

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



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Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm
Closed for Lunch from 12:30pm—1:30pm

Parish Office Closed

Monday, July 3, 2023—Friday, July 7, 2023

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“Precious Blood,
ocean of divine
mercy: Flow upon
us!
Precious Blood,
most pure offering:
Procure us every
grace!
Precious Blood,
hope and refuge of
sinners: Aton for
us!
Precious Blood,
delight of holy souls:
Draw us!
Amen.”
—St. Catherine of Siena

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.

2 FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT

www.stjohnglandorf.org

I am a Missionary of the Precious Blood and one of our important Feast Days is the Feast of the Precious Blood. And on the Feast of the Precious Blood, obviously we wear red vestments. And for this feast day I wanted a red vestment with a Precious Blood image on it for my ordination. My grandmother for my ordination wanted to give a gift that was more than just money, something that would have sentimental value, something that I would use. And so, for my ordination she gave me a red chasuble with a paschal lamb on it and every time I put this vestment on, I think of her. I am also reminded that for her to give this gift cost her a little more than what she would typically spend on such an occasion. And this idea to spend, to give just a little more is great reminder to me of what it means when we celebrate the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. For when we celebrate the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, we celebrate Jesus Christ giving all his blood, his total self for us out of unconditional love.

The total self-giving of unconditional love to give us freedom from sin and death through his blood shed on the cross. The freedom that we have in the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ we can never lose it; it is a forever gift. In a few days, we are going to celebrate our national freedom, a freedom that is fragile and if we do not be careful we could lose it. But in the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, we celebrate the gift of unconditional love and self-giving love, and freedom that can never be lost. Not only do we celebrate a gift when we celebrate the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, we celebrate the gift of a relationship with our God. A relationship that is special that is forever binding, it can never be undone, it is a covenant relationship. Covenant relationships share a lot of similarities to a contract relationship.

In our scriptures today we hear the Israelites entering a covenant with God “Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the LORD. They all answered with one voice ‘We will do everything that the LORD has told us.’” (Exodus 24:3). This relating of the words and ordinances would have been like giving the conditions to a contract. After the Israelites gave their consent to the covenant as sign of this covenant relationship Moses sprinkled the blood of covenant on them. We know that if we are not careful with blood, blood stains and this blood when sprinkled on the Israelites would leave a lasting mark, it would have left stains on the Israelites.

Similarly, when we were baptized, we make our promises to rejection Satan, his empty show, and sin, we say we believe God, we believe in Jesus Christ, and we believe in the Holy Spirit. And then water was poured on us, we may not see it, but the water of baptism left a lasting mark, a stain on us. A stain like the blood that we heard was sprinkled on the Israelites.

Each time we come to Mass we hear Jesus say those words “This is my body . . . This cup is the new covenant in my blood” (Luke 22:19a,20). And we say “Amen” reaffirming our commitment to the covenant. Sealing our promise to the covenant, the relationship that we have with our God.



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~WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE~

MONDAY, JULY 3 St. Thomas

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Communion Service

TUESDAY, JULY 4

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Merl & Irene Yaufman

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 St. Anthony Zaccaria

7:15-7:45am Confessions
7:35am Rosary
8:00am L/D Don Siefker Family

6:30-7:30pm Adoration
7:00pm-7:30pm Confessions

THURSDAY, JULY 6 St. Maria Goretti

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Cyril Kahle

First FRIDAY, JULY 7

7:15am-7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am Thomas Benning(AN)

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

SATURDAY, JULY 8

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Mass in Thanksgiving of Deacon Don, Special Intention
8:30am Confessions
4:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Tom Riepenhoff(AN), Cindy VanLoo,
L/D Gilbert & Marcela Morman Family, L/D Mel Hedrick Family,
L/D Ruth Ann Stechschulte, L/D Al & Irene Schroeder Family, Mel Verhoff

SUNDAY, JUNE JULY 9 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Samantha Nienberg, L/D Lana Foppe Family, Denny Horstman,
Larry Kirkendall, Jeff King, L/D Bernard & Mary Morman Family,
Allen Schroeder
10:30am L/D Fortman/Meyer Families, L/D Robert Smith Family,
L/D Victor & Louis Schmenk Families, Katherine Kaufman(AN),
L/D Albert & Josephine Kaufman Recker Families,
Thomas(AN) & Jeanette Meyerhoffer, Dan Thompson(AN)

ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tues	8:00am	Megan miller, Ace Nienberg, Sydney Nienberg
Wed	8:00am	Abby Recker, Emmitt Miller, Cassidy Maas
Thur	8:00am	Mason McKee, Kendall Mayhew, Ella Macke
Fri	8:00am	Carleigh Maag, Brooke Mag, Mattilyn Maag
Sat	8:00am	Ayvrie Schulte, Chase Maag, Anderson Lammers

Next Sunday, July 9

SUNDAY SERVERS

Sat	4:30pm	Riley Trombley, Noah Schroeder, Landyn Schulte
Sun	8:00am	Grace Kahle, Justin Kahle, Anthony Kahle
Sun	10:30am	Zachary Birkemeier, Carter Vorst, Grant Leopold

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat	4:30pm	Steve Brown Sharon Brown	LECTORS Reagan Miller Morgan Miller
Sun	8:00am	Tom Schmitz/Deb Burwell Gretchen Schmitz	Diane Nienberg Doug Karhoff
Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding Rose Ellerbrock	Chris Birkemeier Sharon Nussbaum

SUNDAY GIFT BEARERS

Sat	4:30pm	Gary & Kathy Moening
Sun	8:00am	Tim & Chris Hoehn
Sun	10:30am	Tony & Lisa Meyer

JULY USHERS

Sat	4:30pm	Brian Grime, Richard Schmitz, Sam Warnecke
Sun	8:00am	Elton Schroeder, Joe Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 6

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Tim & Mer Lehman

JULY FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Janet & Cliff Schroeder,
Marilyn & Richard Siefker, Tom & Laura Hageman, Fran Roof,
Elton & Jeanette Schroeder, Steve & Annette McKee

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Instruction is necessary when this is your first child. To arrange a baptism or register for the parental baptism class, please contact the Parish Office.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS (by Deacon Don) Parish Center

Room 15 9:00am -10:30am
Upcoming classes: September 10, 2023

Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office six months in advance to start planning your wedding. A marriage preparation class is required.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS 1-DAY CLASS

organized by Dr. Craig and Wendy Imm in the Parish Center Cafeteria
Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 8:00am

Initiation of Adults into the Catholic Faith (RCIA)

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.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Wednesday 7:15am -7:45am, 7:00-7:30pm
Friday 7:15am-7:45am
Saturday 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 6:30pm-7:30pm 1st Saturday 5:30pm - 8:00am
1st Friday 1:00pm-4:00pm with Benediction

Holy Orders and Religious Life

Contact the vocation office at the Toledo Diocese at 419-244-6711 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.

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STEWARDSHIP June 25, 2023

Offering

Loose	\$ 507.00
Adult Envelope	\$ 7,703.54
Children	\$ 88.00
Maintenance	\$ 355.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,290.00
Patronal Feast Day	\$ 1,075.00
Total Collection	\$12,018.54

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 size 2 and size 4 Pampers or Huggies, bath towels for babies, girls size 3T summer clothes, boys size 6/9m summer clothes, nursing/breast pads, Baby wash
Ottawa Food Pantry needs the following items crackers (any type), Peanut Butter, Boxed Potatoes, Salad dressings, boxed dinners, Box Pancake mix, canned potatoes, mayonnaise, can pasta, cream corn, dry beans, noodles, fresh style green beans, snacks (chips, nuts, cookies), toilet paper

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION (Envelope included in offering envelopes) July 02, 2023

This is a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters.



2023 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This Is The Day! Through our contributions, we can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our diocese each year, including supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy, and providing faith formation for our youth. We ask you once again for your help. Please respond generously. For more information, visit acatoledo.org. Thank you!

Our goal this year is \$46,479.00.

We currently pledged \$37,162.54 83.40% of goal .

LOST AND FOUND

We have 2 rings at the office.

One was found in the Parish Center hallway in the spring. The other one was found in the Glandorf Park sometime last year.

Please call the office to claim your ring.

