

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood



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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.

CYO SPORTS

DIOCESAN POLICY FOR CYO SPORTS – All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish in order to play on the parish team. PARISH POLICY FOR HIGH SCHOOL CYO Playing any sports this year? You are expected to attend both the Fall & Winter sessions of High School Religious Education Groups or Grade School CCD Classes---plus weekend Saturday or Sunday Mass. This includes all players, coaches and their families. Attendance at these groups/classes will be monitored and reviewed. For each class missed, beyond 4 classes you will be sitting out one game. Parents, if your child is sick, please call or text Jenn Warnecke at 419-302-8465 before class. This also includes the **PUTNAM COUNTY GRADE SCHOOL BOY'S & GIRL'S CYO SPORTING TEAMS.** We kindly ask the cooperation of all concerned as we implement this church policy for the good of our parish. Fr. Matt & Mike Karhoff

2 FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT

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Today is our 8th Graders big day! Today they are going to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and this weekend a child is going to be baptized. As we celebrate these two Sacraments of Initiation this weekend and as I reflect on our scriptures for today, I think they are nicely paired together.

In our scriptures today a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is the first, Jesus answers by saying “Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:29-31). When parents present a child for baptism, they are accepting the duty and responsibility of raising their child in the faith, they say they are going to teach that child to love God and neighbor the way Christ taught us.

Godparents say they are going to help the parents in this duty. In a certain sense I would say is the mission of our baptism is to love God and to love our neighbor the way Christ taught us. Following and living the commandments to love God and neighbor the way Christ taught us personally at times can be a challenge. I am not a parent, and I would imagine at times it can be a challenge to teach these commandments to a child. Not to mention at times we live in a world that lives and teaches the opposite of following these commandments.

To follow, to teach, and to live these commandments on our own is impossible, we cannot do it by ourselves. But with the Lord’s help, particularly with the help that comes to us through the grace of the sacraments makes it possible for us to follow, teach, and live these commandments. We often define the Sacrament of Confirmation as the rite of passage where adolescents becoming adults in the church, or they are accepting the faith their parents and godparents once professed for them at their baptism as their own. In a certain sense this is true. The Sacrament of Confirmation is also about living our faith, this sacrament is about preaching/giving witness to the gospel. I like to ask students preparing for confirmation if they are ready to go and out preach the gospel? How many are nervous, anxious, or afraid going out to preach the gospel? The Sacrament of Confirmation is about sealing the Holy Spirit in us giving the strength we need to go out and preach the gospel particularly in those moments when it is not easy. It was after Pentecost that Apostles were set on fire, they were no longer afraid, and they went out preached the message of Jesus.

Today also marks the beginning of National Vocations Awareness Week and as I reflect vocations and sacraments, two vocations are also sacraments Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders. Both vocations and sacraments are called to give witness to Christ’s love. Both are called to love God and neighbor. And both at times can struggle with giving witness to love at times and it is in these moments that we need that sacramental grace to help us give witness to love.

May the grace of the sacraments help us to give witness to Christ’s love.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 St. Charles Borromeo

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:00am-7:00pm Come & Pray-Election Day
8:20am Rosary
8:40am L/D Bert Ellerbrock Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:15am-7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am Ken & Michelle Horstman Family
6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration
7:45-8:15pm Confession

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:20am Rosary
8:40am Special Intention, L/D Mel Hovest Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

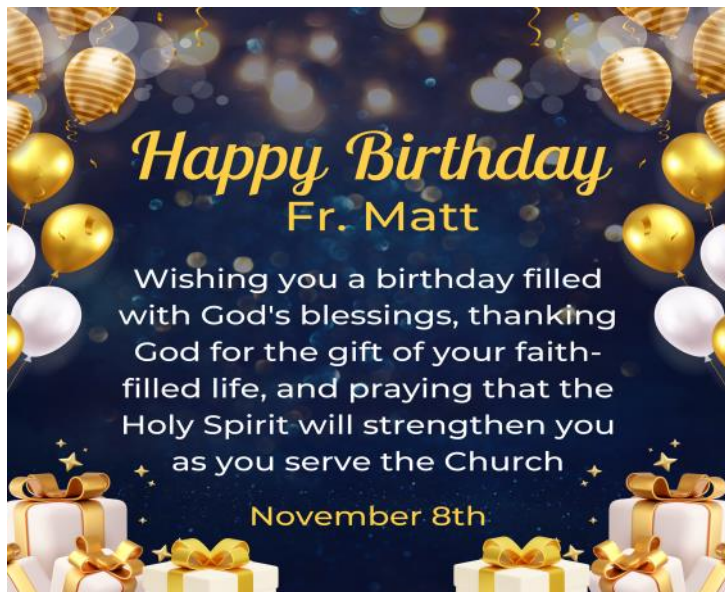
7:15am-7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am Cleo Schroeder, L/D Mel Lammers Family
12:00pm Rosary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Agnes Karhoff
8:30am Confessions
4:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Carolyn & Bob Warnecke, Bob (AN) & Rita(AN) Maag, Nellie Maag, Richard Maag, Charlie Maag, John Maag, Ken Maag, Roy & Hazel Leap, L/D Larry & Jeanette Maag Family, L/D Alvin & Gertrude Schmitz Family, Gerald Schmitz, L/D Urban Warnecke Family, Dale (Styx) Warnecke

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10~32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:35am Rosary
8:00am L/D Ken Ellerbrock Family, Larry Kirkendall, Denny Horstman, Jeff King, Merrill Raye, Ruth E. Kuhlman, Mark Hohenbrink
10:30am Frances Spangler, L/D Alfred & Mary Verhoff Family, Albert & Coletta Bockrath, Denny & Greg Farthing, Travis Schnipke
11:30am Baptism- Fr. Matt



SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:40am	Students
Wed	8:00am	Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram
Thurs	8:40am	Students
Fri	8:00am	Ken & Paula Elchinger
Sat	8:00am	Luke Haselman, Lyla Walker, Megan Miller
Sat	4:30pm	Sam Warnecke, Adam Maag, Ross Maag
Sun	8:00am	Liam Kaufman, Hayden Kaufman, Brady Pester
Sun	10:30am	Madison McKee, Will Siefker, Aubrey Siefker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

