St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood St. George Deanery

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SNOW EMERGENCY LEVELS

Diocese of Toledo Snow Emergency Policy: "Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, during which all roadways are closed to nonemergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion.

If **Putnam County** is ever under a Level 3 Snow Emergency the regular Mass times will be canceled here at St. John's. There will be a Mass at Noon, if you can get here safely you are welcome. If not, we encourage you to watch it on cable channel 3 or on our Youtube page. Level 1 and Level 2 if you can get here safely you are welcome.

a book to read." ~St. Gaspar del Bufalo

The Crucifix:

WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH?

- If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher, Funeral Server, Choir, Spirit and Song Group and any other way.
- If Interested in becoming a member on our Finance Committee or Parish Council
 Committee. Please call the parish office for more information and to be put on the next ballot.

Call or email the Parish Office.

2 FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT

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At the beginning of Lent, I said that Lent is about preparing for baptism. Lent is about journeying with those that are preparing for baptism and entrance into the church at Easter. Lent is about us who are already baptized journeying to Easter preparing to renew our baptismal promises. Lent is about us preparing for that six-question test at Easter. Last week in preparation for the test we studied what it means for us to be totally committed to Christ and in part of our study we discovered that being totally committed to Christ neans to step out of our comfort zone so that we can encounter to the glory of God. Today, I want to continue with this theme of preparing for a test.

We prepare for a six-question test, the first question on the test is "Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?" where you will answer this question and the five other questions by saying "I do".

As you prepare to answer "I do" to these questions can you say that your "I do" is a true "I do" that your life, your heart reflects what "I do" says? Or does perhaps does your "I do" say one thing and the actions of your life say something different?

In our scriptures today we hear God giving the Israelites the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments is for us moral code on how we are to live our lives. As I visit with our CCD students as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confession, I remind them that the Ten Commandments provide us with an aid to help with examining our conscience. How am I doing at following the Ten Commandments or perhaps it might be more accurate to say how am I not following the Ten Commandments or how could I be following them better? As our list of violations and/or how we could be living the Ten Commandments add up.

So, to does our "I do" saying one thing and the actions of our lives are saying something different as we prepare for our test at Easter. Our saying "I do" and the actions of our lives are meant to mirror each other, match each other. At times they say different things and in these moments, we need the Lord to enter the temple of our lives and do like he did in the Temple in our scriptures today to drive out, to spill over, and overturn tables. Just as a Jesus returned the Temple back to the way it was supposed to be, Jesus when he enters the temple our lives, he can return our lives back to the way they are supposed to

be. Jesus can only do this if we let him into the Temple of our lives. We do this by making time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation or we might look at those bad habits in our lives and find ways to change them. Lent is a good time for doing this, because we are preparing for a six-question test at Easter. A sixquestion test that we know the answers and we can give the right answers. But it is not enough to just give the right answers, we are meant to believe and do what these words say. What adjustments to your life do you need to make to be ready for the test?



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ABOUT OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MARCH 4 St. Casimir			SERVERS	
8:35am Rosary	Mon	8:00am	Communion Service - no serv	ers needed
8:00am Communion Service	Tue	8:45am	Students	
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 5</u>	Wed	8:00am	Jerry Hanneman	
8:20am Rosary	Thurs	8:45am	Students	
8:45am Salome(AN) Oedy	Fri	8:00am	Ken and Paula Elchinger	
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6	Sat	8:00am	Caleb Schroeder, Zachary Schroeder, Miles Niese	
7:15-7:45am Confession	Sat	4:30pm	Riley Trombley, Noah Schroeder, Landyn Schulte	
7:35am Rosary	Sun	8:00am	Evan Brady, Parker Heckman, Makenna Siefker	
8:00am Kleman-Burgei Families	Sun	10:30am	Cole Morman, Madison McKee, Aubrey Siefker	
6:30pm - 8:15pm Adoration	Sun		Reese Karhoff, Cameron To	•
7:45pm-8:20pm Confession	oun	1.00pm	Servers for Stations of the Cro	
THURSDAY, MARCH 7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity			for training.	
8:00am Penance 2A			EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS
8:20am Rosary	Sat	4:30pm	Steve Brown	Aubrey Leopold
8:45am Russ Nienberg(AN) FRIDAY, MARCH 8 St John of God, Religious			Sharon Brown	Derek Brown
7:15am-7:45am Confession	Sun	8:00am	Deb Burwell	Diane Nienberg
7:35am Rosary			Gretchen Schmitz	Doug Karhoff
8:00am Jeff Kleman(AN)	Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding	Chris Birkemeier
12:00pm Rosary			Rose Ellerbrock	Mindy Recker
1:00pm-4:00pm Adoration	Sun	1:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Jeanne Schram
4:00pm Evening prayer with Benediction–Deacon Don			GIFT BEARERS	
SATURDAY, MARCH 9 St. Frances of Rome, Religious	Sat	4:30pm	Robert & Sandy Verhoff	
7:35am Rosary	Sun	-	John & Pat Inkrott	
8:00am Karl Kleman	Sun		Ron & Sue Bellman	
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Oscar & Marie Kuhlman, Alvin & Gertrude Schmitz,	Sun		Elton Schroeder, Joe Schroed	
Gerald Schmitz	Sun		Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum	1
SUNDAY, MARCH 10~ 4th Sunday of Lent			R SUNDAY: 5	
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Herbert Maas,	1 IIII &	Mary Ellen	Lenman	
L/D Mildred & Thomas Nienberg Family,				
Thomas Heuerman				
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Lou & Jim Dailey, Caroline Schmitz,				
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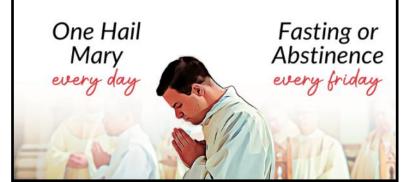
1:00pm - 2:00pm Stations of the Cross with Benediction-