PRECIOUS BLOOD PRAYER

"Father in heaven, may we all be cleansed by the saving Blood of Jesus; may our consciences be purged of dead works. Scripture says that evil is defeated by the Blood of the Lamb, so we ask that the Blood of Jesus cover all who are in need of protection (all civil, religious and lay leaders, our families, friends, enemies, all those for whom we have promised to pray, and ourselves). We mark the borders of our nation and the doorposts of our churches, homes, schools and places of employment with the Precious Blood of Jesus. Also, we cover our vehicles that no one may ever be injured through them. Thank You, Lord, for shedding Your Blood for us. May the Water and Blood that came from the side of Jesus create a protecting fountain of grace, one which flows directly from the throne of God to us. Come, Lord, and fill us with Your Holy Spirit."

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Walter F Karhoff 7/3/95	Herbert B Brinkman 7/5/13
Joseph H Recker 7/3/01	Donald C Siefker 7/5/15
Elizabeth R Birkemeier 7/3/04	Cyril B Kahle 7/6/84
Lynn M Schroeder 7/3/11	Edna L Karhoff 7/6/13
Kenneth J Kohls 7/3/13	Charles J Uphaus 7/8/13
Irene R Schroeder 7/4/15	Sylvester Maag 7/8/14
Thomas H Nienberg 7/5/99	Richard E Fischer 7/8/19
Paul E Osterhage 7/5/03	Larry K Kirkendall 7/8/20
Evelyn A Zynda 7/5/09	

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.

JOYCE GROTE

WEDDING BANN

II- Ashley Siefker of this parish, daughter of Larry & Lisa Siefker and **Patrick Godsil**, of Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa, son of David & Susan Godsil

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Oaklyn Ray, daughter of Ross & Madeline Mangas
Kellen James, son of Wesley & Kimberly Lammers

NEWLY WEDDED

Andrew & Kelsey (Skinner) Phillips

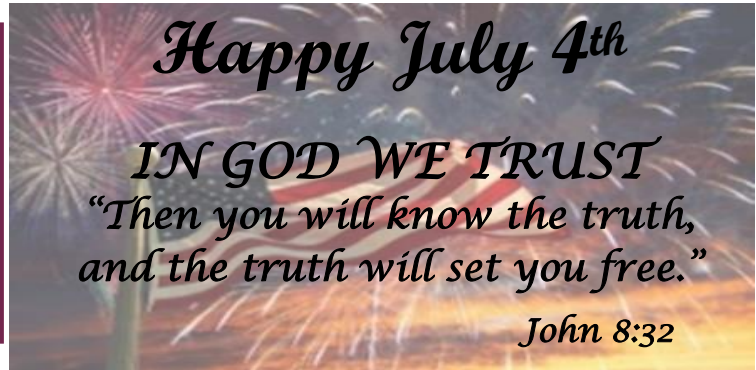
WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Wade and Lindsey Neal and their son Owen
Nathan and Mariah Arrington

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY

Volunteers who make desserts or help with the luncheon.

Thank you for all your help with this ministry throughout the years. We need your assistance, if you no longer have a land line, please text Darlene Miller your cell phone number. So they can contact you for help with a funeral. Darlene cell phone number is 419-203-0409.



Happy July 4th

IN GOD WE TRUST
*"Then you will know the truth,
 and the truth will set you free."*

John 8:32

WE ARE IN NEED OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

We are looking for new people to help with these ministries. You would be scheduled to do it once a month and a couple of Holy days. You can pick what weekend you would like each month (ex. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th)

If you are interested and maybe God is calling you to this ministry and want more information, please call or email the office. We would love for you to be involved with our Parish.

THANK YOU!

- ◆ For the generous donations to our maintenance fund in memory of Carolyn Deters.
- ◆ Thanks to all who Supported St. John's Fair Booth: Bell Auto Supply, Mustard Seed, Holy Family Radio, Ottawa Knights of Columbus, & St. John's Outreach Group.

We also want to thank all our volunteers who helped set up, take down, and all our shift workers.
 Great Job this year!

Kristy Meyer was the winner of the small Lighted Rosary raffle!

