

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Missionaries of the Precious Blood*  
*St. George Deanery*



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## 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

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and the Third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word meaning rejoice. On this Sunday we are called to rejoice, so how do we rejoice on this Sunday? We symbolically rejoice today by lighting the third candle on our Advent Wreath and note that this third candle on the Advent Wreath is a different color from the other three candles. On this Third Sunday of Advent, priests and deacons get the privilege of vesting in vestments the same color of the third candle on the Advent Wreath. Now a question can be asked or debated about what color the third candle on the Advent Wreath is or about the color of vestments I am vested in today. Some say the color is pink and others would counter argue saying it is rose. Now what is the difference between pink and rose I am not sure. The church officially says the color is rose. I am reminded of a comic that I saw once. The comic showed a priest saying Mass with two altar servers standing behind him. One server said to the other server "I believe he rose from the dead and not pinked from the dead."

It is pink, no it is rose, I am not exactly sure what color it is. It may be easy to get into an argument about what color it is, but if all we do is debate about what color it is we miss the point. A change in color today from usual violet in Advent to rose is intentional by the church today. The change in color is meant to be a halfway marker in the season, Jesus is soon to come, we are to rejoice. We are to rejoice that Jesus is soon to come.

So, what does it mean for us to rejoice today? How are we to rejoice today? Normally when we think of the word we rejoice, we understand it to mean that we are supposed to be happy. We normally think of the words "rejoice and happy" as being interchangeable words. But they are not, you cannot switch the word rejoice with happy in a sentence and have the sentence make sense or vice versa. The word happy is an emotion and we do not have control over our emotions; we cannot change how we feel at any given moment. The word rejoice on the other hand is an action, rejoicing is something that we can choose to do at any given moment. We can choose to rejoice regardless of what we are feeling at any given moment. We can choose to rejoice to express glory or triumph, no matter what we're feeling at any given moment. We can rejoice at all times and in all circumstances, not because we feel giddy but because life itself is a celebration.

We rejoice today because we are soon to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we rejoice because Christ is soon to come. We rejoice at the message that Jesus sends to John the Baptist the blind regains their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. The coming of Christ is that abundant harvest that we anticipate.

This weekend there is a special collection for retired Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests. For years religious have ministered in the church, educating and reaching out to those in need in many ways. They have shared Christ's message of hope and joy. Through your generosity you can share Christ's message of hope and joy back to them to help meet their needs.

It is with this hope that we rejoice, it is with this hope that we Gaudete.



## SNOW EMERGENCY LEVELS

Diocese of Toledo Snow Emergency Policy: "Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion.

If **Putnam County** is ever under a Level 3 Snow Emergency the regular Mass times will be canceled here at St. John's. There will be a Mass at Noon, if you can get here safely you are welcome. If not, we encourage you to watch it on cable channel 3 or on our YouTube page. Level 1 and Level 2 if you can get here safely you are welcome.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Don

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

8:00am-8:30am Vesting

8:15am Rosary

8:40am L/D Charles Siefker Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Ray &amp; Rita Flaute

8:30am-9:15am Confession

6:30pm- 8:15pm Adoration

7:00pm-8:15pm Confession

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Eleanor Unterbrink

2:00pm Mass at the Meadows-Poor Souls

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19**

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Fr. Gene Schnipke, L/D Blankemeyer (AN) Family

12:00pm Rosary

1:00pm-4:00pm Adoration/Evening Prayer/Benediction

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Hubert Kaverman Family

8:30am Confession

4:00pm Confession

4:30pm L/D Tom &amp; Edna Riepenhoff Family,

L/D Eileen Schroeder Family,

L/D Tom Ellerbrock Family, Nellie (AN) Maag, Richard Maag,

Charlie Maag, John Maag, Bob Maag, Rita Maag, Kenny Maag,

Hazel &amp; Roy Leap, L/D Henrietta &amp; Arnold Langhals Family,

Dave Schmitz, L/D Lavon &amp; Bev Leis Family

**DECEMBER 21~4th Sunday of Advent**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Mel Lammers Family, Tom Kaufman, Ranae Kahle,

L/D Ron Dickman (AN) Family

9:00am-10:15am OCIA - Snack- Andy Gray

10:30am Tom Balbaugh, L/D Fortman/Meyer Families, Alvin Unverferth,

L/D William &amp; Jeanne Luttfing Family, Paul "Smiley" Schulte,

L/D Bill Inkrott Family, Jim Buddelmeyer (AN)

