

# 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.

## 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.

## CYO SPORTS

**DIOCESAN POLICY FOR CYO SPORTS – All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish in order to play on the parish team. PARISH POLICY FOR HIGH SCHOOL CYO** Playing any sports this year? You are expected to attend both the Fall & Winter sessions of High School Religious Education Groups or Grade School CCD Classes---plus weekend Saturday or Sunday Mass. This includes all players, coaches and their families. Attendance at these groups/ classes will be monitored and reviewed. For each class missed, beyond 4 classes you will be sitting out one game. Parents, if your child is sick, please call or text Jenn Warnecke at 419-302-8465 before class. This also includes the **PUTNAM COUNTY GRADE SCHOOL BOY'S & GIRL'S CYO SPORTING TEAMS.** We kindly ask the cooperation of all concerned as we implement this church policy for the good of our parish.  
Fr. Matt & Mike Karhoff

# 2 FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT

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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 Third Sunday of Advent, on Gaudete Sunday we are called to rejoice. In a certain sense we do this symbolically by lighting the Third Candle on our Advent wreath and note this candle on the wreath is a different color than the other three. Today I get the privilege of wearing what many call pink vestments, the church officially calls them rose vestments. Now we could get into a debate about what color it is but if we do, we miss the point. The point is not about what color it is, but it is more so about what the color means, what this color calls for us to do, we are called to rejoice.

Paul in our scriptures today calls for us to rejoice. A matter of fact Paul tells us that it is so important that we rejoice. That he tells us to rejoice twice "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4). We hear the call to rejoice but what does it mean for us to rejoice? Normally when we think of rejoicing, we think of being happy, we think of being happy and rejoicing as the same thing. But the word rejoice implies more than the mere feeling of happiness. Interestingly, unlike happiness, which is an emotion over which we have little or no control. Rejoicing is something we can choose to do. We can choose to express glory or triumph, no matter what we're feeling at the moment. We can rejoice at all times and in all circumstances, not because we feel giddy but because lift itself is a celebration.

Paul, when he instructs us to rejoice, he is not telling us to be happy. Rather as Paul calls on us to rejoice, he is calling on us to make our prayer of request known to God and then place our trust in God. Paul tells us that when we rejoice and trust in God, we will have an unsurpassable peace. In our scriptures today as tax-collectors are being baptized, they ask John what should they do? John tells them to "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed" (Luke 3:12). At the time of Jesus and John, tax-collectors did not have the best of reputation. Not just because they collected taxes but also because of how they collected taxes. Tax-collectors got their job not by choice, but by force of the Roman Government. And as part of their job the Roman Government would tell them how much they would need to collect. For tax-collectors this was their only job so they would often take from their subjects more than the Roman Government needed to help provide for their own needs. This is how tax-collectors would get their bad reputation; John tells them to stop doing this and place their trust in God collect what is needed and trust that God will provide for the rest. Can we rejoice and trust in God in the same way?

Mary, I think provides us with a wonderful example of this of rejoicing and trusting in God. After Gabriel declared to Mary that she was going to give birth to Jesus. Gabriel expected Mary to rejoice, yet he must have known that she was undoubtedly going to feel anxiety. He didn't expect her to be happy on command, but he did expect her to rejoice. Mary was called on to trust that God would take care of her. Like Mary on this Gaudete Sunday may we like Mary rejoice with trust that our God will take care of us.



**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 Mike and Becky Karhoff)

Parish Center Room 15 9:00am –10:30am  
Upcoming classes: January 26, 2025, 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**

Each week at Holy Mass we profess our belief in reciting the Nicene Creed. What does it mean when we say we believe in these statements/truths? We will take a look at each statement/truth of the creed and examine it's meaning through the use of the Faith and Life Series by Ignatius Press that is utilized in our parish religious education morning program, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade curriculum. For more information on this program, visit <https://loc.ignatius.com/faithandlife/>

**"He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end."** After the Resurrection, Jesus sent his Apostles to continue his work through the power of the Holy Spirit before He ascended into heaven.

When Jesus first met with His Apostles after His Resurrection, He showed them His wounds in His hands and side. Then, He instituted the Sacrament of Penance.

*John 20: 19-23*

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus first showed His wounds to His Apostles before instituting the Sacrament of Penance because He wanted them to realize through His wounds we can be healed through the Sacrament of Penance. Then He breathed the Holy Spirit onto them and gave them the power to make this truly happen. This power has been handed down from one priest to the next, generation to generation, in what is called 'Apostolic Succession' through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Jesus prepared His Apostles for His Ascension by teaching them He would be with them until the end of the age. That message is for us today, also. Jesus remains with us through the Sacraments. He is present in the Word of God and to His people that are present and gathered in His Name. Most perfectly, He is present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

For forty days Jesus remained on earth after His Resurrection. Before He left, He told the Apostles they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit at the coming of Pentecost. As the Apostles looked on, Jesus ascended into heaven. Unlike Elijah, who had been carried up to heaven, Jesus rose to heaven by His own power.

