

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood  
St. George Deanery



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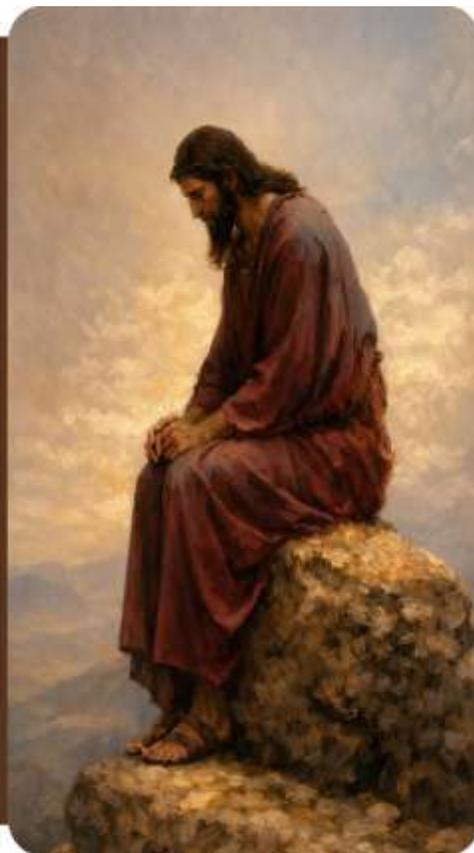
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i Love You, my Jesus,  
with my whole heart.  
I repent of ever  
having offended  
You. Never let me  
separate myself  
from You again.  
Grant that I may love  
You always,  
And then do with me  
what You will.  
St. Alphonsus Liguori



### 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.

A memory I have of Lent growing up is being taken to Ft. Wayne for what I called at the time 'A Jesus Play'. This play was my first experience of learning the story of Jesus. It covered scenes of Jesus miracles like calming the sea, the raising of Lazarus, and even the scene where Jesus multiplied the loaves of bread and fish to feed the large crowd. What I remember during this scene is that baskets of bread were passed around for the audience. The play covered the story of the Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden, crucifixion, resurrection, and Ascension. At the end of the play actresses dressed as angels flew around the auditorium. This play seemed to bring the story of Jesus to life.

One scene that I distinctly remember from the play is the story that we hear in our scriptures Jesus being tempted by Satan. A matter of fact when I read or hear this story my imagination goes back to the play. What I remember in this scene is that Satan appeared how you would expect him to look. Dressed in black, red painted face, and pitchfork in hand his appearance was very scary and seemed almost too real. A matter-of-fact Satan looked so scary that after the play when cast and audience typically greet each other; everyone stayed away from the actor that played the role of Satan. I remember walking out and the actor that played Satan said, "I am really not that scary". Not only did Satan look the way you would expect him to look but when he tempted Jesus, Satan tempted in a way that was authoritative and just made you feel uncomfortable. It made you feel uncomfortable in a way that made it seem easy to say 'no'.

As I reflect on this scene from the play and this story and the way that Satan tempts Jesus. I think of the ways I get tempted and I sometimes I wish this how Satan would tempt me. In a scary way, that makes me feel uncomfortable, in a way that would seem to make saying 'no' seem to be easy. I mean if this was the case why would I ever sin?

But you know Satan knows this and Satan is a tough competitor and is not going to accept defeat easily. Satan uses other tactics to try and get us to sin. In our scriptures today we also hear the first sin with Adam and Eve, they ate the forbidden fruit. How did this happen? The serpent used manipulative language "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil" (Genesis 3:4b-5). The scriptures say nothing about what the serpent looked like, we often think of a snake. I would also note that there probably not was not anything with this serpent that made him seem scary as Satan appeared in the play.

