

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.

Many of you know that I am a deer hunter and many of you have asked "Father, did you get a deer?" I can report that on the Sunday before Christmas I got my deer, I got a doe. Getting a deer to me is a personal accomplishment but as I think of the accomplishment, it is an accomplishment that I did not accomplish on my own but with help. Last season I shot at deer but missed so my brother helped me with some target shooting. I got help with finding the place to post. I needed a little help with field dressing and dragging the deer to the truck. And because I got a deer at the start of Christmas Week one of my busiest weeks as a priest, my family helped me and butchered the deer for me. As I think of the help I got with getting a deer, in a certain sense it reminds me of our scriptures today.

In our scriptures today we hear Jesus begins his public ministry, he preaches saying "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). As Jesus begins his public ministry we also hear him call his first disciples Peter, Andrew, James, and John. Jesus calls them and Peter, Andrew, James, and John leave everything behind and follow Jesus. As Jesus calls and they respond, I ask why?

Jesus, began a mission of proclaiming the kingdom of heaven why did he pick fisherman to be his first disciples? Jesus was beginning a religious mission and if I was in Jesus's shoes my first-choice candidates to help me with a religious mission I do not think would not be fisherman. I think my first choice of disciples would be theologians and religious leaders. But Jesus chose fisherman, why?

Peter, Andrew, James, and John prior to Jesus calling them we do not know much about their background other than they were fisherman. I get the impression prior to Jesus calling the disciples, they may not have been rich, but they were not poor either. I get the impression that Peter, Andrew, James, and John were living life relatively comfortably they had nets and boats for fishing. You would think they would have no reason to do anything different. Particularly to follow someone that is just beginning their mission. Yet it is from this place of comfort that Jesus calls, they leave their comfort behind and follow Jesus. Why did they leave everything behind and follow Jesus?

As I ask why? On this side of heaven, I probably will not receive answers to my questions of why? But what I know on this side of heaven is that Jesus began his ministry not alone, but by choosing calling his first disciples to come follow him. Peter, Andrew, James, and John they were called each by name but together they left everything behind to follow Jesus. If Jesus called people to be around him, if Peter, Andrew, James, and John responded to Jesus's call together then in our journey of doing the Lord's work we are not meant to do it alone. But we have been created to have people around us, we are called to journey together. Receiving help and having people around us at surface level may seem to be weakness when in reality it is power. For it is in our working and journeying together that we accomplish great things.



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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26~St. Timothy

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27~St. Angela Merici

8:15am Rosary
8:40am L/D Richard & Cynthia Teders Families

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28~St. Thomas Aquinas

7:15am-7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am Diane Kahle, Leland Meyer

6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration

7:45pm-8:15pm Confession

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

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

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Ranae Kahle

FRIDAY, January 30

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Rosemarie Schroeder

12:00pm Rosary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31~St. John Bosco

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Carmel Mendralla (AN)

8:30am Confession

4:00pm Confession

4:30pm Andrew Schroeder, L/D Fuerst/Niese Families,
Bob (AN) and Carolyn Warnecke,
L/D Eugene & JoAnn Otto, Lauren Schneeg,
L/D Jason & Bridget Fischer Family

FEBRUARY 1~4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessing of Throats

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Bill & Marilyn Schroeder Family, Stanley Miller,
Brian Schmitz, L/D Robert & Alice Schroeder Family,
L/D Jerome & Alma Schmitz Family

9:00am-10:15am OCIA

10:30am L/D Victor & Cecilia (AN) Schroeder Family,
Jim Brooks, Jackie Klear-Massey

11:30am Baptism - Deacon Mike Karhoff

SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:40am	Students
Wed	8:00am	Cliff Schroeder, Eddie Duling
Thurs	8:40am	Students
Fri	8:00am	Ken & Paula Elchinger
Sat	8:00am	Aria Tobe, Levi Hanneman, Nora Hanneman, Max Laudick
Sat	4:30pm	Brock Crumrine, Myle Bockrath, Sam Warnecke
Sun	8:00am	Owen Morman, Grant Leopold Jonathan Klear
Sun	10:30am	Mason McKee, Madison McKee, Grant Maag