1:00pm Decorating the Church for Christmas

**SERVERS****Mon 8:00am** No Mass**Tue 8:40am** Students**Wed 8:00am** Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram**Thurs 8:40am** Students**Fri 8:00am** Elton Schroeder, Roger Schroeder**Sat 8:00am** Cooper Schey, Daniel Karhoff, Emmett Karhoff, Kaylen Duling**Sat 4:30pm** Emmit Miller, Mattilyn Maag, Adam Maag**Sun 8:00am** Ella Schroeder, Jade Sarka, Tyler Ruhe**Sun 10:30am** Abby Recker, Caleb Pulfer, James Niese**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****Sat 4:30pm** Doug Deitering  
Diane Deitering**Sun 8:00am** Deb Leopold  
Deb Schroeder**Sun 10:30am** Tara Gerding  
Jane Moening**Emily Heckman**  
(choir /undercroft)**LECTORS**Sharon Meyer  
Chris SchroederAndy Gray  
Deb SchroederMary Ellen Klear  
Dan Klear**Please read the**  
**instructions that was**  
**email this week for the**  
**changes.****GIFT BEARERS****Sat 4:30pm** Ushers or ask a family**Sun 8:00am** Brent & Carole Schroeder**Sun 10:30am** Ushers or ask a family**DECEMBER USHERS****Sat 4:30pm** Roger Koch, Logan Koch, Connor Koch**Sun 8:00am** Elton Schroeder, Joe Schroeder**Sun 10:30am** Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum**COMMUNION TO MEADOWS:** Deb Burwell, Fran Roof**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 3****ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY:** Cliff & Janet Schroeder**DECEMBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS:** JoAnn & Roger Schroeder,  
Diane Nienberg, Connie & Don Dehnart, Jim Recker**Lighting Advent Wreath (December 20th and 21st)**

4:30pm - Travis &amp; Shana Duling 8:00am - Zac &amp; Brandi Hempfling

10:30am - Scott &amp; Emily Kempf

*Parental Baptism Class***Sunday, January 11, 2026**

from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in Room 15 in the parish center resented by Mike and Becky Karhoff. Pre-register by calling St. John's Rectory 419-538-6928.

**Next class will be May 17, 2026.***Engaged Couples*

Need to contact Fr. Matt 6 months before your marriage to start your marriage preparation. It is your responsibility to call for an appointment or can't promise you a wedding here at St. John's.



# 4 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP

December 7, 2025

### Offering

Loose	\$	975.00
Adult Envelope	\$	13,503.00
Children	\$	162.00
Maintenance	\$	1,165.00
Online Offering	\$	2,233.00
Online Maintenance	\$	169.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	2,568.00
Campaign Human Development	\$	310.00
Religious Retirement	\$	70.00
Christmas	\$	100.00
Preschool	\$	40.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,295.00</b>

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.

### NEED YOUR HELP

**HEARTBEAT:** needs Diapers - size 5 or 6, Formula—any kind is helpful, Baby wipes. Newborn sleepers— boy or girl, 3-6 month sleepers—boy or girl, Girls 3T pajamas

There is a box in the south entrance of the Church for Heartbeat donations which will be picked up and taken to the Lima office periodically.

*Heartbeat Hours: Monday through Thursday*  
9:00am—5:00pm at  
421 S. Cable Rd, Lima, OH 45805.

**OTTAWA FOOD PANTRY:** With Thanksgiving & Christmas coming up the Food Pantry needs your help! We have Little or no inventory of the following... Ketchup, Mayo, Miracle Whip, Mustard, Syrup, Cereal, Graham Crackers, Salad dressing, ready to eat & condensed soup, flour, sugar, salt, beef & chicken broth, gravy, cooking oil, cooking spray, noodles

## Please Include them in your prayers

### Baptized

**Archer David**, son of Jason and Olivia Karhoff  
**Natalie Marie**, daughter of Christopher & Kristy Meyer

## Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

### The past 20 years

Kenneth J Schroeder 12/14/01	Elmer H Karhoff 12/18/01
Lois Mae Hoyt 12/14/14	Gertrude Stechschulte 12/18/05
Paul Moreno 12/15/11	Ronald B Dickman 12/19/03
Shirley M Giesken 12/16/06	



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**\$12.00 PER TICKET**

## 2026 GRAND-ORF CLUB

### RAFFLE TICKETS

### TWO \$500.00 WINNERS EACH MONTH

### HOW IT WORKS!

On the second Sunday of each month after the 8:00am Mass, we will draw **TWO \$500.00 WINNERS**.  
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.  
When you are a lucky winner, we will put your name in the bulletin and send you a check for \$500.00.  
The winning tickets will be **REENTERED INTO THE DRAWING FOR ANOTHER CHANCE TO WIN!**

**ONE TICKET HAS 24 CHANCES TO WIN!**

### THE FUNDRAISER HELPS SUPPORT THE MAINTENANCE OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTER.

Over the years, St. John's Parish Center has provided a place for fellowship and spiritual growth for many adults and children in our Glandorf Community.  
With your continued overwhelming support, we will be able to continue this tradition in Glandorf!  
**St. John's Parish Staff is truly grateful for your support!**



**RETURN ALL TICKETS BY JANUARY 5, 2026 TO BE INCLUDED IN EVERY DRAWING. DROP TICKETS OFF AT THE OFFICE OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.**



### 2025 GRAND-orf Club

drawing along with Coffee and Donuts will be **December 14th** by **Tim and Chris Hoehn**.

