

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.

I once heard a wise elderly priest say that “the world would be a better place, if people just followed the 10 Commandments”. There is a lot of truth in that statement. Could you imagine a world if people had only one God, people respected the name of God, people kept the sabbath holy, parents were honored, nobody killed anyone, no one committed adultery, no stole anything, no one told lie, and where nothing was coveted? If everyone did this, if everyone followed the moral code of the Ten Commandments, we might be close to being in heaven if not in heaven. But unfortunately, we live in a world where all ten of the ten commandments are broken and many of us are guilty of breaking at least one of the Ten Commandments.

In our scriptures today we hear Jesus teach another moral code, this moral code is called the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes and the 10 Commandments are similar and different from each other. Both are moral codes on how to live your life and just as there ten commandments there are also ten Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are also different from the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments use clear language ‘I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before’, ‘Honor your father and mother’. The Beatitudes on the other hand use vague language ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven’, Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the land’. Most of the Ten Commandments tell us things we should not do: you shall not kill; you shall not steal. The Beatitudes on the other hand tell us what we are supposed to do be merciful, be peacemakers. If we follow the Ten Commandments, we are promised mercy (Exodus 6:20) and prosperity in this world. If we follow and live the Beatitudes we are told “your reward will be great in heaven” (Matthew 5:12).

The teaching of the Beatitudes is one that we hear quite frequently, one that sounds good to our ears, and is one that gives us a warm fuzzy feeling on the inside. I think when we hear this teaching and it helps us to feel good. At the same time if we were asked what does this teaching mean? I think many of would struggle to explain what this teaching means in detail. I will be honest at times I struggle to explain what this teaching of the Beatitudes means. In certain sense the Beatitudes are mystery and with time we grow in our understanding of what this teaching means.

While we may not fully understand the teaching of the Beatitudes, there are two things that you can say about someone that tries to live this teaching. First a person that lives the Beatitudes is always trying to make this world a better place. Second when one lives the Beatitudes, they are a witness of faith for us, many of these witnesses of faith we call saints.

As we hear Jesus teach us the Beatitudes today, may strive to live this teaching.



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.

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 Deacon Mike and Becky Karhoff)

Parish Center Room 15 11:45am – 1:15pm

Upcoming classes:

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

The Beatitudes: Meaning & Reflection

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us to look at things a little differently from how the world does. He gives us the Beatitudes, a new way to love others – by looking at what seems weak and realizing God can do great things through that “weakness”. Let’s see what each Beatitude means and how you can respond to that.

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God. God promised to be in a reciprocal relationship with His creation. Where there is poverty, there is a lack of reciprocal love for God. God insists the poor will be taken care of in His Kingdom.

Reflection: What ways have you responded to the poor and needy?

2. Blessed are those who mourn; they shall be comforted. When someone embraces their suffering and looks beyond themselves to help another, they unite their suffering to the Cross and ease their burden, along with the one they are caring for.

Reflection: Has anyone ever shown comfort to you in time of grief or distress? What did that teach you about God’s response to you and relationship with you?

3. Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the land. The meek cares little for power, prestige, and wealth. In a meek person, deep conversion has taken place and their central focus is committed to carrying out God’s will in and for the world.

Reflection: How would you describe what it means to be a meek person? In what ways have you grown in meekness in your ongoing journey with God?

4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, they shall be satisfied. God created us with an insatiable hunger and thirst for Him. Biblical justice demands we yield to that desire by loving God with our entire heart, soul, and mind and also love our neighbors and enemies likewise.

Reflection: What does it mean to you that we are called to uphold the dignity of every human person?

5. Blessed are those who show mercy; they shall receive mercy. Like God, we are to offer justice for the poor, free people from bondage, open the eyes of the blind, safeguard immigrants, feed the starving, and care for widows and orphans.

Reflection: How important do you think God considers mercy to be? What indicates that to you?

6. Blessed are the pure of heart; they shall see God. One who is pure of heart loves God with their entire heart, mind and soul and has its primary goal to follow God’s will and plan for his life. Conversion of heart is accompanied by discernable evidence of that conversion.

Reflection: What evidence is there in your life that you do indeed live a life of integrity?

