

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



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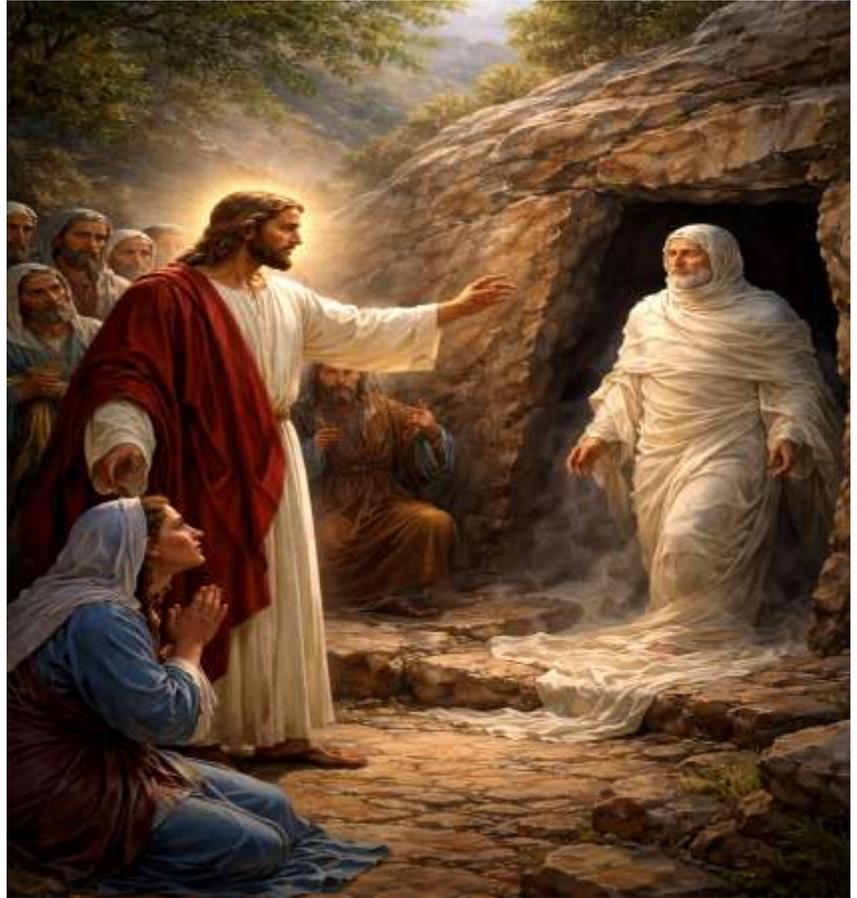
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OUR MISSION

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.

Question: why did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead only to have him die again only to have him go back in the grave?

Response: what do you mean?

In our scriptures today we hear Jesus called for Lazarus to come out of the grave, but at some point, in history between being raised from the dead and today Lazarus would have died again and would have went back into the grave. The Lazarus we read about in scriptures today would seem not to be around in our world so he would have had to have died again.

Response: you got a point there.

A possible explanation for calling Lazarus out of the grave was to protect the dignity of Martha and Mary. In the culture of Jesus's time women did not have rights and so they depended on the protection of men, particularly it was expected of men to protect and care the women of their families. Similarly, when Jesus is dying on the cross, he entrusts the beloved disciple to the care of his mother. Yes, the beloved disciple taking Mary into his home is a call for us to take the Blessed Virgin Mary into the home of our lives as our mother. But this entrusting of the beloved disciple to Mary was also about her cultural protection and dignity. So, Jesus bringing Lazarus back from the dead would have restored this dignity and protection to Martha and Mary.

Response: that is an interesting explanation, but you have a little misunderstanding here.

What do you mean?

Response: Lazarus is alive. Yes, in our scriptures we hear the story Jesus calling Lazarus to come out of the grave. You are right to think at some point Lazarus would have had to go back into the grave. But there is more. In our scriptures we also hear "if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you" (Romans 8:9-11). The Spirit of God is in Lazarus, and this is what brought life to Lazarus, and he is fully alive. The same is true for us by the grace our baptism the Spirit of God in us and brought us to life and we are fully alive. As we journey in the Lenten Season and as the elect and candidates take part in the third scrutiny today, we are called look at our lives and see what is dead, see what is keeping us from the Lord. For some this might mean coming for the Light Is On, on Wednesday Evening multiple priests will be here for the Sacrament of Confession or simply come into the for quiet time one on one time with the Lord. Or it might mean making time to mend that broken relationship. For as we do this the Spirit of Lord will be rekindled in our lives as we prepare for baptism at Easter.



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 concluding with

Benediction

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

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (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, participants receive instruction and formation so they may discern, through reflection and prayer, whether they are being called to enter the Catholic Church.

If you would like more information or would like to register, please contact Mindy Recker at 419-538-6928 or email

passociate@glandorfstjohns.com.

Catechism Corner**The Fourth Commandment:
“Honor your father and your mother”**

Continuing our study on God's law of love, the Ten Commandments, the fourth commandment states, “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.” (Ex. 20:12, Deut 5:16) The first three commandments focused on loving God. The last seven commandments focus on loving our neighbor. The catechism (#2197) tells us, “God has willed that, after Him, we should honor our parents to whom we owe life and who have handed on to us the knowledge of God. We are obliged to honor and respect all those whom God, for our good, has vested with his authority.”