As the Apostles looked on to witness Jesus ascend, angels appeared telling them that Jesus would return in the same way he had left. This is why we say in the Creed that Jesus "will come again in glory". We believe that, as promised in Scriptures, He will return in the same manner in which He departed.

Let us await His coming and be prepared.

# 4 ABOUT OUR PARISH

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Don

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:15am Rosary  
8:40am Rita & Ray Flaute, L/D Charles Siefker Family

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:15am-7:45am Confession  
7:35am Rosary  
8:00am L/D Val & Mary Korte, L/D Wilbert J & Ardella Niese Family  
6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration  
7:15pm-8:15pm Confession

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:15am Rosary  
8:40am Tom Kaufman

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:15am-7:45am Confession  
7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Anna Yaufman  
12:00pm Rosary  
1:00pm-4:00pm Adoration/Benediction

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 St. Peter Canisius

7:35am Rosary  
8:00am L/D Edwin Duling Family  
8:30am Confessions  
4:00pm Confessions  
4:30pm L/D Eileen Schroeder Family, Nellie(AN) Maag, Richard Maag, Charlie Maag, John Maag, Rita & Bob Maag, Ken Maag, Hazel & Roy Leap, L/D Bernard Rosengarten family, L/D Maya Schroeder Family, L/D Edwin & Mary F. Steffan Family

5:30pm Baptism-Fr. Matt

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22-4th Sunday of Advent

7:35am Rosary  
8:00am L/D Hubert Kaverman Family, L/D Alfred & Mary Verhoff Family, Gordon Verhoff, Ranae Kahle, Mel & Esther Schroeder Family, Jim Gray  
9:15am-10:00am Choir practice  
10:30am James Buddelmeyer, L/D Tom & Velma Balbaugh Family, Paul Schulte, Mary Schastey, Katie Jones, Joseph Schreiber  
1:00pm Decorating Church for Christmas

## Parental Baptism Class



Sunday, January 26, 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 May 18, 2025.

## 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.

## 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  | Jocelyn Schroeder, Caleb Pulfer, Addyson Faber |
| Sat   | 4:30pm  | Mylie Bockrath, Ethan Weis, Alaina Klass       |
| Sun   | 8:00am  | Raiden Schroeder, Liam Kaufman, Hayden Kaufman |
| Sun   | 10:30am | Zachary Horstman, Grant Maag, Will Siefker     |

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS

|     |         |                 |                 |
|-----|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sat | 4:30pm  | Doug Deitering  | Sharon Meyer    |
|     |         | Diane Deitering | Chris Schroeder |
| Sun | 8:00am  | Deb Schroeder   | Connie Cassidy  |
|     |         | Deb Burwell     | Sharon Meyer    |
| Sun | 10:30am | Rose Warnecke   | Tim Hansen      |
|     |         | Gene Warnecke   | Jeanne Schram   |

## GIFT BEARERS

|     |         |                      |
|-----|---------|----------------------|
| Sat | 4:30pm  | Ross & Sue Siefker   |
| Sun | 8:00am  | Joe & Deb Schroeder  |
| Sun | 10:30am | Dennis & Deb Lammers |

## DECEMBER USHERS

|     |         |                               |
|-----|---------|-------------------------------|
| Sat | 4:30pm  | Dale Evers, Steve Brown       |
| Sun | 8:00am  | Bryan Kaufman, Michael Recker |
| Sun | 10:30am | Barry Maag, Ken Horstman      |

## COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 3

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Henry & Jane Kaufman, Sharon Meyer

DECEMBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Jo Ann & Roger Schroeder, Diane Nienberg, Connie & Don Dehnart, Jim Recker

Lighting Advent Wreath next weekend: 4:30pm– TBD

8:00am—Alan & Julie Wrasman, 10:30am - Jeremy & Ashley Duling

## Attention Coffee and Donut Organizers

2025 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 **Monday, December 16, 2024**. Thank you for assisting us in the ministry! Call the office if you have any questions.

## CALLING ALL FAMILIES! BE PART OF OUR ADVENT TRADITION

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

How to Sign Up: Simply call the parish office or sign up online at by scanning QR code.

Choose a Mass time that works best for your family. Spots are limited, so don't wait!

