

## CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 2<sup>ND</sup> OF 8

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- *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 13

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### Abortion

Every single human life is valuable and possesses a dignity beyond our imagination. As 4th century Church Father St. Gregory of Nyssa wrote:

*God did not make the heavens in his image, nor the moon, the sun, the beauty of the stars, nor anything else which you can see... You alone are made in the image and likeness of that nature which surpasses all understanding... Nothing in all creation can equal your grandeur. (Kyriaki FitzGerald, Persons in Communion, p. 72)*

This is why the Church has unequivocally taught that abortion is an intrinsic evil, which must be opposed. It violates the fifth commandment of ‘thou shalt not kill’ as it destroys an innocent human life. No circumstance warrants any person, let alone a mother of a child, to end the life of another human person. This is why Archbishop Jose Gomez, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) once remarked,

*Abortion is not a “Catholic” issue. It is a matter of fundamental human rights. In fact, I believe it is the foundational issue of our time. Because it is so important, the church has spoken clearly about it and believes it is an essential aspect of the Catholic faith. (Today's Catholic, Newspaper of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, 10 October 2008)*

Because the opposition to abortion is an essential aspect of the Catholic faith, Catholics cannot support politicians who advocate for abortion or ‘abortion rights.’ While this does not mean Catholics should only care about the abortion issue, it does mean Catholics cannot excuse or dismiss this grave error in judgment concerning politicians political positioning on this issue. As the USCCB has written:

*Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care ... **But being ‘right’ in such matters can never excuse a wrong choice regarding direct attacks on innocent human life. Indeed, the failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claims to the ‘rightness’ of positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community.** If we understand the human person as the ‘temple of the Holy Spirit’ — the living house of God — then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house’s foundation. These directly and immediately violate the human person’s most fundamental right — the right to life. Neglect of these issues is the equivalent of building our house on sand. Such attacks cannot help but lull the social conscience in ways ultimately destructive of other human rights. (1998 Pastoral Letter of the USCCB, Living the Gospel of Life, 22)*

In summation, abortion is not just one issue among many. It is the human rights issue of our time and the preeminent issue of life and importance in this election. As Catholics, it is our duty to protect the most fundamental right of the human person: the right to life. The intentional destruction of innocent human life is intrinsically evil. It must always be opposed.

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*– Faithful Citizenship USCCB 2016*

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## **Marriage and the Family**

The family is the foundational cell of society. That is why the Church teaches what Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in 1981:

*The future of humanity passes by way of the family. It is therefore indispensable and urgent that every person of good will should endeavor to save and foster the values and requirements of the family. I feel that I must ask for a particular effort in this field from the sons and daughters of the Church... They must show the family special love. This is an injunction that calls for concrete action. (Saint John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World, 86)*

If the future of humanity passes by the way of the family, Catholics should pay special attention to the political approaches of candidates to the family. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has written, Catholics are called to:

*Protect the fundamental understanding of marriage as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false “gender” ideologies; provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation helps parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility. (The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, Handout Part II)*

Yet today, we find the family in crisis. As Pope Francis has pointed out:

*The family is experiencing a profound cultural crisis (which) is particularly serious because the family is the fundamental cell of society, where we learn to live with others despite our differences and to belong to one another, it is also the place where parents pass on the faith to their children. (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 66)*

This crisis arises from a general lack of openness to life, the use of contraception, absentee fatherhood, and the destruction of what marriage actually is. The Church has always taught that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman that brings them together as husband and wife to be father and mother to any children their union produces.

*Marriage is a covenant “by which man and woman establish themselves a partnership of the whole of life that is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1601)*

In summation, marriage is the building block of families, and therefore of all human civilization. Marriage then has public, not just private, purposes. The Church recognizes then that marriage is based on the truth that men and women are distinct and complimentary, that having children requires a man and a woman, and that every child deserves both a mom and a dad. Catholics therefore should pay special attention to where candidates stand on the crucial role of the family, that is founded on God’s design for love, between a man and a woman in marriage.

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Priesthood Sunday**

† **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** †

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence** No School

8:00 AM Jim Roof (AN), Charles Neate, L/D Karen Fortman(AN) Family,  
End of all Abortions,

For those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**

8:40 AM Communion Service -Gary Meyer

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 St. Jerome**

8:00 AM Communion Service-Gary Meyer

6:30 PM – 8:15 PM Adoration

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 St Therese**

8:40 AM Communion Service-Mary Ann Myers

**FIRST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 The Holy Guardian Angles**

8:00 AM Communion Service-Mary Ann Myers

8:40 AM Confirmation Practice

12:00 PM Rosary for our Nation

1:00 – 4:00pm Adoration followed by Benediction

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal-Sharon Kidd

**FIRST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**

8:00 AM L/D Mel Verhoff Family, L/D Robert & Hilda Hovest Family, Poor Souls, End of all Abortions,