This commandment is “addressed expressly to children in their relationship to their father and mother, because this relationship is the most universal. It likewise concerns the ties of kinship between members of the extended family. It requires honor, affection, and gratitude toward elders and ancestors. Finally, it extends to the duties of pupils to teachers, employees to employers, subordinates to leaders, citizens to their country, and to those who administer or govern it.” (CCC #2199)

Children often are able to obey this commandment more readily than adult children as they are still under the authority of the parents. Adult children often struggle with this commandment as they develop their own ideologies into adulthood that can differ from their parents. Differences can cause a divide and lead to disrespect or even shunning parents over their differences. God cautions against this. The Church reminds us, “The relationships within the family bring an affinity of feelings, affections and interests, arising all from the members’ respect for one another. The family is a *privileged community*.” (CCC #2206) “The family should live in such a way that its members learn to care and take responsibility for the young, the old, the sick, the handicapped, and the poor.” (CCC 2208) When division and shunning occur, for any reason, God’s plan of family can not be fully lived out.

Practical Ways to Truly Honor Parents (and all God has placed in authority over us):

- Show Respectful Communication: Speak with charity, care and concern. Avoid yelling, being sarcastic, or using a disrespectful tone. Listen to them when they speak – pay attention to the wisdom they offer...thanking them for it. Show them you value their input.
- Express Gratitude: Practice the virtue of thankfulness and generosity. Thank them for their sacrifices they’ve made for you and then be generous in the ways you support them. Generosity calls us to go above and beyond the expected action. Find ways you can be generous in helping them with tasks, or showing you care by doing unexpected niceties for them.
- Give the Gift of Time: Parents have spent their life caring for you, worrying over you, being there for you when needed. They delight in spending time with you – time that isn’t rushed. They enjoyed watching you grow...that doesn’t stop as you age. Invite them to be a part of your life.
- Patience and Forgiveness: Be patient with them. They may not be as fast moving or as witty, but they are there – don’t take that for granted. Forgive often, just as you’d like to be forgiven.
- Speak Well of Them: Talk positively about them to others. God chose them to be your parents – no other. He sees greatness in them to ask them to parent you. This deserves great respect.

4 ABOUT OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MARCH 23~St. Turibius

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 24~St. Oscar Romero

8:15am Rosary
8:40am Virgil Hageman(AN),
L/D Urban & Frances Meyer Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25~The Annunciation of the Lord

7:15am-7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am L/D Edwin Duling Family
4:00pm Penance Service—The Light is on for you
6:30pm-7:30pm Adoration
7:00pm Penance Service—The Light is on for you

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

8:00am-8:30am 2B Penance
8:15am Rosary
8:40am L/D Members of the BG Women's Bible Study

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

7:15am - 7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am Helen Wiechart, Norbert Fuerst
12:00pm Rosary

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Rose Ann Kaufman (CLC)
8:30am Confession
4:00pm Confession
4:30pm Don Riepenhoff, Ed Leursman,
L/D Dick & Dorothy Ellerbrock Family, Wilma Vorst,
Joan Karhoff, Beth Schroeder, Fred Schroeder

SUNDAY, MARCH 29~Palm Sunday

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Tom Kaufman(AN), Zac Cassidy
9:00am-11:45am OCIA
10:30am Karl Buerger, Florence Lauf, Elaine Lauf,
Paul Heitmeyer

1:00pm Live Station of the Cross by the Holy Hero's

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world

HOLY WEEK

MASS SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday:
Saturday, March 28th 4:30PM •
Sunday, March 29th 8 AM • 10:30 AM

Holy Thursday (April 2nd):
7 PM (Adoration until 10 PM)

Good Friday (April 3rd):
1:15PM (Passion Service)
followed by Divine Mercy Novena (Day 1)
7:30 PM (Stations of the Cross)

Easter Vigil (April 4th):
8:00 AM Divine Mercy Novena (Day 2)
8:30 PM

Easter Sunday (April 5th):
8 AM • 10:30 AM (Mass)
before each Mass Divine Mercy Novena (Day 3)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church -109 N Main Street, Glandorf, OH 45848

SERVERS			
Mon	8:00am	No Mass	
Tue	8:40am	Students	
Wed	8:00am	Cliff Schroder, Eddie Duling	
Thurs	8:40am	Students	
Fri	8:00am	Bart Recker, Greg Nussbaum	
Sat	8:00am	Addison Klear, Luke Haselman, Luke Leopold, Noah Leopold	
Sat	4:30pm	Maddox Stechschulte, Ayvrie Schulte, Izak Schimmoeller	
Sun	8:00am	Isaac Ansley, Ella Vorst, Carter Vorst	
Sun	10:30am	Zachary Horstman, Parker Heckman, Lochlan Brinkman	
Sun	1:00pm	Live Stations of the Cross by Holy Hero's	
		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
		LECTORS	
Sat	4:30pm	Doug Karhoff Mary Rose Ellerbrock	Doug Karhoff Mary Rose Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Tim Hoehn Chris Hoehn	Elizabeth Ruhe Nicole Ruhe
Sun	10:30am	Sue Recker Laura Wagner Michelle Horstman (Choir & Undercroft)	Kelly Schroeder Mindy Recker
Sun	1:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Holy Heros
GIFT BEARERS - To sign up for a Mass click link below			
https://tinyurl.com/3uzu8vvj or scan QR code			
Sat	4:30pm	Ask a family or Ushers	
Sun	8:00am	Ask a family or Ushers	
Sun	10:30am	Ask a family or Ushers	
MARCH USHERS			
Sat	4:30pm	Roger Koch, Logan Koch, Connor Koch	
Sun	8:00am	Mark Maag, Alan Wrasman	
Sun	10:30am	Mitch Gable, Charle Schroeder	
COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Tim & Betsy Hansen			
COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY 9			
ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: K of C Members			
MARCH FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Gene & Rose Warnecke, Jerry & Mary Hanneman, John & Eileen Schroeder, Tim & Mary Ellen Lehman			



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE A MASS STIPEND BALANCE AT ST. JOHN'S THAT HAS BEEN CARRIED OVER THROUGH THE YEARS

Following the laws and policies of the Church, anyone who has a Mass Stipend balance that has been carried over through years at St. John's for a loved one (Masses that you still need to schedule) needs to come to the office and we will reimburse you for the remaining balance. You will have until **April 13, 2026** to get your reimbursement. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you would like these remaining Masses said for your love ones and we will be sending them to the Chancery or to the Missionaries of the Precious Blood and they will say the remaining Masses for your loved ones. Thank you for your cooperation. Call the office if you have any questions.