Let's journey through Advent together as a parish family, bringing light and hope into our hearts and our community.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/>

SPOTS STILL OPEN  
• DECEMBER 21ST 4:30PM

## STEWARDSHIP

December 1, 2024

### Offering

|                         |           |                  |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Loose                   | \$        | 834.00           |
| Adult Envelope          | \$        | 8,015.60         |
| Children                | \$        | 151.65           |
| Maintenance             | \$        | 3,810.00         |
| Online Offering         | \$        | 2,233.00         |
| Online Maintenance      | \$        | 169.00           |
| Priest Retirement       | \$        | 433.00           |
| Immaculate Conception   | \$        | 375.00           |
| All Saints              | \$        | 10.00            |
| Christmas               | \$        | 575.00           |
| <b>Total Collection</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>16,606.25</b> |

### Immaculate Conception

|                                    |           |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Immaculate Conception Loose        | \$        | 633.00          |
| Immaculate Concept Envelopes       | \$        | 1,297.00        |
| Immaculate Conception Children     | \$        | 3.00            |
| Regular Offering Env               | \$        | 400.00          |
| Priest Retirement                  | \$        | 75.00           |
| <b>Total Immaculate Conception</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,408.00</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. [www.stjohnsglandorf.org](http://www.stjohnsglandorf.org)

Heartbeat needs Baby wipes, Diapers - size 4, 5, and 6, 3-6 and 6-9 month plain white onesies, Enfamil formulas (Infant and Gentlease) & Similac Neosure formula (for preemies)  
**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 care of Trinity UM Church, 137 N. Pratt, Ottawa)

## 2024 GRAND-orf Club



December winners are: Beth Morman and Brent Kosch. CONGRATULATIONS! The next drawing will be January 12th in Room 15 along with Coffee and Donuts.

### 2024 GRAND-orf Club Winners:

Chad Homier, Sarah Kreinbrink, Amber Honious, Elizabeth Kleman, Caleb Schroeder, Mary Margaret Schroeder, Dale E. Ellerbrock, Amber Siefker, Alex Hoehn, Duane & Janice Meyer, Denny & Debbie Lammers, Janice Utrup, Jayme Prasuhn, Charlie Schroeder, Denny & Debbie Lammers, Rev. Matthew Keller, Dr. Ron Black, Randy Liebrecht, Marge Sager, Sam Langhals, Gib Kleman, Jenna & Ryan Burgei, Beth Morman and Brent Kosch.

## Please Include them in your prayers

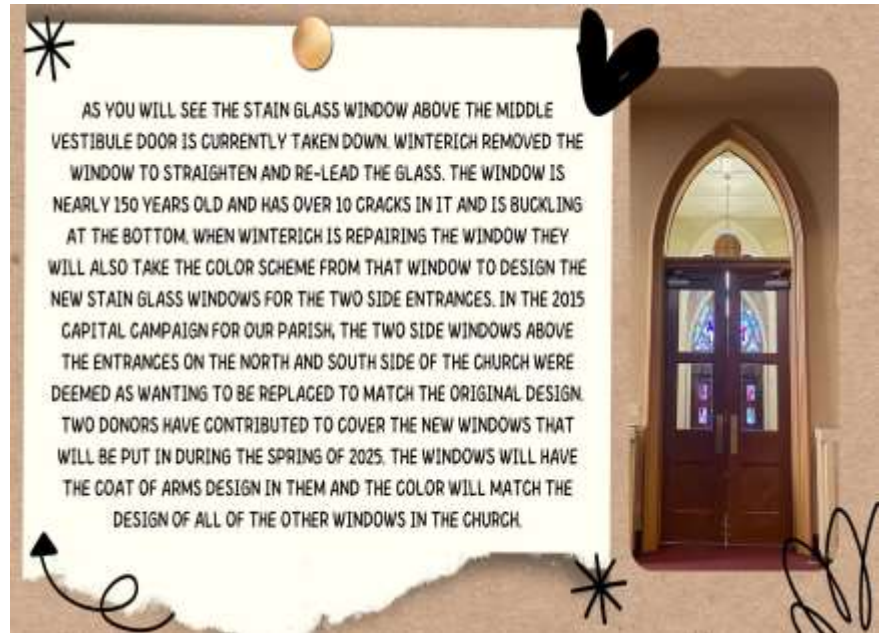
### BAPTIZED

**Colton Glenn**, son of Jeremy & Kristin Kaufman

## Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

### The past 20 years

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Paul Moreno 12/15/11       | Gertrude Stechschulte 12/18/05 |
| Shirley M Giesken 12/16/06 | Ronald B Dickman 12/19/03      |
| Elmer H Karhoff 12/18/01   | Rita A Morman 12/21/19         |
|                            | Ruth Ann Rosengarten 12/21/21  |



Watch out for the tickets they were mailed out this week or they are in the back of vesti-

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\$12.00  
 PER  
 TICKET

## 2025 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, 2025 TO BE INCLUDED IN EVERY DRAWING. DROP TICKETS OFF AT THE OFFICE OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.