In our scriptures today when Satan tempts Jesus, Satan uses scripture to manipulate Jesus to try and get him to sin. Jesus did not fall for it and did not sin. Sometimes we are like Jesus we can be tempted and manipulated, and we do not fall for it and do not sin. But there are also other times where we fall for it and sin. In this Lenten Season we acknowledge that we have fallen and we journey in hope to Easter for at Easter we look forward to being raised up to life in the waters of baptism.



## 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****The First Commandment:**

**“You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.”**

In last week’s readings, we heard that if we keep the commandments, they will “save you”. Jesus then went on in the gospel to explain the commandments have deeper meaning than their basic statement. In this season of Lent, we are called to take a look at our lives and reflect on how we’ve been living the commandments – how have we been loving God, loving others and loving ourselves? Where in my life do I need I need to repent? Where has my heart begun to turn to stone? What in my heart do I need to repent of so that my heart can be in a covenant relationship with the Lord? The next few weeks, we will look at the commandments: what the Church teaches about them, what they mean at a deeper level, and be challenged to take a look at how we’ve been living that commandment. The Church gives us the time of Lent to reflect, repent, and rediscover the immense love Christ has for His Children...for you!

“Jesus summed up man’s duties toward God in this saying: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ... God has loved us first. The love of the One God is recalled in the first of the “ten words.” The commandments then make explicit the response of love that man is called to give to his God.” (CCC 2083)

Jesus says that the first commandment is the most important commandment: to love God with our heart, soul, and mind. If we obey this command, all the others will fall into place. Learning what it means to love God is a life-long process. Jesus says that if we love Him we will obey Him (John 14:15). But love is not fully manifested in obedience. Jesus calls the Pharisees whitewashed tombs (Matthew 23:27). He is telling them that although their outward obedience has been perfect, their hearts are not loving God. The inside is not clean. Clearly loving God with all our minds and souls means so much more than just doing what is right, although that is an important part of love. He says that our righteousness has to exceed the Pharisees, who obeyed each law perfectly. Our righteousness has to extend even to our thoughts. We have to learn to love God with our whole mind, with every thought.

“The first commandment embraces faith, hope, and charity. When we say ‘God’ we confess a constant, unchangeable being always the same, faithful and just, without any evil. It follows that we must necessarily accept his words and have complete faith in him and acknowledge his authority. He is almighty, merciful and infinitely beneficent... Who could not place all hope in him? Who could not love him when contemplating the treasures of goodness and love he has poured out on us?” (CCC 2086)

How many times do we choose to let our minds rest on fear instead of on faith that He will deliver us from our trials? If we allow fear to take root in our thoughts, then we are not loving God with our minds and our hearts. Or how many times do we let worries play out in our minds, as if mentally experiencing the worst-case scenario will help us if it becomes reality? If we let our minds complain about our jobs or the dishes or the piles of laundry or the health struggles or our financial insufficiency, then we are not loving God with our minds. We are breaking the first commandment. God tells us how to love Him with our minds. Philippians 4:8 says “*Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.*”

The command from Christ is an active command to love God. It is work every day to submit our minds to praiseworthy things. We are to actively work at replacing our dark thoughts with praise, with gratitude, with dwelling on anything praiseworthy and lovely and noble and true.

**Reflection:** Where do you focus your thoughts? Is it on things that bring love and joy and manifest Christ in your life and those around you? Or... do your thoughts take you away from the things of Christ to the things of this world? What can you do this week to shift your focus so that your thoughts, words and actions are proof that you are a disciple of Christ and prove to Him that you love Him with your whole heart, soul and mind?

