# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood St. George Deanery

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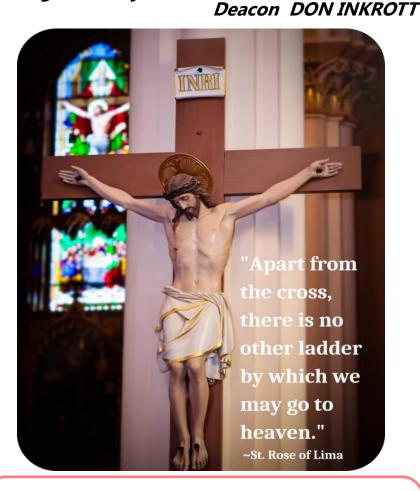
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### **PARISHIONERS**

- 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

# www.stjohnglandorf.org

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent is also called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word meaning to rejoice. And just like on the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday I have privilege of wearing rose vestments, on this Fourth Sunday of Lent on this Laetare Sunday, I once again get the privilege of wearing Rose Vestments. Laetare Sunday and rose vestments call for us to rejoice. Why are we rejoicing today? We rejoice today because we have reached the midpoint in the Season of Lent three weeks in and three more weeks to go to Easter.

As I have been saying all Lent, Lent is about baptism. Lent is about those who are preparing for baptism at Easter. Lent is about us who are already baptized journeying and praying with those preparing for baptism and entrance into the church. Also, Lent for us who are baptized is about us journeying to Easter to renew our baptismal promises. As I have been saying we are preparing for a six-question test at Easter. Usually, when you prepare for a big test, it is usually in the last weeks and days leading up to the test, the studying becomes more tense. The same holds true for us in our journey of Lent. In the second half of Lent the intensity builds, if you follow the weekday readings you will notice a shift from a focus on us to change our lives, to a focus on Jesus and his relationship with the religious leaders are going to start to turn against Jesus. For those journeying towards baptism, they are participating the Second Scrutiny today. Today we celebrate the Fourth Week of Lent and at this point in Lent some of our disciplines we have taken on might seem to feel more intense or difficult by now.

In our scriptures today Jesus says to Nicodemus "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:14-15). What is Jesus talking about when he speaks of Moses lifting the serpent? After the Israelites were freed from slavery, as they were making their way to the promised land, they begin to complain about God and Moses. As a punishment God sent seraph serpents that bit the Israelites and they died because they were bitten. The Israelites repent and God instructs Moses to mount a serpent on a pole and if anyone has been bitten by serpent looks at the one mounted on the pole their life will be saved. (Actually, this is the symbol of the medical field). What was a killing the Israelites, is now a sign that will save life. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent, so must the Son of Man be lifted up. Nicodemus did not understand but we understand this lifting up to be Jesus on the cross. For people of Nicodemus's time the image of a cross and crucifixion was not sign for life but for death.

And not just death, but a cruel torturous death. Yet like the serpent in the desert, the cross for us in our journey of faith is a sign of life. As we journey in Lent to Easter to renew our baptismal promises, we long for water of baptism. Water is a necessity for life, we rely on water for drinking, bathing, and many other ways purposes that sustain us for life. But at baptism water poured on the head one that is being baptized head (this is usually a photo moment; babies often cry at this moment) this is moment of death and new life comes forth. As you journey in this second half of Lent what in you need to die so that new life can come forth?



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# MONDAY, MARCH 11

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service

# **TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

8:20am Rosary

8:45am Harry Stechschulte

# **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**

7:15-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D John Weis Family, Kathy Rupert,

Genevieve Rupert

6:30pm - 8:15pm Adoration

7:45pm-8:20pm Confession

# THURSDAY, MARCH 14

8:00am K-4 Stations of the Cross

8:20am Rosary

8:45am L/D Karen Fortman Family, Paul Schulte

# FRIDAY, MARCH 15

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am John Gerdeman

8:40-9:15am 5-8th Stations of the Cross

12:00pm Rosary

1:00pm-4:00pm Adoration

4:00pm Evening prayer with Benediction-Deacon Don

5:30pm Clay & Cassie Warnecke Convalidation

# SATURDAÝ, MARCH 16

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Dennis Schroeder

8:30am Confessions

10:30am Patricia Deters Funeral

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Carolyn & Bob Warnecke, Richard(AN), Nellie,

