

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.

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.

2 FROM THE DESK OF DEACON DON

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Our readings for the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year C deals with trusting in the Lord. The first reading from Jeremiah speaks of “one who trusts in the Lord and hopes in the Lord, is like a tree planted near a stream of water.” Its roots reach out to take in the water as it’s nourishment and life line. As I drive through the countryside and particularly across Leopold’s bridge, it reminds me of this 1st reading we heard today. The trees are all leaning over the water as if to shield it and protect it from evaporation and thus keeping it as a source of energy and a vital part of sustaining life. The trees near the water reminds me of who we are as Catholic Christians. As a believer in God, we want to be near Him and to draw from Him as a source of God’s grace. I kind of pity those trees that are in the middle of nowhere who have to rely on the rains to come for them to sustain life and keep from withering away and dying. So too, it is with our relationship with God and His Son, Jesus Christ. If we don’t go to church, we don’t receive that stream of water which is God’s grace through His sacraments. We can’t receive His body and blood if we don’t attend. We soon will be like the tree out in the middle of nowhere that withers and dies. God gives us this lifelong supply of His blessings through our weekly attendance at mass and even when we come through the week; whether for mass or for Eucharistic Adoration. Only through Him can we receive this nourishment. It doesn’t come through our worldly desires. Jesus says in the Gospel, “Blessed are you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours.” Jesus doesn’t mean that we are poor in worldly terms but in the spiritual nature. When we give up our desires to truly own this or own that, and only own a true relationship with Him, then we are blessed; poor in spirit but rich in His mercy and His compassion. I pray that God will provide all of you with the unlimited streams of His Mercy and Compassion and that you make Him the center of your life and the life of your family. God bless all of you.

Deacon Don



SACRAMENTS**BAPTISM**

We want to warmly invite all parents to join us for our upcoming Baptism Class! Whether this is your first child, second, third, or beyond, there is always something new to learn about this beautiful sacrament. We also encourage parents to invite their chosen godparents to attend the class. This class is only required for parents for their first child.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS (by Mike and Becky Karhoff)

Parish Center Room 15 9:00am –10:30am

Upcoming classes:

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

With Valentine's Day just behind us, let's take a look at the

Sacrament of Matrimony

Matrimony is a Sacrament of service. It is a natural union, instituted by God at the time of Creation. Genesis 2:18 says, "The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.'" At Creation, God designed man and woman to complement one another.

The Bible says that "a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife; and they become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). God designed and intended marital love to occur only between a man and a woman. This intimacy of two becoming one flesh can only happen between a man and a woman.

God commands the woman and man to "be fruitful and multiply". (Genesis 1:28) This means that with the love between the man and woman and with their relationship with God, they can be cocreators in bringing new life into the world. Total self-giving love is always open to life. The blessings of marriage are unity and procreation.

God's plan was to create a woman for the man as a partner, not as a coworker. The woman would complement the man. She would be supportive and nurturing. Together they would procreate. A woman was someone who would be a companion to the man. She'd be someone the man could trust. Together, man and woman would help each other to know, love, and serve God, as well as raise children according to the Faith. Marriage is a Sacrament. It is not merely a contract or a legal union of two people. It is a lifelong, loving union. It was the first Sacrament instituted right at the beginning of Creation! Jesus elevated marriage to the level of a Sacrament by giving it His grace. Marriage needs God's grace for strength during difficult times, for strength in raising children in the Faith, to help one another to get to heaven, to stay loyal to one another, etc... Grace helps the husband and wife live a sacramental life and help each other get to heaven.

Jesus reminded people marriage is indissoluble, meaning that it cannot be ended or dissolved. Marriage is a covenant, a bond that cannot be broken. When someone receives a legal divorce, the marriage ends legally, however, they are still married in the eyes of God and the Church, unless they receive an annulment. An annulment is granted when it has been proven the marriage was not valid. (In order for a marriage to be valid, the man and woman must freely consent to give themselves to each other. Additionally, both man and woman must be open to bringing forth life.) Marriage is a reflection of the Holy Trinity. The love between the Father and the Son is the Holy Spirit. The love between a husband and a wife is a child. Satan will do all he can to destroy marriage. For the reason, the secular world sees marriage differently than the Church does. Spouses need to pray together to follow God's true plan for marriage. Young people should live chastely, select good friends, and pray in order to prepare for marriage.

May God's grace strengthen your marriage, and may your marriage reflect God's love to all!