St. John the Baptist-Glandorf  
Advent-Christmas Season Calendar

**SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**

- December 14th, 8:30am - Confession  
December 14th, 4:00pm - 4:15pm - Confession

**THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

- December 15th, 10:15am - 11:30am - Advent School  
December 15th, 3:00pm Christmas Cantata  
December 16th, 4pm & 7 pm - Penance Service(Ottawa)  
December 18th, 7pm- Penance Service (New Cleveland)  
December 18th, 7:15am-7:45am - Confession  
December 18th, 6:30pm - 8:15pm - Adoration  
December 18th, 7:15pm - 8:15pm - Confession  
December 20th, 7:15am - 7:45am - Confession  
December 20th, 1:00pm - 4:00pm - Adoration in Church  
concluding with Evening Prayer with Benediction  
December 21st, 8:30am - Confession - Last opportunity  
before Christmas

**FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT**

- December 22nd, 10:15am - 11:30am - Advent School  
December 24th, 4pm - Christmas Vigil  
December 24th, 10pm - Christmas Mass During the Night  
December 25th, 8am - Christmas Mass at Dawn  
December 25th, 10:30am- Christmas Mass During the Day  
December 27th, 7:15am - 7:45am - Confession  
December 29, 2024 Feast of the Holy Family  
December 31st, 4:30pm - Solemnity Mary Mother of God  
January 1st, 8:00am & 10:30am - Solemnity Mary Mother  
of God  
January 3rd, 7:15am - 7:45am - Confession  
January 3rd, 1:00pm - 4:00pm - Adoration in Church  
concluding with Evening Prayer with Benediction

December 15, 2024  
at 3:00pm

Breath  
of  
Heaven

Presented by St. John's  
Adult Choir and Youth Choir.

St. John the Baptist Church, Glandorf, OH

Spread some  
holiday cheer

St. John's Outreach is sponsoring the Advent Angel Tree for Heartbeat of Lima and Putnam County. Pick up an angel or bottle from the tree in church and return before Christmas. Need items: cash donations, boys and girls winter outfits (3-6 mths, 6-9 mths), boys and girls winter PJs (18 mths, 24 mths, 3T, 4T, 4T, 5T), women's and men's full size shampoo and conditioner, body wash, deodorant, laundry detergent and gas gift cards.

You Are Invited

to come and help  
decorate the Church for  
Christmas !!

December 22, 2024 at 1:00PM

See you there



## Walk with One

### The Stages of Spiritual Companionship



#### Intercede Start December 16

As soon as the Lord lays someone on your heart, begin to pray for them! Ask God to remove whatever obstacles are making it difficult for this person to draw closer to Christ and his Church. Pray for the grace to be able to accompany them well.



#### Getting Started:

- Write down the person's name on a sticky note and keep it in your wallet to remember during prayer
- Ask for God to open the heart of the person you are called to meet, to be receptive to him
- Offer a Mass or a holy hour for the person

**In the Scriptures, we hear over and over how Jesus invited people one by one to follow him. He also invites us to follow him more deeply and, just like him, to “walk with one” person to a new or renewed experience of God’s love.**

#### Say this Prayer

Heavenly Father, your love knows no bounds. In your infinite wisdom, you have called us to spread the Good News of your Son, Jesus Christ, to all corners of the earth. We come before you today, humble and ready to serve in this mission to Walk With One. You chose to become flesh, draw close, and walk alongside us, guiding us back to a restored relationship and life to the fullest. Bless us as we move forward, inspired by your example, to extend the same grace to others. Grant us the courage to step out of our comfort zones and speak your truth with conviction and love. Fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit so that we may articulate the message of salvation with clarity and compassion. May our words and actions reflect the love and mercy of Jesus, drawing others closer to him. Guide our efforts to build your kingdom here on earth. Open the hearts of those who have not yet encountered your love so that they may experience the joy of the Gospel and embrace the journey of faith. Strengthen our resolve when we face rejection or indifference, reminding us that we plant the seeds, but you, O Lord, provide the growth.

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Evangelization, and all the saints, we offer ourselves to you, Lord, as instruments of your peace and love.

Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Gonzalez, pray for us! Amen.



**TO COME: \* Stage 3 Connect January 5 \*Stage 4 Invite January 19**

## WALK WITH ONE PRAYER

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**Attention ALL MEN!!!!** Join us on for That Man Is You (TMIY) Saturday sessions are on Christmas break. 2025 Sessions will begin on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm in room 22. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> will be the last Wed. session for the calendar year. 2025 Sessions will begin on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net), 419-796-0763

**MIY "APOSTLES OF THE NEW SPRINGTIME" – St. Augustine: a Saint for Our Time (Sat. 12/14, Wed. 12/18)** (session 13) Presenter: Dr. Andrew Swafford; The Family is not an End in Itself. The Old Testament is to be Read Spiritually, not Literally. Witnesses to the Truth can Open Minds and Hearts. Come Face-To-Face with Ourselves in Prayer. Reintegrate Our Divided Selves. Your Story Matters. St Augustine.



