

Office of the Bishop Diocese of Toledo

Letter to the Faithful Following the Four Year Anniversary of Installation as Bishop of Toledo

Having recently marked the fourth anniversary of Installation as Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo, I write to express my profound gratitude to all of you, the priests, deacons, consecrated religious and countless lay faithful who make up this local church in Northwest Ohio. I want each of you to know how much I appreciate your Catholic fidelity, witness and dedication, and to tell you how much each of you inspires me daily with your commitment to the Lord, to His Church and to our Diocese.

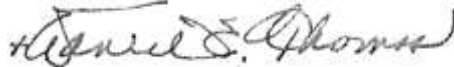
Over the past years I have written similar letters around this time of year to report on the current status of the diocese and our ongoing efforts and progress. We conducted a financial and legal review; evaluated and implemented the reorganization of the pastoral center; and more recently restructured the temporal and pastoral services to better serve the needs of our parishes, schools and institutions. We look forward to the fruit these efforts will produce.

The natural next step to move us forward is something which has been frequently recommended from the time of my arrival. Having engaged the Spitzer Center of Ann Arbor, Michigan to assist us in our work, we are now in a position to begin a strategic planning process. To this end, we recently conducted a survey sent to a number of priests, deacons, religious and laity involved in pastoral leadership, and concurrently identified persons with varied experiences from a broad diocesan demographic to form a strategic planning team. Together with senior staff, we will begin to reflect on the results of the survey and prepare to develop a strategic plan based on the newly formulated vision, mission and values of our diocese; to focus our pastoral and temporal efforts; to establish goals; and to build upon the valuable work already accomplished.

As we continue to strive to announce the good news of Jesus Christ throughout our nineteen counties, never losing sight of the challenges the Catholic Church is presently facing, it is my hope that this strategic planning process will enable us all the more to foster holy families, holy disciples and holy vocations for a healthier and more vibrant diocese.

Please know of my profound gratitude, my ongoing prayers and my enduring love for each of you, even as I depend on your good prayers as we begin this exciting initiative to enable us to more intentionally and passionately serve the Lord and one another throughout our Diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,



The Most Reverend Daniel Thomas Bishop of Toledo

+ Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto

(letter from Eric Kaufman)

Hello Everyone,

I just wanted to give a little update on life here at the seminary, but first of all; thank you for your continued prayers and support, they are greatly appreciated. Things here continue to be pretty good overall. The homework has picked up and gotten tougher, with papers and mid-term exams, etc., but I just take one day, and one assignment at a time.

Back in October and just this last Sunday (11/4), we held Solemn Vespers here at the seminary (vespers being another name for evening prayer), which was open to the public. During the prayer, our Athenaeum Chorale and Seminarian Latin Schola groups, sang different parts of the prayers and different songs afterwards. Both times have been great evenings, with great sacred music, reverence, and a full chapel. The next event, is a service called; Advent Lessons & Carols. It is a prayer service with Advent and Christmas songs (so I have been told), on Friday, December 7th, at 7:30pm, in our seminary chapel. So, if you are interested, please come see the school and enjoy the service.

At the end of October, we had our fall break, so I was back home for two weekends. It was great to be able to see and talk to so many people, and to be back for St. Bonifast. On our fall break, the pre-theology I and II classes, and theology I and II classes, went on a silent five-day retreat at the spiritual center at Maria Stein; located right behind the former Motherhouse of the Precious Blood Sisters and relic chapel. If you haven't ever seen the relic chapel, go check it out. It is Amazing! (There are three classes of sacred relics for the church. A first-class is a part of the saints' body, usually a piece of bone. A second-class relic is a piece of the saints clothing or something used by the saint, and a third-class relic is an object that has touched a first-class relic). For me, this was my first retreat. I had some really good days, and some rough ones, but I definitely left feeling that my relationship with Jesus had grown and was strengthened.