4 ABOUT OUR PARISH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Don

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:15 am Rosary
8:40am Alice Siefker

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:15am - 7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am Raymond & Odelia Siefker, Special Intention
6:30pm - 8:15pm Adoration
7:45pm - 8:15pm Confession

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:15am Rosary
8:40am Dorothy Osterhage, Sister Kateri Kaufman

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 St. Peter Damian

7:15am-7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am L/D Brian Kidd Family, Jennie Schram, Coletta Schram, Genevieve Rupert
12:00pm Rosary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Stephanie Crumrine
8:30am Confessions
4:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Oscar Burgei, L/D Barney & Judy Jewers Family, Frances Meyer (AN), Maxine Karl, L/D Dick (AN) & Dorothy Ellerbrock Family, L/D Larry(AN) & Jeanette Maag Family, Norman Kleman

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23~7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:35am Rosary
8:00am L/D Bob Duling Family, Tim Bockrath, L/D Wilma & Don Unterbrink Family, L/D Laurie Recker Family, L/D Louie Breece Family, L/D Fred Martin Family, Richard Fuerst
10:30am Sister Kateri Kaufman, Oscar & Marie Kuhlman, Alvin Unverferth, Doloras Patrilla, Dennis Halker, Leonard Collier



Engaged Couples

Need to contact Fr. Matt 6 months before your marriage to start

Notifications

Bulletin and Parish Notification If you would like to receive the bulletin and other parish notifications via email, please let us know by sending an email to admin@glandorfstjohns.com

Need Ushers



***We are in desperate need of another usher at the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday's, so we can keep 4 teams that usher at that Mass.

Call the office if you are willing to help.

SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:40am	Students
Wed	8:00am	Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram
Thurs	8:40am	Students
Fri	8:00am	Elton Schroeder, Roger Schroeder
Sat	8:00am	Ella Schroeder, Calista Vennekotter, Jace Vennekotter
Sat	4:30pm	Carson Faber, Will Faber, Royce Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Evan Brady, AJ Siefker, Makenna Siefker
Sun	10:30am	Abby Recker, Parker Heckman, Nolan Duling

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS

Sat	4:30pm	Mike Karhoff	Fireman
		Mary Rose Ellerbrock	Fireman
Sun	8:00am	Deb Schroeder	Connie Cassidy
		Deb Burwell	Sharon Meyer
Sun	10:30am	Rose Warnecke	Tim Hansen
		Gene Warnecke	Jeanne Schram

GIFT BEARERS

Sat	4:30pm	Glandorf Fireman
Sun	8:00am	Ushers or ask a family
Sun	10:30am	Glandorf Cub Scouts

FEBRUARY USHERS

Sat	4:30pm	Fireman
Sun	8:00am	Chris & Tim Hoehn
Sun	10:30am	Mitch Gable, Charlie Schroeder

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 4

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Ginny Schroeder & Karen Parker

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



*So St. John the Baptist,
we want to thank all of you
for your generous donations!*

*Almost 900 diapers, many
body wash & shampoos, formula,
50 Outfits & much more.
You all keep us supplying
those in need. ☺*

Thank you again!

*In Christ,
The Heartbeat Staff*

Thank you

STEWARDSHIP

February 9, 2025

Offering

Loose	\$	1,185.00
Adult Envelope	\$	8,954.00
Children	\$	148.00
Maintenance	\$	1,531.00
Online Offering	\$	2,555.00
Online Maintenance	\$	211.25
Initial Offering	\$	13.00
Christmas	\$	20.00
Latin America	\$	250.00
Total Collection	\$	14,867.25

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 Diapers - size 4, 5, 6 and White onesies -0-3, 3-6, 6-9

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)

Together For Good



Share Your Generous Gift Today at acatoledo.org!

2025 ANNUAL APPEAL PRAYER

Loving Father, we praise you and give you thanks for the many blessings you bestow upon us and for our shared mission to build up your Kingdom and share the Gospel of your Son, Jesus. "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rm 8:28).

Inspire our hearts to respond generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal knowing you bring good from our efforts.

Bless all those who give, all those who receive, all those who serve, and all those who labor for the success of our Appeal, "Together For Good."

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal themed **Together For Good**. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Faith, hope, and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal and assure the continuation of these programs and services. For more information on ministries funded by the appeal, visit acatoledo.org.

Thank you!

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$43,645.64.

WE WILL BE RECEIVING A REBATE FROM LAST YEAR, SINCE WE WENT OVER OUR GOAL. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED.