This will be the last drawing of the year!

## ATTENTION

### COFFEE AND DONUT ORGANIZERS

2026 Coffee and Donut Schedule has been sent out for you to sign up for the times that you are able to coordinate. Please complete this by Thursday, **December 18, 2025**. Thank you for assisting us in the ministry! Call the office if you have any questions.

## 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:**

**January 11, 2026, May 17, 2026,**

**September 27, 2026**

## 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 1, 2026 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 419-214-4945 or e-mail [dkidd@toledodiocese.org](mailto:dkidd@toledodiocese.org) or contact the vocation office at the Missionaries of the Precious Blood 937-228-9263 or e-mail [vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org](mailto: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

## ADVENT JOY

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light another candle, this time pink as a symbol of Advent joy. As believers, we read and reflect on scriptures from the Old and New Testaments about the joy of our salvation in Jesus Christ. But what exactly is biblical joy? Let's look more closely at the meaning behind our Advent joy.

As Christmas draws ever nearer, we joyfully look forward to our celebration of Jesus' birth. We look back at the blessed event and rejoice in a promise fulfilled, a Savior born. But in the years and centuries before Christ's birth, God's people waited in joyful expectation, for a Savior promised, but One who had not yet come. Their joy was not based on the knowledge of what God had already done through his Son Jesus Christ, but their joy was an outpouring of their faith in what God **WOULD** do. Throughout the Old Testament, God calls his people to joyfulness. In Deuteronomy 26:11 God says, "You shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household" (Deuteronomy 26:11). This verse is a command from God to rejoice, but it also a recognition of the cause and effect relationship between orientation toward God, and joy. When we take time to reflect on what God has done for us and offer him our very best—in time, effort, skills, gifts—the inevitable response of our souls is joy.

Joy is not just a happy emotion that we either feel or don't feel, it is a state of being that finds its source in God. The Bible is clear that joy comes from God (Neh. 8:9-10), and our joy is a product of what God has done and continues to do. It is gladness and contentedness flowing out of the well-spring of God's faithfulness and mercy, quite independent of our circumstances.

Today, our joy is anchored in the knowledge that God fulfilled his promise. And with Advent more than half over, our joyful anticipation of Christmas is coming to a head. It's easy to be giddy and full of rejoicing when we replay the angels words, "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!" (Luke 1:11). But, it is important to remember that the joy we have in Christ is not seasonal or situational. Our joy is a response to what God has already done and continues to do. Paul encouraged the Colossians saying, "May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light" (Colossians 1:12). It is a kind of joy, grounded in thankfulness for the first Advent of Jesus Christ and looking forward toward his second coming, that is a marker of faithful believers. Today, our joy, fueled by the Holy Spirit, is what God uses to spread his joy throughout the world. Mother Teresa once said "Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love." True biblical joy is what God calls us to, and it is a joy that endures whether we're in the throes of cheerful Christmas anticipation or the lows of post-holiday blues. Joy is the fruit of Charity.

As we prepare during Advent, let us reflect on this excerpt by our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI about the true joy of Christmas:

***"Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not the expensive gifts that call for time and money. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us. Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives."***

Source: <https://todaydevotional.com/blog/advent-joy> Robin Basselin November 26, 2018

## Dismissal for Catechumens Journeying Into the Faith (OCIA)

The men and women who have received the Rite of Acceptance this past weekend, publicly declared that they would like to continue on the path to enter into full union with the Church. With the passage of this Rite, a "Dismissal" now takes place for the catechumens who are journeying into the Church. The journey is as individualized as each person. Two individuals have been baptized and are already a part of the community of Christians. They are now called "candidates"; while two individuals have not yet been baptized and they are now called "catechumens". The text for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) explains that the candidates and the catechumens have different roles to play in the order of the baptized and not-yet baptized.

Romans 12:4-8 says, *"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function"*

The role of the "candidates", the baptized, also including all those who are already fully initiated into the Catholic Church, is to participate in the Eucharistic prayers of the sacrifice. For this reason, they remain with the body of Christ throughout the entirety of the Mass.

The role of the "catechumens", the not-yet baptized, is to be fed by the word of God so they can respond to God's word in their life, and their role within the body of Christ is that of "apprentice" to learn how to be a disciple of Jesus. Because they have not yet received the grace of baptism, they are dismissed from the assembly to understand that grace and prepare their hearts to learn how to respond to it.