7. Blessed are the peacemakers, they shall be called children of God. The Holy Spirit gifts us with the ongoing gift of Christ’s peace; yet there is a responsibility attached. We are to pursue peace – we are to be peacemakers. The only antidote to evil and its consequences is for believers to embrace Jesus’ exhortation to be peacemakers. Evil persists when the good do nothing.

Reflection: What characteristics should a peacemaker possess? Are you a peacemaker?

8. Blessed are those persecuted for justice’ sake; the reign of God is theirs. Disciples can expect persecution if living out the other seven Beatitudes. Jesus was sent to the cross for his faithfulness to his Father’s will. To be a disciple means that one is willing to endure persecution, suffer and die for the sake of the Gospel. Persecution for the Christian is proof-positive of living the gospel well.

Reflection: Have you ever experienced persecution for doing the right thing according to the Beatitudes?

4 ABOUT OUR PARISH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2~The Presentation of the Lord

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Mike Karhoff

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3~Sts Blaise & Ansgar

8:15am Rosary
8:40am Oscar Schnipke

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:15am-7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Joe Karl Family
6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration
7:45pm-8:15pm Confession

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5~St. Agatha

8:00am-8:30am 4B Penance

8:15am Rosary
8:40am L/D Val & Mary Korte Family,
L/D Coletta Schram Family

2:00pm Mass at Ottawa Meadows-Poor Souls

First FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6~St. Paul Miki

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Diane Kahle
12:00pm Rosary

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

First SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:35am Rosary
8:00am L/D Erford & Salome Oedy Family

8:30am Confession

4:00pm Confession

4:30pm Alfrieda Schroeder,
L/D Gilbert & Marcella Morman Family,
L/D Mel Hedrick Family, Joan Karhoff

5:30pm-11:59pm Adoration (overnight until 8:00am)

FEBRUARY 8~5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:00am-8:00am Adoration

7:35am Rosary
8:00am L/D Thomas & Mildred Nienberg Family
9:00am-10:00am Holy Hour concluding with Benediction
9:00am-10:15am OCIA

10:30am Dennis Hermler, Wilma Vorst, Rose Ann Kaufman
11:30 Baptism-Deacon Mike

SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:40am	Students
Wed	8:00am	Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram
Thurs	8:40am	Students
Fri	8:00am	Gary Recker, Roger Schroeder
Sat	8:00am	Audrey Niese, Miles Niese, Bronson Stechschulte, Bennett Stechschulte
Sat	4:30pm	Lauren Weiss, Ethan Weiss, Maddox Stechschulte~Thurifer~Ethan Kuhlman
Sun	8:00am	Allison Kuhlman, Liam Kaufman, Grace Kahle
	10:00am	Benediction~Chase Maag, Thurifer-Isaac Ansley
Sun	10:30am	Reese Karhoff, Zachary Horstman~Thurifer-Chase Maag

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat	4:30pm	Diane Recker Alicia Nussbaum	LECTORS Carole Schroeder Kathy Schmitz
Sun	8:00am	Deb Burwell Gretchen Schmitz	Diane Nienberg Janet Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding Rose Ellerbrock Matt Meyerhoffer (Choir/ Undercroft)	Chris Birkemeier Mindy Recker

GIFT BEARERS - To sign up for a Mass click link below

<https://tinyurl.com/3uzy8vvi> or scan QR code

Sat 4:30pm Ask a family or Ushers

Sun 8:00am Ask a family or Ushers

Sun 10:30am Ask a family or Ushers



FEBRUARY USHERS

Sat 4:30pm Richard Schmitz, Brady Laudick

Sun 8:00am Tom Morman, Tony Maag

Sun 10:30am Barry Maag, Ken Horstman

The 2026-2027 Usher schedule was emailed out this week and it will start January 31 and February 1st. If you did not receive email please call the office. The most current schedule is Revision 4.

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 2

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Tim & Mer Lehman

FEBRUARY FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Connie Cassidy, Betty Kleman, Amie Lammers, Kelly Morman

Today we rejoice and celebrate
World Day for Consecrated Life!



Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day! May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

For all men and women of our parish who are living the consecrated life and for all the deceased.

