St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Missionaries of the Precious Blood St. George Deanery

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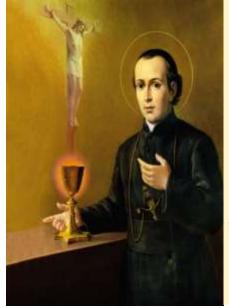
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Lord Jesus, I immerse in Your Most Precious Blood this entire day, which is the gift of Your infinite love. I immerse, in Your Blood myself, all those whom I will meet today or think about. I immerse all my relatives and all who have asked for my prayers.

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

) FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT

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About month ago, in the scriptures Jesus in the middle of doing his ministry and his relatives

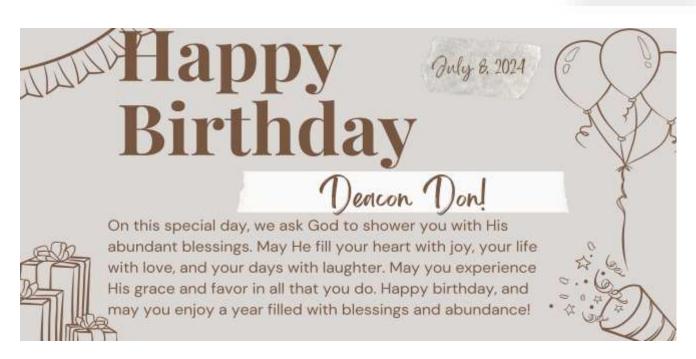
thought he was out of his mind. So, Jesus's relatives come to try and take Jesus a way so that he could eat and get rest.

In my homily that weekend I said that if it was recognized in the good that Jesus was doing, in the midst Jesus's humanity he needed to get away so that he could eat and relax. So, we in midst of the good that we do we need to get a way so that we can eat, relax, and take care of our needs. After giving that homily that weekend a parishioner stopped and asked me if I was going to take time to get away this summer?

Yes, I am. This week, I am practicing the words I preach, and I am away on vacation. I taking some time to get a way to eat, relax, and recharge myself. I would like to thank Fr. Tim McFarland, C.PP.S. for being here this week to cover the parish so that I can be away.

Fr. Tim is a native Ottawa and currently ministers at Calumet College of St. Joseph in northwest Indiana. One of the gifts of being a Missionary of the Precious Blood is not all our members do parish ministry, some of our members are in education ministry like Fr. Tim and his summer is a little freer so he is able to help us out. Fr. Tim, I hope you also will find some time rest and relax this summer as well.