enthusiasm.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR

THE MONTH OF MARCH: For the new martyrs We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary

Deacon Don



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.

Updated CYO SPORTS

Diocesan Policy for CYO Sports--All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish to play on the parish team. St. John's Parish Policy for High School CYO-Playing any sports this year? It is a privilege to play sports for St. John's and not an expectation. You are expected to attend both the Fall and Winter Semesters of High School Religious Education CCD Classes. Attendance at these classes will be monitored and reviewed. For each class missed beyond 4 classes you will be sitting out one game per absence. Parents, if your child will be absent, please contact or text Ruth Gerding at 567-204-1275 before class. All high school players are required to give 5 hours of service to St. John's by January 14, 2024. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Without the gift of the Eucharist, we do not exist as a parish, and you do not have the privilege of playing for St. John's. All coaches and players are required to attend Saturday evening or Sunday Mass. If you miss, we kindly ask that you sit out that week's game. All coaches and high school players are to spend one hour in Adoration on Eucharistic Day. If you miss, we kindly ask that you sit out one game. If you do not have time for the LORD, you do not have time to play sports. We kindly ask the cooperation of all as we implement this policy for the good of our parish and the good of the Church. (Fr. Matt Keller & Mike Karhoff, Parish Council President)

CATECHISM CORNER

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

Corporeal Work of Mercy: Give Drink to the Thirsty from "The Works of Mercy Explained" by Silvia Vecchini

"Everyone who thirsts, come to the Water..." Isaiah 55:1

Our bodies need both food and water. The lack of water; however, will kill a person long before the lack of food can. Water is indispensable for life, and yet in the world more than a billion people do not have access to drinkable water. There are even more people who get their drinking water from unhealthy sources that expose them to various diseases. Not even animals or plants can live without adequate water. Life is not possible without water. That's why the United Nations declared that access to water is a human right.

We are called to do everything in our power to assure that those who are thirsty can drink and all who need water can access it. Water is a resource that all people must share in a just manner, without overusing or excluding anyone. This work of mercy also urges us to reflect on how we use water each day and ask ourselves whether we are being responsible with it.

Jesus was born in a land where water was drawn from wells every day by women and children using heavy buckets – a method of getting water that's still used in many parts of the world today. That is why Jesus was inspired to speak of a gushing spring of water; the Holy Spirit, which is always capable of quenching our deepest thirsts. As usual Jesus calls us to do more. He reminds us that the world is "thirsty" for love, and that those who know God's love can quench their neighbor's thirst and offer themselves freely to others. Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:5-14)

Saint Spotlight: St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta spent her life among the poorest of the poor in India. Her example reminds you that when you "quench" someone's thirst, you are freely choosing to love your neighbor. When you give what you yourself need, you also receive a gift: your own thirst is quenched.

Reflection: Think of a time when someone gave you "water" to drink. How are you being invited to do the same for others?

