Judy Schroeder**. May Betty rest in peace.

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 stjohnsrhighccd@gmail.com

Confirmation practice for candidate and sponsors will be Saturday, October 10th, immediately following the 8:00am Mass. Please join us for Mass! We will meet in the front of the church about 8:45 until about 10:00 for the Confirmation rehearsal.

Confirmation Mass will be Sunday, October 11 at 2:00 pm in the Marian Shrine. 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

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 7th and 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

FERVORINO – *Every family is visited by difficult times which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying “cornerstone” where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.*

UPDATE - Glandorf St. John's St. Bonifest October 31st 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 at Manufacturer's Plumbing Supply, Brooky's, Bombshelter and at the rectory.** We will be raffling off 7 quarters of Beef and 50/50 tickets. Everything else will be cancelled for this year. You should have received your meat raffle/50-50 tickets in the mail. Thank you all!

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.*

Ottawa K of C Newsletters are in the racks back in church.

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

There will be a Rosary Rally on October 10, 2020 at 12:00 noon. Since we have to social distance, it will be held in the Glandorf St. John's Marian Shrine across from the church. The rally is for: Praying the Rosary for America: as human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God through His Holy Mother, *asking His urgent help*. If you have any questions please call **Sandi Glanz at 419.969.4260**.

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 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.

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 21st, 2020 at 7:30. There is no requirement to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. Please RSVP to jeremy.kuhlman@kofc.org.*



GRANDorf Drawing will be next Sun., October 11, no coffee & donuts will be served. Next drawing - Nov. 8th.

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.

Come be our guest for mass, dinner and a talk on October 8 at 5:45PM at St. Charles Church. The mass and program will also be viewable via live stream at <http://nationalwebcasts.com/webcasts/stcharleslima/>. Our speaker will be Brian Walter, President of the Lima Central Catholic Foundation. He will be speaking on the ongoing activities of the Foundation. The evening is sponsored by The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. RSVP Kathy McGraw 419-303-0339.

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.

Heartbeat of Lima's banquet will be virtual this year. It will air LIVE on TV-44, WTLW and will live stream on our website at heartbeatoflima.org on October 8, from 6-7pm. Keynote speaker, Mike Spencer, founder of Project LifeVoice, who grew up in Detroit and considered himself "Pro-Choice" until being confronted with the reality of abortion. Praying for God's forgiveness, he offered himself as a voice for the preborn. If you are interested in giving a donation to the event, you can do so on our website at Heartbeatoflima.org or call heartbeat at 419 222-7945

Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us-Oct 4-10

Gertrude A Schroeder 10/4/96	Thomas E Hanneman 10/8/12
Joseph A Karl Jr 10/4/14	Harold J Brinkman 10/8/15
Leonard J Drerup 10/6/85	John J Macke 10/9/04
Katherine E Birkemeier 10/6/07	Leonard H Fortman 10/10/81
Harold F Steffes 10/7/86	Kimberly Langhals 10/10/11
Beatrice D Nienberg 10/7/02	Kenneth Maag 10/10/17
Karl H Kleman 10/7/16	Juanita E Blankemeyer 10/10/18
Bernard J Deters 10/8/85	

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 www.mustardseedgiftshop.com Store 538-7220 Brenda Maag 419-235-3106 Julie Barlage 419-303-5366

STEWARDSHIP

September 27th Collection

Adults \$5,846.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$1,750.00 Loose \$801.00 Children \$43.50 Total: \$8,440.50

September 20th – Adults/Children \$1,940.00 Loose \$297.00

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!



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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’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.)