

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 DEACON DON

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As we prepare our hearts during this Advent season, let us go back over 2000 years and place ourselves in the Holy Land. The Savior is about to arrive and nobody senses anything. Time is passing by as usual and everyone is oblivious. Only Mary knows and Joseph who had been told by an angel that Christ is in Mary's womb. The world is full of darkness and the Jews are arguing about the coming Messiah, completely unaware that He is about to be in their midst. They have no idea that He would eventually be the one that the Prophets would foretell. Just as they were in waiting, we in this time of Advent are also in waiting. Today's Gospel talks about John the Baptist as the Precursor; the "One crying in the desert" as Isaiah spoke of. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John is the dividing line between the Old and the New Testaments. Our Lord Himself teaches something about John when He talks about "the law and the Prophets down to John the Baptist." John was born to elderly parents and he shows that he is a prophet from his mothers' womb. He had not been born yet when the Blessed Virgin arrives with the child Jesus in her womb. He leapt for joy inside of his mother. The whole of John's life is determined by this mission; to prepare others for the arrival of our Savior. We are all called to be precursors like John. Together with the grace of our Baptism and Confirmation, we have received this duty to making our faith in Christ known to others, through our actions, words, and deeds. In order to enable us to carry out this mission, we need to receive Christ in the eucharist frequently, or even daily. Advent also calls us to do an examination of conscience and be repentant of our sins and to receive the sacrament of Penance. Through this action we are preparing our hearts for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope you have a blessed and fruitful Advent season and know that the joy of Christmas will be complete when we can gather as a family to celebrate the Incarnate One; the baby child Jesus in the town of Bethlehem. God bless all of you.

Deacon Don



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, 5th Grade curriculum. For more information on this program, visit <https://loc.ignatius.com/faithandlife/>

"For our sake he was crucified...suffered death and was buried, and he rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." *"And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:2) Part 2*

Jesus was sacrificed once for all on the Cross. The Sacrifice of the Mass is the same sacrifice offered by Christ once and for all. The Mass is the greatest form of worship.

Time is measured by the heavenly bodies (sun, moon, stars) and the earth's rotation. However, God exists outside of time. He created us to live on earth within time, but he has existed from all eternity and acts outside of time. This is how God can know what we will do before we even do it.

Because Jesus is God and acts outside of time, he was able to sacrifice himself for every person throughout time. Also because God acts outside of time, the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross actually becomes present at Mass. However, we must keep in mind that Jesus is not sacrificed again – rather, the Mass is a re-presentation of his Crucifixion.

During the Mass the priest offers Jesus as a sacrifice to God. When we participate in the Mass, we can share in the priest's actions of offering a sacrifice to God by joining ourselves with Jesus and offering up ourselves to God. In other words, we give everything to God: our worries, our needs, our lives, and even our joys. By offering ourselves to God before the altar at Mass, we are responding to all that God has given to us in a great act of worship. God in turn will bless us, especially as he gives himself to us through the Eucharist.

Going to Mass is important because it is our best opportunity to participate in Christ's great sacrifice and is the highest form in which we can worship God. Jesus not only was sacrificed for all on the Cross, but he also resurrected. What a great feat! Through his Resurrection, Jesus shows he is victorious over sin and death! His Resurrection is of great importance to our Faith because it proved *He is God*, as he said he was and, *he triumphed over death*, as he said he would. In conquering death, he won eternal life for man. We can now share in this life of grace even now through the sacramental life of the Church. Jesus saved us so we can live with God in heaven forever. Jesus's Resurrection is a sign that Jesus restored the union and friendship between God and man.

At the moment we die, our souls will separate from our bodies. Because Jesus rose from the dead, our hope is that we too will rise. What will this mean for us? Let's take a look at Jesus's Resurrection. When he died, his body and soul were separated in death, and they were united again when he was resurrected. His body was glorified, yet he had the same soul. He is the same Divine Person that died on the Cross. Jesus was not a ghost, and not just "spiritually" alive, but really and truly alive.

