OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

MARY JANE LANDWEHR ~ 83 YEARS ~ 11-21-18
FR. TONY BORGIA ~ 61 YEARS ~ 12-15-18
RICHARD GERMAN ~ 79 YEARS ~ 1-29-19
ROBERT HEITMEYER ~ 79 YEARS ~ 2-23-19
LOIS ELAINE RECKER ~ 76 YEARS ~ 3-29-19
LILLIAN VONLEHMDEN ~ 97 YEARS ~ 4-14-19
SHIRLEY R. MESKER ~ 83 YEARS ~ 6-12-19
GERALD N. MARTIN ~ 67 YEARS ~ 7-3-19
THOMAS WARNEMENT ~ 83 YEARS ~ 7-24-19
HILDA KLEMAN ~ 96 YEARS ~ 9-3-19
DAVID J. GASSER ~ 66 YEARS ~ 9-17-19

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.
Travel with Fr. Charles! June 3rd – 13th, 2020 to Portugal (Tour of the city of Lisbon, Our Lady of Fatima); France (Our Lady of Lourdes); Switzerland (Tour of the city of Geneva; St. John Vianney place at Arles-Sur-Formans) & Poland (Auschwitz Concentration Camps & Holocaust Memorial; Lagiewniki: Shrine of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina’s convent; Wadowice: Birthplace of Pope John Paul II; Visit to Our Lady of Czestochowa, Poland’s greatest pilgrimage shrine). Cost is $4,699.00. For more information and registration, contact: Jennifer Wadsworth at 612-730-2890. Email jennifer@procatholictours.com. Website: www.procatholictours.com.
CONGRATULATIONS to MR. & MRS. HEMKER!

Jason, son of Kenneth and Ann Hemker and Cierra Morman, daughter of Anthony and Christine Morman were united in Holy Matrimony on October 19th. May the Lord grant them many happy, holy years. Best wishes from the Catholic community in Fort Jennings.

ELECTION NIGHT SUPPER--American Legion Auxiliary & CLC Council 88 supper on November 5 from 4:30-6:30 at the American Legion--Carry Out only! Meal includes: Cubed steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, applesauce dinner roll and dessert! Cost $9. See any CLC or Auxiliary member for tickets.

Every Donation Parishioners make Reduces the Amount the Parish is Mandated to Pay. Your gift benefits our retired diocesan priests and your Parish. Once a priest retires, he is responsible for his own personal expenses: medical, housing, car, clothing and food. All funds contributed before December 31, 2019 help reduce the amount the parish contributes to the fund. Envelopes are in the pews and on the back table. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate the Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697 or placed in the parish collection. A gift may also be made online at www.toledodiocese.org.

Join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on the pilgrimage of a lifetime! Join Bishop Daniel Thomas on a pilgrimage to Spain and Italy next year! Price starting at $3,999 (land only). Space is limited to one bus (50 seats), and registrations taken first-come-first-serve. catholicfaithjourneys.com/Toledo2020 or contact Maggie at 419-290-8782.

Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish is hosting Dr. Ray Guarendi on Wed., Oct. 30th in the Parish Center gym from 7:00pm-8:00pm with a Q&A following. Dr Ray is a Catholic father of ten adopted children, a clinical psychologist, author, EWTN radio & TV host with his show “Living Right with Dr. Ray”. Dr. Ray’s presentation is packed with humor & real-life examples. There will be practical ideas offered for children & parents! Open to the public suitable for all ages.

The Immaculate Conception Rosary Altar Society annual fall Craft Show, Saturday, November 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Ottoville Parish Center. 35+ vendors. Lunch will be available. 50/50 raffle (winner need not be present to win). All are welcome.

Landeck, St. John the Baptist Homemade Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner; Sunday, Nov. 3. All you can eat Homemade Sausage & Sauerkraut or Pancakes & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Pie & Ice Cream. 3:30 - 7:00 pm in the church basement. $9/adults, $5/children (10 & under). Carry-outs available.

Join us as Lois Hall, Grief Recovery Method Specialist, describes grief and explains how it impacts the health of our community. Tuesday, November 12, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Putnam County District Library, Ottawa Learn how you can help those you serve who may be experiencing loss from: death, divorce/end of a relationship, loss of a job, loss of trust, faith, loss of health. Understand the myths about grief. Please RSVP by calling the Health Department at 419-523-5608 by Friday, November 8th.
Congratulation to Fr. Charles on receiving the Legend Award at Mercy, St. Rita’s Medical Center. The Legend Award is given to those who go above and beyond the call of duty and also dedicate their personal time to helping others. The recipients are chosen from peer nominations and by the comments made on patient surveys. Father Charles is the most named employee on patient satisfaction surveys, he has touched the lives of so very many. We are pleased that his employer is recognizing the amazing job he does every day. We are so very blessed that he is ours!

Below is a what was written about Father by St. Rita’s and read when the award was presented to him.

Fr. Charles Obinwa

Please join me in congratulating Fr. Charles as a 2019 St. Rita’s Legend

Legendary service, compassion, integrity, and respect for the dignity of all persons he serves is the reason Fr. Charles is a Legend of St. Rita’s. On any given day, Fr. Charles is responsible for the spiritual and emotional care of 50-80 Catholic patients at our medical center. He responds to traumas, deaths, rapid responses, Code Blues, and consults for patients experiencing spiritual and emotional distress of ALL faiths throughout the hospital. Also, he rounds throughout all the patient units, attempting to touch the lives of every patient who is served at the medical center, including follow-up visits before their discharge as well.

Additionally, Fr. Charles, regularly, has several staff members who seek him out for spiritual help throughout the day. Moreover, he is consistently on-call, as he is the only employed priest for the Lima Market.

In feedback received, patients often name him in the comments section, expressing their appreciation for his compassion and service. Fr. Charles has such passion and heart for his ministry to the sick and dying! He is a very humble man who practices self-forgetful love all day long. He is a true model of what being Mercy is!

One example of his compassionate service is as follows: In addition to all his acute care responsibilities, Fr. Charles volunteered to respond to assist a nurse practitioner as she met with a mother who was in great emotional and spiritual distress, as we received several calls within minutes, from one of our outpatient primary care offices for a chaplain early one morning. The mother presented to her PCP’s office after just losing her grade-school-aged son in a tragic and sudden death. The boy had a developmental disability and the mother felt like her community was judging her as being negligent in the care of her son. Nothing was farther from the truth, as this mother was very dedicated to the care of her son who suffered from a disability. Fr. Charles recognized quickly that the mother was weighed down with anxiety, guilt, shame, and depression. “She felt like her world was collapsing around her,” Fr. Charles said. He offered words of consolation, support, and encouragement. Fr. Charles assured her that she did not kill her son, and to not listen to the words of people who don’t understand the whole picture of how she loved and cared for her son. He encouraged her by allowing her to speak of how much her son meant to her and the love they shared. Fr. Charles recalled that he felt her pain deeply, and from his heart, he prayed with her in the PCP’s office. As a chaplain, he recognizes that such painful emotions do not go away easily; at the same time, it’s his hope that he can lighten the load people carry as he accompanies them in their sufferings and spiritual journeys.

We are proud to name Fr. Charles Obinwa a “Legend of St. Rita’s”