

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



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Parish Office Closed

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Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm

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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

In less than a week from now a manger scene is going to be set up in church. At the center of the scene is going to be the newborn infant laying in the manger Jesus. Jesus, God the word made flesh and dwelling among us. And as we look forward to journeying in the Christmas Season ahead our attention will get drawn to other characters in the scene and how they relate to Jesus. Shepherds will hear a message given to them by angels and they will make their way onto the scene. Magi will see a star that indicates a newborn king, they get curious and follow that star that will leads them to Jesus. In this Season of Advent we hear the Angel Gabriel appearing to Mary and telling her that she is to give birth to Jesus and in the Christmas Season we will hear about Mary's pondering heart.

The baby Jesus, shepherds, magi, and Mary these are all important characters in the Nativity Scene. But there is one important character in the Nativity Scene, this character seems to get little attention and at times we might forget about this character and misunderstand the role of this character. Our scriptures today remind us of the role of this character, and the character I am talking about is Joseph.

In away Joseph's role reminds of offensive lineman on the football field their job is to protect the quarterback and running back and when lineman do this the quarterback and running backs are generally successful, but when the offensive lineman does not do their job, things do not go well and people notice. Or I think of music some instruments play the melody and can seem to draw more attention, and other instruments play the harmony and would seem to draw less attention. But harmony is equally as important as the melody because when the harmony and melody come together you have a fuller beautiful piece of music.

Joseph is that character that fulfills his role and very few people notice him. But if Joseph did not fulfill his role or did his role not by God's plan but by what culture of the time expected him to do. Things would have fallen apart we would not have the manger scene. Mary is discovered to be expecting a child at time when she is not supposed to be. Joseph knows that this child is not his and he wants to do the right thing he decides to quietly divorce Mary. Doing the right thing by the culture of the time would have "exposed Mary to shame" and probably would have cost Mary, her life. But the angel appears to Joseph in a dream telling him to not be afraid, to trust in God's plan, and Joseph trust in God's plan and brings Mary into his home.

Of all the characters that we see in the Nativity Scene, Joseph is arguably probably the character that is most like us. We can get put in places we least expect and not supposed to be. We want to do the right thing, and we are also called on to trust in God's plan. As we look at Joseph's example, may we also follow his example.



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.

3 ABOUT OUR PARISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Don

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23 St. John of Kanty

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Margaret Gillette, L/D Stan Miller Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Dottie Hovest

4:00pm For the Parish

10:0pm For the Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25-Christmas

8:00am For the Parish

10:30am For the Parish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26-St. Stephen

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Mike Karhoff

12:00pm Rosary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27-St. John

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D George & Genevieve Rupert,

L/D Agnes & Harold Dehnart Family

8:30am Confession

4:00pm Confession

4:30pm Don Riepenhoff, Kathleen Schroeder,

Ed, Dorothy, & Carl Stechschulte,

L/D Paul & Margaret (AN) Siefker Family

DECEMBER 28-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Denny Horstman(AN)

10:30am L/D Edna & Eugene Ellerbrock Family, Kevin Schroeder,

L/D Hubert Warnecke Family, L/D Don & Alice Siefker Family,

L/D Donald H & Opal Niese Family

2:00pm Christmas Cantata

ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- **No school for the kids from December 24th through January 2nd.**
- **We will need the weekday lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to cover the Masses.**
- **All the morning Masses will be at 8:00am until January 6th.**



SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:40am	Students
Wed	8:00am	Ashton Stechschulte, Anderson Lammers, Jack Maag, Carleigh Maag
	4:00pm	Aubrey Leopold, Will Faber, Carson Faber, -Thurfier-Ethan Weis
	10:00pm	Nolan Duling, Lochlan Brinkman, Hannah Brickner-Thurifer-Ty Wrasman
Thurs	8:00am	Brady Pester, Ace Nienberg, Owen Morman
	10:30am	Zachary Schroeder, Mason McKee, Madison McKee-Thurfier-Grant Schroeder
Sat	8:00am	Jace Vennekotter, Aidrik Vennekotter, Landon Heckman, Caroline Sarka
Sat	4:30pm	Royce Ellerbrock, Brock Crumrine, Mylie Bockrath
Sun	8:00am	Grant Leopold, Allison Kuhlman, Ethan Kuhlman
Sun	10:30am	Grant Maag, Chase Maag, Reese Karhoff