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

Sat	4:30pm	Lori Schroeder Diane Deitering	Cari Homan Paula Siebeneck
Sun	8:00am	Mark Schroeder Tammy Schroeder	Nicole Ruhe Elizabeth Ruhe
Sun	10:30am	Jason Kleman Julie pothast Tony Schroeder (Choir/ Undercroft)	Abby Nussbaum Tony Schroeder

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

<https://tinyurl.com/3uzy8vvj> or scan QR code

Sat	4:30pm	Eric & Tracy Kaufman
Sun	8:00am	Ask a family or Ushers
Sun	10:30am	Ask a family or Ushers



FEBRUARY USHERS

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

The 2026-2027 Usher schedule was emailed out this week and it will start January 31 and February 1st. If you did not receive email please call the office. The most current schedule is Revision 3.

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Gene & Rose Warnecke

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 1

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Ginny Schroeder, Karen Parker

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

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

February 2, 2026

(Celebrated in Parishes Jan 31 - Feb 1, 2026)

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

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

*2026-2027 Usher Schedule***THANK YOU**

Steve Brown

For the many years of service to our parish!

PLEASE WELCOME THE NEW USHERS

Dennis Dulle

Bryant Diemer

Corey Diemer

Zach Diemer

**THANK YOU** to all the other ushers who

continued to say "YES" to Jesus' call for another year!

The 2026 usher schedule was mailed out on Wednesday, January 21st along with a few revision. Please call the office if you do not receive the email.

We are in need of another usher at the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday's and another usher at 10:30am on Sunday. If we got another usher for each Mass then we could create 2 more teams. We will update the schedule if we get another usher or two. If you can help, call the office.

4 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP

January 18, 2026

Offering

Loose	\$	656.00
Adult Envelope	\$	6,756.00
Children	\$	161.00
Maintenance	\$	200.00
Online Offering	\$	2,555.00
Online Maintenance	\$	190.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelope	\$	40.00
Initial Offering	\$	16.00
Total Collection	\$	10,574.00

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

Give Online Today!

Visit our website to get the E-Giving Form to fill out and return to the Parish Office. It is located in the left side above the Menu options. www.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: needs Diapers - size 5 or 6, Formula—any kind is helpful, Baby wipes. Newborn sleepers— boy or girl, 3-6 month sleepers—boy or girl, Girls 3T pajamas

There is a box in the south entrance of the Church for Heartbeat donations which will be picked up and taken to the Lima office periodically.

Heartbeat Hours: Monday through Thursday
9:00am—5:00pm at
421 S. Cable Rd, Lima, OH 45805.

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

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

Robert B Recker 1/25/05	Thomas R Hoyt 1/28/18
Thomas E Ellerbrock 1/26/10	Norma M Phillips 1/28/23
Andrea C Karhoff 1/27/08	Leland Meyer 1/28/25
William R Recker 1/27/09	Erma F Huber 1/29/08
Helen M Honigfort 1/27/17	Lambert O Verhoff 1/29/20
Joyce M Ellerbrock 1/28/07	Brian J Grismore 1/30/02
Karen M Blankemeyer 1/28/18	Thomas V Leopold 1/31/04
	Kenneth E Meyer 1/31/12

Must be 21 or Older to attend

Glandorf St. John
February 7, 2026
2nd Annual

"RAFFLE"

Fundraiser for Summer Faith Adventure
and CCD K-8 Programs

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

\$50

Raffle Card



ACTIVITIES:

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

INFORMATION:

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

One of the prizes: projector and speaker




2026 GRAND-orf Club



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

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*Repent and Return*

This week's readings speak of being called out of darkness and anguish that that darkness brings to our soul. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of the "yoke that burdens them" that has been "smashed".

In the Gospel, Jesus goes to the people who have been burdened – to those in the region of Galilee of the Gentiles because they "sit in darkness" and they "dwell in a land overshadowed by death". He wants to bring them light and life, so in His preaching He implores them to "Repent" and he cures them of every disease and illness; those illnesses that are both physical and spiritual.