Prayfully consider your donation

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

have been mailed to those who have donated \$250 or more in 2024. All others who wish to receive a statement should contact the parish office at 419-538-6928

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 the families, relatives, friends & neighbors of

Wanda Myers

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

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| 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 |
| Michael J Maag 2/17/14 | Laverne M Ellerbrock 2/22/04 |
| Richard F Ellerbrock 2/19/04 | Mary E Verhoff 2/22/07 |
| Kristen Gracy Utrup 2/19/04 | Marcella L Morman 2/22/09 |
| Elizabeth L Siefker 2/20/11 | Frances M Meyer 2/22/12 |
| | Kenneth F Giesken 2/22/19 |



2025GRAND-orf Club

February winners are: **Cleo Liebrecht and Tricia Horstman. CONGRATULATIONS!** The next drawing will be March 9th by Kristin and Craig Duling along with Coffee and Donuts.

Minutes for Parish Council/Finance Meeting November 19, 2024

Combined Meeting with Finance Committee

1. Opening Prayer by Fr. Matt
2. Joint Parish & Finance Council Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Mary Ellen Klear made a motion to approve the minutes, Matt Bockrath seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. Grounds Committee
 - Asked parish ministries if they have any things that they may want to add to the 5 year list.
 - Mindy Recker asked about a central located collaborative offices for parish staff and religious education directors and about getting smart boards in the classrooms.
 - Gary Birkemeier asked about fixing the padding on the stage end of the gym and improving the locker rooms.
 - South church window- Gutter is repaired in that area. Waiting for the plaster to completely dry up to fix interior.
 - Church gutters and down spouts- Are getting several estimates to replace gutters.
 - Emergency generator for church-Looking over past electrical use to size accordingly for current usage. Sent information to County Electric.
 - Sidelines on gym floor- Were put to regulation size court but now it doesn't give much room for scorer's table and athletes. May have to change next summer if it is an issue during basketball season.
4. **Blanchard Ave Access** – The Christ the King center received a letter of support from Sts Peter and Paul parish.
5. **Use of Parish Center** – Created a draft of waiver and was sent to the council to review and give feedback.
6. **Mustard Seed-** Diocese does not recommend the purchase at current value. Propose they liquidate first. The owners of the Mustard Seed approached another buyer about the purchase.
7. **Eucharistic Day- January 26, 2025**
 - Set up on Sign up genius to help
 - Going to see if a cyo team can help set up again like last year.
 - In January we will find out how many desserts will be needed.
 - Mike Karhoff will get in touch with Brooky's about drinks.
 - Finance Committee in charge of coffee and desserts
 - Parish Council in charge of drinks
8. **New Business**
 - Next year the Park fest will celebrate 50 years. It will be 3 days and have a parade. Looking for someone to be in charge of the float for the parish.
 - The 2 windows above the front side doors are getting redone. The center window in the back of church will be taken out for some repairs and they will use that window to match the front windows correctly.
 - At the Deanery meeting the question was asked about adding a Sunday evening mass in Putnam County. At this time there is no thought of proceeding with that.
 - The Immaculate Conception Holy Day will be observed December 9th , 2024. Masses will be 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Minutes for Parish Council/Finance Meeting January 14, 2025

