

# **START A NEW HABIT - SPEND TIME WITH GOD'S WORDS**

## **CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS - LECTIO DIVINA – DIVINE PRAYER**

*Lectio divina* is a method of praying the Scriptures. What better way to get to know God than by spending time with God's spoken word?

The practice of *lectio divina* traces its roots back to the early centuries in the Church. By the sixth century, [St. Benedict](#) had made it a regular practice in most monasteries. Today *lectio divina* is a widely held practice by many laymen and laywomen.

*Lectio divina* is a slow, rhythmic reading and praying of a Scripture passage. You pick a passage and read it. Notice what arises within you as you read it. Then you read it again, and then again, noticing what words and phrases grab your heart and noticing the feelings that arise. You respond to God about whatever is stirring within as you read and pray with the passage. Finally, you rest and let God respond and speak to you.

Let's consider the formal steps. To begin, you might open with a short prayer, (see Holy Spirit Prayer below). Ask God to guide your prayer time. Try to silence your mind and put off the cares of the day. You could make an act of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Simply; Lord I believe in You help my unbelief, Lord I Hope in You increase my Trust in You, Lord I Love You show me how to love You more. Then do the following:

### Read.

Slowly and thoughtfully, read the Scripture passage the first time.

Did a word or phrase capture your attention and grab your heart? Linger with it whenever this happens.

### Reflect.

Slowly and prayerfully, read the passage again. What is God saying to you in this passage? offering you? asking you? What feelings are arising within you?

### Respond.

Slowly and prayerfully, read the passage again. Respond to God from your heart. Speak to God of your feelings and insights. Offer these to God.

### Rest.

Possibly read the passage another time. Sit quietly in God's presence, asking, "What are you saying to me?" Rest in God's love and listen.

### Concrete resolution.

What is God calling you to do with what He has said to you. Practice a virtue like generosity, apologize to someone, do a kind act for someone who may have come to mind during your prayer time etc. As you end your prayer period, you might close with an Our Father or

another short prayer. It might be helpful to jot down in a journal what arose during this time. What did you say to God, and what did God offer you?

**Come Holy Spirit Prayer:**

*Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful, enkindle in us the fire of your love, send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth*

*O God, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit, help us to know what is truly right and always rejoice in his consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Gospel

Lk 2:1-14

Mass during the night

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

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## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 Christmas**

### **MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE**

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 St. Stephen**

7:35AM Rosary

**8:00AM Communion Service-Don Inkrott**

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 St John**

7:35AM Rosary

**8:00AM L/D Don & Bea Hovest Family, Bill Koch**

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 The Holy Innocents**

7:15AM – 7:45AM Confessions

7:35AM Rosary

**8:00AM L/D Margaret(AN) & Paul Siefker Family,  
Ed & Dorothy Stechsulte Family**

6:30-8:15PM Adoration

**6:30-8:15PM No Confessions**

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 St. Thomas Becket**

7:30AM Rosary

**8:00 AM Fr. Harry Brown Special Intention**

## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 The Holy Family**

7:15AM – 7:45AM Confessions

7:35AM Rosary

**8:00AM Amy Black**

12:00PM Rosary

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 St. Sylvester**

7:35AM Rosary

**8:00AM Jeff King, Larry Kirkendall**

8:30AM Confessions

**4:30PM L/D Andrew & Eileen Schroeder Family,  
L/D Ott Schnipke Family, Virgil Hageman,  
Edward, Martha Mary, Donald Smith,  
L/D Norman & Betty Birkemeyer, Kathy Verhoff**

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary**

7:25PM Rosary

**8:00AM Dean Shalter**

**10:30AM Hubert Warnecke, Dave Kimmet, Mary Lou Ricker**



I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas. As we celebrate the gift of the Christ child being born to us this Christmas. I pray that you would not only celebrate the birth of Christ but at some point, you will have an intimate, heart-touching experience of Christ this Christmas.