2025 WHITE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE

These books contain staff members, parish program members, 2025 financials and a list of members registered at St. John's . The books are available at all the exists. One per family.

STEWARDSHIP

March 15, 2026

Offering

Loose	\$	1,027.25
Adult Envelope	\$	7,185.00
Children	\$	125.40
Maintenance	\$	350.00
Online Offering	\$	1,679.00
Online Maintenance	\$	181.00
Easter	\$	50.00
Initial Offering	\$	9.00
Holy Land	\$	5.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	700.00
Vocation Bible School	\$	65.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$	155.00
Total Collection	\$	11,531.65

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

Give Online Today!

Visit our website to get the E-Giving Form to fill out and return to the Parish Office. It is located in the left side above the Menu options.

NEED YOUR HELP

HEARTBEAT: Boys and Girls: Pull Ups Sizes: 2T/3T and 3T/4T, Summer sleepers Sizes 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months, 12-18 months, 3T and 4T, Baby bath/wash, Baby shampoo, Baby powder, Baby Lotion, Diaper rash ointment, Child toothbrushes.

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: ITEMS NEEDED: Pancake Mix and syrup, Canned Potatoes, Cream Style Corn, Boxed Potatoes. Place item in box in North vestibule of Church. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:** The Food Pantry is at Trinity United Missionary Church. Glandorf St. John's months are April & October. Each month we provide help for food distribution. April dates are Monday, April 13th (set up day) April 14th (distribution day) and Monday, April 27th & Tuesday, April 28. Questions or you plan on helping call or text Marlene 419-303-6531.

2026 GRAND-orf Club



Drawing will be **April 12th** along with **coffee & donuts** after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses in room 15 by **Pat & Barb Siefker**. Extra tickets are in the racks in the Church Vestibules.

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

Agnes C Dehnart 3/23/02	Elizabeth A Ellerbrock 3/25/00
Eileen M Schroeder 3/23/04	Franklin Miller 3/26/19
Rita M Schmitz 3/24/17	Nancy K Schimmoeller 3/27/22
Beverly A Siebeneck 3/24/18	Philomena C Nienberg 3/28/00
Virgil F Hageman 3/24/22	Doris M Sager 3/28/21
	Oscar C Burgei 3/28/24

Please Include them in your prayers

NEWLY MARRIED

Brendan & Claire (Inkrott) Siefker

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Marci Elisa, daughter of Ashley & Patrick Godsil

HOPE In Action

"As a young adult trying to build my life and career in the social work field, I don't always have a lot to give — but I know that giving to the ACA matters."

Give Today!

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$43,563.33.
TOTAL GIVEN \$37,606.09
86.33% OF GOAL

OUR RESULTS FROM LAST YEAR (2025)
2025 Goal \$43,645.64
% Of Goal Paid & Pledge Bal \$177.28
% Total Pledged & Paid \$77,374.13
Total Paid \$77,262.15
Pledge Bal \$111.98
238 Donors
Rebate \$16,808.26

HOPE In Action

ACA PRAYER

Lord, inspire my heart to put Hope In Action and to respond generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal, as I make an act of hope:

"O my God, relying on your infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer,

Amen."

Prayerfully consider your donation

Return Old Palms

If you want to get rid of your old palms, please drop them off in the South vestibule of Church by Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Let us keep in our
Prayers
 those preparing to
enter Church
 this Easter

Joseph Gossard
 Hannah Lutman
 Laura Stechschulte
 Caylee Verhoff



Let's Celebrate!
 Our newest members of
 the Church

Joseph Gossard
 Hannah Lutman
 Laura Stechschulte
 Caylee Verhoff

Please help us celebrate after the Easter Vigil in Room 15 of the Parish Center with Cake and "Congratulations".



Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning more about becoming Catholic?
 Don't wait!
 Call Mindy Recker today! 419-615-8926



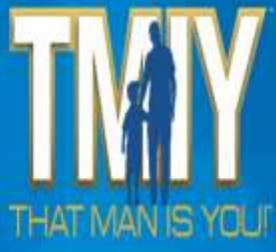
Attention ALL MEN!!!!

Join us on for That Man Is You
 Saturday, March 28th, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria or Wednesday, March 25th, 7-8:30pm in room 22.

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

SESSION 24
 (Sat & Wed)

"BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART" – The Triumph of Mercy



Presenter: Steve Bollman. Enlarging the Human Heart. Encountering the Father: Rich in Mercy. The Story of St. John Bosco. The Power of a Good Confession. The Gift of Peace. The Superabundant Mercy of God. John Paul II and Mercy.
Psalm 51:1-17, John 20:19-23, CCC 491, 1451-1469, Ephesians 5:25-27.

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!

March 7th : Exploring the sorrowful mysteries -
 Guest Speaker: Fr. Eric Kaufman
 (viewer discretion advised)

March 14th : "Why do Catholics pray for the souls in purgatory?"

March 21st : "What is so special about Medjugorje?"

March 28th : Learning to have a grateful heart ❤️

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

COME TO
GLANDORF,
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
ON MARCH 25TH, 2026




MULTIPLE PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HEAR CONFESSIONS AT 4 PM AND 7 PM. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 6:30PM - 7:30PM

"DON'T BE AFRAID; GO TO HIM!"

COME ENCOUNTER THE LORD, FOR THE LORD HAS LEFT THE LIGHT ON FOR YOU.