Combined Meeting with Finance Committee

1. **Opening Prayer** by Fr. Matt
2. **Joint Parish & Finance Council Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2024** meeting were reviewed. Tara Gerding made a motion to approve the minutes, Bryan Kaufman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **Grounds Committee**
 - Got feedback from Eric Kaufman (historical committee) about possibly refurbishing all the candle sticks in church and keeping an eye on the church steeple to see if it needs regilded or painted.
 - Look at adding a handrail behind the altar.
 - Possibly add more handicap seats on Mary's side of the church. Will discuss more when we decide to change the carpet.
 - Some parishioners asked about using channel 3 to be able to watch church and to watch things in the parish center when things are going on there. Not sure if that is possible.
 - AV cabinet will be rearranged and the top will be locked to avoid having people unplug and touch wifi router. The bottom portion will stay unlocked and AV cabinet price will be included in rentals to be able to utilize the projector screen for viewing local cable TV.
 - An additional display cabinet is being made for the parish center for a statue of St Therese the little Flower.
 - A window in the door of the cafeteria was broken during weekend CYO. Looking at changing the doors to have less glass and more sturdy.
 - February 5th Conrad Schmitt will come and look at repairing the south window of the church. Estimate \$10,776.
4. **Christ the King Center** – The Christ the King center board is going to pursue back with the town planning committee, Mayor, and zoning committee to see what their next step will be.
5. **Use of Parish Center** – Discussed what other places charge for non-parish use of a day camp or sport practices.
6. **Mustard Seed-** No further action at this time.
7. **Eucharistic Day- January 26, 2025**
 - Going to see if a CYO team can help set up again like last year.
 - We need at least one dozen desserts from each member of both the parish council and finance committee.
 - Mike Karhoff will get in touch with Brooky's about drinks.
 - Finance Committee in charge of coffee and desserts
 - Parish Council in charge of drinks
 - Sign up genius to be sent out for times to help
8. **Penance-** Discussed our penance services at St. Johns for special occasions. Probably due to when we offer it, attendance is somewhat low for the amount of resources we have to provide for the assisting clergy. For now, we may just invite a few less priests to help.
9. **OCIA-** Currently we have 2 candidates and 1 catechumen. Discussed that during the 3rd, 4th and 5th weeks of lent that we read the year A readings during Sunday masses to coincide with the OCIA classes.
10. **New Business**
 - The youth group has 3 youths that will be visiting Steubenville for a camp.
 - Parish policy for the cancellation of activities at the Parish Center. Proposal made to follow OGHS protocol and Putnam County Sheriff guidelines for a Level 2 or 3.
 - A question was asked about how old you need to be to come to Youth group events. High school age is preferred, and they do have events when junior high kids can attend. Also asked about donating to Youth group. Anyone can donate just mark envelope Youth Group.
 - Men's Welcome weekend will be February 8th and 9th.
 - Baptism classes will be taken over by Mike & Becky Karhoff. Deacon Don has been doing it for 20 years. Thanks Don!

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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



Attention ALL MEN!!!! Join us on for That Man Is You (TMIIY) Saturday, Feb. 22nd, NO MEETING attend Catholic Men's Conference, or

Wednesday, Feb. 19th, 7-8:30pm in room 22.

For more information, contact Mike Karhoff
@ mbkarhoff@bright.net, 419-796-0763

TMIIY "APOSTLES OF THE NEW SPRINGTIME" – Finding Your Mission Field (Sat. 3/1, Wed. 2/19) (session 18) Presenter: Paul George. Don't Be Paralyzed by Your Past. We are Made for More. Let Us Live Life Without Anything to Lose. Jesus is the Author Of the Mission. Our Mission Flows from Our Identity as God's Sons. Begin Your Mission with The End in Mind. Your Vocation is Your Mission Field. Phil 4:29, Mat 28:18-20.

OCIA

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Monday, February 17

St. John's Parish Room 15

Topic: #Deeper Explanation of the Mass: "Pray the Mass Like Never Before"

Snack person: Kim Ellerbrock

All our welcome. If interested, call the office to register.



to move mountains
MATTHEW 17:20

PRAY AND MEDITATE

World Day of Prayer

MARCH 7, 2025
AT 11:00AM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH, GLANDORF, OH

Light luncheon to follow in the Parish Center Cafeteria

May you be blessed with love, joy, and peace!

Lent is approaching fast!

As a parish, we will be preparing for Jesus' death and Resurrection in a special way this year, by participating in a new program from Ascension *The Ascension Lenten Companion: Walking with Mary to Jerusalem*. The program follows Mary on her journey to Jerusalem alongside her son, Jesus, and includes engaging videos by Fr. Toups and an inspirational journal with daily meditations, prayer prompts, space for journaling, and original sacred artwork.

You can pick up your journal at the exits of church on February 22/23.

We will be starting with the intro video/session week of March 2nd. Watch for times and place in next week's bulletin.

This program is an opportunity for our entire community to enter Lent intentionally and receive the grace God wants to give us during this holy season.

THE ASCENSION Lenten Companion

Walking with Mary to Jerusalem



Eucharistic Adoration

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:30pm-8:15pm

FIRST FRIDAY

February 7th

1:00pm - 4:00pm concluding with Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY

February 1st and 2nd

After 4:30pm Mass until 8:00am on Sunday morning.

HOLY HOUR

February

9:00am-10:00am concluding with Benediction at 9:55am

Theme: Marriages and Families

Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator back in church or sign up on line using the following link

First Friday

<https://tinyurl.com/2w5ivaf9>



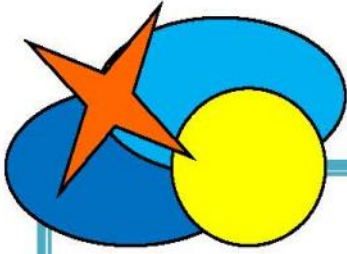
First Saturday

<https://tinyurl.com/4ba6a6ku>



We would like at least two people signed up for each hour. If you can't make it to church to sign in, please call Katie Verhoff 480-236-7305.