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS

Wed	4:00pm	Steve Brown	Reagan Miller
		Sharon Brown	Morgan Miller
	10:00pm	Deb Leopold	Andy Gray
		Deb Schroeder	Deb Schroeder
Thurs	8:00am	Tara Schroeder	Mary Ellen Klear
		Jane Moening	Dan Klear
	10:30am	Doug Karhoff	Doug Karhoff
		Mary Rose Ellerbrock	Mary Rose Ellerbrock
Sat	4:30pm	Doug Karhoff	Doug Karhoff
		Mary Rose Ellerbrock	Mary Rose Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Deb Schroeder	Connie Cassidy
		Deb Burwell	Sharon Meyer
Sun	10:30am	Rose Warnecke	Tim Hansen
		Gene Warnecke	Jeanne Schram
		Jason Miller-Choir	

GIFT BEARERS

Wed	4:00pm	Eric & Alicia Nussbaum
	10:00pm	Bart & Mindy Recker
Thurs	8:00am	Ushers or ask a family
	10:30am	Ushers or ask a family
Sat	4:30pm	Ushers or ask a family
Sun	8:00am	Ushers or ask a family
Sun	10:30am	Ushers or ask a family

DECEMBER USHERS

Wed	4:00pm	Richard Schmitz, Brady Laudick, Roger Koch, Logan Koch, Connor Koch, Ray Diemer, Steve Brown
	10:00pm	Elton Schroeder, Joe Schroeder, Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum
Thurs	8:00am	Bart Recker, Ken Kottenbrock, Chris & Tim Hoehn
	10:30am	Mitch Gable, Charlie Schroeder, Jerry Recker, Al Kaufman
Sat	4:30pm	Roger Koch, Logan Koch, Connor Koch
Sun	8:00am	Elton Schroeder, Joe Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum

COUNTERS FOR CHRISTMAS: 4 COUNTERS FOR 12/28: 5

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Ginny Schroeder & Karen Parker

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

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STEWARDSHIP

December 14, 2025

Offering

Loose	\$	848.00
Adult Envelope	\$	6,735.00
Children	\$	174.71
Maintenance	\$	6,910.00
Online Offering	\$	2,233.00
Online Maintenance	\$	169.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	249.00
Campaign Human Development	\$	30.00
Religious Retirement	\$	629.00
Christmas	\$	175.00
Flowers	\$	25.00
Archdiocese Military Service	\$	20.00
Total Collection	\$	18,197.71

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

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.

DIANA ORDWAY

Baptized

Beau Thomas, son of Justin & Melissa Ricker

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Rita A Morman 12/21/19

Ruth Ann Rosengarten 12/21/21

Rosemary Lammers 12/22/13

Dennis E Hermiller 12/22/16

James E Buddelmeyer 12/22/17

Paul B Schulte 12/22/22

Leo F Karhoff 12/23/01

Norman R Birkemeyer 12/23/13

Alvin J Unverferth 12/23/24

Dakota John Schierloh 12/24/00

Rose Ann Giesken 12/24/20

Ronald L Maag 12/27/04

William J Schroeder 12/27/21

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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.

2026 GRAND-orf Club

Join us on **January 11th** for the first **2026 GRAND-orf Club** drawing, held during **Coffee and Donuts**, hosted by **TBD**.



A big thank you to everyone who has already turned in their tickets! If you haven't yet, there's still plenty of time to get them in before the first drawing of 2026—we'd love to include you!

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. The deadline has past, so complete as soon as possible. There are many spots still open. 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 or contact the vocation office at the Missionaries of the Precious Blood 937-228-9263 or e-mail vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org.