Pray the Station of the Cross concluding with Benediction Every Sunday at 1:00pm



Live Station of the Cross by God's Little Hero's on March 29, 2026 at 1:00pm

Lenten Penance Services around the area

Ottawa, Monday, March 30th at 4pm & 7pm

For additional opportunities to go to Confession at St. John's see page 4 of the bulletin each week.

Repent and turn towards the Gospel

OTTAWA K OF C FISH FRY

Friday, March 27th
Fish & Clam Strips
Serving from 4:30 - 7:00pm

LENT & THE ROSARY

Our Parish Lenten focus is Re-Consecration of our Parish to Mary.

Our Lady stressed the importance of praying the Rosary in each of her apparitions, usually asking the Rosary to be prayed every day for peace.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

- Visit Jesus in church
- Come to Adoration, times listed in bulletin
- Sacrifice Cards - fill out the sheets in church & drop in basket by Our Lady of Fatima statue in church during Lent
- Begin a habit of praying the Rosary, individually or as a family



Parish Rosary Times to join in church:

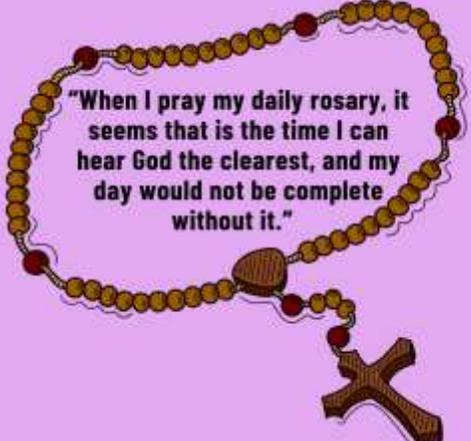
- Before all Masses but 10:30
- Fridays - Noon, for our Nation
- On St. Rita's Rosary Path, Elton & Jeanette Schroeder's

RE-CONSECRATION OF OUR PARISH TO MARY
DATE: TUE, MARCH 31
TIME: 7PM

Rosary Apps:
Laudate
Mary
Amen
Hallow
Formed
EWTN

How to pray the Rosary and more information is available in the back of church for you to pick up.

"When I pray my daily rosary, it seems that is the time I can hear God the clearest, and my day would not be complete without it."



Enjoy **Joyful Tuesdays!**

Faith, Fun and Fellowship!

At the cafeteria at Glandorf St. John parish center. There will be a Joyful Mystery Scripture Rosary at 6:30 pm, then fellowship and fun from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Come for either one or both!

Joyful Mystery Scripture Rosary
Example: Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit (Lk. 1:41) Hail Mary...



Tues., Mar. 24	6:30 pm	Rosary
	7:00 pm	Euchre/Solo
Tues., Mar. 31	6:30 pm	Rosary
	7:00 pm	American Sign Language Class 1
Tues., April 7	6:30 pm	Rosary
	7:00 pm	American Sign Language Class 2
Tues., April 14	6:30 pm	Rosary
	7:00 pm	American Sign Language Class 3



Children must be with parents the entire time.

Glandorf 2 Glandorf

50 Years of Partnership



In this 292-page book, experience 50 years of Faith and Friendship between the people of Glandorf, Germany, and Glandorf, Ohio, with reflections and stories from those on both sides of the Atlantic who have enjoyed and continue to enjoy the great impact this exchange has had on their lives. Learn how the exchange started and how it has survived and regrown, and is set up to continue well into the future through 2034 (Glandorf, Ohio's Bicentennial) and beyond.

Book Order Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Quantity to Order: _____

Cost per Book: \$38.00

Total Cost: _____ Amount Paid: _____

- Payments can be made by cash/check (payable to: The Mustard Seed at St. John's)
- Order forms and payments can be dropped off at the Mustard Seed at St. John's or at the St. John the Baptist Parish Offices
- Full payment must be made at the time the order form is dropped off
- Deadline to submit an order and payment is: **Monday, April 13th, 2026**
- Books will arrive sometime during the summer of 2026
- After their arrival, the book(s) will be able to be picked up at:
 - o The Mustard Seed at St. John's in Glandorf, Ohio

WE'RE HIRING

The Mustard Seed at St. John's is seeking a friendly, dependable Part-Time Store Associate to join our team!

We're looking for someone who is welcoming, detail-oriented, and enjoys serving. Retail experience is helpful but not required.

**To apply, please call
419-538-7220**

ST. MARTHA Workers

NEED YOUR HELP

CLEANING THE PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

Wednesday, March 25, 2026
9:30am
Parish Center Cafeteria

Any adult is welcomed to help!

Adoration for Lent

NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH JESUS EVERY HOUR!

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

ADORATION ON FRIDAY




SCHEDULE

EVERY WEDNESDAY
SEE TIMES IN BULLETIN

EVERY FRIDAY
1:00-4:00PM
CONCLUDING WITH
BENEDICTION

Worship

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

PRAYER FOR PEACE

(Inspired from the Appeal of Pope Leo)



Lord God, Father of all, in this time of rising tension, turn hearts away from violence and fear.

Break the spiral of hatred before it hardens our days.

Grant leaders wisdom and moral courage to choose dialogue over weapons and responsibility over revenge.

Protect the innocent, comfort the suffering, and restore the path of justice and peace.

AMEN

Glandorf St. John's Parish Altar Rosary Society

Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet

Who: All mothers, daughters, sisters, and women, young and old of the parish

What: Fun and Fellowship with a delicious meal by June Gerdeman, door prizes, 50/50 (at the door only), and entertainment by OGHS Show Choir

When: Sunday, April 19th after 10:30 mass

Where: Parish Center

Please RSVP no later than Monday, April 6th

RSVP by placing the below reservation and money in an envelope labeled "Mother-Daughter banquet" (all meals \$9.00 each) in the collection basket or rectory dropbox.