What exactly is 'repentance'? The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) no. 1428 speaks of repentance being at the heart of conversion, which is ongoing throughout our life. "It is the movement of a "contrite heart," drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first." This movement is interior and meaningful. "Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, and an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed." (CCC 1431)

The Church gives us a beautiful Sacrament to help us receive the grace to have that repentance that reorients our life away from sin and back into the folds of grace. That Sacrament is Reconciliation (also known as Penance and Confession). CCC no. 1432 states, "God gives us the strength to begin anew. It is in discovering the greatness of God's love that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin and begins to fear offending God by sin and being separated from him." The Sacrament of Penance offers us an opportunity to shake off the sin and begin anew in Christ!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great gift! It's a movement back towards God, who has never left. It's a surge of the heart where we repent of what is broken and allow our loving God to reconcile it again.

Let us take to heart Jesus' plea of love in today's gospel:

"Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand."

6 AROUND THE PARISH

CANDLEMAS DAY

(THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, February 2nd)

Blessing of the candles will be on
Tuesday, February 3rd at Mass at 8:00am

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

*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
(Luke 229–32)*



THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THE THROAT



On February 3, the Catholic Church celebrates the **Feast of St. Blaise**, a bishop and martyr who is revered as the patron saint of those suffering from illnesses of the throat. St. Blaise was a 4th-century bishop of Sebastea, Armenia, known for his holiness, healing miracles, and steadfast faith. He was martyred for his faith during the persecution of Christians under Emperor Licinius. One of the most well-known legends of St. Blaise involves his miraculous intervention to save a young boy choking on a fishbone. This act of mercy and healing led to his association with throat ailments and the practice of invoking his intercession for protection and healing. A unique tradition on the Feast of St. Blaise is the **Blessing of the Throat**, a sacramental of the Church. During this rite, a priest holds two crossed candles (often tied with a red ribbon, symbolizing St. Blaise's martyrdom). This special blessing serves as a reminder of God's care for our health and well-being and invites us to seek His protection and grace.

CELEBRATION AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

After all weekend Masses on January 31st and February 1st, we will have the **Blessing of Throats** and the **Anointing of the Sick**. Father Matt will offer a general Blessing of Throats at the conclusion of each Mass. If you would like to have candles touched to your throat, the designated Extraordinary Ministers will assist with this following the general blessing. Additionally, Father Matt will administer the Anointing of the Sick to those who wish to receive it after the Blessing of Throats.

We invite all parishioners to join us in this beautiful tradition of faith and healing. Let us come together to seek the intercession of St. Blaise for our spiritual and physical health, trusting in the Lord's infinite mercy and love.

CANDLEMAS DAY

On February 2—forty days after Christmas—the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, calling to mind the Holy Family's observance of the Mosaic Law (see Leviticus 12:1–8). Mary comes to the Temple forty days after giving birth to Jesus, and she and Joseph offer for her purification a sacrifice of two turtledoves, the offering prescribed for the poor. In addition, Mary and Joseph present and dedicate Jesus to God, as he is Mary's firstborn Son (see Exodus 13:2–16).



Candlemas and the Presentation of the Lord

We read about Jesus' presentation in Luke's Gospel, where we also learn of the Holy Family's encounter with a man named Simeon, who had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before seeing the Messiah. Simeon recognizes in this ordinary-looking baby the Son of God, and as he takes him in his arms, he utters the canticle prayed during Night Prayer by millions of faithful throughout the world:

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

In this canticle we see the origins of the other name for this feast: *Candlemas*.

What happens during Candlemas

On February 2, all of the candles to be used in the church for the coming year are blessed, and the faithful are invited to bring their own candles so that they can be blessed and used in the home for prayer throughout the year. In some churches, a candlelight procession takes place as part of the blessing; in others, people simply stand in their pews holding their lit candles. In both cases, the warm, soft beauty of candlelight serves as a lovely reminder of the Christmas celebration, when the darkness of sin was scattered by the "true light who was coming into the world" (John 1:9). Moreover, it is a much-needed reminder during the remaining dark, long days of winter that, no matter how grave things may be, "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). In the feast of the presentation, we see that Jesus

CANDLEMAS DAY CONTINUED

Christ is God's light to the nations, "the light of the world" (John 8:12). We see Mary and Joseph humbly obeying the Law in offering Jesus to the Father, foreshadowing the offering he himself will make on the Cross. We see that, even when we experience times of darkness in our own lives, if we persevere in fidelity to the Gospel and to God's commandments, if we allow our lives to reflect the light of Christ, then we, too, will become a light to others.

