

# 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.

Prepare yourself for Lent! The first day of lent is Ash Wednesday, which is this week on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. So much can be said about Lent and preparing our hearts and souls for Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. Ash Wednesday carries many significances. We are asked to both fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday. We shouldn't be following this request merely because we are supposed to. We should be truly preparing ourselves to enter fully into the journey that Lent brings. Name a cause for your fasting, your abstinence. Who or what needs your prayers right now? Is someone you know sick and hoping for healing? Do you have a troubled relationship with a relative? Are you struggling with a difficult situation? Fast for that! Abstain for That! Let this be the reason for your sacrifice.

Ash Wednesday is historically one of the most well attended Masses of the year. Why would this be? Maybe because it's a Wednesday night and we don't have anything else to do? Is it because we receive ashes on our foreheads as an outward sign to all that see us that we are sinners? Is it because we know we are sinners and Ash Wednesday seems most obvious for us to declare to the community that we agree? Maybe we are seeking God's infinite mercy and forgiveness and Ash Wednesday has a strong connection between our sins and God's mercy? Or maybe it is a visible and audible way to remember that "we are dust and dust we shall return". No matter the reason, everyone is happy to see you! Make a point to say hi to those around you as you make your way to the door. Take a minute and point out what image you think you see on their forehead: A large cross, the "blob", a faint mark. It can be a lighthearted way to acknowledge that Lent has begun!

The ashes also remind us of our death. Are we doing what would please God? Life has a reason. What does God have in store for you? If you've ever received an email from me, you may remember my signature line, "God has a plan for each of us". It isn't just by chance that this is the phrase I added. I added it after I spent some time contemplating what I could be doing better. It just made sense.

Jesus wants us to get to know him on a personal level. He may be divine, but he is our closest friend. We need to grow the desire to be his closest friend. I'm sure you've heard it said that God is love, Jesus is that same love that has become incarnate, and the Holy Spirit is that love proceeding from the Father and the Son to all of us.

Make the point this lent to spend time getting to grow your relationship with Jesus. Spend more time with him at church. Spend more time with him at adoration. Spend more time with him reading the Word. Spend more time with him in prayer. Just spend more time with HIM!



## 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.

**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****Marriage: A Sacrament and Vocation**

For baptized persons, marriage has been raised to the dignity of a sacrament. The marriage between two Christians is a visible sign of Christ's love for the couple and through their love, it is a sign of Christ's love and presence in the world. Marriage is not a contract; it is a covenantal bond of love solemnly professed between the man and woman before God and the Church. Marriage in the Catholic Church is much more than a ceremony in the church building. It is a spiritual and moral binding of the man and woman, a union that is to be free (both persons give free consent- CCC #1625-1632), faithful (exclusive between husband and wife CCC #1639-1642), and fruitful (openness to bringing forth children CCC #1652-1654).

**Quick review on sacraments:** There are 7 Sacraments. Sacraments are outward signs, instituted by Jesus Christ, that effectively grace. All Sacraments must have certain elements to it to sanctify it:

- 1) The form – the words said, 2) The minister – who is conferring the grace, and 3) The matter – the outward physical elements or actions that makes visible the invisible reality of the grace conferred

With faith, all Sacraments actually do what they signify. Since Jesus gave them to the apostles, and gave the apostles the authority to confer the grace, the Sacraments are celebrated through the Church.

**The Sacrament of Marriage - Form and Matter** involve the free exchange of consent between the bride and groom. In the United States, couples speak these words to one another: "I (name) take you (name) to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life." These are referred to as the wedding vows.

**The Minister** is not a priest or deacon, but the couple themselves. The Catechism states, "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament." CCC 1601

**Symbols of Marriage** The primary symbol of marriage are the joining of hands and the conferral of rings. The love and permanence of the union is expressed in those symbols.

