

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 FATHER MATT

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God is calling are you going to respond and answer the call? Or perhaps you hear the call and think the call is not for you, so you ignore the call. Or perhaps you hear God calling you and you think you are not worthy enough to be called by God, you think you are not worthy enough to answer God's call, so you do not answer. Whatever the reason you might give for not answering God's call, I invite you to trust that whatever the reason you think you are not worthy of God's call for you, God will make you worthy enough for the call that God has for you. God will qualify your call.



If you are having trouble believing that God will qualify the call that God has for you, I invite you to consider our scriptures today. In our scriptures we have three examples of God calling those that would seem to not qualify, and God qualifies the call. In our scriptures today Isaiah sees something very holy, he sees Seraphim, and when he sees this, he says "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" (Isiah 6:5). A Seraphim uses a pair of tongs to pick up an ember and touches his mouth with it. This removes his wickedness and purges him of his sin, that gives him the courage to answer the call to be sent by the Lord.

Similarly, God choose Paul to be an apostle, but as he points out he says he is not fit. We know the story of Paul and he persecuted the church; he had orders to bring back the first Christians in chains to Jerusalem. Paul says that it is by God's grace in him, it by God's gift that makes him worthy, to be an apostle. It is by God's grace that he can give witness to Christ.

Thirdly, we hear Jesus call his first disciples to follow him, the first disciples that Jesus calls are fisherman. In the grand scheme of things, if you think about fisherman, I do not think they would be your first choice to be disciples, but this is who Jesus choses. Jesus gets into Simon's boat while he is washing nets, Jesus teaches and then Jesus tells Simon to lower the nets for a catch and he catches a lot of fish. It is after this catch that Simon, James, and John leave their nets to follow Jesus.

There you have it three examples of God qualifying the one called and if God can qualify them God can qualify you when he calls you. God calls you not because you qualify because if you qualified you run into the temptation of not needing God. But it is when we do not qualify, we know that we cannot do it on our own and we need God's help to qualify our call. We God's help to do what it is that we have been called to do.



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**Who was St. Blaise and why do we have the blessing of throats?**

St. Blaise was the Bishop in Armenia who suffered martyrdom under Licinius about the year 316.

During the persecution of Licinius, St. Blaise, receiving some divine command, moved from the town and lived as a hermit in a cave. Wild animals visited, and he healed any that were sick and wounded. One day, a group of hunters gathering wild beasts for the game in

the amphitheater discovered St. Blaise and seized him. As he was being taken to the governor, St. Blaise encountered a woman whose pig was being seized by a wolf. St. Blaise commanded the wolf to release the pig, and it was freed unhurt.

While in prison, he miraculously cured a small boy who was choking to death on a fishbone lodged in his throat. Also, the woman whose pig had been saved brought St. Blaise candles so that his cell would have light and he could read the Sacred Scriptures.

Eventually, St. Blaise was condemned for upholding his Christian faith rather than apostatizing. He was tortured with the iron comb and finally beheaded.

By the sixth century, St. Blaise's intercession was invoked for diseases of the throat. He became one of the most popular saints in the spiritual life of the Middle Ages. Many altars were dedicated to his honor. He is also venerated as one of the "Fourteen Holy Helpers".

One reason for St. Blaise's popularity arose from the fact he was a physician who cured, even performing miraculous cures. Thereby, those who were sick, especially with throat ailments, invoked his intercession. Eventually the custom of the blessing of throats arose, whereby the priest held two crossed candles over the heads of the faithful or touched their throats with them while he invoked the prayer of the saint and imparted God's blessing: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

While we invoke St. Blaise for his protection against any physical ailment of the throat, we should also ask his protection against any spiritual ailment as well.

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Anointing of the Sick

Joined to Christ, Witnesses of Hope and Healing



Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. The sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage, and his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Christ for the building up of the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* [CCC], nos. 1520-23).

Through the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the Church carries out Jesus' mission of compassion and healing for the sick. The one who is ill can also be a minister to others. By uniting their suffering to Christ, those who are sick can be signs of faith and witnesses of Christ's Resurrection to the entire community (St. John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici* [The Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World], no. 54).