Ways to observe Candlemas

To celebrate this feast, consider purchasing (or even making!) special candles to keep and use in your home. If possible, bring these candles to your parish's Candlemas celebration so that they can be blessed during Mass. If this isn't possible, ask your priest to bless your candles at an alternate time. Then, throughout the year, light your blessed candles during dinner on special occasions (Sundays, feast days of favorite/patron saints, birthdays or anniversaries of baptisms, weddings or other sacraments), during times of prayer (especially if you pray at night alone or with your family) or during times of vigil (perhaps awaiting the birth of a child, caring for a sick family member or mourning the loss of a loved one). The glow of a flickering flame may help rekindle your love for God in times of difficulty, or it may be a reflection of your joy. Regardless, it will serve as a sign of the One who is God's light to the nations, God's salvation to all His people.

Many of you are receiving letters throughout January and early February, inviting your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal.



PRAY FOR THE GOOD WORK OF ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL!

HOPE In Action

Your donation makes a difference!



Give Today at
aca.toledo.org

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

Commitment weekend will be February 14th & 15th!

ALL MARRIED COUPLES



Date Night!

We invite ALL married couples to the Marriage Encounter Dinner and Dance.

It is NOT necessary to have been encountered.

WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026

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

DINNER: 5:00 PM at St. Gerard Hall

DANCE: 6:00 PM

TICKETS: \$40 per couple

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



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

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

2026 Men's Welcome Retreat

Men, consider setting aside this one weekend to grow in your faith and become a happier, healthier, more fulfilled person. Come to the next Welcome Weekend at Glandorf St. John's. It's an incredible, life-changing experience that will help you discover what is missing in your life, and what to do about it.

**January 31st from 8am Saturday thru 3pm Sunday
Glandorf St. John's Parish Center**

For more information, and/or to sign up, please contact:
Cory Fischer: (419) 234-4003





Attention ALL MEN!!!!

Join us on for That Man Is You

Saturday, Jan. 31st, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria or Wednesday, Jan 28th, 7-8:30pm in room 22.

For more information, contact
Deacon Mike Karhoff
@ mbkarhoff@bright.net

Presenter: Mike DiCosola. Our Lenten Journey and the Parable of the Sower. The Fate of the Seeds. The Three Fundamental Orientations. The Obstacles in the Spiritual Life. That You Would Bear Fruit. Evaluating Your Spiritual Life. Matthew 13:3-23, Luke 8:11.

SESSION 17 (Sat & Wed) "

BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART" – Becoming a Man after God's Own Heart



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@gladonforstjohns.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!



Catholic Business Network Mission

- Promote spiritual growth and moral courage for Catholics working in the workplace.
- Advance and live Christ and His Church teachings, sharing personal experiences, educational materials, and inspiring speakers.
- Share ways to live the Catholic faith through business practices, relationships with all workplace stakeholders, and community service.
- Facilitate opportunities for business and career networking.

The Catholic Business Network welcomes people of all faiths. Our ministry is to engage and empower Northwest Ohio business leaders and professionals to promote Catholic values in the workplace. Join us for this free will offering breakfast program!



The Power of the Spirit-Led Workplace

Brad Pierson
Director of Mission Awareness, Damascus



Thursday, February 5, 2026

Optional Mass 6:30 a.m.
Doors Open 7:00 a.m.
Complimentary Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
Program 8:00 a.m.
Optional Mass 9:00 a.m.

Saint John 3008
Parish Life Center - Boncall Hall
24250 North Dixie Highway
Perrysburg, OH

Register at
CIBBradPierson.eventbrite.com
Questions? Call Maria at 419.214.4898

With God,
all things
are possible

JUST SHOW UP & FILL YOUR CUP

St. John the Baptist Parish Center - Room 15
8:45 AM (following the 8:00 AM Mass)
Join us for fellowship, faith, and inspiration
each Saturday morning!