Any questions, please contact Sharon Mayhew at 419-615-5143

Reservation for 2026 Mother-Daughter Banquet

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Number 13 & over: _____ Number 12 & under: _____

Total Number Attending: _____ X \$9.00= Total Payment: _____

Checks made payable to Glandorf Altar Rosary

10 YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS



Lent
School



The Last
Supper



Apply for 2026

BENNING SCHOLARSHIP

FOR ALL GLANDORF ST. JOHN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Due on May 1, 2026 by 4:30pm

Due to delays with the United States Postal Service, we recommend dropping off the applications at the office.

Applications will be available in the south vestibule in Church in the Youth rack and at High School CCD.

** Make sure you have all the required documents attached to the application in order to be eligible for the scholarship.

SENIOR 2026

SAVE THE DATE

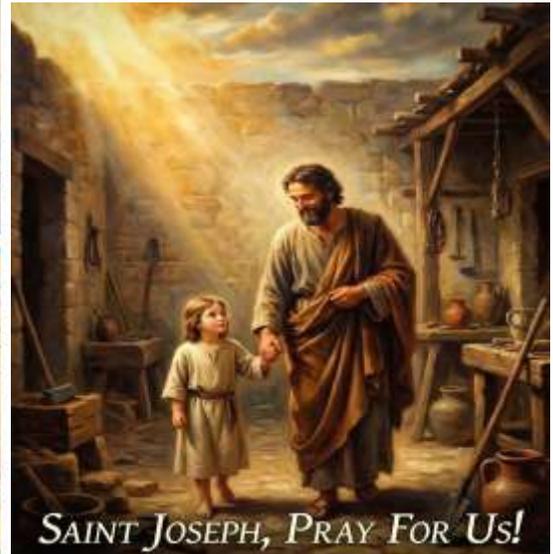
BACCALAUREATE MASS

MAY 17, 2026 AT 10:30AM

First Communion

May 3, 2026 at 1:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE





DONATIONS NEEDED

Work sites are all over the county and supplies are needed to help.

All of the work done is at no cost to those being helped. The youth and adults are asked to contribute a fee to cover the cost of a t-shirt, food and their supplies. We are asking residents, businesses and organizations to contribute as you can.

If you would like to make a donation of supplies, we can always use cleaning supplies, small tools, water, soda or snacks. A monetary donation is appreciated as well to help cover the cost of mulch or larger supplies.

Please contact **Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472 (in the evenings)** or the parish office with any questions.

Checks may be payable to St. Joseph's Catholic Church- YES and sent to P O Box 68, Ft. Jennings, OH 45844.

Thank you for your support of our youth groups and this project that teaches being of service to others offers long term benefits for our parish communities! The rewards are eternal!

The 2026 Youth Elect Service Project is hosted by St. Joseph's in Fort Jennings June 4-6

Involves high school youth and adults helping those in need with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or many other tasks that are just too difficult for our area residents to do. The ultimate goal is to spread the love of Christ and His message of Hope to those who need it most. Most of our work consists of helping private homeowners without family members nearby or unable to maintain or improve their

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (Teen application forms are in the back vestibules of Church)

Students incoming grade 7 through outgoing seniors are encouraged to join us for this weekend service retreat.

This will give you opportunities to make new friends from throughout the St. George Deanery and have some great fun, grow in faith and be the hands and feet of Christ in your community!

This 3-day rewarding experience will close with 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 6th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Registration forms are available from Nichole Schroeder or in the back vestibules of Church, and are due by **May 22!**

Bring your friends because the opportunities are endless and the reward is eternal!

NEED HELP WITH YOUR HOUSE?

Involves high school youth and adults **helping those in need with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or many other tasks that are just too difficult for our area residents to do.** The ultimate goal is to spread the love of Christ and His message of Hope to those who need it most. Most of our work consists of helping **private homeowners without family members nearby or unable to maintain or improve their homes.**

On **June 5th & 6th**, teens & adults from the St. George Deanery would love to help you! If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with jobs around inside or outside of your home, **please contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472 (in the evenings or weekends).**

Deadline to submit a request is May 24th.

PROJECT TEAM LEADERS NEEDED

Do you like to spend time helping those in need? We'd love for you to join our adult team leaders for the Y.E.S. weekend June 4-6 starting at Fort Jennings High School and working throughout the St. George Deanery! Adult team leaders and assistant leaders need to be current college freshmen, up to retirees! Nothing is more rewarding than sharing your time and faith with the Young Church of today!

For questions or to sign up as a team leader **please contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472 (in the evenings or weekends)**

Please answer His call today because the opportunities are endless and the reward is eternal!

2026 CUP AND CROSS SCHOLARSHIP



The Missionaries of the Precious Blood, United States Province is proud to carry forward our commitment to Catholic education through the 2026 Cup and Cross Scholarship. In 2026, we will again award \$1,000 scholarships to students who plan to attend a Catholic college.

To be eligible, the student must be enrolled in or accepted to a Catholic school that does not receive state funding. This scholarship is designed to assist families who have chosen a Catholic education grounded in the faith and life of the Church.

We encourage members of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood and Companions to nominate one student who would benefit from this opportunity. Each member or Companion may submit one nomination. To ensure integrity in the process, family members of the nominator are not eligible. If you do not have a student in mind, we encourage you to contact your local Catholic school to identify a family who may benefit from this opportunity.

The scholarship committee, chaired by Fr. Al Ebach, C.P.P.S., will review all applications and select recipients based on commitment to faith, academic effort and a spirit of service.

As St. Gaspar del Bufalo said, *"The Lord has given us a voice to proclaim his word, hands to distribute blessings, and a heart to love him."* By supporting Catholic education, the Missionaries continue the mission of forming young hearts in faith, knowledge and service.