**Why the Sacrament of Marriage Takes Place In a Church** The Catholic Church requires marriages to take place in a church because all sacraments confer Christ's grace, and therefore take place in a church. Matrimony is a sacred sacrament and covenant, not just a social contract, best celebrated in a consecrated space. This practice reinforces the marriage's spiritual nature, ensures proper canonical form, and reflects Christ's bond with the Church. If a Catholic marries outside the Church without special permission (dispensation from a bishop), the marriage is generally considered invalid by the Church. If this is the case, the Church can help to validate the marriage.

**Effect of Marriage** "From a valid marriage arises a bond between the spouses which by its very nature is perpetual and exclusive; furthermore, in a Christian marriage the spouses are strengthened and, as it were, consecrated for the duties and the dignity of their state by a special sacrament. This grace proper to the sacrament of Matrimony is intended to perfect the couple's love and to strengthen their indissoluble unity. By this grace they "help one another to attain holiness in their married life and in welcoming and educating their children." CCC 1638 & 1641

# 4 ABOUT OUR PARISH

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:15am Rosary  
8:40am Eleanor Unterbrink,  
L/D George & Genevieve Rupert Family

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18-ASH WEDNESDAY

7:15am-7:45am Confession  
7:35am Rosary  
8:00am George & Marcial Schroeder  
6:15pm -6:45pm Confession - **change**  
6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration-**cancelled**  
7:45pm-8:15pm Confession - **cancelled**

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00am-8:30am 3A Penance  
8:15am Rosary  
8:40am Irene Schroeder

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:15am - 7:45am Confession  
7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Ken Heckman, Sister Kateri Kaufman

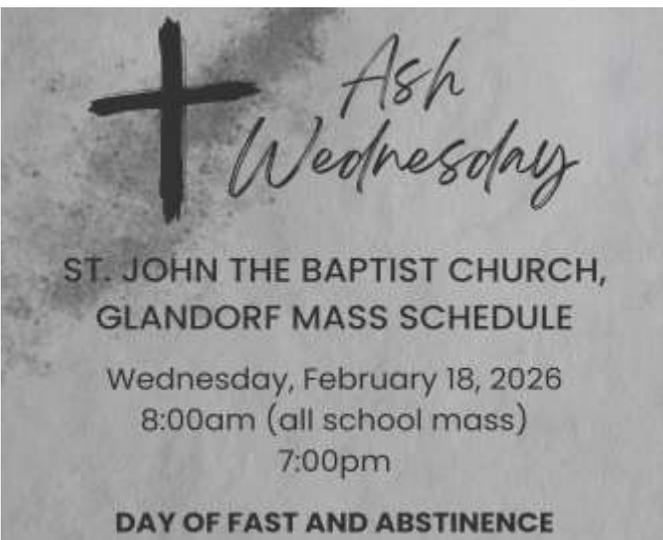
12:00pm Rosary  
1:00pm-4:00pm Adoration/Benediction

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21-St. Peter Damian

7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Alice Siefker  
8:30am Confession  
4:00pm Confession  
4:30pm L/D Dick & Dorothy Ellerbrock Family,  
L/D Larry & Jeanette Maag, Dave Maag,  
Rick Laubenthal, Edward & Martha Mary Smith,  
Donald Smith

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22-1st Sunday of Lent

7:35am Rosary  
8:00am L/D Larry & Ginny(AN) Kirkendall Family,  
Eugenia Weskiel  
10:30am L/D Stan Miller Family, Karl Buerger,  
Francis Meyer (AN), Rose Ann Kaufman,  
Cayla Fortman-Ross, Margaret Schimmoeller  
1:00pm Station of the Cross concluding with Benediction



## SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:40am	Roger Schroeder, Eddie Duling
Wed	8:00am	Students
Wed	7:00pm	Brock Crumrine, Mylie Bockrath, Ethan Weis
Thurs	8:40am	Roger Schroeder, Gary Recker
Fri	8:00am	Elton Schroeder, Roger Schroeder
Sat	8:00am	Keegan Tobe, Lincoln Kahle, Landry Wrasman, Mitchell Kottenbrock
Sat	4:30pm	Izak Schimmoeller, Emmitt Miller, Mattilyn Maag
Sun	8:00am	AJ Siefker, Caleb Schroeder, Kamryn Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Lochlan Brinkman, Hannah Brickner, Logan Birkemeier