Eucharistic 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 LOVE**

"In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him." (1 Jn 4:9)

God's essence is love, an eternal exchange between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to which humanity is called to share (CCC 221). His first gift, containing all others, is love. He pours that love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. (CCC 733) As Christians, we are called to embrace the greatest of all virtues, to love one another without judgment, reflecting God's unwavering love for us, despite our sins. Every person on this earth needs love, and to love someone means to consistently desire their good (CCC 1766). While we may dislike or even detest someone's actions, we are not to hate the individual, as this contradicts our Catholic faith.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta wisely noted, "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Small acts of love, such as a simple smile to a passerby, can significantly impact someone's day. These little gestures of kindness can brighten the lives of those we encounter daily.

Demonstrating our love for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ requires minimal effort, yet it is something we are obliged to do as Catholics. Living out the Gospel message authentically means embodying love. How do we do that? Look around...who is in need physically, emotionally, spiritually? Love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable; loving God leads to loving your neighbor, and serving your neighbor is serving God. (CCC 2196, 8)

Looking up at the Cross reminds us of the greatest love: a Father sacrificing His only Son for our salvation. Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross, shedding His blood for the forgiveness of our sins, set us free because of God's boundless love for humanity. How can we not share that love with others?

Love should not be an abstract concept, but a tangible force in our daily lives. After all, Love came down to tangibly intermingle His Life with ours. And Love meets us at the altar of sacrifice each time we are present at the Eucharistic feast. We are fed by His body and blood in the Eucharist and we hunger to share Him and our newfound way of life with others without cost or reservation because love is free, total, faithful and fruitful. (CCC 10) Love inspires prayer and draws all things into God's love, enabling response through sacrificial giving, like Christ's life for humanity. (CCC 2658) We give everything we have and we give some more. We give until it hurts. This is true love. This is what Jesus did and still does if we ask and trust in His most holy will.

In this final week of preparing for the arrival of Christ, ask yourself, "Is the manger of your heart ready for He who is to occupy it?" Be ready, for Love is coming!

*God of Love, Your Son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of our love, of Your light coming into our darkness.
Help us to walk in that love during this final week of Advent.
May we celebrate the first coming of Jesus, even as we await his return.*

We pray all this in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Sources: Catechism of the Catholic Church, www.catholicexchange.com, www.catholicinrecovery.com

6 AROUND THE PARISH

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.

Advent Fourth Week

**December 22nd: 4:00pm & 7:00pm - Penance
Service (Ottawa)**

**December 24th: 7:15-7:45am - Confession last
chance before Christmas**



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JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS AT MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE (DECEMBER 24, 2025)
4:00PM & 10:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY (DECEMBER 25, 2025)
8:00AM & 10:30AM

**SOLEMNITY MARY MOTHER OF GOD
NEW YEAR'S EVE (DECEMBER 31, 2025)**
4:30PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY (JANUARY 1, 2026)
8:00AM & 10:30AM

**REGULAR WEEKEND
MASS TIMES:**
SATURDAY AT 4:30PM
SUNDAY AT 8:00AM & 10:30AM



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!

