

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



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Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm
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Monday, April 21, 2025

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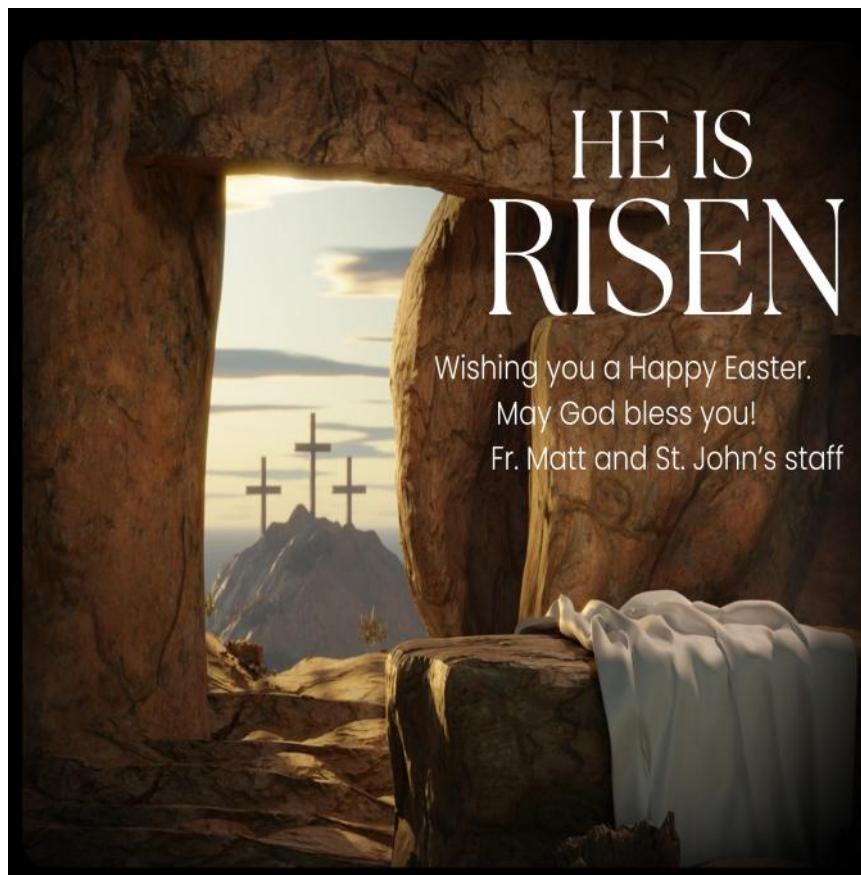
Finance Committee Chairperson:

Luke Recker

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Sharon Mayhew

Men's Society President: Derek Maag



HE IS RISEN

Wishing you a Happy Easter.
May God bless you!
Fr. Matt and St. John's staff

OUR MISSION

Founded by Jesus Christ, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is the heart of Glandorf. At the heart of our faith are the Sacraments which St. John's is here to evangelize, catechize, and celebrate all of God's people to set their hearts on fire in passionate love of God and neighbor.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH?

- If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher, Funeral Server, Choir, Spirit and Song Group and any other way.
- If Interested in becoming a member on our Finance Committee or Parish Council Committee. Please call the parish office for more information and to be put on the next ballot. Call or email the Parish Office.

PARISHIONERS

- New Members
 - Any status or address changes
 - To keep informed, register for Bulletin and Parish Notifications by email or visit St. John's website
- Call or email the Parish Office

2 FROM THE DESK OF FR. MATT

www.stjohnglandorf.org

Alleluia! Happy Easter! Alleluia!

We celebrate today the fact that the tomb was empty! Alleluia!

We celebrate today that Christ is risen from dead! Alleluia!

We celebrate the fact that Jesus Christ has conquered life and death! Alleluia!

Today is a day of great celebration, and what is unique about our celebration today

is that it does not just get contained to Mass. For many coming to Mass today

might be the first or second major item on your agenda for today. I would imagine

some children hunted for eggs and baskets before coming to church. I would imagine that many of you

after Mass today are going continue to celebrate Easter and Jesus risen from the dead with family and

friends. I pray that whatever you do today that joy of the risen Lord will be with you and all those that

you gather with. After Mass today I hope to spend time with family around a campfire.

There is a story of a teacher a couple days before Easter when the teacher gave the students an

assignment. The teacher gave the students a plastic Easter egg and told them to put something in the

egg that reminded them of Easter. The next day the students returned their eggs and the teacher began

to open the eggs in one she founds some fresh green grass, in another buds from Easter Flowers, in

another a cross was found, and in another jelly beans explaining which each color meant red for the

blood Christ shed, green for green grass, purple for the hour of sorrow, black death, white grace, and

pink for the new tomorrow. Now there were two eggs that the teacher opened she was puzzled. The

first egg came from a student that had tendency making jokes that often time would push border line of

going too far and would get in trouble. In this egg the teacher found some wadded toilet paper, the

teacher was not very impressed and thought great another crossing of the line joke but wanted first to

ask the student to explain about the toilet paper. The student explained "the burial clothes were folded

up in the tomb". The teacher thought about it for minute and said "yes, you are right." The second egg

came from a student that struggled and was pretty good at not doing homework. This egg was empty,

and the teacher was disappointed this was an easy assignment why didn't he complete his homework?