### The dismissal reinforces and honors the dignity of baptism.

The dismissal is also important because it has a critical role in preparing catechumens, over time, for their eventual role and responsibilities in the order of the faithful. The OCIA text (#75.3 and 82.4) states, "at Mass they may also take part with the faithful in the liturgy of the Word, thus better preparing themselves for their eventual participation in the liturgy of the Eucharist. Ordinarily, however, when they are present in the assembly of the faithful, they should be kindly dismissed before the liturgy of the Eucharist begins...for they await their baptism... to participate in Christ's new worship." OCIA #67, "The group of catechumens goes out but does not disperse. With the help of some of the faithful, the catechumens remain together to share their joy and spiritual experience."

### The dismissal does three important things:

- 1) It teaches the catechumens that they are in a conversion process, preparing them for the day when they are "led by the Holy Spirit into the promised fullness of time begun in Christ." (OCIA 206)
- 2) It alerts the members of the parish that we have catechumens among us, and that the community must "give help to those who are searching for Christ". (OCIA 9)
- 3) And it teaches the baptized candidates, who are not dismissed, that they have a special privileged place in the body as members of the baptized priesthood.

One may ask, "How can they learn if they are sent away?" First, catechumens are not yet ritually ready to enter into the priestly, sacrificial part of Mass. Secondly, they are spiritually still learning how to make their lives a "living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God" (Romans 12:1) Lastly, consider what happens with the baptized at the end of mass... they are sent away (or sent out), not because the mass is over and there is nothing left to do. On the contrary, they are sent out in order to "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." In the same way, the catechumens, whom are still in training, must learn how to go out and first receive the Word and undergo a conversion process before they can fully join in the sacrificial life of discipleship. Their dismissal is a training in going out to reflect more deeply to then be able to be commissioned to proclaim the Word so as to be the presence of Christ in the world.

For catechumens, the liturgy of the Word is their 'job'. The text for OCIA does not see the dismissal as something optional, but rather, once becoming a member of the order of catechumens through the Rite of Acceptance, it is expected that catechumens will be dismissed each time that they are at Mass as an essential part of their preparation for entry into the order of the faithful.

## O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' have you ever wondered about the inspiration behind this beloved Advent hymn?

Wonder no more, the answer is the Great Antiphons, also called the O Antiphon's. Beginning on December 17 and ending on the evening of December 23, the church uses seven special antiphons for its office. The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well.

Below are the **O Antiphons**:

**December 17:** O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

**December 18:** O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

**December 19:** O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

**December 20:** O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

**December 21:** O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

**December 23:** O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/o-antiphons-advent>



# 8 AROUND THE PARISH

## Advent Third Week

December 17th: 7:15-7:45am - Confession  
December 17th: 6:30-8:15pm - Adoration  
December 17th: 7:00-8:15pm - Confession  
December 19th: 7:15-7:45am - Confession

December 19th: 1-4pm Adoration with Evening Prayer with Benediction  
December 20th: 8:30am - Confession (Last opportunity for Confession in Glandorf with no time constraint)  
December 20th: 4:00-4:15pm - Confession



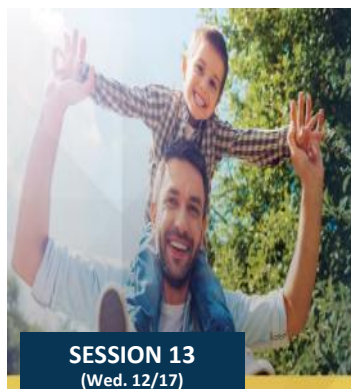
## CONFESSION TIMES AROUND THE AREA

### REGULAR CONFESSION TIMES IN GLANDORF

**WEDNESDAY 7:15AM - 7:45AM**  
**WEDNESDAY 7:45 - 8:15PM OR**  
**UNTIL EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO GO TO**  
**CONFESSION**  
**FRIDAY 7:15AM - 7:45AM**  
**SATURDAY AFTER 8:00AM MASS AND 4:00-4:15PM**

### NEIGHBORING PARISH REGULAR CONFESSION TIMES

**THURSDAY 5:45 - 6:15PM - NEW CLEVELAND**  
**THURSDAY 6:45PM - KALIDA**  
**SATURDAY 8:30AM - KALIDA**  
**SATURDAY AT 11:00AM - OTTAWA**  
**SATURDAY 3:00-3:30PM - MILLER CITY**



**SESSION 13**  
(Wed. 12/17)

**BECOMING A  
MAN AFTER  
GOD'S OWN  
HEART" – A New  
Day for Men**

**TMIY**  
THAT MAN IS YOU!

**Attention ALL MEN!!!!**  
Join us on for That Man Is You  
Saturday, Christmas Break. Next  
Session will be Jan 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Merry Christmas!!!  
Wednesday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm in  
room 22 including pizza, End of the  
season session.  
For more information, contact  
Deacon Mike Karhoff  
@ [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net)

Presenter: Mark Hartfiel.  
Saint John Paul II Shows the  
Power of True Leadership.  
JP II Sets Foundation for  
Family in the Third  
Millennium. The Seven Last  
Words and JP II. JP II Was  
Faithful Unto Death. Fruit of  
JP II's Leadership is the New  
Springtime. Crossing the  
Threshold of Hope. The  
Triumph of Mercy. St. Pope  
John Paul II.