Mary is our first example of death and resurrection as she was assumed into heaven body and soul. We believe and have hope that we, too will die and resurrect like Christ. Our soul and body will separate, but unite again one day. Our bodies will one day be glorified. Our soul will remain the same, and we will be the same person we were before we died – only glorified. Imagine! One day we will see.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 Immaculate Conception

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Poor Souls-All School Mass

7:00pm Poor Souls

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Don Jostpille(AN)

4:00pm Penance Service

7:00pm Penance Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 St. Damasus

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Laurence Niese & Charles Rieman Family

6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration

7:15pm-8:15pm Confession

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Joe Uphaus

2:00pm Mass at Ottawa Meadows-Poor Souls

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 St Lucy

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Cleo Schroeder Family

12:00pm Rosary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Fr. Matt Keller & Family

8:30am Confessions

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm L/D Dave Schmitz Family, Carolyn & Bob Warnecke,
L/D Al & Rita Knueven, Jacob M Schroeder Family, Vicki Verhoff,
Joyce Smith, L/D Lavon & Beverly Leis, Father Gene Schnipke
Esther "Rooney" Trombley

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15~3rd Sunday of Advent

7:35am Rosary

8:00am John Yaufman, L/D Victor & Dorothy Duling Family,
L/D Joe Karl Jr. Family, JoAnn Otto, Lauren Schneeg

10:30am William & Evelyn Palte, Ray & Helen Schroeder,
Harry & Leona Palte, Alice Palte

3:00pm Christmas Cantata

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

**Mass Times on Monday, December 9th is
8:00am and 7:00pm**

Note: The Holy Day is transferred from Sunday, Dec 8th to Monday, Dec. 9th.

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.

SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	Students
Mon	7:00pm	Nolan Duling, Asher Rump, Libbie Niese-Thurifer-Ethan Kuhlman
Tue	8:40am	Roger Schroeder, Eddie Duling
Wed	8:00am	Gene & Rose Warnecke
Thurs	8:40am	Roger Schroeder, Gary Recker
Fri	8:00am	Ken & Paula Elchinger
Sat	8:00am	CJ Schroeder, Addison Knueven, Lauren Weiss
Sat	4:30pm	Sam Warnecke, Adam Maag, Ross Maag
Sun	8:00am	Ace Nienberg, AJ Siefker, Makena Siefker
Sun	10:30am	Hannah Brickner, Cole Morman, Chase Maag

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS

Mon	7:00pm	Jason Kleman Julie Pothast	Don Giesige Tony Schroeder
Sat	4:30pm	Mary Ellen Halker Louis Halker	Aubrey Leopold
Sun	8:00am	Deb Leopold Deb Schroeder	Andy Gray Deb Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding Jane Moening	Mary Ellen Klear Dan Klear

GIFT BEARERS

Mon	7:00pm	Ushers
Sat	4:30pm	Dick & Marilyn Siefker
Sun	8:00am	Cliff & Janet Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Keith & Deb Kuhlman

DECEMBER USHERS

Mon	7:00pm	Chris & Tim Hoehn
Sat	4:30pm	Dale Evers, Steve Brown
Sun	8:00am	Bryan Kaufman, Michael Recker
Sun	10:30am	Barry Maag, Ken Horstman

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Deb Burwell, Fran Roof

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 2

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Tim & Mer Lehman

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

Lighting Advent Wreath next weekend: 4:30pm-Doug & Jamie Trombley, 8:00am—Cory & Heather Haselman, 10:30am - Nate & Stephanie Bockrath

ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS AND EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ADULT SERVERS

- **All School Mass for the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9th. The student's will not be at Mass the rest of the week, so we will need weekday lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Adult servers to cover the Masses. Thank You!**

STEWARDSHIP

December 1, 2024

Offering

Loose	\$ 764.00
Adult Envelope	\$ 10,581.00
Children	\$ 62.00
Maintenance	\$ 280.00
Online Offering	\$ 2,233.00
Online Maintenance	\$ 169.00
Campaign for Human Dev	\$ 60.00
Thanksgiving Loose	\$ 901.00
Thanksgiving Adult Envelope	\$ 570.00
Thanksgiving Children	\$ 11.50
Thanksgiving Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Total Collection	\$ 15,671.50

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

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)

Needy Families

Since this is the time for thanksgiving and giving, we would like to help those in need, please put money in an envelope labeled "NEEDY FAMILY" and put in the collection basket.

If you know of a family in need please call the office.
Thank you!

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.