Source: [From theopolisinstitute.com/fulfilling-the-first-commandment/](http://theopolisinstitute.com/fulfilling-the-first-commandment/)

# 4 ABOUT OUR PARISH

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23--St. Polycarp

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

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:15am Rosary  
8:40am Oscar & Marie Kuhlman, Albert Woke, Richard Fuerst

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:15am-7:45am Confession  
7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Julia VonderEmbse Fuerst,  
L/D Harriet Behrns/Croy(AN) Families,  
L/D John Weis Family

6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration  
7:30pm-8:15pm Confession – time change

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00am-8:30am 3B Penance  
8:15am Rosary  
8:40am L/D Herb & Helen Teders Family

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27--St. Gregory

7:15am - 7:45am Confession  
7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Esther(Rooney) Trombley  
12:00pm Rosary

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

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:35am Rosary  
8:00am John Mendralla(AN)  
8:30am Confession  
4:00pm Confession  
4:30pm Norm Kleman, Joan Karhoff, Janice Cahill

## SUNDAY, MARCH 1--2nd Sunday of Lent

7:35am Rosary  
8:00am L/D Dick Coressel Family, Stanley Miller,  
Tim Bockrath  
9:00-11:45 OCIA  
10:30am Jim Brooks, Robert & Carol Kuhlman,  
Elaine Gerding (AN)  
1:00pm Station of the Cross concluding with Benediction

## SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:40am	Students
Wed	8:00am	Cliff Schroeder, Eddie Duling
Thurs	8:40am	Students
Fri	8:00am	Bart Recker, Greg Nussbaum
Sat	8:00am	Morgan Grime, Nolan Grime, Jake Nienberg, Max Nienberg
Sat	4:30pm	Adam Maag, Aubrey Leopold, Royce Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Ella Schroeder, Jade Sarka, Tyler Ruhe
Sun	10:30am	Will Siefker, Owen Schumaker, Zachary Schroeder

Servers for Station of the Cross - 12:40pm at Church for training  
Nolan Grime, Nora Hanneman, Landon Heckman, Emmett Karhoff

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS

Sat	4:30pm	Doug Karhoff Mary Rose Ellerbrock	Doug Karhoff Mary Rose Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Mark Schroeder Tammy Schroeder	Nicole Ruhe Elizabeth Ruhe
Sun	10:30am	Jason Kleman Julie Pothast Tony Schroeder (Choir & Undercroft)	Michelle Schroeder Dawn Giesige

Sun 1:00pm Station of the Cross Janet Schroeder

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



## MARCH USHERS

Sat	4:30pm	Roger Koch, Logan Koch, Connor Koch
Sun	8:00am	Mark Maag, Alan Wrasman
Sun	10:30am	Mitch Gable, Charle Schroeder

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Pam Sager, Linda Schroeder

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 5

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Cliff & Janet Schroeder

MARCH FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Gene & Rose Warnecke, Jerry & Mary Hanneman, John & Eileen Schroeder, Tim & Mary Ellen Lehman

## CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE COMING INTO THE CHURCH



JOE GOSSARD, HANNAH LUTMAN,  
LAURA STECHSCHULTE, CAYLEE VERHOFF



## THANK YOU!!

I would like to say Thank You to the St. John the Baptist Parish Choir for coming to St. Peter's in Mansfield. It was wonderful to hear the combined voices of both St. John's and St. Peter's choirs at Mass, and the concert you gave after Mass was absolutely beautiful. Thank you for sharing your talents with all of us and using them to praise God. May God's Will Be Done!  
Fr. Eric Kaufman

## STEWARDSHIP

February 15, 2026

### Offering

Loose	\$	1,079.00
Adult Envelope	\$	6,161.00
Children	\$	42.00
Maintenance	\$	640.00
Online Offering	\$	2,837.50
Online Maintenance	\$	226.25
Initial Offering	\$	13.00
Vacation Bible School	\$	95.00
Religious Retirement	\$	20.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11, 113.75</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.stjohnsglandorf.org](http://www.stjohnsglandorf.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.



### 2025 GRAND-orf Club

Drawing will be **March 8th by Pat & Barb Siefker** and no coffee & donuts due to Outreach on March 7th. Extra tickets are in the racks in the Church vestibules.

## Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

*The past 20 years*

Laverne M Ellerbrock 2/22/04	Alma Jean Wolke 2/24/00
Mary E Verhoff 2/22/07	Rosemarie Schroeder 2/25/19
Marcella L Morman 2/22/09	Patricia L Deters 2/25/24
Frances M Meyer 2/22/12	Janet K Schnipke 2/27/03
Kenneth F Giesken 2/22/19	Junilla C Karhoff 2/27/15
Virginia Kirkendall 2/22/25	Andrea L Renner 2/27/23
Albert F Michel 2/23/01	Jeanette F Heckman 2/27/25
	Joseph A Schmitz 2/29/04

## 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.

LAURA RAE CONCI

**JOSEPH "JOE" WARNECKE**

**DORIS "DEE DEE" BREECE**

*Thank You for the generous donation in memory of*  
**MARGARET SCHIMMOELLER**  
*to St. Johns Easter/Christmas Flowers & Maintenance Fund*

# 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.

# 6 AROUND THE PARISH



## Attention ALL MEN!!!!

Join us on for That Man Is You

No Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>,  
Join us at the Columbus Catholic Men's  
Conference. Wednesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 7-  
8:30pm in room 22

For more information, contact

Deacon Mike Karhoff  
@ [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net)

SESSION 20  
(Wed 2/25)

"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!

PRAY AND MEDITATE

## World Day of Prayer

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026  
AT 12:30PM

SAINT PETER & PAUL, OTTAWA, OH

Light luncheon to follow in the  
Parish Center Meeting Room

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

## VESTIMENT TOUR

### A WALK ON THE RUNWAY

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MARCH 22, 2026 AT 9:30AM  
BY FATHER MATT

Giving a presentation on the vestments that priests  
and deacons wear  
for Mass and other liturgical celebrations.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

## Adoration for Lent

NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH  
JESUS EVERY HOUR!

HOW TO SIGN UP  
CLICK THE LINK OR SCAN THE  
QR CODE BELOW.

ADORATION ON FRIDAY

ADORATION ON FIRST SATURDAY

### 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

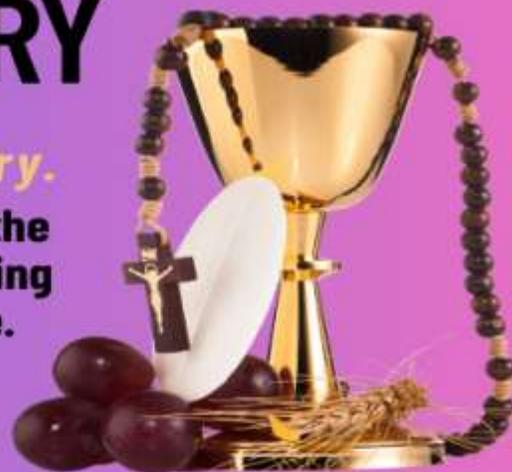
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IF YOU NEED HELP SIGNING UP CALL KATIE VERHORFF 460-236-7305

# 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

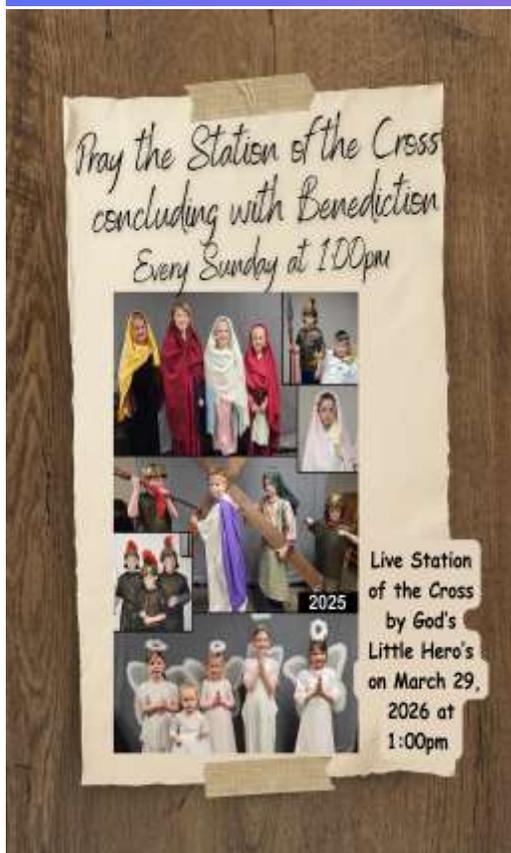
### RE-CONSECRATION OF OUR PARISH TO MARY