The teacher confronted the student about not completing his homework. The student answered, "it was

empty". "What do you mean it was empty?" The teacher answered. "The tomb it was empty" replied

the student. "You are right it was" replied the teacher and the teacher credited the student for

completing his homework that day.

Today we celebrate and believe the fact that the tomb empty and Jesus rose from

the dead. This celebration is a victory, it is the ultimate championship kind of

win, but it is a different kind of championship kind of win. Most championship

wins particularly in sports are an end teams typically break up after winning the

championship, but the championship of Christ risen from dead is a beginning.

Christ risen from the dead draws us to Christ's team, we experience this

beginning as we welcome our elect and candidates into the

church. For us who believe that Christ is risen from dead and

renew our baptismal vows today it is an invitation for us to

bring people to Christ.

As we celebrate Christ risen the dead today, may it give us a

joy that draws people to Christ. Happy Easter! Alleluia!



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

We want to warmly invite all parents to join us for our upcoming Baptism Class! Whether this is your first child, second, third, or beyond, there is always something new to learn about this beautiful sacrament. We also encourage parents to invite their chosen godparents to attend the class. This class is only required for parents for their first child.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS (by Mike and Becky Karhoff)

Parish Center Room 15 9:00am –10:30am

Upcoming classes:

May 18, 2025, September 28, 2025

MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office six months in advance to start planning your wedding. A marriage preparation class is required.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS (REQUIRED)

1-DAY CLASS organized by Dr. Craig and Wendy Imm in the Parish Center Cafeteria

Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 8:00am

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Wednesday 7:15am –7:45am, 7:45pm—8:15pm

Friday 7:15am—7:45am

Saturday 8:30am, 4:00pm—4:15pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office if you need a Priest for Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites. If a Sacramental Emergency call 419-778-9339.

HOLY ORDERS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Contact the vocation office at the Toledo Diocese at 419-244-6711 ext. 4945 or e-mail

psmith@toledodiocese.org or contact the vocation

office at the Missionaries of the Precious Blood 937-

228-9263 or e-mail vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 6:30pm—8:15pm

1st Friday 1:00pm—4:00pm with Benediction

1st Saturday 5:30pm - 8:00am

INITIATION OF ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA/OCIA)

Is a journey through which interested adults and older children are welcomed and gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic Faith, Sacraments, Worship and way of life. In response to their inquiries, these people are properly instructed so that you can discern (through reflection and prayer) whether you are indeed called to Catholicism. If you would like more information or want to register please contact the Parish Office. The next session will start in the fall.

CATECHISM CORNER

Divine Mercy and Devotions

Next Sunday, the Church will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Devotion to the Divine Mercy involves a total commitment to God as Mercy. It is a decision to trust completely in him, to accept his mercy with thanksgiving, and to be merciful as he is merciful. The devotional practices proposed in the diary of Saint Faustina and set forth here are completely in accordance with the teachings of the Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior.

DEVOTIONS ENHANCE OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

The United States Council of Catholic Bishops states, "While the liturgy is "the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed" and "the font from which all her power flows," it is not possible for us to fill up all of our day with participation in the liturgy. The Council pointed out that the spiritual life "is not limited solely to participation in the liturgy. . . according to the teaching of the apostle, [the Christian] must pray without ceasing." Popular devotional practices play a crucial role in helping to foster this ceaseless prayer. The faithful have always used a variety of practices as a means of permeating everyday life with prayer to God. Examples include pilgrimages, novenas, processions and celebrations in honor of Mary and the other saints, the rosary, the *Angelus*, the Stations of the Cross, the veneration of relics, and the use of sacramentals. Properly used, popular devotional practices do not replace the liturgical life of the Church; rather, they extend it into daily life.

Because popular devotional practices have such an important role in the spiritual life of Catholics, we, the bishops of the United States...hope to encourage the faithful to make use of sound devotional practices, so that their lives might be filled in various ways with praise and worship of God. Faithful practice of popular devotions can help us experience God in our everyday lives and conform us more closely to Jesus Christ." Source: "Popular Devotional Practices: Basic Questions and Answers", Issued by USCCB, November 12, 2003. Copyright © 2003, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. All rights reserved

DEVOTIONS TO DIVINE MERCY

The message of mercy is that God loves us "all of us" no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that his mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon him with trust, receive his mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share his joy.

A living devotion to the Divine Mercy message involves:

-Venerating the Divine Mercy Image- In 1931, our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. Jesus said to her: **Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (Diary, 47, 48).**

-Feast of Divine Mercy- Celebrate this by attending Mass on the feast day appointed by St. Pope John Paul II which is held annually on the Sunday following Easter.

-The Hour of Great Mercy- At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion (Diary, 1320).

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CATECHISM CORNER CONTINUED

-The Chaplet of Divine Mercy St. Faustina found herself pleading with God for mercy with words she heard interiorly: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us". (*Diary*, 475) In subsequent revelations, the Lord made it clear that the Chaplet was not just for her, but for the whole world.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited using ordinary Rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* and followed by a closing prayer.

(More information on how to pray this chaplet can be found on www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions)

-Divine Mercy Novena A novena is typically nine days of prayer in preparation of a celebration of a feast day. For each of the nine days, our Lord gave Saint Faustina a different intention: All mankind, especially sinners; the souls of priests and religious; all devout and faithful souls; those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Jesus; the souls who have separated themselves from the Church; the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children; the souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy; the souls detained in purgatory; and souls who have become lukewarm.