JULIE GRISMORE
ROBERT FORTMAN
EUGENE OTTO
EDWIN KETNER

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

Daryl L Hunt 12/8/03	Raymond J Schmitz 12/10/03
Hildegard A Ford 12/8/08	Dolores P Schroeder 12/10/16
Jeanette M Caseman 12/8/15	John J Brinkman 12/12/14
Dorothy M Ellerbrock 12/8/20	Leroy A Ellerbrock 12/12/14
Audrey I Steffes 12/9/14	Marcile A Schmitz 12/13/08
Norma B Ellerbrock 12/9/21	Kenneth J Schroeder 12/14/01
Curt F Morman 12/9/21	Lois Mae Hoyt 12/14/14
	Paul Moreno 12/15/11

Watch out for the tickets they were mailed out this week or they are in the back of vestibules of Church.

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 PO Box 48,
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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.

THANK YOU

A warm heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped stuff the Grand-orf Drawing envelopes for mailing. Your valuable time was greatly appreciated!

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

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

- December 7th 8:30am - Confession
 December 7th, 4:00pm - 4:15pm - Confession
 December 7th, 5:30pm - 12:00am - Overnight Adoration

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

- December 8th, 12:01am - 8:00am - Adoration
 December 8th, 9:00am-10:00am - Holy Hour (special time of prayer)
 concluding with Benediction
 December 8th, 10:15am-11:30am - Advent School
 December 9th, 8:00am & 7:00pm - Solemnity of the

Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

- December 10th, 4:00pm & 7:00pm - Penance Service(Glandorf)
 December 11th, 7:15am - 7:45am - Confession
 December 11th, 4:00pm & 7:00pm Penance Service(Kalida)
 December 11th, 6:30pm - 8:15pm - Adoration
 December 11th, 7:15pm - 8:15pm - Confession
 December 12th, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 December 13th, 7:15am - 7:45am - Confession
 December 13th, 1:00pm - 4:00pm - Adoration in Church
 concluding with Evening Prayer with Benediction
 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

ADVENT - ANGEL TREE

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

Needed items: boys and Girls winter outfits: 3-6 months and 6-9 months, boys and girls winter pajamas: 18 months, 24 months, 3T/4T, and 4T/5T, women's and men's full size shampoo and conditioner, body wash, deodorant, laundry detergent, and gift cards for gas.



The Heartbeat Pregnancy Center is located at 1225 East Third Street, Ottawa. The hours are Tuesday 1pm-5pm. Services provided are pregnancy testing, parenting classes, and material aid. Please call 419-523-1150 for appointments.

CALLING ALL FAMILIES! BE PART OF OUR ADVENT TRADITION

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

SPOTS STILL OPEN
- DECEMBER 21ST 4:30PM



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA9AF2FA1FFC25-52626183-2024#/>

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.

OCIA

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Monday, December 9

St. John's Parish Center Cafeteria

Topic: #11 Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation:

Sacraments of Initiation

Snack person: Mary Birkemeier

Faith to move mountains
MATTHEW 17:20

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 meat 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.



BOX OF JOY BY CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

A special THANK YOU to everyone at St. John the Baptist Parish and in the Holy Family Radio listening area who participated in the Box of Joy program. Through your generosity, we were able to fill 1,714 boxes with gifts and much needed supplies for children in poverty in the countries of the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Grenada, Honduras, and Malawi. This was about 25 more boxes than we did last year. THANK YOU again for doing our part in helping these children this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas and may God bless you and your families.

PARISH CENTER ACTIVITIES

Every Second Sunday of the Month

Today, December 8th



COFFEE AND DONUTS

AND GRAND-ORF CLUB

located in Room 15 after 8:00am and 10:30am Masses by Mark and Lori Klausung



LENDING LIBRARY

located in Room 15 after 8:00am and 10:30am Masses



PARISH MUSEUM

Visitation Hours from 9:00am—12:00pm Located in Hallway.



Attention ALL MEN!!!! Join us on for That Man Is You (TMIIY)

Saturday Dec 14th, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria or

Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 7-8:30pm in room 22.

Dec. 14th will be the last Sat. session for the calendar year.

2025 Sessions will begin on Jan. 25th.

For more information, contact Mike Karhoff

@ mbkarhoff@bright.net, 419-796-0763

TMIIY "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.

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

(Sponsored by St. John's Alter Rosary Society)
Come for Old Fashioned visiting 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.

You Are Welcome To ...
Play board games
Play cards
Dominos, Dice
Knitting, Crafting,
Mahjong Game, Etc.
(Please bring your own Supplies & Games)

You can Bring Your Own Beverage & snack.

FREE EVENT
NO MEMBERSHIP FEE

"It's a place to gather with friends and neighbors without having to clean house."
Questions OR to Reserve A Table, Contact Jill Gerding 419-538-6942

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



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>



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WaveCAST App

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- ✓ 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 .