Fr. Rick Friebe Fr. Steve Schroeder, late Fr. Eugene Schnipke, Fr. Ken Schnipke, Sr. Nancy Recker & Sr. Lou Ann Roof, Fr. Nathan Bockrath, Fr. Eric Kaufman, Secular order of Franciscans Terri & Joseph Wenning, and Chuck Romer.

Especially for those serving in our parish!
Fr. Matt, Deacon Don Inkrott and Deacon Mike Karhoff



2026-2027 Usher Schedule

PLEASE WELCOME THE NEW USHER
Mike Stechschulte



We sent out an updated 2026-2027 usher schedule R4 was mailed out Thursday, January 29, 2026 along with a few revisions. Please call the office if you do not receive the email.

We are in need of another usher at the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday's. If you can help, call the office.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY: FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

5 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP

January 25, 2026

Offering

Loose	\$	664.00
Adult Envelope	\$	5,424.00
Children	\$	126.00
Maintenance	\$	200.00
Online Offering	\$	2,555.00
Online Maintenance	\$	190.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelope	\$	25.00
Initial Offering	\$	12.00
Church in Latin America	\$	295.00
Total Collection	\$	9,491.00

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.stjohnlandorf.org

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

have been mailed to those who have donated \$250 or more in 2025. All others who wish to receive a statement should contact the parish office at 419-538-6928

NEED YOUR HELP

HEARTBEAT: Boys: winter outfits – size 6 months, Winter sleepers/PJ's – size 9 months to 12 months

Girls: Winter sleepers/PJ's – sizes 9 months to 12 months and 3T
Pull-ups: Size 2T to 3T

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: Thank you for your generosity over the Holidays! Starting a new year with new food requests: Pancake mix, Pancake syrup, Pineapple --All types, Hamburger Helper, Canned Pasta—Ravioli, Spaghetti o's, Spaghetti. We appreciate your help! If anyone would like to work, call 419-303-6531.

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

Lila L Lauth 2/1/01
Cecilia M Schroeder 2/1/06
Karen D Aller 2/1/16
Brian M Schmitz 2/1/20
Caroline C Schmitz 2/2/24

Amy L Buckland 2/3/05
Jacqueline B Massey 2/3/19
Barbara R Laue 2/5/16
Alan E Klemm 2/6/21

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.

MARGARET SCHIMMOELLER

C.P.P.S. major superiors monthly prayer request

February: Indian Vicariate

FEBRUARY PRAYER FOR PRECIOUS BLOOD VOCATIONS

Lord God, In Jesus Christ, you shared with us the eternal Word! He took up his cross for our salvation and invited us to take up the cross and follow him. He shared the cup of his Precious Blood with his disciples and shares it with us each time we gather for Eucharist.

Help us to share in his mission, to proclaim the Good News of our salvation to all the world. Help us to share in his life as we live out our faith each day. Give us his Spirit now and always. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

February prayer list

1. Pray for vocations
2. Fr. Seraphine Lesiriam
3. Fr. Fred Licciardi
4. Newton Lih
5. Fr. Matthew Link
6. Fr. Marco Raphael Loth
7. Fr. Epitasy Andreas Makala
8. Pray for living and deceased C.P.P.S. members
9. Fr. David Matz
10. Br. Charles McCafferty
11. Fr. Jack McClure
12. Fr. Timothy McFarland
13. Fr. John Mencsik
14. Fr. Mark Miller
15. Pray for those in formation
16. Fr. Alfons Minja
17. Fr. Charles Mullen
18. Fr. John Kishore Mundlapati
19. Rev. Joseph Nassal
20. Fr. Loi Huu (JohnVianney) Nguyen
21. Fr. William Nordenbrock
22. Pray for living and deceased Companions and Amici
23. Br. Terrence Nufer
24. Fr. William O'Donnell
25. Fr. Edward Oen
26. Fr. Andrew O'Reilly
27. Fr. Mark Peres
28. Fr. Lac Pham

THANK YOU FROM HEARTBEAT

Heartbeat would like to thank Glandorf St. John's for their continued generous support of Heartbeat of Lima. During the past year, and from items received from the Advent tree in December, we received diapers, wipes, formula, PJ's, outfits, blankets, and various baby items. Thanks to your generous support, we can continue our life-saving work with mothers and fathers and their babies/children who are so appreciative of the help and support they receive. May God Bless You All!



