The Following Loved Ones are Remembered through our Annual Christmas Memorial Appeal.
We are Grateful to the Donors for Making It Possible to Decorate our Church for the Christmas Season

| Edwin & Gerry Grubenhoff          | Carl & Millie Metzger                  |
| Charles, Mary Helen, & Jane Schweller | John & Eugenia Metzger                |
| La Donna Ostendorf               | Albert & Louise Schneider             |
| Michelle “Mikey” Metzger          | Jim Knott                              |
| Florence & Louise Brenner         | Rita Knott                             |
| Mary & Ben Sergeant               | Gary Knott                             |
| Art Gasser                        | Pete Vetter                            |
| Nathan Gasser                     | Cletus Vetter                          |
| Mallory Gasser                    | Melissa Nicole Trentman                |
| Frank & Leona Metzger             | Recker & Rahrig Families              |
| Alfred & Jean Miller              | Dan & Eileen Calvelage                |
| Mary & Cletus Schuerman           | Richard & Irma Warnecke               |
| Melvin Niese                      | Herman & Vickie Luersman              |
| Richard Gengler                   | Loretta Inkrott                        |
| Alice Gengler                     | Richard Gengler                        |
| Mike & Mellonna Evans             | Kimberly Buettner                      |
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| Elmer Calvelage                   | Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Miehls              |
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| Gebhard Gasser Jr.                | Julius & Lucille Recker               |
| Ted Seals                         | Bill & Mary German                    |
| Melvin & Thelma Grote             | Eva Warnecke                           |
| Joyce Miehls                      | Donald Ostendorf                      |
| Lois Recker                       | Dan Schimmoeller                      |
| Drew Knippen                      | Don Schimmoeller                      |
| Kaydence Knippen                  | Norma & Rita Martin                   |
| David Geise                       | Earl & Helen Chandler                 |
| Kelly Maag                        | Ricker & Hammond Families             |
| Robert Vorst                      | Baby Miller                            |
| Paul Krietemeeyer                 | Charles & Sue Verhoff                 |
| Reindel & Kleman Families         | Mary Gerdeman                          |
| Birkemeier & Wrasman Families     | Fr. Tony Borgia                        |
| Joanne & Milton Nichols           | Wilfred & Alma Gerker Family          |
| John Gerker                       | Albert Berelsman                      |
| Helen Liebrecht                   | Berelsman & Wieging Families          |
| Bob Hellman                       | Shirley Mesker                        |
| Don Horstman                      | Gerald & Leona Youngpeter             |
| Wallenhorst & Erickson Families   | Richard & Dolly Friemoth              |
| Earl Call                         | Tom & Agnes Swick                     |
| Jim & Janice Kleman               | Ray & Louella Maenle                  |
| Dave Gasser                       | Steve Maag                             |
| Schimmoeller & Lucke Families     | Otto & Marie Wieging                   |
| Paul & Bernadette Hasenkamp       | Sharon & Pat Stechschulte             |
| Elmer Wittler                     | Cletus & Alice Maag                    |
| Robert Lammers                    | Fr. Joe Przybysz                      |
| James Grothause                   | Luke Obinwa                            |
| Judy Miehls                       | Charles & Nancy Stant                 |
| Kleman & Gasser Families          | Moxie & Cindy Wehri                   |
| Kenny Schroeder                   | Paul & Elizabeth Okuley                |
Intentions

Sat  28  5:00 pm  Mary Gerdeman
      Elwood & Rita Broecker
      Loretta Inkrott
      Michelle “Mikey” Metzger

Sun  29  7:30 am  For Holy Souls in Purgatory
      9:30 am  Tom & Agnes Swick
      Ray & Louella Maenle
      Edmund Wieging Family

Mon  30  7:00 pm  Prayer Service

Tues  31  4:00 pm  Lawrence & Ida
      Schimmoeller Family
      Alphonse & Angela Schroeder

Wed  01  9:30 am  Solemnity of Mary Holy Day
      LaDonna Ostendorf
      For Peace in the New Year

**World Day of Prayer for Peace**
Mass at 9:30 am followed by
Exposition of Blessed Eucharist
Rosary every hour starting
at 10:30 am - Closing at 5 p.m.