"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (*Diary*, 1209).

The purpose of popular devotional practices is to attract and direct our souls to God, purifying them from their sins, encouraging them to practice virtue and, finally, stimulating them to advance along the path of sincere piety by accustoming them to meditate on the eternal truths and disposing them better to contemplate the mysteries of the human and divine natures of Christ.

"These and other forms of popular piety are an opportunity for the faithful to encounter the living Christ."

~ St. Pope John Paul II

Source: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions>

St. John's the Baptist Parish
would like to
Welcome the Neophytes



Congratulations!
ABIGAIL ROLLINS,
STEVAN "HANK" KRENDL
BRETT REYNOLDS

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Praised be God our Father and
His Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit
The Diocese of Toledo
joyfully announces that
Travis J. Kahle
Eric T. Kaufman
Kevin M. McGraw
have been called to the Order of Presbyter and will be
ordained priests forever through the Imposition of Hands and
the Invocation of the Holy Spirit by
Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
Saturday, the twenty-fourth of May, in the year of Our Lord
two thousand twenty-five at ten o'clock in the morning
Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
2535 Collingwood Blvd.
Toledo, Ohio 43610
Light Reception following the Ordination Liturgy in the
Monsignor Bernard E. Smith Auditorium

Please join
Reverend Eric T. Kaufman
as he offers Holy Mass on Sunday, the twenty-fifth of May
in the year of Our Lord two thousand twenty-five
at three o'clock in the afternoon
Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church
109 North Main Street
Glandorf, OH 45848
An open house reception will follow in the
St. John's Parish Center

MONDAY, APRIL 21

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Communion Service - Deacon Don
Service followed by Divine Mercy Novena-Deb Schroeder

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

7:45am -8:30am -2nd grade practice with Dan Ellerbrock
8:15am Rosary
8:40am Oscar & Betty Burgei
Mass is followed by Divine Mercy Novena -- Diane Recker

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

7:15am - 7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am Kennon Shaw
Mass is followed by Divine Mercy Novena- Marge Sager
6:30pm-7:30pm Adoration
7:00pm - 7:30pm Confession

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

8:15am Rosary
8:40am Dorothy Osterhage
Mass is followed by Divine Mercy Novena - Janice Utrup

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

7:15am - 7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am L./D Louise Halker Family,
L/D Bob & Hilda(AN) Hovest Family
Mass is followed by Divine Mercy Novena - Janet Schroeder
12:00pm Rosary
6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal-Kelsie Salisbury

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Mildred Roof & Brian Kidd
Mass is followed by Divine Mercy Novena - Kelsie Salisbury
1:00pm Anderson/Gable Wedding
4:00pm Confessions
4:30pm L/D Tom & Edna Riepenhoff Family, Leland Meyer,
L/D Al & Irene Schroeder Family, Marilyn Kuhlman,
Judith Ellerbrock

SUNDAY, APRIL 27~2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Tom Kaufman, L/D Eugene & Jo Ann Otto Family,
Ranae Kahle, L/D Wilma & Don Unterbrink Family,
L/D Laurie Recker Family, L/D Louie Breece Family,
L/D Fred Martin Family, Lauren Schneeg
10:30am L/D Eugene & Edna Ellerbrock Family, David Hand,
L/D Mary Jane Hunt Family,
L/D Carl & Lucille Ellerbrock Family, Richard Fuerst(AN),
L/D Norbert & Lorene Fuerst,
L/D Don & Alice Siefker Family, Brian Schroeder (AN),
L/D Koch/Recker Families, L/D Dave Selhorst Family

1:00pm-3:00pm Adoration
1:30pm-2:45pm Confession
3:00pm Divine Mercy & Benediction & Veneration of the Image



Parental Baptism Class

Sunday, May 18, 2025

from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in Room 15 in the parish center
presented by Mike and Becky Karhoff

Pre-register by calling St. John's Rectory 419-538-6928.

Next class will be **September 28, 2025**

We want to warmly invite all parents to join us for our upcoming Baptism Class! Whether this is your first child, second, third, or beyond, there is always something new to learn about this beautiful sacrament. We also encourage parents to invite their chosen godparents to attend the class. This class is only required for parents for their first child.

SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:40am	Students
Wed	8:00am	Cliff Schroeder, Eddie Duling
Thurs	8:40am	Students
Fri	8:00am	Bart Recker, Greg Nussbaum
Sat	8:00am	Addison Knueven, Lauren Weiss, Jocelyn Schroeder
Sat	4:30pm	Will Faber, Carson Faber, Royce Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Brady Pester, Owen Morman, Jade Sarka
Sun	10:30am	Carter Vorst, Ella Vorst, Aubrey Siefker, Thurifer-Nolan Duling

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS

Sat	4:30pm	Mike Karhoff Mary Rose Ellerbock	Jeff Ellerbrock Jeff Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Deb Schroeder Deb Burwell	Connie Cassidy Sharon Meyer
Sun	10:30am	Rose Warnecke Gene Warnecke	Tim Hansen Jeanne Schram

GIFT BEARERS

Sat	4:30pm	Dan & Barb Ellerbrock family
Sun	8:00am	Ushers or ask a family
Sun	10:30am	Ushers or ask a family

APRIL USHERS

Sat	4:30pm	Roger Koch, Logan Koch, Connor Koch
Sun	8:00am	Tom Morman, Tony Maag
Sun	10:30am	Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 4