ABOUT OUR PARISH

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MONDAY, JULY 8	SERVERS				
7:35am Rosary	Mon	8:00am	No Mass		
8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Don	Tue	8:00am	Landry Wrasman, Nolan Grime, Cassidy Maas		
TUESDAY, JULY 9 St. Augustine	Wed	8:00am	Lincoln Kahle, Emmett Karhoff	, Maddox	
7:35am Rosary			Stechschulte		
8:00am Deb Keeler, L/D Don & Ruth Ann Stechschulte	Thurs	8:00am	Mitchell Kottenbrock, Nolan Gerding, Anderson		
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10			Lammers	-	
7:15am-7:45am Confession	Fri	8:00am	Isaac Ansley, Ava Ansley, Ayv	rie Schulte	
7:35am Rosary	Sat	8:00am	Alania Duling, Kaylen Duling, Landon Kuhlman		
8:00am Oscar Schnipke(AN)	Sat	4:30pm	Ethan Weis, Will Faber, Carson Faber		
6:30pm-7:30pm Adoration	Sun		Allison Kuhlman, Ethan Kuhlman, Peyton Kuhlman		
7:00pm-7:30 Confession	Sun	10:30am	Lochlan Brinkman, Owen Schumaker, Reese		
THURSDAY, JULY 11 St. Benedict			Karhoff		
7:35am Rosary			EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	
8:00am Donna Recker	Sat	4:30pm	Steve Brown	Reagan Miller	
2:00pm Mass at the Meadows of Ottawa-Poor Souls	0	0.00	Sharon Brown	Ruth Gerding	
FRIDAY, JULY 12	Sun	8:00am	Deb Burwell	Diane Nienberg	
7:15am-7:45am Confession	Cum	10.00000	Gretchen Schmitz	Doug Karhoff	
7:35am Rosary	Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding Rose Ellerbrock	Chris Birkemeier	
8:00am Russ Nienberg, Oscar Burgei			GIFT BEARERS	Mindy Recker	
12:00pm Rosary	Sat	1.20nm	Mark & Tammy Schroeder		
1:00pm-4:00pm Adoration/Benediction	Sun		Denny & Joan Karhoff		
6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal-Kelsie Salisbury	Sun		Tony & Lisa Meyer		
SATURDAY, JULY 13 St. Henry	Jun	10.50411	JULY USHERS		
7:35am Rosary	Sat	4.30nm	Richard Schmitz, Brady Laudio	rk. Sam Warnecke	
8:00am Esther (Rooney) Trombley	Sun		Tom Morman, Tony Maag	sk, sum wurneeke	
8:30am Confessions	Sun		Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum		
1:30pm Clay/Kleman Wedding			SUNDAY: 7		
4:00pm Confessions	ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Ginny Schroeder & Karen Parker				
4:30pm Carolyn & Bob Warnecke, Donald Recker,	JULY FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Janet & Cliff Schroeder,				
JoAnn Otto, Lauren Schneeg,	Marilyn & Richard Siefker, Tom & Laura Hageman, Fran Roof,				
L/D Al and Irene (AN) Schroeder Family	Elton & Jeanette Schroeder, Steve & Annette McKee				
SUNDAY, JULY 14 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time					
7:35am Rosary					
8:00am L/D Terry Mass Family,	ATTENTION ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS				
L/D James & Patricia Donaldson Family,	Fr. Matt will recommissioning all our Extraordinary				
Herbert Maas, L/D Norm & Helen Wiechart Family,	Ministers of Holy Communion at all the Masses on July				
Elmer Tobe	27th and 28th weekend. Please come and pick up your				
10:30am L/D Jeanette Meyerhoffer Family,	certificates on the Communion rails after Mass. Last				
L/D Mary Barb Klausing Family,	names that start with A thru K will be on Mary's side and L				

L/D Mary Barb Klausing Family, Fr. Tony's Anniversary in the Priesthood , L/D Robert Smith Family, David Brown, Lorrie Niese

WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH YOUR PARISH AND BECOME AN EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR A LECTOR

We are looking for new people to help with these ministries. 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.

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

The Month of July

is dedicated to

the Precious Blood of Jesus.

thru Z on St. Joseph's side. Thank you!



ABOUT OUR PARISH

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 15

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 3, 2024 at 8:00am

RECONCILATION (CONFESSION)

Wednesday 7:15am –7:45am, 7:00pm—7:30pm Friday 7:15am—7:45am Saturday 8:30am, 4:00pm—4:15pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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.

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.

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

Idiscern (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

Each week at Holy Mass we profess our belief in reciting the Nicene Creed. What does it mean when we say we believe in these statements/truths? We will take a look at each statement/truth of the creed and examine it's meaning through the use of the Faith and Life Series by Ignatius Press that is utilized in our parish religious education morning program, 5 th Grade curriculum. For more information on this program, visit https://loc.ignatius.com/faithandlife/<u>"I Believe"</u> "Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong." (1 Cor 16:13)

When it comes to what to believe in God, the Church gives us the Creed. The Creed is a collection of statements on what we believe. "Faith" can also refer to

what we believe. The Apostles' and Nicene (reeds profess an overview of the most important truths of our Faith about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and how the Holy Spirit continues to work through the Church. Everyone one of these truths in the Creed has been revealed to us through God. Some of these truths are deep mysteries that cannot always be reasoned, but the gift of faith will help us to understand them as we examine them.

Read each truth presented in the Creed and take a moment to ponder... do you believe that ...

Truths about God	Truths about Man
 God, the Father, is the Creator of heaven and earth? Jesus Christ is the only Son of God the Father? Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary? Jesus suffered, died, and was buried? Jesus descended into hell and rose from the dead? Jesus ascended into heaven? Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead? The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Blessed Trinity? The Catholic Church is the one and holy Church founded by Christ? God forgives our sins? Our bodies will be resurrected on the last day? Life is everlasting? 	 We are created by God? God loves us so much that he sent his onlybegotten Son to die for our sins, so that we could be children of God? Jesus is true God and true man? Jesus paid the price for all of our sins and redeemed us? Jesus opened the gates of heaven for us? Jesus went to heaven and is our King, and we are his subjects? We will be judged by our thoughts, words, and deeds? We are temples of the Holy Spirit, whom we receive at Baptism? We are part of the Church? God, in his mercy, forgives our sins in Baptism and in the Sacrament of Penance? We must respect our bodies because they will rise to share in our eternal reward? We will live forever, and our souls will never die?