Lastly, this previous week (11/4-11/10), was Vocation Awareness Week, and I would like to encourage everyone please continue to pray for an increase in all religious vocations; especially to the priesthood. Also, to the adults please pray for and encourage your kids, grandkids, and/or youth that you know, to consider just trying out a religious vocation, or at least to pray about it. For we encourage kids to try new foods, new sports, new hobbies, etc.; why not encourage them more to at least pray about what God might be calling them to do? For we will never know unless we try (thus what I am doing; giving it a try). Kids, do not rule out religious life, but be open to the possibility. Pray about it, ask God what He needs us to do; instead of thinking of what we want to do. Who do we serve? God or mammon (money, sports, work, etc.) (Matthew 6:24)?

He must increase; I must decrease. (John 3:30)

God Bless,

Eric T. Kaufman

P.S. If you are ever in Cincinnati and would like to visit. The address is:

The Athenaeum of Ohio

Mount St. Mary's of the West Seminary

6616 Beechmont Ave.

Cincinnati, Ohio 45230

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Veteran's Day

‡ **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE** ‡

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 St. Josaphat

8:00 AM Poor Souls

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 St. Frances Xavier

8:40 AM L/D Tom & Alberta Ruhe Family, Larry Rupert

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00 AM Tom Siebeneck

8:40 AM Penance Service 6C

6:00 PM Esther (Rooney) Trombley, Wilfred Schulte

6:30 – 8:30PM Adoration

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15 St. Albert the Great

8:00 AM 3rd Grade Scapular Enrollment

8:40 AM Parish

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 St. Margaret of Scotland

6:00 AM Religious Freedom

8:00 AM Ken Maag, Rev. James A. Siefker

6:30 PM Wedding Mass Rehearsal – Deb Leopold

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 AM Ken Ellerbrock

8:30 AM Confessions

1:00 PM Nuptial Mass – Deck/Recker

4:30 PM Elaine Ellerbrock(AN) & Arnold Borgelt, Joan & Nancy Schmitz, L/D William Zeller Family, Bernadette Unverferth, Denny Unverferth, Cindy Van Loo, Joann Trame, Dan Stechschulte, George Franz, L/D Albert & Jenny Deters Family, L/D Ed & Dorothy Stechschulte Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Pat & Virgil Heurman, Dolores Verhoff (AN), L/D Barbara Feasel (AN) Family, Ty Conn

10:30 AM Mass in Thanksgiving Br. Jerry, L/D Charlie Birkemeier Family, John Brown, Dave Nussbaum

6:30 PM L/D Ott Schnipke Family

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

If we dare to trust God with our lives, great things happen. Give God your total self. (Mark 12:38-44)

We pray for all who support the ministries of the church through their donations of time, talent and treasure.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY November 18 Dn 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14,18 Mk 13:24-32

**From the
Desk of
Fr. Tony**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2018
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus tells the crowds today to beware of the scribes who wear long robes. These scribes love the greetings in marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, places of honor at banquets; they devour the houses of widows, and recite lengthy prayers. These scribes will receive a severe condemnation. Jesus is telling us to beware of those who look good in front of others but only take and do not give back. These scribes are willing to take from widows but will they take care of the widow and orphans? I doubt that they did.

Jesus is teaching and showing people that they must be a people of service. Religion without a willingness to serve others is dead. A life of faith and without deeds is like a garden full of weeds. Today we also see a widow putting two small coins in the treasury. This is all she had. In today's gospel, many people put money in the treasury but they did not put in all they had. These people only put in a little of their surplus wealth. Jesus wants us to take care of ourselves but he also wants us to go the extra mile to serve the widows, the orphans, and others who are in need. Remember that all we have is given to us from God. All belongs to God. God bless you all. Fr. Tony

Thank you Br. Jerry! On Sunday, November 18 at the 10:30am Mass we will have a Mass in Thanksgiving for Br. Jerry here at St. John's. We will be celebrating Br. Jerry with a Farwell & thank you dinner along with the Volunteer meal following the Mass in St. John's Hall. Please RSVP here at the rectory if you wish to attend to show your appreciation for Br. Jerry. His address: Br. Jerry Schulte, C.P.P.S., St. Charles Center, 2860 US Route 127 Rm 207, Celina, OH 45822.

St. Bonifest profit should be between \$23,000 & 24,000. The bills are not all in yet. Thanks to all who worked and supported this event so we have a building to hold our morning CCD for our grade school students, evenings for our high school CCD and parish events. God bless you all for your generosity! Fr. Tony

Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima - Marie Strauer is in charge of our parish's Pilgrim Virgin Statue, please call **419-538-6930** to reserve a week to have Our Lady come to your home.