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Edna Nienberg, Diane Nienberg

APRIL FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Paul & Marlene Kleman,
Dorothy Karl, Deb Burwell, Tim & Chris Hoehn, Al & Lisa Hueve,
Teresa Duling, Beth Recker



Sunday, April 27, 2025

at St. John's Catholic Church

Adoration

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Confession

1:30pm - 2:45pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet
(song by Diana Meyer),
Benediction, Veneration
of Image

3:00pm

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Minutes for Parish Council/Finance Meeting March 11, 2025

Combined Meeting with Finance Committee

Opening Prayer by Fr. Matt

Joint Parish & Finance Council Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Bryan Kaufman made a motion to approve the minutes, Matt Bockrath seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Grounds Committee

Looking at project list to determine level of importance for budgeting and scheduling.

Getting an estimate for the PA system in the parish center.

Jeff Ellerbrock is going to redo the top padding on the stage in the parish center gym.

Looking at possibly cutting some curb out, installing railing, and bollards at the handicap parking area. Checking into all options.

Use of Parish Center – Summer B-Ball personal training request was decided against due to scheduling. Other use of the gym for such things as conditioning or drills may be allowed at a \$50 per hour rate. Must get approval.

Sunday Funday- Approximately September 21, 2025

We would like someone or group of people to take charge of this event for the Parish.

New members- Came up with a list of people to be asked to be on finance committee or on the ballot for parish council. Members will be contacting them to confirm.

New Business

Aubrey Leopold and Sam Warnecke will be next year's student representatives for the parish council.

Mike Leach's will- Appropriated monies to put a high altar back in church as it was years ago. Project has a 2-year limit. More discussion is needed.

June 22, 2025- Feast of Corpus Christi. Father Matt would like to have a procession and have first communicants come and participate as well as the members of the Little Flower group.

Father Angelo Anthony the Director of vocations for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood wants St. Johns to be part of a piloted program on parish vocations.

Mike Karhoff brought up the idea of possible pedestrian walkway warning lights for people exiting and crossing main street after mass.



St. John's students that attended the Chrism Mass on Tuesday. They will be making their Confirmation this coming fall.



Thank you for helping us amend our relationship with our Lord,
Father Matt and Father Rick!

STEWARDSHIP		April 13, 2025
Offering		
Loose	\$	2,197.00
Adult Envelope	\$	6,741.62
Children	\$	114.00
Maintenance	\$	175.00
Online Offering	\$	2,555.00
Online Maintenance	\$	211.25
Catholic Relief	\$	10.00
Good Friday	\$	10.00
Easter	\$	50.00
Total Collection	\$	12,063.87

Thank you to all of you who have been continuing to make your Weekly/monthly contributions to your St. John's parish family and for sharing your treasure, time, & talent with your St. John's parish family!

Give Online Today!

Visit our website to get the E-Giving Form to fill out and return to the Parish Office. It is located in the left side above the Menu options. www.stjohnglandorf.org

Heartbeat needs Baby Wipes, Baby Lotion and powder, Diapers - size 4, 5, and 6 and Baby Formula

Heartbeat Hours: Tuesday 1-5pm and located on 1225 E. Third St. in Ottawa.

Foods Needed at the Ottawa Food Pantry: pineapple, salad dressing, jelly. Note: Monetary gifts are also welcome. (Send in



Share Your Generous Gift Today at acatoledo.org!

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL PRAYER

Loving Father, we praise you and give you thanks for the many blessings you bestow upon us and for our shared mission to build up your Kingdom and share the Gospel of your Son, Jesus. "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rm 8;28).

Inspire our hearts to respond generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal knowing you bring good from our efforts.

Bless all those who give, all those who receive, all those who serve, and all those who labor for the success of our Appeal, "Together For Good."

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.


Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal themed **Together For Good**. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Faith, hope, and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal and assure the continuation of these programs and services. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal, visit acatoledo.org. Thank you!

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$43,645.64.

TOTAL GIVEN \$40,809.95
93.50% OF GOAL


ST. JOHN'S WILL RECEIVE A REBATE FROM LAST YEAR OF \$11,306.36

Prayfully consider your donation



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

On April 27, 2025, support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly 40% of diocese in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions>



Please Include them in your prayers


OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of our faithful departed. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the families, relatives, friends & neighbors of

Joan Schimmoeller

WEDDING BANNES

III Blake Anderson, daughter of Jayson and Tiffany Anderson & **Mitch Gable** of St. John, Glandorf, son of Tim and Diane Gable from Holy Family, New Cleveland



2025 GRAND-orf Club

2025 GRAND-orf Club drawing along with coffee & donuts by TBD on **May 11th** after 8:00am and 10:30am Masses in the cafeteria. Extra tickets are in the racks in the Church vestibules.

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

Dennis R Nienberg 4/20/14	Ranae D Kahle 4/23/20
Nina M Sommer 4/20/21	Hilda M Hovest 4/25/12
Jace William Llewellyn 4/20/23	Mary Louise Deters 4/25/13
Gertrude E Nienberg 4/21/10	Whitney K Kuhlman 4/25/16
Ronald L Siefker 4/22/01	Linus Kistler 4/25/20
Pamela Stehlik 4/22/02	Brian M Schroeder 4/26/01



JOIN US ON A
PILGRIMAGE TO
THE BASILICA &
NATIONAL
SHRINE OF OUR
LADY OF
CONSOLATION
IN CAREY, OHIO

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FRIDAY, MAY 2
TOUR BEGINS AT 9AM

TEXT STACEY BENNETT

@ 567-376-0125 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US!