<u>Action Ideas:</u> Take a shorter shower or turn off the water while brushing your teeth to save water and offer up a sacrifice. Fast from a favorite beverage treat (such as soda or latte) and donate the money to projects helping to build wells. Prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. Quench Jesus' thirst and your own by praying a favorite aspiration such as "Come, Holy Spirit!" or "Jesus, make my heart like Yours!". Satisfy the spiritual thirst of others by leading them to faith, prayer and teaching them about God.

PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP

Offering

Loose	\$ 1,223.00	
Adult Envelope	\$ 9,274.53	
Children	\$ 137.00	
Maintenance	\$ 770.00	
Online Giving	\$ 2,290.00	
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 25.00	
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00	
VBS	\$ 120.00	
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 50.00	
Total Collection	\$13,894.53	

February 25, 2024

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

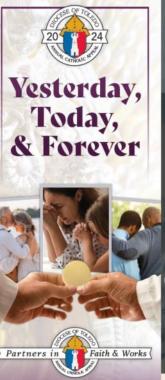
Heartbeat needs size 6 Pull-ups

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)

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Catholic Relief Services Mission Statement

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching as we act to: PROMOTE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies; and, SERVE CATHOLICS IN THE UNITED STATES as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world. As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, we work with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality. Next Sunday March 10, 2024 a special collection for Catholic Relief Services please be as generous as your means allows.



COUNTLESS LIVES ARE TOUCHED BY EVERY CONTRIBUTION TO THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL THEMED YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER. CHILDREN, SEMINARY STUDENTS, THE SICK AND AGED, THE NEEDY-THEY ALL DEPEND ON OUR GENEROSITY, FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE COME ALIVE THROUGH THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL. THANK YOU FOR PLEDGING TODAY TO HELP MEET OUR PARISH GOAL AND ASSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THESE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MINISTRIES FUNDED BY THE APPEAL, VISIT ACATOLEDO.ORG. THANK YOU!

Our goal this year is \$45,833.77.

Total pledged and paid \$4,118.37. We are 8.99% of goal

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PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR DONATION.

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.

James Riepenhoff Patricia Deters

WEDDING BANN

II 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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH FAMILY Brad and Richelle Riepenhoff and their son Gage

BAPTIZED

Lorelai Frances, daughter of Daniel and Natalie Stanescu

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

Laura M Shankey 3/3/12 Kristen Elaine Hempfling 3/4/05 Raymond F Nienberg 3/4/09 Thomas John Siebeneck 3/5/18 Lawrence F Romer 3/7/01 Violet J Lally 3/7/09 Violet J Lally 3/7/09 Thomas Russell Nienberg 3/7/23 Jeffery D Kleman 3/8/20 Jeanette K Meyerhoffer 3/8/22 Donald J Ellerbrock 3/9/20

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

<u>Elementary & Jr. High Corner</u>

First Communion Parent Meeting Tuesday, March 5th

at 6:30pm in the Parish Center Cafeteria

- Do you have a family member who is a Priest that would like to Concelebrate Mass or a family member who is a Deacon who would like to participate at Mass? Please bring their contact info. (Name and Phone #)
- Do you have a family member who would like to participate as a Lector, Usher, ExtraOrdinary Minister, or a High School Mass Server? Please bring their contact info. (Name & Phone #)

2024 LENT SCHOOL



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Drawing Ashes on our own faces.



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



High School Corner

HS (CD will be held at 7:00 PM in the parish center. Reminder to all: MARK YOUR (ALENDARS---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, Coordinator of HS (CD





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 www.stjohnglandorf.org 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!



AROUND THE PARISH



Attention ALL MEN!!!! Join us on for That Man Is You



Wednesday, March 6th, **7-8:30pm in room 22** OR Saturday, March 9th, **6-7:30am in the cafeteria.** For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ mbkarhoff@bright.net, 419-796-0763

TMIY "WORTHY OF THE CALL" – The Tridium through Jewish Eyes (Sat. 3/9, Wed. 3/13) (session 22) Presenter: Dr. John Bergsma: Theme: Called to Lift Up Your Mind. Explore and understand the details we miss in the Passion. The four sources that provide the Jewish perspective. The Treasures of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Shedding light on our understanding of Christ's last days. Unraveling the mysteries and oddities of what the Gospels tell us. John 12:1, 19:13-14, Mark 14:1,12,51-52, Luke 22:10.