Charlie, Rita, Bob & Ken Maag,

Roy(AN) & Hazel Leap,

L/D Larry & Jeanette Maag Family

5:30pm Baptism-Fr. Matt

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17~5th Sunday of Lent

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Camillus & Catherine Nartker Family,

L/D Maya Schroeder Family, Luella Dickman(AN), James Riepenhoff

9:45am-10:15am Confessions

10:30am L/D Fortman/Meyer Families, Frances Spangler,

L/D Chris Kingsley Family, Florence Lauf,

Elaine Lauf, Paul Heitmeyer, Fr. Gene Schnipke,

L/D Norm Liebrecht Family

1:00pm - 2:00pm Live Stations of the Cross by God's Little Hero's

# ABOUT OUR PARISH

		SERVERS		
Mon	8:00am	Communion Service - no servers needed		
Tue	8:45am	Students		
Wed	8:00am	Gene & Rose Warnecke		
Thurs	8:45am	Students		
Fri	8:00am	Elton Schroeder, Roger Schroeder		
Sat	8:00am	Ella Schroeder, Luke Schroeder, Noah Leopold		
Sat	4:30pm	Adam Maag, Ross Maag, Austin Koch		
Sun	8:00am	Zach Horstman, Justin Kahle, Anthony Kahle		
Sun	10:30am	Grant Maag, Trevor Maag, Dylan Giesswein		
Sun	1:00pm	No Servers needed - Live Stations of the Cross-Little Hero's (no benediction)		
		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	
Sat	4:30pm	Doug Deitering	Sharon Meyer	
_		Diane Deitering	Chris Schroeder	
Sun	8:00am	Deb Leopold	Andy Gray	
		Deb Schroeder	Deb Schroeder	
Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding	Mary Ellen Klear	
		Jane Moening	Dan Klear	
GIFT BEARERS				
Sat	4:30pm	Bruce & Stacy Alt		
Sun	8:00am	Denny & Joan Karhoff		
Sun	10:30am	Bill & Suzi Brinkman		
MARCH USHERS				
Sat	4:30pm	Roger Koch, Logan Koch, Connor Koch		
Sun	8:00am	Elton Schroeder, Joe Schroeder		
Sun		Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum		
COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Suzi Brinkman, Paula Elchinger				
COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 6				
ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Cliff & Janet Schroeder				
MARCH FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Gene & Rose Warnecke,				
Jerry & Mary Hanneman, John & Eileen Schroeder,				

Dear Parishioners,

Tim & Mary Ellen Lehman

St. John's actual attendance for the month of February. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you our numbers:

- \* Our average attendance for the 4:30pm for month of February **284**people
- Our average attendance for the 8:00am for month of February 244 people
- Our average attendance for the 10:30am for month of February 337 people
- Our average weekend attendance for the month of February 865 people
- \* The Mass that had greatest attendance for the month of February was the **10:30 Mass February 25 with 359 people**.

Ash Wednesday Attendance: 7:00pm - 469 people.

I would like to thank all the ushers for your diligence in taking attendance at our Masses in February.

Peace, Fr. Matt

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# **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: May 19, 2024 (Room 22), and

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, 7:45—8:20pm

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.

### **HOLY ORDERS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**

Contact the vocation office at the Toledo Diocese at 419-244-6711 ext. 4945 or e-mail psmith@toledodiocese.org or contact the vocation office at the Missionaries of the Precious Blood 937-228-9263 or e-mail vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org.