Thurs  02  7:00 pm  Gary Knott
      Steve Maag

Fri  03  7:55 am  **FIRST FRIDAY**
      For the Sacred Heart of Jesus that
      bleeds each time we sin.

      ~ Adoration after Mass with Closing at Noon ~

Sat  04  7:00 am  Adoration
      8:00 am  Mass for the
      Immaculate Heart of Mary
      5:00 pm  Isadore & Rose Siefker Family

Sun  05  7:30 am  For Souls in Purgatory that
      Have No One to Pray for Them
      9:30 am  To St. Jude in Thanksgiving

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

Mon  12/30  1 Jn 2:12-17  Lk 2:36-40

Tues  12/31  Saint Sylvester I, Pope
       1 Jn 2:18-21  Jn 1:1-18

Wed  01/01  Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
       Nm 6:22-27  Gal 4:4-7  Lk 2:16-21

Thu  01/02  Saints Basil the Great &
       Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops
       1 Jn 2:22-28  Jn 1:19-28

Fri  01/03  Holy Name of Jesus
       1 Jn 2:29-3:6  Jn 1:29-34

Sat  01/04  Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
       1 Jn 3:7-10  Jn 1:35-42

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

Tuesday, December 31 at 4 pm & Friday, January 3
Madalynn Anspach, Chase German, Anna Menke

**Thursday, January 2 & Saturday, January 4**
Tenley Sarka, Addison Sarka, Hudson Maag

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - January 4 & 5:**

**SERVERS:**

  5:00 pm  Abigail Koester, Haven Knippen,
           Gabby Martz
  7:30 am  Chase Neidert, Brayden Calvelage,
           Isabella Conley
  9:30 am  Elizabeth Meyer, Taylor Liebrecht,
           Emily Luersman

**OFFERTORY GIFTS:**

  5:00 pm  Isadore & Rose Siefker Family
  7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
  9:30 am  Volunteers Needed

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

  5:00 pm  Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter,
           Jodi Von Sossan, Eva Von Sossan,
           Nancy Wiechart, Derek Weyrauch
  7:30 am  **Volunteers Needed**
  9:30 am  Deb Dulle, Brad Eickholt,
           Julie Fischbach, Doris Horstman,
           Norm & Kathy Fischer

**LECTORS:**

  5:00 pm  Lisa Kaverman
  7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
  9:30 am  Mike Knippen

**USHERS:**

  5:00 pm  Jerry Vetter, Roger Trentman
  7:30 am  **Volunteers Needed**
  9:30 am  Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

**December 22, 2019:**

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**YTD as of December 22, 2019 = $ 103,898.90**

**YTD Over Budget = $ 3,898.90**
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH

BAPTISMS: To arrange a baptism please Call the Parish Office or Deacon Larry (cell) (419) 302-2532 or by email larry@fjsb.com.

BAPTISM CLASSES
Baptismal Class will be in January
Please attend instructions before the birth of the child.
**Call the Parish Office to register for class**
Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage.
Find Marriage Prep Classes at http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org

Bulletin submissions deadline:
Wednesdays at Noon.

THANK YOU to those of you who donated to the Nigerian Mission. Once again, there was an overwhelming response for my plea to help the poor in my home country.
What you have done for these people cannot be measured. You have provided life for some by making it possible for them to have shelter, food, health care and education.
There is no way I can adequately express my gratitude to each of you. You have helped the poorest of the poor. May God Bless you for your generous hearts.
– Father Charles

Solemnity of Mary Holy Day
Tuesday, December 31 at 4 p.m.
New Year’s Day
Wednesday, January 1 at 9:30 a.m.

SERVERS:
Tues. Dec 31: Madalynn Anspach, Chase German, Anna Menke

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Tues. Dec 31: Mary Maag, John Michel, Carla Norbeck, Alice Swick, Eileen Schimmoeller, Alaina Maag
Wed. Jan 1: Lisa Wisner, Teresa Wurst, Nicole Wrasman, Gilbert Burgei, Denise Sukup, Matt Dube