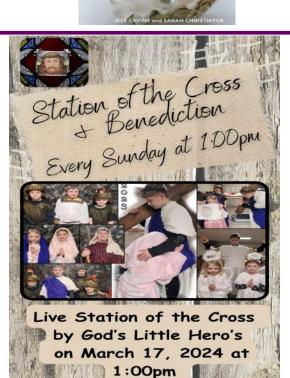
JAMES BIBLE STUDY Mondays March 4, 11, 18 2-week break - April 8, 15, 22, 29 7-8:30pm St. Johns Parish Center, Glandorf OH

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

James

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

ADVENTURE



AROUND THE PARISH





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



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!



Health Coaching for Women -Rooted in the Catholic Faith Christine Schroeder INTEGRATIVE NUTRITION HEALTH COACH

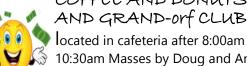
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email: christine@restore23.net website: www.restore23.net



PARISH CENTER ACTIVITIES

Every Second Sunday of the Month March 10, 2024 COFFEE AND DONUTS



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



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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

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

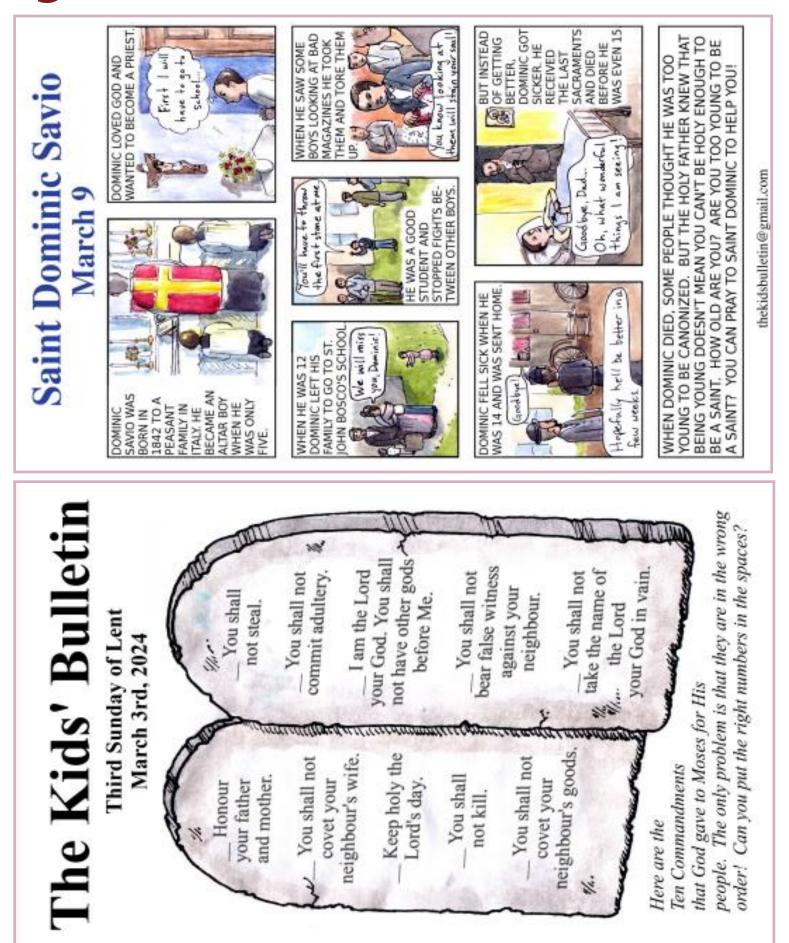
Please help us collect non-perishable foods for the Ottawa Food Pantry. This food drive serves many families in need within our community.

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 three masses.

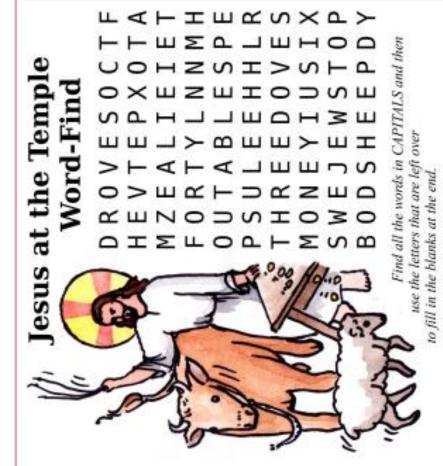


The mission of St. Catherine's Embrace is to reach out to, assist and embrace all families in the St. George Deanery, regardless of faith affiliation, who have lost a child from miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death. Sciet Cathorines Please call the rectory 419-538-Embrace 6928

KID'S BULLETIN



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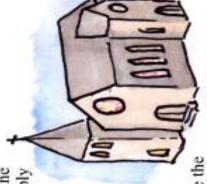


