

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016**

‡ **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** ‡

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12** Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM For the Poor Souls

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13** St. Lucy

8:40AM Mary Barb Klausing

12:00 PM Rosary for our Nation

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14** St. John of the Cross

8:00 AM L/D Fred Schroeder Family

**6:00 PM** Mass in Thanksgiving

6:45 -8:30 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary at 8:10

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

8:40 AM L/D Charles Siefker Family, John Yaufman (AN)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**

6:00 AM Religious Freedom

8:00 AM For the Parish

**1:00-4:00PM** Adoration followed by Benediction

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

8:00 AM Bernard Rosengarten

8:30 AM Confessions

4:30 PM L/D Andrew & Eileen Schroeder Family, Cletus, Gertrude, Mildred & Paul Stechschulte, L/D George Kuhbender Family, Nellie (AN), Richard & John Maag, Hazel & Roy Leap, Ray & Rita Flaute, Paul & Mary Louise Deters, Jacob M. Schroeder, Vicki Verhoff

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18** **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 AM L/D Paul Siefker Family, Tim Bockrath, Barb Nuvevan, Kenneth Ellerbrock

10:30 AM Cy, Cecilia, Nick Vorst, Cletus Bockey, Pamela Lauf, Lynn Schroeder, L/D Floyd & LaDonna Meyer Family, L/D Tom Balbaugh Family, L/D William & Mildred Inkrott Family, Roger Vorst

5:00 PM Rosary & Benediction

**6:30 PM** Poor Souls, L/D Ken Fortman Family

**Third Sunday in Advent**



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

**Lasting joy is a hallmark of a Christian. Where can you bring joy this week? Find your strength in God's promise. (Isaiah 35: 16, 10)**

**For those who minister with the ill, the blind, the infirmed, and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray:**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>):** Is. 7: 10-14; Rom. 1:1-7; Mt. 1: 18-24

**From the  
desk of  
Fr. Tony**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 11, 2016**

John the Baptist was a truth telling man. John knew the price of telling the truth and he was willing to pay the price for it. First, John was put into prison for telling the truth and then he was beheaded. John the Baptist is the patron saint of this parish and I think it is for a reason. We as the people of Glandorf are to lead this area in speaking the truth. The truth is being honest in our speech but speaking the truth is also proclaiming the gospel message.

To speak the gospel message we must first spend time reading the gospel message and absorbing it. What better message can you pass on to your children or grandchildren than the word of God. After all we by our baptism are called to go into the whole world and proclaim the good news. Christ expects it from us. Let us be courageous and lift up Christ in our speech and loving actions to others. John the Baptist has plowed the way for us. So let us follow him. God bless you all. Fr. Tony

**TODAY, SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 6:30PM MASS:** **SERVERS:** Sydney Kleman, Carter and Collin Welch, Sam Schroeder; **LECTOR:** Jill Siefker & Connie Cassidy; **DISTRIBUTORS:** Ruth Gerding, need 4 more; **Usher:** Gary Moening.

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** Mon. 8:00 AM: Gene Warnecke, Ron Leopold; Tue. 8:40 AM: Students; Wed. 8:00 AM: Elton Schroeder, Jeanette Schroeder; **Wed. 6:00PM:** Adults; **Thurs. 8:00 AM:** Students; Fri. 6:00 AM: Jeff Schram, Joe Schroeder; Fri. 8:00AM: Ken & Paula Elchinger; Sat. 8:00 AM: Jack Dalrymple, Maureen Duling, Erin Duling, Garrett Schroeder.