## Just Show Up & Fill Your Cup

- December 6<sup>th</sup> : Journaling to Jesus - Guest speaker: Janet Schroeder
- December 13<sup>th</sup> : The Present of your Presence - Open house coffee and continental breakfast at Jane Williams Home
- December 20<sup>th</sup> : The Weapons of Our Faith: What is in Your Arsenal
- December 27<sup>th</sup> : NO MEETING - Enjoy the Holidays!!

**St. John the Baptist Parish Center – Room 15**  
**8:45 AM (following the 8:00 AM Mass)**  
**Join us for fellowship, faith, and inspiration**  
**each Saturday morning!**



**Merry Christmas!**

## Heaven's CHILD

December 28, 2025  
at 2:00pm  
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Presented by St. John's Adult Choir

## Eucharistic Adoration for Advent

HOW TO SIGN UP  
CLICK THE LINK OR  
SCAN THE QR CODE  
BELOW.

FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 19TH



NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH  
JESUS EVERY HOUR!

### SCHEDULE

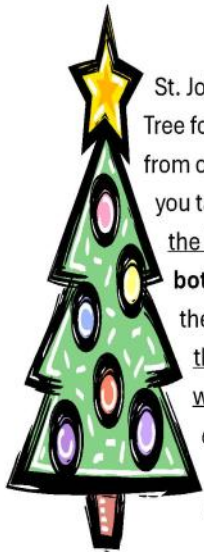
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
6:30-8:15PM

DECEMBER 19TH  
1:00-4:00PM CONCLUDING WITH  
BENEDICTION

Worship

IF YOU NEED HELP SIGNING UP CALL KATIE VERHORFF 480-236-7305





## ADVENT - ANGEL TREE

St. John's Outreach is sponsoring the Advent-Angel Tree for Heartbeat of Lima. You can pick an **angel** from our tree and/or make a **monetary donation**. If you take an angel, purchase the item, and **put it in the box near the tree before Christmas**. The **baby bottles** are also located by the tree, you can use them for cash donations. Please **return them to the Heartbeat box before Christmas**. **If you want, you could also put the cash in an envelope labeled with "Heartbeat" and put it in the collection basket or in the drop box of the rectory garage.**

Heartbeat is located at 421 S. Cable Road, Lima (next to St. Charles Catholic Church). The hours are 9-5 on Monday-Thursday and 9-12 on Friday. Heartbeat offers free and confidential pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, parenting classes, material aid, adoption information, and support after abortion. Please call 419-222-7945 for appointments.



## Men's Society Christmas Party

1/11/26 at 1 PM - Parish Center Cafeteria

All men of the parish are welcome.  
Food and Drinks provided.

Two prizes to be raffled off include:

- 4 tickets to the Ohio State vs Michigan Men's Basketball game on 2/8/2026 with a \$50 Visa Gift Card.
- OSU Neon Sign.

For tickets, contact:

Derek Maag (419-890-8945).

1 For \$10, 3 for \$20

Need not be present to win.

2026

## Men's Welcome Retreat

Men, consider setting aside this one weekend to grow in your faith and become a happier, healthier, more fulfilled person. Come to the next Welcome Weekend at Glandorf St. John's. It's an incredible, life-changing experience that will help you discover what is missing in your life, and what to do about it.

**January 31st from  
8am Saturday thru 3pm Sunday  
Glandorf St. John's Parish Center**

For more information, and/or to sign up,  
please contact:  
Cory Fischer (419) 234-4003



## Ladies of Leisure Social Club

Third Wednesday each month.  
Two Event Times: 1:00-4:00 or 6:00-9:00

@ The Parish Center, Cafeteria in Gandorf

Play cards, Games, or Crafts  
(Please Bring your own supplies.)  
BYOB and snacks.



Casual, FREE Event  
Come alone or with friends.  
Enjoy a few hours of laughs & friendship.



Questions call: Jill Gerding 419-538-6942  
Sponsored by St. John's Alter Rosary Society



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LADY OF LEISURE

- \* Forming new partners for playing cards and games
- \* L.O.L.'s Club is OPEN to the public
- \* Grab your coat. Come join us!