Below, you will find the application form. Completed applications must be submitted by June 1. We are grateful for your involvement in this effort to make Catholic education more accessible and to invest in the future of our faith communities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us



at mission@preciousbloodus.org.

To get the application <https://tinyurl.com/489exxum>

Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



“Go and Repair My House: The Year of Saint Francis of Assisi”

The year was 1206. A young Francis knelt before the Crucifix in the Church of San Damiano outside of Assisi, Italy, which was falling into ruins. Francis heard the voice of Christ Jesus speak to him from the cross: “Francis, go and repair my house, which is falling into ruin.” Understandably, Francis took this exhortation to mean that he should physically rebuild the crumbling church, but later came to understand that instead it was a call to mission to revitalize the Catholic Church!

In his first Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, published on October 4, 2025, the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV wrote: “Eight centuries ago, Saint Francis prompted an evangelical renewal in the Christians and society of his time. Wealthy and self-confident, the young Francis was taken aback and converted by his direct contact with the poor and outcast of society. The story of his life continues to appeal to the minds and hearts of believers, and many non-believers as well. It ‘changed history.’ And in January of this year, Pope Leo established that a special Year of Saint Francis be proclaimed, “in which every faithful Christian, following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, shall become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace.” To that end, I write to encourage you intentionally to engage this special year dedicated to Francis, and to consider more deeply his life and legacy.

After several encounters with the Lord who came alive and spoke from that Cross of San Damiano, Saint Francis wrote this “Prayer before the Crucifix,” a prayer which has become a favorite of mine:



*Most High glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart
Give me right faith, sure hope and
perfect charity.*

*Fill me with understanding and
knowledge
that I may fulfill your command.*

For some folks, the name of Saint Francis conjures up images of garden statues of the saint preaching to the birds, or a sweet cartoonish character surrounded with Disneyesque animals! For some he is reduced to a pacifist, an ecologist or environmentalist. Often folks miss the radical Gospel poverty he embraced and his lifelong commitment to the poor. Some might recall that it was Saint Francis who gave us the first (living) Christmas creche, or that it was he who

gave us the words we so often pray with the Stations of the Cross: “We adore you O Christ and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.” We all need to see how central the Cross was to his spirituality and to recall that he received toward the end of his life the stigmata, the mystical wounds of Christ evident on his body. Many are simply unaware that the profound humility of Saint Francis was manifested in his judging himself as the worst of sinners. This Lent, there is much to ponder about this extraordinary Saint, and however deep your knowledge and familiarity with him, I invite you to spend time in prayer, reading and doing some “digging” to discover the full range of the multifaceted virtues and example of such a beloved saint, whose love was born from the Cross.

Even as we commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis, we marvel at the extraordinary number of faithful making pilgrimage to Assisi to pray before his relics, exposed for veneration for the first time since his death. And even now, as we remember the Francis who traveled to Egypt to meet with the Muslim Sultan during the fifth Crusade to encourage peace, we ourselves beg the Lord for peace in this, our time of war.



Saint Francis of Assisi in Ecstasy, Caravaggio c. 1595

Among the most powerful artistic testimonies to the transforming love of God at work in the life of Saint Francis is the celebrated work “Saint Francis of Assisi in Ecstasy,” painted around 1595 by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio. This oil on canvas masterpiece by the Italian Baroque master depicts the moment Francis receives the stigmata — the miraculous impression of the five wounds of Christ upon his hands, feet, and side. Caravaggio renders the scene not with triumphant spectacle, but with intimate tenderness: Francis reclines in a near-swoon, cradled gently by an angel, bathed in the luminous light that breaks through surrounding darkness. The stigmata represent the summit of Francis’s union with the crucified and risen Lord. He who had knelt before the San Damiano Cross in prayer had so given himself to God that his very body bore the marks of Christ’s Passion. Caravaggio’s masterwork invites every believer to contemplate the depth of love to which each of us is called — a love that transforms, that costs, and that ultimately becomes a witness of glory. Our love is born from the Love of the Crucified and Risen Jesus.

In the spirit of this holy year, and in communion with the universal Church, I am pleased to announce that during this time of grace, extending through January 10, 2027, the faithful are granted the opportunity of a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions. As Francis embraced both the Crucified Christ and all of creation with open arms, so too are we called to embrace our brothers and sisters, our world, and our God with renewed zeal, mercy, and love.

I am deeply grateful to the Sylvania Franciscan Sisters, the Tiffin Franciscan Sisters, and the Conventual Franciscan Friars of the Province of Our Lady of Consolation for graciously opening their campuses to the faithful of our Diocese. Through their generous hospitality, Catholics throughout the Diocese of Toledo are able to participate in this Jubilee Year by making a pilgrimage to the following Franciscan Pilgrimage Sites:

Portiuncula

On the Motherhouse grounds of the Sylvania Franciscan Sisters
620 Convent Blvd, Sylvania, OH 43560
Open Every Day from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Motherhouse Eucharistic Chapel

On the grounds of the Tiffin Franciscan Sisters
200 St. Francis Avenue, Tiffin, OH 44883
Chapel: Open Wednesday & Sunday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Mass at 11:00 AM,

Grounds: Open Every Day, 9:00 AM to Dusk

The Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation

The Conventual Franciscan Friars of the Province of Our Lady of Consolation
315 Clay St, Carey, OH 43316
Open 24/7

For more information on the pilgrimage, on obtaining the “Passport,” and more on how to participate, go to toledodiocese.org/francis.

