

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

‡ **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** ‡

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

8:00 AM L/D Victor & Cecilia Schroeder Family – **in the gym**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

8:40AM Linus Karhoff, For the Poor Souls – **in the gym**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:00 AM Kathryn J. Meyer – **in the gym**

6:00 PM Mildred Brinkman – **in the cafeteria**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 St. John Neumann**

8:00 AM Dorothy Knapke - **in the gym**

**FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 St. Gaspar's birthday**

6:00 AM Religious Freedom - **in the gym**

8:00 AM Marie Maas, L/D Robert & Hilda Hovest Family - **in the gym**

**FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort**

8:00 AM For World Peace - **in the gym**

8:30 AM CONFESSIONS – **gym lobby- room to the right**

4:30 PM L/D Carl Hermiller Family, Barb Nuveman, Norm & Irene Lammers, L/D Don Siefker Family, Alvin & Gertrude Schmitz – **in the gym**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 EPIHANY OF THE LORD**

8:00 AM L/D Albert & Irene Ellerbrock Family, L/D Albert & Elizabeth Roof Family, Erma Wehri Morman - **in the gym**

10:30 AM L/D Floyd & LaDonna Meyer Family, L/D Ken Schimmoeller Family, L/D Tom Balbaugh Family,

L/D Apollonia & Syl Verhoff Family, Sr. Margaret Verhoff, Dennis "Bing" Hermiller - **in the gym**

6:30 PM For the Parish – music sung acapella - **in the gym**

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

**Honor you father & Mother, your wife, your husband, your children, your brother, your sister. Family ties bind us in love and root us in faith. What will you do to strengthen your family ties? (Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14)**

**For families, may they nurture the gift of faith and encourage one another to follow Jesus, we pray:**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>):** Is. 60:1-6; Eph. 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt. 2: 1-12

**From the  
desk of  
Fr. Tony**

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD  
JANUARY 1, 2017**

Today we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. God shows his humility and love in allowing a human being, the Blessed Virgin Mary, to become the mother of the savior of the world. Mary is the mother of God because she is the mother of Jesus. Jesus is God and became human and divine. God allowed himself to be born in the human state. How would you become a mother to God? Just like you would be a mother to a human being. God wants the same love and attention we give human beings. Jesus needed to be taken care of like any baby. God seeks our love by our spending time with him in prayer. Jesus is like you and me but he is divine, which did not keep him from being a human. Divinity and human nature work together in the makeup of Jesus Christ. God can also allow divinity and human nature to work in us. Allow the divine to enter into your human heart. We allow the divine to enter into our human heart by our hearing God's Word in scripture and then acting on it and by our partaking of the Eucharist.

In today's gospel, we see the shepherds going to Bethlehem to see the new born baby Jesus. Let us run to Jesus as the shepherds did to see this loving, merciful, and all knowing savior. Jesus appears to us in the Eucharist. We can run to Jesus by going to Mass each Sunday. You also can run to Jesus each day of the week at weekday Mass. Don't miss an opportunity to be in Jesus' presence. Whenever we sit in the presence of Christ we are better off for it. Just sitting in the presence of Christ during Eucharistic adoration can bestow on us the wisdom of God. Go to Jesus. He is waiting for you in church. God bless you all. Fr. Tony

**TODAY, SUNDAY, JAN. 1<sup>ST</sup>, 6:30PM MASS: SERVERS:** Jack Dalrymple, Averie Kaufman, Kirsten Siefker; **LECTOR:** Sharon Meyer; **DISTRIBUTORS:** Laura Wagner & 4 needed; **Usher:** Don & Ginnie Riepenhoff.