**SUNDAY SERVERS:** Sat. 4:30 PM: Ashley Schroeder, Hunter Tegenkamp, Abby Warnecke, Cory Warnecke; Sun.8:00AM: Alex Hoehn, Hailey, Madalyn, & Brendan Morman; 10:30 AM: Zachary Diemer, Dylan Pester, Tyler Recker, Noah Utrup; **6:30 PM:** Derek, Collin, & Claire Crumrine, Kayla Brickner.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Doug Deitering

Diane Deitering

Deb Leopold

Steve Leopold

Julie Grismore

Jane Moening, Choir: Dennis Burgei

**The Meadows of Ottawa:** Karen Parker, Deb Burwell**LECTORS**

Sharon Meyer

Kelly Schroeder

Br. Jerry

Deb Schroeder

Diana Meyer

Jay Rump

**GIFT BEARERS:** Sat. 4:30PM: Charles & Linda Schroeder Family.; Sun. 8:AM: Bob & Vicki Brickner Family.; Sun. 10:30AM Keith & Beth Hempfling Family

**DECEMBER USHERS:** Sat.4:30PM Ken Schroeder, Robert Verhoff; Sun.8:00AM: Joe Riepenhoff & Jeff Duling; 10:30AM: Jerry Recker, Al Hueve; **Dec. 18, 6:30 PM:** Joe Schroeder. **Sun. 6:30pm schedule was e-mailed**

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

**ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY:** Rick & Jane Williams Family

**COUNTERS NEXT SUNDAY:** 1.

**December Funeral Rosary leaders:** Shirley & Oscar Schnipke, Carolyn Tobe, Diane Nienberg, Connie & Don Dehnart, Joann Schroeder, & Jim Recker.

**FAMILIES TO LIGHT ADVENT WREATH BEFORE MASS:** next Sat., Dec. 17, 4:30pm: Mark & Jenny Warnecke Family; Sun.18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am: Joe & Deb Schroeder Family; 10:30am: Michelle Giesswein Family. Thank you!

**Glandorf St. John's Capital Campaign Update: (11/7/2016)**

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

**Goal: \$1,274,500**

**Pledged: \$765,136      Paid: \$643,172**

**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.



**TICKETS for 2017 GRAND-orf Club** were mailed out this week. Please watch for them! You will be receiving 16 tickets @ \$12 per ticket you will have *two chances each month to win \$500*. During the Holidays you may have ample opportunities to sell those tickets. Let's do our best inviting others, too, to share in the potential for benefits of our GRAND-orf Club Raffle which the proceeds goes towards the maintenance of our parish center. Great stocking stuffers! Extra green tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules. Thank you very much. **The last 2016 drawing along with coffee & donuts is today, Sunday, December 11 in Room 15.** The list of the 2016 Grand-orf winners will be published soon. Thank you for supporting this raffle.

**ADVENT Project**– If you would like to help out Heartbeat this year, please take an angel ornament off the tree in the back of the church or pick up a baby bottle and then return them before Christmas. If you wish to make out a check please make it payable to: Heartbeat of Lima. You can also drop in the collection. Thank you very much.

**Church Interior Christmas Decorations:**

This year the church interior Christmas decorations will be simplified. For starting right after the New Year, Mass will be held in the gym, of the parish center. Since there will be less decorations to put up this year, the large special crew that has helped before, will not be needed. The decorating committee will be able to do the smaller setup for this year's Christmas decorations. Thanks and Merry Christmas.

**GIRL'S CYO BASKETBALL:** today, Sun., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm home with New Bavaria Sacred Heart

**BOY'S CYO BASKETBALL: A TEAM:** today, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm home with Ottoville. **B TEAM:** has a BYE this week.

Please keep in your prayers our St. John's parishioner **Curtis Weisenburger**, who is a seminarian at **The Pontifical College Josephinum**. His address is: **7625 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43235**

**"Humility is the dearest to me, but it is a teacher that gives lengthy lessons."**

**St. Gaspar del Bufalo**

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

**Start the New Year off Right**

**By Signing Up for**

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you uncover the story woven through Scripture with its clever narrative approach and ingenious color-coded *Bible Timeline*. It is a great way to get the “big picture” of the bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. You’ll see how the Bible reveals God’s loving plan for your life, and you will learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice. The study includes a series of eight informative and engaging half-hour videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion.