2026 GRAND-orf Club

2026 GRAND-orf Club drawing and Coffee and Donuts by **Pat and Barb Siefker** will be **February 8th** in the cafeteria after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses. Extra tickets are in the racks in the Church vestibules.

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

Raffle Card 

\$50

ACTIVITIES:

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

INFORMATION:


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

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

One of the prizes: projector and speaker 



Many of you are receiving letters throughout January



PRAY FOR THE GOOD WORK OF

HOPE In Action

Your donation makes a difference!

"Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed." (1 Peter 1:13)

Give Today at acatoledo.org

Commitment weekend will be February 14th & 15th!

CANDLEMAS DAY

(THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, February 2nd)
Blessing of the candles will be on
Tuesday, February 3rd at Mass at 8:40am

Fr. Matt will bless the candles used for observing the liturgical year. You are welcome to bring your own candles from home to be blessed—simply keep them with you in the pews during Mass. Blessed candles will also be available for purchase after Mass for use in your home.

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
(Luke 2:29-32)





 **Scholarship Fund**
DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

Ohioans can now receive a dollar for **dollar tax credit of up to \$750** for donations to the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund. If you are filing a joint return and both you and your spouse make eligible donations, each of you can claim this credit (up to \$1,500 total).

Donations to the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund are awarded as scholarships for elementary and high school students in the Diocese of Toledo. This is a great opportunity to provide tuition assistance for families who wish to send their children to our Catholic schools!

IT'S EASY TO GET YOUR TAX CREDIT:
www.dotsgo.org

*This tax credit scenario does not constitute income tax advice. Always consult with your tax professional for information as the impact of any charitable donation.

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Eucharistic Adoration in February

NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH JESUS EVERY HOUR!

SCHEDULE

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:30-8:15PM

FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
1:00-4:00PM CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION

FIRST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH AND 8TH
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/ysnnd3un>



ADORATION ON FIRST SATURDAY

<https://tinyurl.com/4bf2nymm>



Worship



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



Attention ALL MEN!!!!

Join us on for That Man Is You

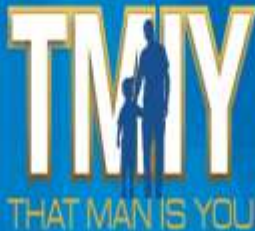
Saturday, Feb. 7th, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria or Wednesday, Feb. 4th, 7-8:30pm in room 22.

For more information, contact Deacon Mike Karhoff

Presenter: Michael Gormley. Turn Away From Sin and be Faithful to the Gospel. Your Time is Not Your Own. Purity of Heart Starts with the Eyes. The Working of a Man's Brain. The Chemistry of Addiction. The Objectification of Fatherhood. Steps to Purity. 1 John 2:16, St

SESSION 18 (Sat & Wed) "

BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART" – A Heart Enslaved by



Becoming Catholic

OCIA | Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

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 that is where they feel led to. Inquirers can start at any time of year, whenever Christ is calling. The process and length of time is individualized to where the seeker is and their readiness to full initiation.

Contact Mindy Recker for more information: 419-538-6928 or email: passociate@glanfordstjohns.com

Would you like to help?

With the arrival of a new year, are you looking for new opportunities to get involved in the parish? Good news! We are looking to build our team, and there are many ways for you to help!

- If you know Bible stories and love to talk about your Faith (even if you feel you don't "know it all"); we'd love to have you help!
- Would you like to provide a snack for us on a Sunday? Click the QR code to pick a date!
- Would you like to mentor someone seeking Christ by being a sponsor?
- Are you able to offer prayers for those involved in OCIA? We could benefit from your prayers!

Contact Mindy for more information!



ALL MARRIED COUPLES



Date Night!

We invite ALL married couples to the Marriage Encounter Dinner and Dance. It is NOT necessary to have been encountered.

WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026

MASS: 3:30 PM at St. Gerard Catholic Church, Lima, OH

DINNER: 5:00 PM at St. Gerard Hall

DANCE: 6:00 PM

TICKETS: \$40 per couple

CONTACT: Brian and Christine Schroeder to purchase your ticket at #419-230-2953 (call or text).



We hope you will join this event celebrating the sanctity of marriage!

Come for one part of the event or stay for all!

JUST SHOW UP & FILL YOUR CUP

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!

February 7th : The Mystical City of God -

Guest Speaker: Charlie Shroeder

February 14th : St. Valentine - "Are you in it to win it?"

February 21st : "What is that Big Cross on Road 11?"

February 28th : Music that fills your Soul -

Guest Speaker Erin Miller

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, & 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



Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



"We're Moving!"

We've all had that familiar life experience: making a move. It may have been the move after marriage into your first home, or after ordination into your first parish assignment. Perhaps the move was from one home to another, even one state or country to another. It may have been a move from high school to college, or from college to a first job, or from one job to the next.

Whatever the moves we've experienced, such transitions are never easy, and often marked by challenges. Statistics report that of the top causes of stress in one's life in a year, a major move ranks in the top five! As I write this column, "we're moving!" The long-anticipated sale of our Diocesan Pastoral Center to the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department has been finalized, as announced publicly in November, and as foreseen, our major move to a temporary location is underway. Diocesan and Catholic Charities services will not be interrupted while in our temporary space.

Our diocesan team had examined and evaluated several possible temporary locations, within the city

and beyond, seeking the most accommodating, suitable, economical and practical space we could find. Now we are delighted to announce that we are moving to our temporary space at the Fifth Third

Building - One Seagate in downtown Toledo, where our entire Pastoral Center staff will occupy just one floor, the 23rd floor. Our work from this temporary location, for which we have a two-year lease, will also come at significant cost savings! The Diocesan Pastoral Center has long served as the central

administrative and ministry offices for all our nineteen-county diocese.

But before I continue, a bit of history is in order. It was in 1957 that Bishop George Rehring sold the then existing diocesan offices elsewhere in the city to consolidate diocesan ministries at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, where the Pastoral Center has been located since. That building was enhanced and enlarged by Bishop James Hoffman in 2002 with a two-story addition connected to the seven-story building.



It was back in 2020, that a Pastoral Center Project Committee had been formed consisting of myself, several members of the Diocesan leadership team, and the Diocesan Real Estate Committee. The Project Committee engaged several professional consultants and conducted a needs assessment and feasibility study of the current Pastoral Center offices, concluding that the space was too large and expensive for present and future needs. This is mainly due to a 47 percent reduction in staff over a period of years, which resulted in a 60 percent occupancy of the current space. Recognizing the importance of responsible stewardship of diocesan properties and resources as provided by the people of God, it became clear that relocating the offices to a more effective and efficient space would be the most sensible path.

Additionally, it was determined that to remain in the existing space for an extended period, significant funds would need to be invested to address key maintenance projects. Recognizing the importance of always being good stewards of our properties and resources, as provided by the people of God, it became clear that relocating the offices to a more efficient space would be the most responsible path. Therefore, alternative options were studied and evaluated with an emphasis placed on existing diocesan owned and vacated properties.

After regular and ongoing consultation with the Diocesan Finance Council and College of Consultors, the Project Committee identified an area adjacent to Rosary Cathedral as the preferred new location for the Pastoral Center offices. This involves renovating and augmenting the already owned diocesan property located at the corner of Delaware Ave and Collingwood Blvd. It was agreed that a move to this

location will prove the most effective use of existing Diocesan assets, will result in substantial overall cost savings, will enhance the Rosary Cathedral campus and will enrich the surrounding neighborhood and community. Further updates will be shared as this new Pastoral Center project advances.



As already shared publicly, the source of funds for this project will come from a combination of the sale of the existing Pastoral Center property, Mareda sale proceeds, grants, gifts and other financing. Intentionally, no funds for this project will be from parish assessments, offertory or the *Living Christ* capital campaign.