WEEKDAY SERVERS: Mon. 8:00 am: Gene & Rose Warnecke; Tues. 8:40 am: Students; Wed. 8:00 am: Jackie & Bob Luttfiring; Wed. 6:00pm: Mary Ellen Halker & Roger Schroeder; Thurs.8:00am: Students; Fri. 6:00am: Jeff Schram & Joe Schroeder; Fri. 8:00am: Ken & Paula Elchinger; Sat. 8:00am: Dylan Siefker, Lauren Siefker, Allie Sonnenberg, Trevor Strite
WEDNESDAY 6:00pm Mass Lector: Kim Rieman

NEXT SUNDAY November 18

SUNDAY SERVERS: Sat. 4:30 pm: Clay Inkrott, Claire Inkrott, Zachary Schmitz, Adam Schmitz; Sun. 8:00 am: Paige Meyer, Cody Meyer, Lauren Siefker, Alex Macke; Sun. 10:30 am: Caitlyn Evans, Lauren Heebsh, Morgan Miller, Logan Miller; Sun. 6:30 pm: Tyler Recker, Sam Schroeder, Jeramy Hermiller, Owen Kidd

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

4:30 Doug Deitering
Diane Deitering

8:00 Deb Leopold
Steve Leopold

10:30 Julie Grismore
Jane Moening Choir – Dennis Burgei

6:30 **Tim Hoehn, Chris Hoehn**
Frances Hashbarger, Leo Schroeder

LECTORS

Sharon Meyer
Cari Homan

Andy Gray
Deb Schroeder

Mary Ellen Klear
Dan Klear

Tim Hansen
Michelle Schroeder

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Suzy Brinkman, Paula Elchinger

SUNDAY GIFT BEARERS: Sat. 4:30 pm: Bruce Alt Family; Sun. 8:00 am: Steve Leopold Family;
Sun. 10:30am: Jerry Hanneman Family

NOVEMBER SUNDAY USHERS: Sat. 4:30 pm: Mary Rose & Kevin Ellerbrock; Sun. 8:00 am: Joe Fortman, Bart Recker;
Sun. 10:30 am: Kristen & Matthew Heffner; Sun. 6:30 pm: Brian Grime

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 4

VIDEOGRAPHER –Sat. 4:30 pm– Erica Horstman

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Rick & Jane Williams

NOVEMBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Deb & Mike Ebbeskotte, Betty & Don Nienberg, Carol Kaufman, Diane Utrup, Alice Palte, Steve & Deb Leopold

New Lector Workbooks for 2019 Liturgical Year which begins the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 2nd are available in the server's sacristy. Please stop to pick yours up after any Mass. Thank you!

RCIA - Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Whether you've been Catholic all your life or curious about possibly becoming Catholic, please contact DeVon Dunlap to sign up: 419-538-6897 or stjohnshscdd@bright.net **Mon., Nov. 12, 6:00-7:30pm,**
Topic: Divine Revelation: God Seeking Us and the Compass for Our Lives

BOX of JOY by Cross Catholic Outreach are due today. Filled boxes can be returned back in church today, November 11 and please place your check for \$9 inside the box for sponsoring the cost of its shipment. Thank you!

Glandorf School History book from 1887 to 1964 on sale now for \$75 purchase from Evelyn Palte.

Glandorf Leaf pick-up now till Wed., Nov. 21.
No grass or sticks. Thank you!

In need of Prayer Warriors to lead the rosary at 7:30 before the 8:00am Mass on the 5th Saturday of the month. We have a schedule if you would like to take this Saturday please let me know if you would like to help out. Thank you to those who have come forward to pray! We are still in need of someone to pray on First Saturday "All Day Rosary" at 11:30am. Please call the rectory if you will be able to help out. Thank you!

The Ottawa Knights of Columbus would like to remind our members that our annual bereavement mass for our deceased members will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Please come and show your support of their widows and families.

