

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



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MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023

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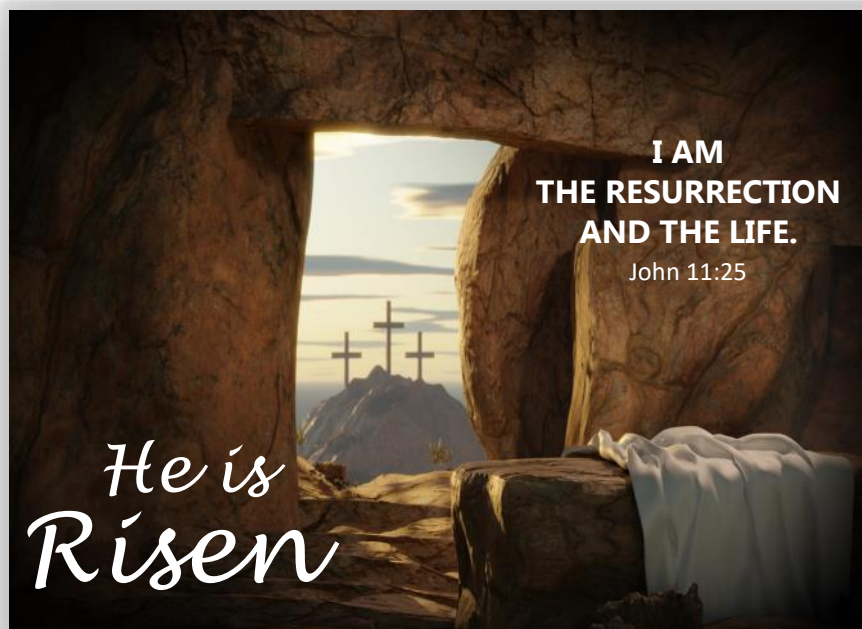
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I AM
THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE.

John 11:25

He is
Risen

Happy Easter!

From : Father Matt and St. John's staff

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

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.

2 FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT

www.stjohnglandorf.org

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Today we celebrate the fact that the tomb was empty! Today we celebrate the fact that Jesus is risen from the dead! Today we celebrate that Jesus has conquered sin and death! Today we celebrate the Resurrection! Today we celebrate the greatest victory ever! Alleluia!

Today we celebrate but something that we tend to forget about today, is what we celebrate today is something that happened unexpectedly. Because this unexpected thing happened it is a call for us to live our lives differently. No one expected Jesus to rise from the dead. They did not expect to find an empty tomb. A matter the initial discovery of an empty tomb was confusion and brought fear. The angel at the tomb told the women to not be afraid. Mary of Magdala when she discovered the empty tomb she ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved and told them that “They have taken the Lord from tomb and we don’t know where they put him” (John 20:2). Mary tells Jesus who she thinks is the gardener “Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him” (John 20:15). When they discovered the empty tomb, they did not expect that Jesus rose from the dead but that someone took Jesus’s body. Yet it is in this unexpected moment that Jesus shows us that his body was not moved but that he is alive, that he rose from the dead. It is in the unexpected that our God does God’s greatest work.

We celebrate our God working in an unexpected way today, but an empty tomb is not the only what that our God has worked in an unexpected way. There are countless other examples of our God working greatness in unexpected ways. In our scriptures during the Easter Vigil we hear the example of the Israelites passing through the Red Sea on dry land and Egyptians being drowned. The Israelites wanted to be set free from slavery, but they did not expect it to happen in this way. And it is in working in this unexpected way that they were no longer slaves. The scriptures are filled with countless other examples of our God working greatness in unexpected ways. Last week we seen countless examples of our God working greatness unexpected ways through the Eucharistic miracle display. Each one of these examples happened reaffirm people’s faith of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist.

Our God continues to work in expected ways even today. An example of this is at the Easter Vigil we are baptizing three adults into the Catholic Church and one candidate is being received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church. I would venture to guess if we would rewind the clock of time back a couple of years none of these individuals would have expected to be in the spot. But they are and because of that they are being called to live their lives different they are one of us. Being Catholic calls for us to live in a different than the world.