A Communal Celebration

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is both "a liturgical and a communal celebration." In the family home, hospital, or church, members of the Body of Christ gather for the sacramental rite led by a priest. The Penitential Rite followed by the Liturgy of the Word and sacramental anointing of the sick can inspire and comfort both those who are ill and their family and friends who are gathered (CCC, nos. 1517-18). Many parishes have communal celebrations at which many persons receive the sacrament. These sacramental celebrations are a "source of strength amid pain and weakness, hope amid despair" and a "joyful encounter" for the entire community (*Christifideles Laici*, no. 54).

Connection to the Communion of Saints

Anointing with sacred oil is a sign of blessing by the Holy Spirit of the one who is sick. Oil of the Sick, which receives a different blessing from the Chrism oil used during Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, recalls the community's sharing of the Holy Spirit and the sick person's connection to the entire Body of Christ and Communion of Saints.

Imitation of Christ's Compassion

In the Gospels, Christ's great compassion toward the sick is expressed in the miraculous healings he performs, which heal the entire person, both body and soul. Parables such

as the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:29-37) and the Judgment of the Nations (Mt 25:31-46) urge Christ's followers to share his ministry of compassion and healing and to imitate his "preferential love for the sick" and all who suffer (CCC, nos. 1503, 1506; Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis* [Sacrament of Charity], no. 22; see also Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, chapter 2).

Solidarity with All Who Suffer

We care for the sick because we see them as children of God and part of our human family. When one part of the Body of Christ suffers, we all suffer (1 Cor 12:26). The suffering of one impacts everyone. Thus, we are called to solidarity, which is responsibility on the part of everyone with regard to everyone (St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* [On Social Concern], no. 38; Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* [Charity in Truth], no. 38).

By our compassion, we remind those who are sick that "[the Church] shares your suffering. She takes it to the Lord, who in turn associates you with his redeeming Passion" (Synod of Bishops, *Per Concilii Semitas ad Populum Dei Nuntius*, no. 12). We are called to comfort, pray for and with, and be in solidarity with all who are sick or suffering.

Caring for those who suffer is not a burden, but a gift. Those who care for the sick do holy and important work; they walk with Christ's suffering people and in doing so, serve Christ himself (Mt 25:31-46). Those who minister to the sick and who work to secure decent health care for all become "the

living sign of Jesus Christ and his Church in showing love towards the sick and suffering" (*Christifideles Laici*, no. 53).

Union with Christ's Passion

While it is possible that the sacrament could bring physical healing, Anointing of the Sick is primarily about the healing of hope and of the spirit. Above all, the sacrament allows the person who is ill to unite more closely to Christ's Passion. This gives suffering a new meaning: a participation in the saving work of Jesus. This is a powerful witness that is for the good of the whole Church (CCC, nos. 1521-22).

Beacons of Hope

St. John Paul II wrote, "Even the sick are sent forth as laborers into the Lord's vineyard" (*Christifideles Laici*, no. 53). As the sick unite their sufferings to those of Christ, they become bearers of the joy of the Holy Spirit in the midst of affliction and witnesses of Christ's Resurrection. Anointing of the Sick testifies to the fact that all are called to participate in the redemption of the world (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, no. 22). We all have a role in sanctifying and building up the Church, whatever our physical condition. As the Synod of Bishops told an audience of sick and suffering persons, "We need you to teach the whole world what love is" (*Per Concilium Semitas ad Populum Dei Nuntius*, no. 12).

A Witness to Dignity

The sacrament reminds us that each person is made in the image of God and has dignity that remains unchanged, whatever the body suffers. The ministry of those who are sick is a powerful witness to the fact that human dignity is intrinsic and does not increase or decrease based on a person's physical state or abilities. This is why the Church works to protect the life and dignity of the person at every stage of life—the embryo, the person suffering from illness, the family in poverty, and the person nearing death—and why she works to secure access to decent health care for all.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

For those who are ill: St. Paul VI, at the closing of the Second Vatican Council said:

All of you who feel heavily the weight of the cross . . . you the unknown victims of suffering, take courage. You are the preferred children of the kingdom of God, the kingdom of hope, happiness and life. You are the brothers of the suffering Christ, and with Him, if you wish, you are saving the world. (Address to the poor, the sick, and the suffering)

What role do you play in ministering to the People of God?