A memory of Christmas that I have growing up is when we would gather at grandma's house to celebrate Christmas. Just before we would open gifts, several of my cousins around my and I would get dressed up as magi, shepherds, angels, Joseph, and Mary. Often the costumes that we wore were either blankets, bath robes, or graduation robes. Then we would reenact the story of Jesus birth. It was fun in my younger years and then as I got to my older and when some older cousins lead the play some rebellion got mixed in, like changing the words on a Christmas Carol. Some where there are pictures and video of this play being performed. My grandma was always supportive of what her grandchildren going to sporting events they participated, and I think she particularly liked going events of the fine arts plays and concerts that her grandchildren participated. So, I think watching us perform this played delighted her for this reason. But the real reason why I think grandma wanted us to perform this play. Was not so much for the entertainment for her, but the lesson she wanted to teach her grandchildren. She wanted to remind her grandchildren that the birth of Jesus was the

reason that we celebrate Christmas and not all the other gifts and stuff that comes with the season. She did not want her grandchildren to get all caught up in the business of Christmas.

Parents, grandparents, and Catechist are quick at reminding/teaching children of the importance of Christmas. But you know I think adults also need to be reminded of this lesson. Like children, adults can also get wrapped up in the business of this season. Cleaning up the house, buying gifts for loved ones, preparing special treats, decorating, and even getting ready to entertain special guests. None of these activities by themselves are bad but sometimes they over consume our time and energy that we can lose sight of what is most important.

Sometimes these activities can so consume us that we can lose sight of what Christmas is about that it can lead us to resenting this season. So, how can we prevent this?

Yes, we called to participate in the activities of Christmas, but I think we are called to participate in through a special lens. This lens is simple we are called to live in the moment of Christmas. We called to live in the moment of Christ being born to us in the manger. I think this is part of the reason we come to church. We are called to live in moment entertaining and being with family and friends. We are called live in the moment of giving and receiving gifts. Christmas is a special moment and if we do not pay attention, we can miss those special moment. And these special moments come only once a year and some of these moments come once in a lifetime. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us pay attention to all those special moments.

Children, I think at Christmas have gift for seeing those special moments. How appropriate because today we celebrate Christ being born to us as a child, as a baby. In the scriptures Jesus calls for us to be child-like. We are all children of God, as children of God may we catch the special moment of our God born to us, may we catch all the special moments of this season.

#### **WEEKDAY SERVERS:**

**Tue. 8:00AM:** Logan Birkemeier, Mylie Bockrath, Kya Bogart

**Wed. 8:00AM:** Ella Brady, Evan Brady, Lochlan Brinkman

**Thu. 8:00AM:** Connor Duling, Alania Duling, Nolan Duling

**Fri. 8:00AM:** Trye Ellerbrock, Maci Ellerbrock, Royce Ellerbrock

**Sat. 8:00AM:** Will Faber, Grace Kahle, Reese Karhoff

#### **Next Sunday, January 1**

#### **SUNDAY SERVERS:**

**Sat. 4:30PM:** Cy Rump, Ross Maag, Kylee Lehman, Hayden Kaufman – Thurifer (Incense)

**Sun. 8:00AM:** Tyler Ruhe, Owen Morman, Isaac Macke

**Sun. 10:30AM:** Owen Schumaker, Jacob Schimmoeller, Cooper Niese, Nolan Duling- Thurifer (Incense)

#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

#### **LECTORS**

4:30PM Lori Schroeder

Cari Homan

Sharon Siebeneck

Paula Siebeneck

8:00AM Mark Schroeder

Nicole Ruhe

Tammy Schroeder

Greg Ruhe

10:30AM Jason Kleman

Don Giesige

Julie Pothast

Tony Schroeder

**COMMUNION TO MEADOWS:** Darlene Miller, Linda Schroeder

#### **SUNDAY GIFT BEARERS:**

Sat. 4:30PM: Dale & Ruth Gerding

Sun. 8:00AM: Ron & Kathy Schmiedebusch

Sun. 10:30AM: Jim & Julie Meyerhoffer

#### **JANUARY USHERS:**

Sat. 4:30PM: Brian Grime, Richard Schmitz

Sun. 8:00AM: Mark Maag, Alan Wrasman

Sun. 10:30AM: Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum

**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 4**

**ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY:** Tim & Mer Lehman

**JANUARY FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS:** Dolores Schnipke, Ginny Schroeder, Darlene Stechschulte, Tina & Randy Fortman, Mary Ellen & Dan Klear

### PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS

**Sunday, January 8, 2023 class is cancelled.** The class will be rescheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm or February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am – 10:30 am, in Room 15 in the parish center presented by Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling St. John's Rectory 419-538-6928.. Next class will be May 21, 2023.

### RECTORY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

December 26<sup>th</sup> thru January 2nd

### **Adult Faith Information**

Jeanette Schroeder – Coordinator, Diana Meyer, Jeanne Schram, Marlene Kleman, Deacon Don and Elaine Inkrott

## **Matthew Leonard is coming to St. John's Glandorf OH**



Wednesday evening 1/18/2023 7:00-9:00PM in church  
2 talks, "Divine Destiny: The Public Secret of the Catholic Faith",  
and "Love Letters Transforming Your Prayer life  
Through Scripture" (Lectio Divina)

All Ages are invited. A Free will offering will be taken  
Matthew's materials will be for sale.

Can also be watched on Glandorf channel 3.

Matthew is a speaker, author, podcaster, filmmaker and founder of the [Science of Sainthood](#). He is a  
convert to Catholicism

and has appeared on EWTN, Relevant Radio, and SiriusXM.

His own podcast, "The Art of Catholic," is listened to around the world. Matthew holds a Master's in  
theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville and lives in Ohio with his wife and their six children.

Learn more about him at [MatthewSLeonard.com](http://MatthewSLeonard.com)

### To Create a new FORMED account

Go to [FORMED.org](http://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](http://FORMED.org). Click Sign In - upper right corner  
Have questions? Call 419-890-3724



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THE FIRST SATURDAY, after 4:30 Mass until 8:00 on  
Sunday mornings.** Saturday/Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator back in  
church or sign up on line using the following link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4eaaab2ba7f85-adoration11>. We would like at least two people signed  
up for each hour. If you can't make it to church to sign in please call Katie Verhoff 480-236-7305

### OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**May He Rest in Peace**

Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of **Dave Wehri**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to  
his family, relatives, friends & neighbors.

### OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Callan Thomas, son of Cody and Danielle Bockrath  
**CONGRATLATIONS TO PARENTS & GODPARENTS!**

### RCIA (Christian Initiation of Adults) INTEREST

Monday, Dec 26 No Class

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



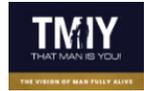
### THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY)

TMIY "THE LIGHT OF MEN", YEAR 10,

Christmas Break. Spring Sessions will start on

Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 6am-7:30am or in the cafeteria or

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm-8:30pm, in Room 22. **All men are welcome.** We invite you to join us whether it's for 1 week or every week!!! Help us build strong catholic men in all of our parish!



### HELP NEEDED

- ❖ Need an Extraordinary Minister for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at the 8:00am Mass.
- ❖ Anyone that would like to make Birthday and Get Well cards for our parishioners.

Please call the rectory, if you are interested (419)538-6928.

### Grade School CCD Information

Message from Tammy Schmitz for Grade School K-4 Religious Education email at [k4ccd@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:k4ccd@glandorfstjohns.com)

### Jr. High CCD Information

Message from Mindy Recker for Jr. High Coordinator email at [jrhighccd@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:jrhighccd@glandorfstjohns.com)

### High School CCD Information

Message from Ruth Gerding Coordinator of High School CCD email at [hscd@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:hscd@glandorfstjohns.com)

No HS CCD on December 21st and 28th.

Reminder: Seniors have a Retreat on 1-8-2023 (Sunday AM), starting at 9:00 AM until Noon.