Sat	4:30pm	Steve Brown Sharon Brown	Reagan Miller Morgan Miller
Sun	8:00am	Deb Burwell Gretchen Schmitz	Diane Nienberg Doug Karhoff
Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding Rose Ellerbrock	Janet Schroeder Jay Rump

*****Lectors - The Lector Workbooks for next year are now in the servers' sacristy. Please pick yours up today. These will start the first Sunday of Advent. Thank you!**

GIFT BEARERS

Sat	4:30pm	Bruce & Linda Schroeder
Sun	8:00am	Ken & Linda Klass
Sun	10:30am	Keith & Beth Hempfling

NOVEMBER USHERS

Sat	4:30pm	Kevin Ellerbrock, Alex Ellerbrock, Sam Warnecke, Chase Maag
Sun	8:00am	Chris & Tim Hoehn
Sun	10:30am	Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 6

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Tim & Mer Lehman

NOVEMBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Deb & Mike Ebbeskotte, Betty & Don Nienberg, Carol Kaufman, Diane Utrup, Steve & Deb Leopold, Linda Schroeder

National Vocation Awareness Week

November 3-9, 2024

The purpose of this week is to pray that all members of the Church will be open to God's plan in their lives.

A Prayer For Vocations

Almighty God, make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same.

Inspire men and women to respond generously to your call to service and leadership in your church as priests, consecrated religious and deacons.

Amen.

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:**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 2, 2025 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 419-244-6711 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

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

“For us men and for our salvation, He came down from Heaven” (Continued) *“Who can forgive sins but God alone?” (Mark 2:7)*

We saw last week that Jesus established the Sacrament of Reconciliation to forgive us of our sins and restore right relationship with Him. He does, not because we deserve it, but because He is merciful.

But what is sin? Sin is turning away from the love of Christ to follow our own broken ways. There are two types of sin: mortal and venial. Mortal sin is the most serious type of sin. In order for a sin to be considered mortal, three conditions have to be met: 1) It is a sin, 2) You know it's a sin, and 3) You choose to do it anyway. Mortal sin breaks the life of grace in our souls.

The other, less serious, sin is venial sin. Though this is a lesser degree of loss of grace, never-the-less venial sin still turns us away from God and makes us more likely to commit further sin. When we justify these smaller sins, we begin to lose the recognition of the effects of sin in our soul. The more venial sins we commit and accept, potential leads to committing mortal sins.

God can – and wants to – forgive all our sins, no matter what they are! After all, this is why he chose to die for us! In fact, God not only wants us to be forgiven of our sins, but He desires a conversion of heart!

Conversion is the act of turning to God. What are some ways we can experience a true conversion?

-First, we cannot convert unless we admit our sinfulness. Be aware of who you truly are and what sins are on your soul. To do this, examine your conscience daily. There are many good examinations on the internet or apps.

-Next, we must know and love God. To do this, we must read His Word, go to meet Him in prayer, and receive Him in Holy Mass. Learn about your Catholic Faith, learn about the saints who have much to teach, serve others, pray daily, and receive the Sacraments regularly.

-Finally, we cannot convert without actually making a choice to do better. It takes real effort to turn toward God and reject that which leads us to sin. This is why the Sacraments are important to receive regularly. It's through the Sacraments that we are filled with God's grace that gives us strength to overcome our temptations. We have to cooperate with God's will. To do that, we must be people of prayer. It is through that communication of prayer that we build a relationship with God and come to know His will for us.

Conversion of heart is a journey and one must be patient and have perseverance, keeping in mind the final goal. A conversion of heart will create a new heart in us that is in tune with Christ and we truly become people of God. We truly become who He intended for us to be...made in His image and likeness.

Let us pray: “Lord, we thank you for your great mercy toward us. We ask you to help us turn from sin and seek your forgiveness, and we ask you to give us the grace to forgive others. Give us a conversion of heart where our strongest desires are to come into communion with your great love and the plan you have for my life.”

STEWARDSHIP		October 27, 2024
Offering		
Loose	\$	632.00
Adult Envelope	\$	7,893.00
Children	\$	81.00
Maintenance	\$	190.00
Online Offering	\$	2,467.50
Online Maintenance	\$	223.75
All Saints	\$	30.00
Total Collection	\$	11,517.25

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.stjohnnglandorf.org

Heartbeat needs Baby wipes, Diapers - size 4, 5, and 6, 3-6 and 6-9 month plain white onesies, Enfamil formulas (Infant and Gentlease) & Similac Neosure formula (for preemies)

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

Foods Needed at the Ottawa Food

Pantry: pineapple, salad dressing, jelly.
Note: Monetary gifts are also welcome. (Send in care of Trinity UM Church, 137 N. Pratt, Ottawa)

THANK YOU!

- ◆ For the generous donation to our Maintenance Fund in memory of Anna Meyer

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

Dorothy H Kuhlman 11/3/03	Donald J Unterbrink 11/6/00
Phillip W Gerding 11/3/04	Mary Jane Leopold 11/6/15
Dean R Shalter 11/4/02	Jeffrey J King 11/6/20
Leona R Kleman 11/4/03	Gertrude R Schmitz 11/8/12
Paul A German 11/4/15	Eileen P Kindle 11/8/17
Bernard E Jerwers 11/5/12	Marcus J Roof 11/8/17
Elizabeth K Burgei 11/5/17	Urban J Warnecke 11/9/01
Glenn L Deters 11/5/19	Alphonse L Aversch 11/9/18
	David E Kimmet 11/9/22

November prayer for Precious Blood vocations

God, our creator and redeemer, by the blood of your Son, you have brought all people near. Raise up faithful ministers, especially priests, brothers and sisters for your Church; so that the world may see the fallen lifted up the old made new, and all things brought to perfection through Him who is their origin, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen!