For those who are healthy: Reflecting on the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Pope Francis asks, "Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others? Will we bend down and help another to get up?" (*Fratelli Tutti* [*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*], no. 70). We are invited to care for the needs of those who are sick with the same "fraternal spirit of care and closeness that marked the Good Samaritan" (no. 79).

How are you called to imitate the example of the Good Samaritan?

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 St. Scholastica

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:15 am Rosary
8:40am L/D Edwin Duling Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:15am - 7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am L/D Gilbert & Marcella Morman, L/D Mel Hedrick Family,
L/D Mel (AN) Nienberg Family

6:30pm - 8:15pm Adoration

7:45pm - 8:15pm Confession

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:15am Rosary
8:40am Debra (Fortman) Bryant, Steve Poulson

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 Sts. Cyril & Monk & Methodius

7:15am-7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am L/D Mel Lammers Family
12:00pm Rosary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Br. Jerry Schulte
8:30am Confessions
4:00pm Confessions
4:30pm L/D Tom & Edna Riepenhoff Family, Margaret Gillette,
L/D Ray & Pat Schmitz Family, John Brown,
Wilma Unterbrink, Leland Meyer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16~6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:35am Rosary
8:00am L/D Mel & Esther Schroeder Family, Tom Kaufman,
L/D Victor & Dorothy Duling, L/D Gordy Verhoff Family,
L/D Alfred Verhoff Family
10:30am Lauren Schneeg(AN), Eugene & JoAnn Otto,
L/D Vincent & Mildred Brinkman Family, Dave Schmitz,
Bev and Lavon Leis, Eileen Minaugh(AN),
L/D Tom Meyerhoffer Family

Engaged Couples



Need to contact Fr. Matt 6 months before your marriage to start your marriage preparation. It is your responsibility to call for an appointment or can't promise you a wedding here at St. John's.

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	Gene & Rose Warnecke
Thurs	8:40am	Students
Fri	8:00am	Maya Vorst, Caleb Schroeder, Andrew Schroeder
Sat	8:00am	Landon Heckman, Caroline Sarka, Kaitlyn Kuhlman
Sat	4:30pm	Mylie Bockrath, Ethan Weis, Alaina Klass
Sun	8:00am	Justin Kahle, Grace Kahle, Ty Wrasman
Sun	10:30am	Reese Karhoff, Grant Schroeder, Grant Maag

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS

Sat	4:30pm	Doug Deitering	Sharon Meyer
		Diane Deitering	Chris Schroeder
Sun	8:00am	Deb Leopold	Andy Gray
		Deb Schroeder	Deb Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding	Mary Ellen Klear
		Jane Moening	Dan Klear

GIFT BEARERS

Sat	4:30pm	Ushers or ask a family
Sun	8:00am	Ushers or ask a family
Sun	10:30am	Ushers or ask a family

FEBRUARY USHERS

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

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Deb Burwell, Fran Roof

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 3

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Cliff & Janet Schroeder

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

ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS AND EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- No School on Friday, February 14th, so we will need the weekday lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to cover the Mass on Friday.

Ministry Schedule

A revised ministry schedule was mailed out on Friday, February 7, 2025. Please call the office if you do not receive the email.

New Lectors

Myah Bockrath
Clint and Kelsie Salisbury
Brent Schroeder

Thank you to everyone that said "YES" to being part of this ministry!

STEWARDSHIP

February 2, 2025

Offering

Loose	\$	786.00
Adult Envelope	\$	7,366.93
Children	\$	143.47
Maintenance	\$	2,776.00
Online Offering	\$	2,555.00
Online Maintenance	\$	211.25
Initial Offering	\$	19.00
Latin America	\$	47.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$	5.00
Total Collection	\$	13,909.65

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)

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 of ...

Gary Brinkman

BAPTISMS

Lorelei Anne, daughter of Mason & Jessica Meyer

Charlotte Jane, daughter of Eric & Alexis Racer

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mary Ann Schimmoeller 2/9/08 | Charles L Bennett 2/13/19 |
| Donna L Recker 2/10/17 | Dorothy M Duling 2/13/20 |
| Carl C Hermiller 2/11/16 | Lupe L Moreno 2/13/22 |
| James F Hohenbrink 2/11/19 | Russell J Schroeder 2/14/11 |
| Alice T Schroeder 2/12/12 | Stanley C Duling 2/15/00 |
| Frances Ruth Fox 2/12/15 | Linus I Bockrath 2/15/13 |
| Melvin J Nienberg 2/12/15 | Margaret Moreno 2/15/16 |
| Bernard E Meyer 2/13/18 | Lauren Mae Schneeg 2/15/22 |

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

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.



