

## **Beacons of Light – New Families of Parishes & Priest Assignments**

As announced in December 2020, our new family of parishes will consist of IC Celina, Our Lady of Guadalupe Montezuma, St. Teresa Rockford, Holy Rosary St. Marys and St. Patrick Glynwood.

The Archdiocese has announced the new priests beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. Fr. John Tonkin will be pastor. Fr. John was raised in Sidney but then moved to Celina and was received into the Catholic Church at IC. He considers IC and Celina his second home. Fr. John was ordained in 2005. He served as pastor of Sacred Heart Church in McCartyville for 12 years and currently is pastor of St. Christopher in Vandalia which also has a Catholic grade school and St. John the Baptist in Tipp City. Fr. John is known as a down to earth, seasoned and engaging pastor, well loved and respected by the parishioners.

Fr. Rob Muhlenkamp will be one of the two parochial vicars or associate pastors. Fr. Rob is from the Philothea/Coldwater area and has been ordained since 2010. He currently is serving as Pastor of three parishes in Hamilton, OH with two Catholic grade Schools.

The third priest to serve has not yet been identified.

We believe Fr. John and Fr. Rob will be a blessing in our family of parishes and invite you to join us in welcoming them to our family.

Fr. Ken Schnipke, C.P.P.S. will be the new pastor of the Marion, Minister & New Bremen family of parishes.

A full listing of all priest assignments is available on the Archdiocesan website, visit [BeaconsAOC.org](http://BeaconsAOC.org)