Jesus is risen from the dead and not only has been risen but we believe that Jesus has been risen. Because we believe this also is call for us live our lives differently because we believe. How does this belief cause for you to live different. Jesus is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Happy Easter! Alleluia!



~WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE~

MONDAY, APRIL 10~No School~ Rectory Offices Closed

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-Don Inkrott

After Service Divine Mercy Novena - Don Inkrott

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

8:25 am Rosary

8:45am L/D Tip & Dottie Hovest Family

After Mass - Divine Mercy Novena - Janet Schroeder

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

7:15-7:45am Confessions

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Evelyn Palte (CLC)

After Mass - Divine Mercy Novena - Marge Sager

6:30-7:30pm Adoration

7:00-7:30pm Confessions

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

8:25 am Rosary

8:45am L/D Wilfred & Dorothy Kleman Family

After Mass - Divine Mercy Novena - Lee and Diane Recker

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Sister Kateri Kaufman

After Mass - Divine Mercy Novena - Jeanne Schram

12:00pm Rosary for our Nation

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

7:35am Rosary

8:00am For the Poor Souls

After Mass - Divine Mercy Novena—Jeanne Schram

8:30am Confessions

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm-L/D Alberta & Leander Moening Family, Ryan Stechschulte, Denny Stechschulte, L/D Norman & Betty Birkemeyer Family, Kathy Verhoff, Joyce Smith, L/D Ott Schnipke Family, Nancy & Charlie Kistler

5:30pm Baptism-Deacon Don

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 Divine Mercy Sunday**8:00am L/D Eileen & Andrew Schroeder Family,****L/D August & Caroline Fisher Family, Samantha Nienberg,****L/D Cleo Schroeder (AN) Family, L/D Gordon Verhoff(AN) Family,****L/D Alfred & Mary Verhoff Family, L/D Bernard & Mary Morman Family**

10:30am Beatrice Hovest(AN), Craig Vorst(AN), L/D Kidd & Roof Families

11:30am Baptism-Fr. Matt

1:30pm - 3:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Lee and Diane Recker)**1:45pm - 2:45pm Confessions (Father Matt)**

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (Diane Meyer), Benediction (Servers Mary Ellen Halker and Jeff Schram) and Veneration of the Image - Father Matt

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tues	8:45am	Students
Wed	8:00am	Gene & Rose Warnecke
Thur	8:45am	Students
Fri	8:00am	Elton Schroeder & Roger Schroeder
Sat	8:00am	Breyson Trombley, Riley Trombley, Tyler Wrasman

Next Sunday, April 16**SUNDAY SERVERS**

Sat	4:30pm	Brock Crumrine, Derek Brown, Makenna Siefker, Thurifer: Ethan Weis
Sun	8:00am	Tyler Ruhe, Owen Morman, Isaac Macke, Thurifer: Hayden Kaufman
Sun	10:30am	Owen Schumaker, Jacob Schimmoeller, Cooper Niese, Thurifer: Noah Schroeder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**LECTORS**

Sat	8:30pm	Doug Deitering Diane Deitering	Sharon Meyer Chris Schroeder
Sun	8:00am	Deb Leopold Steve Leopold	Andy Gray Deb Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Julie Grismore/Tara Gerding Jane Moening	Jay Rump Tim Hansen

SUNDAY GIFT BEARERS

Sat	8:30pm	Dick & Marilyn Siefker
Sun	8:00am	Mark & Shawn Maag
Sun	10:30am	Nick & Teresa Ellerbrock

APRIL USHERS

Sat	4:30pm	Alex Ellerbrock, Steve Brown
Sun	8:00am	Bryan Kaufman, Michael Recker
Sun	10:30am	Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Deb Burwell, Frances Roof**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY:** 1**ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY:** Ginny Schroeder, Karen Parker

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

SACRAMENTS**Baptism**

Instruction is necessary when this is your first child. To arrange a baptism or register for the parental baptism class, please contact the Parish Office.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS (by Deacon Don) Parish Center