February 7th : The Mystical City of God -
Guest Speaker: Charlie Shroeder

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

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

February 28th : Music that fills your Soul -
Guest Speaker Erin Miller

Eucharistic Adoration in February

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

ADORATION ON FIRST FRIDAY

<https://tinyurl.com/ysnnd3un>



ADORATION ON FIRST SATURDAY

<https://tinyurl.com/4bf2ny>



NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH JESUS EVERY HOUR!

SCHEDULE

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:30-8:15PM

FIRST FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 6TH

1:00-4:00PM CONCLUDING
WITH BENEDICTION

FIRST SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 7TH AND 8TH

AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL
8:00AM ON SUNDAY
MORNING.

HOLY HOUR

9:00AM - 10:00AM
CONCLUDING WITH
BENEDICTION AT 9:55AM
THEME: TBD



Worship

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

FURNITURE DONATION DROP OFF

DONATE NEW AND LIGHTLY USED
FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS

WHEN:

1ST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
STARTING AUGUST 2ND, 2025
9AM - 11AM

WHERE:

1205 EAST 2ND ST.
OTTAWA, OH 43875

ENTER GATE 5 AND FOLLOW THE
"FURNITURE DROP OFF" SIGNS

WE ACCEPT:

Dressers
Dining Chairs
Small Dining Tables (No Glass Tops)
End Tables/Nightstands/Coffee Tables
Microwaves
Sofas (No large Sectionals or sleeper
Sofas)
Chairs
Lamps
Space Fans
Washers
Toasters
Cookie Sheets
Vacuums
Coffee Makers

BENEFITING:



Helping Homeless Families
transition into Homes

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

COME AND JOIN US!

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AFTER 4:30PM MASS

FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES
FAMILY ADORATION
FREE PLAY
PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS PROVIDED

NO DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP!
2026

JANUARY 3RD - PARISH CENTER
FEBRUARY 7TH - ADORATION ONLY
MARCH 7TH - PARISH CENTER
**APRIL 11TH - IN THE PARK
MAY 2ND - IN THE PARK
NOTE CHANGE OF WEEKENDS DUE TO EASTER

Enjoy this special opportunity to introduce your children of all ages to adoring Jesus with other parish families

You can stay as long as you'd like!

Crying, soft whispers, & fidgeting is OK! Jesus wants ALL the little children to come to Him.

WHAT IS FAMILY ADORATION?

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
BROOKE CASSIDY @ 419-333-4512
SHANIA DULING @ 419-615-8988
WENDY JMM @ 419-654-1645



27th Annual Youth Retreat

YOU ARE LOVED YOU ARE CHOSEN

DISCOVER A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS AS YOU GROW IN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH. JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND FILLED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE, FORGIVENESS, AND THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

SESSIONS FOCUSING ON:

- GOD'S LOVE
- SALVATION
- NEW LIFE IN CHRIST
- RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT
- GROWTH
- TRANSFORMATION

Sign up today



Father Matt will be at this retreat!

SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN

YOUTH RETREAT
MARCH 6-8

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
ENDS FEBRUARY 15, 2026

REGISTRATION CLOSES
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

BOY'S:

**Birkemeyer: Sunday, 1/25
Bye, Thursday 1/29
8:00pm @Glandorf, winner of
St. Anthony & SPPS**



Ellerbrock: Sunday, 1/25 3:30pm @Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa Tuesday, 1/27 @Glandorf if they win on 1/25

Meyer: Sunday, 1/25 3:30pm @St. Michael's, Kalida, Monday 1/26 8:00pm @Glandorf if they win on 1/25

GIRLS:

Bockrath: Sunday, 1/25 1:00pm @St. Michael's, Kalida

GOOD LUCK!

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT



**\$7 TICKETS
TUES. FEBRUARY 3RD AT 7 PM**

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

CYO student eligibility for St. John the Baptist, Glandorf St. John the Baptist, Glandorf requirements:

All students must be enrolled in high school CCD before the first class for the beginning of school year to play. Students are expected to attend both the Fall and Winter Semesters of High School Religious Education (CCD) classes. Attendance at these classes will be monitored and reviewed.