The truths of our Creed have been entrusted to us as Catholics. We are called to guard and protect these truths. *CCC Reference: Creeds: 185-197, Faith: 142-149, 153-165, Mystery of Faith: 42, 50, 158, 206, 230, 234, 237, 1066, 2558*

PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP

June 30, 2024

Offering

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Loose	\$ 666.00	
Adult Envelope	\$ 6,062.00	
Children	\$ 86.00	
Maintenance	\$ 790.00	
Online Offering	\$ 2,157.00	
Online Maintenance	\$ 179.00	
Patronal Feast Day Social	\$ 80.00	
Peter's Pence	\$ 330.00	
Total Collection	\$ 10,350.00	

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.stjohnglandorf.org

Heartbeat needs Baby Formula, Enfamil Gentlease, Enfamil NeuroPro Getlease, Enfamil Infant, Enfamil NeuroPro Infant, Enfamil Prosobee, Emfamil AR, Enfamil Enfacare

Heartbeat Hours: Tuesday 1-5pm and located on 1225 E. Third St. in Ottawa

Foods Needed at the Ottawa Food Pantry: pineapple, mandarin oranges, pears, ready to eat soup, pancake mix, pop tarts or breakfast bars, boxed or canned potatoes, rice, dry beans, canned pasta, egg noodles, condiments, salad dressing, sloppy joe sauce, hamburger helper, spaghetti sauce, snacks. Note: Monetary gifts are also welcome. (Send in care of Trinity UM Church, 137 N. Pratt, Ottawa)

2024 GRAND-orf Club

drawing and coffee & donuts by Lori and Mark Klausing will be July 14th in the cafeteria. Extra tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules.

THANK YOU



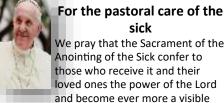
Thank you to everyone who visited and volunteered at St. John's Fair Booth to spread God's message and for all the donations that we receive to help support our booth.

Putnam County Right to Life is very grateful for all the generous support given to us throughout the year. At this time, we would like to thank all who stopped at our booth, all who gave a donation, all who help spread our message, & all those who volunteered to witness in our fair booth: Ruth Foppe, David & Rita Iliff, Herm & Rita Borgelt, Bill & Melida Bockrath, Diane Kaufman, Mary Ann Inkrott, Roger Brickner, Michelle Doepker, Mary Grote, Diane Inkrott, Christine Inkrott, Carl & Dee Luersman, Leon & Helen Meyer, Karl & Elaine Steffan, Paul & Marlene Kleman, Mike & Ruth Ellerbrock, Don & Sharon Lammers, & Mark & Ann Warnecke. Thank you!

July prayer for Precious **Blood vocations**

In the water of baptism, Lord God, Your voice called out, "You are my beloved sons and daughters, with whom I am well pleased." You breathed your Spirit upon us and washed us in the saving blood of the Lord. Open our ears to hear Your Word, our minds to understand Your call, our hearts to respond faithfully. Give us courage to answer, strength to persevere, and a willingness to be sent. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ, in whose blood we have been saved. Amen.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:



We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible

sick

sign of compassion and hope for all.

July prayer list

- 1. Fr. James Smith
- 2. Fr. Jerome Stack
- 3. Fr. William Stang
- 4. Fr. Jerome Steinbrunner
- 5. Fr. Daniel Torson
- 6. Fr. Dien Truong
- 7. Pray for vocations
- 8. Fr. Joseph Uecker
- 9. Fr. James Urbanic
- 10. Fr. Michael Volkmer
- 11. Fr. Truc Minh (Joseph) Vu
- Br. Joseph Vu 12.
- 13. Fr. Hoa (Vincent) Vu
- 14. Pray for living and deceased C.PP.S. members
- 15. Fr. William Walter
- 16. Fr. Thomas Welk
- 17. Fr. Ronald Will
 - Fr. Vincent Wirtner
- 18. 19. Fr. Paul Wohlwend
- 20. Fr. John Wolf 21
 - Pray for those in formation
- 22. Br. Theophane Woodall
- 23. Fr. Mark Yates
- 24. Fr. Kenneth Alt
- 25. Fr. Angelo Anthony
- Fr. Timothy Armbruster 26
- 27. Br. James Ballmann
- 28. For living and deceased Companions and Amici
- 29 Br. Benjamin Basile
- 30. Fr. Joseph Bathke
- 31. Fr. Richard Bayuk