Room 15 9:00am -10:30am

Upcoming classes: May 21, 2023, September 10, 2023

Marriage

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS 1-DAY CLASS

organized by Dr. Craig and Wendy Imm in the Parish Center Cafeteria Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 8:00am

Reconciliation (Confession)

Wednesday 7:15am -7:45am, 7:00-7:30pm

Friday 7:15am-7:45am

Saturday 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 6:30pm-7:30pm 1st Saturday 5:30pm - 8:00am

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

Holy Orders and Religious Life

Contact the vocation office at the Toledo Diocese at 419-244-6711 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.

4 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP April 4, 2023

Offering	
Adults	\$ 10,279.00
Loose	\$ 1,041.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,931.25
Children	\$ 171.01
Maintenance	\$ 220.00
Holy Land—Good Friday	\$ 5.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 40.00
Easter	\$ 300.00
Total Collection	\$13,055.75

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.stjohnlandorf.org

Heartbeat needs Girls 2T and 3T summer clothes and pajamas and Size 1 Huggies or Pampers.

Ottawa Food Pantry needs the following items canned mandarin oranges, boxed potatoes all varieties plus mashed, pasta (no spaghetti), rice-a-Ronni, Knorr- side dishes, peanut butter, condiments



2023 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This Is The Day! Through our contributions, we can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our diocese each year, including supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy, and providing faith formation for our youth. We ask you once again for your help. Please respond generously. For more information, visit acatoledo.org. Thank you!

Our goal this year is \$46,479.00.

We currently pledged \$30,337.54 65.27% of goal .

2023 GRAND-orf Club



drawing and no coffee & donuts by Mary and Clete Brirkemeier will be this Sunday, **April 9th**. Extra tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules.

MISSISSIPPI TORNADO RELIEF COLLECTION

Our prayers go out to the many who perished, their families, and untold numbers of people who were injured and suffered devastation wrought by the spate of deadly tornados that recently tore through Mississippi.

As in past disasters, Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Charities agencies in impacted areas for this disaster relief effort. You may donate on our secure website: www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org, noting **Mississippi Tornado Relief** as your donation designation.

Checks made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, with a notation designating **Tornado Disaster Relief**, can be mailed to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you for compassionately supporting those in need www.facebook.com/CatholicCharitiesToledoDiocese

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

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| Edmund J Fox 4/9/86 | August Kleman 4/12/86 |
| William J Smith 4/9/98 | Edwin S Roof Jr 4/13/92 |
| Mildred M Gilbert 4/10/86 | Dorothy C Kleman 4/13/17 |
| Craig E Evers 4/10/08 | Alvina C Ellerbrock 4/14/01 |
| Norbert L Siefker 4/10/10 | Mary Ann Stoepfel 4/14/16 |
| Gordon A Verhoff 4/10/17 | Daniel G Schmitz 4/15/83 |
| Bernard H Hageman 4/12/86 | Ryan D Stechschulte 4/15/22 |

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

GARY NIESE

WEDDING BANN

BANN II - Elizabeth Dalrymple, of this parish, daughter of David & Carol Dalrymple & **Ben Recker**, of this parish, son of Donald & Brenda Recker

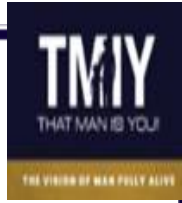
THANK YOU

- ◆ We would like to thank all the children ("God's Little Heroes") and leaders who participated in the live Stations of the Cross. You did a fantastic job! What a great way to start off Holy Week with the Passion and Death of Jesus.
- ◆ Thank you for all the parents that helped out with 2023 Lent School this year! You did an amazing job!
- ◆ Thank you for all who organized and helped with the Blessed Carlo Acutis First class Relic and the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit. It was INCREDIBLE!
- ◆ Thank you to the decorating committee for decorating our Church for Palm Sunday to start off our Holy Week.
- ◆ The family of Tom Kaufman would like to thank everyone for the prayers, love, and support, after the death of our loved one Tom. Thank you, and God bless.