So for us, just as for all of you when you've made a major move, there is a mix of excitement and apprehension, of enthusiasm and anxiety, of hopefulness and trepidation. During one of our recent monthly Pastoral Center staff gatherings, I recommended that we all keep in mind four important words which begin with "p" to characterize how we approach this transition. Those four words are: prayer, patience, prudence, and perseverance! In hindsight, I think it would have been helpful to add a fifth now popular "p" word: positivity! As you can see, much work has been accomplished, and there is much still to be accomplished! So do pray with me that our transition be blessed and that our temporary space may serve the needs of our diocese, because "we're moving"!

+ *Daniel E. Thomas*

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
January 23, 2026

10 YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS



JUNIOR HIGH DEANERY GATHERING 2026

Scan QR Code to access the form to sign up and more information

"Faithful in Little"

LUKE 16:10



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The faithful are invited to venerate this sacred relic, learn more about the life and witness of Saint Carlo Acutis, and deepen their faith through prayer and reflection.

THE RELIC OF THE HEART OF SAINT

Carlo Acutis

Mgr. Anthony Figueiredo, promoter of the saint's cause, is traveling from Assisi in Italy with the relic and will offer reflections on the life, holiness, and spiritual legacy of Saint Carlo Acutis, drawing from his close involvement with Carlo's cause and for his book *Carlo Acutis: Saint of the Young - His Life, Miracles, and Five Steps to Being a Saint*. Inspired by Carlo, the faithful are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the poor served by Helping Hands of St. Louis.

The faithful will also have the opportunity to write prayer intentions, which Mgr. Figueiredo will bring back to Assisi, to place at the tomb of St. Carlo.

THE VISIT OF THE RELIC TO THE DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

- 1:30pm Reception of the Relic of St. Carlo Acutis
- 2:30pm-4:45pm Veneration of the Relic
- 4:00pm Confessions
- 5:00pm-6:00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

- 9:00am Rosary
- 10:00am Mass
- 11:00am Catechesis by Monsignor Figueiredo
- 11:30am-12:30pm Veneration and blessing with the relic

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

- 11:00am-12:00pm Mass for school children with Catechesis by Monsignor Figueiredo

ALL EVENTS TO BE HELD AT:
OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL, TOLEDO
2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, OH 43610



Bishop Daniel E. Thomas venerates Carlo Acutis during his pilgrimage to Assisi in 2022

BOY'S:

Birkemeyer: Saturday, 1/31 at 12:00pm @ Glandorf,
If they win, Championship game **Sunday, 2/1 at 2:15pm @ Ottawa.** Consolation game 2/1 @ 1:00pm @ Ottawa



Ellerbrock: Saturday 1/31 @ 2:30pm @ Glandorf If they win, **Sunday 2/1 @ 2:15pm @ Glandorf** Consolation game 2/1 @ 1:00pm @ Glandorf

Meyer: Saturday 1/31 @ 10:45am @ Glandorf if they win, **Sunday, 2/1 @ 2:15pm @ Glandorf**

Consolation game 2/1 @ 1:00pm @ Glandorf

GIRLS:

Bockrath: Diocesan Tournament starts next week

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

MONDAY, JUNE 1st THROUGH THURSDAY, JUNE 4th
6:00PM - 8:00PM

THEME: RAINFOREST FALLS: EXPLORING THE NATURE OF GOD



Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to come and have fun in learning that Jesus' love helps us through anything!

To make VBS possible, we need lots of help! MOMS! DADS! GRANDPARENTS! HIGH SCHOOLERS! AUNTIES! UNCLAS!

This is a fun-filled week your child won't want to miss!

Look for registration forms at the end of February to come home in CCD and in the vestibules of church.

If you are interested in helping and you will not have a child enrolled, please call/text Committee Members Jenna Buerge (419-615-2274) or Alicia Hussbaum (419-957-0887).

We also have a few Station Leader positions to fill. This is a great way to get involved and help build God's Kingdom. Contact Jenna or Alicia to volunteer or for more information.

Preschool REGISTRATION 2026-2027



March 16, 2026
7:00 p.m.

MORE INFO
419.538.6264



St. John's Parish Center
Cafeteria



THE SERRA CLUB OF LIMA AREA,
WHICH EXISTS TO PROMOTE AND
SUPPORT VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD
AND RELIGIOUS LIFE



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Thursday February 12th
at Mercy Health St. Rita's Medical Center.