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us The past 20 years

Charles J Uphaus 7/8/13 Sylvester Maag 7/8/14 Richard E Fischer 7/8/19 Larry K Kirkendall 7/8/20 Thomas B Riepenhoff 7/9/14 Robert C Smith 7/10/02 Michael A Klemm 7/10/07

Janelle E Leatherman 7/10/15 Mary Barb Klausing 7/10/16 Oscar A Schnipke 7/10/21 Frances A Schroeder 7/12/06 Rita A Verhoff 7/12/07 Verena F Mullett 7/13/14 Donald S Recker 7/13/17

Please Include them in your prayers

BANNS

III Clarissa Clay, of Van Wert, daughter of Brad and Lydia Mendenhall & Luke Kleman, of this parish, son of David & Lisa Kleman



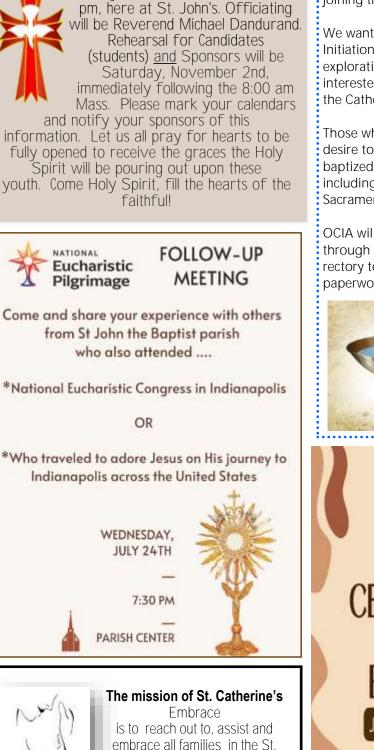
YOUTH AND AROUND THE PARISH

Elementary & Jr. High Corner

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION MASS

Confirmation Mass is scheduled for

Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 2:00



George Deanery, regardless of faith

affiliation, who have lost a child from

miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death.

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Please call the rectory 419-538-

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Embrace

BECOMING CATHOLIC (OCIA - formerly, RCIA)

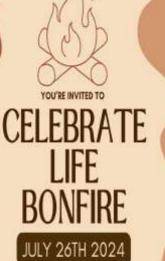
Have you been wanting to know more about your Catholic faith or do you know someone who might be interested in joining the Catholic Church?

We want to invite you to consider the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) process in our parish. OCIA is a process of study, exploration, faith-sharing, and faith formation for those who are interested in knowing their faith better or who want to be a part of the Catholic Church.

Those who might be interested include non-baptized adults who desire to be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church and/or baptized adults who need to complete their Sacraments of Initiation, including Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, and for some the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

OCIA will be starting back up in the September and runs through May. If you would like to join us in September, please call the rectory to register and we will be in touch to get you the necessary paperwork to begin the process.





TIME AND PLACE: STARTS #4PM 429 Northland drive kalida The new Four Seasons Park

incoming freshman-young adults!

wear Pro-Life attire!!



YOUTH DIRECTOR

We are seeking a dedicated and passionate person to lead our youth. Part-time position available. As the Youth Director you will have the opportunity to guide and empower the youth in our parish, fostering their spiritual growth and development. Responsibilities include planning and implementing various programs and activities, amongst others duties.

SEND AN EMAIL

> Ashley Duling bmanagen@glandorfstiphns.com > 419-538-7258

for more information

CALL US:

AROUND THE AREA



Come On Down.. It's our version of the Price is Right! Join in on the FUN!

July 25, 2024

10:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

Location: Lilac House (Meadows of Leipsic) 901 East Main Leipsic

Lunch will be provided. Reservations are required and seating is limited. Registration Deadline is July 11, 2024



Call The Putnam County Council on Aging 419-523-4121 or toll-free 1-877-796-1760 Serving Putnam County Seniors age 60 and better



Sing for the Vigil Mass of the Assumption on Wednesday, August 14 at 9:30pm in the Our Lady of Consolation Shrine Park

> Rehearsals: July 28 August 4 August 11

4:00-5:30pm in the Original Shrine Church (corner of Clay & Lake St.)