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday 6:30pm—8:15pm

1st Friday 1:00pm—4:00pm with Benediction

1st Saturday 5:30pm - 8:00am

# INITIATION OF ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA/OCIA)

Is a journey through which interested adults and older children are welcomed and gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic Faith, Sacraments, Worship and way of life. In response to their inquiries, these people are properly instructed so that you can discern (through reflection and prayer) whether you are indeed called to Catholicism. If you would like more information or want to register please contact the Parish Office. The next session will start in the fall.

# CATECHISM CORNER

The Work of Mercy we will look at this week is:

# Corporeal Work of Mercy: Clothe the Naked from "The Works of Mercy Explained" by Silvia Vecchini

"The necessities of life are water, bread, and clothing, and also a house to assure privacy." Sirach 29:21

Nakedness: We are born small, fragile, and naked. We possess nothing. We depend on our families to clothes us, help us, and feed us. This dependence is true for all of us and for all our lives. We all depend on God; we also depend on one another.

In the Bible, nudity is a sign of our dependence; our poverty; and our need to be protected, loved and cared for. We may not be aware that there are those near us who need to be "clothed". If we look around we see store clothing displays that are constantly changing. Our closets and drawers may be full – so much that we may have to make space for any new clothes.

This work of mercy reminds us that this is not the case for everyone. Many people are so poor that they really do have nothing to wear. Things that are extra for us may be needed by someone else. That is why there are so many groups that collect clothes for poor people all over the world. Through these initiatives we can give new or used clothing that is in good condition to others so that they can live with more dignity. When we clothe the naked, we aide others in recognizing the dignity of their bodies by treating them in a manner that expresses this dignity.

**Saint Spotlight:** St. Martin of Tours, as a young soldier, encountered a beggar on a cold winter day. The beggar shivered in the bitter wind, and Martin, moved with compassion, drew his sword and sliced his warm, beautiful cloak in half. He gave half to the beggar, wrapped the other half around his shoulders, and continued on to his barrack. When they saw him, the other officers mocked him for his ruined cloak. That night Martin saw Christ in a dream. He wore the half of the cloak that Martin had given to the beggar, and showed it proudly to the angels and saints gathered around Him: "See! This is the cloak Martin has given Me!" From "Disciple of Christ, Education in Virtue"

**<u>Reflection:</u>** Think do you demand particular brands or articles of clothing? How does this speak to where your treasure lies?

Action Ideas: Deny yourself a little comfort by sharing your coat, sweater, scarf or gloves with someone who has forgotten theirs. Knit, crochet or quilt a baby blanket for Heartbeat. Knit or crochet hats and scarves for the homeless. Fold the laundry and put all your clothing away as a sign of appreciation for that which you have been given. Simplify your wardrobe by thinking about what you really need and donate some things that are "nice" but not "necessary". Clothe you speech with dignity by avoiding speaking of or promoting things that are not decent, especially jokes.

# PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP	March 3, 2024
<u>Offering</u>	
Loose	\$ 835.25
Adult Envelope	\$ 8,074.00
Children	\$ 226.56
Maintenance	\$ 320.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,290.00
Initial Offering	\$ 4.00
VBS	\$ 325.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 20.00
Total Collection	\$12,094.81

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 size 6 Pull-ups

Heartbeat Hours: Tuesday 1-5pm and Thursday 9-1pm

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)



# 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.

### Michael Yaeger

### **WEDDING BANN**

**III Convalidation of Marriage - Casey Schumaker** of this parish, daughter of James and Beth Schumaker & **Clay Warnecke** of this parish, son of Rodney and Jennifer Warnecke

# Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

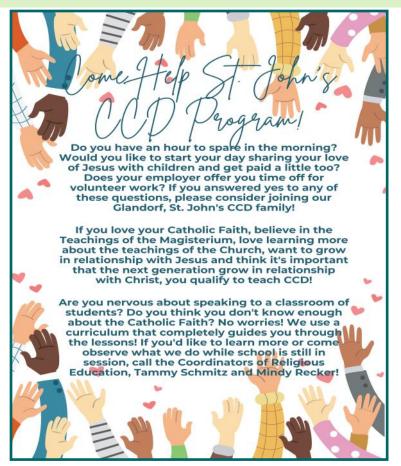
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## **CEMETERY CLEAN-UP**

Please REMOVE by April 12, 2024 all faded flowers and all PLACQUES AND ORNAMENTS, ETC. placed on the foundation. This is in the cemetery rules. After April 12th all items remaining will be discarded.