**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.**



## 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, 27th  
Fish & Clam Strips  
Serving from  
4:30 – 7:00pm

2026

MARCH

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
08 <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 12:00-8:00AM Adoration 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 9:00 - 10:00AM Holy Hour concluding with Benediction 9:00-11:45AM OCIA 10:30AM Mass 1:00PM Station of the Cross concluding with Benediction	09 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Communion Service	10 8:15AM Rosary 8:40AM Mass 6:00-9:00PM JOYFUL TUESDAYS	11 7:15-7:45AM Confession 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 6:30-8:30PM TMIY 6:30-8:15PM Adoration 7:00-8:15PM Confession 7:00PM PENANCE SERVICE - Fort Jennings 7:00PM PENANCE SERVICE - Miller Ctr	12 8:15AM Rosary 8:40AM Mass 7:00-8:30PM Choir Practice	13 7:15-7:45AM Confession 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 12:00PM Rosary 1:00-4:00PM Adoration concluding with Evening Prayer & Benediction	14 5:30AM - 7:30AM TMIY 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 8:30AM Confessions 8:45-9:45AM SU&FVC 4:00-4:15PM Confessions 4:30PM Mass
15 <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 9:00-11:45AM OCIA 10:30AM Mass 1:00PM Station of the Cross concluding with Benediction	16 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Communion Service	17 8:15AM Rosary 8:40AM Mass 6:00-9:00PM JOYFUL TUESDAYS	18 7:15-7:45AM Confession 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 6:30-8:30PM TMIY 1:00-4:00PM Lady of Leisure 6:00-9:00PM Lady of Leisure 6:30-7:30PM Adoration 7:30PM Adoration	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 SU&FVC 4:00-4:15PM Confessions 4:30PM Mass
22 <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 9:00-11:45AM OCIA 10:30AM Mass 1:00PM Station of the Cross concluding with Benediction	23 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Communion Service	24 8:15AM Rosary 8:40AM Mass 6:00-9:00PM JOYFUL TUESDAYS	25 7:15-7:45AM Confession 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 6:30-8:30PM TMIY 6:30-7:30PM Adoration 4:00PM & 7:00PM PENANCE SERVICE - Glanadorf	26 8:15AM Rosary 8:40AM Mass 7:00-8:30PM Choir Practice	27 7:15-7:45AM Confession 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 12:00PM Rosary 1:00-4:00PM Adoration concluding with Evening Prayer & Benediction	28 5:30AM - 7:30AM TMIY 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 8:30AM Confessions 8:45-9:45AM SU&FVC 4:00-4:15PM Confessions 4:30PM Mass
29 <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b> 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 9:00-11:45AM OCIA 10:30AM Mass	30 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Communion Service 4:00PM & 7:00PM PENANCE SERVICE - Ottawa	31 8:15AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 6:00-9:00PM JOYFUL TUESDAYS	01 7:15-7:45AM Confession 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 6:30-7:30PM Adoration 7:00-8:00PM Confession	02 <b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 7:00PM Mass 8:00-10:00PM Adoration	03 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 1:15PM SERVICE followed by Divine Mercy Novena 7:30PM Station of the Cross	04 <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 8:00AM Divine Mercy Novena 8:30PM Easter Vigil
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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...



