

ADVENT - ANGEL TREE

Our tree is set up in the back of church. If you would like to help again this year, please take an **angel ornament** from the tree, purchase the baby item written on it and then put it in the large box by the tree. These items will be donated to *Heartbeat*, an organization that helps new mothers and fathers. There are also **baby bottles** located on the shelves in the back of church. If you would like to make a monetary donation to *Heartbeat*, take a bottle home and read the information on the bottle. Please return the filled bottle to the Heartbeat box that is located by the tree **any Sunday** before Christmas. Thank you for helping babies during this time when we remember Baby Jesus' birth.



THANK YOU FROM "HEARTBEAT"

Thank you so much to the parishioners from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glandorf. We appreciate all the many baby items and money you've donated to Heartbeat throughout this past year. As you know, babies are always in need of diapers and also new clothing as they grow. We are very grateful for your generous donations that are helping those mothers and fathers who choose life for their babies. We exist through the support of donations like yours. Thanks again for your generosity.

If you are interested in getting our newsletter, reply to holnewsletter@gmail.com

Information about *Heartbeat of Lima* (419-222-7945) <http://www.josh2415.net/heartbeatoflima/>

- Heartbeat ministers to expectant mothers and fathers facing an unexpected pregnancy offering them an important option to choose life.
- Heartbeat offers assistance with:
 - ✓ Pregnancy Tests and Ultrasounds
 - ✓ Parenting classes and individual instruction
 - ✓ Material supplies
 - Layettees
 - Infant formula
 - Diapers
 - Baby wipes
 - Formula (both milk & soy based)
 - Clothes (size 4 and smaller)
 - Shampoo, lotion, powder, etc.
 - ✓ Personal emotional support
 - ✓ Confidentiality
- **Heartbeat's strengths include**
 - ✓ One-on-one work with clients, establishing a relationship and confidence
 - ✓ Offering multiple education opportunities both in group work and individually with *Earn While You Learn*
 - ✓ **Not offering free handouts, but helping clients to grow in their knowledge of children and parenting, earning Mommy Money for completing courses, and being able to spend that "money" to receive needed supplies.**
 - ✓ Increasing young parents' sense of self-worth and empowering them to improve their lives and their children's lives.
 - ✓ Encouraging clients to attend their church and increase their education – Mommy Money is given for church bulletins, book reports, good grade cards, college classes, etc.
 - ✓ The greatest strength is the caring of the staff and volunteers for these young people in need of such support.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016 Second Sunday in Advent

† MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 AM For the Poor Souls

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 St. Nicholas

8:40AM Carol Okuley & Family

12:00 PM Rosary for our Nation

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose

8:00 AM For the Parish

4:30 PM L/D Vic & Cecilia Schroeder Family

6:00 PM For the Poor Souls and our Nation

7:15 -8:30 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary at 8:10

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 The Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM L/D Joe & Cecilia Schroeder Family, Mary Barb Klausing

7:00 PM Daryl Hunt (AN)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 St. Juan Diego

6:00 AM Religious Freedom

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

8:00 AM Dan Stechschulte, Mark Offerle

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 AM Lawrence Rieman, Cletus Gerdeman

8:30 AM Confessions

4:30 PM L/D Deb Kuhlman Family, L/D Linus Gerdeman Family, Sr. June Ann Meyer, Leon Sager, L/D Tom Riepenhoff Family, L/D Dean Chamberlin Family, L/D Dennis Gerdeman Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM L/D Mel Nienberg Family, Ted Deters

10:30 AM L/D Alice Wolke Family, Mike Burgei, Mary Barb Klausing, Angela M. Schroeder

6:30 PM For the Parish

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

How are you preparing the way for the Lord? What needs straightening in your life? Call on God in prayer to help you
(Matthew 3: 1-12)

For our Church, may we encourage those among us who may have a call to priesthood or the consecrated life, we pray:

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Dec. 11th): Is. 35: 1-6a, 10; Jas. 5:7-10; Mt. 11: 2-11

**From the
desk of
Fr. Tony**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 4, 2016**

We see John the Baptist telling the people, "Repent the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Repent means to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life. To turn away from something means to have no part of it in the future. When one is addicted to drugs, alcohol, or any other thing they are consumed with this substance or life style. To turn from sin often means to do away with some rewards we have put into our life.