HS CCD for Freshman through Juniors resumes on January 4, 2023.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

Ruth Gerding, Coordinator of HS CCD  
567-204-1275

### Men's Society Christmas Party

Sunday, January 15th. Come out and enjoy free snacks and drinks starting at 1:00pm. We will have the NFL postseason games on, and will be pulling the Men's Society raffle tickets that afternoon (Ohio State Brutus Neon Sign and 36" Blackstone griddle). Call/text Tony Schroeder (419-615-5162) if you'd like raffle tickets (\$10/ea).

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to our 8th Grade Students for their in-school service project by cleaning in the church and in the parish center and helping get Christmas decorations ready. You all did a fantastic job. Thank you, thank you, thank you! God bless you all! Fr. Matt

Thank you to the interior church decorating committee, crib committee and everyone else who helped decorate the inside of the Church for Christmas! It looks amazing!

### Word on Fire's The Mass

with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr invites all the faithful to join him in a study of *The Mass*, produced by Word on Fire and led by Bishop Robert Barron.

**Participating in the study is easy.**

For the six weeks between Christmas and Lent, Archbishop Schnurr will send out one short video by email each week to help us deepen our appreciation for and participation in the Mass. Just watch the video at your convenience during the week and see how the Holy Spirit moves in you to renew and strengthen your love through the Eucharist – especially during the Sunday Mass. Study begins January 8, is self-paced, free, features beautiful and engaging videos and will take less than 30 minutes of your time each week. Go to <https://catholicaoc.org/themass#study>



## **St. John's Eucharist Day**

January 22, 2023

**Public Adoration :11:30am—4:00pm**

**Benediction at 4:00pm**

**Dinner at 5:00pm in the  
parish center gymnasium**

If you would like to attend the meal, click on the link <https://form.jotform.com/213535580064150> , call or email the rectory to sign up for the meal. We need to know how many people will be attending by **January 15th**.

**Sponsored by: Parish Council and Finance Committee**

**TICKETS for 2023 GRAND-orf Club** were mailed out to you. Please watch for them! If you didn't receive your tickets in the mail there are extras in the racks in the church vestibules on the north & south side. For \$12 per ticket you will have two chances each month to win \$500. During the Holidays you may have ample opportunities

to sell those tickets. Let's do our best inviting others, too, to share in the potential for benefits of our GRAND-orf Club Raffle. Thank you!



**2023 GRAND-orf Club** drawing along with coffee & donuts by **Andrea & Doug Giesige** will be Sunday, January 8, 2023 after the 8:00 or 10:30 Mass., in the cafeteria. Extra gold tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules. If you want to be included in this drawing, you need to have your tickets in by January 2, 2023. Thanks.

**2023 GRADE SCHOOL ENVELOPES:** The kid's envelopes were sent home the last 2 weeks during CCD. Please be on the lookout for them.

**K of C Newsletters** are available in the back of Church.

**Please join the Sisters of the Visitation** as they celebrate their Founder, St. Francis de Sales' Death Anniversary on December 28. The Salesian Jubilee Year ends this day. This will be the final opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence with the usual conditions and visiting the Chapel of a Visitation Monastery. For entrance to our Chapel throughout the day, please go to the convent door for access at 1745 Parkside Blvd., Toledo. Please call the Sisters at 419-536-1343 for information.

**Cardio Fitness class** will start Wednesday, January 11th at 7:30pm to 8:30pm at St. John's Parish Gym. Please bring an exercise mat & weights. This class will be every Wednesday & the cost is \$3.00. The instructor is Holly Flueckiger. Any questions please contact Sandy Meyer at 419-615-8403 or Jill Karhoff at 419-615-0085

**LADIES OF LEISURE SOCIAL** (sponsored by St. John's Altar Rosary Society) This is a casual gathering for a few hours once a month to bring adult ladies of the surrounding communities together for fellowship and fun! Starting January 18, 2023 from (1:00-4:00pm) or (6:00pm – 9:00pm) gathering Every Third Wednesday at St. John the Baptist Parish Center in Glandorf. Come play your favorite game or come for conversation and visiting. Up coming Dates: February 15, 2023, March 15, 2023, April 19, 2023. For questions or reserve a table, please call Jill Gerding 419-538-6942.