Parents of Priests *Prayers for Priests*

Prayers for Clergy, Religious, and/or Groups of Individuals for each day of the month.



Dear Lord,
 we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

July 2023

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

++++ DIOCESE OF TOLEDO +++++

Pope Francis 2	Bishop Daniel E. Thomas 3	Your Parish Priests 4	Parents of Priests 5	Rev. Kenneth Lill 6	Rev. Edward Littellmann 7	Rev. John Loughran 8
Rev. Martin Lukas 9	Rev. George Mahas 10	Seminarian Deacon Jacob Livecchi 11	Rev. Joven Malanyaon 12	Rev. Francis Mariadas 13	Rev. Jeffrey McBeth 14	Deacons and Missionary Priests 15
Rev. Thomas McQuillen 16	Rev. Melyn Menozes 17	Rev. Thomas Merrill 18	Rev. Msgr. Dennis Metzger 19	Very Rev. Christopher Mileski 20	Rev. John Miller 21	Religious Brothers and Sisters 22
Rev. Jeremy Miller 23	Rev. Theodore Miller 24	Rev. John Misner 25	Seminarian Mr. Andrew Messer 26	Rev. Kevin Moebius 27	Rev. Juan Molina 28	Rev. Joseph Momin 29
Deceased Priests of the Diocese 30	Rev. Msgr. Kenneth Morman 31	PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PRIESTS!				

ISSUE ONE PROTECTING OHIO'S PREBORN



"In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. . . The obligation to participate in political life is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do."

-- *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, No. 13*

The bishops of Ohio urge Catholics in Ohio to register and vote in the special election scheduled for August 8, 2023 deadline to register to vote is July 10.

It is an amendment to the Ohio Constitution. In November there is, an effort to pass an amendment to make abortion legal in Ohio.

At all the doors are voter registration forms, if you are not registered. Please pick one up and fill it and turn in form for these very important issues.



The Month of July

is dedicated to
the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Please pray for Missionaries of the Precious Blood and the Sisters of the Precious Blood.



PILGRIMAGE

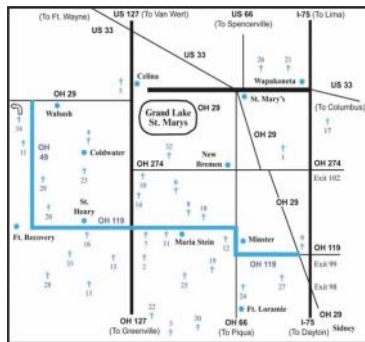
**TO MERCER AND AUGLAIZE COUNTIES
WITH FATHER MATT**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12TH

Leaving from St. John's Parking Lot 12 Noon Sharp
Carpooling for those who need a ride

**CHURCHES WE WILL VISIT (in order)
Starting at 1:00pm and ending around 4:00pm**

1. St. Joseph, Wapakoneta
2. Immaculate Conception, Cella
3. St. Aloysius, Carthagena
4. St. Joseph, St. Joe
5. St. Paul, Sharpsburg
6. Nativity, Cassella
7. St. John the Baptist, Maria Stein
8. Maria Stein Relic Chapel
9. St. Augustine, Minster



RSVP: Text or call Jeanette 419-890-3724
If you forget to RSVP, just show up day of.



THE MEN'S SOCIETY FATHER/SON BREAKFAST

will be held Sunday, July 16th in the old Glandorf gym between 8:00am and 10:30am masses. There will be a guest speaker, prizes, and food provided. We welcome all parish men to join us.

LADIES OF LEISURE SOCIAL (L.O.L.s.)

(Sponsored by St. John's Alter Rosary Society)

Come for Old Fashioned Visiting while playing games or crafting.

Every Third Wednesday of each month.

Two Event Times (1:00-4:00) or (6:00-9:00)

Up Coming Dates:

~~June 21~~, July 19, Aug. 23, Sept. 20 ...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

At The Parish Center in Glandorf

It's a place to gather with friends
without having to clean house. LOL!



YOU ARE WELCOME TO...

- Play board games
- Play cards
- Dominos, Dice
- Knitting, Crafting,
- Mahjong Game
- Etc.