Servers for Station of the Cross - 12:40pm at Church for training

Sun	1:00pm	Olivia Carpenter, Quinn Crumrine, Ryland Ellerbrock, Addyson Faber
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## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

## LECTORS

Wed	7:00pm	Rose Warnecke Gene Warnecke - You will also have to distribute ashes	Tim Hansen Jeanne Schram
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Sat	4:30pm	Doug Deitering Diane Deitering	Sharon Meyer Chris Schroeder
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Sun	8:00am	Deb Schroeder Deb Burwell	Connie Cassidy Sharon Meyer
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Sun	10:30am	Rose Warnecke Gene Warnecke Jason Miller (Choir Only)	Tim Hansen Jeanne Schram
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Sun	1:00pm	Station of the Cross	Mary Ellen Klear
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GIFT BEARERS - To sign up for a Mass click link below

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



Wed	7:00pm	Ask a family or Ushers
Sat	4:30pm	Ask a family or Ushers
Sun	8:00am	Ryan & Renee Leopold
Sun	10:30am	Ask a family or Ushers

## FEBRUARY USHERS

Wed	7:00pm	Tom Morman, Tony Maag
Sat	4:30pm	Richard Schmitz, Brady Laudick
Sun	8:00am	Tom Morman, Tony Maag
Sun	10:30am	Barry Maag, Ken Horstman

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 4

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Edna & Diane Nienberg

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

## ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ADULT SERVERS

All School Mass for the Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. The student's will not be at Mass the rest of the week, so we will need weekday lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, and Adult servers to help with Mass on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at the regular time.  
Thank You!

## STEWARDSHIP

February 8, 2026

### Offering

Loose	\$	807.00
Adult Envelope	\$	14,693.00
Children	\$	96.00
Maintenance	\$	3,490.00
Online Offering	\$	2,837.50
Online Maintenance	\$	226.25
Initial Offering	\$	4.00
Vacation Bible School	\$	20.00
Easter	\$	1,500.00
Christmas	\$	1,600.00
Latin America	\$	55.00
Black & Indian	\$	25.00
Special Collection	\$	2,000.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	210.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>27,563.75</b>

Thank you to all of you who have been continuing to make your Weekly/monthly contributions to your St. John's parish family and for sharing your treasure, time, & talent with your St. John's parish family!

## Give Online Today!

Visit our website to get the E-Giving Form to fill out and return to the Parish Office. It is located in the left side above the Menu options. [www.stjohnnglandorf.org](http://www.stjohnnglandorf.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

Stanley C Duling 2/15/00	Michael J Maag 2/17/14
Linus I Bockrath 2/15/13	Richard F Ellerbrock 2/19/04
Margaret Moreno 2/15/16	Kristen Gracy Utrup 2/19/04
Lauren Mae Schneeg 2/15/22	Elizabeth L Siefker 2/20/11
Mary E Minaugh 2/16/08	Cecille A Kiene 2/20/13
Gerald E Leatherman 2/16/20	David H Bockrath 2/21/01
David J Schmitz 2/16/21	Louis G Wurth 2/21/04
Dennis K Stechschulte 2/16/21	Agnes A Sager 2/21/22

## 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.

FRANK NIESE  
PAM SCHROEDER

### NEWLY BAPTIZED

Liam Banks Joseph, son of Ian & Amanda Richey

### 2026 GRAND-orf Club



**February 500.00 winners are:** Logan & Katie Kaufman and Debbie Lammers. **CONGRATULATIONS and Thank you for supporting our Parish Center!** The next drawing will be March 8th by **Pat and Barb Siefker** no Coffee and Donuts. Extra tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules.