TMIY (THAT MAN IS YOU)

Attention ALL MEN!!!! Join us on for That Man Is You **Wednesday, April 12th, 7-8:30pm** in room **22** OR **Saturday, April 15th, 6-7:30am** in the **cafeteria**. For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ mbkarhoff@bright.net, 419-796-0763

TMIY "THE LIGHT OF MEN" - The Hidden Force (Sat. 4/15, Wed. 4/12) (session 25) Speaker: Mark Hartfiel Where did you encounter Christ during the Mysteries of the Rosary? Encounter with Christ leads to mission. TMIY is the vehicle for spreading the Mysteries of the Rosary. Be a light to the world. Do not hide your light under a bushel. How can you help bring the Mysteries of the Rosary to the others? Go forth and evangelize. Scripture: *John 1:35-39, Matthew 5:14-16, Religious: The Rosary*



SPRING FLING

CLC MEMBERS

APRIL 25, 2023 at 6:00pm

Glandorf Parish Center

Light Food, wine, 50-50 Tickets, Door Prizes, Quarter Auction (bring quarters)

Cost: \$5.00 includes lunch and one paddle

INVITE A FRIEND!

RSVP to Alice Diemer 419-538-6616

Sponsored by Glandorf/Ottawa CLC Councils

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Monday, April 10 No Class

These sessions are open to all interested persons – those wishing to become a Catholic and for Catholics who wish to up-date themselves. If you are interested, please call the rectory 419-538-6928 to sign up.

Congratulations and Welcome

TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Wade Neal, Emily Siefker,
Manaolo Carrilloas Jessika Behrns**



THE CHRISM MASS

At Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral on Tuesday. Bishop Daniel Thomas blessed the sacred oils (Oil of Chrism, Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick).



PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS

Presented by Deacon Don Inkrott

Sunday, May 21, 2023

9:00 – 10:30 AM,

in room 15 in St. John's parish center

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

Next class—Sept 10, 2023

Winner of the
Handcrafted Crucifix

Dave and Dora Hunt

Thank you to Dale Ellerbrock
for making the Crucifix.

Thank you all for supporting
St. John's Parish Center



DIVINE MERCY IN GENERAL

Divine Mercy gets to the heart of Sacred Scripture. In fact, as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners."² Right there: That summarizes it. Divine Mercy is the Gospel. It's the good news. And so, it gets to the very center of our faith. Moreover, in the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "Divine Mercy is not a secondary devotion, but an integral dimension of Christian faith and prayer."³

Benedict even goes so far as to say, "[M]ercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message."⁴

Okay, so what is Divine Mercy? What is this thing that gets to the heart of Sacred Scripture and to the very center of our faith? To begin, mercy is "love's second name."⁵ It's a particular kind of love, a particular mode of love when it encounters suffering, poverty, brokenness, and sin. *Divine Mercy* is when God's love meets us and helps us in the midst of our suffering and sin. In fact, because this side of eternity we're all sinners and because suffering is our lot in life, God's love for us here always takes the form of mercy. It's always the Lord stepping out in compassion to help us poor, weak, and broken sinners. From our perspective, then, every good we receive is an expression of Divine Mercy.

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THE MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

The *message* of Divine Mercy is something that's most associated with a Polish nun who died in 1938, about a year before the start of World War II. She's known today as St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. Now, St. Faustina was a mystic. In other words, she received extraordinary experiences of the Lord Jesus in prayer. In fact, Jesus appeared to her and even spoke with her. Of course, Jesus didn't reveal some new Gospel when he appeared to St. Faustina. I mean, he already revealed everything he needed to say 2,000 years ago to the Apostles and through Sacred Scripture. So, why did he do it? Why did he appear to Faustina? Actually, why does he appear to *any* mystic for that matter? God sometimes appears to mystics because he has a prophetic message for a particular time in history, and he uses particular men and women to share his message. Sometimes it's to remind us of something that's been forgotten. Sometimes it's a warning. At other times, it's a message of comfort. Or it may simply be a call to conversion. Whatever it is, it doesn't change the Bible. Rather, it brings us back to it at a certain time in history. Okay, so what's the particular and important message that God wants to give to us in our modern time through St. Faustina? Simple. He wants to remind us of the heart of Sacred Scripture, namely, *his mercy for us sinners*. In fact, he's saying to us sinners, "Now is the time of mercy. Now is a time of *extraordinary* mercy! Now is a time when I want to give especially great graces to the human race. I want to pour out my mercy in a big way." Why would God say this? Why would he want to give such great graces in our time? I think