If you have any questions, please call Jeff Gerding at 419-538-6342 and please do not call the rectory.

Thanks, Jeff & Elaine Gerding



# YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS



# PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2024-2025

Looking for a preschool with kindergarten readiness AND a Catholic faith curriculum? Glandorf St. John's Catholic Preschool registration is March 18 at 7 PM in St. John's Parish Center. Registration forms and updated information are available in the back of church, on St. John's Parish Website at <a href="https://www.stjohnglandorf.org">www.stjohnglandorf.org</a> or by contacting the preschool at 419 538 6264.

# ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL SPRING QUARTER AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE

Friday April 5, 2024 at the parish center. More information is coming soon!

# High School Corner

HS (CD will be held at 7:00 PM in the parish center.
Reminder to all: MARK YOUR
CALENDARS---On March 20th, HS
(CD students will participate in a Worship night with some staff from the project, Damascus in the Parish Center at 7:00 PM. That night will also be an opportunity for Confessions. This will also be the last night for HS (CD for 2024. ~ Ruth Gerding,

(oordinator of HS ((D



# CONGRATULATIONS



THANK YOU!

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL THE CYO BASKETBALL COACHES THIS YEAR!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO COACH OUR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN IN HIGH SCHOOL AND GRADE SCHOOL!

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CONGRATULATION TO ALL THE CYO
BASKETBALL PLAYERS ON A GREAT
2023 - 2024 BASKETBALL SEASON!

WINNERS OF THE CONSOLATION BRACKET AT

GO BAPTIZERS!

STATE!!



GARY BIRKEMEYER ON HIS 700TH WIN



AROUND THE PARISH

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

(Sponsored by St. John's Alter Rosary Society) Come for Old Fashioned visiting while playing cards, games or crafting.

# **Every Third Wednesday** of each month.

Two Event Times: 1:00-4:00 OR 6:00-9:00

### @ The Parish Center cafe in Glandorf.

Play board games Play cards minos, Dice Knitting, Crafting Mahjong Game, Etc. e bring your own Supplies & Games)

You can Bring Your Own Beverage & snack

FREE EVENT NO MEMBERSHIP FEE

"It's a place to gather with friends and neighbors without having to clean house."  $\frac{gA}{\mu h}$ 

Questions OR to Reserve A Table, Contact Jill Gerding 419-538-6942

# PARISH CENTER ACTIVITIES

# **Every Second Sunday of the Month** Today, March 10, 2024



COFFEE AND DONUTS AND GRAND-ORF CLUB

located in cafeteria after 8:00am and 10:30am Masses by Doug and Andrea Giesige.



### 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 Society



Join Chris Schroeder, with Restore 23, to nourish body, mind & soul with a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement.

> \*No fitness level, age or experience required.\* Registration required, \$10/session.

> > Sat Mar 2 @ 9 am Tues Mar 19 @ 6:30 pm Tues Apr 16 @ 6:30 pm

Call Chris at #419-230-2953 to sign-up

# SCOUTING

Please help us collect non-perishable foods for the Ottawa Food Pantry. This food drive serves many families in need within our community.

Bags will be handed out at the exits of all three masses March 9th and 10th The food items will be collected the following weekend, March 16th and 17th before all



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# The Piecemaker's Sewing Group Tuesday

evening, March 19th,

from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in Room 8 (The old Science Room)

We will be tracing patterns and cutting them out during the evening. Come join us! If you have any questions, please contact Diana Meyer at 419-538-6437. Thank you for spending your time helping those in need! .