## HOPE In Action



**Your Generosity Strengthens  
Our Parishes!**

**St. John's Parish goal this year is .....**

**We will be receiving a rebate from last year, since we went over our goal. We will keep you posted.**

## HOPE In Action

### ACA PRAYER

Lord, inspire my heart to put Hope In Action and to respond generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal, as I make an act of hope:  
"O my God, relying on your infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer,  
**Amen."**

**\$ 43,563.33**  
**Prayerfully consider  
your donation.**

# LENT & THE ROSARY

*Our Parish Lenten focus is  
Re-Consecration of our Parish to Mary.*

**Our Lady stressed the importance of praying the Rosary in each of her apparitions, usually asking the Rosary to be prayed every day for peace.**

## WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

- Visit Jesus in church
- Come to Adoration, times listed in bulletin
- Sacrifice Cards - fill out the sheets in church & drop in basket by Our Lady of Fatima statue in church during Lent
- Begin a habit of praying the Rosary, individually or as a family



### Parish Rosary Times to join in church:

- ✦ Before all Masses but 10:30
- ✦ Fridays - Noon, for our Nation
- ✦ On St. Rita's Rosary Path, Elton & Jeanette Schroeder's

### RE-CONSECRATION OF OUR PARISH TO MARY

**DATE: TUE, MARCH 31  
TIME: 7PM**

### Rosary Apps:

Laudate  
Mary  
Amen  
Hallow  
Formed  
EWTN

**How to pray the Rosary and more information is available in the back of church for you to pick up.**

Pray the Station of the Cross  
concluding with Benediction  
Every Sunday at 1:00pm



Live Station  
of the Cross  
by God's  
Little Hero's  
on March 29,  
2026 at  
1:00pm



Lenten  
Penance Services  
around the area

Ottoville, Sunday, February 22nd at 2pm

Kalida, Wednesday, March 4th at 4pm & 7pm

Ft. Jennings, Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00pm

Miller City, Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00pm

Glandorf, Wednesday, March 25th at 4pm & 7pm

Ottawa, Monday, March 30th at 4pm & 7pm

Repent and turn towards the Gospel



The Little  
Black Books

has daily Lenten reflections

Meditations on the Passion  
According to Mark

Please pick up the books at all the exits  
One per family.

**OTTAWA K OF C  
FISH FRY**

Friday,

February, 20

Fish & Clam Strips

Serving from

4:30 - 7:00pm

Proceeds benefit Putnam  
county Right to Life

2026

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 9:00-11:45AM OCIA 10:30AM Mass	16 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Communion Service	17 8:15AM Rosary 8:40AM Mass	18 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:15-7:45AM Confession 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass (All School Mass) 1:00-4:00PM Lady of Leisure 6:00-9:00PM Lady of Leisure 6:15- 6:45PM Confession 7:00PM Mass	19 8:15AM Rosary 8:40AM Mass 7:00-8:30PM Choir Practice	20 7:15-7:45AM Confession 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 12:00PM Rosary 1:00-4:00PM Adoration concluding with Evening Prayer & Benediction	21 5:30AM - 7:30AM TMIY 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 8:30AM Confessions 8:45-9:45AM JSU&FYC 4:00-4:15PM Confessions 4:30PM Mass
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Rest of the Lent Schedule will be in next bulletin (Rest of March)



**Attention ALL MEN!!!!**

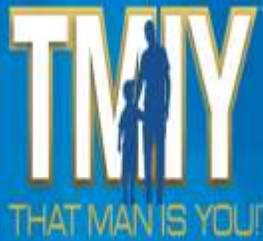
Join us on for That Man Is You

Saturday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria or No Meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday.

For more information, contact Deacon Mike Karhoff @ [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net)

SESSION 20 (Sat & Wed)

“BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD’S OWN HEART” – A Descent Into the Isolation of Self



Presenter: Steve Bollman. Prayer is Essential. The Plan of God vs. the Plan of Satan. Joy of Communion. Isolation of Self. Union with God is Your Destiny. It is not Good for Man to be Alone. *John 19:28, Genesis 2:24, 3:5-8.*

**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 7<sup>th</sup>** : The Mystical City of God –  
Guest Speaker: Charlie Shroeder

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** : St. Valentine – “Are you in it to win it?”