St. John Paul II explained it best. First, he pointed out something we all know: namely, that there are all kinds of blessings in our contemporary society. For instance, modern technology has done so much to make life easier for us. Just think of e-mail, cell phones, smartphones, and air-conditioning. All these things are blessings. Yet, in the midst of these blessings and in some ways because of the very same advances in technology that brought them, John Paul would say that *evil has a reach and power in our day like never before*. Indeed, our time, sadly, is marked by unprecedented evil. Despite this, John Paul would also say, "Be not afraid." Why should we not be afraid? Because of what St. Paul writes in Romans, "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more" (5:20). In other words, God is not outdone by evil. So, in a time of great evil, God wants to give even greater graces, and in our time, the graces are *huge*, precisely because there's so much sin. Basically, then, what I want to share in the remainder of this introduction to Divine Mercy, this Divine Mercy *explained*, is how we can tap into the extraordinary graces of our time. Which makes sense, right? I mean, if there are tons of graces available to us, why not gather them in?



St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), who Pope John Paul II called the Secretary and Apostle of Divine Mercy, provides through her writings the impetus to the modern Divine Mercy message and devotion. Her witness reminds our hurting modern world of the heart of Sacred Scripture: the good news of God's mercy for sinners.

TAPPING INTO THE GRACES

Alright, so how do we do it? How do we get the great graces of Divine Mercy in our time? One important way to get them is to live out a devotion to Divine Mercy, and learning how to live it out is easy. All you need to know is one, little word - actually, it's a little bird: finch. F-I-N-C-H. Finch. If you remember this word, you've got it. But now I've got to explain it. Okay, so let's get started with **F-I-N-C-H, 6** beginning with "F." **F = Feast.** What feast? The Feast of Divine Mercy, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday falls on the Second Sunday of Easter, which is my favorite day of the year. I hope that by the time I finish explaining it, it will be your favorite day also. What's so great about Divine Mercy Sunday? Well, look at it this way: What's the most important feast day of the year? Easter, right? And how many days is Easter? We celebrate it for eight full days, which is why we call it the *Octave* of Easter. But the last day is the greatest of all. The eighth day. It's the climax of the whole feast. Well, Divine Mercy Sunday is the eighth day of Easter, the climax of the entire Easter celebration. In a sense, it's the most important day of the most important feast!⁷ Now, Divine Mercy Sunday existed way before St. Faustina. In fact, it has its roots in the Easter celebrations of the early Church.⁸ Well, when Jesus told Faustina that he wanted the feast celebrated, she asked some priests and theologians about it, and they told her, "There already is such a feast." So, Faustina went back to Jesus and told him, "They tell me that there already is such a feast, and so why should I talk about it?" Jesus responded, "**And who knows anything about this feast? No one!**"⁹ In other words, the great feast of mercy had been forgotten and was almost completely unknown. So, I imagine Jesus saying to Faustina, "Look, I want people to know and celebrate this feast. And to sweeten the deal, I promise to give great graces on Divine Mercy Sunday." Specifically, he told her: On that day [Divine Mercy Sunday], the very depths of My tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. On that day, all the divine flood gates through which graces flow are opened.¹⁰ When I first read about these promises of grace attached to celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, I decided to test it out. So, when the day arrived, I prayed all day long for my dad who was in need of conversion. Well, his conversion happened that very day! And 15 years later, it has still stuck. Now, of course, it doesn't always work like that, but thousands upon thousands of people attest to the super-power of prayer offered on Divine Mercy Sunday. ... But I still haven't gotten to my favorite part of Divine Mercy Sunday, what I call "the clean slate grace." Regarding Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus told St. Faustina, "**The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.**"¹¹ Now, that's a big deal. It means that if we were to die right after receiving this grace, then we wouldn't have to go to purgatory! In other words, our slate is wiped clean. In fact, the theologian who was assigned by the future Pope John Paul II to investigate the question "What is the grace of Mercy Sunday?" likened the grace to a *second baptism*.¹² Of course, it's not the same as Baptism, but it is an extraordinary grace of being cleansed of sin and the punishment due to sin. Unfortunately, a lot of people confuse the great grace of Divine Mercy Sunday with a plenary indulgence. It's not the same thing. To get a plenary indulgence, you need to do the indulgenced act, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, go to confession (within 20 days), receive Holy Communion, and be detached from all sin. That last one is the kicker. Are we detached from all sin? I don't know. But I once read a story that St. Philip Neri was speaking to a large crowd of people who had gathered for some Church event to receive a plenary indulgence, and the Holy Spirit told St. Philip that only two people in the whole crowd were going to receive the plenary indulgence: Philip himself and a seven-year-old boy—presumably because everyone else was attached to sin. Now, the good news about the grace of Divine Mercy Sunday is that to receive it, you simply need to go to confession before or on the feast—the experts say that sometime during Lent suffices - be in the state of grace (no mortal sin), and receive Holy Communion with the intention of obtaining the promised grace. Of course, we should also do acts of mercy such as forgiving people, praying for others, and having the intention to be more merciful to our neighbor. Okay, so that explains the feast. If you would like to read more information, please go to [TheDivineMercy.org](#).