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REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 21ST

MONDAY, JUNE 3RD - THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH 6:00-8:00 PM

REGISTRATION FORMS HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT TO ALL CCD STUDENTS AND PRESCHOOL STUDENTS. EXTRA FORMS ARE LOCATED IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH VESTIBULES OF THE CHURCH, PLEASE MAIL ALL FORMS DIRECTLY TO THE RECTORY ADDRESS (LISTED ON THE FORM) OR DROP THEM OFF IN THE MAIL SLOT LOCATED ON THE RECTORY GARAGE DOOR, ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPTION AGAIN THIS YEAR, ALL PAYMENTS MUST STILL BE MAILED OR DROPPED OFF AT THE RECTORY TO **GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS** MARCH 21ST. DUE TO LIMITED SPACE, ANY FORMS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE ARE NOT GUARANTEED A SPOT, MANY ADULT HELPERS ARE NEEDED TO BRING SMALL GROUPS OF KIDS FROM ONE STATION TO ANOTHER. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING AND HAVING FUN WITH US THIS FIRST WEEK OF



2024

St. John the Baptist, Glandorf un Day

Want to get involved! Soon we will start planning for next year's event!

Below are the areas where help is needed.

**SONday Fun Day Committee Leaders** 

Reverse Raffle

**Carnival Games** 

Yard games/Kid's rides

T-shirts

Kid's crafts and face painting

**Raffle Baskets** 

**Baked Goods Wheel** 

Saint Parade

**Photo Booth** 

Advertisement/Flver

If you would like to help, please call the office we would love to here from you! More details to come!



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# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Wednesday
6:30pm - 8:15pm

Every Friday with Benediction
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Come and spend some time with your Lord this Lenten season

Benediction starts at 4:00pm

Reconciliation

DURING LENTEN SEASON

EVERY WEDNESDAY

7:15AM - 7:45AM 7:45PM - 8:20PM

EVERY FRIDAY

7:15AM - 7:45AM

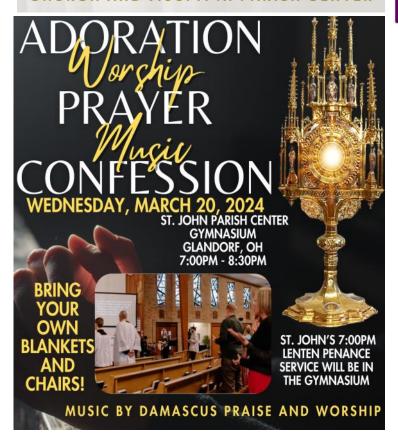
EVERY SATURDAY

8:30AM - 9:15AM 4:00PM - 4:20PM

EVERY SUNDAY

9:45AM - 10:15AM

SAINT JOHN'S PENANCE SERVICE WILL BE ON MARCH 20TH AT 4:00PM IN CHURCH AND 7:00PM IN PARISH CENTER



Attention ALL MEN!!!!

Join us on for That Man Is You (TMIY)



Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm in room 22 OR

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30am in the cafeteria. For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ mbkarhoff@bright.net, 419-796-0763

TMIY "WORTHY OF THE CALL" – Holy Thursday through Jewish Eyes (Sat. 3/16, Wed. 3/20 (session 23) Presenter: Dr. John Bergsma: Theme: Called to Lift Up Your Mind. The Last Supper: Is this the source and summit of our faith? A look at the Essenes Sacred Meal and what it represents. Putting ourselves in the place of the Apostle John at the Last Supper. The Eucharist: an oath between God and us. We are fulfilling Jerimiah's prophecy. Matthew 26:28. Mark 14:22. Luke 22:19-20. 24. Jer 31:31.

# JAMES BIBLE STUDY

Mondays March 11, 18

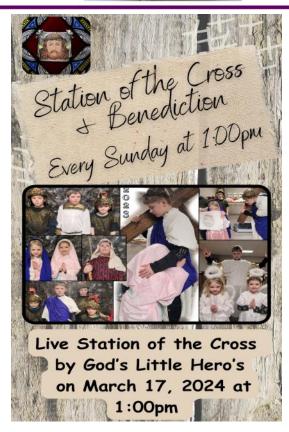
2-week break - April 8, 15, 22, 29

7-8:30pm St. Johns Parish Center, Glandorf OH

jmschroeder51@gmail.com or text 419-890-3724.

