

DECEMBER 15, 2019 3rd Sunday of Advent

† **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 AM Poor Souls

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 AM Vesting

8:40 AM Ray & Rita Flaute, Paul & Mary Louise Deters

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 AM Elsa Burgei

6:00 PM Agnes Karhoff

6:30-8:30 PM Adoration

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:40 AM L/D Val & Mary Korte Family, L/D Wilbert J & Ardella Niese Family, L/D Ron Dickman Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 Last day of School before Christmas

6:00 AM Religious Freedom

8:00 AM Arnold Borgelt

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

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal-Sharon Kidd

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 St. Peter Canisius

8:00 AM Lorene Fuerst

1:00 PM Nuptial-Steichschulte-Karhoff

4:30 PM L/D Fred Schroeder Family, L/D Nub Siefker Family, Nellie(AN), Richard & John Maag, Hazel & Roy Leap, Maya Schroeder Family, L/D Robert & Alice Schroeder Family, L/D Jerome & Alma Schmitz Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Elmer Tobe, Othmar & Dorothy Michel Family

10:30 AM L/D Cletus & Josephine Bockey Family, L/D Meyer/Fortman Family, L/D Tom Balbaugh Family, Jim Buddelmeyer (AN), Rosemarie Schroeder, L/D Donald H Niese Family, Lynn Schroeder, L/D Bill & Mildred Inkrott Family

6:30 PM Poor Souls



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 22 Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

**From the
Desk of
Fr. Tony**

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We hear Jesus speak of John the Baptist today. Jesus says, "Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." Jesus gives a great compliment about John the Baptist today. John is the forerunner who prepares the way of the Lord, he prepares for Jesus' coming ministry. John does his job well and ends with his head getting cut off. It is hard to think of martyrdom as a reward for labor well done but that is God's gift to John the Baptist. In fact his gift to many martyrs.

Jesus asks us to be like John the Baptist. We belong to St. John the Baptist parish. We are to prepare for Jesus' coming into the world. We do this by prayer and sacrifice. Giving of our time and effort to God and others. The Christmas season is approaching but it is never too late to start praying the rosary and divine mercy chaplet. Maybe going to weekday mass on Wednesday nights at 6pm and Saturday morning at 8am. By giving of ourselves, Christmas will be a blessing for you and those you come into contact with. We have an obligation to put first things first and Jesus comes first. God bless you all. Fr. Tony



TICKETS for 2020 GRAND-orf Club were mailed out to you. Please watch for them! If you didn't receive your tickets in the mail there are extras in the racks in the church vestibules on the north & south side. For **\$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. Extra green tickets will be in the racks in the church vestibules. Thank you very much.

December GRAND-orf Club winners are Betty Nienberg & Trisha Koch

All the other 2019 Winners: Carolyn Korte, Cathy Diller, Brad Schroeder, Pam Eickholt, Jim Leopold, Norma Wolke, Mike Bellman, Ken Hanneman, Laura Coressel, Don & Ann Hempfling, Jon Petersen, Kim Suter, Noah Utrup, Kaitlyn Schroeder, Dawn Kersh, Brad Rump, Dale Crumrine, Edna Nienberg, Pat Riester, John Morman, Jeanette Schroeder, Doug Kimmel. Congratulations to all! **The next drawing will be January 12 the Baptism of our Lord with the new 2020 tickets in Room 15. To be included in the Jan. 12 drawing, please return your tickets by Jan. 5.**

"Let us praise God who makes use of the weakest of instruments for the great work of His glory." St. Gaspar del Bufalo

2020 Pictorial Directory

If you need to schedule or change appointment contact Karen Lammers at 419-233-3035

Just so you are aware the background for your photo will be TAN.

Family Photo entrance to the parish center will be on the back northeast side of parish center (Brockman St) enter through the door to the old science room entrance and follow the signs.

If you would like **additional 2020 directories** please call the rectory 419-538-6928. We are not sure of the price, when we know we will publish in the bulletin. Thank you all for getting to your photo session in a timely manner! Fantastic!