MASS WILL BEGIN AT 5:45PM IN THE CHAPEL, FOLLOWED BY
DINNER AND A PROGRAM. THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER WILL BE MR.
MATT ETZKORN, VP OF MISSION AT MERCY HEALTH/SRMC. HIS
TOPIC WILL BE "VOCATION IN HEALTH CARE." PERSONS WHO HAVE
AN INTEREST IN THIS TOPIC OR THE MISSION OF THE SERRA CLUB
ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AS GUESTS. IF INTERESTED IN
ATTENDING, PLEASE RESPOND TO KATHY AT 419-303-0339 NO
LATER THAN TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.



Putnam County Right to Life

Putnam County Right
to Life will be meeting on **Tuesday,
February 3, 2026, at 7:30 pm** in St.
Michael's Church basement.

All are welcome to attend.

Also, a reminder that we are having
our annual Garage and Bake Sale
March 24-25. Details are coming.



Springs in the Desert, a
Catholic infertility ministry,
is hosting monthly
meetings to accompany
women struggling with
infertility and loss. Our next

meeting will be held **Thursday, February
5th at 7:30 pm** in the St. Joseph, Fort
Jennings church basement. All women of
the parish & surrounding parishes are
invited to join us. *You do not need to have
attended any previous meetings- new faces
are welcome at any time!*

For more information, contact Laura
Tenwalde at (419)303-5752 or Wendy
Schimmoeller at (419)236-0522. It is our
honor to walk with you!

**Mens' Discernment
Retreat**

THIS DAY OF REFLECTION IS AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR MEN, AGES 14-35 TO LEARN PRACTICAL
METHODS OF PRAYER AND DISCERNMENT
THAT WILL HELP THEM BETTER UNDERSTAND
GOD'S PLAN FOR THEIR LIFE.

03.07.2026 | 9AM-3PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
6149 Hill Ave, Toledo, OH 43615

PLEASE REGISTER BY
SHW 03.01.2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
FATHER DAVID ATOD,
DIOCESE OF TOLEDO
OFFICE OF DIUCERAN PRESTY VOCATIONS:
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419-214-4441
TOLEDO@PRIESTHOOD.ORG

The 29th Annual
**CATHOLIC
MEN'S CONFERENCE**

**CALLLED
TO BE
SAINTS
TAKE COURAGE**

Saturday † February 28, 2026
Kasich Hall † Ohio Expo Center

Matt Birk Father Robert Spitzer Justin Fatica

www.CatholicMensMinistry.com

Accepting Donations of Furniture and Household Items

Helping homeless families transition into homes.

OFF THE STREETS
Hancock County

The non-profit organization, Off the Streets, provides HOPE and DIGNITY to those experiencing homelessness by helping them transition to permanent housing. New and slightly-used furniture household item donations help LOCAL homeless families transition into homes. Off the Streets Hancock County does not have any geographical/county boundaries - it is the organization that helps the homeless of PUTNAM COUNTY.

When: First Saturday of the Month, 9-11 am
Next: Saturday, Feb. 7, 9-11 am

Where: 1206 E. 2nd St, Ottawa
(Former WeatherSeal building by Putnam Co. Fairgrounds). Gate 5, then follow the signs.

What is accepted: New and slightly-used furniture and household goods, such as dressers, dining chairs, small dining tables (no glass tops), end tables, nightstands, coffee tables, microwaves, regular sofas, chairs, lamps, sauce pans, utensils, toasters, cookie sheets, vacuums, and coffee makers. **NOTE:** mattresses, entertainment centers or sleeper sofas are not accepted.

How to be Happy!

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches the eight beatitudes. Beatitude means happiness.

Here are some ideas on how to live the beatitudes:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you share your nice things and don't let your stuff be the most important things in your life then you will be happy.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. If you are sad now, remember that in Heaven there will be no more suffering.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Don't be selfish or pushy about things. God will make sure you get everything you need!
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. If you try to do what is right then God will make the right things happen.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. If you forgive other people when they hurt you, then God will forgive you when you are sorry for your sins.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. If God is the center of your life, then your heart is pure and ready to see Him in Heaven when you die.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. God loves peace, and loves it when we try to avoid getting into fights.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. If you suffer for the truth, God will give you a joyful reward!