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: For anyone who has lost a child



We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

November prayer list

1. Fr. Kenneth Schnipke
2. Fr. Kenneth Schroeder
3. Pray for vocations
4. Fr. James Seibert
5. Br. Antonio Sison
6. Fr. James Smith
7. Fr. Jerome Stack
8. Fr. William Stang
9. Fr. Jerome Steinbrunner
10. Pray for living and deceased C.P.P.S. members
11. Fr. Daniel Torson
12. Fr. Dien Truong
13. Fr. Joseph Uecker
14. Fr. James Urbanic
15. Fr. Michael Volkmer
16. Fr. Truc Minh (Joseph) Vu
17. Pray for those in formation
18. Br. Joseph Vu
19. Fr. Hoa (Vincent) Vu
20. Fr. William Walter
21. Fr. Thomas Welk
22. Fr. Ronald Will
23. Fr. Vincent Wirtner
24. Pray for living and deceased Companions and Amici
25. Fr. Paul Wohlwend
26. Fr. John Wolf
27. Br. Theophane Woodall
28. Fr. Mark Yates
29. Br. Juan Acuna González
30. Fr. Kenneth Alt

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 of

David Hand

WEDDING BANN

I Kendra Duling, of this parish, daughter of Jeff & Brenda Duling & **John Bourne**, of St. Joseph, Wapakoneta, son of Charles & Cindy Bourne

II Abigail Whaley, St. Mary's, Leipsic, daughter of Tony & Elaine Whaley & **Jacob Schmitz**, of this parish, son of Melvin & Shirley Schmitz

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION HURRICAN HELENE RELIEF DONATIONS



Our prayers go out to those who perished, their families, and untold numbers of people who were injured and suffered devastation wrought by Hurricane Helene. Hundreds are reported dead and many more remain missing in the aftermath of record-level rainfall and flooding that destroyed homes and entire communities along a 600-mile path across six states.

As in past disasters, Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Charities agencies in impacted areas for this disaster relief effort. You may donate to Hurricane Helene Relief on our <https://catholiccharitiesnwo.org/how-to-help/new-donate-page.html>

Checks made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, with a Hurricane Helene Relief designation, can be mailed to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you for compassionately supporting those in need!

CONSECRATION OF THE ELECTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mary Immaculate, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by angels and men; Queen of heaven and of earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God; Patroness of the United States of America, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to thee, our refuge and hope.

Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works, and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of thy Son, we humbly ask that thou wouldst turn thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion.

We consecrate to thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our country may be accomplished, and that all of those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of thy Son.

Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve.

Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that thou wilt take care of us and will not leave us forsaken. O Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen.



COME & PRAY

November 5th
Election Day



St. John's Church will be open
for

Eucharistic Adoration
7:00am till 7:00pm

7:00am Morning Prayer

8:40am Mass

Noon Rosary

3:00pm Divine

Mercy Chaplet

7:00pm Evening Prayer with
Benediction



COME & PRAY

November 5th
Election Day



We would like to invite all the adult women of St. John the Baptist Glandorf to a **Welcome Retreat** Weekend!

Begins on Saturday November 16 @ 8am & ends on Sunday November 17 @ 4pm.

The **Welcome** experience helps people discover what is missing in their lives and what to do about.

Welcome is an experience that helps teach you how to draw closer to Jesus Christ.

Free to attend. Meals provided. Casual dress. This is not an overnight retreat.

What are the benefits of going on a WELCOME RETREAT? You will find the answer to four important questions: Who am I? What am I here for? What matters most? What matters least?



Use the QR code to sign up or call Amy Owens with questions.
419-615-8024





Attention ALL MEN!!!! Join us on for That Man Is You (TMIY)
Saturday Nov. 9th, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria or
Wednesday, Nov. 6th, 7-8:30pm in room 22.

For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ mbkarhoff@bright.net,
 419-796-0763

TMIY "APOSTLES OF THE NEW SPRINGTIME" – The Earliest
 Church (Sat. 11/9, Wed. 11/13) (session 9) Presenter: Michael
 Gormley; Jesus Invites You into His Mission, The Book of Acts is the
 Gospel of the Holy Spirit, The Mission of the Church, There is No
 Church without the Holy Spirit, Learn to Suffered Joyously, Be Open to
 the Lost and the Marginalized. Acts 1:8 Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16.



Fresh Whole-Hog Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, November 10th, 9:00 – 12:00
 At the Glandorf St. John's Parish Hall

Free Will Donation

Proceeds to help offset the cost of Glandorf students to
 attend Catholic Youth Summer Camp (Damascus).

Dine in, carry out, or drive thru

Organized by the St. John's Outreach Group

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

If you would like or need a gluten-free host, please contact the par-
 ish office to let us know. We would like to accommodate if there is a
 need. Thank you!



Attention Parishioners: Fall clean-up at the cemetery is
 underway. Please remove all spring & summer flowers, etc.
 After November 10, 2024 all will be discarded. Thank you for
 your attention to this matter. Jeff Gerding, Cemetery Caretaker

and Manager

OCIA

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Monday, November 4

St. John's Parish Center Cafeteria

**Topic: #8 Why Do I need the Church? The
 Mystery of the Catholic Church**

Snack person: Dora Hunt

All our welcome. If interested, call the office to
 register.

faith

to move mountains

MATTHEW 17:20

NEED YOUR HELP OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA)

We are looking for volunteers to bring snacks to
 our upcoming OCIA meetings. If you enjoy
 sharing your favorite treats or simply want to
 contribute, this is a great way to help out!
 Different snack ideas are meat and cheese tray,
 veggie bars, fruit tray, veggie wraps or cookies.
 These are only suggestions any type of snack will
 be greatly appreciated.

The meetings will be on Monday nights starting in
 September. You will need to provide snacks for
 10 people and you can drop them off around
 5:45pm in the Parish Center.

Please sign up for a date that works for you. To
 sign up to bring snacks click on the link or scan
 the QR code below.

<https://rb.gy/9swxl5>



Your contribution will be greatly appreciated by everyone
 attending! Thank you for your generosity and support.

CALLING ALL FAMILIES!

BE PART OF OUR ADVENT TRADITION

As we prepare for the holy season of Advent, we invite
 families to participate in a beautiful parish tradition by
 lighting the Advent wreath before Mass. This is a
 wonderful way to involve your family in the celebration
 and reflect on the meaning of Advent together.

We encourage families of all ages to sign up to light the
 wreath at one of our weekend Masses throughout the
 Advent season.

How to Sign Up: Simply call the parish office or sign up
 online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA9AF2FA1F>
FC25-52626183-2024 to choose a Mass time that works
 best for your family. Spots are limited, so don't wait!