## BRINGING UP THE GIFTS AT MASS

We are excited to introduce a new procedure for bringing up the offertory gifts during each Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to participate in a meaningful way. We will be starting this new procedure for Christmas Masses this year!

### How It Works:

- Families can sign up for the Mass and date that works best for them.
- You are welcome to sign up for as many dates as you'd like!
- If no one is signed up for a particular Mass, the ushers will bring up the gifts.
- You can sign up throughout the year the link and the QR code in the bulletin

### What to Do on Your Scheduled Date:

- Sit towards the back of the church so it's easy to move to the back when needed.
- When the ushers begin collecting the offertory, head to the back of the church.
- The ushers will assist in handing you the gifts to carry forward.

We hope this new tradition will provide every family with the chance to actively participate in the liturgy. Thank you for being a part of this meaningful practice

Click the Link or Use the QR code to Sign Up:



<https://tinyurl.com/2dss8wpy>

### HOW TO CREATE A FORMED.ORG ACCOUNT FREE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Go to [FORMED.org](https://formed.org). Click Sign Up. Chose sign up as a parishioner /organization Find your parish, type in Glandorf OH - Click on St. John 109 Main St. Glandorf when it pops up. Fill out create a New Account. Already have a FORMED account. Visit [FORMED.org](https://formed.org). Click Sign In - upper right corner Have questions? Call 419-890-3724

## OCIA

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Monday, December 16

St. John's Parish Center Cafeteria

Topic: #12 The Eucharist: Source & Summit of the Catholic Faith

Snack person: Julie Meyerhoffer

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



to move mountains

MATTHEW 17:20

## LADIES OF LEISURE SOCIAL (L.O.L.s.)

(Sponsored by St. John's Alter Rosary Society)

Come for OIG Fellowship while playing cards, games or crafting.

Every Third Wednesday of each month.

Two Event Times: 1:00-4:00 OR 6:00-9:00

@ The Parish Center cafe in Glandorf.

Includes Refreshments  
- Play cards  
- Drinking Beer  
- Writing, Crafting  
- Making Games, etc.  
Please bring your own supplies!

Reserving Your Own Beverage is OK.

FREE EVENT  
NO MEMBERSHIP FEE

"We play together with friends and neighbors without having to close doors!"

Questions OR to Reserve a Table, Contact JOT Garding 419-538-0912

## NEED YOUR HELP OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA)

We are looking for volunteers to bring snacks to our upcoming OCIA meetings. If you enjoy sharing your favorite treats or simply want to contribute, this is a great way to help out! Different snack ideas are ment and cheese tray, veggie bars, fruit tray, veggie wraps or cookies. These are only suggestions any type of snack will be greatly appreciated.

The meetings will be on Monday nights starting in September. You will need to provide snacks for 10 people and you can drop them off around 5:45pm in the Parish Center.

Please sign up for a date that works for you. To sign up to bring snacks click on the link or scan the QR code below.

<https://rb.gy/9swxl5>

Your contribution will be greatly appreciated by everyone attending! Thank you for your generosity and support.



Donations to help kids have free admission and items for activities! February 22, 2025 Glandorf St. John

# "RAFFLE"

FUNDRAISER FOR SUMMER FAITH ADVENTURE PROGRAM

**\$30**

**ACTIVITIES:**

- 50/50 tickets
- "Raffle" (15 Games)
- Horse Race
- Side Raffles

**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 Barb Siefker: 419-236-2023

One of the prizes 65 in. TV

Please help these kids join for Free!





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**WaveCAST App**

**BLUETOOTH HEARING ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE IN CHURCH**

- Connect to wireless internet: **ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM**  
Password: **stjohnsound**
- Download the **WaveCAST APP**
- Upon opening the app it will prompt you with **No Internet Connection** and ask if you want to use cellular. Choose **"KEEP USING WIFI"**
- The channel **St. Johns Sound** will be on the home page of the app. Click **St. Johns Sound** & adjust volume accordingly.



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 .

*You Are Invited*  
**Eucharistic Day**  
January 25th and 26th, 2025

Join us for a special time of prayer, reflection, and celebration of Christ's True Presence in the Eucharist.

- Adoration: Begins at 8:30 AM on January 25th and continues until 4:00 PM on January 26th.
- Conclusion: Evening Prayer and Benediction at 4:00 PM on January 26th.
- Dinner: Following Benediction, a wonderful dinner will be served in the Parish Center Gymnasium at 4:45 PM.

If you plan to attend the dinner, please make your reservation by scanning the QR code or using the link provided. Reservations must be made by Monday, January 20th.

<https://form.jotform.com/243473040345147>

More details to come and we are looking forward to seeing you there!