***"At the foot of the crucifix, make the decision as though you were making it from your deathbed."
St. Gaspar del Bufalo***

Adult Faith Information

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

Advent by Candlelight Presents

Pat Oedy-Murray speaking on
"The Virtues of Advent"

Sunday, Nov. 25th @ 7:00pm in St. John's Parish Center

All **WOMEN** are invited

If you are interested in hosting a table, or attending,
or hearing more about this event, please contact
Jeanette @ 419-890-3724 or email jmschroeder51@gmail.com.

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Families needed for the *Lighting of the Advent Wreath* for Sunday Mass during Advent Dec. 1/2, Dec. 8/9, Dec. 15/16 & Dec. 22/23 here at St. John's. If you are interested, please call the rectory 419-538-6928. Thank you and God bless you!

BANNES: **III Jill Recker** of this parish, daughter of Kevin & Wilma Recker and **Brandon Deck** of St. Mary's, Tiffin, son of Paul & Debora Deck

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY WEDDED: Mr. & Mrs. Caleb (Morgan Freeman) Raines



HOME TO GOD: Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of **Norbert C. Ellerbrock**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Arthur Ellerbrock** on the death of his loving brother, Norbert.

DID YOU KNOW? Norma Ellerbrock will celebrate her 91st birthday on November 18th. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY NORMA!**

Leipsic St. Mary's Harvest Breakfast, Sun., Nov. 11, 8:30-12:00, Saint Mary's Leipsic Parish Life Center, Adults: \$8.00 Children under 12: \$4.00 Carry Outs Available

Grade School CCD Information

COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- Diane Utrup

Contact me in the Religious Ed Office at 419-538-6335 or stjohnsreled@bright.net

CCD Food Drive – runs this week and next. Please send items in with the students for the Putnam County Food Pantry & Thrift Store for the needy here in this county. Thank you!

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 will be **Wed. Nov. 14, from 7-8:30pm** in the Parish Center. Any questions, please contact DeVon at 538-6897.

We greatly enjoy your presence! All are welcome!

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

Wednesday Adoration 6:30 – 8:30 PM in church

Message from Colleen Halker Youth Director

Youth Group meeting (Dodgeball tournament) next Sun., Nov. 18, 4:30pm in the gym for any high school student. Teams of 6 may enter but must have 2 girls per team. Please bring a donation for heartbeat of Lima. Registrations can be found in back of church. Any questions please call Colleen Halker 419-615-5309.

Youth President - **ALLISON SIEFKER**

Diocese of Toledo Marriage Prep Program--The Diocesan Marriage Prep Team would like to thank the Parish of St. John the Baptist for the warm welcome and all your help in another successful event. 21 couples are now one step closer to Sacramental Marriage, and you helped us make that possible. Thank you especially to Tim and Betsy Hansen who did a phenomenal job keeping the couples and our team fed with fantastic food and drink! We're always looking for more Marriage Prep Presenters...whether you've been married a year or 60 or more, if God is calling you, please contact us. God bless you and the parish! Dean & Susie Smalley, Diocesan Marriage Prep Region Rep, 419-487-2652, smalleyds@msn.com
Couples can soon start registering for 2019 workshops online at Eventbrite ToledoMarriagePrep.org. This will take them right there, and they can choose the Diocesan workshop for which they want to register.

Remember Those Who Have Gone Before Us –Nov 11-17

Rosa Balbaugh 11/11/91	Bruce Bohrer 11/14/14
Lewis R Laubenthal 11/11/87	Edwin Schroeder 11/14/01
Travis A Schnipke 11/12/17	Dolores A Karhoff 11/15/08
James Stechschulte 11/12/08	Mary L Blevins 11/15/05
Raymond Schroeder 11/12/80	Joan Schmitz 11/15/01
Daniel N Langhals 11/13/14	Rev James A Siefker 11/16/98
	Albert H Bockrath 11/17/84



GRANDorf Drawing with Coffee & Donuts today, Sun., Nov. 11, after the 8:00 & 10:30 Masses in **Room 15** in the parish center. Next drawing will be Sun., Dec. 9th.