**February 21<sup>st</sup>** : “What is that Big Cross on Road 11?”

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** : Music that fills your Soul –  
Guest Speaker Erin Miller

**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](mailto: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!

**Adoration for Lent**

NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH JESUS EVERY HOUR!

**SCHEDULE**

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
SEE TIMES IN BULLETIN

EVERY FRIDAY  
1:00-4:00PM CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION

FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup>  
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 FRIDAY

ADORATION ON FIRST SATURDAY

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

Enjoy **Joyful Tuesdays!**  
**Faith, Fun and Fellowship!**

“Joyful Tuesdays” is ten weeks of Tuesday evening gatherings of faith, fellowship and fun at the cafeteria at Glandorf St. John parish center.

There will be a Joyful Mystery Scripture Rosary at 6:30 pm, then fellowship and fun from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Come for either one or both!

**Joyful Mystery Scripture Rosary**  
Example: Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit (Lk. 1:41) Hail Mary... I II III IV V

<b>Tues., Feb. 24</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Euchre/Solo</b>
<b>Tues., Mar. 3</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Hillbilly Card Bingo</b>
<b>Tues., Mar. 10</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>FUN Trivia</b>
<b>Tues., Mar. 17</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Improv Games</b>

Open to anyone and everyone, 15 and over. Children eight and over can attend if they participate and are accompanied by an adult.  
Joyful Tuesdays will not take place if there is Level 1 Snow Emergency or higher.

**CLC Meeting**  
March 4, 2026 @ 6:00pm  
**ATTENTION CLC MEMBERS**

Pizza party in the school cafeteria. Bring a salad or dessert to share.

IMPORTANT meeting to discuss the future of CLC in Glandorf.

**PLAN TO ATTEND**

**Joint Parish/Finance Council Meeting  
November 18, 2025**

**1. Opening Prayer**

Fr. Matt opened the meeting with prayer.

**2. Cemetery Guideline Update**

Jeff and Eliane Gerding presented updates to cemetery and Columbarium guidelines. Updates included:

- Added guidelines for Columbarium niches, including inscription standards and allowance for military recognition.
- Cost per niche set at **\$5,000**, holding two full-size urns.
- Updated dimension guidelines for base/tombstone sites.
- Updated guidelines related to cremation burial.

A motion was made to approve the updated cemetery guidelines. Motion passed with all in agreement.

Jeff and Eliane also requested consideration of establishing or increasing a cemetery fund to support larger future projects (e.g., paving drives, new drives, building improvements, and general upgrades).

**3. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes from the **October 7, 2025** joint meeting were reviewed. Bryan Kaufman made a motion to approve the minutes; Beth Trombley seconded. Motion passed.

**4. Grounds Committee Updates**

Charlie Schroeder and Deacon Mike Karhoff provided updates:

- Dirt has been filled along sidewalks in multiple areas around parish grounds.
- Backup lighting/converter for church lighting has been ordered and is being installed by Sarka Electric.
- Crosswalk updates from Main Street to church are planned for spring.
- Parking blocks for handicap spots were addressed.
- Smoke detectors (installed in 1993) were reviewed by Northwest Alarm/Security.
  - Replace current model: approx. **\$2,500–\$2,600**
  - Upgrade to improved technology: approx. **\$5,200**
  - A decision will be made soon.

Boilers in all facilities, including the Mustard Seed, have been reviewed and are operational.

Mustard Seed demolition is nearly complete; layout drawings were reviewed.

**5. Mustard Seed Update**

No firm opening date set; goal is to open after the first of the year in spring

Brick Street Studio layouts reviewed; adjustments being made for accessibility and accommodations.

**6. Gutter Project**

2026 gutter and downspout replacement project.

Researching companies and gathering quotes

Existing gutters date back to the 1960s and are in poor condition.

