

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24, 2017 4th Sunday of Advent

† **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS-NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

8:00 AM For the Parish

10:30 AM For the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 St. Stephen

8:00 AM Gene Dulle

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 St. John

8:00 AM L/D George & Genevieve Rupert Family

6:00 PM L/D Edwin Schroeder Family

6:30-8:30 PM Adoration

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 The Holy Innocents

8:00 AM Ruth C. Gerdeman

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal-Sharon Meyer

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 Fr. Harry's 86th Birthday

6:00 AM Religious Freedom

8:00 AM For the Poor Souls, Health of Fr. Harry

6:00 PM Nuptial Mass-Schroeder-Giesswein

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 AM Arnold Borgelt & Elaine Ellerbrock

8:30 AM Confessions

4:30 PM L/D Tom Riepenhoff Family, L/D Norman Recker Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 The Holy Family of Jesus

8:00 AM L/D Othmar & Dorothy Michel Family

10:30 AM L/D Bert & Teresa Warnecke Family

6:30 PM For the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:00 AM Anna Marie & Cy Kahle

10:30 AM For the Parish



Merry Christmas to all!

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

Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say "let it be" in response to God's call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always. (Luke 1:26-38)

For those who await the birth of a child, that they may depend on God to help them be good parents, we pray.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY Dec. 31 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40

**From the
desk of
Fr. Tony**

**4th Sunday of Advent
DECEMBER 24, 2017**

I know Christmas day is tomorrow but today we must celebrate the fourth Sunday of advent. In the gospel we see the angel Gabriel being sent by God to a town called Nazareth. This is the town Mary and Joseph lived in. Mary spent most of her life in Nazareth. The angel Gabriel tells Mary that she has been chosen to be the mother of God.

Mary's response is, "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Mary was not afraid to give birth to Jesus but when one does the will of God there will be much difficulty. After the encounter with the angel Gabriel, Mary stayed with her cousin Elizabeth for three months. At that time Elizabeth was six months pregnant with the baby, John the Baptist. What will the people of Nazareth think when Mary returns three months pregnant? At that time Mary and Joseph were betrothed to each other. Betrothal was like an engagement period. Joseph knew that he was not the cause of Mary's pregnancy. Many in Nazareth, including Joseph, may have thought that Mary was unfaithful to her betrothal promise.

Mary trusts that God will make all things work out for the good. Mary has deep faith and a never failing hope in God's promises. Can you and I be so bold to trust Christ and his word? Merry Christmas everyone. Enjoy the time with your family and friends. God will show us many surprises this year. May your hearts be ready for God's will in your lives. The baby Jesus wants to take hold of your heart. God bless you all. Fr. Tony

WEEKDAY SERVERS: Mon. 8:00 AM: Abby Schroeder, Brandon Schroeder, Adam Hageman, Tyler Leopold; **Mon. 10:30 AM:** Austin Birkemeier, Dylan Birkemeier, Chace Fry, Grace Hoffman; **Tues. 8:00 AM:** Faith Kehres, Abbygail Klass, Kylee Lehman, Brad Maag; **Wed. 8:00 AM:** Morgan Maag, Emmitt Maag, Colin White, Isaac Macke; **Wed. 6:00PM** Mary Ellen Halker, Roger Schroeder; **Thurs.8:00 AM:** Trevor Maag, Grace Maag, Cooper Niese, Matthew Recker; **Fri. 6AM:** Jeff Schram, Joe Schroeder; **Fri. 8:00AM** Mackenzie Recker, Cy Rump, Will Schmitz, Matthew Schroeder; **Sat. 8AM:** Will & Garrett Schroeder, Ashlyn & Lauren Siefker

WEDNESDAY 6:00PM LECTOR – Sharon Meyer

NEXT SUNDAY – DEC 31 & NEW YEARS

SUNDAY & NEW YEARS SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30 PM: Lexi Koch, Brooke Kleman, Jayla Balbaugh, Jacob Balbaugh;

Sun. 8:00 AM: Cody Meyer, Paige Meyer, Evan Morman, Garrett Klass;

Sun. 10:30 AM: Carter Welch, Colin Welch, Lisa Hunt, Johnathon Utrup

Sun. 6:30 PM: Jack Dalrymple, Averie Kaufman, Kirsten Siefker, Emilee Horstman

Mon. New Years Day Servers:

8:00 AM: Hailey Morman, Madalyn Morman, Katelyn Yoder, Dylan Leopold;

