

### St. John's Men's Alabama Mission Trip

Nine men from our parish worked on 4 different houses in Mobile, Alabama the first week of March. Work included replacing several windows, repairing rotted floor supports, replacing siding, fixing holes in floors, removing and closing a window, drywall work, built a porch and replacing a bath tub, several toilets & bath vanity.



Thanks to the generous volunteers from our parish Ken Elchinger, Mike Niese, Dan Klear, Gary Recker, Joe Schroeder, Joe Riepenhoff, Jay Miller, Jerry Hanneman, and Herm Borgelt (Kalida), and the Catholic Social Services of Mobile for changing the lives of others.

Thank you to the Mobile Catholic Charities for donating all the materials to do the renovations to four different houses.



One of the men's fringe benefits was to share some good fellowship over a delicious lunch donated and delivered by Mobile Catholic Charities.



**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

† **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** †

**MONDAY, APRIL 4 The Annunciation of the Lord**

**Notice Time Change**

**6:00 AM** For the Poor Souls

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5 St. Vincent Ferrer**

**6:00AM** Daryl Hunt

8:40 AM COMMUNION SERVICE - Deacon Don

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6**

**6:00AM** Marie Maas

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE – Deacon Don

6:00 – 8:00 PM ADORATION

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7 St. John Baptist de la Salle**

**8:00 AM PENANCE SERVICE – 3B**

8:40 AM John Balbaugh

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8**

**6:00AM Religious Freedom**

8:00 AM Alfred (AN) & Joan Kaufman family

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**

8:00 AM For the Parish

4:30 PM L/D Deb Kuhlman Family, L/D Joe Karl Jr. Family, L/D Leander & Alberta Moening Family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**

8:00 AM L/D August & Caroline Fischer Family, L/D Vic & Cecilia Schroeder Family, L/D Bernard & Mary Morman Family,  
L/D Tom & Arlene Haselman Family, Craig Evers(AN)

10:30 AM Tom Balbaugh, Mary Jane Leopold, L/D Frank & Berta Fortman Family, Harry Brinkman, Robert Niese

**Are you like Thomas? Do you need to see to believe? Pray for faith and trust.**

**For those discerning a religious vocation, may the grace of faith and trust guide them, we pray:**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (April 10<sup>th</sup>):** Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41; Rv. 5: 11-14; Jn. 21: 1-19.

**From the  
desk of  
Fr. Tony**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. We are confident in God's loving mercy, which he extends to the whole world. God's mercy is abundant and all we have to do is call upon God and ask for his love and compassion. When we are sincerely sorry for our sins and when we make steps to avoid these sins then God will give us his Divine Mercy.

All of us are in need of God's mercy. This is the year of mercy. Pope Francis has decided that all people in the church should experience God's love, mercy, and compassion. There have been extra opportunities these past two months to go to the sacrament of reconciliation. Today, Sunday, we are having the sacrament of reconciliation at 1pm until the lines end. Experience God's mercy today and do not deny yourself the abundance of grace God offers in this sacrament.

In the gospel today, Jesus has risen from the dead and he appears to his apostles but Thomas is the only apostle missing. A week later Jesus again comes to his apostles and this time Thomas is present. Thomas will not believe it is the risen Christ unless he touches the nail marks in Jesus' hands or puts his hand into Jesus' side where Christ was stabbed with the lance.

Let us not doubt God's all powerful love and mercy. Christ wants us to believe in his death and resurrection, which bring us eternal mercy. God bless you all. Fr. Tony

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** Mon. 6:00 AM: Adults; Tue. 6:00 AM: Adults; Tue. 8:40 AM: No Students needed; Wed. 6:00 AM: Adults; Wed. 8:AM: No Adults needed; Thurs. 8:40 AM: Students; Fri. 8:00 AM: Adults. Sat. 8:00 AM: Adam & Zachary Schmitz, Cael Hoehn, Paige Meyer.