**7. CYO Policy**

The CYO policy was reviewed and approved unanimously with no changes.

Service hours required must be for St. John's Parish or parishioners, as approved.

Refer to Diocese of Toledo CYO Athletics and Athletic Director Handbook for full details.

**8. Eucharistic Day – January 25, 2026**

Parish and Finance Council members are asked to volunteer.

Each member to provide **two dozen desserts**.

Parish Council will assist with refreshments; Finance Committee will assist with the dessert table.

CYO teams will help with setup of tables and chairs.

**9. New Business**

Missionaries of the Precious Blood hosted workshops on parish vocations. St. John's will participate in a pilot **Marriage Vocation Workshop** in February 2026.

Adult Faith group is exploring alternative Stations of the Cross presentations for Lent.

Dr. John Wood presented to CCD students and adults; parish received a **\$1,000 credit** for next year's Dragon Slayers retreat.

Advent penance service scheduled for **December 9, 2025**.

**Ladies of Leisure  
Social Club**

Third Wednesday each month.  
Two Event Times: 1:00-4:00 or 6:00-9:00

@ The Parish Center, Cafeteria in Gandorf

Play cards, Games, or Crafts  
(Please Bring your own supplies.)  
BYOB and snacks.



Casual, FREE Event  
Come alone or with friends.  
Enjoy a few hours of laughs & friendship.



Questions call: Jill Gerding 419-538-6942  
Sponsored by St. John's Alter Rosary Society



2ND ANNUAL OTTAWA-GLANDORF

**STUDENT FOR LIFE  
DINNER**

Join us **Saturday, March 14.**

Doors open at 5:00 PM, with dinner served at 6:00 PM,

at the Ottawa American Legion Post 63.

Featuring Pastor Lorenzo Sewell, pastor at 180 Church in Detroit, Michigan, who also delivered the closing prayer at President Trump's inauguration.

Ticket prices:

- Adult (individual): **\$30**
- Couple: **\$50**
- Student: **\$15**

Please dress formally. Tickets can be purchased at **Ottawa Ordnance and Well Grounded Café.**

For questions, please contact Chase Maag at 567-376-5382.

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

**PUTNAM COUNTY  
RIGHT TO LIFE  
GARAGE & BAKE SALE**

is coming in March! It will be held in the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 10760 Rd H, Ottawa, Ohio. Sale days are Tuesday, March 24 from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm & Wednesday, March 25 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Donations of gently used items and baked goods will be accepted on the following days:



Sunday, March 22 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm & Monday, March 23 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

**Engaged Couples Conference**

St. Anthony's Engaged Couples Conference will be held **Saturday, March 7, 2026** from 8:30 a.m. until Mass at 4:00 p.m. Cost of the day is \$50.00 per couple. Any couples interested, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

*Payment can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office or can be made the morning of the conference.*

Brought to you by OGH's  
Junior Optimist Club

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2026  
In Glandorf Park @ 12:30

Hunt includes 3 Age Groups:  
3 & under, 4-6, 7-8

Don't forget to bring  
your own basket!

Get a picture with  
the Easter Bunny!

# Outreach Breakfast

## FRESH Whole-Hog Sausage Breakfast Fundraiser

**Sunday, March 1st**  
**9:00 am - 12:00 Noon**  
**Glandorf St. John's Parish Hall**

**Free  
Will  
Donation**



*We will foster through prayer, communication, education and service, the promotion of human respect, dignity, and social justice for the St. John's parish family and people worldwide.*

**OFF THE  
STREETS  
FINDLAY**

**Proceeds benefit  
Off the Streets Findlay**



The national non-profit organization, Off the Streets, provides HOPE and DIGNITY to those experiencing homelessness by helping them transition to permanent housing. OTS assists people referred by local social service providers with a security deposit and basic furnishings. OTS performs these tasks using only volunteers and donations, with no government funding. This results in a very expedited process, and the homeless can be in a home in a week or so after referral.