Come Let Us Adore Him!



Fresh Whole-Hog Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, March 2nd, 9:00 - 12:00

At the Glandorf St. John's Parish Hall

Free Will Donation

Dine in, carry out, or drive thru

Organized by the St. John's Outreach Group

The 8th grade CCD students will be running a bake sale during the same time in room 15.

All proceeds to help purchase sacramentals to send to parishes who lost their homes in the North Carolina flooding and California wildfires.

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**
Must be 21 or Older to attend!

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

One of the prizes 65 in. TV
 TCL 65" 4K UHD

Please help these kids join for Free!

ANDREW DINNER



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, OTTAWA
 FEBRUARY 23, 2025 | 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Diocese of Toledo
 Office of Priestly Vocations

Named after St. Andrew, the patron saint of fishermen and often associated with calling others to follow Christ, these dinners provide an opportunity for attendees to meet with their pastors and engage in informal conversations about priestly life.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
 10760 RD H
 OTTAWA, OH 45075

For more information, please visit
 ToledoPriesthood.org
 or register here:

2ND GRADE PARENTS

1ST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
TIME: 6:30 PM
LOCATION: PARISH CENTER CAFETERIA

We kindly ask parents only to attend this important meeting as part of your child's preparation for 1st Holy Communion. This meeting is required per diocesan guidelines.

A Special Invitation to Family Members:
 We would love for your extended family members—especially any Priests or Deacons in your family—to participate in the 1st Holy Communion Mass. Other family members, such as Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Godparents, and Older Siblings, are also welcome to help. Roles may include: Priest or Deacon participation, Lector, Usher, Altar Server, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

If anyone in your family would like to assist, please bring their names and contact information to the meeting so we can reach out to them to coordinate their roles. Thank you for your dedication and support in making this a beautiful celebration!



2025 Glandorf St. John's Vacation Bible School

June 2-5, 6-8pm
 Registration Forms Now Available

- Your youngest child in the family will get the registration form in CCD and preschool this week.
- Extra forms are located in the north and south vestibules of the church.
- Please drop off in mail slot located on the rectory garage door or mail all forms directly to the rectory address (listed on the form)
- All payments must still be mailed or dropped off at the rectory to guarantee your child's spot.

March 21st registration deadline.

Due to limited space, any forms received after deadline are not guaranteed a spot.

We are in need of many **ADULT HELPERS** to bring kids from one station to another! Come and have FUN with us!



Did you know that volunteering as a family to bring up the offertory at Mass is a beautiful way to deepen your connection to God and to each other? Parishioners can sign up today by scanning QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/2dss8wpj>



10 PRESCHOOL & YOUTH ADULT



Glandorf Youth Choir

Students interested in singing for the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, March 2nd..... we will have a practice on Sunday February 23rd at 9:15 in church.

All students 5th thru 12th grade are invited.

Hope to see you on February 23rd at 9:15!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

COME AND JOIN US!
FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL 8:30PM

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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!

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FEBRUARY 1ST
MARCH 1ST
APRIL 5TH



QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

26th Annual Youth Retreat

I HAVE A REASON TO PRAISE
The Lord

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If they win, play on 2/16 @ 3:00PM @ St Joan of Arc

ELLERBROCK: 2/15 St. Rose @4:00PM @St. Joan of Arc
If they win, play on 2/16 @3:00PM @St Joan of Arc

MEYER: 2/15 St. Anthony @ 1:00PM @ St. John's
If they win, play on 2/16 @ 1:00PM @ St Joan of Arc

GIRL'S:

BOCKRATH: 2/16 Sts. Peter & Paul @ 2:00PM @Sts. Peter & Paul

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DINNER FOR LIFE

Saturday, March 29
American Legion Hall, Ottawa

Students for Life are hosting their first Dinner for Life. Doors open at 5 pm, with dinner and program at 6 pm. Cost is \$15 per meal. Josh Williams, a state representative from the Toledo area will be one of the speakers.

People of all ages are invited.

Come support Students for Life.

Call Chase Maag for tickets
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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
SEMINAR
2ND ANNUAL ADULT RETREAT

I HAVE A REASON TO
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His plan!



Fr. James Sichko "60 Minutes for Jesus"

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St. Joseph Church - 822 Barclay St. - Marblehead

March 2nd - March 4th - 7:00 pm - In the Church

General Talk Themes:

Night 1 - Love, Night 2 - Trust, Night 3 - Leadership

Each night of the mission is a stand-alone talk, but you are encouraged to come all 3 nights. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll sing, you'll be inspired!