John the Baptist was a very controversial figure. There are many people who listened to him and did partake in his baptism of repentance. Some did not want to change their lives so they ignored his message. John warned the people that if they would not repent then they would have to endure suffering in this life and the next. We, too, have the choice to repent in this life or to continue to sin. There are many opportunities in the Putnam County Catholic churches to go to confession before Christmas. You may want to make an appointment with me to go to confession. Please take this time to repent and experience the Christmas joy of Jesus' coming into the world.

During this advent season we are to prepare for Christ's coming into the world. We prepare by praying more often and opening our hearts to the needs of others. Take some time with your family to pray a decade of the rosary or praying with the gospels. Give to the poor by picking up an ornament on the giving tree in the back of church and then buying what is on the ornament to give to Heartbeat.

God bless you all. Fr. Tony

TODAY, SUNDAY, DEC. 4, 6:30PM MASS: SERVERS: Jack Dalrymple, Averie Kaufman, Kirsten Siefker; **LECTOR:** Jill Siefker & Jeanne Schram; **DISTRIBUTORS:** Deb Schroeder, Jeff & Jeanne Schram, need 2 more; **Usher:** Joe Schroeder.

WEEKDAY & HOLYDAY SERVERS: Mon. 8:00 AM: Gary Recker, Pat Inkrott; Tue. 8:40 AM: Students; Wed. 8:00 AM: Connie Schmitz, Jerry Hanneman; **Wed. 4:30PM:** Jaden Lehman, Madalyn Lehman, Jordan Schroeder, Allison Schroeder; **Wed. 6:00PM:** Adults; **Thurs. 8:00 AM:** Students; **Thurs. 7:00 PM:** Tyler Leopold, Nathan Maag, Emma Schmiedebusch, Addy Schmiedebusch; Fri. 6:00 AM: Cliff Schroeder, Dan Turnwald; Fri. 8:00AM: Eddie Duling, Dan Siefker; Sat. 8:00 AM: Dylan Birkemeier, Austin Birkemeier, Ty Buckland, Derek Crumrine.

HOLYDAY LECTORS: Wed. 4:30 PM: Mary Rose Ellerbrock & Kelly Schroeder; Wed. 6:00pm: Sharon Meyer, Ruth Gerding; Thu. 8:00AM: Teachers; Thu. 7:00PM: Jeff Ellerbrock & Edna Nienberg.

HOLYDAY EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Wed. 4:30 PM: Doug & Diane Deitering; Wed. 6:00pm: Paula Elchinger, Deb Leopold, 3 more; Thu. 8:00AM: Teachers; Thu. 7:00PM: Tim & Chris Hoehn.

HOLYDAY GIFTBEARERS: 4:30PM: Bruce & Linda Schroeder Family; 7:00 PM: Dave & Deb Schroeder Family.

HOLYDAY USHERS: 4:30PM: Nicholas Lehman & Bruce Schroeder; 6:00 PM: Lou/Babe; 8:00 AM: Students; 7:00 PM Joe Riepenhoff/Jeff Duling

SUNDAY SERVERS: Sat. 4:30 PM: Chandler Giesswein, Ryan Kahle, Carter Lammers, Carson Trombley; Sun.8:00 AM: Connor Haselman, Kristy, Matthew & Lindsey Schnee; 10:30 AM: Caitlyn Evans, Lauren Heebsh, Will & Jay Kaufman; 6:30 PM: Sydney Kleman, Morgan & Logan Miller, Sam Schroeder

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Mary Ellen Halker
Louis Halker
Dennis Moening
Linda Moening
Sue Bellman
Edna Nienberg, Choir: Jason Miller