VOCATIONS

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, will be holding their next meeting on **Thursday, April 13** at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45PM in the chapel, followed by dinner and a program. Guests are invited to attend. If interested in attending, please call Kathy McGraw @ 419-303-0339 by April 11. The program for this meeting will be Fr. Thomas Hunyor, Parochial Vicar of Delphos St. John, Landeck St. John, & Spencerville St. Patrick. Fr. Hunyor was ordained one year ago in May, 2022. He will be speaking on "The Path to Priesthood through Prayer, Sacraments, and The Holy Spirit."

POSITION OPENING

St. Mary Catholic Church, Leipsic, Ohio, a welcoming community of worship and service, dedicated to the faith formation of all its members, seeks a full time High School Youth and Young Adult Minister. As a member of the Pastoral Staff, the applicant must desire to work in a model of collaborative leadership and provide direction for our high school youth and young adults. This is a new position, and the applicant must first and foremost have a heart for youth and young adult ministry. The applicant must have an active catholic faith life and some experience as a catechist or youth minister. The position requires flexibility, and the applicant must be available Sunday evenings. Salary competitive and commensurate with education/experience. Position open immediately but starting date is negotiable. Ministry Description and Responsibilities available on request. Send Resume and three references to: Rev. Randy Giesige Address: 318 State St., Leipsic, OH 45856 Phone: 419-943-2952 Email: rggiesige@gmail.com

Diocese of Toledo
Young Adult EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
 Retreat Day
 SATURDAY, APRIL 15
 1:00 - 8:00 PM

Mass celebrant:
BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS
 National Eucharistic Preacher:
FR. STEPHEN HAYES, OP

Sylvania Franciscan Motherhouse & Lourdes Campus
 6832 Coarson Blvd., Sylvania, Ohio

2023 Spring Spirit Drive
 April 19 - 21
 7am - 6pm

"Behold I make all things new."
Rev. 21.5

Call **888-287-0655**
 TXT 'Give' to **419-969-3255**
 Online HolyFamilyRadio.fm

BLOOD DRIVE

Ottawa American Legion Hall
 218 W. Main
 Ottawa, OH 45875
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
12:30pm to 6:00pm
To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: OTTAWALEGION.