For those suffering of any illness and protection against COVID-19

8:45 AM Confessions

1:30 PM Nuptials- Saum/Ebbeskotte

4:00 PM Confessions

4:30 PM L/D Joe Karl (AN) Family, L/D Gib & Marcella Morman Family,

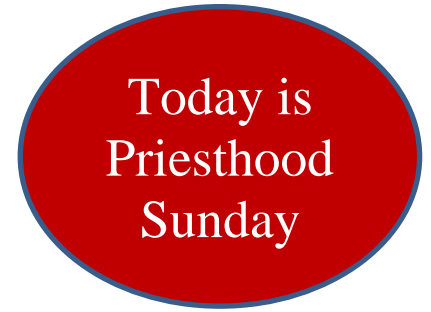
Mass in Thanksgiving Mike & Connie Schmitz 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann., Brian Schmitz, Judy Horstman

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

8:00 AM Dennis Schroeder, Mose Stechschulte(AN)

10:30 AM L/D Carolyn Schmursal Family, L/D Karen Fortman Family, Wilma Hohenbrink, Ruth Kuhlman, Sharon Kuhlman

6:30 PM L/D Joe Karl Jr Family



*Actions speak louder than words. What are your actions saying? Can your word be trusted? Turning from evil and doing good is what God wants. (Matthew 21:28-32)*

*For our youth, may they be guided by parents, teachers, mentors to make decisions and act with integrity, we pray.*

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, October 4** Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

**From the  
Desk of  
Fr. Tony**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus speaks to us today about St. John the Baptist. John is the patron saint of this parish. John was willing to go before the Lord and proclaim a baptism of repentance. I look up to John each day and I think of his boldness in speaking the truth. In the gospel today, Jesus is speaking to the priests and the elders of the Jewish faith. He tells them,

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”

The lowly of the world, the prostitutes and tax collectors, came to believe in the words of repentance, which John the Baptist spoke. They may be lowly but are wiser than the priests and elders of the people. See, reputation does not make you all holy. Sometimes the outcasts of the world have something to teach us and show us. Be careful in thinking that you have arrived in knowing the heart and mind of Christ. It doesn't matter who you are, God lovingly created each of us. God knows every single soul, every part of us is known by God. Not one of us is loved less than the other. God does not want to lose one soul. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a great way of praying. It talks about the healing power of the Precious Blood of Christ. This chaplet encourages us to ask for mercy for ourselves and others. Try to pray it each day at 3pm. Or when you have time. It only takes ten minutes. We pray it at 3pm because that is the hour when Jesus died on the cross. You can see the directions for praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet by going to, “[thedivinemercy.org](http://thedivinemercy.org)” God bless you all. Fr. Tony

**FERVORINO** – *Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by “your opinion.”*

**RCIA** - Mon., Sept. 28, 6:00 – 7:30pm in the cafeteria in our parish center. **Topic for Sept. 28: Divine Revelation – God Seeking Us -**

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.

**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 4**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**LECTORS**

<b>4:30</b> Diane Recker Lee Recker	Kim Rieman Kathy Schmitz
<b>8:00</b> Mark Schroeder Tammy Schroeder	Nicole Ruhe Greg Ruhe
<b>10:30</b> Jason Kleman Marlene Kleman	Michelle Schroeder Dawn Giesige
<b>6:30 Sharon Brown, Kelly Morman</b> Mary Ellen Halker, Louis Halker	Mike Karhoff Connie Cassidy

**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:** Tom Morman

**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY:** 9

**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

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.**

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

**Facebook, NEW LINK click on [https://youtu.be/nQVWws0Q\\_gY](https://youtu.be/nQVWws0Q_gY)**

**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 next 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!

**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.



**Priesthood Sunday** today, Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. Let's honor Fr. Tony & Fr. Rick on this very special day for all priests! For those who want to do something special for Priesthood Sunday- To show our appreciation to

Fr. Tony and Fr. Rick, in the back of church there are some Spiritual Bouquet cards that you can fill out for each of the priests. Please put them in the box by Monday, Oct. 5, and they will be delivered, as a group.