**SUNDAY SERVERS:** Sat. 4:30 PM: Adam & Zachary Schmitz, Ella Okuley, Kenzi Kottenbrock; Sun.8:00 AM: Logan Jayla, Jacob Balbaugh, Elyse Schroeder; 10:30 AM: Claire, Mitchel & Chloe Schroeder, Jeramy Hermiller.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Mary Ellen Halker

Louis Halker

Dennis Moening

Linda Moening

Sue Bellman

Edna Nienberg, Jason Miller - Choir

**LECTORS**

Alex Hoehn

Jay Kaufman

Diane Nienberg

Jill Siefker

Janet Schroeder

Kelly Schroeder

**GIFT BEARERS:** Sat. 4:30PM: Dan & Sue Schnipke family; Sun. 8:00AM: Tom & Gretchen Schmitz Family; Sun. 10:30AM: Keith & Deb Kuhlman Family.

**APRIL USHERS:** Sat.4:30PM: Brian Grime & Richard Schmitz; Sun.8:00AM: Joe Fortman & Bart Recker; 10:30AM: Don & Joyce Giesige.

**Videographer** –Sat. 4:30 PM: Emily Hamel

**ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY:** Arnold & Teresa Borgelt

**COUNTERS NEXT SUNDAY:** 4

**April Funeral Rosary leaders:** Marlene & Paul Kleman, Dorothy Karl, Delphine Burwell, Deb Burwell, Chris Hoehn, Al Hueve, Nick Kaufman.

**St. John the Baptist Little Flowers Club Rose Sale:** **Our Little Flower's Club** will be accepting pre-orders for Roses for Mother's Day. Deadline April 10<sup>th</sup>. There will also be some available after each Mass on Mother's Day weekend. To guarantee your order however, please pre-order using the order form insert in last week's bulletin. Proceeds from the Rose Sale help to support our Little Flowers Girls Club which strives to teach our daughters about Virtues and Saints in the little way of St. Therese.

**Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima** - Marie Strauer is in charge of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, please call [419-538-6930](tel:419-538-6930) to reserve a week to have Our Lady come to your home.

If you know of anyone who cannot attend Mass on Sundays and would like communion brought to them please call the rectory.

**Glandorf St. John's Capital Campaign Update: (3/15/2016)**

"Sharing Our Faith, Preserving Our Heritage, Securing Our Future" Thank you for Sharing your Time, Talents, & Treasure!

**Needed Projects Cost: \$1,125,500**

**Enhancement Projects Cost: \$474,500 Goal: \$1,600,000**

**Pledged: \$704,118 Paid: \$522,064**

**Fantastic!!! Thank you to all who have supported our Capital Campaign so far. We appreciate it greatly!**

- Please mark your donations to the capital campaign as either "One-Time Donation" or "Payment Plan Donation", if you signed up for a payment plan.

- Capital Campaign Donations can be made multiple times and at anytime.

- Everyone's help is needed, please help support the future of our parish.

**"ST JOHN'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN"** forms are in **the racks back in church.** **Stock** can also be donated to the stock donation forms. You can pick up at the rectory or have forms emailed to you.

**2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:** Our parish goal this year is \$35,000. So far you have pledged **34,290.49** and paid 31,056.12. Thank you to those who have contributed so far. If you didn't receive an envelope there are extra envelopes in the racks back in church. Thanks! For more information, visit the diocesan website at [www.toledodiocese.org/page/finance# annual catholic appeal\\_aca](http://www.toledodiocese.org/page/finance#annual_catholic_appeal_aca)

I want to thank all of you who made this Holy Week a memorable experience. Thanks for your prayers and service to the parish. God bless you all. Fr. Tony

Thank you to Linda & Dennis Moening & James Recker and their families for donating a very generous donation to our **St. John's Capital Campaign fund** in memory of Albert & Irene Ellerbrock.