THE ST. JOHN'S PIECEMAKER'S SEWING GROUP will be meeting on Tuesday evening, November 20th, from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the old science room in the Parish Center. We are always in need of gallon baggies, darker colors in flannel fabrics and also darker prints of cotton fabrics as well as washcloths and small soaps. Please bring along your scissors, sewing machine, mat and rotary cutter or serger to use. Lots of marking and cutting to do. Thanks to all who help in this ministry! Any questions, call Diana Meyer 419-538-6437.

FERVORINO – *The bridesmaids were considered 'foolish' because they let their lamps go out. Don't be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts necessary to keep the flame alive in all your relationships.*

On November 17th & 18th The Land of Peace non-profit organization representing the Christian Catholic families of Bethlehem will be visiting our parish to sell Crucifixes, religious art work and rosaries-all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. **Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land, and raising funds by selling these Religious Articles to build a charity Hospital near Bethlehem.**

"Christmas in the Country" Craft Show & Bake Sale – Sunday, November 18th, 10:30am – 3:00pm, Sacred Heart Catholic Church-New Bavaria. Free Admission-Hourly Door Prizes-Baked Goods-Crafters-Raffle. Lunch served all day- homemade soups, cakes and pies, sandwiches, salads and beverages. Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Rosary Alter Society.

Elite Tours Planned Just For You By Pro-Catholic Tours- Travel with Fr. Charles Obinwa of Ft. Jennings St. Joseph's to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tlaxcala, Ocotlan, Puebla San Juan Teotihuacan, Acolman. May 11-17, 2019. Cost \$2500-Airfare included from anywhere in the US. For more information and registration contact: 612-730-2890.

Customer Service: 769-220-2702.www.procatholictours.com

Email: office@procatholictours.com Pro-Catholic Tours: PO box 561, Auburn, MA 01501

Music & Liturgy at the Athenaeum- 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH. The Athenaeum Chorale and the Mount St. Mary's Latin Schola will be singing December 7@7:30pm- Advent Lessons & Carols, February 10@7:00pm Solemn Vespers, April 7@7:00pm Solemn Passiontide Vespers. This is Eric Kaufman's seminary.

GLANDORF LIONS CLUB PRESENTS "CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK" Sat., Nov. 24, starting at 5:30 p.m. to help bring in the spirit of Christmas with the O-G Show Choir, Jim Birkemeier & Bob Verhoff's famous Chili, the Glandorf Firemen's delicious hamburgers, Pounding Hooves, Mr. & Mrs. Santa & his elves!! **All organizations please set up your displays by Nov. 24. If you need a spot for a display or have any questions please call Eddie Duling 419-538-6308.**

CLC/ALTAR ROSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY -Dec. 5. Cocktails 6:00 - 7:00. Chicken Dinner (Cost \$5.00) to be paid at the door. OG Show choir will entertain before dinner at approx. 6:15. Euchre will follow. Bring a friend and enjoy the evening with us. RSVP by Nov. 30 to Alice Diemer 419-538-6616

The Cancer Assistance Program (CAP) is sponsoring a bingo on Thurs Nov 15th @ Leipsic Eagles. Doors open @ 6PM & bingo begins @ 7PM. Prizes include items from Thirty-One, Paparazzi Jewelry, Premier Designs Jewelry, Signature Home, Gift Baskets, Christmas items & much more. Must be 16 yrs of age to play. All proceeds stay in Put Cnty for our cancer patients.

Ottawa K of C Fall Fish Fry Chicken/Fish Fry Friday, Nov. 16th, 4:30-7:00PM at the Ottawa K of C.

TMIY November 17th, 6:00am in the Cafeteria:

WEEK 11- THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: THE BOOK OF SIGNS

- SPEAKER: DR JOHN CAVADINI
- THE BOOK OF SIGNS AND THE SEVEN MIRACLES
- UNDERSTANDING WITH THE EYES OF FAITH
- THE STRUCTURE AND OUTLINE OF JOHNS GOSPEL
- MIRACLES AS SIGNS OF SOMETHING DEEPER