Please join me in the hope and prayer that this Jubilee Year may draw us ever more deeply into the mystery of God’s love, revealed in the face of His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the person of Saint Francis who so radically imitated the Lord! May Saint Francis of Assisi, who so completely surrendered himself to that love, intercede for us and lead us along the path of peace, joy, and holiness. As Francis himself prayed before the San Damiano Cross, so let us pray with renewed hearts — asking God to enlighten the darkness of our own lives, to strengthen our faith, hope and charity, and to set us aflame with love for Him and for one another. As Francis heard the Lord’s exhortation from the Cross, so may we too become models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace, architects of an evangelical renewal, building up the Church through lives enriched by a deeper encounter this year with Saint Francis. Saint Francis, intercede for us!

+ Daniel E. Thomas

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
February 27, 2026

14 AROUND THE AREA



GARAGE & BAKE SALE!

Putnam County Right-to-Life

March 24 - 25, 2026

Updated, Extended Hours
Tues., Mar. 24th - 9 am to 8 pm
Wed., Mar. 25th - 9 am to 4 pm
Knights of Columbus Hall
10759 Road H, Ottawa
 Please bring donations and baked items on Sunday March 22nd from 2 pm to 6 pm and Monday, March 23rd from 9 am to 6 pm

Glandorf Lions Chicken BBQ/Pork Chop Dinners
 March 22, 2026
 11:00-1:00pm
 Glandorf Fire Department Drive-Thru

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

A Good Friday Music Reflection presented by
Adoramus Ecumenical Choir

Friday, April 3
 12:00 noon

Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation
 315 Clay St.
 Carey, 43316



Putnam County Council on Aging April Activities

Date	Event	Time	Location
4-1-2026	Bingocize	10:00am	Putnam County Council on Aging, Ottawa
4-2-2026	Bingo	1:00pm	Fort Haven Apartments, Fort Jennings
4-6-2026	Exploring AI Together	1:30pm	Putnam Co. District Library, Ottawa
4-7-2026	Medicare and Medicaid Updates	1:00pm	Fogle Center, Leipsic
4-14-2026	Graze and Gather	1:00pm	United Methodist Church, Continental (Northside)
4-16-2026	Planters and Friends	10:00am	Northside Lions Den Shelterhouse, Kalida
4-22-2026	Strong Bones Today	1:30pm	Community Center, Vaughnsville
4-28-2026	Euchre	10:00am	Northside Lions Den Shelterhouse, Kalida
4-30-2026	Spring Fling Party	10:00am	Arthur-Lugbihl Community Center, Pandora

For more information or to attend please call the Council on Aging at 419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760




Brought to you by OGIS Junior Optimist Club

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 29th 2026
 In Glandorf Park @ 12:30

Hunt includes 3 Age Groups:
 3 & under, 4-6, 7-8

Don't forget to bring your own basket!

Get a picture with the Easter Bunny!

July 31-August 2, 2026

CAMP MIAKONDA

Diocese of Toledo

QUO VADIS FOR HIGH SCHOOL



for more info and to register: www.quovadis.org

cost \$40

READY FOR A CHALLENGE? This retreat opportunity is designed for high school guys (entering grades 9-12) to explore their faith and future.

led by our Fr. John Gernhardt and Fr. James Quinlan. (823) 492-8425 dcc@toledodiocese.org 419-234-4256

toledohighschool.org

August 2-3, 2026

CAMP MIAKONDA

Diocese of Toledo

QUO VADIS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL



for more info and to register: www.quovadis.org

cost \$25

READY FOR A CHALLENGE? This retreat opportunity is designed for middle school guys (entering grades 7-8) who want to explore their faith and future.

led by our Fr. John Gernhardt and Fr. James Quinlan. (823) 492-8425 dcc@toledodiocese.org 419-234-4256

toledohighschool.org

Middle School Teachers (Grades 5-6)

Sts. Peter & Paul School

We are seeking 2 qualified and enthusiastic candidates for the positions of Middle School Science and Language Arts Teachers (Grades 5-6). All those who hold a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a valid Ohio teaching license, including recent graduates, are encouraged to apply.

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education or Related Field
- Valid Ohio teaching license/certification
- Skilled in Technology
- Ability to Collaborate as a Member of a Cohesive Team

Preferred Qualifications:

- Practicing Catholic
- Classroom Experience

Please email cover letter, resume, and list of 3 professional references to Connie Niese at cniese@spsknights.org.

Applications accepted until March 31, 2026



CREATE AN ACCOUNT

- Go to FORMED.org
 - Click Sign Up.
 - Chose sign up as a parishioner / organization
 - Find your parish, type in Glandorf Oh - Click on St. John 109 Main St. Glandorf when it pops up.
 - Fill out create a New Account.
- Already have a FORMED account.
- Visit FORMED.org.
 - Click Sign In - upper right corner



We're thrilled to welcome back Fr. Patrick Gonyeau to Restoring Hope, the podcast of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. In a powerful episode, Fr. Gonyeau dives into his new book, *Into the Fire: Intimacy, Mission, and Miracles: The Life of Adventure in the Holy Spirit*, inviting us to step boldly into a life ablaze with the Holy Spirit. He shares real stories of intimacy with Jesus, courageous mission, and the miracles that unfold when we surrender everything to God. If you're hungry for renewal, deeper prayer, and a faith that's alive and on fire, you won't want to miss the conversation. Tune in and discover the adventure that awaits when you say "yes" to the Spirit!



Tune into Restoring Hope at <https://www.preciousbloodus.org/podcast> and on most streaming platforms.



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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.

BLUETOOTH HEARING ASSISTANCE

WILLIAMS AV NOW AVAILABLE IN CHURCH

WaveCAST App

- Connect to wireless internet: ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM Password: stjohnsound
- Download the WaveCAST APP
- Upon opening the app it will prompt you with No internet Connection and ask if you want to use cellular. Choose "KEEP USING WIFI"
- The channel St. Johns Sound will be on the home page of the app. Click St. Johns Sound & adjust volume accordingly.