Attention all parishioners: If you have any parish activity pictures Boy Scouts, Little Flowers, Welcome, Servers' outing, working in parish, etc. please submit them to stjohns@bright.net or bring to rectory for scanning. ASAP Thank you all very much!

2020 PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMMITTEE:

Chairlady – Karen Lammers

Marcia Kleman, Mary Ellen Klear, Betty Schroeder, Josie Duling, Stacy Meyer, Sue Duling & Chris Kahle. Family photos to be taken Nov.- Dec. 2019

WEEKDAY SERVERS: **Mon. 8:00 am:** Gary Recker, Pat Inkrott; **Tue. 8:40 am:** Students; **Wed. 8:00 am:** Mike Siefker, Jerry Hanneman; **Wed. 6:00 pm:** Diane Utrup, Tim Lehman; **Thu. 8:40 am:** Students; **Fri. 6:00 am:** Jeff Schram, Joe Schroeder; **Fri. 8:00am:** Ken & Paula Elchinger; **Sat. 8:00am:** Grant Schmitz, Jacob Schimmoeller, Isabel Rump, Libby Nienberg

WEDNESDAY 6:00pm Lector – Chris Schroeder

NEXT SUNDAY – December 22

SUNDAY SERVERS: **Sat. 4:30 PM:** Lexi Koch, Evan Morman, Zachary Schmitz, Adam Schmitz; **Sun. 8:00 am:** Alex Macke, Isaac Macke, Morgan Miller, Logan Miller; **Sun. 10:30 am:** Zachary Birkemeier, Austin Birkemeier, Dylan Birkemeier, Derek Crumrine; **Sun. 6:30 am:** Cooper Niese, Dylan Pester, Matthew Recker, Tyler Recker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

4:30 Doug Deitering
Diane Deitering

8:00 Jean Bialecki
Deb Burwell

10:30 Rose Warnecke
Gene Warnecke Choir Jason Miller

6:30 Doug Karhoff, Geri Ricker
Alicia Nussbaum, Jason Fischer

LECTORS

Sharon Meyer
Cari Homan

Connie Cassidy
Sharon Meyer

Tim Hansen

Jeanne Schram

Paula Siebeneck
Doug Karhoff

SUNDAY GIFT BEARERS: **Sat. 4:30 pm:** Mike Bellman Family; **Sun. 8:00 am:** Joe Schroeder Family; **Sun. 10:30 am:** Patrick Everman Family

DECEMBER SUNDAY USHERS: **Sat. 4:30 pm:** Nicholas Lehman, Bruce Schroeder; **Sun. 8:00 am:** Brian Inkrott, Gary Moening; **Sun. 10:30 am:** Barry Maag, Ken Horstman; **Sun. 6:30 pm:** Chris Hoehn

Usher Schedule for 6:30pm Mass on Sundays will be e-mail out soon.

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 2

VIDEOGRAPHER: 4:30 pm: Paige Meyer

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Henry & Jane Kaufman, Sharon Meyer

DECEMBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Shirley & Oscar Schnipke, Diane Nienberg, Connie & Don Dehnart, Jo Ann & Roger Schroeder, Jim Recker

FAMILIES TO LIGHT ADVENT WREATH BEFORE MASS: next Sat., Dec. 21, 4:30pm: Matt & Amber Laudick Family; Sun., Dec. 22, 8:00am, Kurt & Nicole Ruhe Family; 10:30 AM – Ryan & Nikka McKee family. Thank you to all who so graciously volunteered to light the Advent Wreath! Happy Advent! God bless all of you!

Advent Angel Tree and baby bottles for Heartbeat: Our parish will be participating in this project again this year. Look for the tree this weekend.