**Come Join Us**

**Bring Your Bible – Bring a Friend**

**Monday evenings 7-8:15 PM**

**Jan. 9, 23, Feb.6, 20, March 6, 20, April 3, 17**

**Or Friday Mornings 9:45 - 11:00 AM**

**Jan.13, 27, Feb.10, 24, March 10, 24, April 7, 21**

**St. John the Baptist Parish Center**

For more information or to sign up, call

Jeanette at 419-638-6740 or email

[jmschroeder51@gmail.com](mailto:jmschroeder51@gmail.com)

**Materials cost \$20.00**

**Payable at first session**

**BANNIS:** I Darcy Rieman, daughter of Bill & Elaine Schmiedebusch and Mike Fortman, son of Tom & Theresa and the late Karen Fortman.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Alberta Ruhe will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sun., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>; and Dorothy Duling will celebrate her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on Fri., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>; **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALBERTA & DOROTHY!**



**HOME TO GOD:** Please remember in your Masses and prayers the souls of **Bernadette Bensman, Kenneth Ellerbrock, Barb Nuveman & Roger Vorst**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Pat Heuerman** on the death of her loving sister, Bernadette; to **Joan Ellerbrock** on the death of her loving husband, Kenny; to **Rod Nuveman & Dale Evers** on the death of their loved one, Barb; to **Marlene Schmitz** on the death of her loving brother, Roger.

I will have 8:30am confessions after the Saturday morning Mass as long as I am the priest having the Sat. morn Mass. So from now on we will have 8:30am confessions on Saturday. Thanks Fr. Tony

**PENANCE SERVICES IN THE OFFING:** Ottoville – today, Sun., Dec. 11, 2:00 p.m.; Leipsic – today, Sun., Dec. 11, at 7 pm; Kalida – Tue., Dec. 13, 4:00 & 7:00 pm; Ft. Jennings - Wed., Dec. 14, 7:00 pm; Ottawa - Mon., Dec. 19, 4:00 & 7:00 pm; Columbus Grove – Wed., Dec. 21, 7:00pm.

**Grade School CCD Information**

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

**GRAND-orf Drawing** – please pray about participating in this raffle, if you have not been already. All the proceeds go to the maintenance and upkeep of the Parish Center building where so many wonderful things take place, including morning CCD. Look for the information packet to be coming to you in the mail. Thank you and may God bless your family and our parish family!

**Special K** – next class time is Wed, Dec. 21 at 6pm

**High School CCD Information**

**Message from DeVon Dunlap Coordinator of High School CCD:** 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!

**Final High School CCD Class for the fall** on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Parish Center. Please be to class on time for attendance. The winter session starts on January 11<sup>th</sup>. **God bless you and please keep our students and catechists in your prayers!**

**Message from Colleen Halker Youth Director**

**Youth Group Meeting** on next Sunday, December 18 from 6-8 pm. Please bring a \$5 gift wrapped if you would like, this will be for a game. See you there.

**MADALYN LEHMAN**- Youth President **KADIE HEMPFLING** – Pres. Elect

**PUTNAM COUNTY MUSEUM – CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE** - Today, Sun., Dec. 11, 1-4pm at the Putnam County Historical Society Museum, Kalida.

**O-G HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT** today, Sun., Dec. 11, 7:00pm at OGHS for grades 7-12.

**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.

**St. John's evening Mass for next Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> will be at** 6:30pm. Fr. Tony will be in need of 2 lectors & 5 Distributors. Please e-mail or call the rectory if you can help! No music will be needed. Please pass the word on to your relatives & friends.