Together For Good



Share Your Generous Gift Today at acatoledo.org!



"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."
-Romans 8:28



"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

☒ Romans 8:28

**Together
For Good**

Share Your Generous Gift Today at acatoledo.org



Your gift to the ACA provides college and university students with opportunities to live and grow their Catholic faith.

Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal are allowing me to grow in my faith as I pursue my education.

– Evelyn Smits, Saint Thomas More Parish, Bowling Green, Newman Center Student



Your leadership gift to the ACA serves the most vulnerable in our communities with compassion.

My new lease on life was made possible because of those who heeded the call to join Together for Good.

– Essie Crump, Recipient of Catholic Charities Services



Your gift to the ACA supports seminarian formation, so that we may have good and faithful shepherds serving the people of God.

Because the Annual Catholic Appeal helps defray the cost of my seminary education, I am afforded the ability to answer God's call to the priesthood.

– Deacon Travis Kahle, Seminarian



Your leadership gift to the ACA helps students with special needs encounter the unchanging, steadfast love of Jesus through inclusive faith formation.

It's amazing to see Annie's faith grow each day.

– Maggie Viertelbeck, Saint Joseph Parish, Maumee Parishioner

A letter from Bishop Thomas is being sent to you, asking for your gift and/or pledge to support the ministries of the Diocese of Toledo. This letter gives all registered parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the Annual Catholic Appeal Yesterday, Today and Forever. If you did not receive one, there are extras in the back vestibules.

St. John's Parish goal this year is

\$ 43,645.64

+ Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto

(February 2025)

Greetings Everyone!

Thank you all for the Christmas cards, gifts, and prayers. It is hard to believe, but I just celebrated my last Christmas Eve and Christmas morning in Glandorf, at least for several decades and quite possibly ever. For soon, I will be at my parish assignments for future Christmas Masses. Knowing this, I tried to soak in as much of the moment as possible, from being the deacon for Mass on Christmas Eve to listening to the marvelous choir to even inviting the seminarians to come and experience the beauty of the church - especially during the Christmas season. For I always tell people, and I might be slightly biased, but there is no place prettier at Christmas time (this side of heaven) than St. John the Baptist Parish in Glandorf.

With the start of my last semester at the seminary, my class load is the lightest it has ever been, with only three classes: Johannine Literature (The Gospel according to John and Revelation), Penance and Anointing of the Sick, and Pastoral Leadership (a general business, management, leadership course). Even though it is a lighter class load, there is still plenty to learn, plan, and to keep practicing – like the Mass.

As we have for many years, the seminary went to Washington D.C., for the National March for Life. Since this event always happens near my birthday, it brings to mind how everyone deserves to have a birthday. A day to celebrate the gift that they are to the world and how precious and unique God made them. This year, the trip was a little different for us Toledo seminarians. Instead of traveling with the seminary, we rode the buses with other pilgrims from the Toledo Diocese, many of whom were from Putnam County. This was an excellent way for us to meet other pilgrims from the diocese and share our vocation stories, as we all marched for life.

Soon, the Annual Catholic Appeal will be kicking off for this year. Thank you in advance for supporting this yearly fundraiser for our diocese. Over my life, I have heard many people ask why should they donate to the ACA and what do we ever get back, for I was one of them years ago. Well, a quick answer is this: Me. One of the biggest portions of the yearly ACA goes towards promoting priestly and religious vocations, as well as the education of the future priests of the diocese. For the past several years, it seems that Glandorf, St. John's has always had an ACA goal of around \$35,000 - \$42,000 – brothers and sisters; this is roughly what it costs to educate, just one seminarian for just one school year. Thus, you have helped fund my seminary education, and in return, I will be giving back to all of you – the people of God, my life as a priest. Serving you and the wonderful people of our diocese, by celebrating Mass, bringing the sacraments to others, and being with so many people in the good times and rough times of life. THANK YOU! I honestly could not have done it without your prayers and support. It is fantastic to see how much of an impact we can have by helping to spread the Gospel of Christ by donating to the ACA each year.