Answer to Beatitudes Word Find: Will be happy

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SAINT BLAISE FEBRUARY 3



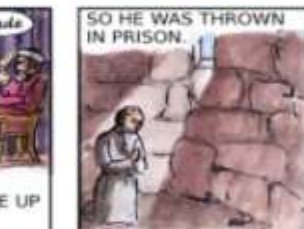
SAINT BLAISE WAS A BISHOP IN ARMENIA IN THE EARLY 300'S. WHEN PERSECUTION AROSE, HE WENT INTO THE WILDERNESS AND LIVED IN A CAVE.



WHILE IN PRISON, HE HEALED A BOY WHO HAD A FISH BONE STUCK IN HIS THROAT.



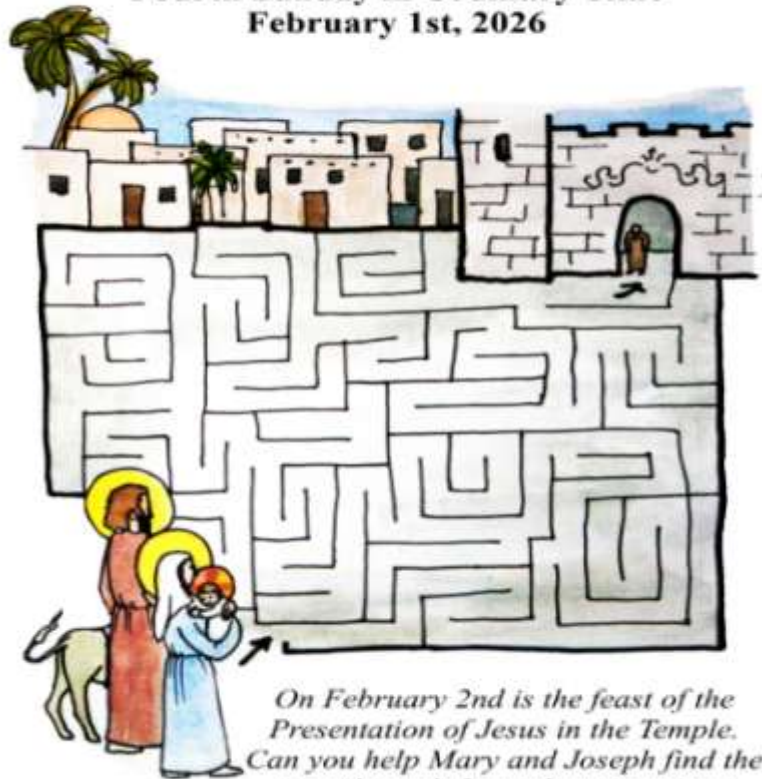
SAINT BLAISE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF PEOPLE WITH THROAT PROBLEMS. SO YOU CAN PRAY TO HIM IF YOU GET A SORE THROAT. SAINT BLAISE TEACHES US TO BE KIND TO WILD ANIMALS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY HE TEACHES US TO NEVER GIVE UP OUR FAITH IN GOD, EVEN UNDER TORTURE.



The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1st, 2026



On February 2nd is the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Can you help Mary and Joseph find the way through Jerusalem to present Baby Jesus in the Temple?

Beatitudes Word Find

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

Find the words in CAPITALS from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle and use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks.

"Blessed are the POOR in SPIRIT, for theirs is the kingdom of HEAVEN. Blessed are they who MOURN, for they will be COMFORTED. BLESSED are the meek, for they will INHERIT the land. Blessed are THEY WHO hunger and thirst for RIGHTEOUSNESS, for

they will be SATISFIED.

Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for they will be shown MERCY.

Blessed are the CLEAN of HEART, for they will see GOD.

Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS, for they will be called CHILDREN of God.

Blessed are they who are PERSECUTED for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the KINGDOM of heaven.

Blessed are you when they INSULT you and persecute you and utter every KIND of evil against you FALSELY BECAUSE of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be GREAT in heaven."

If you be like Jesus, you