Adult Faith Information

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

FORMED YEAR END DONATION

As we approach the renewal time for our Parish subscription for 2020, we are asking if you could help by making a donation to defray some of the \$1,999.00 total cost. \$10.00 would really help us out, but any size donation will be greatly appreciated. Drop donations off at the rectory or put it in the Sunday collection during November or December. **PLEASE put donations in a white envelope and mark your check and envelope (For FORMED).** We hope you see its value and can help the parish renew our contract with FORMED.

To Create a new FORMED account

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4. Find your parish by name, zip, or parish code 7MJPM6
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 4. Click the link sent to your email
 5. You're in! No more passwords
- Have questions? Call 419-890-3724

Next Women of Grace will be Thurs., Dec. 19, from 9:30 – 11:00am.

NOTICE – Church will be locked at **5:00pm** during the week unless there is a scheduled event going on in church.

Thank you to our indoor rectory Christmas decorating crew! The rectory looks fantastic! God bless you all!
Happy Advent! Merry Christmas!

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED IN CHRIST:

Brendan Paul, son of Neil & Brooke Cassidy; **Madelyn Irene**, daughter of Jason & Bridget Fischer
Colton Gregory, son of Joel & Lauren Nussbaum. **CONGRATULATIONS TO PARENTS AND GODPARENTS!**

BANNES: **II Mariam Miller** of this parish & **Ronald Schmitz** of this parish
III Madison Stechschulte of Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa, daughter of Stephen & Michelle Stechschulte and **Wyatt Karhoff**
of this parish, son of Michael & Becky Karhoff

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY WEDDED: Kyle & Leah (Buchhop) Maag



HOME TO GOD: Please remember in your Masses and prayers the souls of **Donald Jostpille & Donatus Schroeder**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Pat & Jeff Jostpille, Jane Siefker & Jennifer Horstman** on the death of their loved one, Don; and to **Ruth Klear** on the death of her loving brother, Donatus.

DID YOU KNOW?

Dorothy Duling will celebrate her 101st birthday on December 16
Alvin Unverferth will celebrate his 82nd birthday on December 17
Melvin Hedrick will celebrate his 81st birthday on December 18
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DOROTHY, ALVIN & MELVIN

GIRL'S CYO BASKETBALL: today, Dec. 15, Home with New Riegel

BOY'S CYO BASKETBALL: today, Dec 15, **A TEAM:** 1:00pm @Glandorf; **B1 TEAM:** 2:15pm @Glandorf;
B2 TEAM: 1:00pm@Lima CCHS

RCIA CLASSES Monday, December 16, 6:00 – 7:30pm in cafeteria.

Topic: The Eucharist - 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.

SPECIAL-K CLASS – Wed., Dec. 18, 6:00pm

Grade School CCD Information

Message from Diane Utrup, Elementary Coordinator (Grades K-5), contact me at 419-538-6335 or stjohnsreled@bright.net.

Jr. High CCD Information

Message from Mindy Recker for Jr. High Coordinator (Grades 6-8), please call 419-538-6897 or email at stjohnsjrhighccd@gmail.com

Update on the November Food Drive for grades K-8: Students brought in a total of 2,269 items that were donated to the Ottawa Thrift store and Trinity Food Pantry! Wow! What a great Work of Mercy! Thank you to those whom were able to donate, as well as those who helped sort, and those men who delivered the food! May God bless you for your generosity!

High School CCD Information

Message from Ruth Gerding Coordinator of High School CCD: *If you have any questions or need to get a hold of me, please call 419-538-6897 or e-mail me at stjohnshsccd@gmail.com Thanks!*

HS CCD will be held on December 18th. There will be no **HS CCD** on 12/25 and 1/1/2020. We will resume on 1/8/2020. As a reminder, if school is cancelled for weather (not fog) then HS CCD is also cancelled.

In the new year, the **Seniors** will not be attending on Wednesday nights. The Seniors will be attending 2 Sunday Morning sessions. The first is January 26th and the second will be February 9th. The session will begin with 8:00 AM Mass, followed with breakfast and sessions to follow in the Parish Hall cafeteria. If anyone has questions, please contact me at 567-204-1275.

Wednesday Adoration will be from 6:30 to 8:30.