Lost & Found: This past Sunday morning a pair of glasses was found on Main Street in the first parking spot by the fire dept. drive please look on the shelf back in church to claim.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner along with Br. Jerry's Appreciation dinner will be held on Sun., Nov. 18, 11:30 in St. John's Hall. This dinner is for those who want to thank Br. Jerry and those who were able and had time to help as volunteers in all parish activities *and your family*. Parish Council, Finance Committee, Funeral luncheon helpers, Parish Center renovators & cleaners, St. Joseph's & St. Martha's workers, St. Bonifast Committee and their volunteers, Church decorating Committee, Choir, Server Trainers, Adult Servers, Lector Trainer, rosary prayers before Masses & for funerals, Distributor Trainers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Videographers, Spirit & Song Group, Nursing Home Mass helpers, RCIA Team, High School Faith Group facilitators, Adult Faith Group, Volunteers of CCD, Pre-school Committee, ARS & Men's Soc. Officers, Cemetery Com., Marriage Prep. Leaders, PMI Mentor Couples, Wedding Rehearsal Coordinators, VBS Team, CYO Coaches H.S./grade, those who lock & unlock church, Scout Leaders, rectory helpers, envelope/bulletin stuffers & St. John's Food Pantry workers. **Please RSVP by Mon., Nov. 12** by e-mailing at stjohns@bright.net or dropping a note in the collection basket. Thank you!

"Back in his arms again" presentation by Kambra Malone on Tue., Nov. 13, 3:30 pm in Kalida St. Michael's basement. This is a compassionate service to Putnam County families who experience miscarriage/stillbirth/infant loss. Please text or call your RSVP to Mary Beth Weisenburger at 419-980-8065.

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN we are updating our military list. Please inform the rectory 419-538-6928 of any son/daughter if they are still active/inactive/or going to be active, any change of personnel or address changes. Thank you!

NEWLY UPDATED LIST OF OUR MILITARY(AWAY FROM HOME)

2 Lt Tony Maher, 1534 Antietam Dr, Apt. 523B, Columbus, GA 31907

FN Closson, Alexander, **Graduated not stationed yet**

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

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

Tyler McFarland, 116 Hightower Lane. Aberdeen NC 28315

Lois Hermiller's son: **SGT Jacob Zmyslo**

2d Maintenance BN ELMA Co/WIRE, PSC Box 20127

Camp Lejeune, NC 28542-0127

Take a stand for LIFE & the UNBORN at the March for Life 2019 in Washington DC on January 18! Youth encouraged to attend. All ages are welcome. Bus leaving from Glandorf St. John's on January 16 at 9:30pm and will arrive back in Glandorf late on January 18. RSVP by December 14 to Diane Utrup at 419-538-6335 or stjohnsreled@bright.net. Cost is \$180 per person which includes bus transportation, hotel room, and sightseeing \$80 deposit due with RSVP, remaining balance due January 3 at Meeting for all Marchers at 7pm. Answer the call ~ Defend Life!

How does your path Into Retirement look?

Upcoming Seminars on Industry-Leading Content from Tom Hegna, presented by Turnwald Life Planning, Knights of Columbus Agent, meals provided RSVP required 1 day prior, call 419-538-6438, limited seating

- Using New 2018 Tax Brackets for creating Tax-Free Distribution
- Ethical Funding Tools for Long Term Care & Protecting Retirement Assets
- Maximizing Social Security Benefits & Investments Screened for your Faith

Monday, November 19th, 9-10am, Ottawa Schnipke Inn or noon-1:00, 5:30-6:30 Glandorf Turnwald Life Planning conference room.

Tuesday, November 20th, 9-10am, Kalida Dick's Restaurant; Noon-1:00pm, Ottoville Parish Family Room; or 5:30-6:30pm, Columbus Grove St. Anthony Church basement.

Congratulations Putnam County Knights and their Families for being among Top 5 out of 1300 regions in North America New Funds Deposited for Savings & Protection 3rd Quarter 2018. To join, visit www.kofc.org

"NEEDY FAMILIES" Since this is the time for thanksgiving and giving we would like to help our needy families. If you know of a needy family who would like to be included in the parish "Needy Families Collection" please call the rectory. Thank you!