**WEEKDAY SERVERS:** Mon. 8:00 AM: Jeremy Hermiller, Grace Maag, Owen Kidd, Abby Warnecke; Tue. 8:40 AM: students; Wed. 8:00 AM: Connie Schmitz, Jerry Hanneman; **Wed. 6:00PM:** Adults; Thurs. 8:40 AM: Students; Fri. 6:00 AM: Jeff Schram, Joe Schroeder; Fri. 8:00AM: Ken & Paula Elchinger; Sat. 8:00 AM: Alivia Balbaugh, Maureen Duling, Macy Ellerbrock, Kayleigh Halker.

**SUNDAY SERVERS: Sat. 4:30 PM:** Brooke Kleman, Zachary & Adam Schmitz, Rachel Warnecke; **Sun. 8:00 AM:** Katelyn Yoder, Jacob, Jayla & Logan Balbaugh; **10:30 AM:** Noah Utrup, Grace Hoffman, Garrett Klass, Alex Macke; **6:30 PM:** Genevieve & Isabella Bennett, Emma & Liane Siefker.

**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.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

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

**LECTORS**

Brad Schmitz  
 Kathy Schmitz  
 Diane Nienberg  
 Jill Siefker  
 Don Giesige  
 Tyler Ebbeskotte

**SUNDAY GIFT BEARERS:** Sat. 4:30 PM: Dan & Judy Siefker Family; Sun. 8:00 AM: Cletus & Karen Duling Family; 10:30 AM: Ken & Rose Ann Kaufman Family

**SUNDAY 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: Mary Ellen

**COUNTERS FOR NEW YEARS:** 4

**Videographer** –Sat. 4:30 PM – Erica Horstman

**ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY:** Edna & Diane Nienberg.

**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.**

**"Happy New Year and many more of them, all filled with merits for heaven, the only center of our true happiness."**  
**St. Gaspar del Bufalo**

I want to thank all of you generous parishioners for your prayers, cards, and gifts during Christmas. All of you are such a blessing. It is a privilege to serve you all. I am humbled by your generosity. God bless you all! Fr. Tony



**Happy New Year  
 From  
 St. John's  
 Parish Staff  
 In 2017!**

**Rectory offices closed Monday, January 2nd.**

**GOD BLESS THE NEWLY WEDDED:** Mr. & Mrs. Michael (Darcy Rieman) Fortman

**DID YOU KNOW?** Helen Honigfort will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday today, Sun., Jan 1<sup>st</sup>; Margaret Schimmoeller will celebrate her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Tue., Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>; Oscar Burgei will celebrate his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sun., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>; Donald Ellerbrock will celebrate his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sun., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO HELEN, MARGARET, OSCAR & DONALD!**

**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.

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

**Materials cost \$20.00**

**Payable at first session**

**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, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

***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.

***Happy New Year to all!***

**Rite of Enrollment** – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsor – Sun, Jan. 8 at 10:30am Mass. Candidates and Sponsors will have reserved seating in the front. All Masses will be held in the gym at this time. Please arrive by 10:15am.

**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](mailto:stjohnshsccd@bright.net) Thanks!

***Happy New Year to all!***

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

***Message from Colleen Halker Youth Director***

***Happy New Year to all!***

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

**We wish to thank all of you who made our Christmas this year so special: Fr. Tony, Fr. Rick, Br. Jerry, The children's music group, the mixed choir, all the ministers, and those who decorated inside and out! Thanks to all of you who attended the Christmas liturgies. The packed crowds were so special. Most of all, thank you, baby Jesus, for all of your special blessings during the year of 2016!**



**HOME TO GOD:** Please remember in your Masses and prayers the souls of **Dennis Hermiller & Erma (Wehri) Morman**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **John Hermiller, Doris Liebrecht, Margaret Schimmoeller, & Donna Utrup** on the death of their loving brother, Bing and to Kathy Ruhe on the death of her loving mother, Erma.

Dear faithful Magnificat recipients and readers.