Tune into the Truth on Holy Family Radio - 94.9FM Lima/Ada, 88.9FM Glandorf, 88.7FM Findlay! Deacon Jeff Compton is inviting everyone to listen or watch and help raise the funds needed for the operating expenses of Holy Family Radio by making your donation during our 3 day live on-air pledge drive. Make a pledge by calling 1-888-287-0655 or text 419-969-3255 to get a link to donate by phone.

Precious Blood SPIRITUALITY INSTITUTE

Join us as we share stories about our spirituality

Tuesday, April 18, 2023
 Tea with PBSI 2-3 p.m. (Central Time)

Thursday April 20, 2023
 Cocktails with PBSI 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Central Time)

In remarks on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees Pope Francis wrote, "The ideal of the new Jerusalem is where all peoples are united in peace and harmony, celebrating the goodness of God and the wonders of creation. To achieve this ideal however, we must make every effort to break down the walls that separate us and in acknowledging our profound interconnection, build bridges that foster a culture of encounter."

Members of our Precious Blood family who recently went on an immersion experience to the border will be on the calls to share their stories of this encounter and what they learned.

To access Zoom:
 1) Go to Zoom.com,
 2) Click button to "Join a meeting" - found in the left corner of screen
 3) Enter this meeting code: 840 3085 6030

Questions? Contact Vicky Otto, Precious Blood Spirituality Institute at votto@pbspiritualityinstitute.org or 773-451-6710

TMIY (THAT MAN IS YOU)



Men, do you want to grow in your faith? Stop by any of the times or locations below! Groups meet each week (Sept. - May). **All men are welcome!** <https://paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/>

Day	Time	Place		Contact	
Saturday	6:00 AM	Columbus Grove Church Basement	Thy Kingdom Come (season 7)	boonie5a@yahoo.com	Ben Schroeder
Saturday	6:00 AM	Glandorf Parish Center	The Light of Men (season 8)	mbkarhoff@bright.net	Mike Karhoff
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Glandorf Parish Center	The Light of Men (season 8)	mbkarhoff@bright.net	Mike Karhoff
Saturday	6:30 AM	Miller City Parish Hall	Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart (season 1)	ctobe.17@gmail.com	Curtis Tobe
Saturday	6:30 AM	SPPS school (new wing)	The Light of Men (season 8)	leon.fuerst@yahoo.com	Leon Fuerst

High School Corner

SENIORS MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

BACCALAUREATE MASS - May 21, 2023 at 10:30am

BENNING SCHOLARSHIP

Due on April 14, 2023 by 4:30pm

APPLICATIONS are available in the south vestibule in church in the Youth rack - for all **Glandorf St. John's high school seniors**. The deadline is Friday April 14th, by 4:30 p.m. (Not mailed by this date but in our hands by the 14th. If mailing them, need to be postmarked before April 7th). Make sure you have all the required documents attached to the application in order to be eligible for the scholarship.

Elementary and Jr High School Corner

It's time to register Grades K-8 for next school year's religion classes at St. John's! Scan the QR code below to register your child! **Each child must be registered separately.** Registration is open until April 14th to be able to start religion class on the first day. All students are welcome to come learn of God's plan and love for them!! *(High School registration will be at a later date.)*



Save the Dates

For any 5th Grader or any upperclassman interested in serving Mass.

Server Training Sessions

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 after school till 4:30pm

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 after school till 4:30pm

The sign up papers will be sent home at CCD at a later date.

For all 8th grade servers.

Server Training for Weekend Masses

Thursday, April 27, 2023 after school till 4:30pm

FIRST COMMUNION - May 7, 2023 at 1:00pm

2023 LENT SCHOOL



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Celebrating Palm Sunday

Thank you to all the parents and kids for a great Lent experience!



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The mission of St. Catherine's Embrace is to reach out to, assist and embrace all families in the St. George Deanery, regardless of faith affiliation, who have lost a child from miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death.
Please call the rectory 419-538-6928



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