For each class missed beyond 3 classes the player will sit out one game per absence. Attendance resets at the end of the team's season for each respective sport.

The Eucharist is why our parish exists and it is the reason why you get the privilege to play on the parish team.

Attendance at a Saturday evening or Sunday Mass at a Catholic Mass is required.

We also ask you to come for one hour of Adoration during Eucharistic Sunday (generally the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary time).

Each player is asked to give 5 hours of service to St. John's parish during the year.


Fr. Matt Keller, C.P.P.S.
St John the Baptist Parish Council & Finance Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

MONDAY, JUNE 1ST - THROUGH THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH
6:00PM - 8:00PM

THEME: RAINFOREST FALLS: EXPLORING THE NATURE OF GOD



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

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

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

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

If you are interested in helping and you will not have a child enrolled, please call/text Committee Members Jenna Bugei (419-615-2274) or Alicia Nussbaum (419-957-0897).

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

Ottoville Immaculate Conception Church Altar Rosary Society

is inviting senior citizens to our second annual FREE Senior Citizens Bingo event. Wed Jan 28th, 1-2 pm in the Ottoville Parish Center Banquet Hall. Entrance off of Church St. East side of the Parish Center building. Snacks provided. RSVP to 419-453-3513. If level 1 snow emergency - Cancelled.

Lima Symphony Orchestra to Perform at Kalida St. Michael's Church Sunday, February 1, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

You will experience the grace and depth of English classical music featuring Henry Purcell's heart-wrenching "Dido's Lament" and Edward Elgar's stirring "Nimrod" from Enigma Variations, known for its profound peacefulness. Fans of modern period drama will revel in John Lunn's theme from Downton Abbey, a score that perfectly captures the aristocratic life and emotion of the beloved series. Purchase tickets at: www.limasymphony.com/2025-2026-season

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

PRIESTHOOD

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

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

Join the
Adoramus Ecumenical Choir
presenting its annual Good Friday Music Reflection

The Passion of Our Lord according to Saint John
by Randall DeBruyn

Friday, April 3 at noon
Basilica & National Shrine of
Our Lady of Consolation

Rehearsals:
Sundays in the Choir Loft at OLC
from 1:00-2:30pm
beginning February 15, 2026

Singers from all faith traditions welcome!

Contact Anthony Gallina at music@olcshrine.com to sign up or for more information.



ADVENTURES IN MARRIAGE

ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC CHURCH

422 WEST MANSFIELD STREET
NEW WASHINGTON, OH 44854

MARCH 20

5:30-6:30 PM

MARCH 21

5:30 PM-8:30 PM

MARCH 22

1:00-3:00 PM



LIVE THE LIFE



CHILDCARE
PROVIDED



Putnam County Council on Aging February Activities

XOXO

Date	Event	Time	Location
2-2-26	Tough Topics: A Lost Loved Ones Facebook	1:30pm	Putnam Co. District Library, Ottawa
2-4-26	The Role of Supplements and Healthy Longevity	10:00am	Northside Lions Den Shelter House, Kalida
2-5-26	Bingo	1:00pm	Fort Haven Apartments, Fort Jennings
2-10-26	Putnam Heritage Bingo	10:00am	Putnam Heritage Assisted Living, Ottawa
2-11-26	Pelvic Floor Presentation	10:00am	Fogle Center, Leipsic
2-12-26	Valentine's Day Party	10:00am	Sportsman's Club, Miller City
2-18-26	Left, Right, Center	10:00am	Parish Hall (Family Room), Ottoville
2-20-26	Beads and Bracelets Bash	10:00am	United Methodist Church Continental (Northside)
2-24-26	Euchre	10:00am	Church of the Good Shepherd, Columbus Grove
2-26-26	Fueling your Golden Years	1:00pm	Community Center, Vaughnsville



Please call for more information or to attend!
419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760

XOXO



ADULT
RETREAT



HE REIGNS

FROM HEAVEN ABOVE



Father Matt will
be at this retreat!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
3RD ANNUAL ADULT RETREAT

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!