ITINERARY

- 7:45AM LEAVE GLANDORF CHURCH PARKING LOT
- WE CAN CAR POOL!
- 9AM TOUR OF THE BASILICA & NATIONAL SHRINE
- 11AM MASS AT THE ORIGINAL SHRINE CHURCH
- 12PM BRING A PACKED LUNCH
- VISIT GIFT SHOP



Attention ALL MEN!!!! That Man Is You (TMIY)
No meetings Holy Week (4/16, 4/19)

For more information, contact Mike Karhoff
@ mbkarhoff@bright.net

OCIA

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Monday, April 28

St. John's Parish Room 15

Topic: Explanation of Divine Mercy & Chaplet/
Understanding the Rosary

Snack person: Shelby Lee

All our welcome. If interested, call the office to
register.

Faith

to move mountains

MATTHEW 17:20

CHURCH TOUR OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Deacon Eric Kaufman will be giving a talk on the history of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on April 23, 2025. It will start at 12:30 in the Church. After the review of the history of the Church, there will be a tour of the museum in the Parish Center.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

CLC MEETING

Wednesday, April 2nd
In the Parish Center Cafeteria

- ◆ 6:00pm Meeting
 - ◆ Pizza/Salad
- ◆ Join us in celebrating members with 70th birthdays this year.
 - ◆ Rosary for recently deceased members.
 - ◆ BINGO WITH CASH PRIZES.
 - ◆ 50/50 drawing.

"Christ's resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity. It is not a question of mythology or of mere symbolism, but of a concrete event. It is confirmed by sure and convincing proofs. The acceptance of this truth, although the fruit of the Holy Spirit's grace, rests at the same time on a solid historical base. On the threshold of the third millennium, the new effort of evangelization can begin only from a renewed experience of this Mystery, accepted in faith and witnessed to in life."

– St. John Paul II

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday

6:30-7:30pm

First Friday, May 2nd

1:00-4:00pm concluding with Benediction

First Saturday, May 3rd & 4th

After 4:30pm Mass until 8:00am on Sunday morning.

Holy Hour

9:00am -10:00am concluding with Benediction at
9:55am

Theme: Praying for Our Children

***Sign up sheet are available on the radiators in the
back of Church or sign up on line

First Friday

First Saturday

Join Us!

We need 2 people signed up for each hour. If you need
help signing up call Katie Verhorff
480-236-7305



Parents of Mass Servers or New Mass Servers:

LOOK FOR THE NEW ANNUAL MASS SERVER SCHEDULE COMING MID MAY.

Anyone attending CCD in present grades 5 through 11, not presently a mass server, who wishes to become a server starting at the end of this school year must register using this QR code and attend a training session. High schoolers generally serve weekend and holyday masses, grade schoolers serve weekday masses.

The grade school training or any new servers (attend one):

SESSION 1: WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025 after school till 4:30 pm

SESSION 2: THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Any eight grade server or anyone that wants a refresher for serving at weekend Mass and Holy Days

SESSION 1: Any time between 3:00pm - 4:30pm on Wednesday, MAY 14, 2025. We will be having multiple training sessions starting every 15mins.

To be clear, all existing mass servers are already registered (and trained). They will continue to be scheduled annually through high school and do not need to register again with this QR code.

Parents of existing servers should only use the QR code to update registration status/data: 1) to be removed from the schedule, 2) update guardian contact address, email, cell phone number, 3) update preferred weekend mass time, 4) change their preference regarding whether he/she should be scheduled to serve with a sibling.

The deadline for registration submittals is April 28, 2025.



Mass Server
Registration
QR Code

or hyperlink https://form.jotform.com/240565061869059Mass_Server_Registrationform.jotform.com

Thank you,
Elton Schroeder
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Summer Faith Adventure

Calling All Volunteers!

Join Us for the Summer Faith Adventure Program!

We're looking for enthusiastic, faith-filled volunteers to help make this summer's Faith Adventure Program a joyful and meaningful experience for our children!

Whether you can assist with leading small groups, helping with crafts and games, or just being a smiling presence—we'd love to have you on the team!

Dates: June 10, 17, 24 and July 8, 15, 22

Location: Parish Center

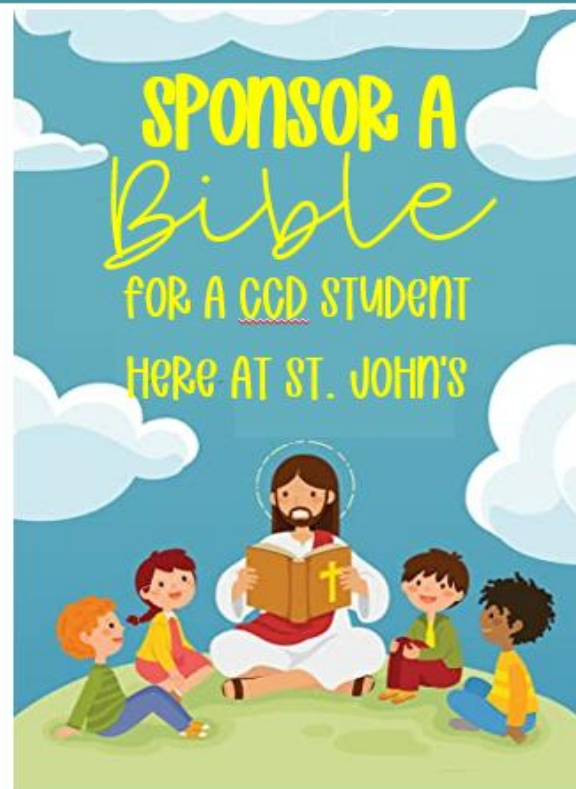
Time Commitment: 8am-1pm

Who Can Volunteer? Adults, high school teens, and middle school students with a heart for serving and sharing the love of Jesus.