**2023 March for Life** Interested in attending the 2023 National March for Life in Washington, D.C.? Join the Diocese of Toledo pilgrimage to the first ever nation-wide celebration of preborn lives in a post-Roe world! The trip is only \$275 per person, and partial scholarships are available upon request! Our pilgrimage includes two nights in the Residence Inn by Marriott in Downtown Washington, D.C., as well as free time to tour the city. We depart from St. Thomas More University Parish in Bowling Green on Thursday, January 19th, at 11 a.m. and will stop in Norwalk to allow those from the eastern region of the Diocese to hop on our five charter buses. We will attend Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. David Kidd in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Friday morning, then attend the Rally and March for Life! This would have been the 50th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision making abortion the law of the land, so it will be an even more exciting experience knowing that Roe has been reversed and each state now has the chance to protect preborn lives at a more local level! On Saturday morning, we will attend the National Pro-Life Summit hosted by Students for Life of America. This is the largest pro-life conference in the world, and for the first time, the Diocese of Toledo has been awarded a national grant to allow everyone in our pilgrimage to attend COMPLETELY FREE (\$150 value per person). To learn more about the summit, go to [www.prolifesummit.com](http://www.prolifesummit.com) To register, go to [www.tinyurl.com/DCMarch2023](http://www.tinyurl.com/DCMarch2023) or email Students for Life Coordinator, Allison Stump, at [astump@toledodiocese.org](mailto:astump@toledodiocese.org). Registration is now open to anyone in the Diocese—students, young adults, and the young at heart! All minors must be accompanied at all times by a parent or legal guardian. For questions, call Allison Stump at 419-214-4973.

**2023 Catholic Men's Conference:** Are you interested in attending the 2023 Catholic Men's Conference? Join other men from our parish in attending on Saturday, February 25th at the Kasich Center in Columbus. Register at [www.catholicmensministry.com/2023conference](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/2023conference) Cost is \$40 for men, \$25 for HS and college students. \$5 discount if registered by 12/31!

Additional information, agenda, and speaker bios can be found on the website. If you would like to carpool contact Mike Karhoff at 419-796-0763 (text or call) or [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net). We will meet at the north church parking lot at 5 am.

**Engaged Couples Conference** ~ St. Anthony's Engaged Couples Conference will be held **Saturday, March 4th** from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Cost of the day is \$40.00 per couple. Any couples interested, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

Payment can be dropped off or mailed to the St. Anthony's parish office or can be made the morning of the conference.

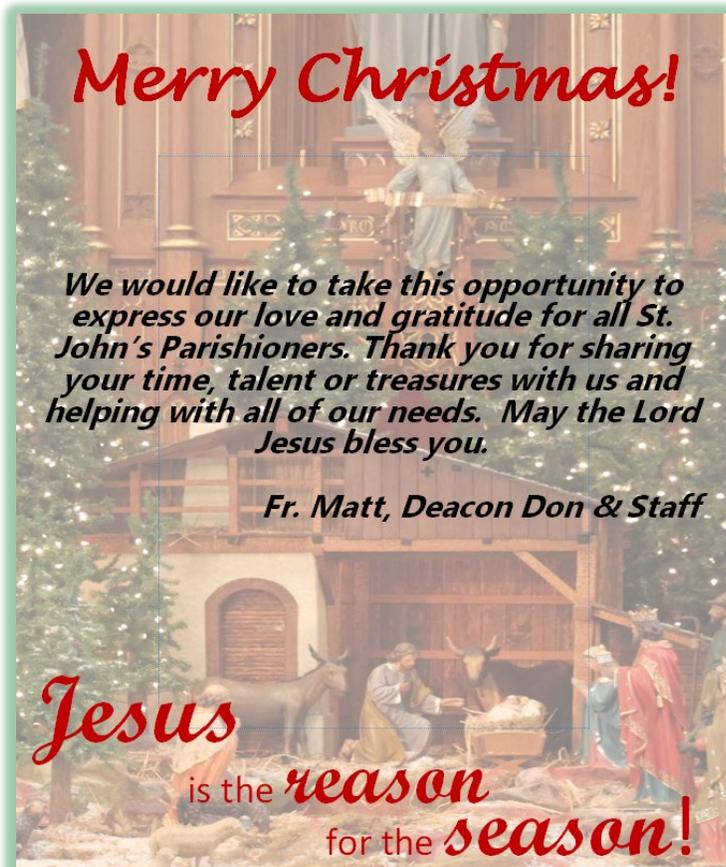
***Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us -December 25-31***