**The Holy Rosary for our Nation** - will continue every Tuesday at noon until Christmas in Glandorf St. John's Church.

**FERVORINO** – The question put to Jesus is also put to us: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?

**The staff and residents at The Meadows of Ottawa invite the community to enjoy our Santa's Workshop** today, Sun., Dec. 11th from 11:00am-1:00pm! Come join the fun with Mr. and Mrs. Claus along with his reindeer. Raffle tickets will be sold at the door along with face painting, entertainment, and hors d'oeuvres. All proceeds will benefit Emerging Business Leaders through the Ottawa-Glandorf High School and Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce. Any questions please call 419-523-4092.

**THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO SHUT-INS** by Parish Council/Finance Committee members on Mon., Dec. 12, 6:00 pm., meet in the rectory garage. Family members and parishioners are welcome.

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



**RCIA CLASS**: Tue., Dec. 13 at 7pm, Room 15 in the Parish Center. It will last until 8:30pm. **This week's topic: The Eucharist.** These sessions are open to all interested persons –We welcome you. Questions, please call DeVon Dunlap 419-538-6897.

**O-G Band Concert** Tue., Dec. 13, 7:00pm at OGHS.

**Glandorf Elementary School Christmas program** grade K-4 Thu., Dec. 15 at 7:00pm

**4:00 Christmas Eve Children's Mass practices** on Wed., Dec. 14, 4:30 – 6:00pm; **Sat. Dec. 17, 1:00 – 2:30pm**; Mon., Dec. 19, 6:30 – 8:00pm; Wed., Dec. 21, 6:45 – 8:30pm; Fri., Dec. 23, 1-3pm. All students 6th grade through High School are still welcome to join and participate. Questions please call Jeannie Verhoff 419-538-6255

**Glandorf St. John's Men's Society Christmas party** on Sat., Jan. 14th at the Glandorf Rod and Gun Club... doors will open at 5:30 and we will begin serving an all-you-can-eat fish fry for \$10 (your dues is also covered in the \$10) starting at 6:30... we will also be offering \$1 drinks all night, a 50/50 drawing and some great raffle prizes.

**ADVENT PUBLIC ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST** during Advent Fridays, (Dec. 16) 1:00 – 4:00 pm **followed by Benediction.** Make an extra effort to spend personal/family time before the Lord. The adoration on Fri., Dec. 23 will be from 8:30am – 11:30am instead of 1-4pm due to choir practice in the afternoon.

**PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS Sun., Jan. 22, 9:00 – 10:30 AM**, in **room 2** on the north end in parish center presented by Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling St. John's Rectory 419-538-6928. Stop by rectory to pick up your book. **Next class will be May 14, 2017.**

**Attention Men of the Parish**: Have you been thinking about participating in the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) weekend retreat but are just unsure if it's for you or have been putting it off? Why not make this the year you experience the power of the Holy Spirit at work in you? To make your reservation or learn more about this life-changing retreat to be held on **January 21/22, 2017**, please contact Eric Kaufman (419-306-5697).

**New Year's Eve party at the Ottawa K of C for their Scholarship Fund** – chance to win \$3000 and more BIG prizes. There will be a Catholic Mass at the hall at 4:30. (Open to ticket holders only). 5:30 cocktails begin, 6:30 a wedding style meal will be served. \$50.00 a ticket. Tickets call Pat 419-235-1991 or Dan 419-439-0468.

**Dance Aerobics:** The start date is January 4th (Wednesday) at 7:30pm to 8:30pm at St. John Parish Gym. The cost is \$3.00 for the class & bring an exercise mat & weights. Any questions - contact Sandy Meyer at 419-615-8403 or Jill Karhoff at 419-615-0085.



**Important Notice:** Please stop by the Mustard Seed for your Christmas shopping. There is a large selection of items at reduced prices. It starts Tuesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> till Sat., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> till 1:00pm.

**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 419-523-5732.

**2017 ADULT CHURCH ENVELOPES:** You should receive your envelopes in the mail bi-monthly. If you don't receive envelopes and want/were missed by mistake please call the rectory. **The church envelopes for High School, Special-K, & home schooled are back in church by Pieta statue on south side by confessional.** The grade school will be passed out in school.