Let's work together to create a week filled with faith, fun, and unforgettable moments.

If you're interested in volunteering or would like more info, please contact:

Nichole Schroeder at 419-303-7252. Thank you for being part of our mission to lead children closer to Christ!



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Name _____

Address _____

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Happy Easter Lent School 2025

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for the time, care, and dedication you poured into organizing and teaching at the 2025 Lent School. It was a truly meaningful and spiritually enriching experience.

Your thoughtful planning, insightful teaching, and the welcoming atmosphere you created made this year's Lent School a space for deep reflection, growth, and community. I'm especially grateful for the way each session invited us to draw nearer to God and to one another.

Please know that your work has had a lasting impact and is deeply appreciated. May God bless you richly for the ways you've served and inspired us all.

Youth Group Meeting

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Where: Church Basement
When: April 27th
Time: 6:00 pm
What: Exploring the Depths of Prayer and planning upcoming meetings



Save the Date
First Holy Communion
May 4, 2025
at 1:00pm



**REMEMBER THEM IN
YOUR PRAYERS!**

SENIORS

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May 18, 2025 at 10:30am
Luncheon to follow.

Be on the look out for your invitation in the mail.

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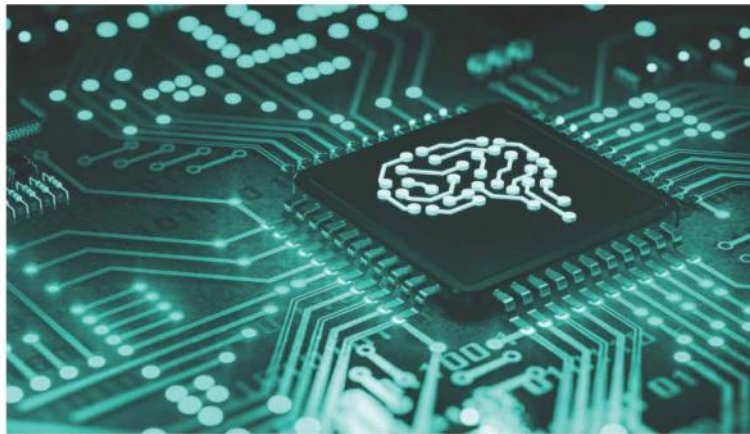
Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



AI: A Catholic Perspective

“Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and so make a name for ourselves...” (Genesis 11:4) The fact that people used bricks and mortar to build the Tower of Babel was not the problem. The problem, rather, was the intention behind the construction of a tower. In a similar way, we have a new tool at our fingertips – artificial intelligence technologies – that we must engage. Artificial intelligence is impacting us all – teachers and students in schools, parents in homes, working professionals in their careers, and more. It is vital for us to learn about this new technology and carefully discern our approach to implementing it, ensuring that our intentions remain focused on building the Kingdom of God.



Pope Francis has called artificial intelligence “an exciting and fearsome tool.”¹ On the one hand, these tools can allow users more efficiently to complete tasks in minimal time, advance human understanding in vital areas like medical research, and enhance access to publicly available sources. On the other hand, there are significant concerns about this technology, including

what safeguards are necessary to protect sensitive data, what a hyper-focus on efficiency might do to the human person, and how excessive use of these tools might impact human development. As a result, our approach to this technology must be intentional and respectful of human dignity.

What is artificial intelligence?

Artificial intelligence refers to the field of study related to machine replication of aspects of human behavior, including simulating problem-solving capacities or generating content. One of the most commonly available types of artificial intelligence technologies is generative artificial intelligence. Broadly speaking, generative artificial intelligence tools produce responses to human inputs based on predictive algorithms – sets of rules that machines use to interpret data and produce results – equipped with and trained on large datasets. These tools are often highly interactive and responsive. The capabilities of these technologies are truly breathtaking, and development – both in the technology itself and how we interface with it – continues at a rapid pace.

Our approach to this technology should be informed by our worldview as Catholics. In addition to the Holy Father’s comments, the Church has issued formal teaching in *Antiqua et nova*² and has been involved in dialogue, seeking to guide builders of these technologies through summits like the “Rome Call for AI Ethics”³ and inform policy and best practice development about artificial intelligence through forums like the recently-held meeting on “Risks and Opportunities of AI for Children.”⁴

Our approach must also be informed by history. For our entire history, we have interacted with our surroundings using various forms of “technologies,” ranging from simple tools like knives to much more complex tools like cell phones. Our Holy Father has even described us as living in a

¹ [AI: An Exciting and Fearsome Tool](#)

² [Antiqua et nova](#)

³ [Rome Call for AI Ethics](#)

⁴ [Risks and Opportunities of AI for Children](#)

“techno-human condition,” suggesting that we “have always maintained a relationship with the environment mediated by the tools [we] gradually produced.”⁵ Under this view, it is mostly incumbent on the user of the tool to use the tool to bring about good. As Pope Francis notes, though, there are features that make artificial intelligence technologies even more complex and potentially unique, so we must carefully consider a principled approach.