(Please bring your own supplies & Games)

-Bring your own Beverage and snack.

QUESTIONS OR RESERVE A TABLE
Please contact: Jill Gerding
419-538-6942

PARISH CENTER ACTIVITIES

Every Second Sunday of the Month

July 9th



COFFEE AND DONUTS AND GRAND-OF CLUB

located in cafeteria after 8:00am and 10:30am
Masses by Kristin and Craig Duling

LENDING LIBRARY



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

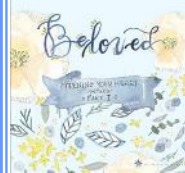
PARISH MUSEUM



Visitation Hours
from 9:00am—12:00pm
Located in Hallway. For visitors
outside of the scheduled time, please
contact Michael Leach 419-538-6948.

St. John's Historical Committee

BIBLE STUDY



Women's Bible study for all ages starting this fall. Please RSVP by August 10.

Together we will address the question,

"So why is Jesus Christ interested in your friendship?"

No homework, flexible, monthly Sunday gatherings @ 7pm.

Call Stacey & Sophia Bennett for more information @

567-376-0125.

INSPIRING TRIP

July 31-August 2, 2023 to the following locations:

July 31: Notre Dame: Mass at the Sacred Heart Basilica preceded by guided tour

August 1: Lacrosse, Wisconsin: Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, veneration of St. Alphonsus Liguori relics, guided tour of the grounds

August 2: Peoria, Illinois: Tour Archbishop Fulton Sheen's museum, tomb & Mass

Cost is: \$425 Double reservations: \$530 Single reservations. Cost covers 2-night hotel stay, meals, snacks, water, bus transportation, driver's tip, stipends at churches and shrine.

Sign up at the Mustard Seed by June 20. Contact Connie Dehnart 567/376

-0809 for further details.

OUR 3RD SHOWING OF

Bishop Robert Barron's DVD Series on "THE MASS"

TUESDAYS JULY 11, 18, 25, 2023

ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTER, 7:00-8:30PM

109 N Main St. Glandorf, OH

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

"THE MASS" will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

Come and Bring a Friend
Informational materials will be
available for Eucharistic Revival



10 Easy Ways to Grow in Your Faith this Summer

Are you looking for some 'anchors' to help you stay rooted in your relationship with Jesus this summer? National Eucharistic Preacher Fr. Connor Danstrom shares his top ten for deepening your friendship with Jesus, rooted in the Eucharist.

[https://www.oursundayvisitor.com/10-easy-ways-to-grow-in-your-faith-this-summer/?](https://www.oursundayvisitor.com/10-easy-ways-to-grow-in-your-faith-this-summer/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Let+s+pray+in+gratitude+for+Pope+Francis%21&utm_campaign=HRN+6%2F22%2F23)

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NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival



"Indeed, the Eucharist is God's response to the deepest hunger of the human heart, the hunger for authentic life, for in the Eucharist Christ himself is truly in our midst, to nourish, console and sustain us on our journey."

Pope Francis

Eucharistic Revival Story

Near the End of Mom's Life, Jesus hasn't Forgotten Her

It hurts to have to admit defeat and sit in tears as you realize that you have failed. And that pain is even greater when you'd hoped to accomplish something for a person you love deeply. For me, my hope was for the person I love more than anyone else in the world: my mom.

"Is this the right decision? How can I know? How can we be sure?" I asked the woman who answered the Alzheimer's Association hotline, my questions broken by sobs.

I felt all alone as I struggled with my own feelings about my family placing my mother in memory care. Even though I knew this was where she could get the assistance that we could no longer give her at home, it was so painful. Each person in my family suffered through this choice individually, even as we worked together to care for Mom.

As I walked under the autumn trees still ablaze with color on the evening that decision was made, I turned the eyes of my heart to God. "Where are you?" I whispered. "Are you going to take care of her when we aren't there by her side 24 hours a day? We aren't able to give her what she needs. Help me."

What Mom needs...