**PARISHIONERS IN REST HOMES WHO WOULD APPRECIATE A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM YOU: MEADOWS OF OTTAWA, 147 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa:** Michael Hovest, Sally Schierloh, Pat Chamberlin, Mary Ann Hanneman, Else Burgei, Juanita Blankemeyer, Robert Lally, Alberta Ruhe, Delphine Burwell, Ralph Kaufman, Dolores Schroeder, Doris Rosengarten, Helen Honigfort, Charlie Kistler & Mary Lou Ricker;

**MEADOWS OF KALIDA, P.O. Box 388, Kalida, OH 45853:** Jerry Schmitz, Ann Bockrath, Dennis Hermiller;

**MEADOWS OF LEIPSIC, 901 E. Main St., Leipsic:** Harold Pothast, Mary Ellen Kuhbander;

**HILTY MEMORIAL, 5570 St. Rt. 12, Pandora 45877:** Beatrice Inkrott & Mary Margaret Bockrath;

**PUTNAM HERITAGE ASSISTED LIVING, 1380 N. Locust St, Ottawa, OH 45875:** Eileen Kindle, Kathryn Meyer, Rita Maas & Dorothy Kleman.

**SERVICE MEN & WOMEN** we are updating our military list. Please inform the rectory 419-538-6928 of any son/daughter if they are still active/inactive/or going to be active, any change of personnel or address changes. Thank you!

**NEWLY UPDATED LIST OF OUR MILITARY (AWAY FROM HOME)**

**Major Darek Schmiedebusch,** 6314 Chaucer View Circle,  
Alexandria, VA 22304

**S.Sgt. Eric Knueven,** 12615 Scarlet Sage, San Antonio, TX 78253

**Justin McFarland,** 283 Twin Lakes Dr., Destin FL.

**Tyler McFarland,** 390 Legacy Lades Way, Aberdeen NC 28315

Lois Hermiller's son: **Lcpl Jacob Zmyslo,** 7th COMM BN CEM, Unit 35608 FPO, AP 96385-5608

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THAT PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT? HOW ABOUT A GLANDORF FIRE DEPARTMENT COOKBOOK?** If you would like one, please call Deb Evers 419-538-6974. Thank you very much!

**"NEEDY FAMILIES"** Since this is the time for thanksgiving and giving we would like to help our needy families. If you know of a needy family who would like to be included in the parish "Needy Families Collection" please call the rectory. **If you would like to donate to this needy cause please use a plain white envelope and mark it "Needy Families Collection" and drop in the collection. Thank you!**

### **STEWARDSHIP**

Adults \$8,280.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$778.00 Loose \$1,353.00 Children \$155.92 Total: \$10,566.92  
**Nov. 27th:** \$1,035.73

**Heartbeat supplies needed:** wipes and size 4 & 5 diapers. Heartbeat box is located in south vestibule of church.

**Please help support the area food pantry by placing non-perishable food items in the box in the north vestibule of church. NEEDED:** Mixed vegetables, kidney beans, creamed corn, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, pineapple, boxed or bagged pasta (but NOT spaghetti).

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



**St. John the Baptist**

Catholic Church  
GLANDORF, OHIO  
St. George Deanery

**Missionaries of the Precious Blood**

**REV. TONY FORTMAN, C.PP.S.**

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**BR. JERRY SCHULTE, C.PP.S.**

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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, The 2017 dates are Jan. 22 in room 2, May 14, Sept. 17, in room 15 in the parish center - presented by Deacon Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling rectory.

**ROSARY & BENEDICTION 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** 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 4-5, 2017

**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.

**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.

**DIOCESAN POLICY FOR CYO SPORTS** - Only Catholic St. John's parishioners are eligible to play CYO sports for our St. John's teams.

**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 & Brian Schroeder – Council Pres.)