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**SPIRITUAL CENTER
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EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
ENDS JANUARY 18, 2026

REGISTRATION CLOSES
JANUARY 25, 2026

06-08

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE
AFTONTICKETS.COM/NORWALKWELL



PRESENTED BY CHRISTOPHER WEST MUSIC BY MIKE MANGIONE

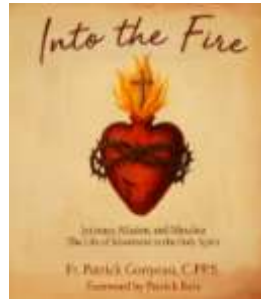
MARCH 26, 2026
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

ST. PAUL
THE APOSTLE
10 S. MAIN ST.
NORWALK, CONNECTICUT



**Missionaries of the
Precious Blood**
UNITED STATES PROVINCE

We're excited to announce the release of a book from Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, C.P.P.S. *Into the Fire: Intimacy, Mission, and Miracles: The Life of Adventure in the Holy Spirit* is now available in print, ebook, or audiobook on Amazon.



Into the Fire is a passionate invitation to live in the presence, love, and power of God every day.

Through vivid stories, engaging Scripture and Catechism insights, potent practical tips, humor, and a whole lot of love, Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, C.P.P.S., leads readers on a stirring faith journey.

Written with contagious energy and overflowing with joy, *Into the Fire* will leave you inspired, refreshed, hungry, and ready for a life of intimacy, mission, and miracles with the Holy Spirit.

You can purchase the book on Amazon.



On the latest episode of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood podcast, *Restoring Hope*, Nick shares how his work at the Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation brings healing, dignity, and new beginnings to lives touched by violence and loss. Rooted in the spirituality and charism of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Nick's message reminds us that reconciliation isn't abstract—it's personal, gritty, and grace-filled. You'll hear how faith, presence, and the power of the Blood of Christ can transform pain into possibility.

Tune in, be inspired, and let Nick's message renew your belief that reconciliation really is possible—for our communities and for our world.

Access *Restoring Hope* at

www.preciousbloodus.org/podcast and on most streaming platforms.

CATHOLIC COUNSELING SERVICES

Feeling depressed during the Christmas season? Struggling with the loss of a loved one? Dealing with marital problems? Experiencing gender identity issues? If you or someone you love might benefit from counseling, confidential professional Catholic counseling, rooted in our Catholic faith, is now available at Findlay St. Michael Parish.

To inquire, please contact the main parish office @ 419-422-2646 and ask to be transferred to the Catholic Counseling services.



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/3uzy8vvi>



project rachel
Peace starts here

419-260-5811

projectrachel@toledodiocese.org

Hope & Healing—Support for Women After Abortion
All communication is confidential



ReclaimingHearts@toledodiocese.org

Freedom & Brotherhood – For Men Battling Pornography
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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



Providing Education on the CREIGHTON MODEL Fertility Care™ System to Empower Women and Couples to UNDERSTAND, MAINTAIN, and APPRECIATE their Health and Fertility in a way that is cooperative with our Catholic faith. Contact Wendy Imm, BSN CFCEP for more information at 614-634-1043 or divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com

Jesus Tells us to Repent

Today we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?

Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!



Answer to Unscramble puzzle: darkness, light, joy, harvest, yoke, smashed.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25th, 2026



What did Jesus say as He began to preach by the sea?
Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

Repent, for...



... is at hand.

Saint Thomas Aquinas

January 28



SAINT THOMAS WROTE A GREAT WORK CALLED THE SUMMA THEOLOGICA, WHICH EXPLAINS MANY THINGS ABOUT GOD, MAN AND CREATION. HE NEVER FINISHED IT, THOUGH, BECAUSE HE REALIZED HE COULD NOT SHOW IN WRITING HOW AWESOME GOD REALLY IS. SAINT THOMAS DIED AT AGE 49.

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Unscramble and Fill in the Blanks:

A Prophecy about Jesus...



he people who walked in _____
have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in a land of gloom
a _____ has shone.

You have brought them abundant _____
and great rejoicing
as they rejoice before you as at the _____,
as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For the _____ that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have _____,
as on the day at Midian.

Unscramble the words below to fill in the blanks
in the prophecy from today's first reading.

OJY KOEY SSNAKDRE
GLTHI EHSMSAD ASEVHRT