Let's journey through Advent together
 as a parish family, bringing light and hope
 into our hearts and our community.



*Eucharistic Adoration
Election Day*

7:00am - 7:00pm

SPEND SOME QUIET TIME WITH JESUS THIS ELECTION!



Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator in the back of Church or sign up online using the link or QR code

<https://tinyurl.com/mu3cxp45>



**ST. JOHN'S
2025 PARISH PICTORIAL**

To Order additional Parish Pictorials

If you had your family picture taken by Universal Church Directories you will receive a free St. John's Parish Pictorial. If you submitted a family photo you will need to purchase a St. John's Parish Pictorial. If you would like additional copies of St. John's Parish Pictorial then you will need to order them. The cost for St. John's Parish Pictorial is \$25.00 per copy. Payment is due, when you pick up your additional Parish Pictorials from the office. We will publish in the bulletin when the additional copies will be available for pick up. You will have one month to pick up the books you requested. After this period, we cannot guarantee that the books will still be available. Please make arrangements to collect your books or call the office to make special arrangements when the time comes.

SCAN ME TO SIGN UP



If you ordered an additional Parish Pictorial at the appointment or called the office before 08/25/2024, we already added you to the list. If you want to confirm or have questions call the office.

OR CLICK THE LINK <https://form.jotform.com/242345304164146>

Our Beloved Parishioners that passed away from November 2, 2023 to November 2, 2024

- Donald Riepenhoff 11/17/2023
- Stephanie Crumrine 1/11/2024
- Caroline Schmitz 2/2/2024
- Patricia L Deters 2/25/2024
- Judith Jerwers 3/12/2024
- Oscar Burgei 3/28/2024
- Eugene Ellerbrock 4/6/2024
- Margaret Mary Gillette 6/6/2024
- Brother Jerry Schulte 6/9/2024
- Maxine Karl 7/23/2024
- Melvin Lammers 8/1/2024
- Harold Utrup 8/1/2024
- Robert Duling 8/14/2024
- Joseph Gerdeman 8/28/2024
- Esther Recker 9/9/2024
- Kathleen Jones 9/20/2024
- Thomas Lauth 9/27/2024
- Micheal Leach 10/13/2024
- Anna Meyer 10/15/2024

May the Perpetual Light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

PARISH CENTER ACTIVITIES

**Every Second Sunday of the Month
November 10, 2024**

GRAND-ORF CLUB

No coffee and donuts do to Outreach Breakfast in the Parish Center Cafeteria by **Craig and Kristin Duling**



LENDING LIBRARY

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

PARISH MUSEUM

Visitation Hours
from 9:00am—12:00pm
Located in Hallway.

For visitors outside of the scheduled time call the office.

FORMER GLANDORF GERMANY TRAVELERS/ HOST FAMILIES

We are doing a joint project with Glandorf, Germany collecting short stories about our visits. Please take a little time and write a short story about your experience. These tales will be used to make a book of our memories. Email your story to brink311@bright.net. The deadline for the stories is December 1, 2024.


Thank you!




Advent Mission

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Jesus in the Eucharist Our Way to Heaven

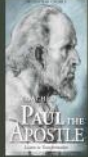


Monday, Nov. 18 & Tuesday, Nov. 19
7:30 - 9:00 PM
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Glandorf



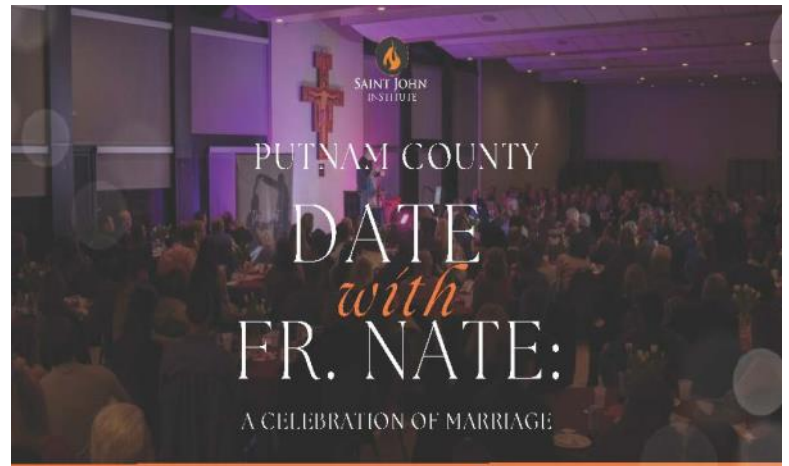
Fr. Nathan Cromly - Speaker

Founder and President of St. John Institute
Author of "Coached by Paul the Apostle,
Lessons on Transformation"
Books will be available to purchase



Free Will Offering will be taken

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SAINT JOHN INSTITUTE

PUTNAM COUNTY DATE with FR. NATE: A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

An evening celebrating the *Sacrament of Marriage*

Married and engaged couples are invited to relax, laugh, and learn together as Fr. Nathan Cromly shares a message of hope and love that strengthens marriages and families. He uplifts and inspires with humor, encouragement and practical advice. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soft drinks. Let this evening be a step towards a more spiritually fulfilling and heavenly-focused marriage.



Father Nathan Cromly

Scan me!

to register and learn more about the date night.



The Details

When: Saturday, November 23, 2024
6:00 p.m. - Doors open
Registration & heavy hors d'oeuvres
7:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Presentation

Where: K of C Hall
718 Napoleon Rd.
Kalida, OH 45853

Cost: \$70/couple

Become a sponsor!

If you or your business would like to sponsor an event, please check our tiered options on the registration page. Sponsorship includes a couple's ticket and the chance to display a corporate logo/name on the event board and handouts.