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting -September 11, 2018 1. Final quotes were received for the chiller system which will take the place of the old air conditioning units. Daikin's bid was the best option and was a lower price than Trane. The new chiller system will be much more energy efficient than the current units and can tie into our heating system easily if need to in the future. AEP will need to install a new transformer to handle the new system which will be taken care of at the electrical pole and not have to change anything in the church. This will be paid for out of the general fund. Tom Nienberg made a motion to proceed with writing a letter to the bishop to ask for permission to continue the project since it exceeds \$30,000. The motion was seconded by Katie Schroeder. 2. Council was updated on three Eagle Scout projects going on around the parish grounds, including landscaping improvements around the rectory, church, and parish center, new flag poles, and lighting of the marquis. 3. A parishioner has donated \$16,000 for new pole lanterns to be installed around the church. Quotes are being sought for the lights, wiring, and installation to see how many lanterns can be purchased with the donation. 4. Quotes are also being received for new railings to be installed at the entrances where the steps were replaced. A decision will be made after all quotes are received. 5. Tyler Siefker received the bid to farm the parish ground for the next three years. 6. Council discussed the fence railing around the shrine along SR 694. It is beginning to lean and is in need of repair. 7. Closing prayer was offered by Fr. Tony Fortman. Respectfully submitted, Traci Schierloh

A book Authored by God – typed by Lou Ann Noone, Expectations, Hopes, Miracles and Surprises! A Collection of Short Stories To Amuse and To Inspire. Copies of the book are available for you to purchase at a cost of \$10 each here at the rectory. Lou Ann's father, Cletus Meyer was originally from Glandorf. Great for Christmas gift or any gift for a loved one.

Christmas School Signup due by November 16th: All preschool children (at least age three and toilet-trained) of the Ottawa-Glandorf area are invited to attend Ecumenical Christmas School December 3-7, 2018. Trinity United Methodist church has once again offered the use of its facilities for this worthwhile program. Youngsters of all faiths will meet at Trinity for one week, either from 9:00-11:00am or 12:30-2:30pm. Registration forms are available in the racks back in church and are due no later than Friday, November 16. There is a \$10 registration fee for each child to cover supplies.

Adult volunteers, both young and old, are always needed. If you are willing to lead a group or to be a classroom helper, please contact Trinity United Methodist church.

Registration is now available to decorate a Christmas Tree for the 27th Annual Christmas Tree Festival sponsored by the Friends of the Putnam County District Library, 136 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa, Ohio.

Set-up is November 30 and the Festival is December 1 thru January 3 during library hours. Open House will be Saturday from 1 pm to 3 pm with music, refreshments, and a visit from Santa. For information call 419 523 3747 by November 16. Thank You-Carol Schortgen

Sacred Music Unveiled

**A Three Part Event at Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish
Sunday, December 2nd at 3:00pm**

Join a choir of young adults from the Toledo Diocese, Antwerp, and Fort Wayne as they share the joy and beauty of sacred music in liturgy and concert!

From the beloved chant, *O Come O Come Emmanuel*, to the haunting carol,

Lully Lulla Lullay, to Pitoni's dance-like *Cantate Domino*, this concert will fill the church with Advent music that has echoed down through the centuries.

All are welcome! Bring your entire family and enjoy some beautiful Christmas music! Free and open to the public.

Part I: The Mass -Sunday, December 2nd at 10:30am, Immaculate Conception Parish – 189 Church Street Ottoville, OH 45876

Part II: The Concert - In the church at 3:00pm; **Part III: The Seminar** - Immediately following the concert

Mustard Seed Gift Shop 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 8:00am - 1:00pm.

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STEWARDSHIP

Adults \$8,634.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$1,026.00 Loose \$1,243.50 Children \$184.41 Total: \$11,087.91

Oct. 28th – Adults/Children \$821.00 Loose \$344.00

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH ENVELOPES are in the racks back in church if you didn't pick one up last Sunday.

NEW ITEMS NEEDED at the FOOD PANTRY graham crackers, French cut green beans, boxed potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, boxed rice dishes, rice, ready to eat soup (Progresso or Chunky), regular size cereal (not family size), snacks, tomato sauce, kidney beans The Food Pantry is also in need of EMPTY dish soap bottles (24 oz or smaller) and hair shampoo/conditioner bottles. Please put them in the Food Pantry box in the back of church. Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated!

**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 2019 dates are January 6, May 5, September 8, 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 3-4, 2018

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.)