Contact Anthony Gallina at <u>music@olcshrine.com</u> for more information!

St. Barbara/Cloverdale Parish Festival

Sunday, July 14, 2024

BBQ Chicken/Pork Dinners (served 10:30 am-5:00 pm). Carry-outs available. Big Ticket Grand Prize-\$1,000 (drawing-6:00 pm). Lunch Stand, Beer Tent, Kid's Games, Raffle Booth, Bingo, Cash Drawings, Bicycle Drawings & More.

Bracelet Making

Monday, July 18, 2024 | 10:00am –11:30am Fort Haven (145 Fourth Street, Fort Jennings Reservations are required by July 8, 2024 Sponsored by : Putnam County Council on Aging 419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1790

Invitation to "Source and Summit"

Sunday, July 21, 2024 | 2:00PM - 3:30PM

At Delphos St. John the Evangelist Church, there will be a **"Eucharistic Learning Session" followed by a period of prayerful** Adoration. Father Joseph Mominee will be presenting a sacred lesson on how the Mass is the beginning and completion of all **our prayer: "The Source and Summit of the Christian Life." You** are invited to come, bring your questions and grow in love, appreciation and understanding of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!



Cedar Point - Diocese of Toledo - Youth, Family & Accessibility Day

Sunday, July 28, 2024 | 10:00am

Come celebrate Mass in the park at Cedar Point! It is that time of year again for the Diocesan Cedar Point Day for Youth, families and accessibility ministries! Please join us on Sunday, July 28, 2024, for 10:00 AM Mass in the Lakeside Pavilion (inside the park). Then spend the day enjoying Cedar Point! Tickets are only \$37.12. Everyone is welcome! Learn more and purchase your tickets by visiting <u>toledodiocese.org/</u> cedarpoint.

Join Bishop Thomas, Fernandes, Malesic and Woost on August 14, for a Statewide Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Carey, OH

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 | 9:00pm

To mark this year of going out on mission during the National Eucharistic Revival, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio invite all the faithful to make a pilgrimage to the Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, to celebrate the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Candlelight rosary procession begins at 9pm followed by Outdoor Mass at the Shrine Park. Visit www.ohiocathconf.org/pilgrimage for details.



2024 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral

Sunday, October 27, 2024 | 3:00 p.m.

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2024 – 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





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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK

July 21 –27, 2024



LOVE BEYOND MEASURE

Natural Family Planning... supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage

Married Love and the Gift of Life By Rev. Robert R. Cannon, MA, JCL

Married love is a sacred gift beyond measure. As Pope Francis writes, "Love is more than a mere feeling" its fruitfulness "allows us to experience the happiness of giving" (*Amoris laetitia*, 94). The unique giving of self by the spouses reflects God's love—love beyond measure!

In the book of Genesis, from the very beginning of creation, God designed marriage to image His love in the world—love that is permanent, faithful, total, and fruitful. God created marriage to be a covenant of shared love to unite a man and a woman for the whole of life, to become one flesh. "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body" (Gen 2: 24). Between a baptized man and a baptized woman, marriage is a sacrament instituted by Christ (see Code of Canon Law, c.1055, §1, §2).

Marriage as envisioned by God has a richness and depth far different from the typical secular approach to marriage. The bishops of the United States expressed this uniqueness very simply in this clear teaching about the purpose of marriage which is:

[M]ore than a civil contract; it is a lifelong covenant of love between a man and a woman. It is an intimate partnership in which husbands and wives learn to give and receive love unselfishly, and then teach their children to do so as well. (*Married Love and the Gift* of Life, p. 3).

At the heart of marriage lies the gift of human sexuality. The two-fold powers of love and life shared by spouses expresses a "nuptial" hope-filled quality. Love comes to life in the one flesh union of spouses. By its very nature and purpose, married love is meant to be a total gift of oneself. When a husband and a wife give themselves entirely to each other, their sacrificial love imitates the saving love of Christ poured out for our salvation. One virtue often not mentioned regarding marriage is marital chastity. Chastity of mind, heart, and body supports fidelity in married love. Chastity empowers spouses to honor these gifts. It fosters a selfless, generous love, and reverence for each other. The virtue of chastity strengthens spouses to reject anything that would harm the dignity and sanctity of their marriage. It is a powerful antidote against a secular culture that undermines the sacred nature of marriage and family. An important aid to marital chastity are the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP).