**Thank you for supporting the C. L. OF C. GOOD FRIDAY BAKE SALE!**



**HOME TO GOD:** Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of **Robert Niese**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Mark Niese** on the death of his loving father, Robert.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Eugene Ellerbrock will celebrate his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday today, Divine Mercy Sunday, Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>; Betty Recker will celebrate her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on Mon., Apr. 11. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY EUGENE & BETTY!**

***"In regard to inner suffering, look at Jesus in the Garden of Olives. May He strengthen your faith and hope."***  
***St. Gaspar del Bufalo***

**Adult Faith Information**  
**Jeanette Schroeder - Coordinator**  
**Diana Meyer, Jeanne Schram, DeVon Dunlap, Marlene Kleman,**  
**Deacon Don and Elaine Inkrott**

**Year of Mercy: December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016**  
**Pope Francis Motto: "Merciful like the Father"**

Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy Ideas for APRIL

**Visit the sick.** Send cards to friends or relatives who are sick. Visit those in the nursing home. Make or buy some note cards and leave them with stamps so people who are staying there can send letters home. Assist at a local hospice or hospital.

**Pray for the Living and the Dead.** St. John's is in need of volunteers to lead the Rosary before Masses and at the funeral home. Make a prayer list of people who are sick and pray for them every day. If you hear about something tragic on the news, pray for the people involved. Pray for our seminarians and priests. Pray for all the poor souls in purgatory. Request a Mass intention for a living or deceased person.

Join us for **"33 Days to Morning Glory"** Small -group Retreat  
**Fridays, 9:30-11:00 AM, April 8th- May 13th for 6 weeks**  
**at St. John's Parish Center**

This study is focused toward Marian Consecration and renewal for those already consecrated. For those who missed the first Morning Glory Retreat here is a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance

**LET CHRIST TOUCH YOUR HEART IN THE YEAR OF MERCY**

**RCIA**

All are invited to attend the RCIA class  
at St. John's Parish Center (Room 26) – Tuesdays 7-8:30pm  
April 5 – Deepen Understanding of Mass

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH FAMILY:** Andrew & Kari (Recker) Gray

**Heart of the Nation's "My Sunday Mass"** A new televised Sunday Catholic Mass will begin airing April 3, 5:00a.m. on WTOL Ch. 11. Also remember you can watch Glandorf St. John's Sunday Masses every day at 10:00am and at 6:30pm on Glandorf Cable Channel 2.

**Grade School CCD Information**

**COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Diane Utrup  
**Contact me in the Religious Ed Office** 419-538-6335 on school days 7:30am – noon

**Progress Reports** – were sent home Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Next year's registration papers for CCD also went home that day. They can all be filled out, signed and returned to CCD at the same time. Thank you!

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Sessions** – For 6A – Mon, April 11, 7-8:30pm; 6B – Tues, April 12, 7-8:30pm; 6C – Thur, April 14, 7-8:30pm. All in the Cafeteria of the Parish Center. If you cannot make the day assigned by your child's homeroom, you will need to come to one of the other sessions. This is required. Thank you!

**Special K** – next class time is Wed, April 6 at 6pm

**High School CCD Information**

**Message from DeVon Dunlap Coordinator of High School CCD:** I will not be in the office on Thursdays and Fridays. If you have any questions or need to get a hold of me, please call the HS CCD office at 419-538-6897 or e-mail. [stjohnshsccd@bright.net](mailto:stjohnshsccd@bright.net) Thanks!

**Attention all High School Students:** The Retreat will be held on Wed. April 13. If you did not receive a letter in the mail, contact DeVon Dunlap for more info.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** - Wed., April 6, 6– 8pm.

**Message from Colleen Halker Youth Director**  
**TAYLOR WEHRI** - Youth President **MADALYN LEHMAN** - President-Elect



### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, TODAY, April 3** –

1:00pm Confessions until line ends – Fr. Tony, Fr. Rick, Fr. Bob De Sloover

1:00pm Adoration

3:00pm Mass

4:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet by Diana Meyer & Benediction by Fr. Tony

**Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday** is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession anytime during Lent, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the *Our Father* and the *Creed*, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus. ***Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!***

“**During Eucharistic Adoration** we can truly spend some time in prayer and personal conversation which can help us draw closer to Jesus. Sacramentally present, the Lord sees us and hears us with great intimacy. His heart still beats out of love for us and is the source of all life and holiness. What shall we do, you ask, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament? Love him, adore him, thank him, and ask him - anything. What does a poor man do in the presence of a rich man? What does a sick man ask in the presence of a doctor? Or one who is thirsty, in the sight of a crystal clear fountain? Jesus has what we lack, and need. He is our strength along the road to salvation. We only need to include him in every facet of our life.”