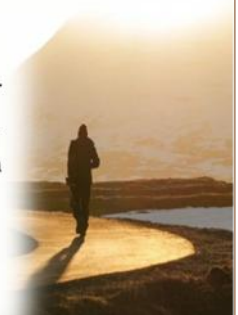
# OCIA

Order of Christian  
Initiation of Adults

## The Journey of Faith

OCIA is a process to introduce non-Catholics, or non-Christians to Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church. The goal is to lead others into a personal relationship with Christ and a conversion of heart from a life of sin to a life of grace. We assist them in being fully initiated into the Church - if Christ leads them down this path. Inquirers can start at any time throughout the year, whenever God is calling.

Contact Mindy Recker for more information.  
Rectory #419.538.6928 • Cell # 419.615.8926



## Missionary Pulse

The latest issue of the Missionary Pulse is here!  
Copies will be available at all the exits this weekend.



**Sunday,  
December 14, 2025**

**BOY'S:**

**Birkemeyer:** 1:00pm at home vs. All Saints, New Riegel

**Ellerbrock:** 3:30pm at home vs. St. John's, Glandorf

**Meyer:** 3:30pm at home vs. St. John's, Glandorf

**GIRLS:**

**Bockrath:** 2:15pm at home vs. St. Joseph, Maumee

**GOOD LUCK!**



**CYO student eligibility  
for St. John the Baptist,  
Glandorf**

**St. John the Baptist, Glandorf  
requirements:**

All students must be enrolled in high school CCD before the first class for the beginning of school year to play. Students are expected to attend both the Fall and Winter Semesters of High School Religious Education (CCD) classes. Attendance at these classes will be monitored and reviewed.

For each class missed beyond 3 classes the player will sit out one game per absence. Attendance resets at the end of the team's season for each respective sport.

The Eucharist is why our parish exists and it is the reason why you get the privilege to play on the parish team.

Attendance at a Saturday evening or Sunday Mass at a Catholic Mass is required.

We also ask you to come for one hour of Adoration during Eucharistic Sunday (generally the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time).

Each player is asked to give 5 hours of service to St. John's parish during the year.

Fr. Matt Keller, C.P.P.S.  
St John the Baptist Parish Council & Finance Committee

*Must be 21 or Older  
to attend!*

Glandorf St. John  
**February 7, 2026**  
2nd Annual

*Donations to help  
kids have free  
admission and  
items for activities!*

**"RAFFLE"**

Fundraiser for Summer Faith Adventure  
and CCD K-8 Programs

Raffle Card



**\$50**

**ACTIVITIES:**

- "Raffle" (15 Games)
- 50/50 Tickets
- Side Raffles
- Horse Race
- Pork sandwiches and chips provided



**INFORMATION:**

- Glandorf St. John's Parish Center
- Doors open at 5:30
- Raffle starts at 6:30
- BYOB and BYO Snacks
- For Tickets Contact:  
Nichole Schroeder: 419-303-7252 or  
Tammy Schmitz 419-615-5651



**2025 ADVENT SCHOOL**



The students with their angel crafts.  
They discussed the angel visiting Mary.

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**Glandorf  
Youth Group  
Grades 7-12**

Where Parish Center Gym

When December 21<sup>st</sup>

Time 6-8 pm

What: First, we'll spread some joy at the nursing home by delivering the cookies we made in November. After sharing some Christmas cheer, we'll head back for our Youth Group Christmas Party—food, games, and fun!



**YOUTH CHOIR**  
FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

**DECEMBER 24, 2025 AT 4:00PM**

ANY STUDENTS 5TH GRADE AND UP,  
INCLUDING COLLEGE STUDENTS, WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO SING FOR THE 4:00 CHRISTMAS EVE  
MASS?

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNINGS  
FROM 9:15AM TIL 10:00AM I  
N THE CHURCH BALCONY  
ON NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup>  
AND DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup>

**ANYONE IS WELCOMED AT ANY TIME!**



# 10 AROUND THE AREA YOUTH AND ADULTS

**ADULT RETREAT**

**HE REIGNS**

FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

Father Matt will be at this retreat!

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT**  
SEMINAR  
3RD ANNUAL ADULT RETREAT

Take a break from the hustle + bustle and be renewed for a weekend full of opportunities to deepen your relationship with Jesus + the Holy Spirit!

**SESSIONS FOCUSING ON:**

- GOD'S LOVE
- SALVATION
- NEW LIFE IN CHRIST
- GROWTH
- RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT
- TRANSFORMATION

**SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN**

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**  
ENDS JANUARY 18, 2026

**REGISTRATION CLOSES**  
JANUARY 25, 2026

**06-08**




**Steubenville Youth Conference**

**JULY 17-19, 2026**

Inviting high schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Christ!