Questions? Please contact putnamcountydatenight@gmail.com

PRAY & FAST

for an increase in vocations to the priesthood

One Hail Mary
every day

Fasting or Abstinence
every friday



Appreciation Dinner

Sunday, November 24, 2024
at 11:30am in St. John's Parish Center

This dinner is for anyone who volunteers in our parish and their spouses. Parish Council, Finance Committee, Parish Center renovators & cleaners, St. Joseph's & St. Martha's workers, SONday Fun Day Committee and anyone who volunteered at SONday Fun Day, Church decorating Committee, Choir, Server Trainers, Adult Servers, Lector Trainer, rosary prayers before Masses & for funerals, Distributor Trainers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Spirit & Song Group, Nursing Home Mass helpers, Funeral Meal helpers, Funeral planning person, RCIA/OCIA Team, High School CCD facilitators, Adult Faith Group, Volunteers of CCD, Pre-school Committee, Little Flower Leaders, Altar Rosary & Men's Society Officers, Cemetery Committee, Marriage Prep. Leaders, Marriage Prep. Coordinator, PMI Mentor Couples, Wedding Rehearsal Coordinators, VBS Team, CYO Coaches H.S./grade school, those who lock & unlock church, Scout Leaders, rectory helpers, envelope/bulletin stuffers & St. John's Food Pantry workers.

Please **RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 18th**. You can sign up by scanning the QR code or call (419)538-6928 or emailing at admin@glandorfstjohns.com or holding down the control and clicking the link below.

<https://form.jotform.com/242956377612162>

We appreciate all that you do for St. John's Parish.



10 AROUND THE AREA



STS. PETER & PAUL BEREAVEMENT GROUP

We will begin meeting on the Second Wednesday of the Month at 9:15 in the Side Chapel. If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet up with others who have, please join us in the Chapel after Mass on Wednesday, November 13 at 9:15 a.m.

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thursday November 14 at Lima Central Catholic. Mass will begin at 5:45PM followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Sr; Mary Deb Giles.SND. Sister Giles will be sharing her knowledge and experience in the field of spiritual direction. Persons who have an interest in this topic or the mission of the Serra club are welcome to attend as guests. If interested in attending, please respond to 419-303-0339 will later than Tuesday, Nov. 12.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

NOVEMBER 16-17, 2024
AT ST. CHARLES CENTER

THIS WEEKEND RETREAT IS FOR SINGLE MEN 18-40 YEARS OLD WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DISCERNING THEIR CALL FROM GOD. WHEN WE TAKE TIME TO REFLECT UPON THE BESSINGS WE RECEIVE FROM GOD IN OUR LIVES, WE BEGIN TO APPRECIATE MORE FULLY GOD'S HAND AT WORK WITHIN US.

For more information contact
Fr. Angelo at 937-228-9263



GLANDORF LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

If you like to put a Christmas Display up in the Glandorf Park, please contact
Eddie Duling
(419)538-6308.



HEALING RETREAT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

A one-day healing retreat for women who are hurting after an experience with abortion.

To register or learn more, contact Kerstin, Project Rachel Coordinator in the Diocese of Toledo, at kpakka@toledodiocese.org or 419-260-5811.



OTTAWA K OF C CHICKEN AND FISH FRY

Friday, November 8, Serving
from 4:30 – 7:00pm

HOW TO CREATE A FORMED.ORG ACCOUNT FREE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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 Have questions? Call 419-890-3724



Christian Gifts & Educational Resources

Mustard Seed Gift Shop normal business hours

Tues, Thurs, & Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm;
Wed 10:00am - 6:00pm;
Sat 8:00am - 1:00pm

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Contact Wendy Imm, BSN CFPCP for more information at 614-634-1043 or divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com



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

Hot Breakfast

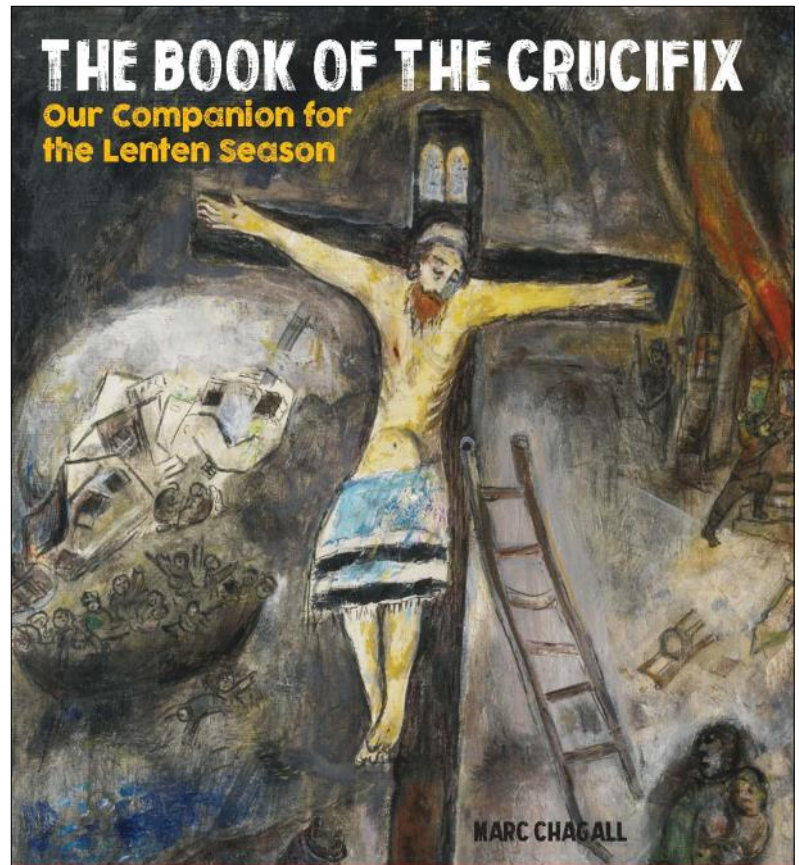
SUN. NOVEMBER 17 2024
 LOCATION: KALIDA K OR C HALL
 TIME: 8:45-12:30

Don't miss out on a total hot breakfast spread! If interested in purchasing tickets contact a Kalida Students for Life member or Jill Zeller! Contact Info: stmichaelyouth.kalida@gmail.com or 567-376-9115

TICKETS:
 PRESALE: ADULT \$8
 KIDS: \$5
 AT THE DOOR: ADULT \$9
 KIDS: \$5
 KIDS- 12 AND UNDER
 2 AND UNDER FREE

If interested in giving a donation please contact 419-788-4137

Hosted by the Kalida Students for Life Group



THE BOOK OF THE CRUCIFIX

Our Companion for the Lenten Season

MARC CHAGALL

FEBRUARY 23-27, 2025
 ST. CHARLES CENTER, CARTHAGENA, OH

Facilitated by Fr. Ben Berinti, CPPS, Pastor Immaculate Conception Church, Melbourne Beach, FL & Provincial Councillor

