

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

‡ **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** ‡

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 St. Stephen

8:00 AM L/D Recker/Dehnart Families

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 St. John

8:00AM Diane Drerup, L/D Clayton Drerup Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 The Holy Innocents

8:00 AM Hildegarde Schmiedebusch

6:00 PM Andrea Karhoff

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 St. Thomas Becket

8:00 AM Tom Bockrath

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

6:00 AM Religious Freedom

8:00 AM L/D Dessie Maag Family

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal – Mary Ellen

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 St. Sylvester NEW YEARS EVE

8:00 AM L/D Verhoff/Heuerman Families

8:30 AM CONFESSIONS

4:30 PM L/D Dick Quinn Family, L/D Bert & Teresa Warnecke Family,
L/D Bill Best Family, Karl Kleman, L/D Norman Recker
Family, L/D Ray Schmitz Family, Dolores Schroeder

7:00 PM Nuptial Mass – Rieman/Fortman

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

8:00 AM For the Parish

10:30 AM Alice Wolke, Ronald Ellerbrock

6:30 PM David Uhl – music sung acapella

Merry Christmas



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

Rejoice! A child is born to us. This Prince of Peace is the great light. Go and share your joy with others. (Isaiah 9: 1-6)

For children, may they know that Jesus is the greatest gift to us and rejoice in his promises, we pray:

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Jan. 1st):Nm. 6: 22-27; Gal. 4:4-7; Lk. 2: 16-21

**From the
desk of
Fr. Tony**

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 25, 2016

We celebrate Christmas joy this day. Praise the baby ruler of our hearts. The baby Jesus has come into the world to save us and give us hope through our struggles. We hear in scripture that we can trust this baby King.

That Jesus will bestow on us faith, hope, and love. This baby Jesus will give us His words, which will lead us to joy and true happiness.

This Jesus will give us His body and blood so that our lives may become holy. Jesus fulfills our every need as His followers.

Jesus asks us to give our hearts to Him. You can trust this baby King. Jesus comes into the world meek and mild. But His power is stronger than any power on earth. We may ask how can a meek, mild, and loving Christ be powerful. Because love conquers all. The world does not understand true love. The world says you must conquer and destroy in order to be powerful but this baby King teaches us to love and be forgiving in order to be all powerful. Let us love God and one another. Let us serve one another as Christ taught us.

God bless you all. Fr. Tony

TODAY, SUNDAY, DEC. 25, 6:30PM MASS: SERVERS: Chance Fry, Johnathon Utrup, Dylan Birkemeier; **LECTOR:** Jeanne Schram; **DISTRIBUTORS:** Jeanne & Jeff Schram need 3 more; **Usher:** Don & Joyce Giesige.

WEEKDAY SERVERS: Mon. 8:00 AM: Chase Faber, Carter Lammers, Carter Welch, Colin Welch; Tue. 8:00 AM: Chance Fry, Jaden Lehman, Faith Kehres, Will Schroeder; Wed. 8:00 AM: Chandler Giesswein, Dylan Leopold, Bryn & Hunter Tegenkamp; **Wed. 6:00PM:** Adults; Thurs. 8:00 AM: Adam Hageman, Tyler Leopold, Lauren Trombley, Carson Trombley; Fri. 6:00 AM: Jeff Schram, Joe Schroeder; Fri. 8:00AM: Kayleigh Halker, Hailey Morman, Jayla Utrup, Johnathon Utrup; Sat. 8:00 AM: Connor Haselman, Brad Maag, Megan Ketner, Jillian Trombley.

NEW YEARS SERVERS: Sat. 4:30 PM: Austin Foppe, Lexi Koch, Madison Rieman, Bradley Schmitz; **Sun. 8:00 AM:** Paige Meyer, Cody Meyer, Lauren Siefker, Brent Siefker; **10:30 AM:** Chance Fry, Emilee Horstman, Mitchell Kaufman, Erin Kaufman.

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Melida Bockrath
 Sharon Siebeneck
 Mark Schroeder
 Tammy Schroeder
 Paul Kleman
 Marlene Kleman, Choir: Cliff Schroeder
The Meadows of Ottawa: Darlene Miller, Linda Schroeder

LECTORS

Cari Birkemeier
 Paula Siebeneck
 Nicole Ruhe
 Greg Ruhe
 Chris Birkemeier
 Sharon Nussbaum

NEW YEARS GIFT BEARERS: **Sat. 4:30 PM:** Mark & Tammy Schroeder Family; **Sun. 8:00 AM:** Don & Connie Dehnart Family; **10:30 AM:** Al & Lisa Hueve Family

NEW YEARS USHERS: **Sat. 4:30 PM:** Dale Evers, Matt Bockrath; **Sun. 8:00 AM:** Brian Inkrott, Gary Moening; **10:30 AM:** Ace & Amy Unverferth; **6:30 PM:** Don & Ginnie Riepenhoff.

COUNTERS FOR NEW YEARS: 3

Videographer –Sat. 4:30 PM – Brandon Morman

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Tim & Mer Lehman.

January Funeral Rosary leaders: Ginny Schroeder, Darlene Stechschulte, Dolores Schnipke, Randy & Tina Fortman, Mary Ellen & Dan Klear, Janice Utrup.