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About Sarah

Sarah Hart is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today! Her songs of faith, spirit of joy, and love for teaching and leading workshops have touched the lives of thousands. In fact, we have sung many of her songs in our pews here at St. Ignatius!

Join us for two evenings rich with storytelling and song. Sarah will delve into the themes of sacrifice, prayer, and almsgiving during challenging times. She will share insights from great saints, scripture, and everyday experiences, along with her most beloved liturgical music.

THE LAST SUPPER TEACHINGS OF JESUS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

Retreat Presenter: Fr. Patrick Gonyeau

In St. John's Gospel, we read that on the night before Jesus died for us, He spoke about the Holy Spirit. During this Lenten season, setting aside time for this retreat to learn more about how God works in our lives is a way to give God more of our hearts and minds to work with. This retreat will be a prayerful opportunity to dive into the teachings of Jesus on the Holy Spirit that He gave at The Last Supper. By doing so, your life in the Holy Spirit and daily experience of life in God's presence will be tremendously blessed and empowered.

Please RSVP to attend - 419-483-3435 option 4

9:00 - 9:30am: Arrival - coffee and continental breakfast

9:30am: Session One, "The First Three"

- John 14:12-14 - What will happen when Jesus goes to the Father.
- John 14:15-17 - The Advocate & Spirit of Truth
- John 14:26 - The Teacher & Reminder

10:00am: - Confession available in Shrine Chapel

10:15am: Break

10:30am: Rosary in Shrine Chapel

11:00am: Mass in the Shrine Chapel

12:00pm: Soup & Salad Lunch (MUST RSVP: call 419-483-3435 option 4)

12:45pm: Session Two, "The Second Three"

- John 15:26 - The Spirit Testifies
- John 16:7-8 - The Spirit Convicts
- John 16:12-15 - The Spirit Guides
- Small Group Discussion

2:00pm: Break

2:15pm: Closing Prayer Session in the Chapel

- The Holy Spirit helps us know "Abba". The Tender Heart of Abba.
- The opportunity for renewal (through the renewal of our baptismal promises)
- Inviting the Holy Spirit to refresh us in the grace of our baptism and confirmation, that we would come alive to these marvelous graces in a new way in our lives.
- Closing Prayer of the Retreat and Benediction

**SATURDAY
MARCH
22**

Fr. Patrick Gonyeau

SORROWFUL
MOTHER SHRINE

Retreat Concludes at 2:45pm
Confession available at 3:00 in
Shrine Chapel before 4:00pm Mass

Ministry of the
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UNITED STATES BISHOPRIC

Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



“The Pursuit of the Common Good and Human Dignity: The Catholic Approach to Immigration”

As Bishop and Shepherd of the faithful in the Diocese of Toledo, I find it necessary to speak with clarity amidst the confusion and polarization that currently surrounds the issue of immigration, which has recently come to the forefront of our national discussion.

As recently reiterated by Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States

Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), “The Catholic Church is not aligned with any political party... No matter who occupies the White House or holds the majority on Capitol Hill, the Church’s teachings remain unchanged.” Immigration issues are complex and we must be diligent in offering and advocating for the Church’s teaching, especially concerning the common good and each person’s right to human dignity.

Catholic Social Teaching has as its first principle the affirmation that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and therefore possesses an inviolable dignity. Enforcement of just

immigration laws is the right of every nation and is not in itself an affront to this dignity. Nations in their prudential judgment must discern how best to regulate their borders while maintaining the common good and respect for each person, both immigrant and native citizen. The Catechism of the Catholic Church lays out two balancing principles (welcoming the



foreigner and the responsibility to regulate national borders) which must be held together in balance. The disregard or overemphasis of either principle will lead to a distortion of the Church’s full teaching on this vital issue.

First:

“The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him” (CCC 2241).

Flowing from this, we cannot affirm any immigration or deportation policy which:

- dehumanizes immigrants, legal or illegal, through hostile rhetoric or implies that they are anything less than children of God, made in His image and likeness.
- Detains immigrants indefinitely or deprives them of basic human necessities while in custody.
- permanently separates families, especially children from their parents, except where children are in danger of abuse.
- deploys excessive violence in enforcement of the law, except where needed to protect lives.

The second principle, which balances the first, states: “Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants’ duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens” (CCC 2241).

Because of this, we must reject any immigration policy (or lack thereof) which:

- encourages or normalizes illegal immigration.
- leads to de-facto “open borders,” which harm the common good of both

immigrant and native citizen by facilitating the grave sins of violent crime, human trafficking and drug trafficking.