Ronald L Maag 12/27/04

William J Schroeder 12/27/21

Margaret M Siefker 12/28/21

Floyd L Meyer 12/29/14



**Advent Angel Tree and baby bottles for Heartbeat**

By St. John's Outreach. Please bring back all items as soon as possible.

**“NEEDY FAMILIES”** Since this is the time for thanksgiving and giving we would like to help our needy families. If you know of a needy family who would like to be included in the parish “Needy Families Collection” please call the rectory. Thank you!

**STEWARDSHIP (December 18 , 2022 Collection)**

**Adults \$10,195.31 Auto Electronic Giving \$1,931.25**

**Loose \$869.00 Children \$100.00 Total: \$13,095.56**

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! We are most grateful!

**Heartbeat Needs:** Gift cards for gas or groceries.

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

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Christian Gifts & Educational Resources

**Mustard Seed Gift Shop normal business hours**

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

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood



Sunday, December 25, 2022

St. George Deanery

**Pastor:** Rev Matthew Keller, C.P.P.S. **Deacon:** Don Inkrott **Business Manager:** Ashley Duling **Administrative Assistant:** Michelle Horstman **Music:** Dan Ellerbrock **Maintenance:** Joe Schroeder **Janitors:** Mark Klausing (Church), Mark Kaufman (Parish Center) **Cemetery Caretaker-Manager:** Jeff Gerding



**OFFICE HOURS** Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm, Closed for lunch 12:30pm – 1:30pm

**REGISTRATION**–New members should register as soon as possible. Moving out? - please inform the rectory.

**INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR PARISH?** If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher or in any other way please call the rectory 419-538-6928.

**PARENT SESSIONS** are required by the Toledo Diocese for Infant Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist, and First Penance.

**PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS** – Next classes will be **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> is cancelled, makeup will be January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm or February 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:30am, May 21<sup>st</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:30AM, in room 15, in the parish center** - presented by Deacon Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling rectory.

**WEDDINGS:** The Toledo Diocese requests all dates be set at the rectory at least 6 months in advance. **Pre-Marriage Class required.** Parties who recently joined our parish who do not live within our parish boundaries, or who do not belong to a family already registered in the parish; need to be aware that we cannot schedule a wedding date until six months after the time of registration. The normal six-month preparation period would apply from that point. Normally only parishioners and those related to our parishioners marry here. Any other person needs prior permission of his/her pastor.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS** Glandorf St. John's will be having a 1—day class here in our cafeteria on **Sunday, November 5, 2023** starting with the 8:00am Wendy Mass. This is a mandatory, 1-day class. Please register by calling the rectory.

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT COMPLETED? DID YOU REMEMBER YOUR PARISH, ST. JOHN'S?**

**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 Ruth Gerding at 567-204-1275 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— pastor & Mike Karhoff – Parish Council Pres.)

## ST. JOHN'S CONTACTS

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Coordinator of Grade School K-4 Religious Education (Tammy Schmitz) 538-6335  
Coordinator of Jr High School 5-8 Religious Education (Mindy Recker) 538-6897  
Coordinator of High School Religious Education (Ruth Gerding) 538-6897  
Pre-School Administrator/Lead Teacher (Lori Rump) 538-6264  
Youth Director (Colleen Halker) 538-7268