Message from Colleen Halker Youth Director

Christmas Eve 4:00pm Mass for Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join! We will be having practice **Mon., Dec. 16th, & Dec. 23rd**, 6:30 – 8:00pm. Any questions please call Jeannie Verhoff 419-538-6255 or text @ 419-236-0996. All are welcome! Hope to see you!

FERVORINO - *“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?*

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS Sun., Jan. 5, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in Room 15 in the 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 17, 2020.**

If you are interested in the Sept. 2020 pilgrimage to Greece and the Greek Isles with Fr Tony, there are only **5 spots left**. Please visit www.pilgrimages.com/frfortman to sign up and to view an itinerary. If you have questions, or need assistance in signing up, please call Cheryl Kersh at 419.890.8565 or email cherylkersh@gmail.com.

PENANCE SERVICE: Ottawa - Mon., Dec. 16, 4:00 & 7:00 pm.

INTERIOR CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING & CRIB

will be setup, Sunday, December 22, at 1pm - by the special crew and we welcome anyone who wish to help. Take down of Interior decorations/crib will be Sun., Jan. 13, at 1pm by the special crew and interested helpers.

Mustard Seed Gift Shop- Hours: Tues, Thurs, & Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Wed 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sat 8:00 a.m. - 1:00pm
Store 419-538-7220 Brenda Maag 419-235-3106 Julie Barlage 419-303-5366

MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP - Leaving from Kalida around NOON on Thursday, Jan. 23 - Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020 - Approx. cost will be \$235/person. Includes bus transportation, hotel (4 or 5/room) and Metro Pass. *We are planning on a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser to help with student cost (Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, January 12 at Kalida St. Michael’s church basement)* Reserve your Seat soon - \$100 deposit due by December 20, 2019 – seats are limited! Contact Don Rall (419.969.0521) OR Jill Zeller (567.376.9115) for more details

Would you like to eat your favorite foods while you learn how to lose weight? Light Weigh One King is a Bible study-DVD series without weigh-ins that gets you healthy physically and spiritually. A Light Weigh One King group will be meeting at St John’s Parish Center on Monday January 13 from 7:00-8:30 pm. This is a 12-week Catholic Bible Study DVD program recommended by priests, doctors, nurses & Prevention Magazine for weight-loss and health. View the Light Weigh Orientation video at: www.lightweigh.com. If you are interested in joining, please call Sue Leopold (419-538-6914) by Friday January 3 to order your program materials and join this life changing program!

PARISHIONERS IN REST HOMES WHO WOULD APPRECIATE A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM YOU: MEADOWS OF OTTAWA, 147 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa: Michael Hovest, Robert Lally, Delphine Burwell, Doris Rosengarten, Charles Kistler, Mary Lou Ricker, Agnes Sager, Ruth Kuhlman, Marilyn Gulker, Dorothy Ellerbrock, Carolyn Deters, Angie Maag (Delbert's wife), Mary Ann Laubenthal, Wilma Unterbrink, Mary Balbaugh, Laura Recker; **MEADOWS OF KALIDA, P.O. Box 388, Kalida, OH 45853:** Jerry Schmitz, Ann Bockrath, Margaret Siefker, Bill Koch, Alice Palte; **MEADOWS OF LEIPSIC, 901 E. Main St., Leipsic:** Pat Hovest, Rita Morman, Doris Morman, **PUTNAM HERITAGE ASSISTED LIVING, 1380 N. Locust St, Ottawa, OH 45875:** Rita Maas, Roger Hovest.

Monday, December 23 – Rectory closed

Tuesday, Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve - Rectory offices closed

4:00 PM Vigil of Christmas Family Liturgy (led by Children's Choir).