LECTORS

Kristen Ellerbrock
Liane Siefker
Diane Nienberg
Jill Siefker
Janet Schroeder
Kelly Schroeder

GIFT BEARERS: Sat. 4:30PM: Brian & Chris Schroeder Fam.; Sun. 8:AM: Greg & Alice Borgelt Fam.; Sun. 10:30AM Jerry & Mary Hanneman Family

YOUTH & DECEMBER USHERS: Sat.4:30PM: Jay Kaufman, Alex Hoehn, Cody Meyer, Ken Schroeder, Robert Verhoff; Sun.8:00AM: Joe Riepenhoff & Jeff Duling; 10:30AM: Jerry Recker, Al Hueve; **Dec. 11, 6:30 PM:** Mary Ellen. **Sun. 6:30pm schedule was e-mailed to all**

Videographer –Sat. 4:30 PM – Zach Schroeder

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Monica Uphaus Family

COUNTERS NEXT SUNDAY: 7

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. 10, 4:30pm: Richard & Sue Schmitz Family; Sun.11th, 8:00am: Kurt & Nicole Ruhe Family; 10:30am: Kevin & Alaina Siefker 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.

"Practice humility always, and may it be your delight."

St. Gaspar del Bufalo

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**

DID YOU KNOW? Rita Schmitz will celebrate her 91st birthday on Sun., Dec. 4; Lucille Knueven will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sun., Dec. 4th; Dolores Schroeder will celebrate her 85th birthday on Thurs., Dec. 8th; John Gerdeman will celebrate his 80th birthday on Sat., Dec. 10th; Marie Pothast will celebrate her 80th birthday on Sat., Dec. 10th; and Alberta Ruhe will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sun., Dec. 11th;

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO RITA, LUCILLE, DOLORES, JOHN, MARIE AND ALBERTA!



HOME TO GOD: Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of **Angela M. Schroeder**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Roy Schroeder** on the death of his loving mother, Angela.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THE FIRST SATURDAY of the month, **after 4:30 Mass on Saturday evening until 8:00 on Sunday mornings**. Mark your calendars for Saturday/Sunday, Dec. 3rd/4th. Sign-up sheets are available on the radiators back in church this week. We would like at least two people signed up for each hour. If you can't make it to church to sign in please call Ann Fortman 419-235-6734.

We owe a big **“THANK YOU”** to Betty Birkemeyer who retired from volunteering here in the rectory. We greatly appreciate all she has done for us over the many many years of service. Betty was a big help and went the extra mile to make things easier here at the rectory. She even had her granddaughter, Alyssa Niese, write computer programs for beautiful Baptism & Marriage Certificates that we now use and they save the parish big **“BUCKS”**. Thank you, Betty, for always having a smile on your face and bringing all of us here at the rectory great joy! Betty, we will sure miss you! Happy retirement, Betty! Fr. Tony, Br. Jerry, Ashley & Mary Ellen

We welcome Phyllis Vorst who will be volunteering on Thursdays here in the rectory. Thank you Phyllis!

THE GLANDORF LIONS' CLUB WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK. Special thanks to the O-G Show Choir, Jim Birkemeier & Bob Verhoff's Famous Chili, the Glandorf Firemen's delicious hamburgers, Pounding Hooves, Santa Claus & his elves for helping. Thanks to all! Happy Holidays!!! (Glandorf Lions' Club) We would like to thank the **Glandorf Lions' Club** for decorating our beautiful park each year. It's a wonderful way to share in the Christmas Spirit. Thank you!

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

The info for TMIY: Fall semester of TMIY is complete, we will resume spring semester Saturday, February 4th at 6:00 am.

Grade School CCD Information

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

Food Drive for the Putnam County Food Pantry - - AWESOME job during the past 2 weeks bringing food for the hunger here in our county. We collected a total of 1,745 items! What a blessing you have given to those in need!! Thank you so much for your generosity.