2024 ADVENT SCHOOL



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**

COME AND JOIN US!  
FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL 9:30PM

FELLOWSHIP  
FAMILY ADORATION  
FREE PLAY  
PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS PROVIDED

ALL GATHERINGS WILL BE IN THE PARISH CENTER DURING THE COLD WEATHER MONTHS

JANUARY 4TH  
FEBRUARY 1ST  
MARCH 1ST  
APRIL 5TH

WHAT IS FAMILY ADORATION?  
• Family Adoration will be offered from 6-7:30pm in the Church. You can play for as long as you'd like!  
• Enjoy this special opportunity to introduce your children of all ages to adoring Jesus with other parish families  
• Soft meditative music will be playing at this time  
• Crying, soft whispers, & fidgeting is OK! Jesus wants ALL the little children to come to Him!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:  
BROOKE CASSIDY @ 419-233-4312  
SHANA DULING @ 419-615-8988  
WENDY IMM @ 614-634-1043



# 9 YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT

*thanks so much!*

*High School Students and Teachers for Christmas Caroling around town on Wednesday night!*

IT WAS A WONDERFUL SURPRISE TO HEAR CHRISTMAS CAROLING SUNG AT OUR FRONT DOORS!!

Sunday, December 15, 2024



**BOY'S:**

Birkemeyer: 1:00pm Lima Central Catholic@Glandorf  
 Ellerbrock: 2:15pm St. John's ,Glandorf@Glandorf  
 Meyer: 2:15pm St. John's ,Glandorf@Glandorf

**GIRL'S:** 1:00pm Sts. Peter and Paul@SPPS

**HIGH SCHOOL CCD**

REMINDER: NO HIGH SCHOOL CCD WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18TH, 25TH AND JANUARY 1ST. WE WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8TH AT 7:00. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

JENN WARNECKE

**Youth Group Christmas Movie Night!**  
 December 22nd

Join Us for a Fun Night!

- Where:** Parish Center Gym
- Time:** 6:30 p.m.
- Food:** Pizza & Drinks Provided
- What to wear:** PJs

**Activities:**

- Movie
- Cookie Decorating
- Games
- Gingerbread House Building
- Karaoke

Bring your friends and get ready for an evening filled with fun and festivities!

**Glandorf Youth Choir for Christmas Eve Mass**

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

WE WILL BE PRACTICING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:15 AM TIL 10:00 AM IN THE CHURCH BALCONY.

ANYONE IS WELCOMED AT ANY TIME!

**Junior High Gathering**

Stand Out: Embrace the Unusual

Held at St. John's Parish Center Glandorf

Students in grades 6-7-8 from the St. George Deanery are invited

February 16, 2025 10:30am - 3:30 pm

Includes: lunch, workshops, adoration, fun activities, and snacks; while making friends with other Putnam County 6, 7, and 8 graders.

There needs to be at least one chaperone per Parish that will be there.

The day will start with Mass @10:30 followed by lunch, and filled with an afternoon of Breakout sessions.

\$ 8.00 Person

Contact your Youth Minister:  
 Ft. Jennings-Julie Fischach 419-905-8472, Glandorf Nichole Schroeder 419-303-7252, Millery City/New Cleveland- Diane Utrup 419-306-5588, Kalida Jill Zeller 567-376-9115, Ottawa Tanya Ellerbrock 419-890-3700, Ottoville Shelly Eickholt 419-233-7640

**Restore 23**

Health Coaching for Women - Rooted in the Catholic Faith

Christine Schroeder  
 INTEGRATIVE NUTRITION HEALTH COACH  
 Ph# 419-230-2953  
 email: christine@restore23.net  
 website: www.restore23.net

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 APPRECIATE their Health and Fertility in a way that is cooperative with our Catholic faith.

Contact Wendy Imm, BSN CFCP for more information at 614-634-1043 or divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com



St. John  
the  
Baptist



*"Am I not here, I who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection?  
Am I not the source of your joy?" ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego*

Religious  
Education  
Newsletter:  
December  
2024

## Faith Fun Fact:

Our Lady of Guadalupe first appeared to Juan Diego on December 9, 1531. In the scene above Our Lady is reminding Juan Diego and us of her love and constant presence in our lives. And, in continuation with our theme this year, "Do small things with Great Love", Our Lady also reminds us that when we act out of love we reflect God's boundless care for His people, each made in His image and likeness. Through Mary's maternal care we are called to trust that, in love, we will always find protection, strength, and joy to carry out the mission (whether through every day ordinary acts or in extraordinary ways) God is calling us to. We celebrate her Feast Day on December 12th!

## Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 2nd ~ 2C & 6C: Eucharistic Adoration in Atrium
- Dec. 4th ~ 5B: Class Penance in Church
- Dec. 9th ~ All School Mass (Immaculate Conception)
- Dec. 16th ~ 2B & 6B Eucharistic Adoration in Atrium
- Dec. 20th ~ Last Day before Christmas Break
- Dec. 23rd - Jan. 1st ~ Christmas Break

## Thank You

In gratitude for all the Works of Mercy your family lovingly completed in honor of Fr. Matt and Deacon Don, we are truly blessed to be part of such a compassionate and generous community!