Jesus made a whip out of cords and DROVE them all out of HOUSE will consume me. The JEWS said to Him, "What them and said, "Destroy this temple, and in THREE days I sign can you SHOW us for doing this?" Jesus answered under construction for FORTY - SIX years, and you will disciples recalled the words of Scripture, ZEAL for your the TEMPLE area, with the SHEEP and the OXEN, and OVERTURNED their TABLES, and to those who sold will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been DOVES he said, "Take these OUT of here, and STOP SPILLED the COINS of the MONEY-changers and making my FATHER'S house a market place." His raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of of

Sacred Places

reading Jesus drives the animals and were people who were selling sacrifices to God. By the time that Our Lord was born, there animals right in the area of the money-changers out of the sacred space. In the old times, people would Temple. In today's Gospel bring animals to offer as FATHER'S HOUSE NOT MAKE MY OF TRADE! A HOUSE You SHALL

At one time the men who sold the animals for sacrifices were probably trying to make money, and they supposed to be used for people away. But now they were just were taking up space that was really helping the people who came to the Temple from far to worship God



Temple. Every Catholic church is a special place made for worshipping God in the Mass. We should always behave walking quietly, not talking inside the Church unless it is respectfully in church, and remember that Jesus is really there in the tabernacle. We can show our respect by We also have sacred spaces like the



to act in church!

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KID'S BULLETIN

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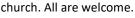
Fort Jennings, Wednesday, Feb 28th at 7:00pm Kalida, Wednesday, March 6th at 4:00pm & 7:00pm Ottoville, Sunday, March 10th at 2:00pm Miller City, Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00pm Continental, Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30pm Ottawa, Monday, March 25 at 4:00pm & 7:00pm



Putnam County Right Meeting

on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:30 pm in St. Michael's Church basement.

Please come in from the front entrance of





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



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

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Open Arms Awards Nominations

CATHOLICS 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.



AROUND THE AREA



serving 4:30-7:00pm

Adoration meditation for families

My Lord Jesus Christ, it is Your great love for us that keeps You day and night present in the Blessed Sacrament, full of compassion and love, waiting for us to visit You. We believe that You are really present in the Sacrament of the Altar. From the depth of our hearts, we adore You and we thank You for the many graces You have given us, especially for the gift of Yourself in this Sacrament, for the gift of Your most holy Mother as our Mother and for the privilege of visiting You in this church at this time.

Praying for our families

We come to You with praise and thanksgiving for the family members You have given us. God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support. (pause)

Instill in each member, the spirit of understanding and affection for each other. (pause)

May the mutual love and affection of parents set a good example. We ask Your unfailing support for the parents in our Parish to remain strong and lasting examples of Your love and prove to be worthy disciples of Jesus. As parents grow older, please renew their strength and let them live according to Your purpose and plans. (pause)

Instill in children self-respect that they may respect others and grow in mature independence. Lord, we ask for Your emotional, physical, and spiritual protection over the children of our parish and of our families. Keep evil far from them and help them to trust You as their refuge and strength. We pray You will guard our children's minds from harmful instruction and grant them discernment to recognize truth. (pause)

May the mutual affection and respect of families be a sign of Christian life here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Gods Mercy

We bring to You now the places we have all failed to love one another, these places that have created strained relationships. Jesus, you know our hearts, our wounds, and our sins. You know how much we love and care for each other. Help us to remember that we are all children of God. Help us to remember we were created in His love. Help us to remember that when we do hurtful things or when family members hurt us, that is not who we were created to be. When we desire to fix our relationships, help us to come to You first and ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance in what we should do or say, or if we should stay still in Your presence, trusting You are healing our relationships in this very moment without us lifting a finger.

Please accept our heartfelt apologies for all the sins we have committed, remembering the slightest disobedience causes deep wounds in Your most merciful heart...... Jesus, we trust in you....... We surrender ourselves and our families into Your Most merciful, loving, healing and sacred heart.... trusting that there You will cleanse our sins, heal our wounds, and restore us to one who gives all glory to You.

Thanksgiving and action

Jesus, though we now leave Your Eucharistic presence, we will carry Your divine love to everyone we meet. Because You give so much love to us, help us not to be selfish. Bless us as we will try to share Your love with our families, our classmates and friends, our neighbors and everyone who crosses our paths. Help us to respect and love them, and to accept them as they are, not as we would like them to be. May Your blessing, dear Jesus, help us to please You in everything we do. Thank you, Jesus, for this time with You. We will visit You again soon because we know You are always here waiting for us.



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