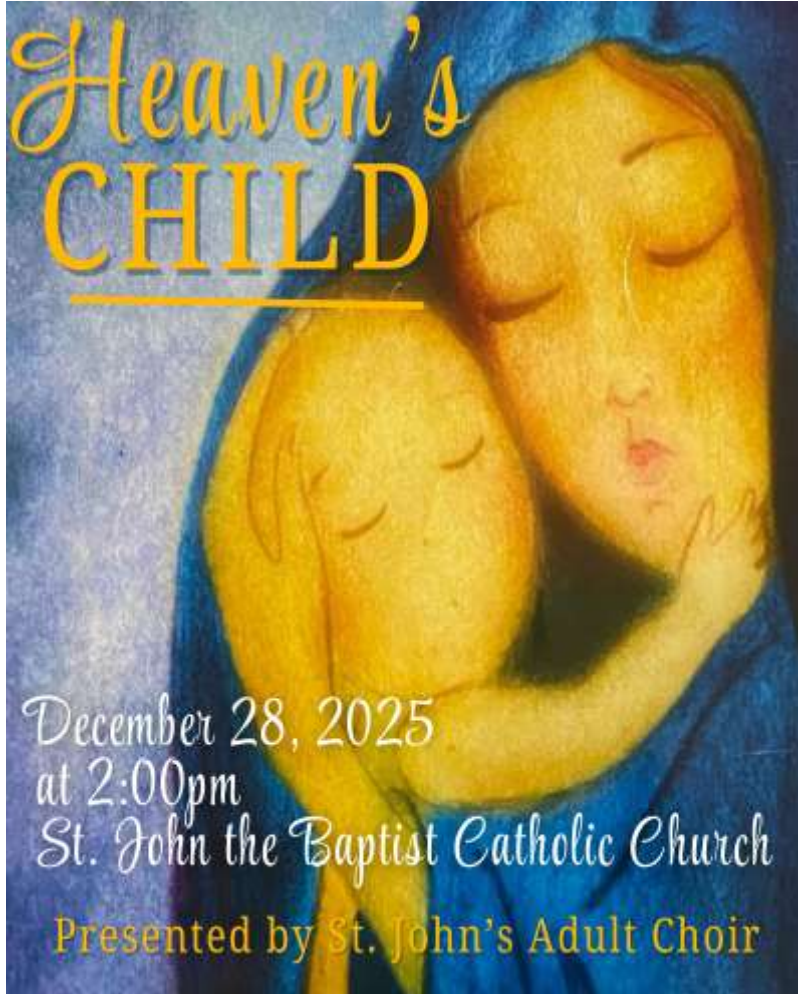
December 21: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

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>

Heaven's CHILD

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




Attention ALL MEN!!!!

Join us on for That Man Is You

TMIY sessions are on Christmas break. 2026 Sessions will begin on Wed. Jan. 7th and Sat. Jan. 10th. We invite all men of the parish to join us in January! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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



Just Show Up & Fill Your Cup

- December 6th : Journaling to Jesus - Guest speaker: Janet Schroeder
- December 13th : The Present of your Presence - Open house coffee and continental breakfast at Jane Williams Home
- December 20th : The Weapons of Our Faith: What is in Your Arsenal
- December 27th : 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!



Eucharistic Adoration in January

NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH JESUS EVERY HOUR!

SCHEDULE

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:30-8:15PM

FIRST FRIDAY,
JANUARY 2ND
1:00-4:00PM CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION

FIRST SATURDAY,
JANUARY 3RD & 4TH
AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL 8:00AM ON SUNDAY MORNING.

HOLY HOUR
9:00AM -10:00AM
CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION AT 9:55AM
THEME: TBD

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

ADORATION ON FIRST FRIDAY

<https://tinyurl.com/p4bcbxy2>

ADORATION ON FIRST SATURDAY

<https://tinyurl.com/3m53x28c>

Worship

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




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



8 AROUND THE AREA

EUCCHARISTIC Day

JANUARY 24TH AND 25TH

Adoration - Benediction - Fellowship

- Adoration begins at 8:30am on January 24th and continues until 4:00pm on January 25th
- Benediction with evening prayer at 4:00pm
- Fellowship with dinner following benediction in the parish center gymnasium at 4:45pm

More details to come and let's all praise and worship God together!

RSVP FOR THE MEAL BEFORE JANUARY 19, 2026




Must be 21 or Older to attend!

Glandorf St. John
February 7, 2026
2nd Annual

"RAFFLE"

Fundraiser for Summer Faith Adventure and CCD K-8 Programs

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

Raffle Card



\$50

ACTIVITIES:

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



One of the prizes: projector and speaker

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



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




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.