- exploits immigrants for cheap labor, which degrades their dignity and depresses the wages of native citizens.
- implies that immigrants, whether legal or illegal, have no responsibility to serve the needs of their host country or obey its laws.

As faithful Catholics and responsible citizens, we are duty-bound to pray for unity and to advocate for just immigration laws that prioritize the common good and protect the human dignity of each person. You are encouraged to contact your elected officials and urge them to uphold our nation’s laws without compromising our Catholic principles.

Christ founded the Church, his Mystical Body, to be “the pillar and foundation of truth” (1 Timothy 3:15) amidst a chaotic and sinful world. We stand firmly upon this pillar, trusting our Lord to enlighten our minds, direct our hearts, and lead us to the fullness of truth. Only in this balanced pursuit of truth, enabled by God’s grace, can we hope to defend the common good and the human dignity of all peoples, both immigrant and native citizen.



Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
February 3, 2025

Further Reading:

- Statement of Archbishop Broglio on Executive Orders Signed by the President
<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/statement-archbishop-broglio-executive-orders-signed-president>
- “Human Dignity is Not Dependent on a Person’s Citizenship or Immigration Status”
<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/human-dignity-not-dependent-persons-citizenship-or-immigration-status>
- USCCB – Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration and the Movement of Peoples
<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/catholic-teaching-on-immigration-and-the-movement-of-peoples>



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Hidden Blessings

AAA!
I'M SO
HUNGRY!



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that people who are poor, hungry, or sad are blessed! Do they sound blessed to you?

Bad things that happen to us have hidden blessings in them. If you are poor then your family and friends are more important to you than money and things. If you are hungry then you appreciate food more. If you are sad then sometimes it's easier to remember to pray.

But things that seem bad have another hidden blessing in them- when you are suffering, you can give your sadness or hurt to Jesus. Tell Him you are offering it up along with Him on the cross. He will give you grace to make your soul stronger. You can offer things up for other people too, and God will use your gift to help them!

Next time you feel unhappy about something, try to find the hidden blessing!

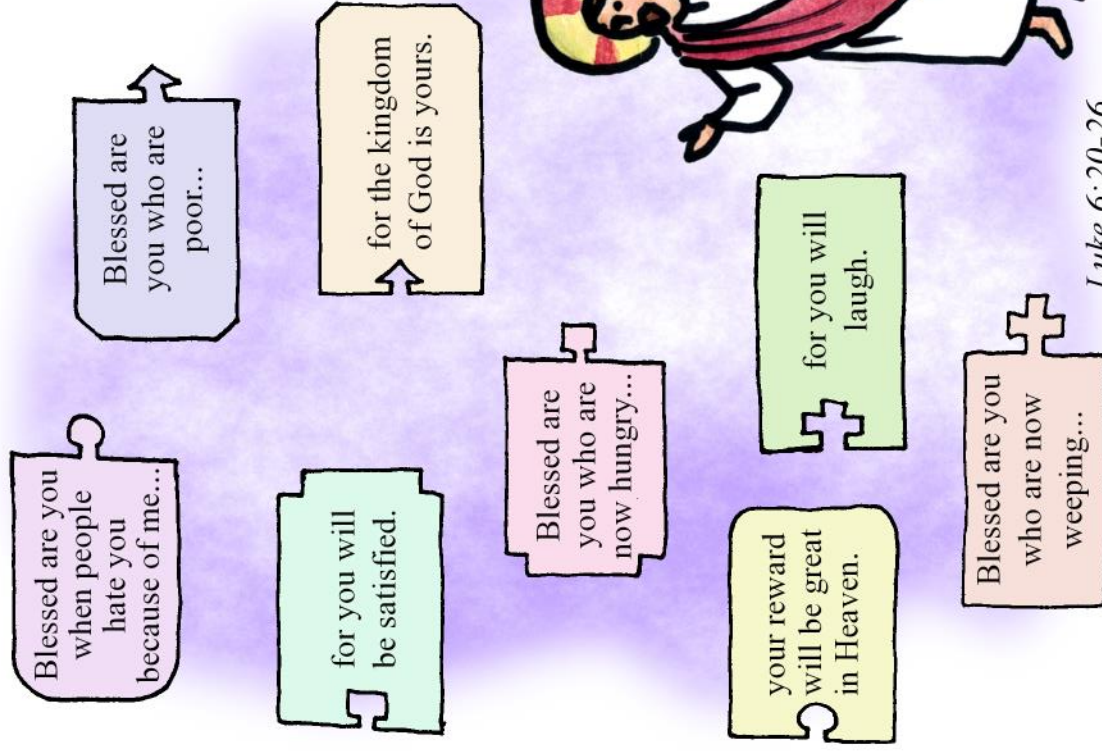


Answers to Cross-Word puzzle:
Across: 3.who 5.frusts 8.cursed 10.year 11.that 13.barren
14.but 17.beings 19.roots 21.heat
Down: 1.green 2.is 4.his 6.stream 7.human 9.distress
11.free 12.he 14.beside 15.Lord 16.from 17.bush 18.in
20.it

The Kids' Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16th, 2025

Can you match up the pieces in this puzzle?