OTS Findlay is the organization that helps Putnam County people be in permanent homes.



Supplying security deposits directly to the landlord - a major barrier to being housed.



Delivering furniture and household goods to transform an empty apartment into a home.



Providing encouragement and support.

2ND GRADE PARENTS

## 1ST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH  
AT 6:30PM- 8:00PM,  
IN THE PARISH CENTER  
CAFETERIA



### JUNIOR HIGH DEANERY GATHERING 2026

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

*Faithful in Little*  
2026-2027



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GOOD LUCK to our CYO teams  
at the  
**DIOCESAN TOURNAMENT**  
2/8/2025 thru 2/15/2025

**BOY'S:**

**BIRKEMEYER:** 2/15 @1:45pm at Lourdes University play Sts. Peter & Paul

**GIRL'S:**

**BOCKRATH:** 2/15 @4:15pm at Lourdes University play Sts. Peter & Paul

## Preschool REGISTRATION 2026-2027



March 16, 2026  
7:00 p.m.

MORE INFO 419.538.6264

St. John's Parish Center Cafeteria

A FREE family read-along of *The 7 Deadly Dragons* book series with daily Lenten challenges.



SCAN FOR DETAILS

Listen to the stories  
Take on the daily challenge  
Grow together as a family

## 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! AUNTS! UNCLES!

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 GCD 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 Burgei (419-615-2274) or Alicia Nussbaum (419-957-0997).

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.

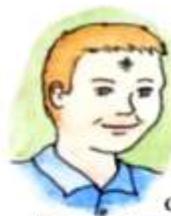
## STARTING ASH WEDNESDAY!



Streaming FREE on DragonSlayers.TV

# Ash Wednesday

 This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time of repentance. We make sacrifices and try to improve our lives to become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned but He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices—out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus on the cross offered up His life to God the Father.

On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. But they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.

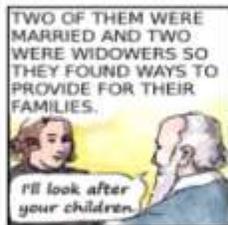
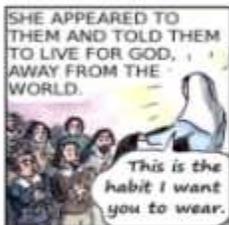


Answer to Word-Find "you will be blessed."

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## The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

February 17



THE SEVEN SAINTS WHO STARTED THE SERVITE ORDER MADE GREAT SACRIFICES BY GIVING UP THEIR LIFE OF WEALTH AND THEIR FAMILIES. THEY HAD GOD'S HELP AND ALSO EACH OTHER'S HELP. DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS WHO CAN HELP YOU TO BE HOLY AND EVEN HEROIC? ARE YOU THAT KIND OF FRIEND?

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# The Kids' Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 15th, 2026



Do not think that I came to abolish the law or the prophets... Whoever obeys and teaches the commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Some people in Jesus' time thought that He was going to get rid of the old law. What does He have to say about the commandments in today's Gospel reading?

Look at this picture in the mirror to find out!

## Psalm 119 Word-Find



See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

YDSCOFGOODU  
WITOLORDBIL  
BLAMELESSLB  
LITMELAWBC  
EGUAPOFIRMO  
SETNRWLIVEN  
SNEDECRESS  
ETSECMAYLSI  
DLEDEOPENED  
SYKEPTSEDEE  
MIGHTHWALKR  
WORDSERVANT

Blessed are they who FOLLOW the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they whose way is BLAMELESS, who WALK in the LAW of the Lord. BLESSED are they who OBSERVE his DECREES, who SEEK him with all their heart.

You have COMMANDED that your PRECEPTS be DILIGENTLY KEPT. Oh, that I MIGHT be FIRM in the ways of keeping your STATUTES!

Be GOOD to your SERVANT, that I MAY LIVE and keep your WORDS. OPEN my EYES, that I may CONSIDER THE wonders of your law.

If you obey God's law, \_\_\_\_\_