**"May Jesus be our love." St. Gaspar del Bufalo**

## Adult Faith Information

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

### To Create a new FORMED account

1. Visit [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org)
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find your parish by name, zip, or parish code 7MJPM6
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

### Already have a FORMED account

1. Visit [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org)
  2. Click Sign In
  3. Enter your email
  4. Click the link sent to your email
  5. You're in! No more passwords
- Have questions? Call 419-890-3724

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THE FIRST SATURDAY** of the month, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, **will be from 5:30pm until 8:30pm on Saturday only**. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will only be having Adoration for 3 hours. Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator back in church this week. If you can't make it to church to sign in, please call Katie Verhoff 480-236-7305

**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.

### **BANNS:**

- I Kathryn Richardson**, daughter of Timothy Richardson & Janet Richardson & **Jeremy Coleson** of this parish, son of Scott & Beth Coleson
- II Kennedy Metz** of this parish, daughter of Kenneth & Constance Metz & **Nicholas Maag** of this parish, son of David & Jean Maag
- III Jamie Saum**, of St. Joseph's, Ft. Jennings, daughter of Daniel & Jean Saum & **Derek Ebbeskotte** of this parish, son of Randy & Sherri Ebbeskotte

**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY WEDDED:** Mr. & Mrs. Cody (Danielle Schroeder) Bockrath

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

**Joanna Catherine**, daughter of Ryan & Jenna Burgei  
**Caroline Marie**, daughter of Brandon & Haley Kuhlman  
**Claire Annibelle**, daughter of Kevin & Shalaina Leopold  
**Brenna Kay**, daughter of Brian & Brittany Myerholtz  
**Bennett Robert**, son of Logan & Kristina Smith

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PARENTS & GODPARENTS!**



**HOME TO GOD:** Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of **Judy Horstman**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Ruth Verhoff & Marilyn Siefker** on the death of their loving sister, Judy.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Dorothy Osterhage** will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sept 28  
**Patricia Hovest** will celebrate her 84<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sept 28  
**Delphine Burwell** will celebrate her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sept 29  
**Joyce Sispera** will celebrate her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sept 29  
**Theresa Gable** will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Oct 3  
**Cletus Morman** will celebrate his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on Oct 4  
**Elizabeth Nienberg** will celebrate her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Oct 4  
**Ruth Korte** will celebrate her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on Oct 4

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY DOROTHY, PATRICIA, DELPHINE, JOYCE, THERESA, CLETUS, ELIZABETH & RUTH!**

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

*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 [stjohnsrhighccd@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsrhighccd@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:stjohnshsccd@gmail.com)

**High School CCD** continues each Wednesday from 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM in the Parish Center. Please wear your mask. We will continue to use hand sanitizer and participate in social distancing.

On October 7th and October 14th, the HS Students will participate in Penance Services in church. Adoration will be available for the adults as well; but please sit on the sides of church as the students will be in the middle pews.

If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact me at 567-204-1275.

Ruth Gerding, Coordinator of HS CCD

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

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

**TMIY "ALL THINGS NEW", YEAR 8, Saturday, October 3rd, 6am-7:30am in the cafeteria**

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

**Week 4 - The Lamb's Supper**

- Speaker: Dr. Scott Hahn
- The Bread of Life Discourse
- What Does the Early Church Say About the Mass
- Dr. Hahn's Journey Towards Communion
- The Catholic Mass and the Book of Revelation
- Every Mass is a Call to Conversion
- Love Is What Transforms Suffering into Sacrifice

**FIRST FRIDAY, OCT. 2<sup>nd</sup>,** 8:00 AM Mass, Novena, & Divine Mercy. 12:00pm Rosary, 1:00 – 4:00pm Public Adoration of the Eucharist followed by Benediction.

**FIRST SATURDAY, OCT. 3<sup>rd</sup>** 8:00AM Mass & confessions at 8:30. Remember the all day rosary. If you are in need of a sub for praying the rosary, there is a list on the rack in the south vestibule of church.

**UPDATE - Glandorf St. John's St. Bonifest October 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.** Reverse Raffle tickets are now available. If you had a ticket last year, to make it easy on your salesperson, please give them a call if you would like a ticket for this year. If you don't call, your salesman will be calling soon. If you haven't had a reverse drawing ticket (\$60) in the past and would like to have one this year please call the rectory 419-538-6928. This year we decided to have a **Chicken BBQ meal carry out only, tickets for Saturday, October 31 are on sale now. Each family in our CCD program received an order form for BBQ tickets, also on sale 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 this past week. Thank you all!.

The Diocese of Toledo is launching a faith initiative for the months of September, October, and November. The goal is for all members of the faithful to take part. Each month will focus on a pillar of the Christian life with a specific intention from our diocesan prayer. In September, we will *pray* for the intention of *holy disciples*. 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 Disciples.*

First Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020 at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, 4106 State Route 269 (7 miles south of Bellevue on Route 269), Bellevue, OH 44811, Starts at 10:00 am with the Confession, 10:30 am with the Rosary and 11:00 am Mass. Please join us! Fr. Harry would love to see you!

**40 Days for Life Campaign** in Northwest Ohio from 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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/toledo). Or to learn more, email Peter Range at [prange@toledodiocese.org](mailto:prange@toledodiocese.org) or Veronica Leguire at [vleguire@gmail.com](mailto:vleguire@gmail.com). Join the movement, and help us end abortion in Northwest Ohio!