Thank you again, and know that you remain in my prayers.

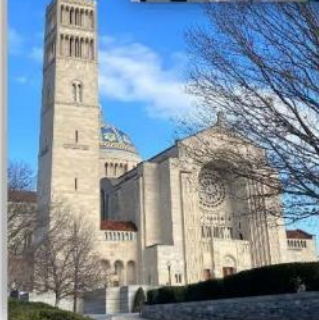
May God always watch over and bless you, and may we all always remember to Run to Jesus!

Dcn. Eric Kaufman

*The Athenaeum of Ohio
Mount St. Mary's Seminary
6616 Beechmont Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45230*

Some of the Toledo
Seminarians visiting
Glandorf, St. John
the Baptist Parish

Start of the 2025
March for Life
& the Basilica of the
National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception



PARISH CENTER ACTIVITIES

**Every Second Sunday of the Month
Today, February 9th, 2025**



COFFEE AND DONUTS AND GRAND-ORF CLUB

located in Room 15 after 8:00am and 10:30am
Masses by Pat and Barb Siefker



LENDING LIBRARY

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



PARISH MUSEUM

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



Attention ALL MEN!!!! Join us on for That Man Is You (TMIY)
**Saturday, Feb. 15th, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria or
Wednesday, Feb. 12th, 7-8:30pm in room 22.**

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

TMIY "APOSTLES OF THE NEW SPRINGTIME" – Spiritual Headship (Sat. 2/15, Wed. 2/12) (session 17) Presenter: Michael Gormley; Baptism Actually Changes You. Love is a Decision That You Must Cultivate. Jesus is the Measure of Christian Leadership. Get Lower to lift Others Up. Christian Headship is about Love. Catholic School Does Not Replace Fatherhood. Your Headship Ends Where Your Pride Begins. [Gal 3:27-29](#), [1 Cor 6:9-11](#), [Eph 5:22-33](#), [Mat 20:24-28](#), [Luke 9:46-48](#).

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



OCIA

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Monday, February 10

St. John's Parish Room 15

Topic: #13 Walk Through the Mass: Exploring the Sacred Liturgy

Snack person: Cheryl Koch

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



to move mountains
MATTHEW 17:20



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/2dss8wpy>

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!



Preschool REGISTRATION 2025-2026



March 17, 2025
7:00 p.m.

St. John's Parish Center
Cafeteria

MORE INFO
419.538.6264



ANDREW DINNER

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

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 45875

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

Donations to help kids have free admission and items for activities! February 22, 2025
Glandorf St. John

Must be 21 or Older to attend!

"RAFFLE"

FUNDRAISER FOR SUMMER FAITH ADVENTURE PROGRAM

\$30

ACTIVITIES:

- 50/50 tickets
- "Raffle" (15 Games)
- Horse Race
- Side Raffles

INFORMATION:

- Glandorf St. John's Parish Center
- Doors open at 5:30
- Raffle starts at 6:30
- BYOB and BYO Snacks
- For Tickets Contact:
Nichole Schroeder: 419-303-7252
Barb Siefker: 419-236-2023

One of the prizes 65 in. TV

Please help these kids join for Free!

12 YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT

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!



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!

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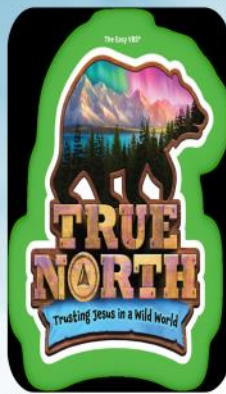
Health Coaching for Women - Rooted in the Catholic Faith

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2025 Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Monday, June 2nd through
Thursday, June 5th, 6:00-8:00 pm

Theme this year, "TRUE NORTH: Trusting
Jesus in a Wild World."

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! If you are interested in helping and you will not have a child enrolled, please call/text Committee Members Lori Schroeder (419-969-4012) or Jenna Burgei (419-615-2274). We also have a few Station Leader positions to fill.