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. St. Michael's, Kalida

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

Meyer: Bye

GIRLS:

Bockrath:

2:15pm at home
vs.

St. Nicholas, Miller City



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 3rd 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

HIGH SCHOOL CCD

REMINDER: HIGH SCHOOL CCD IS ON
CHRISTMAS BREAK AND WILL RESUME

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7, 2026

JENN WARNECKE

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

For Grade School and High
School Students

The grade school envelopes were sent home the past few weeks during CCD. The high school students were passed out during CCD.

Home School children can pick them up at the office.

Please be on the
look out for them!



*Advent
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2025*



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Glandorf Youth Group Grades 7-12

Where: Parish Center Gym

When: December 21st

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!



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

COME AND JOIN US!

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AFTER 4:30PM MASS

FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES
FAMILY ADORATION
FREE PLAY
PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS PROVIDED

NO DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP!
2026

JANUARY 3RD: PARISH CENTER
FEBRUARY 7TH: ADORATION ONLY
MARCH 7TH: PARISH CENTER
**APRIL 11TH: IN THE PARK
MAY 2ND: IN THE PARK

NOTE CHANGE OF WEEKENDS DUE TO EASTER

WHAT IS FAMILY
ADORATION?

- Enjoy this special opportunity to introduce your children of all ages to adoring Jesus with other parish families.
- You can stay as long as you'd like!
- Crying, soft whispers, & whispering in O.K.I. Jesus wants ALL the little children to come to Him!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
BROOKE CASSIDY @ 419-233-4312
SHANA DULING @ 419-615-8189
WENDY IMM @ 614-634-1043



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
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

Putnam County Right to Life

Putnam County Right to Life will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 6th, at 7:30 pm** in St. Michael's church basement.

All are welcome to attend.

27th Annual Youth Retreat

YOU ARE LOVED YOU ARE CHOSEN

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
CEMINAR

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:

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Father Matt will

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

[lifeninthespirit-seminar.com](https://www.lifeninthespirit-seminar.com)

SHARE YOUR FAITH DAY
Diocese of Toledo and the Toledo Walleye

Friday, January 9, 2026
Gates Open 6:15 PM | Game Starts 7:15 PM

Discounted admission tickets are available scan the QR Code.
Tickets are limited.

Accessible seating is located in Section 109 Row T Seats 1-5 for those who need it.

Experience an exhilarating evening of hockey as The Catholic Diocese of Toledo invites you to cheer on the Toledo Walleye in their thrilling game against the Iowa Heartlanders on January 9th at 7:15 pm. Don't miss out on the excitement at the Huntington Center - a perfect outing for families and sports enthusiasts alike. Get your tickets before Dec. 26 and be part of the action: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Catholicdiocese21>

CELEBRATING THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE

WHEN: Sunday, February 15, 2026
MASS: 3:30pm; St. Gerard Church, Lima OH
DINNER: 5pm; St. Gerard Church Hall
DANCE: 6pm **TICKETS:** \$40 per couple. Cash Bar.

RSVP by January 26, 2026
Contact Marilyn at 567-204-4745 to purchase your ticket.
We hope you will join this event celebrating the sanctity of marriage! Come for one part of the event or all.

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 43962

steubenvilleconferences.com/mc4

Contact **Nicole Schneider** at nhighered@franciscan.edu for more information about attending with your Youth Group!

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



**Knights of
Columbus**

Newsletters are available
in the back of Church.



BLUETOOTH HEARING ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE IN CHURCH

WILLIAMS
WaveCAST App



- ✓ 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.