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

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

**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.*

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!**

*The Piecemaker's Sewing Group*

TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 3RD,  
FROM 7:00PM - 8:30PM  
IN THE OLD SCIENCE ROOM

We will be putting together kits and cutting out fabric. Anyone interested in helping feel free to show up!

If you have any questions, please contact Diana Meyer at 419-538-6437.

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another." 1 Peter 4:10*

**Cancer Prayer Service at the Shrine**

The Shrine is pleased to be able to offer the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service will be held on Sunday, March 15th at 2pm in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend.

For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at [c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org](mailto:c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org) or call 419-925-4532.

The Shrine is located at 2291 St. John's Rd. in Maria Stein. For more event information, visit [www.mariasteinshrine.org](http://www.mariasteinshrine.org).



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!

316 STATE STREET  
LEIPSDIC, OH 43856

**MAR 9-11**  
Sessions starts at 7pm

2026 ST. MARY PARISH

**LENTEN MISSION**

NIGHT 1: EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES  
NIGHT 2: EUCHARISTIC SAINTS  
NIGHT 3: HOPE



**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.

# 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.*



### Baked Goods Sale

OG Students for Life will have a baked goods sale at this breakfast to support their organization.

**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 expediated 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.

**Preschool  
REGISTRATION  
2026-2027**

March 16, 2026  
7:00 p.m.

St. John's Parish Center  
Cafeteria

MORE INFO **419.538.6264**

St. John the Baptist  
Catholic Preschool

GOOD LUCK to our CYO teams at STATE  
2/21/26-2/22/26

**STATEBOUND!!**

**BOY'S:**  
**BIRKEMEYER:** 2/20 @7:30pm at Ft. Loramie Gym #1 play Cleveland #2  
 If Win, 2/21 8:00am at Minster play St. Henry Juniors  
 If Win, 2/21 @ 6:00pm @ Ft. Loramie Gym #1  
 If Win, 2/22 @ 1:30pm @ Ft. Loramie Gym #1-  
 Championship Game

**GIRL'S:**  
**BOCKRATH:** 2/21 @12:30pm at Ft. Loramie Gym #1 play Holy Redeemer, NB  
 If Win, 2/21 @ 6:00pm @ Russia  
 If Win, 2/22 @ 1:30pm @ Ft. Loramie Gym #2-  
 Championship Game

**Good Luck!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CYO TEAMS!!!**

**BIRKEMEYER: 4th place in the Diocesan Tournament**  
**BOCKRATH: 1st place in Diocesan Tournament**

2ND GRADE PARENTS

**1ST COMMUNION  
PARENT MEETING**

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

**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

Registration forms will be passed out to the youngest in the family CCD students and preschool students this week. Extra forms are located in the north and south vestibules of the church.

Please mail all forms directly to the rectory address (listed on the form) or drop them off in the mail slot located on the rectory garage door.

There is also an online registration option. All payments must still be mailed or dropped off at the rectory to guarantee your child's spot.

The registration deadline is March 22nd.

Due to limited space, any forms received after the deadline are not guaranteed a spot. Many adult helpers are needed to bring small groups of kids from one station to another. Please consider helping and having FUN with us this first week of June! Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to come and have fun in learning that Jesus' love helps us through anything!

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

**18**  
FEBRUARY  
WEDNESDAY

DRAGON SLAYERS

THIS LENT,  
**TRAIN TO SLAY DRAGONS AS A FAMILY.**

SCAN FOR DETAILS

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

**STARTING ASH WEDNESDAY!**

MISSION

# What Happens in Lent?

In today's Gospel story, Jesus goes out into the desert to fast and pray for forty days. In the forty days of Lent, the Church asks us to fast, give alms, and pray.



In Lent we don't eat meat on Fridays. Many people give up things like candy or dessert for all of Lent. When we give up food that we like, it reminds us that food isn't the only thing we need- we need God too!