For almost 60 years, my mom had given me what I needed. With my father, she had given me life and had provided for me as I grew up and eventually entered the convent. And even after I was no longer at home, knowing my mom had my back, that her wisdom and love were just a phone call away, I knew that I would always have what I needed to get through anything in life. In those final weeks before we brought Mom across the street from where she and Dad had lived to what would be her new home in the memory care center, I tried to give Mom as many happy and beautiful experiences as possible. I knew she couldn't remember them, but for the moment, for that one precious moment when she laughed with joy, it was all worth it. One of the most important things we could do for Mom was to ask a priest to bring her communion and give her the anointing of the sick. When he came to my parents' apartment, Fr. Barnes explained to her that he would anoint her and give her the Eucharist. She understood. I will always remember the way she lifted her hands to receive the Eucharist, truly hungry for the Bread of Life, for the Life of the world, for her Life.

Mom had prepared me for my own First Communion, brought me to Rosary and Benediction on Wednesday evenings at the parish and all-night Adoration for the First Friday of the month. Countless times when we parted from each other she had told me, "I'll meet you at the Tabernacle." Wherever I was in the world, I had only to enter a chapel where the Blessed Sacrament was reserved and pray so that through the Eucharistic presence of Jesus, I would be in communion—through Christ—with my own mother.

On the other side of the world, she was also often before the Tabernacle. In Jesus' own most Sacred Heart—indeed, in the whole Christ, contained in the Eucharistic Species—was where we met each other, both of us united in the Body of Christ, the Church. Throughout my childhood, our family was always at Mass on Sundays, and as we children grew up and went our separate ways, my parents often went to daily Mass. My mother had prepared second-graders for First Communion and had been a DRE and parish secretary. The Eucharist had been a quiet presence in every era of Mom's life.

The Eucharist had truly been the *promise* in her active years.

The Bread of Life

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51).

On the day when Fr. Barnes offered her communion and anointing of the sick, the Eucharist was now a *comfort*.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56).

That day, I realized we had given mom what she truly needed. She needed *Jesus*, the Bread of Life, who would walk this last year with her. Jesus, who would be by her side when we no longer could. Not only would Jesus be by her side: Jesus would be *in* her and she in him. Dad is still with her several hours every day, absolutely, but Jesus is within her all the time. All her life, mom had come to Jesus in the Eucharist, to receive him, to adore him, to intercede for her family before him, and now Jesus had come to her.

He had not forgotten.

He knew her too well.

He loved her too much.

It won't be long now before the Eucharist will be *fulfillment*.

"Whoever eats this bread will live forever" (Jn. 6:58).


It will be the Eucharist that will still be our great *joy* as she becomes the first member of our family to enter into eternity.

"We celebrate the Eucharist 'awaiting the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ,' asking 'to share in your glory when every tear will be wiped away.' On that day we shall see you, our God, as you are. We shall become like you and praise you for ever through Christ our Lord" (Mom no. 1404).

Sr. Kathryn Hermes



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**Join us for
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**Monday, July 3rd
Putnam County Fairgrounds
Ottawa, OH**

Food trucks available beginning at 6 PM.
Celebration of America Concert
with the Voices of Faith at 9 PM,
with fireworks to follow.

All donations to benefit
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2023 Diocesan Celebration of
Wedding Anniversaries
Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
October 22, 2022 | 3:00 p.m.

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2023 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit:
www.toledoanniversarymass.org

Running Rescue Equipping Day
Led by the ACTS XXIX Team
Saturday, July 29 | 9:00am - 3:00pm
St. John XXIII, Perrysburg, OH



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Get Equipped to Run **The Rescue Project** in your Parish, School, Home, or Organization.

8:30am: Check-in and Continental Breakfast
9:00am: Welcome and Overview
3:00pm: Conclude

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Pro-Life Town Hall

Be Prepared to Defeat Ohio's Pro-Abortion Constitutional Amendment

July 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.


Kalida K of C Hall
718 Napoleon Road, Kalida, OH 45853

3 Presenters, - 3 Sessions - A short Q&A follows each session

- "The Fall of Roe - Now What?"
- "Understanding the Anti-Life Ballot Initiative and August 8 Special Election"
- "The Reality of Abortion."

These sessions will educate you and equip you, your family, friends, and co-workers to defend pre-born children and family values.

Free of charge. A free-will offering will be received to benefit
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