How should Catholics approach artificial intelligence?

Simply put, we should use artificial intelligence technologies only as tools to support human flourishing and should avoid using them to replace those activities and capacities that are distinctly human in nature.

This basic principle suggests that any conversation about artificial intelligence ultimately will return to this question: What does it mean to be human?

We are in an age in which anthropological questions abound, and this new technology again brings this question to the forefront. Our discernment as a Church must be rooted in Christ’s witness because ultimately, it is Christ in His humanity who teaches us what it means to be human. Allow me to highlight three God-given capacities that are foundationally human.

1. Free Will

One of the foundational characteristics of humankind is free will. If we find that we are relying on forms of artificial intelligence, which are nonhuman, to make moral or ethical decisions for us instead of forming our own consciences to then make the decision ourselves, we have significantly erred. It is quite possible that the use of external tools may be part of a decision-making process, but we must be clear not to cede our use of free will to an algorithm.

2. Intellect

God has blessed each human person with the gift of intellect. It can seem that our intellectual capacities are minimal compared to these machines, which can immediately produce results with high levels of accuracy. The purpose of our intellect, though, is not merely production. It is imperative to remember that artificial intelligence technologies have features that give them “sophisticated abilities to perform tasks, but not the ability to think.”⁶ God gave us an intellectual capacity that we might pursue a relationship with Him and build the Kingdom here on earth. While actions like reasoning, judging, and discerning may be aided by using artificial intelligence technologies, we must ensure that any use of technology supports these capacities and their ultimate purpose.

3. Love

The capacity for love of each other and of God lies at the core of our being. The supplementing of human-to-human

relationships with human-to-machine relationships is a dangerous step, often with disastrous outcomes. A “relationship” with an artificial intelligence “companion” (a personalized tool designed for either professional or personal use) is merely a mimicry of the reality and richness of human relationship. We must even be cautious about excessively relying on external technologies to mediate our relationships with God. Digital technologies may help us to discover prayers, find ancient texts, or set reminders to pray, but we ought to be wary of any attempts to replace something truly human in nature – the longing for God – with any technology.

Thus, we should begin by evaluating the impact of a technology on each of these three capacities, ensuring that it does not impede our ability 1) to use free will, 2) to develop and apply our intellect, or 3) to love. Beyond that, we must use any technology strictly as a tool to support human flourishing and consider the impact that our use may have on ourselves, each other, and our society more broadly.

Conclusion

Because of the anthropological issues at the core of our discernment, the Church must continue to be active in the broader, public conversation about the proper role of artificial intelligence in our lives. As Pope Francis has said, “[it] is now safe to assume that its use will increasingly influence the way we live, our social relationships and even the way we conceive of our identity as human beings.”⁷

This calls for us to be active in respectful dialogue and careful discernment. In the Diocese of Toledo, the Pastoral Center staff has begun to explore artificial intelligence, and particular departments are working with their colleagues throughout the diocese thoughtfully to engage the topic. For example, the Department of Catholic Education has worked with Catholic school leaders throughout this year to consider the impact of artificial intelligence on teachers, students, and families and to design policies and learning experiences accordingly. This dialogue and discernment must continue throughout the Diocese of Toledo.

As we navigate together the evolving digital landscape, we commit ourselves not to use this new technology to build a tower to advance our own names but to advance the Kingdom of God.



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
March 25, 2025

⁵ [AI: An Exciting and Fearsome Tool](#)

⁶ [Antiqua et nova](#)

⁷ [AI: An Exciting and Fearsome Tool](#)

Homeschooling Graduation Mass Save the Date!

Join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the 2025 Homeschool Mass on **Tuesday, June 3rd, at 7:00 PM at Rosary Cathedral, Toledo**. This special celebration is open to all homeschooling families. At the end of Mass, we will recognize 8th grade and graduating high school seniors. If your student would like to participate, please contact Monica Depinet at homeschoolmasstoledo@gmail.com. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Putnam County Right to Life Garage and Bake Sale

County Right to Life would like to thank everyone who supported us at our garage and bake sale this year. Our sale was a great success! We thank all who supported us by donating baked goods and gently used items, those who came to the sale to purchase items, the Ottawa K of C for use of their hall again, and for Marilyn and the Knights who helped us clean up on Wednesday afternoon. We are so thankful for all the volunteers who helped us in any way, from advertising the sale to helping us set up on Sunday and Monday, during the sale, and take down on Wednesday. We could not do this without them. We want to give special thanks to the students who helped us set up, take down or helped us each day. We also thank those who delivered unsold items to places where they would be used. God bless all of you!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 7 at 7:30 pm in St Michael's Church basement. All are welcome.