MISSIONARY PULSE

This is a quarterly publication produced by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood U.S. Province. Missionaries of the Precious Blood U.S. Province is an active missionary community of Catholic priests, brothers, and lay associates called by God to heal and restore relationships in the Church and the world. This is the winter addition. You can pick them up at any of the exits.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

COME AND JOIN US!

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL 8:30PM

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 stay 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

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

Must be 21 or Older to attend!

Please help these kids join for Free!



**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!

Sunday, December 8, 2024



BOY'S:

Birkemeyer: 1:00pm at St. Anthony's Columbus Grove
 Ellerbrock: 2:15pm at St. Anthony's Columbus Grove
 Meyer: 2:15pm at Sts. Peter & Paul

GIRL'S: 3:30pm vs Sts. Peter & Paul

GOOD LUCK!

THANK YOU

A warm heartfelt THANK YOU to all the high school boys who help put up Christmas Lights up outside and all the girls who helped decorate the rectory for Christmas!

Wonderful Job!



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



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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 CFPCP for more information at 614-634-1043 or divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com

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**

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MARGARET SCHIMMOELLER, DAVE STEFFES

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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.

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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)

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NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Walk with One

The Stages of Spiritual Companionship



Identify Start November 24

Don't just pick someone. Ask God whom he wants you to accompany on their journey home to the Church. He will point you to the person he has in mind and open doors for the conversations that need to happen.



Getting Started:

- Pray for the graces necessary to follow through on these steps
- Frequently partake in the Sacraments: Eucharist and Confession

Getting Started:

- Write down a list of people you know and pray over the list
- Visit our Lord in Eucharistic adoration and ask him to show you whom to reach out to
- Do a novena to the Holy Spirit asking for increased discernment and guidance

WITNESS STORY

Eucharistic Revival: From the Pews!

This week, we hear from Helen T. in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

I attended the Congress as a full-time volunteer, and although I loved the Congress and found it a life-changing experience, I was skeptical of the *Walk With One* initiative. How could walking with one person make such a difference? And how could I possibly do that? But I prayed about it, and God gave me a name. I've been praying for that friend since August, but had no idea how I was going to move forward. Then I reached out to meet her for a meal and asked God for guidance. And during that meal yesterday, as this friend shared how anxious she is about the upcoming election, God gave me the words to speak. When I texted her today with a follow-up (after praying and asking for guidance about what to text), she started opening up about her loss of faith. And she wants to meet again to talk. Thank you for the *Walk With One* initiative. I now see how walking with one person can make a difference. Not only for the one I'm reaching out to, but for myself as well. And I can't possibly walk with one by myself. I have to be open to God's plan and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance. Your *Walk With One* [guidebook](#) clearly states that God is part of every step, but that reality didn't really sink into my head until I started to see God working.

TO COME: * Stage 2 Intercede December 16 * Stage 3 Connect January 5
*Stage 4 Invite January 19

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We Joyfully Wait for Jesus



Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

An Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a bit brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance- being sorry and making up for

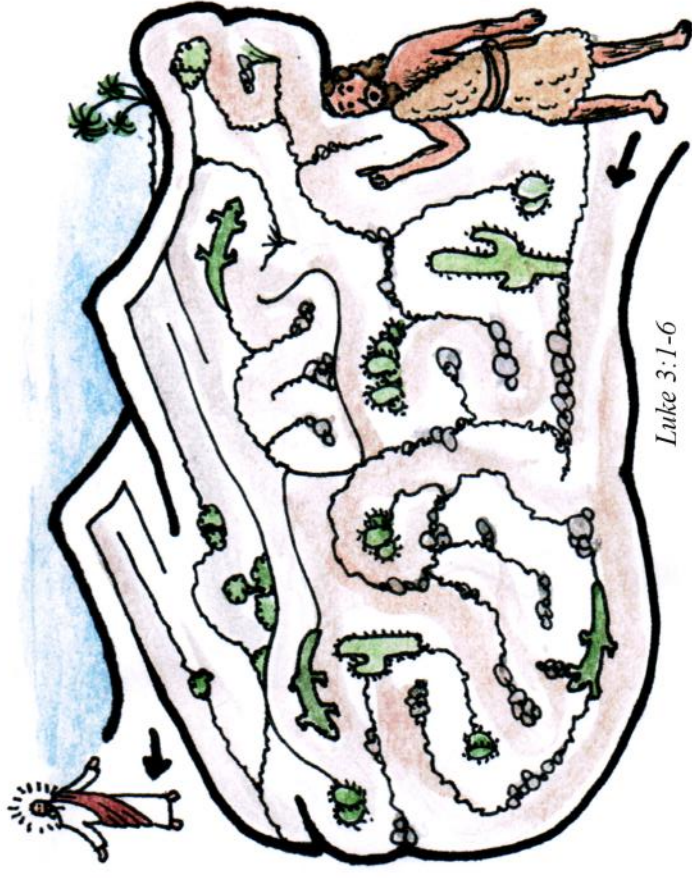
our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the third week of

Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.