When you see the January issue of Magnificat, then you will have February and March left from the past year's subscription. This is an invitation to renew your subscription or order new. If you wish to renew/order at the bulk rate now is the time to do so. Please put your name, address and phone number along with the subscription fee of \$29.95 for one year, made to St. John the Baptist church. You may place the envelope marked Magnificat attn. Brother Jerry Schulte in the mail or the weekly collection basket. By ordering now we will not miss a month's subscription. Thank you for being able to share this word of God with others who might be interested.

God bless you in this Christmas season. Br. Jerry Schulte, C.P.P.S.

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**

**FERVORINO** – Fast don't last! Fr. Tony

**St. John's evening Mass for next Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**The Mustard Seed will be closed** until **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**. **Store will open January 3<sup>rd</sup> at normal business hours.** Tuesday, Thursday and Friday open 9 to 5. Wednesday 12 to 8. Saturday 8 to 1. 419-538-7220 or 419-523-5732.

**Church fiber-glassing and painting will be starting January 3, 2017.** Starting January 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!



**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.

**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.

**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](http://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

**FIRST FRIDAY, JAN. 6,** 6:00 AM & 8:00 AM Mass, Novena, & Divine Mercy. **1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Public Adoration of the Eucharist closing with Benediction at 4:00pm.** Come and pray for the needs of our Church!

**FIRST SATURDAY, JAN. 7,** 8:00 AM Mass with confession following. Remember the all day rosary will be in **Room 9 in the parish center**. If you are in need of a sub for praying the rosary, there is a list of subs back on the bulletin board in the center vestibule.

**Catholic Young Adult Group in Putnam County:** Young adults (18-39), join us every other Monday night for food, fellowship, prayer and learning more about our Catholic faith together. Join us, newcomers are always welcome! Contact Adam Schroeder 419-615-9863 or Neil & Brooke Cassidy 419-302-4959 [brookemarienessidy@gmail.com](mailto:brookemarienessidy@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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.

**New address updates for our military:**

**Justin McFarland,** Unit 3 M (Dahike), APO AE 09354

Lois Hermiller's son: **Cpl Jacob Zmyslo,** 31st MEU CE S-6, Unit 35621, FRO-AP 96385

**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.**

**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](mailto:bschroeder@bright.net) or go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.

**Diocese of Toledo Safe Environment Program in Full Compliance with USCCB Norms.** Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that, for the fiscal year 2015-2016, the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the *Charter*.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel or volunteer of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and to contact Mr. Frank DiLallo, diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or to write to Mr. DiLallo at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.

**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).

**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](http://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!

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Adults \$34,099.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$778.00 Loose \$4,327.25

Children \$612.57 Total: \$39,816.82

**Dec. 18th:** \$977.00

**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.**

Pastor

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

Parochial Vicar

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

Senior Pastoral Minister

**DEACON DONALD INKROTT**

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**ASHLEY DULING**

Business Manager

**MARY ELLEN HALKER**

Administrative Assistant

**DIANE UTRUP**



Coordinator of Grade School Religious Education

**DeVON DUNLAP**

Coordinator of High School Religious Education

**COLLEEN HALKER**

Youth Director

**CAROLE SCHROEDER**

Pre-School Administrator/Lead Teacher

**DANIEL ELLERBROCK**

Music Director/Organist

**JOE SCHROEDER**

Maintenance

**STEVE BARLAGE**

Janitor

**JEFF GERDING**

Cemetery Caretaker-Manager

**BRIAN SCHROEDER**

Parish Council President

**Jeff Ellerbrock - Vice Pres.     Jan Schroeder - Sec.**

**Nick Lehman   Lisa Meyer   Tom Nienberg   Tracie Schierloh**

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Parish Council Members

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**Dave Hunt   Matt Laudick   Michelle Nuveman**

Finance Committee Members

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**MIKE RECKER**

Men's Society President

**ST. JOHN'S RECTORY:**

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**UNDERCROFT** 538-6332  
**GLANDORF ELEMENTARY** 538-6880  
**COLLEEN HALKER** 538-7268  
**DeVON DUNLAP** 538-6897  
**MUSTARD SEED** 538-7220

**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.)