BOX OF JOY

BY CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Once again this year, Holy Family Radio will be sponsoring the Box of Joy program for children suffering from severe poverty in Guatemala, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Grenada, Honduras, and Malawi. In 2023, through your generosity, Holy Family Radio provided 1,692 gift boxes of the 131,308 total boxes by Cross Catholic Outreach. Through the Box of Joy program, you can ensure these children are not deprived of Christmas blessings this year. By packing a gift box and sponsoring the cost of its shipment (\$9.00 per box), you can deliver a Box of Joy to a child overseas who would otherwise receive nothing. Please join Holy Family Radio in supporting this great cause by participating. Gift boxes and additional information are available in the back of church, and filled boxes can be returned there at any time up through November 10th after 10:30 mass. For any questions or additional information, please contact Brad Rump by phone/text at 419-722-9437 or by e-mail at brump@ustires.org or go to the website at www.crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/. This is a great way to get your children and grandchildren involved in gift giving to the Poorest of the Poor.

"In all things, let us not cease studying the great Book of the Crucifix."
 St. Gaspar del Bufalo, Founder, Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Our retreat will draw us into the central experience of the Lenten journey—the Cross of Christ. Through word, art, music, prayer and reflection, we will answer the invitation to “come, draw near, fear not, and behold the mystery and the wonder of Jesus’ cross.” Participants will also receive a guide for weekly reflections throughout the Lenten Season in this Year of Jubilee.

Retreat participants are asked to bring a Bible, journal (optional), and a small personal crucifix that holds special meaning for them.



CHRISTMAS SCHOOL

All preschool children (at least age 3 and toilet-trained) of the Ottawa-Glandorf area are invited to attend Ecumenical Christmas School, December 2-6, 2024. Trinity Methodist Church has once again offered the use of its facilities for this worthwhile program. Youngsters of all faiths will meet at Trinity for one wee, either from 9:00-11:00am or 12:30-2:30pm. Registration forms are available in the back vestibules of Church. Registration are due no later than Wednesday, November 13th. There is a \$10.00 registration fee for each child to cover supplies.



Congratulations!

To the newly Confirmed in the Sacrament of Confirmation and we pray for the continued blessings to be upon them. May they reflect the love of Christ into this world and work to make His glory known.

**St. John the Baptist
Catholic Preschool**

Quarter Auction & Vendor Fundraiser
Friday November 8th at 6:00 PM

Quarter Auction begins at 7:00
 Glandorf St. John's Parish Center

Featured Vendors
 *Bellame * Color Street * Design Unlimited *
 * Feel the Burn Hot Sauce * Gerding Design * Kolbe & Co. *
 * Leatherwood Creek Designs * Mary Kay * Norwex *
 * Pampered Chef * Rest Assured Sleep Solutions *
 * Scentsy * Sew & So * Signature Design * Tupperware *
 * Vendors subject to change *

\$15 Ticket Includes an Auction Paddle and 1 entry ticket for "Extra Auction Money"
 Reserve a table with 8 tickets for \$10 more
 Additional paddles are available for \$2
 50/50 Drawing & Door Prizes
Adults Only Please

Tickets available from:
 Preschool Office- 419 538 6264

Remember to bring your quarters!

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| Isaac Michael Ansley | Megan Gianna Miller |
| Logan Sebastian Birkemeier | Lee Joseph Moening |
| Gavin John Paul Bockrath | Alayna Catherine Okuley |
| Kya Elizabeth Bogart | Alexis Rita Parys |
| Ella Cecilia Brady | Caleb Joseph Pulfer |
| Cole Gabriel Carrera | Easton Gregory Rader |
| Alaina Alena Duling | Carson Sebastian Recker |
| Maci Mary Ellerbrock | Megan Cecilia Recker |
| Owen Andrew Ellerbrock | Chloe Elizabeth Schey |
| Trey Patrick Ellerbrock | Caleb Lawrence Schroeder |
| Will Francis Evans | Ella Frances Schroeder |
| Brooke Anne Felkey | Kamryn Elizabeth Schroeder |
| Claire Veronica Haselman | Wyatt Michael Schroeder |
| Hudson Stephen Heitmeyer | Zachary Isidore Schroeder |
| Brynn Francis Hohenbrink | Ayvrie Elizabeth Schulte |
| Grant Joseph Kaufman | Landon Sebastian Stechschulte |
| Whitney Faustina Kaufman | Maddox Andrew Stechschulte |
| Knox Joseph Kidd | Breyson Thomas Trombley |
| Jonathan Joseph Klear | Clare Hildegard Turnwald |
| Lydia Teresa Lammers | Calista Therese Vennekotter |
| Mason Joseph McKee | Collin Sebastian Verhoff |
| Mattilyn Anne Maag | Mallory Cecilia Verhoff |
| Riley Ambrose Maag | Mya Cecilia Wagner |
| Chase Isidore Meyer | Lauren Teresa Weis |
| Emmit Francis Miller | Ty Blaise Wrasman |

Glandorf Youth Choir for Christmas Eve Mass

ANY STUDENTS 5TH GRADE AND UP, INCLUDING COLLEGE STUDENTS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SING FOR THE 4:00 CHRISTMAS EVE MASS?

WE WILL BE PRACTICING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:15 AM TIL 10:00 AM IN THE CHURCH BALCONY.

OUR FIRST PRACTICE WILL BE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU!

Little Flower Bake Sale

November 10th

After the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses by the Fire Station

NEXT WEEKEND
 NOVEMBER 9TH AND 10TH
 AT ALL MASSES

Blessing of religious items

FOR EVERYONE
 IN THE PARISH
 ESPECIALLY
 FOR
 CONFIRMATION
 ITEMS
 RECEIVED.

1ST RECONCILIATION/1ST HOLY COMMUNION DRAGON SLAYER RETREAT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH AT STS.
PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL
REGISTRATION = 8:30 - 8:55AM
RETREAT = 9AM - 11:30AM

1ST RECONCILIATION

WILL BE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 7PM IN
CHURCH.
COOKIES AND MILK/JUICE WILL BE SERVED IN
THE PARISH CENTER AFTER.