Luke 6:20-26

Saint Bernadette Soubirous

February 18



BERNADETTE WAS THE OLDEST CHILD OF A POOR FAMILY IN FRANCE. SHE WORKED AS A MAID AND SHEPHERDESS BUT COULD NOT READ OR WRITE.



ONE DAY SHE WAS NEAR THE RIVER WITH HER FRIENDS AND SAW A LADY STANDING IN A HOLLOW IN THE HILL.



THE THIRD TIME SHE CAME THE LADY ASKED HER TO COME AGAIN FOR 15 DAYS. Tell the priests to build me a chapel.



Drink the water! Him... Well it's a bit wet here... My hand is cured. My baby was dying. Now look!



MIRACLES BEGAN TO HAPPEN TO PEOPLE TO DRANK OR WASHED IN THE WATER. My hand is cured. My baby was dying. Now look!



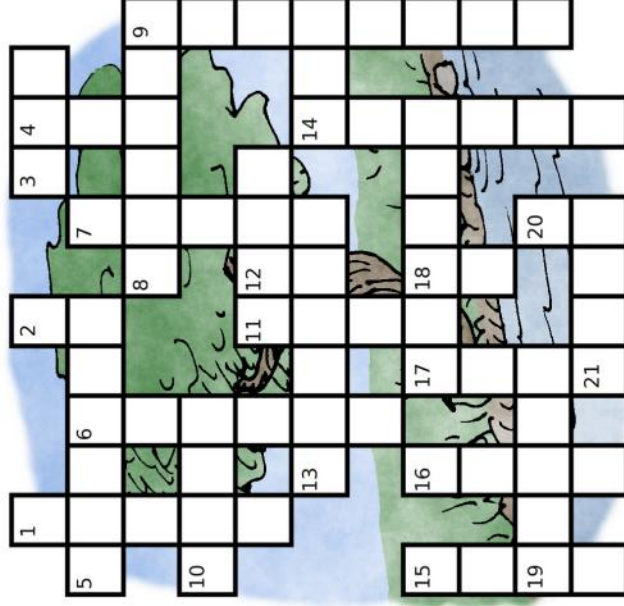
PEOPLE IN THE GOVERNMENT WERE HARD ON BERNADETTE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE HER, BUT A CHURCH WAS BUILT ANYWAY! So now you are 'curing' people! I never cured anyone!



SHE ENTERED A CONVENT WHEN SHE WAS 22. AT FIRST OTHERS WERE HARSH TO HER, BUT SHE WAS QUITE SICK. SHE LIVED A HIDDEN LIFE THERE AND DIED AT AGE 35. My God, I love You with all my heart!

BECAUSE BERNADETTE WAS HONEST, SHE WAS ABLE TO BRING OUR LADY'S MESSAGES TO THE WORLD. THROUGH HER OUR BLESSED MOTHER TOLD THE WORLD THAT SHE WAS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-THAT SHE NEVER HAD ORIGINAL SIN. ARE YOU HONEST ENOUGH TO SHARE THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD?

Trust in the Lord Cross-Word



- beings
- distress
- stream
- human
- trusts
- cursed
- beside
- roots
- barren
- green
- heat
- year
- it
- tree
- is
- but
- who
- he
- in
- his
- bush
- Lord
- that
- from

Here is today's first reading, from Jeremiah.
Fill in the blanks using the words from the list and fit them into the puzzle.

Thus says the Lord:

- 8a is the one who trusts in 7d 17a
- 3a seeks 4d strength 18d flesh, whose heart turns away 16d the Lord.
- 12d is like a 13a 17d in the desert
- 11a enjoys no change of season, 14a stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who 5a in the Lord, whose hope is the 15d.
- He 2d like a 11d planted 14d the waters that stretches out its 19a to the 6d; it fears not the 21a when 20d comes; its leaves stay 1d; in the 10a of drought it shows no 9d, but still bears fruit.