**Registration Is Open!**

Franciscan University of Steubenville  
1235 University Blvd Steubenville, OH 43952

[steubenvilleconferences.com/mc4](http://steubenvilleconferences.com/mc4)

Contact **Nichole Schroeder** at **highschool@gloriouslife.com** for more information about attending with your Youth Group!

**Open to all teens (currently 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
**There is a \$50 deposit, total cost is \$275**  
**Space is extremely limited, so call Nichole to get registered right away in order to ensure your seat!**



**GIVEN**

**2026 CATHOLIC YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

Attend the GIVEN Forum  
June 24-28, 2026 | Washington, DC

Receive a Mentor  
1 year of dedicated, 1-on-1 mentorship

Launch an Action Plan  
Discover and activate your gifts!

**APPLY TODAY**  
[GIVENINSTITUTE.COM/LEADERSHIP-PROGRAM](http://GIVENINSTITUTE.COM/LEADERSHIP-PROGRAM)

RECEIVE THE GIFT THAT YOU ARE REALIZE THE GIFTS YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN RESPOND WITH THE GIFT ONLY YOU CAN GIVE



Catholic women (ages 21-35) are invited to...

**APPLY TODAY!**  
[giveninstitute.com/leadership-program](http://giveninstitute.com/leadership-program)

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM GIVEN FORUM SPEAKERS



**27th Annual Youth Retreat**

**YOU ARE LOVED YOU ARE CHOSEN**

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT**  
SEMINAR

DISCOVER A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS AS YOU GROW IN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH. JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND FILLED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE, FORGIVENESS, AND THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**SESSIONS FOCUSING ON:**

- GOD'S LOVE
- SALVATION
- NEW LIFE IN CHRIST
- RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT
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- TRANSFORMATION

Father Matt will be at this retreat!

**SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN**  
Maria Stein, OH

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**  
ENDS FEBRUARY 15, 2026

**REGISTRATION CLOSES**  
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

**YOUTH RETREAT MARCH 6-8**

**SIGN UP TODAY**







# 11 SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER & GENERAL INFORMATION

## SEND THEM CHRISTMAS CARDS

*Parishioners* IN REST HOMES

MEADOWS OF OTTAWA,  
147 PUTNAM PARKWAY, OTTAWA

MARY BALBAUGH, ANGIE MAAG, EDNA MICHEL, MARY LOU RIEMAN,  
MIKE HOVEST, KARL ELLERBROCK, BERNICE UNTERBRINK, **JANE UPHAUS,**

**NORMA BRINKMAN**

MEADOWS OF KALIDA,

STATE ROUTE 224, PO BOX 388, KALIDA, OH 45853

MARGARET SCHIMMOELLER, DAVE STEFFES, SHIRLEY SCHNIPKE

MEADOWS OF LEIPSIC,

901 E. MAIN STREET, LEIPSIC, OH 45856

DORIS MORMAN, DEAN SIEFKER, THOMAS HOVEST

PUTNAM HERITAGE ASSISTED LIVING,

1380 N. LOCUST ST, OTTAWA, OH 45875

ROGER HOVEST

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO LET US KNOW IF SOMEONE IS IN THE NURSING HOME AND WE WILL UPDATE THE LIST. IF PEOPLE GET ADDED EACH WEEK THEY WILL BE IN RED.



## PRIEST ADDRESSES

For the Christmas Cards

**Father Rick Friebe**

937 N Defiance St  
Ottawa, OH 45875

**Father Stephen Schroeder**

6607 St. Rt. 224  
Ottawa, OH 45875

**Father Tony Fortman**  
(mailing address)

4961 Salem Ave.  
Dayton, OH 45416

**Father Eric Kaufman**

St. Peter Parish  
104 W. 1st St.  
Mansfield, OH 44902

## SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER!

### SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

WE ARE UPDATING OUR MILITARY LIST.  
PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE 419-538-6928  
OF ANY SON/DAUGHTER THAT IS  
ACTIVE/INACTIVE/OR GOING TO BE  
ACTIVE. ANY CHANGE OF PERSONNEL OR  
ADDRESS CHANGES. THANK YOU!

THIS IS THE LIST FROM LAST YEAR OF OUR MILITARY  
(AWAY FROM HOME)

LT. COL. DAREK SCHMIEDEBUSCH, 1181 MARY LOU  
LANE, GULF BREEZE, FL 32563

JUSTIN MCFARLAND, 283 TWIN LAKES DR. DESTIN,  
FL. 32541

EVAN BARRETT, 205 JUMPERS PASS, OAK GROVE, KY  
42262

KEN PALTE HOMESTEAD TOWNE CENTER, 240  
TOWN CENTER BLVD, VAN WERT, OH 45891

ALEXANDER CLOSSON, 4540 BAY VISTA BLVD APT  
106 BREMERTON, WA 98312-4615

*The Mustard Seed  
at St. John's*

We appreciate your continued  
patience and prayers as God  
allows us time to develop the  
mission and the ministry of The  
Mustard Seed at St. John's.