Today we are fortunate to have ethical methods of NFP which can aid a married couple in their desire to become pregnant or postpone a pregnancy. By understanding the signs of fertility and infertility a married couple can better cooperate with God's plan for their marriage. The methods of NFP help spouses to act responsibly in stewarding the gift of fertility they both share. Chastity is an essential element in NFP as spouses embrace God's design for marital love. That is because the NFP means to postpone or avoid pregnancy is periodic sexual abstinence. When the couple discerns that God is not calling them to have another child, they then do nothing to harm God's design of love and life. They simply abstain from the marital embrace during their time of fertility. Through marital chastity, husband and wife learn how to express their love through the wisdom of restraint-meaning that they will discover and live those little ways of expressing tenderness, respect, and consideration to each other. Then when they move into the infertile time of their fertility, husband and wife can be free to express their love as only they can in marriage.

If you are married or getting engaged to be married, consider learning a method of NFP. The practice of an NFP method will be a blessing in your marriage. NFP can help you and your spouse to embrace God's gifts of human sexuality, fertility, marital love, and parenthood. If a husband and a wife want to nourish their love and grow their family, NFP methods can become a practical and ethical support of their marital union.

Learn More

The US Bishops' NFP Program has good information for your marriage at usccb.org/nfp.

To learn more about Catholic teaching on marriage, married love and responsible parenthood, see usccb.org/topics/ natural-family-planning/church-teaching.

Read the US bishop's document Married Love and the Gift of Life at usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/ natural-family-planning/catholic-teaching/upload/Married-Love-and-the-Gift-of-Life-English-version.pdf.

To learn more about NFP see usccb.org/topics/naturalfamily-planning/what-natural-family-planning.

Want to learn a method of NFP? Visit usccb.org/topics/ natural-family-planning/nfp-national-providers.



Fr. Cannon is a priest of the Diocese of Venice and is currently serving as the chancellor of the Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA.

Questions? Contact nfp@usccb.org.

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Priests Take the Place of Jesus

In today's Gospel reading Jesus was preaching in the synagogue. (A synagogue is kind of like your local church building.) The people there didn't believe in Him because they

thought they knew Him. They didn't take Him seriously because they knew His family.

Do you know the priest at your church? He takes the place of Jesus at every

Mass and when you go to Confession. God gave him a very special job.



However, even though priests have a very special job, they are still people like you. They need lots of help from God to do their job well. We should pray for our priests every day!

Here is a prayer you can say:

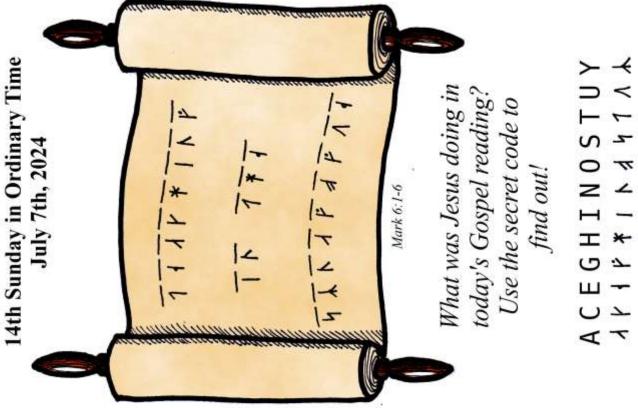


Dear Jesus, Please bless all priests. Make them be like you. Give them all the help they need to lead us to Heaven. Thank you for all the priests who have helped me, and please send more good priests to the Church. Amen.

Answer to Word-Find: "That the POWER of CHRIST MAY LIVE IN ME"

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Suffering from God Saint Paul Accepts

The leftover letters Find the words in tell you why Saint would boast of Paul said he his weakness. CAPITALS. പറ шС ш Σ ш ш 3 2 £ z

in order that the POWER of Christ may DWELL in me, "My GRACE is sufficient for YOU, for power me. Therefore, I am CONTENT with weaknesses, about this, that it might LEAVE me, but he said to BOAST MOST GLADLY of my WEAKNESSES constraints, for the SAKE of CHRIST; for when I Saint PAUL tells of asking God to take away his is MADE PERFECT in weakness." I will rather suffering: "Three times I BEGGED the LORD INSULTS, hardships, PERSECUTION and am weak then I am STRONG."



IN 1966 BENEDICT WAS MADE THE PATRON OF ALL EUROPE!