Glandorf St. John's Capital Campaign Update: (12/9/2016)

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

Goal: \$1,274,500

Pledged: \$773,391 Paid: \$654,261

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 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. 8, 2017 with new 2017 tickets. To be included in the Jan. 8 drawing, please return your tickets by Jan. 5.**



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 2016. 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

***"Oh how greatly valuable for us are the mysteries of the humanity of Jesus Christ as we view our own weaknesses."
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 419-538-6740 or email

jmschroeder51@gmail.com

Materials cost \$20.00

Payable at first session

BANNIS: III Darcy Rieman, daughter of Bill & Elaine Schmiedebusch and Michael Fortman, son of Tom and the late Karen Fortman.

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED IN CHRIST:

Peyton Jane, daughter of Andrew & Ashley Goecke; Tessa Jade, daughter of Ryan & Danielle Bockrath;

Andrew Joseph, son of Gregory & Alyssa Karhoff **CONGRATULATIONS TO PARENTS & GODPARENTS!**

Fr. Harry is celebrating his 85th birthday on Thurs., Dec. 29th.

His address is: Sorrowful Mother Shrine, 4106 St. Rt. 269, Apt 8, Bellevue, OH 44811

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 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, Jan. 4 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 Thanks!

Merry Christmas to all!

High School CCD Class - The winter session starts on January 11th. *God bless you and please keep our students and catechists in your prayers!*

Message from Colleen Halker Youth Director

Merry Christmas to all!

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

Rectory offices closed all next week until January 3.

DID YOU KNOW? Donald Jostpille will celebrate his 84th birthday on Sun., Dec. 25th; William Koch will celebrate his 90th birthday on Mon., Dec. 26th; Virgil Hageman will celebrate his 83rd birthday on Sat., Dec. 31st; and Helen Honigfort will celebrate her 80th birthday on Sun., Jan 1st; Margaret Schimmoeller will celebrate her 82nd birthday on Tue., Jan. 3rd. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DONALD, WILLIAM, VIRGIL, HELEN & MARGARET!**

We wish to thank the family of Kenneth Ellerbrock for remembering St. John's parish family with a generous gift to the St. John's Capital Campaign Fund and the gift of Masses. It is greatly appreciated. God bless you!

Dorothy Kleman would like to thank all of you for sending her Christmas Cards and Season Greetings. She appreciated it very much!

The family of Kenneth Ellerbrock would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards and support during this time of grief with the loss of their loved one, Kenny.

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**

St. John's evening Mass for "New Year's Day" next Sunday, January 1st, 2017 will be at 6:30pm. Fr. Tony will be in need of 2 lector & 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.

FERVORINO –

The child born to Joseph 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.

Church fiber-glassing and painting will be starting January 3, 2017. Starting January 2nd we will be having Mass in the gym on the weekends and weekday mornings. For the weekend Masses all doors will be unlocked except the preschool end and the kitchen door. For the weekday morning Masses please enter the gym through the lobby doors or the front south door by the stage. On Monday, Wednesday and Fridays after the 8:00am Mass please do not walk through the halls during CCD class time until 9:15am for security purposes. Thank you very much!

Servers' instructions for serving in the gym. Please check your e-mail for documents detailing serving instructions for weekday and weekend Masses. Parents of servers: Please, please go over this document with your Mass servers, to insure so that they feel comfortable with the protocol adjustments for serving in the gym. If you don't have access to this document please find it on St. John's website www.stjohnsglandorf.org under Ministry schedule for this document. Thank you all for serving your St. John's Parish Family!

Fr. Tony, Elton, John, and Cliff

ATTENTION TO ALL VOLUNTEERS OF THE PARISH WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN! The diocese mandates that all who work with children need to setup a Virtus account online and take the online workshop, online background check and sign expectation form every 5 years. If you plan to work with children as a volunteer during 2017 please e-mail stjohns@bright.net You are responsible to complete these requirements to be compliant with the diocese and the Dallas Charter for Protecting Youth and Those Who Serve Them". For all employees and volunteers please check your e-mails Virtus will be sending you an e-mail if your requirements will be expiring.

The Ottawa K of C Newsletters are in the rack back in church.

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.

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 brookemarienessid@gmail.com



RCIA CLASS: Tues., Jan. 3 at 7pm, Room 15 in the Parish Center. It will last until 8:30pm. **This week's topic: A Walk through the Mass.** These sessions are open to all interested persons – We welcome you! Any questions, please call DeVon Dunlap 419-538-6897.

Putnam County Right to Life meeting on Tue., Jan. 3, at 7:30 pm in the home of Mary Jane Stechschulte (next to Kalida's fire station). All are welcome to come.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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 Tuesday January 17 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 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 St. John's group, please call Sue Leopold (419-538-6914) or Kim Hovest (419-538-6176) by Friday January 6 to order your program materials and join this life changing program!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - Need the perfect gift for your spouse this Christmas? Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by taking your spouse on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Upcoming dates: January 13-15, 2017 in Perrysburg, OH and March 31-April 2, 2017 in Lima, OH. Contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or bschroeder@bright.net or go to www.wwme.org for more information.

The Mustard Seed will be closed Dec. 26 to January 2nd. **Store will open January 3rd at normal hours.** 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Adults \$7,611.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$778.00 Loose \$914.00 Children \$110.21 Total: \$9,413.21
Dec. 11th: \$869.57

Thank you to all who donated clothing to "Serenity" the needy of Putnam County!
God bless you from Ann Fortman and St. John's Outreach Committee

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.P.P.S.**

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FR. RICK FRIEBEL, C.P.P.S.

Parochial Vicar

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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.)