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

This is a great way to get involved and help build God's Kingdom.
Contact Lori or Jenna to volunteer or for more information.



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The mission of
St. Catherine's Embrace

is to reach out to, assist and embrace all families in the St. George Deanery, regardless of faith affiliation, who have lost a child from miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death.

Please call the rectory

419-538-6928



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR
26th Annual Youth Retreat

I HAVE A REASON TO **PRAISE** The Lord

TAKE A BREAK FROM THE HUSTLE + BUSTLE AND BE RENEWED FOR A WEEKEND FULL OF OPPORTUNITIES TO DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT!

GROW IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHERS, AS YOU REFLECT ON WITNESSES GIVEN ON GODS LOVE, SALVATION, NEW LIFE IN CHRIST, GROWTH, RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT, & TRANSFORMATION.

Register by **FEB 28**

\$20 LATE FEE
REGISTRATION CLOSES MAR 7 @ 11:59 PM

21-23 MARCH

SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN
Maria Stein, OH



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR
2ND ANNUAL ADULT RETREAT

I HAVE A REASON TO **PRAISE** The Lord

A LIFE-CHANGING WEEKEND!

TAKE A BREAK FROM THE HUSTLE + BUSTLE AND BE RENEWED FOR A WEEKEND FULL OF OPPORTUNITIES TO DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS + THE HOLY SPIRIT!

GROW IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHER LIKE-MINDED ADULTS, AS YOU REFLECT ON WITNESSES GIVEN ON GOD'S LOVE, SALVATION, NEW LIFE IN CHRIST, GROWTH, RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT + TRANSFORMATION.

New LOCATION!

Register by **FEB 28**

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21-23 MAR

SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MONTEZUMA
Celina, Ohio

GOOD LUCK to our CYO teams at the DIOCESAN TOURNAMENT



BOY'S:

BIRKEMEYER: 2/9 @ 1:00PM at Glandorf, play the winner of St. Joseph & St John Jesuit.
If they win, play on 2/15 @ 3:00PM @ St Joan of Arc

ELLERBROCK: 2/9 @ 2:00PM at Glandorf, play the winner of Findlay, St Michael & St Joan of Arc
If they win, play on 2/15 @ 4:00PM @ St Joan of Arc

MEYER: 2/9 @ 3:00PM St Patrick @ St Joe's Sylvania
If they win, play on 2/15 @ 1:00PM @ St Joan of Arc

GIRL'S:

BOCKRATH: 2/9 @ 3:00PM at Glandorf, play the winner of Kalida & St Patrick Heatherdowns
If they win, play on 2/16 @ 2:00PM @ St. Joan of Arc for the Championship.

CONGRATULATIONS!



HOFFMAN LEAGUE CHAMPS!
Won over Findlay 48-32

CONGRATULATIONS!



DONOVAN LEAGUE 2ND PLACE
Lost against Columbus Grove 55-43

14 AROUND THE AREA

Engaged Couples Conference

St. Anthony's Engaged Couples Conference will be held **Saturday, March 1st**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with donuts & coffee.

Cost of the day is \$40.00 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.*

ORDINARY LIVES EXTRAORDINARY MISSION

WITH AUTHOR & SPEAKER JOHN R. WOOD



11 MARCH 2025
7:00PM



SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH:
307 NORTH LOCUST STREET OTTAWA, OH 45875



TOPIC FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT: HOW TO HAVE A LIFE CHANGING LENT

"I believe John is one of the great emerging Catholic voices of our time. John Wood has a passion that is contagious... make an effort to go and hear him speak!"

Matthew Kelly | The Dynamic Catholic Institute



28TH ANNUAL
PUTNAM COUNTY HOSPICE BENEFIT

Run for the Roses



FEBRUARY 15, 2025
OTTAWA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM

DINNER SERVED AT 6 PM

TICKETS: \$50 PER PERSON

PLEASE CALL 419-523-4449 WITH QUESTIONS AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS



SINGLES- LET'S MINGLE

for Putnam County Seniors age 60 and better



March 18, 2025
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Northside Lions Den Shelter House
429 Northland Drive
Kalida

Seating is Limited!
RSVP by March 5, 2025



Putnam County Council on Aging
419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760

Popular Scams and How to Avoid Them

Date: March 3, 2025

Time: 1:30p.m.