9:00 PM Mass - Choir

Wednesday, Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day - Rectory offices closed

8:00 AM Mass - No incense (Congregational singing)

10:30 AM Mass (Choir)

Blood Drive on Thurs., Dec. 26, Noon -6:00pm at Ottawa Sts. P & P cafeteria

Glandorf St. John's Men's Society Christmas party on Sat., Jan. 18th at the Glandorf Rod and Gun Club... doors will open after 4:30pm Mass and we will be serving an all-you-can-eat delicious foods served around 6:00pm.... we will also be offering \$1 drinks all night, a 50/50 drawing and many more great raffle prizes.

ADVENT PUBLIC ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST during Advent Fridays, (Dec. 20) 1:00 – 4:00 pm *followed by Benediction*. Make an extra effort to spend personal/family time before the Lord.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO BID AND WON THE RESERVED SEATING FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES AT OUR ST. BONIFEST SILENT AUCTION: CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00PM- Jodi Schroeder- 1st Pew on St. Joseph Side; Dan Turnwald – 2nd Pew of St. Joseph Side; Jennifer Maag – 3rd Pew of Blessed Virgin Side. **CHRISTMAS EVE 9:00PM-** Dale Schimmoeller– 1st Pew on St. Joseph Side; Tim Faber – 3rd Pew of Blessed Virgin Side; Brian Bennett – 3rd Pew on St. Joseph Side. **CHRISTMAS 10:30AM:** Doug Kimmet – 3rd Pew of Blessed Virgin Side; Mandy Klass – 4th pew on Blessed Virgin Side. *Please note that no other pews may be reserved by placing coats in pew. Thank you for your cooperation!*

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)**

2 Lt Tony Maher, 3166 Box Grove St., Al Paso, TX 79938

Alexander Closson(R4), USS Theodore Roosevelt, (CVN 71), Unit 100250, Box 4494, FPO AP 96632

Lt. Col. Darek Schmiedebusch, 6314 Chaucer View Circle, Alexandria, VA 22304

Justin McFarland, 283 Twin Lakes Dr., Destin, FL 32541

Tyler McFarland, 116 Hightower Lane., Aberdeen NC 28315

PVT Barrett, Evan R., new address soon

SPC Hoehn, Alex, HHC 1-145 AT, APO AE 09378

SGT Zmyslo Jacob, 2D Maintenance BN ELMA Co/Radio, PSC Box 20127, Camp Lejeune, NC 28542-0127

“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. Thank you!

Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us-Dec 8-14

<u>Clara I Schroeder 12/15/89</u>	<u>Gertrude Stechsulte 12/18/05</u>
<u>Felix J Gerdeman 12/15/94</u>	<u>Jodi L Kaufman 12/19/85</u>
<u>Paul Moreno 12/15/11</u>	<u>Edward M Bockrath 12/19/86</u>
<u>Adelaide Tobe 12/16/87</u>	<u>Mary A Korte 12/19/89</u>
<u>Shirley Marie Giesken 12/16/06</u>	<u>Casper Schmenk 12/19/91</u>
<u>Martha Maag 12/17/96</u>	<u>Ronald B Dickman 12/19/03</u>
<u>Emma C Sommer 12/18/82</u>	<u>Florence Doepker 12/20/96</u>
<u>Irene Gerdeman 12/18/97</u>	<u>Ralph Weber 12/21/87</u>
<u>Elmer Karhoff 12/18/01</u>	<u>Mary D Maag 12/21/88</u>
	<u>George Hoffman 12/21/96</u>

OTTAWA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. All proceeds go to the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$50.00 and includes food, drinks, games and prizes. Grand prize is \$3,000. Please contact Pat Gerten for tickets, 419-235-1991

STEWARDSHIP

December 8th Collection

Adults \$7,386.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$1,026.00 Loose \$947.00 Children \$163.30 Total: \$9,522.30

December 1st – Adults/Children \$775.00 Loose \$345.00

Heartbeat needs size 4 & 5 diapers

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

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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 classes for 2020 will be Sundays, Jan. 5th, May 17th, and 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 2- 3, 2019.

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.P.P.S., St. Charles Center, 2860 US Route 127 Rm 107, Celina, OH 45822

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 – 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.)