10:30 AM: Will Kaufman, Jay Kaufman, Morgan Clark, Mia Schroeder

SUNDAY & NEW YEARS LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 PM: Cari Homan, Paula Siebeneck

Sun. 8:00 AM: Doug Karhoff, Edna Nienberg

Sun. 10:30 AM: Janet Schroeder, Kelly Schroeder

Sun. 6:30 AM: Janet Schroeder, Kelly Schroeder

Mon. 8:00 AM: Connie Cassidy, Sharon Meyer

Mon. 10:30 AM: Tim Hansen, Jeanne Schram

SUNDAY & NEW YEARS EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30 PM: Melida Bockrath, Sharon Siebeneck;

Sun. 8:00 AM: Tim Hoehn, Chris Hoehn

Meadows of Ottawa – Tim & Betsy Hansen

Sun. 10:30 AM: Leo Schroeder, Laura Wagner

Sun. 6:30 AM: Jean Bialecki, Linda Klass, Tony Schroeder, Cliff Schroeder

Mon. 8:00 AM: Jean Bialecki, Linda Klass

Mon. 10:30 AM: Rose & Gene Warnecke

SUNDAY & NEW YEARS GIFT BEARERS:

Sat. 4:30 PM: Tom Schmitz Family;

Sun. 8:00 AM: Ken Klass Family;

Sun. 10:30 AM: Steve Schnipke Family

Mon. 8:00 AM: Jim Leopold Family;

Mon. 10:30 AM: Jeff Schram Family

SUNDAY & NEW YEARS USHERS:

Sat. 4:30 PM: Mary Rose & Kevin Ellerbrock

Sun. 8:00 AM: Chris & Tim Hoehn

Sun. 10:30 AM: Kristen & Matthew Heffner

Sun. 6:30 PM: Kevin & Mary Rose Ellerbrock

Mon. 8:00 AM: Elton Schroeder, Joe Schroeder

Mon. 10:30 AM: Jerry Recker, Al Hueve

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 4

Videographer –Sat. 4:30 PM – Erica Horstman

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: K of C Members

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

SUNDAY 6:30PM USHER SCHEDULES WERE E-MAILED OUT. Each usher will take a turn ushering for a Mass during 2018. Thank you so much for doing this for Fr. Tony and your St. John's Parish Family.

Glandorf St. John's Capital Campaign Update: (12/4/2017)

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

Pledged: \$855,431 Paid: \$821,143: Expense- Conrad Schmitt Studios Contract paid in full: \$685,000. Additional money collected will be used for Capital Campaign projects needed. Fantastic!! Those of you who are making pledge payments please continue to do so. Thank you to all who have supported our Capital Campaign. We appreciate it greatly! Fr. Tony

"Let us learn to be compassionate toward souls; let us receive them with kindness and we shall learn how wonderful is the operation of grace."

St. Gaspar del Bufalo

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

Formed.org will be coming to our parish soon! You will have unlimited digital access to a vast library of adult and children's Catholic movies, ebooks, video series, audio talks, and audio plays. More details on January 6/7th weekend Masses.



Merry Christmas to all!

We wish God's many blessings to all! We graciously thank all of our wonderful parishioners who have shared your wealth whether if it was your time, talent or treasure during 2017. We were overwhelmed with all of your generosity in helping with all of our needs. May the merciful love of Jesus Christ continue to guide you, and fill your hearts with His gifts of peace, good health and happiness throughout the New Year! May God bless you and keep you safe through this Christmas Season and may you have a prosperous New Year! Fr. Tony, Fr. Rick, Br. Jerry, & Staff

Thank you to all the parishioners who were so good to me sending cards, gifts, and food. Thanks so much to all you faithful and loving parishioners of mine. I really appreciate your kindness, generosity, and love. I am blest to be here in Glandorf. Thank you for being so faithful to me. God bless you all. Fr. Tony

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

4:00 PM Vigil of Christmas Family Liturgy (led by Folk Group).

9:00 PM Mass - Choir

There will **NOT** be a 6:30PM Mass on Sunday the 24th

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

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

10:30 AM Mass (Choir) **Tuesday, Dec. 26 – Rectory offices closed**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO BID AND WON THE RESERVED SEATING FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES AT OUR ST. BONIFEST SILENT AUCTION: CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00PM- 6th pew from front on St. Joseph side: Mel & Joann Nomina Family; 3rd pew from front on St. Joseph's side: – Matt & Amber Laudick family; 4th pew from front on St. Joseph's side: Dale & Ruth Gerding Family.