Location: Putnam County District Library
136 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa

Presenter: Addie Kaple-Sguerra, Technology Trainer
with the Putnam County District Library

RSVP: Registration is required by February 27, 2025
by calling 416-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760

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Heart Health

Presented by:
Gerri Hempfling ACNP
St. Rita's Medical Center

March 25, 2025
10:00- 11:30 a.m.

CONTINENTAL AMERICAN LEGION
109 SOUTH 5TH STREET
CONTINENTAL

Registration is required by March 14, 2025



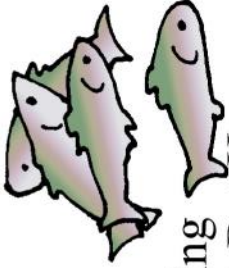
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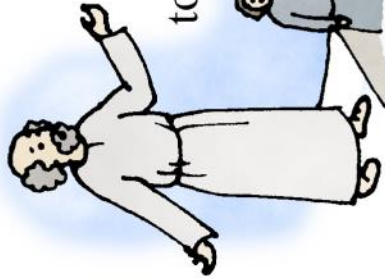
Fishers of Men



In today's gospel reading Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many that the boat started to sink!



Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.



Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving



them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9th, 2025



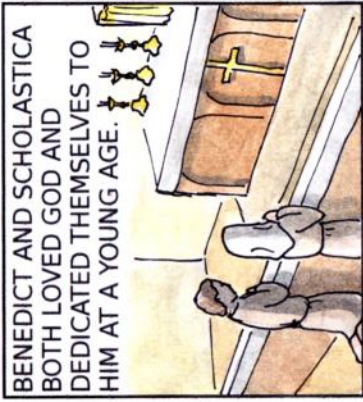
Luke 5:1-11

Peter had been fishing all night and caught nothing. But when Jesus told him to let the nets down again, they got filled right up! Can you draw enough fish to fill the nets?

Saint Scholastica

February 10

SCHOLASTICA WAS BORN AROUND THE YEAR 480 IN ITALY. SHE WAS THE TWIN SISTER OF SAINT BENEDICT OF NURSIA.



BENEDICT AND SCHOLASTICA BOTH LOVED GOD AND DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO HIM AT A YOUNG AGE.

WHEN BENEDICT STARTED A MONASTERY SCHOLASTICA BEGAN A CONVENT.



We can meet here every year to talk about God!



THE BROTHER AND SISTER VISITED EACH OTHER ONCE A YEAR.

THEN ONE TIME... This will be the last time you see Benedict..



BENEDICT REFUSED TO STAY LONGER WHEN SCHOLASTICA ASKED, BUT THEN SHE PRAYED AND A HUGE STORM CAME!



THREE DAYS LATER WHEN BENEDICT WAS IN HIS MONASTERY HE HAD A VISION OF A DOVE GOING UP TO HEAVEN WHEN SCHOLASTICA DIED.



SAINTE SCHOLASTICA AND HER BROTHER SAINT BENEDICT ARE A GREAT EXAMPLE TO US OF HOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO BECOME HOLY. DO YOU EVER PRAY WITH YOUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR FRIENDS? YOU CAN HELP EACH OTHER BECOME SAINTS!

Picture Puzzle: An Amazing Catch!

The pictures for this story are all mixed up! Sort them out by putting the right numbers in the corners.



So Jesus preached from Peter's boat.



The nets were completely filled!



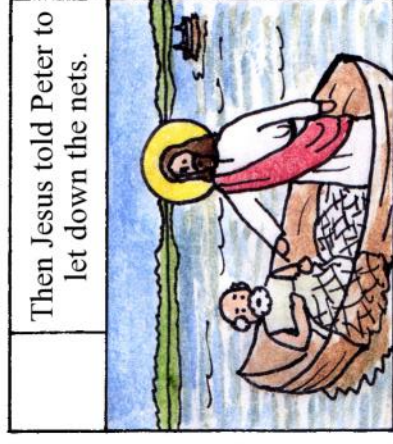
They called James and John to help with the fishing.



Jesus was preaching and a large crowd came.



They left their nets and followed Jesus.



Then Jesus told Peter to let down the nets.