The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8th, 2024



In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?

Saint John of the Cross

December 14



JOHN WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY IN SPAIN IN 1542. HIS FATHER DIED WHEN HE WAS VERY YOUNG. FOR SEVERAL YEARS HE WORKED IN A HOSPITAL.



JOHN BECAME A CARMELITE BROTHER, AND DECIDED TO LIVE BY THE OLD, STRICT RULES.



HE MET ST. TERESA OF AVILA, WHO WAS A CARMELITE NUN.

Here's what you can do...



We'd like to join you.

ST. JOHN STARTED A GROUP OF MONKS WHO WOULD LIVE BY THE OLD RULE.

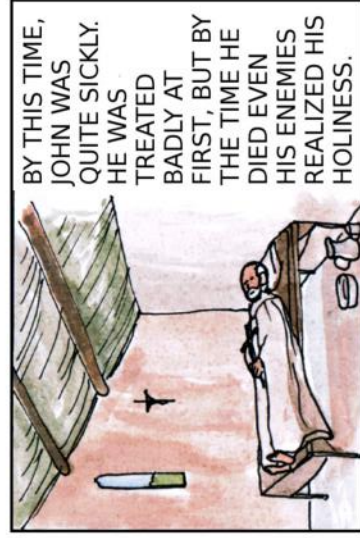


BUT SOME OF THE CARMELITES DISAGREED WITH HIM AND PUT HIM IN PRISON!



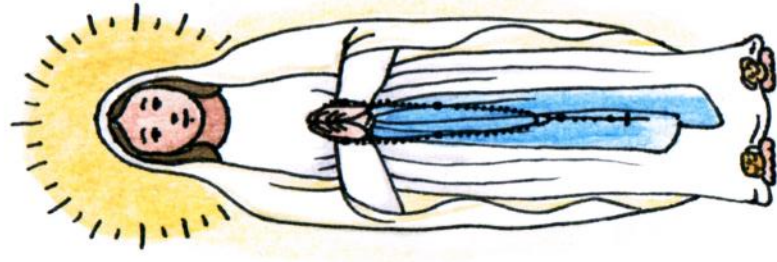
HE ESCAPED 9 MONTHS LATER, BUT WHILE IN PRISON JOHN WROTE BEAUTIFUL POETRY ABOUT GOD.

Hm. God's love is like a fountain...



BY THIS TIME, JOHN WAS QUITE SICKLY. HE WAS TREATED BADLY AT FIRST, BUT BY THE TIME HE DIED EVEN HIS ENEMIES REALIZED HIS HOLINESS.

TODAY SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS WRITINGS. HE TAUGHT THAT WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BE PERFECTLY HAPPY HERE ON EARTH BECAUSE WE ARE MADE FOR GOD IN HEAVEN. NEXT TIME YOU FEEL UNHAPPY, REMEMBER THAT PERFECT HAPPINESS IS WAITING FOR YOU IN HEAVEN!



Immaculate Conception Word-Find

I S O U L B H O W L A
M A R Y I O K R I O L
M O T H E R E I T V M
A G A S O N P T H I S
C O N C E P T I O N S
U D J E S U S N U G T
L N E V E R I A T R A
A C H O S E N L R A I
T O F F E N D E D C N
E H E A R T F R E E Y

See if you can find the words that are written in CAPITALS.

The leftover letters spell the name of a special prayer we can say to Mary on her feast day.

This year, December 9th is the feast day of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. That is a name for MARY that means that GOD made her WITHOUT SIN because he had CHOSEN her to be the MOTHER of HIS SON. Her SOUL was FREE from ORIGINAL sin even before she was BORN. All her life she KEPT her HEART PURE and without the STAIN of sin. Mary NEVER OFFENDED God, and with his GRACE, she spent her whole life LOVING JESUS.