All-School Mass at 8am – Thursday, Dec. 8 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Special K – next class time is Wed, Dec. 7 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!*

We just received word that the Steubenville Youth Conference still has open spots for July 7-9! If any student in grades 8-12 would still like to sign up, now is your chance. See the parish website for the necessary form. Call/Email DeVon with any questions. Fundraising opportunities can be made available if desired. Please don't let costs be an obstacle to this life-changing opportunity.

High School CCD Class on Dec. 7 & Dec. 14th @ 7pm in the Parish Center. Please be to class on time for attendance. ***God bless you and please keep our students and catechists in your prayers!***

Message from Colleen Halker Youth Director
Happy Advent to all!

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

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.

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.

SOCIETY OF THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH COLLECTION: If you didn't pick up an envelope last week there are extras in the racks back in the north & south vestibules of church.

GIRL'S CYO BASKETBALL: today, Sun., Dec. 4, 2:15pm @ New Riegel Jr High.

BOY'S CYO BASKETBALL: A TEAM: today, Dec. 4, 1:00pm, at Lima St. Charles. **B TEAM:** 1:00pm at New Riegel Jr High.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION Thu., Dec. 8. Masses will be **Wed., Dec. 7**, 4:30 & 6:00pm, **Thu., Dec. 8**, 8am & 7:00 pm.

FERVORINO – “Advent is here. What a marvelous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come — for Him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist. The Church encourages us: He is about to arrive!”

Today, Sunday, December 4, come celebrate Advent with "*Come to the Stable*" nativity display. Over 35 different nativities from around the world will be on display between 9am-3pm at the St. John the Baptist Parish Center cafeteria. There will be a Freewill offering to support Heartbeat of Lima. Sponsored by the Secular Franciscan Fraternity of Hancock and Putnam Counties



RCIA CLASS: Tue., Dec. 6 at 7pm, Room 15 in the Parish Center. It will last until 8:30pm. **This week's topic: The Sacraments.** These sessions are open to all interested persons – those wishing to become a Catholic and Catholics who wish to update themselves. We welcome you. If you are interested please call DeVon Dunlap 419-538-6897.

SPIRIT & SONG GROUP PRACTICE Tue., Dec. 6, 6:30 – 8:00pm for the 4:30pm youth Mass on Saturday, December 10.

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

PUTNAM COUNTY MUSEUM – CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Fri., Dec. 9, 6-9pm & Sun., Dec. 11, 1-4pm at the Putnam County Historical Society Museum, Kalida.

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



TICKETS for 2017 GRAND-orf Club will be mailed out this week. Please watch for them! 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 are in the racks in the church vestibules. Thank you very much. **The last 2016 drawing is next Sunday, December 11 in Room 15.**

St. John's evening Mass for next Sunday, December 11th 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.

CLC/ALTAR ROSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY Wed., Dec. 7. Cocktail hour & entertainment by the OG Show Choir from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Chicken dinner at 7:00pm with \$5 payable at the door. Come and join the ladies of the parish for good food, entertainment and cards.

4:00 Christmas Eve Children's Mass practices – **Since there is still CCD there will be no practice on Wed. Dec. 7.** There will be practice on Thurs., Dec. 8, 4:30 – 6:00pm, Wed., Dec. 14, 4:30 – 6:00pm; Mon., Dec. 19, 6:30 – 8:00pm; Wed., Dec. 21, 6:45 – 8:30pm; **TBA possibly Fri., Dec. 23, 1-3pm?** All students 6th grade through High School are invited to participate. We look forward to this tradition each year and hope many of you can join us again this year! Any questions please call Jeannie Verhoff 419-538-6255

ADVENT PUBLIC ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST during Advent Fridays, (Dec. 9) 1:00 – 4:00 pm **followed by Benediction.** Make an extra effort to spend personal/family time before the Lord.

PENANCE SERVICES IN THE OFFING: Ottoville - Sun., Dec. 11, 2:00 p.m.; Leipsic - 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.

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!

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.

Family needed for the **Lighting of the Advent Wreath** at Mass on Sat., Dec. 17 at 4:30pm. If you are interested, please call rectory 419-538-6928. Thank you to all who volunteered. You made our Advent special!