You're Invited to the 2nd Annual



Stocking stuffing for Soldiers



Collecting items Oct. 1 - Nov. 12 - See back for details.

Tues., November 12 - 6:00-8:30 pm

Bigger and better than last year! This is a family event you'll not want to miss! There will be activities in every room of the parish center to get your family in the holiday spirit!

Check out the activities planned!

- 5 Craft Activities
- Escape Room
- Stuff Stockings
- Cookie Decorating & Hot Chocolate Bar
- 4 Minute-to-Win-It Activities
- Dance Party Room
- Visit & Picture with St. Nick
- Story Time
- Bingo

Mark your calendars! Hope you can make it!

Advent Sunday School

GLANDORF, ST. JOHN'S IS EXCITED TO OFFER A SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION THAT WILL RUN THROUGHOUT THE ADVENT SEASON TO HELP OUR YOUNGSTERS REMEMBER THE TRUE REASON FOR THE SEASON.

WHO: PRESCHOOL & PRE-K AGE CHILDREN
WHEN: DURING 10:30AM MASS - DECEMBER 1, 8, 15 AND 22

WHERE: GLANDORF ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTER

FORMS ARE LOCATED IN THE BACK VESTIBULES. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM AND TURN IN BY NOVEMBER 1ST TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN)

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN!

TOGETHER LET'S SPREAD THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

Fr. Matt's Birthday Parish Prayer Garden

We will be purchasing a statue. We need to find a statue that is best for this space.

In honor of Fr. Matt's birthday, we are excited to begin creating a perpetual Prayer Garden for our parish. Our vision is to gradually enhance the garden by adding statues, benches, and other features, turning it into a serene and welcoming space for prayer and reflection for all. The initial phase of the garden will take place in the area shown in the photo on the bottom left.

This year, we plan to purchase a statue as a gift for Fr. Matt. Additionally, we hope to install at least one bench and complete some landscaping work, depending on the funds raised.

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in creating a welcoming resting space for prayer, not only for Fr. Matt, but for all members of our parish! If you are interested in contributing to this project please place your donation in an envelope labeled "Prayer Garden" and place in the Sunday Collection Basket or in the mail slot of the Rectory Garage. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The location where we will be starting with the Prayer Garden.

Example of a Prayer Garden



Only \$10/
Person

Save the date!



Youth Group Bowling

— November 26th

Location: Ottawa Bowling Alley
Time: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

"God, what do you want me to do with my life for you?"

MARRIAGE | PRIESTHOOD | RELIGIOUS LIFE | DIACONATE

How Parents Can Foster Vocations

Imagine asking your son what he wants to be when he grows up, and he answers, "I want to be a priest!" What would your reaction be? Would you be worried or elated—or somewhere in between?

The truth is that God has a plan for each of your children; he wants them to be happy even more than you do! And their true happiness is found in discovering God's plan for their lives—their vocation—and following it wholeheartedly.

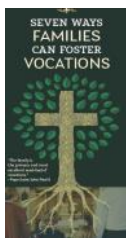
So if you're truly concerned about your children's well-being, it makes sense to help them discern their vocations, whether to marriage, priesthood, or religious life. Here are some simple ways to foster openness to God's call.

- 1. Snuggle up and read a story.** Sometimes the simplest ideas are best! Add some books about famous saints to your bedtime reading. There are dozens of fascinating, age-appropriate stories of saints who were priests and religious. There's even a comic book about St. John Paul II as a child!
- 2. Watch a better movie.** When it's time for family movie night, take a pass on Spy Kids 4 and check out A Mission to Love (the life of St. John Bosco). There are tons of other Catholic films that depict heroic and interesting priests and religious. The conversation afterwards is far more meaningful than which explosion was the biggest!
- 3. Set the record straight.** Media depictions of dating and sexuality are often opposed to authentic love. So when a TV show sends the wrong message, set the record straight about what leads to real happiness. Especially around teens, defend the sacrament of marriage.
- 4. Play dress up!** Just as children "play house" and pretend to be moms and dads, help them imagine the life of a priest, brother, or sister. A sheet or towel can serve as a sister's habit. A Ritz cracker makes a good host for Mass. This kind of play normalizes what can otherwise seem to be an "other-worldly" vocation. Plus it's a lot of fun!
- 5. Pray from the heart.** In your family prayers, pray for more priests and religious. Let your kids hear you praying for their futures. "Lord, watch over Simon today and give him the grace to grow up to be a strong man of God. Keep him close to You, always in Your perfect will."
- 6. Talk about vocations.** Speak openly about vocations to marriage, priesthood, and religious life. From the earliest age, make it clear that happiness in life is following God's plan. Tell kids that priests have an awesome job because they bring us the sacraments. Teach them that religious brothers and sisters make special vows to live like Jesus.
- 7. Befriend priests & religious.** Invite a priest, sister, or brother to dinner at your home. Personal relationships are key. When kids are comfortable around Fr. John or Sister Margaret, they're far more likely to be comfortable with the idea of a priestly or religious vocation when they grow older.

An Open Attitude

If your child expresses interest in the priesthood or religious life, be supportive. If you're excited, don't push too hard. If you're apprehensive, trust in God's plan. The best thing you can say is, "Whatever God wants for you, I want for you, too."

This content is from the brochure entitled "Seven Ways Families Can Foster Vocations" from Vianney Vocations. Also in Spanish



TOOLS TO HELP YOUR DISCERNMENT

DISCERNMENT: Generally, when people use the word discernment they are referring to the question of discerning your state in life (consecrated life, the priesthood, marriage or the consecrated single life). This is one of the most important questions you will discern in your life, but it's not the only time solid discernment will be necessary.

We are all called to holiness, but we are not all called to be holy in the same way. God's call to you is utterly personal.

Discernment helps you to figure out your personal call. This outlines four simple tools that are essential to discerning well. You will need all of them when you are discerning around major questions like your state in life, or career choices. They are also helpful as you discern other choices as well. Discernment is not a one time sort of thing. Decisions big and small should be discerned, as they all relate to your growing in holiness.

PRAYER: All vocations have God as their starting point. If you desire clarity regarding your vocation, you need a practice of regular mental prayer or meditation. Sit in the quiet with the Lord. If you've never spent time in Scripture, then Lectio Divina would be a great place to start. The Ignation practice of imagining yourself in a scene from Scripture is another great way to enter into meditation or mental prayer.