## November in Photos:



1A learning about God's creation through a seed planting experiment.



3A making Thanksgiving Wheels



7th Grade Confirmation Meeting

**EXALT:** Jesus is present in the Monstrance as we worship Him through song!

**Grades K-4:** "Come, Now is the Time to Worship," "King of My Heart," "Gratitude" (Brandon Lake), "With Every Act of Love" (Jason Gray).

**Grades 5-8:** "Rest on Us" (Maverick City), "Where You Are" (Leeland), "Closer" (Bethel Music).



**7th Grade serving for the Volunteer Meal**



**7th Grade learning about the Priesthood: This is a Sacrament of Service and laying your life down for the care of others**



**2024 Confirmation Mass officiated by Fr. Mike Dandurand**



**2nd Grade Dragon Slayer Retreat in preparation for 1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion!**  
**At this retreat we learn how to slay those sinful dragons thru going to Mass and growing in virtue!**



### SEND THEM CHRISTMAS CARDS

*Parishioners* IN REST HOMES

MEADOWS OF OTTAWA,

147 PUTNAM PARKWAY, OTTAWA

WILMA UNTERBRINK, CLETE MORMAN, MARY BALBAUGH, ANGIE MAAG,  
LEONA MOORE, EDNA MICHEL, MARILYN WEBER, MARY LOU RIEMAN,  
MIKE HOVEST, **ELAINE GERDING, LARRY KORTE**

MEADOWS OF KALIDA,

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

MARGARET SCHIMMOELLER, DAVE STEFFES

MEADOWS OF LEIPSIC,

901 E. MAIN STREET, LEIPSIC, OH 45856

DORIS MORMAN, DEAN SIEFKER

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/SEMINARIAN ADDRESSES

For the Holiday Christmas Cards

**Father Rick Friebel**

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 Harry Brown**

2860 US Route 127  
Celina, OH 45822

**Eric Kaufman**

The Athenaeum of Ohio  
Mount St. Mary's of the West Seminary  
6616 Beechmont Ave.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45230  
Attn: Eric T. Kaufman

### 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, 6314 CHAUCER VIEW CIRCLE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22304  
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 98512-4615



## PUTNAM COUNTY YOUNG ADULTS

### A SMALL GROUP SERIES

Encounter the reality of the Real Presence and gain a deeper understanding of your faith like never before. This study will be a special time to grow in community with other Young Adults around the area. There is no pre-work or homework, we go through it all together. Handouts will be provided to you at each session. There is no cost!

7 Sessions on Mondays 6:30-8:30pm  
Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10 & 24,  
Mar. 3 & 24, Apr. 14

New Cleveland REC  
(house across from the church)  
RSVP to Diane 419-306-5588

Scan for more info



eucharisticrevival.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist



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Brenda Maag 419-235-3106  
Julie Barlage 419-303-5366

# Painting the Way to Jesus

In today's Gospel reading we hear about the people being filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist told the people how to prepare for his coming- by doing good and repenting of their sins.



At first the people thought that John the Baptist might be the Messiah. But Saint John was only a messenger. We can think of him as a sign-post pointing the way to Jesus. People came to see and hear him, and he showed them the way to God.



How can you be like Saint John the Baptist and show other people the way to Jesus?