**Putnam County Right to Life meeting** on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 pm at the Ottawa K of C hall. All are welcome.

**C. L. OF C. MEETING** Wed., Apr. 6, 7:00pm, in the cafeteria.

**Catholic Radio Station 88.9** - Fr Tony will be interviewed on Thurs, April 7 at 9:30am; Fr. Harry will be interviewed on Wed., April 6, from 3 – 4pm. He will be talking about The Sorrowful Mother Shrine and the Year of Mercy. Please remember to tune in!

**Right to Life Garage and Bake Sale** will be Wed., April 6 from 9:00am to 7:00pm and Thursday, April 7 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Ottawa K of C hall. All gently used items and baked goods can be dropped off on Tuesday, April 5 from 9:00am to 6:00pm. Volunteers are greatly appreciated by calling Ginnie Riepenhoff 419-538-6743

**Dance Aerobics class** is still going on each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm at St. John's Parish Gym. Please bring an exercise mat & weights. This class cost per class is \$3.00. The instructor is Holly Flueckiger. Any questions please contacts Sandy Meyer at 419-615-8403 or Jill Karhoff at 419-615-0085.

### **FERVORINO** –

“Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven” means the grudges we carry only make us miserable. The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace through mercy and forgiveness demonstrated by their parents.

**THE ANNUAL MOTHER, DAUGHTER, WOMEN OF THE PARISH LUNCHEON** Sunday, April 10, following the 10:30 Mass. Cost of the lunch is \$8.00 for ages 11 and older and \$5.00 for ages 10 and younger. If you didn't RSVP you may still do so by e-mailing [stjohns@bright.net](mailto:stjohns@bright.net) or by calling the rectory 419-538-6928. Thank you very much!

**The Glandorf Lion Club is sponsoring a Chicken/Pork Chop dinner** on April 10, at the Glandorf Fire Station. You can drive through to pick up your dinners. Donation of \$8.00 each. Tickets can be purchased from Dan Klear 419-538-6940, or any Lions Member.



**APRIL GRANDorf Drawing (two chances each month to win \$500)** along with Coffee & Donuts will be next Sun., Apr. 10, after the 8:00 & 10:30 Masses in Room 26 in the parish center. Next drawing Sun., May 8.

**Hours for The Mustard Seed:** Tuesday, Thursday and Friday open 9 to 5. Wednesday 12 to 8. Saturday 8 to 1. 419-538-7220 or 567-367-5673.

**TMIY** This weeks' (and final week for spring) info:

**Session 26:** Paradisus Dei **April 9**

- The Heart of Joseph and Nazareth
- The Home at Nazareth as a Paradise of God
- The Essence of That Man is You!
- Building Nazareth in Your Heart

**SPIRIT & SONG PRACTICE** Tue., April 12, 6:30 – 8:00pm for the 4:30pm Mass on April 16 instead of April 9.

God has the answers for our weight and food struggles and all temptations! ***The Light Weigh One King program*** will be held for 12 consecutive Saturdays (April 9-June 25) from 7-8:30 am at St. John's Parish Center. Light Weigh One King is a 12 week Catholic Bible Study DVD program recommended by priests, doctors, nurses & Prevention Magazine for weight-loss and health. There are no weigh-ins ! View the Light Weigh Orientation video at: [www.lightweigh.com](http://www.lightweigh.com) and click on Light Weigh One King Orientation Video on the right side of the screen, halfway down. If you are interested in joining the group, please call Sue Leopold (419-538-6914) or Kim Hovest (419-538-6176)

**Quarter Auction-** Fri. Apr. 15 at 7:00PM in Parish Center Fellowship Hall. Fundraiser benefits St. John's Preschool. For tickets or info, contact Jeannie Verhoff at 419 538 6255 or Carole Schroeder at 419 538 6264.