SELF—KNOWLEDGE: Vocations are personal. Your vocation is yours. God created you with your vocation in mind. So a thorough and honest knowledge of self is essential. What are your strengths? Weaknesses? What do you love? The goal here isn't to see how you compare to an imaginary checklist, but to help you understand that who you are is a part of God's call. This is the very personal aspect of your vocation.

COUNSEL: People who know you well can be helpful sources of information. Share with them what you are thinking, and ask them what they think. Your parish priest would be another great resource for you. Eventually, you will want to find a spiritual director who sits with you and listens to your story. Their only task is to help you learn to hear God better.

ACTION (AND CONFIRMATION): At some point, your discernment will move from a conversation between you and God to include more people. This requires you to take concrete steps. At first, they will be about getting more information. That will lead to inquiries, conversations, and community visits. As you bring these experiences back to prayer, you will discover places where you just would not fit, and that's okay. The goal is to find the place God has prepared for you.

Missionaries of the Precious Blood, United States Province
vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org or cpps-preciousblood.org

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

In today's Gospel reading, one of the scribes asked Jesus what was the most important commandment of God. Jesus told him that the most important rule to love God with everything- our heart, our soul, our mind and all our strength. The next most important rule is to love others as much as we love ourselves.



God made us to love Him. We will never be really happy unless we do. But if we keep God first in our lives then everything else will happen the way God wants it to. If we love God first, then we can love others the way God asks.

What can you do to keep God first in your life? How about saying a prayer as soon as you wake up in the morning, and last thing before you go to bed at night?

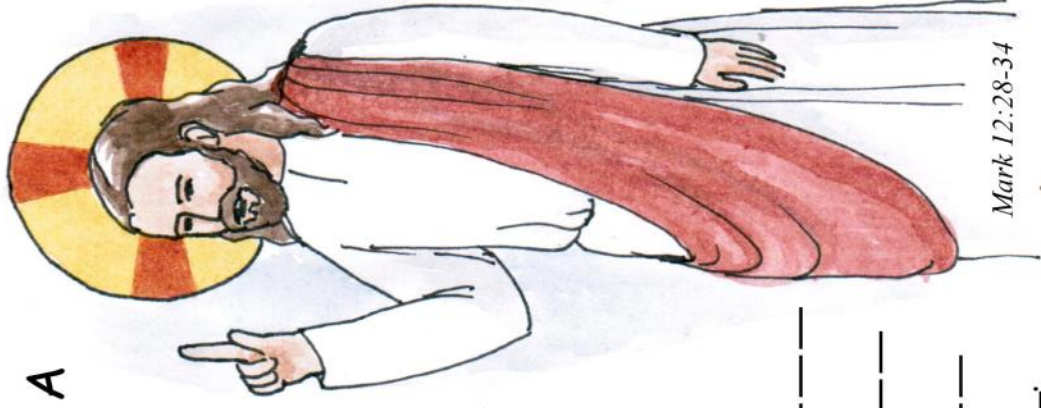


Answer to front page puzzle: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.
 Answer to Greatest Commandment Puzzle: GOD, OTHERS
www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 November 3rd, 2024

A Y B O C U D S E H F A
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Mark 12:28-34

In today's Gospel reading, one of the scribes asks Jesus what the greatest commandment is.
 What does Jesus say?

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks to find out!

Saint Charles Borromeo

November 4



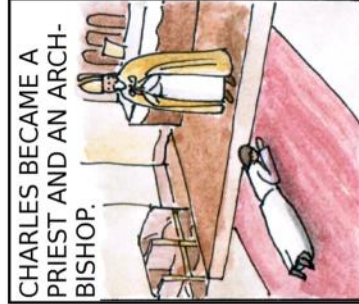
CHARLES WAS THE SON OF AN ITALIAN COUNT IN THE 1500'S. THE FAMILY WAS FAMOUS AND RICH, BUT ALSO GENEROUS AND PIOUS.

Never sit down to eat without giving alms first.



WHEN HIS UNCLE BECAME POPE HE MADE CHARLES A CARDINAL AND PUT HIM IN CHARGE OF THE PAPAL STATES.

I think I can trust you for this job.



CHARLES BECAME A PRIEST AND AN ARCH-BISHOP.



STILL HE WAS KIND AND GENEROUS TO EVERYONE.



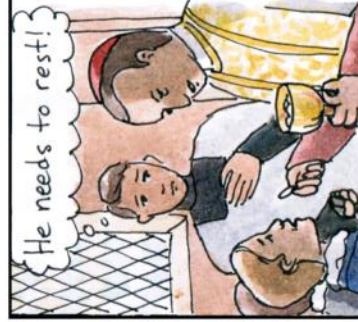
HE WOULD TAKE THE TIME TO TEACH PEOPLE, AND HE ALSO STARTED MANY SCHOOLS.

Our Father...



CHARLES WAS NOT A VERY GOOD SPEAKER, BUT HE SPOKE SO WISELY THAT EVERYONE LISTENED TO HIM.

Do not spend your time in useless chatter.



He needs to rest!

WHEN THE PLAGUE BROKE OUT IN HIS CITY, CHARLES CARED FOR THE SICK. FINALLY HE ALSO BECAME ILL, BUT HE CONTINUED TO SERVE HIS PEOPLE UNTIL HE DIED.

ST. CHARLES WAS AN EXAMPLE TO PEOPLE OF HIS TIME OF HOW EVEN RICH AND IMPORTANT PEOPLE CAN LOVE GOD AND BECOME SAINTS. HE KNEW THAT THE TRUTH AND BEAUTY OF GOD SHOULD COME TO PEOPLE THROUGH THE CHURCH. HOW CAN YOU SHARE THE TRUTH AND BEAUTY OF GOD WITH OTHERS?

The Greatest Commandment Puzzle

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him,

"Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God

is alone! You shall the

Lord your God with all your

, all your soul,

with all your , and with all

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is this: You shall love

neighbor as .

LORD

HEART

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SECOND

LOVE

YOURSELF

WITH

STRENGTH

MIND

What is the order of importance of those we must love?



1.

2.