We're moving ahead with our  
preparations. Please follow our  
store on Facebook and Instagram  
for updates.

## 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.

 **project rachel**  
Peace starts here

419-260-5811  
projectrachel@toledodiocese.org

Hope & Healing—Support for Women After Abortion  
All communication is confidential



ReclaimingHearts@toledodiocese.org

Freedom & Brotherhood – For Men Battling Pornography  
All communication is confidential

Did you know that volunteering as a family to bring up the  
offertory at Mass is a beautiful way to deepen your  
connection to God and to each other?  
Parishioners can sign up today by scanning QR code:



### HERE IS HOW IT WORKS

- When you arrive at Church you can let the ushers know that you are here and then take your seat.
- When the ushers are collecting the money, have your family head to the back of Church.
- The Ushers will help you gather the offertory gifts and bring them to Father and return to your seats.



**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



Providing Education on the  
**CREIGHTON MODEL  
Fertility Care™ System**  
to Empower Women and Couples  
to  
UNDERSTAND, MAINTAIN, and  
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Fertility in a way that is  
cooperative with our Catholic faith.  
Contact Wendy Imm, BSN CFCP  
for more information at 614-634-  
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divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.co  
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## Advent is Half Over!

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. That means that half the wait is over! If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle. Pink is a symbol the joy we have because we're half-way to Christmas.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people that John the Baptist was a prophet and messenger. A prophet is someone who tells the truth. In the Old Testament the prophets told God's people the truth about God. Saint John was a prophet because he told the people that the Messiah, or saviour, was coming soon, and that they needed to repent of their sins.

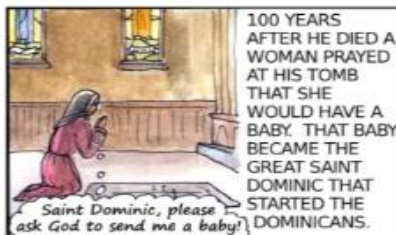
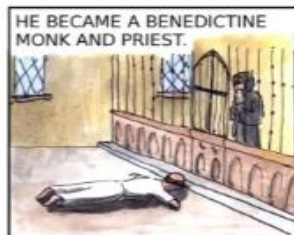
Saint John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. You can help prepare for Christmas by thinking and talking about how Jesus came to earth on the first Christmas. Can you tell somebody the story of the first Christmas today?



Answer to front page: St. John was in prison. Answer to match up puzzle: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

## Saint Dominic of Silos December 20

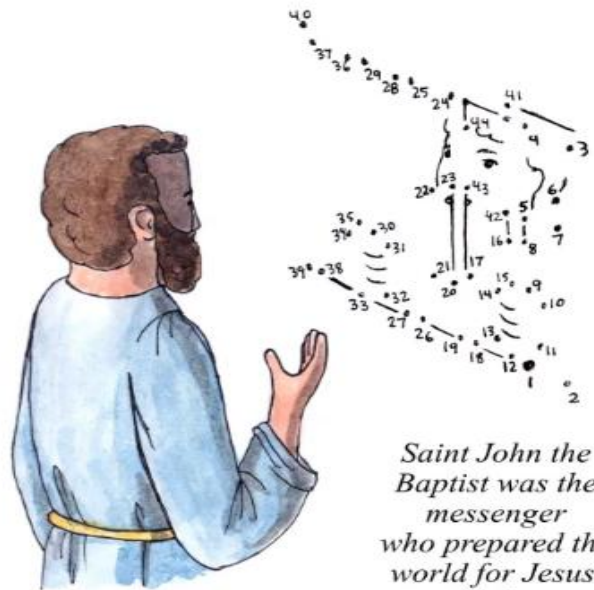


SAINT DOMINIC SHOWED HIS LOVE FOR GOD BY PROTECTING WHAT BELONGED TO THE CHURCH. HE ALSO WORKED TO RE-BUILD WHAT HAD BEEN BEAUTIFUL BUT WAS FALLING APART. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM TO RESPECT WHAT BELONGS TO THE CHURCH AND HELP MAKE THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD.

[thekidsbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:thekidsbulletin@gmail.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 14th, 2025



Where was he in today's Gospel reading?  
Connect the dots to find out!  
Then you can finish colouring in the picture.

## What Happens When Jesus Comes?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples to tell John the Baptist what He does.

What happens to whom?

Match up the people with what happens to them.

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| the blind •    | • are raised up                   |
| and the lame • | • have good news preached to them |
| lepers •       | • hear                            |
| the deaf •     | • are cleansed                    |
| the dead •     | • receive their sight             |
| and the poor • | • walk                            |