CHRISTMAS EVE 9:00PM- 3rd pew from front on St. Joseph side – Brian & Stacy Bennett Family; 2nd pew from front on Blessed Virgin side: James & Lynne Dulle family; 1st pew from front on St. Joseph's side: Dale & Cheryl Schimmoeller Family.

CHRISTMAS 10:30AM: 1st pew on St. Joseph side: Jason & Audrey Kleman Family.

RESERVED PARKING FOR ONE CAR INCLUDED WITH YOUR PEW WILL BE IN THE RECTORY PARKING LOT.

Please note that no other pews may be reserved by placing coats in pew. Thank you for your cooperation!

FERVORINO – *The child born to Jesus and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Every child is EMMANUAL, reminding us "God is with us." Children are signs of God's continuing presence in our lives.*

Thank you to the Mark Stoepfel family for remembering St. John's parish family with a generous memorial gift and Masses. We greatly appreciate it.

Thank you to our 8th Grade Students for their in-school service project by cleaning in the church and in the parish center. You all did a great job. God bless you all! Fr. Tony

Mary Margaret Bockrath would like to thank all the carolers at Hilty Home. Also a huge thank you for the Christmas Gift.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED IN CHRIST:

Oliver Thomas, son of Logan & Kristi Smith; Liam Richard, son of William & Kristen Warnimont

CONGRATULATIONS TO PARENTS AND GODPARENTS!

DID YOU KNOW? Bill Koch will celebrate his 91st birthday on Dec. 26th, Harold Brown will celebrate his 86th birthday on Dec 29; Virgil Hageman will celebrate his 84th birthday on Dec 31; Ann Hempfling will celebrate her 80th on Dec. 31st. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY BILL, HAROLD, VIRGIL & ANN!**

BANNES: I Alyssa Verhoff of this parish, daughter of Darrin & Cindy Verhoff and **Corey Clum** of Gomer, OH son of Allen & Nancy Clum
III Michelle Giesswein of this parish, daughter of Henry & Jane Kaufman and **Jeff Schroeder** of this parish, son of
the late Andrew & Germaine Schroeder.

INTERIOR CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING & CRIB No lights will be turned on till Christmas Eve Mass. *The crib & decorations will be taken down on Sunday, January 14.*

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. I will not be in the office between Christmas and New Year's. *Merry Christmas to all of you!! Have a blessed and holy New Year!!*

GRAND-orf Drawing – please pray about participating in this raffle, if you have not done so 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. Thank you and may God bless your family and our parish family!

Jr. High & 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 Thanks!*

High School CCD Classes will resume on January 3, 2018.
Have a very Merry Christmas!

Sheriff Brian Siefker's talk, "The Heroin and Opioid Epidemic" has been rescheduled for February 21 at 7:15pm in the Parish Center Gym as part of the High School CCD night. Adults, especially parents, are encouraged to attend also! (If CCD is cancelled that evening, the talk will also be cancelled.)

God bless you and please keep our students and catechists in your prayers!

Wednesday Adoration 6:30 – 8:30 PM Adoration this week.

Message from Colleen Halker Youth Director

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: High School Winter Fun Day

Wed. Dec. 27th Time: 5 to 8pm, Place: Ottawa YMCA

Please join us for food, laughter and fun! We will be hosting a 4 vs 4 volleyball tournament! If you are planning on swimming girls must wear a t-shirt over their bathing suit if your midriff shows and no speedos for the guys please. \$10 per person.

Afterwards there is a Lock-in at St. Anthony's, Columbus Grove.

Registration/medical forms will be available soon.

KADIE HEMPFLING – Youth President



TICKETS for 2018 GRAND-orf Club were mailed out to all. 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 tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules.

Thank you very much. **Next drawing will be Jan. 14, 2018 with new 2018 tickets. To be included in the Jan. 14 drawing, please return your tickets by Jan. 6.**

Fr. Harry is celebrating his 86th birthday on Fri., Dec. 29th.

Prayers are requested for Fr. Harry Brown, C.P.P.S., who fell on Wednesday at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, Ohio, where he is in ministry. His left femur was broken in the fall, and Fr. Brown had surgery at the University of Toledo Medical Center on Friday to repair the break. He is recuperating well, and asks for your prayers, but please, no visitors. He is now recuperating at St. Charles Center.

His address is: Fr. Harold Brown, St Charles Center, 2860 US Route 127 Celina, OH 45822-9533.

Glandorf St. John's Men's Society Christmas party on Sun., Jan. 7th at the Glandorf Rod and Gun Club, at 2:00pm. More info will be coming in next week's bulletin. Great time for all men of the parish!