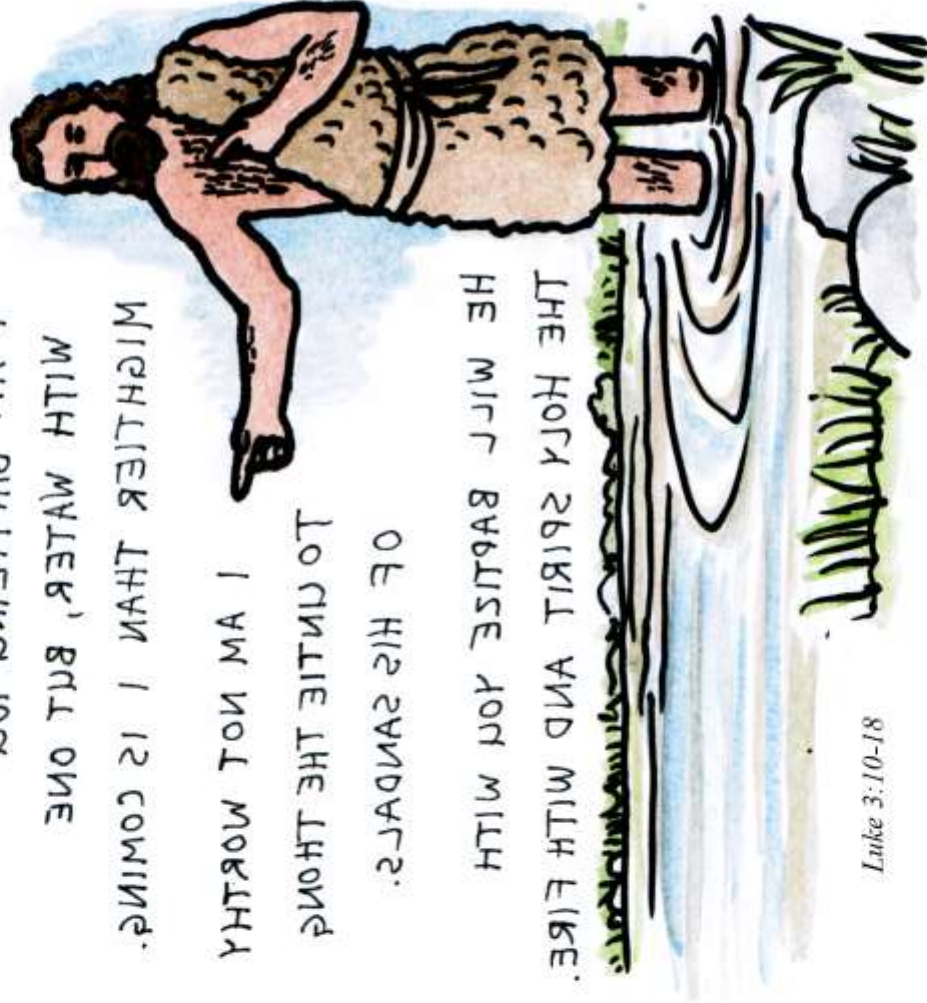
Answers to Crossword Puzzle:  
 Across: 1.peace 3.shall 5.thanksgiving 9.near 11.all  
 13.sisters 15.Christ Down: 1.petition 2.again 4.have  
 6.kindness 7.guard 8.God 10.your 12.Lord 14.it 15.to

# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent  
 December 15th, 2024

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Luke 3:10-18

**God sent Saint John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. What did he say when some of the people thought that he might be the saviour? Look in the mirror to find out!**

# Saint Peter Canisius

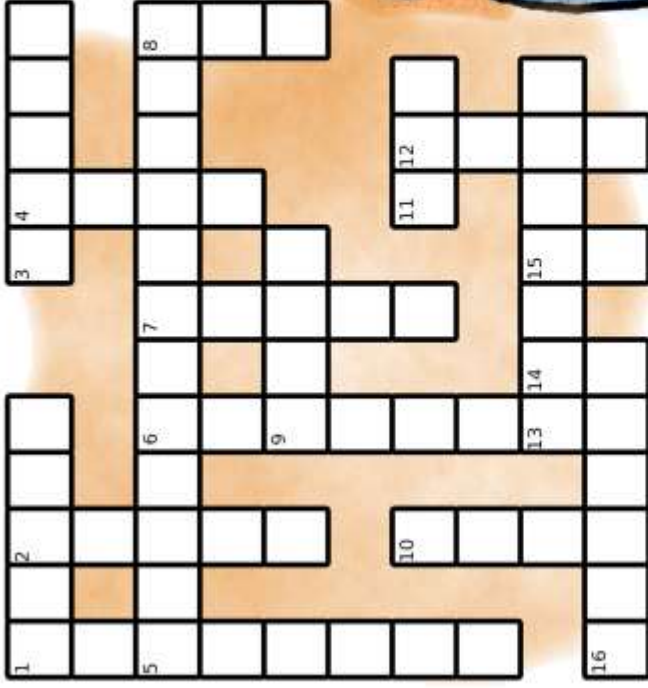
December 21



SAINT PETER CANISIUS KNEW IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS. AFTER HE WROTE THE CATECHISM, HE WROTE ANOTHER- FOR CHILDREN. NO MATTER HOW OLD YOU ARE, YOU SHOULD TRY TO LEARN ALL YOU CAN ABOUT GOD. HOW CAN YOU DO THAT?

# Philippians 4 Cross-Word

Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom and fit them into the puzzle.  
a=across  
d=down



Brothers and \_\_\_\_\_ (13a): Rejoice in the \_\_\_\_\_ (12d) always. I \_\_\_\_\_ (3a) say \_\_\_\_\_ (14d) \_\_\_\_\_ (2d): rejoice! Your \_\_\_\_\_ (6d) should be known \_\_\_\_\_ (15d) all. The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ (9a). \_\_\_\_\_ (4d) no anxiety at \_\_\_\_\_ (11a), but in everything, \_\_\_\_\_ by prayer and \_\_\_\_\_ (1d), with \_\_\_\_\_ (5a), make \_\_\_\_\_ (10d) requests known to \_\_\_\_\_ (8d). Then the \_\_\_\_\_ (1a) of God that surpasses all understanding will \_\_\_\_\_ (7d) your hearts and minds in \_\_\_\_\_ (16a) Jesus.

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