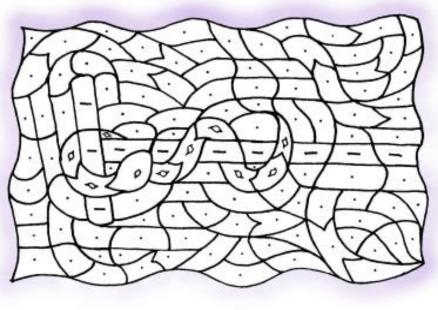
Once registered Videos will be online if you miss a session.





# The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10th, 2024



Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be When God's people in the desert were bitten by snakes, Moses held up something he made from What was it? Use the colour code to find out! bronze that the people could look at and live. forgiven and we could go to Heaven

l brown · blue

green

# Saínt patríck















SOON MISSIONARIES WERE GOING OUT FROM IRELAND TO BRING SAINT PATRICK DIED IN IRELAND IN 461. BY THE TIME HE DIED THE FAITH TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD! PRAY THAT YOU ALMOST ALL OF IRELAND HAD CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY. WILL LOVE GOD AND BE ZEALOUS LIKE SAINT PATRICK!

cheridsbulledinggmail.com

# For God so Loved the World

When God made the world He wanted the people to be His friends and always live in happiness. But instead of choosing to love God completely, the people sinned. They

were cut off from the happiness of God
because they chose to love themselves more than
they loved God.

But God still loved the people so much that
He sent His Son, Jesus, to save the people from
their sins. Now we just need to choose to
believe in Jesus, and to love Him. As today's
Gospel reading says, "...so must the Son of man

How can we turn to Jesus so that we can be saved from our sins?

be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may

have eternal life."

Here are a few things that can help you a lot:

1. When you wake up in the morning, tell Jesus that you are offering everything that happens today to Him.

2. Every day look at a crucifix (a cross with Jesus on it.) Think about how much Jesus loves us. How much do we

HOW HAVE 1 love Him back?

LOVED GOD 3. Each night be
TODAY? think about you show your love?

3. Each night before you go to sleep,
think about your day. Did you
show your love for God today? If
you did something bad, be sorry
and think about how can you do

Answers to sort-out-the-picture puzzle: top-6, 3. middle-4, 1. bottom-2, 5.

better tomorrow.

# The Deportation to Babylon

Do you know what happened to the people of Jerusalem when they sinned against God? These pictures are in the wrong order. Put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes to sort them out!













# AROUND THE AREA



Ottawa K. of C. Fish/Clam Strips Fry

Friday, March 15th serving 4:30-7:00pm



Ottoville, Sunday, March 10th at 2:00pm Miller City, Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00pm Continental, Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30pm Ottawa, Monday, March 25 at 4:00pm & 7:00pm







# W-Holy & Healthy: Cardinal Virtues

\*Free Zoom event\* March 21, 2024 8:00 - 8:45 pm

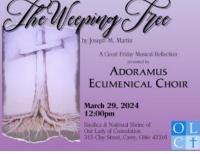
Join Wendy Imm (Divine Grace Fertility Care) & Christine Schroeder (Restore 23) as they discuss the book "Art of Living" by Edward Sri and how the 4 cardinal virtues (temperance, prudence, justice & fortitude) can apply to women's health, wellness and fertility.

> To register: call/text Wendy at #614.634.1043 with name and email address

This is the lst in a series of 4 free Zoom events. vailable to purchase at The Mustard Seed in Glandorf if you'd like to follow along.