St. Catherine's Embrace

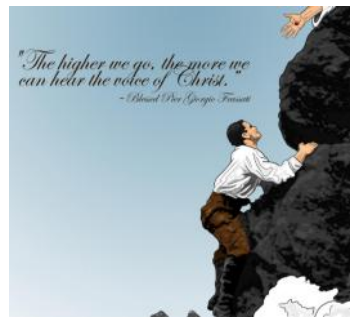
is an outreach ministry that acknowledges and supports the many families in the St. George Deanery/ Putnam County area who have lost babies through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss. We offer prayers, resources and an engraved keepsake box filled with helpful books, artwork and handmade memorial items crafted by parishioners from across the county. There are trained volunteers in this parish who can respond to families directly. If you or someone you love experiences a miscarriage or stillbirth, we are here to help.

Simply call the parish office and we will take care of the rest. Are you interested in volunteering with St. Catherine's Embrace? We have multiple ways to get involved. We need woodworkers, seamstresses and parish outreach volunteers in particular at this time. Please call or text Mary Beth at (419)980-8065, email scembrace@gmail.com or message us on Facebook if you are interested in learning how your talents and gifts can be used to accompany local families in their time of need.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30 at the Glandorf Parish Hall.
Join us!

YES (Youth Elect Service)

This year's YES theme is "To the Heights". The youth will spend time bonding with prayer, volunteering, games, Adoration, sharing of meals and so much more all while discussing Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Blessed Pier, who will be canonized August 3rd, has this quote which sums up YES. "What wealth it is to be in good health, as we are! But we have the duty of putting our health at the service of those who do not have it. To act otherwise would be to betray that gift of God". Please consider helping us make YES 2025 a success. We need volunteers to assist the day of – job site adult/young adult leaders, youth volunteers, job sites we can provide service at, food donations, kitchen help, set up, tear down, cleaning supplies, the list goes on. If you would like to help see below.



YES (Youth Elect Service) JOB SITES

On Saturday, June 14, 2025, teens & adults from the St. George Deanery will be volunteering to help people throughout Putnam County with various jobs around their homes as they participate in the annual YES (Youth Elect Service) project. If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with jobs around your home, please contact Nichole Schroeder at jrhighccd@glandorfstjohns.com or call 419-538-6897. Work can include anything from mulching, weeding, to washing your car, or just some spring cleaning around your yard! Please call soon, so we can make sure to have a team available to help at your house.

YES (Youth Elect Service) YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, June 14, 2025 The 2025 YES service project will be hosted by Ottawa Sts. Peter & Paul. Current 7th grade students through graduating seniors are encouraged to join us for this day of service. You will meet teens from throughout the St. George Deanery, have fun, and be the hands and feet of Christ in your community. Registration forms are available in the back of Church in the south vestibule of the Church or contact Nichole Schroeder at jrhighccd@glandorfstjohns.com. Registrations are due by May 23, 2025.

YES (Youth Elect Service) ADULT (Crew Leader) HELP Needed

Do you like to spend time helping those in need? We'd love for you to join us as an ADULT CREW LEADER for the YES Service Project on Saturday, June 8, 2025 hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa and working throughout the county. Adult crew leaders must be at least 21. Parents, Grandparents and Confirmation Sponsors: it would be great to work on a team with your child or grandchild. Nothing is more rewarding than sharing your time and faith with the Young Church of Today! Registration forms are available in the south vestibule of the Church or contact Nichole Schroeder at jrhighccd@glandorfstjohns.com or call 419-538-6897. Registrations are due by May 23, 2025.

YES (Youth Elect Service) PROJECT DONATIONS

Donations are always appreciated! Nothing is more rewarding than sharing your time and faith with others, but if you are unable to help on YES Project Work Day, maybe you would be willing to help support our Project? Monetary donations and work supplies are always appreciated. Maybe you could donate a case of water or a case of paper towels, etc. Please contact Tanya Ellerbrock for ideas of what supplies we need most. Monetary donations can be sent to Sts. Peter & Paul, 307 Locust St. Ottawa, OH 45875 or call your parish's Youth Minister Nichole Schroeder at 419-538-6897 to arrange a pick-up or drop off for your donation.

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For any question and for those who do not have Bluetooth capabilities with their hearing aids and would like to use a hand held receiver during mass please contact the rectory office 419-538-6928 and ask for Ashley.

CATHOLIC COUNSELING SERVICES

Feeling depressed during the Christmas season? Struggling with the loss of a loved one? Dealing with marital problems? Experiencing gender identity issues? If you or someone you love might benefit from counseling, confidential professional Catholic counseling, rooted in our Catholic faith, is now available at Findlay St. Michael Parish.

To inquire, please contact the main parish office @ 419-422-2646 and ask to be transferred to the Catholic Counseling services.

STS. PETER & PAUL BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Meets the on the Second Wednesday of the Month at 9:15am - 10:15am in the Sts. Peter and Paul Side Chapel. If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet up with others who have, please join us. For all members of the St. George Deanery.

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Jesus is Risen!

Alleluia!



Today we celebrate the greatest feast day in the year! Jesus has come back to life! Alleluia!

Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday to take away our sins. But He didn't just die- He came back to life again so that we could come back to life one day too.

The Apostles were afraid when Jesus was killed. They were very sad and tried to comfort each other. Imagine their surprise when Mary Magdalene came rushing in and told them that the body of Jesus was gone from the tomb! Peter and John ran to see. When they saw the empty tomb they knew what had happened.

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Jesus is Alive!

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The Kids' Bulletin

Easter Sunday
April 20th, 2025



John 20:1-18

What are we celebrating on Easter?
Unscramble the letters
to fill in the blanks!



Alleluia!