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).

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, & 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

LCPL Verhoff Dustin, 3rd BN 1st MAR, 1st MAR DIV(KILOCO), Unit 16070, FPO AP 96427-6070

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.

Sign up has begun for Fr. Tony's spiritual pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes April 4-13, 2018. Enjoy Mass daily, visit the site of the First Eucharistic Miracle along with Our Blessed Mother's Apparition sites of Fatima and Lourdes, and much more. Brochures with itineraries are on the radiators in the back of church. You can also view the itinerary and sign up at www.pilgrimages.com/frfortman. If you have questions please call Cheryl Kersh at 419.890.8565.

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.

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 brookemariessidy@gmail.com

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.

The Friends of the Putnam County District Library, 136 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa, are sponsoring their 25th Tree Festival, Silver Memories, December 3 thru January 5 during library hours.

35+ decorated trees will be on display beginning with an Open House on Saturday, December 3, from 1 to 3 PM with music, refreshments, and a visit from Santa.

Candlelight Vigil for Life - Bring a candle and join members of the pro-life community of Northwest Ohio on Thursday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m. as we gather at Capital Care abortion facility, 1160 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, Ohio to pray in honor of the Christ Child whose coming we celebrate this Christmas. Join us for an hour of peaceful prayer as we bring the light of Christ Jesus to move the hearts and minds of all present to a deeper appreciation of the dignity of human life.

The Sisters of Notre Dame in Toledo, Ohio are sponsoring a New Year's Come & See Weekend Friday January 6, 2017 6:00 p.m. -Sunday January 8 at noon. Begin your New Year with a 42 hour experience of the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame and see if it fits you! This is your chance to ask all your Sister questions, to pray and have fun with the Sisters and other women seeking to know God's desire for their life. The weekend is open to both college aged and young adult women who are catholic, have a heart for serving others and who are open to learning about the life of a Sister. To register or for more information contact Sr. Mary Teresita Richards, SND trichards@toledosnd.org

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!

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 October 7-9th Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Joe and Arlene @ 419-841- 1116 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com

VIDEO BROADCAST OF THE BISHOP'S CORNER RADIO SHOW NOW AVAILABLE! Annunciation Radio's longest running program, "The Bishop's Corner," now offers a video broadcast of the show via the Diocese of Toledo YouTube page on your computer, tablet or smartphone. The show airs weekly at 8 p.m. Thursday on Annunciation Radio, and an audio podcast is also available at www.annunciationradio.com. Submit your question for Bishop Daniel Thomas to answer on the show by emailing bishop@annunciationradio.com or visiting www.facebook.com/toledobishopscorner.

Hope after Abortion "I don't deserve to be happy." God wants to restore your happiness. Come back to God who is love and mercy. For hope and healing after an abortion, contact the local confidential Project Rachel Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE or projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Learn more at www.hopeafterabortion.org.

Check out the new CDs that are in the racks back in church:

- Put Not Your Trust In Princes - Christopher Check
- Men and Women Are From Eden - Mary Healy
- Can You Trust God? Tim Gray
- Right Here, Right Now: Always Be Ready to Share Your Faith - Patrick Madrid
- The Incredible Mind of G.K. Chesterton - Dale Ahlquist
- 7 Secrets of Confession - Vinny Flynn
- How to Talk About Same Sex Marriage - Trent Hore
- The 3 Stages of the Interior Life - Matthew Leonard
- Switching Sides - Jennifer Fulwiller
- God made Man - Fr Shannon Collins
- Is God On Your Ipod - Matt Smith
- The Necessity of Divine Mercy - Fr. Chris Alar MIC

STEWARDSHIP

Adults \$7,535.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$778.00 Loose \$1,037.00 Children \$135.75 Total: \$8,707.75

Nov 20th: \$645.00

Heartbeat supplies needed: wipes and 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).

"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!**

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.

Pastor

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

Parochial Vicar

BR. JERRY SCHULTE, C.P.P.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