**Desserts and Snacks Wanted for Bake Sale-** At the Quarter Auction, Preschool Committee will also have a Bake Sale. If you love to cook or bake and would like to donate a dessert or snack item for the April 15 Event, please contact Carole Schroeder at 419 538 6264.

**Catholic Young Adult Group in Putnam County:** Young adults (18-39), join us every other Monday night for food, fellowship, prayer and learning more about our Catholic faith together. Join us, newcomers are always welcome! Contact Adam Schroeder 419-615-9863, or Neil & Brooke Cassidy 419-302-4959 [brookemariēcassidy@gmail.com](mailto:brookemariēcassidy@gmail.com).

**Ohio Polka Boosters Meeting & Dance** - Wednesday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m., at the Kalida K of C Hall. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Public is welcome.

**2016 Vacation Bible School** – If you haven't returned your VBS registration forms please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

**VBS supplies needed!** We are asking for the following supplies to be donated in the south vestibule of church: **brown packing paper (we need a lot for our CaveQuest theme), 12x12 black cardstock, packs of markers, battery operated tea lights, pool noodles, glue bottles, yellow and orange tissue paper sheets, baking soda, foam paint brushes.** VBS committee

**BENNING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are available in the racks in the vestibules back in church - for all Glandorf St. John's high school seniors. The deadline is **Fri., Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>, by 4:30 p.m.** (Not mailed by this date but in our hands by the 15<sup>th</sup>). Make sure you have 2 references & school transcript attached to application to be eligible.

**4-H O-G HIGH RISERS CHICKEN BBQ** – Sun., Apr. 17, 11am – 1pm, at Brooky's.

**Artistry Under The Dome** - An **Art Fair** will be held at St. Charles Senior Living Community, 2860 U.S. Rte. 127, Carthagen, in the Gaspar Room and in the Auditorium on Sun., **April 3**, 10am – 5pm. Open to the Public. Free-will donations are appreciated. For more info: Go to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ArtistryUnderTheDome>

**Planning for the Future:** When it comes to caring for a loved one, most families don't have a plan until they need one. Are you exploring senior care options for yourself or a loved one? Join us at one of these **FREE** informative presentations! **Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm, Leipsic VFW; Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm, Ottoville VFW; Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm, Ottawa VFW.** Call 419-523-4449 for more information. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Putnam County HomeCare & Hospice

You still can sign up and fill out paperwork to work on the upcoming Habitat for Humanity house coming up this summer. Please call Mark Recker at 419-604-6929 by April 15th.

**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS** - It's time to work at the Food Pantry again. Mark your calendars for Apr. 12 and Apr. 26.

#### STEWARDSHIP

**Easter Collection so far:** Adults \$25,177.00    Auto Electronic Giving \$1,030.00    Loose \$3,135.00    Children \$389.85  
Total: \$29,731.85

Thanks for sharing your treasure, time, & talent with your St. John's parish family! We are most grateful!



**St. John the Baptist  
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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** – Classes are from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in room 26 in the parish center. New dates are May 15th and Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - presented by Deacon Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling rectory.

**ROSARY 5:00pm** every third Sunday 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** is always held on the first Sunday of November here at St. John's.

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT COMPLETED? DID YOU REMEMBER YOUR PARISH, ST. JOHN'S?**

**SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION: PENANCE** Saturday 4:00.

**For high school CCD perfect attendance** - in order to receive the \$50 award for *perfect attendance* at the end of your senior year you must attend every CCD class on time and the entire class with no excuses except attending a parish sponsored event.

**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. **Any non-Catholic youth** living in our parish is eligible to play CYO sports, if they regularly attend our parish High School Religious Education Groups or Grade School CCD Classes & plus regularly attend their Sunday service. This must be documented with their pastor's signature that they attended services each week during pre-season practices and regular season games.  
(Fr. Tony– pastor & Eric Kaufman – Council Pres.)