Giving alms means giving money or things to the poor or the Church. God lets there be people who need our help so that we can become better by helping them!

The third thing that we should do in Lent is praying. You could say an extra prayer every day- maybe an "Our Father" or a "Hail Mary" when you wake up or before you go to bed. Another good idea is reading a bit from the Bible, because when we read the Bible we let God speak to us.

What are some little things you could do for Lent? Try to do things that will help you think a bit more about God every day.



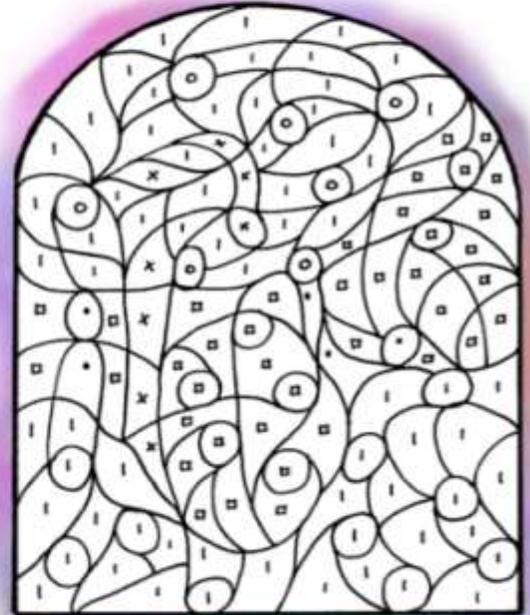
Answers to picture puzzle inside: top: 4, 6, middle: 5, 1, bottom: 3, 7.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent  
February 22nd, 2026

Today's first reading tells us about sin. Use the code at the bottom to colour in the spaces and find out what the story was.



- blue
- red
- green
- skin colour
- × brown

## Saint Polycarp February 23

SAINT POLYCARP LEARNED ABOUT JESUS FROM SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE. HE BECAME THE BISHOP OF SMYRNA, IN WHAT IS NOW TURKEY.

POLYCARP FOUGHT AGAINST HERESIES THAT CONFUSED PEOPLE ABOUT GOD, BUT WAS KIND TO EVERYONE.

Do you not see that you are in error?

POLYCARP CELEBRATED EASTER ON A DIFFERENT DAY THAN THE POPE, BUT THEY DID NOT ARGUE ABOUT IT.

The celebration is more important than the date.

Who do these Christians think they are?

IN THOSE DAYS THE ROMANS HATED THE CHRISTIANS BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT WORSHIP THE GODS.

WHEN THEY CAME FOR POLYCARP HE HID ON A FARM, BUT WAS FOUND.

AT FIRST THEY FELT SORRY FOR HIM BECAUSE HE WAS SO OLD. THEY TRIED TO CONVINCE HIM TO GIVE UP THE FAITH.

Don't you see it is useless to resist?

HE WOULDN'T REJECT THE FAITH, SO THEY TRIED TO BURN HIM, BUT THE FIRE ONLY WENT AROUND HIM AND DIDN'T HURT HIM! FINALLY THEY STABBED HIM.

SAINT POLYCARP HELD ONTO HIS FAITH EVEN WHEN HE WAS VERY OLD. HE WOULDN'T EVEN GIVE UP ON JESUS WHEN HE WAS FACED WITH TORTURE. MOST OF US WON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN KEEPING OUR FAITH AND GETTING KILLED, BUT WE STILL HAVE TO BE BRAVE TO STAY TRUE TO JESUS IN THE WORLD.

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## Sort the Story!

What happened when Jesus had prayed and fasted for forty days in the desert? See if you can sort out the order of these pictures. Write 1 on the first, 2 on the second, and so on.

The panels contain the following text:

- Panel 1: "The angels will catch you..."
- Panel 2: "It's all yours if you bow to me!"
- Panel 3: "I'm hungry!"
- Panel 4: "Why don't you turn these into bread?"