**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**.

**GLANDORF CUBSCOUTS** - Boys grades K-5. Have you heard your classmates talk about scouting and now want to join yourself? Simply apply online by going to [BEASCOUT.ORG](http://BEASCOUT.ORG) and enter your zip code, then select 'Apply Now' under 'Pack 3229 St John's Catholic Church'. Not yet sure if you want to join? Contact us at [glandorfpack229@gmail.com](mailto:glandorfpack229@gmail.com) for more info.

**Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish Festival will be October 4** - Raffle Booth open from 11:00 – 2:00 and the drawings will be at 3:00. Call 419-453-3513. Thank you from Ottoville Imm. Conception Parish!

**Putnam County Community Thrift Store Recycling Day** - The Putnam County Community Thrift Store (PCCTS) is in need of volunteers to recycle items not sold at the downtown store October 3, from 8:30AM to 11:30AM. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate in this monthly activity. We have plenty of space to allow for social distancing. The recycling takes place at the PCCTS warehouse located in Ottawa on Second Street at the Fairgrounds. To get to the warehouse enter the Fairgrounds at gate #5 and proceed South and then turn right into the alley past the first building. At the end of the alley is a large open area, the PCCTS warehouse is on the left. If you have tools to remove nuts, bolts, and screws, bring them along. If you do not have tools, PCCTS has tools available for you to use. The money generated by recycled materials goes toward the PCCTS food pantry. If you have questions call Tim Macke, 419-969-0211.

**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. In 2019, through your generosity, Holy Family Radio provided 1,003 gift boxes of the 75,797 total boxes by Cross Catholic Outreach. Through the Box of Joy program, you can ensure these children are not deprived of Christmas blessings this year. By packing a gift box and sponsoring the cost of its shipment (\$9.00 per box), you can deliver a Box of Joy to a child overseas who would otherwise receive nothing. Gift boxes and additional information are available in the back of church, and filled boxes can be returned there at any time up through November 15th after 10:30 mass. For questions, please contact Brad Rump by phone/text at 419-722-9437 or by e-mail at [bjrump@coopertire.com](mailto:bjrump@coopertire.com) or go to the website at [www.crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy](http://www.crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy). This is a way to get your children and grandchildren involved in gift giving to the Poorest of the Poor.

**Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us-Sept 27-Oct 3**

Urban E Gerdeman 9/27/90	Lawrence H Hageman 10/1/82
Jordan M Schimmoeiller 9/27/08	Rita Ann Schwaiger 10/1/94
Logan Robert Brickner 9/27/15	Richard J Heckman 10/1/06
Richard L Kindle 9/28/07	Harold A Nienberg 10/2/82
Kenneth A Heckman 9/28/18	Lucy R Maag 10/2/83
Veronica T Birkemeier 9/29/81	Leona Gulker 10/2/87
Delores Recker 9/29/01	Agnes E Gerding 10/3/97
Christine Mary Chia 9/29/15	Daniel Stechschulte 10/3/12
Karen S Fortman 9/30/13	

**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 Please follow all CVID – 19 safety guidelines**  
For more information, "Like" Mustard Seed Gift Shop on Facebook, visit them at [www.mustardseedgiftshop.com](http://www.mustardseedgiftshop.com)  
**Store 538-7220 Brenda Maag 419-235-3106 Julie Barlage 419-303-5366**

St. Peregrine Cancer Service, today, Sunday, Sept. 27, 2:30 p.m. at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine, 4106 S.R. 269, Bellevue (7 miles south of Bellevue) Ohio 44811. St. Peregrine is the Patron Saint of Cancer. This event will be held in the Outdoor Pieta Chapel. Dress accordingly.  
Fr. Harry Brown

**STEWARDSHIP**

**September 20<sup>th</sup> Collection**

Adults \$7,638.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$1,750.00  
Loose \$750.00 Children \$66.00 Total: \$10,204.00  
**September 13<sup>th</sup> – Adults/Children \$2,614.00 Loose \$65.00**  
Monthly Auto W/drawl Online: \$ 4500

**Ottawa Food Pantry:** Cereal, breakfast bars, hamburger helper type meals, boxed potatoes, tomato sauce, deodorant, jelly/jam, snacks (crackers, chips, etc.) Note: Monetary donations are likewise welcome during this pandemic. Send to Trinity United Methodist Church, in care of Sandi Racer.

**Thank you for your willingness to help the less fortunate!**

Thank you to all of you who have been continuing to make your weekly/monthly contributions to your St. John's parish family and for sharing your treasure, time, & talent with your St. John's parish family! We are most grateful!



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**REGISTRATION**-New members should register as soon as possible. Moving out? - please inform the rectory.

**INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR PARISH?** If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher or in any other way please call the rectory 419-538-6928.

**PARENT SESSIONS** are required by the Toledo Diocese for Infant Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist, and First Penance.

**PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS** – the class will be **Sunday, Sept. 20th, 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.)