JEREMIAH 29:11





# Saint Luke Deanery ~ Diocese of Toledo

HOLY THURSDAY MHRCH 28, 2024

St. Louis 22792 Defiance Pike, Custar 8pm - 10pm

St. Patrick 14010 S River Rd, Grand Rapids 8pm - 10pm

St. Richard 333 Brookside Dr. Swanton 8:30pm - 10pm

Holy Trinity 2649 US-20, Swanton 8pm - 10pm

Our Lady of Lourdes 6149 Hill Ave, Toledo 8pm - 11pm

> Little Flower 5522 Dorr St. Toledo 8pm - 11pm

St. Joseph 5373 Main St, Sylvania 8pm - 12am

WITH JESUS AT SEVEN ALTARS OF REPOSE



Driving Playlist Spotify





Tradition & Gospel Readings thecatholictelegraph.com/heres-how-to-make-a-seven-churches-visitation



Man Your Route

~ THIS IS A SELF-GUIDED PILGRIMAGE.

~ YOU MAY SUBSTITUTE ANY OF THESE SEVEN WITH OTHER LOCAL PARISHES.

~ INVITE OTHERS TO JOURNEY WITH YOU!

### BEREAVEMENT GROUP

A Time for Healing.... Ecclesiastes 3:1-11Have you lost a loved one and are searching for a way of healing? Whether you are dealing with a recent loss, or it has been a while, if you are seeking a supportive peer group setting to share your loss, please join usar Sts. Peter & Paul. Our Bereavement group will meet Thursday, March 14 from 7:15 - 8:15 in the Parish Meeting Room. (Use the Gym Entrance.)



# Putnam County Right Life

SORROWFUL

will holding our annual Garage and Bake Sale at the Ottawa K of C Hall in April. We are adding hours on Sunday to drop off items because of

the eclipse on Monday, April 8. On Sunday, April 7 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Monday, April 8 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm we will be accepting gently used items and baked goods at the K of C hall. Sale days are Tuesday, April 9 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and Wednesday, April 10 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please help us support all life!



The Diocesan celebration honoring persons with disabilities will be on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass, at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Norwalk. Bishop Daniel Thomas, celebrant, will present the 2024

Open Arms Awards. American Sign Language interpretation will be provided. All are welcome. We are seeking nominations for individuals who serve the church and community, living with a disability and/or a caregiver/ advocate for a person(s) with a disability. Please see your parish for a Nomination form or click on the link https://shorturl.at/rwAKL. Forms are due by April 5th.



# Garage and Bake Sale

Tuesday April 9th 9am to 7pm Wednesday April 10th 9am to 3pm



10759 Road H Ottawa Bring baked goods and donated items to K of C Hall on April 8th from 9am to 6pm





# Fourth Sunday of Lent: Walking in Light



WORK OF MERCY: Counsel the Doubtful

THE GRACE I SEEK: to walk in humility and trust before God in all circumstances

### IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child. Rest in his loving gaze.

Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

**ASK FOR THE GRACE:** Jesus, help me to see that your grace is what sustains my life as your adopted child and helps me to become my true self, walking always in your light.

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them." (Ephesians 2:8–10)

**REFLECTION QUESTION** — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

Jesus wants to give us everything we need. He has destroyed sin and death so that we can enjoy the freedom of the children of God. What is one concrete choice I can make to root out traces of pride in my life so that I can live in relationship with Jesus and others more fully?

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.

"And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." (John 3:19–21)

**REFLECTION QUESTION** — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

What are some areas of my life that need to be illumined by the light of Jesus? Ask Jesus to help you allow his light to reveal to you the areas you need to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Ask him to help you grow in true repentance for your sins and in gratitude for his forgiveness and merciful love.

Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

**CLOSING PRAYER** — O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Fourth Sunday of Lent)

**SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION** — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your repentant heart. Allow Jesus to draw you into deeper participation with his own perfect sacrifice made present upon the altar of the Cross!

**LOVE IN ACTION** — Do you know someone who doubts whether they are loveable? Share the light of Jesus you have received by listening to them in their struggle. Tell them a story from your own life that has helped you believe in God's love for you. Encourage them to turn to the Lord, who loves them deeply at all times, even when they can't feel it.

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Brenda Maag 419-235-3106 Julie Barlage 419-303-5366 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.

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