Putnam County Council on Aging January Activities				
Date	Event	Time	Location	
1-6-26	Penny Drop	10:00am	Community Center Columbus Grove	
1-7-26	Diamond Art	10:00am	Fort Haven Apartments Fort Jennings	
1-12-26	Venmo Presentation	1:30pm	Putnam Co. District Library Pandora	
1-13-26	The Power of Pollinators Presentation	1:00pm	Community Center Vaughsville	
1-14-26	Beating the Winter Blues	10:00am	Sportsman's Club Miller City	
1-20-26	Be Alert to Financial Fraud	10:00am	Parish Center Ottoville (Banquet room)	
1-22-26	Intro to Fused Glass	10:00am	Lilac Clubhouse Leipsic	
1-27-26	Euchre	10:00am	Church of the Good Shepherd Columbus Grove	
1-28-26	Frost Moon Festival	10:00am	Arthur-Lugibuhl Community Center Pandora	



Please call us for more information or to attend!
419-523-4121/1-877-796-1760



Give blood.
Help save lives.



Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Cafeteria
320 North Locust
Ottawa, OH 45875

**12/29/2025
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-723-2787) or visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter STSPETERPAUL to schedule an appointment.



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-723-2787 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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



**SAINT
MICHAEL'S
GROUP**



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
APPRECIATE their Health and
Fertility in a way that is
cooperative with our Catholic faith.
Contact Wendy Imm, BSN CFCEP
for more information at 614-634-
1043 or
divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com

Jesus' Birthday is almost here!



Now there is less than a week left until Christmas!

In today's Gospel reading God gave St. Joseph a special job. He told him to take care of Mary and the baby Jesus. St. Joseph thought he was just an ordinary person and didn't expect to have such an important responsibility, but he did what God asked.



God has given us a responsibility too. We have to love Jesus as much as we can. How can you love and honour Jesus at Christmas time? If your family has a nativity scene you can pray to Jesus while you look at it. Right now you have a few days left to get ready for Jesus' birthday. Ask St. Joseph to help you prepare for Jesus' coming.



Answers to Cross-Word: 2. Sheep 6. Immanuel 7. deep 8. die 10. virgin 12. child. Down: 1. name 3. house 4. man 5. heaven 7. David 9. high 11. king

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The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21st, 2025

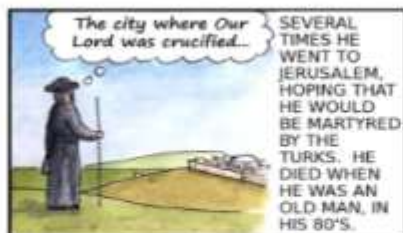
Joseph, son of David,
do not fear to take
Mary as your wife,
for that which is
conceived in her is
of the Holy Spirit.
She will bear a son,
and you shall call
his name Jesus.



An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him what God wanted him to do. What did the angel say? Look in a mirror to find out!

Saint John of Kanty

December 23

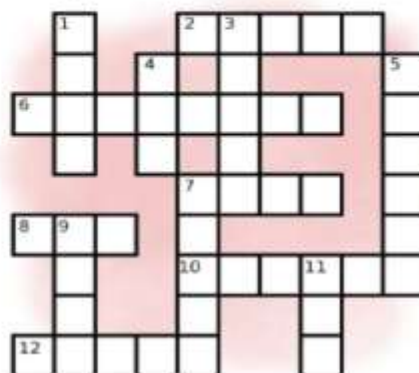


SAINT JOHN TOLD PEOPLE TO FIGHT AGAINST ERROR WITH LOVE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS LIFE THAT WE SHOULD BE GENEROUS AND KIND TO DRAW PEOPLE TO JESUS. SOMETIMES THE PEOPLE WON'T LISTEN RIGHT AWAY, BUT IF WE PERSEVERE IN BEING KIND TO THEM, THEY WILL EVENTUALLY CHANGE.

Isaiah 7 Cross-Word

Find the words that fit into the spaces in today's first reading, and then fit them into the puzzle. A=Across and D=Down.

HOUSE
VIRGIN
HIGH
SHEOL
CHILD
THE
DAVID
HEAVEN
NAME
DEEP
IMMANUEL
GOD
MAN



8A LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your 11D; let it be 7A as 2A or 9D as 5D." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O 3D of 7D! Is it too little for you to weary 4D, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the 10A shall be with 12A, and bear a son, and shall 1D him 6A.