New CDs have arrived just in time for Christmas in the racks back in church.

GIRL'S CYO BASKETBALL: Sun., Jan 7, 2:15pm @Glandorf

BOY'S CYO BASKETBALL: Sun., Jan 7

A TEAM: 1:00pm, Ottoville@Glandorf

B TEAM: BYE

C TEAM: 3:30pm @Glandorf

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 13/14, 2018, please contact Bryan Kaufman (419-231-4809).

Young adults (18-39), join us on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at Adam Schroeder's house for food, fellowship, prayer and to learn more about our Catholic faith. Newcomers are always welcome! Find us on facebook: Putnam County Young Adult Group or Contact Adam Schroeder [419-615-9863](tel:419-615-9863) or Neil & Brooke Cassidy [419-302-4959](tel:419-302-4959) brookemariemarycassidy@gmail.com

2018 CHURCH ENVELOPES for High School, Special-K, & home schooled are back in church on south radiator by confessional. The grade school was passed out in school. Please check their book bags.

Dance Aerobics will start Wednesday January 3rd at 7:30pm to 8:30pm at St. John's Parish Gym. Please bring an exercise mat & weights. This class will be every Wednesday & the cost for the class is \$3.00. The instructor is Holly Flueckiger. Any question please contacts Sandy Meyer at 419-615-8403 or Jill Karhoff at 419-615-0085.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS Sun., Jan. 14, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in the church basement 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 13, 2018.**

Bulletin and Parish Notification emails: If you would like to receive the bulletin and other parish notifications via email, please let us know by sending an email to stjohns@bright.net

Putnam County Right to Life meeting on Tue., Jan. 2, at 7:30 pm in the home of Mary Jane Stechschulte. (next to the Kalida fire station) All our welcome. Join us!

Visit Mustard Seed Gift Shop to Save 30% on ALL Advent and Christmas items through Saturday, January 6, 2018 (excluding Lighted Rosaries and Indoor/Outdoor Nativities). Mustard Seed Gift Shop is located behind St John Baptist Church in Glandorf. Normal business hours are 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. - 1:00 p.m. They will be closed on Tuesday, December 26, 2017. **Store 419-538-7220 Brenda Maag 419-235-3106 Julie Barlage 419-303-5366**

Paulding Divine Mercy Parish to host Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit now through December 28th at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 315 N Main Street, Paulding OH. Saturdays 4-7 p.m., Sundays 8-6 pm, weekdays from 8am-6pm.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend may be just what you're looking for. Weekends are a time to concentrate exclusively on one another, giving you the opportunity to enhance your communication, develop a deeper appreciation of each other and strengthen your bond. The next weekend being offered within the Diocese is scheduled for January 12-14, 2018 in Perrysburg, OH. For more information or to register for an upcoming weekend, please contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or bcschroeder@bright.net.

The St. John's Piecemakers' Sewing Group WILL MEET on Tuesday evening, January 16th, 2018, from 7:00-9:00pm in the old Science Room. Bring your scissors, sewing machine, serger, mat boards and rotary cutters. We accept any dark cotton fabrics and dark flannel fabrics to use in the girls kits as well as gallon ziplock bags, washcloths and small soaps. Thanks for all you do to help others.

Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us – Dec 24-31

Dakota J Schierloh 12/24/00	Dorothea C Uphaus 12/27/92
Martha Mary Smith 12/24/86	Floyd D Meyer 12/29/14
Agnes E Zink 12/24/81	Arlene Supeene 12/29/82
Benno A Schroeder 12/26/91	Mary T Dickman 12/29/81
Ronald L Maag 12/27/04	Raymond B Maag 12/29/81
Genevieve Deters 12/27/99	Bertram H Wortkoetter
Roger Goecke 12/27/95	12/31/91

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. **For more information about our January 26-28th Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Joe & Arlene @ 419-841-1116 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com**

STEWARDSHIP

Adults \$7,646.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$778.00 Loose \$1,204.00 Children \$165.82 Total: \$9,793.82

Dec. 10th - \$816.25

Heartbeat supplies needed: wipes and diapers. Heartbeat box is located in south vestibule of church.

The OTTAWA FOOD PANTRY items needed: Mixed vegetables, kidney beans, creamed corn, boxed and bagged pasta (but not spaghetti), fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, pineapple (all varieties), and cereal (all varieties) box is in the north vestibule of church.

Thanks 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 – Classes are from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, The 2018 dates are January 14, in church basement, May 13 & September 9, 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 – 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 & Jeff Ellerbrock – Council Pres.)