For any question and for those who do not have Bluetooth capabilities with their hearing aids and would like to use a hand held receiver during mass please contact the rectory office 419-538-6928 and ask for Ashley.

Missionary Pulse

The latest issue is here!
Copies will be available at all the exits this weekend.

419-260-5811
projectrachel@toledodiocese.org

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

SAINT MICHAEL'S GROUP

ReclaimingHearts@toledodiocese.org

Freedom & Brotherhood - For Men Battling Pornography
All communication is confidential

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>

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 CFPC for more information at 614-634-1043 or divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com

God Raises People from the Dead!



In today's Old Testament reading God promised His people that He would raise them from their graves. In the Gospel story Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from the dead. At the end of time God will raise everyone from the dead.

God does not like death. We all have to die because we are sinful, but God wants to raise us from the dead, like Lazarus.

Did you know that there is something worse than dying? Sinning is worse than dying, because when you commit a mortal sin you kill God's life in your soul. When you die you know that your body will rise again, but if you are not sorry for any serious sins then your soul will go to Hell because it doesn't have God's life in it. In Lent we should try to get rid of all the sin in our souls by going to Confession so that our souls will have God's life in them and be ready to celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter!

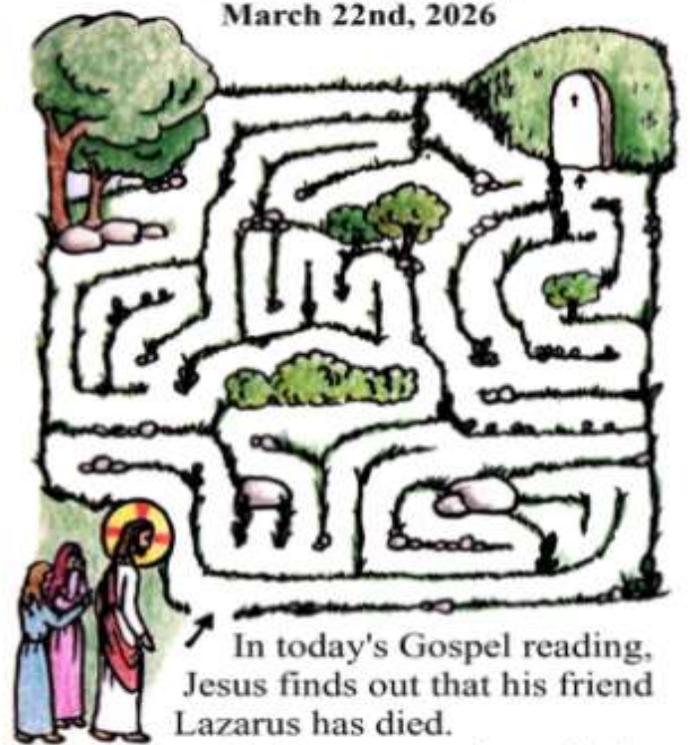


Answer to Ezekiel Puzzle: I will open your graves and have you rise from them.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

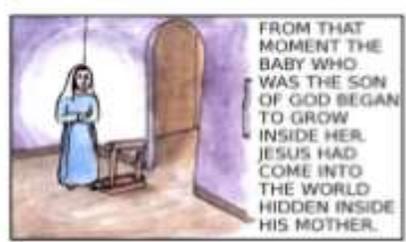
The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22nd, 2026



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus finds out that his friend Lazarus has died. Can you find your way through the maze to the tomb where Jesus will raise him from the dead?

THE ANNUNCIATION MARCH 25

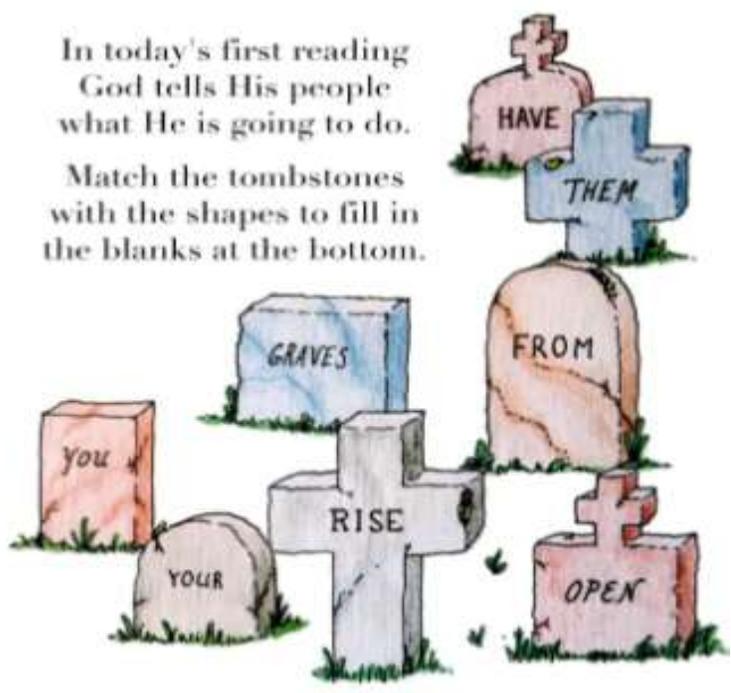


THE ANNUNCIATION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS OF THE YEAR BECAUSE IT IS WHEN JESUS FIRST CAME TO EARTH, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS STILL HIDDEN. GOD DEPENDED ON MARY TO SAY 'YES' TO HIS WILL EVEN THOUGH IT WAS VERY HARD. WE SHOULD BE ALWAYS READY TO DO GOD'S WILL TOO!

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An Ezekiel Puzzle

In today's first reading God tells His people what He is going to do. Match the tombstones with the shapes to fill in the blanks at the bottom.



I will _____
 and _____