LECTORS:
Tues. Dec. 31: Agnes Krietemeyer
Wed. Jan 1: Cheryl Hellman

USHERS: Volunteers Needed for both Masses

THANK YOU to all who donated to the annual Christmas Sharing project. We sponsored three families this year, some of which included extended families (grandparents, adult kids, school aged children & grandchildren). There were 220 tags on the tree and ALL of them were taken.
The gratitude that these families showed when receiving their gifts is so very heartfelt. The amount of times they said, “Thank You” and the tears they shed cannot be adequately described. We were told by one family that this is the BEST CHRISTMAS they have EVER had!!
The families were absolutely overwhelmed at the generosity of our parishioners. The adult’s eyes were childlike when they first saw the stack of gifts for their families.
Thanks again to our talented parishioners that crocheted hats, scarves and gave gloves to these families, they were truly grateful.
One family is on hard times due to a recent unexpected marital split and multiple medical hardships. The mother was off of her job, she has held for years due to an injury and then recently had a heart cath as she was 99% blocked. Your generosity relieved stress she definitely did not need with her health issues.
Your have not only brought material gifts to these families, but you have been a shining example of what being a Christian is. May God bless each of you this Christmas and always.

“I never thought it was such a bad little tree.
It’s not bad at all, really.
Maybe it just needs a little love.”
– Linus Van Pelt

World Prayer for Peace Day
New Year’s Day, January 1, 2020
Mass at 9:30 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist with the rosary every hour starting at 10:30 am until 4:30 pm. Closing Benediction at 5 pm. Please come and spend time with Jesus as we pray for peace in the world.
Interested in leading the Rosary at 9:30 Mass one Sunday a month? If so, contact the parish office.

Effective 1-01-2020 the price of funeral meals will increase to $5 per plate. This is the first increase in price since the parish began preparing funeral lunches in the church basement. Due to increased costs for supplies we must increase the price per plate.

Holy Communion for the Sick at St. Rita’s – Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy and bringing Holy Communion to people in the hospital is a great way to practice this. St. Rita’s Medical Center is looking for volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to share in the sacrament with patients. The Medical Center would provide orientation and training. If you are interested in service the sick, please contact Matt Etzkorn, Spiritual Care Director at 419-226-9531. Thank you!

~ Fr. Charles & Matt Etzkorn

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 in Glandorf on Monday January 13 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. If you are interested in joining, please call Sue Leopold (419-538-6914) by Friday January 3 to order your program materials and join this life changing program!

SAVE THE DATE for the 2020 Welcome (CHRP 2.0) Women’s retreat, on weekend of Feb 29-March 1, 2020, here at St Joseph’s. This will be a great opportunity to "leap into Lent" on that first weekend in Lent. Contact any CHRP member or call Sue Luersman at 419-453-3763 with questions, this weekend will change your life!

Christmas is over, the presents unwrapped, the parties ended, the food consumed. Maybe you are feeling a little sad that the festivities are done.

But if you’re reading this, you’re a Catholic and you need to realize Christmas has just begun. The TRUE Christmas. Christ is here! Now we can truly focus on what Christmas means. Not the presents, the food, the beautiful lights and decorations. It’s HIM... the son of God, sent down to earth for YOU! This is the season to reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The liturgical season of Christmas beings Christmas day and ends on the Feast Day of the Baptism of the Lord, January 12th.

Do not despair in a post-Holiday let down. Do not be sad that the fun and festivities are over. Open your hearts, continue to spend time with family, enjoy them for who they are not what they have given you. Play a game with them or just sit and talk.

This is the time where people also start to consider New Year’s resolutions. One of the top, is to lose weight, perhaps cut back on a certain food you enjoy, spend less money, etc. Most resolutions are about changing something you consider "bad" about yourself.

Make this year about strengthening your Faith. Go to adoration of the blessed sacrament once a month. For ladies, attend our CRHP Women’s Retreat in February.

Perhaps this year your resolution could be about making your behavior more giving. Resolve to go visit local nursing homes once a month, volunteer at the hospital, to become a Eucharistic Minister to the home bound. Volunteering at church for the “Friends of Hope” ministry that helps with funerals, the Funeral Luncheon Committee, the Religious Education Program, become an Usher or Eucharistic Ministers, vow to volunteer to head up a booth at the Annual Parish Homecoming Festival this year if there is a need; there are so many ways to give right here in our own parish.

Maybe take a parishioner who doesn’t drive out to eat or shopping every other month; go play cards with the elderly. These may be little things to you but the world to the person you give the attention. Make your New Year less about “you” and more about others.

Christ came down on Christmas day, it’s up to us to keep him alive all year long.