# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



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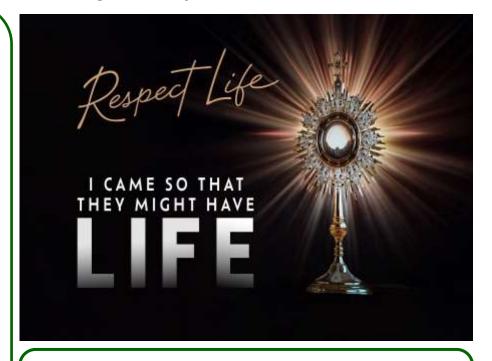
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#### **OUR MISSION**

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.

# 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.

#### **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

#### **DIOCESAN POLICY FOR CYO SPORTS**

New policy is coming soon ...

Fr. Matt & Mary Ellen Klear

# FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT October 12, 2025

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Either when I was in high school, I was participating in a youth group event, or I was out of high school for a couple of years and helping with a youth group event. Kevin Musser, the youth group leader, gathered everyone around for some teaching and a little faith sharing. Kevin began by asking everyone what they are thankful for. And as far as I remember there was nothing particularly special about what was shared, the typical answers you would expect family, friends, a place to live, food, clothing, etc. But somewhere in the middle of the sharing Kevin said, "happy people are thankful people". I personally find the statement to be profound and true. I mean think about the people you know that seem to be genuinely happy, they also seem to be thankful people.

In our scriptures today, we hear that Jesus cleansed ten men with leprosy and only one returns to thank Jesus. We join with Jesus asking the same question "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?" (Luke 17:17). What happened with the other nine men? Our scriptures today do not tell but let us speculate what happened with them. Maybe the other nine just got a little overly excited and forgot to return to thank Jesus. Living in 2025, we read the Bible, and we hear about leprosy and sometimes we fail to understand the seriousness of having leprosy. To have leprosy at the time of Jesus meant that you were unclean, meant that you needed to live outside the community, away from your family usually with other people that had leprosy, and when you were around people you needed to yell out "Unclean! Unclean!" So that others would not get too close and get leprosy from you. Jesus cleansing these ten men of leprosy would have removed all this from them. They could now rejoin the community and their families again and they no longer would have had to yell out that they were unclean. One can only imagine the excitement they must have felt and could probably see how easy it would be to not to remember to return to Jesus to thank him. In 2025 leprosy is not a common health condition that bothers us, but we have other issues that we face and like the ten lepers we cry out "Jesus Master! Have pity on us!" (Luke 17:13). And like with these ten lepers, Jesus helps us, the question is do return to thank Jesus? I think we like to think of ourselves as being the one that returns to thank Jesus and not among the nine that do not return. But if we are honest with ourselves, we are in both crowds sometimes we return to thank Jesus but

While it is important for us to thank Jesus for helping us, I think it is equally

other times we are in the crowd that does not return.



important for us to thank the instruments and tools that Jesus puts in our lives to help us. Because usually the instruments and tools that Jesus puts in our lives are not hammers, screwdrivers, and wrenches but the instruments and tools Jesus normally puts in our lives are people. Jesus usually helps us through the people Jesus puts in our lives. Like the one that returned to Jesus to express gratitude. May we return to Jesus, may we return to those people that Jesus has put in our lives to express our gratitude for what they have done to help



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## **ABOUT OUR PARISH**

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14~St. Callistus

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Dave Schmitz, Lavon & Bev Leis, Ruth Ann Stechschulte(AN)

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15~St. Teresa

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Geri Ricker, George W. Rupert

8:30am-9:15am 7C Penance

6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration

7:45pm-8:15pm Confession

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16~Sts. Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Eleanor Unterbrink

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17~St. Ignatius

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Diane Kahle

12:00pm Rosary

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18~St. Luke

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D GaryWiechart Family, Paul Schulte

8:30am Confession

4:00pm Confession

4:30pm L/D Tom & Edna Riepenhoff Family, Esther Schroeder,

Zac Cassidy, Paul Cassidy, Oscar & Marie Kuhlman,

L/D Robert & Alice Schroeder Family,

L/D Jerome & Alma Schmitz Family

L/D Members of AI(AN) & Irene Schroeder Family

5:30pm Baptisim

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19~29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Feast of St. Gaspar

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Oscar Schnipke, Rita Jane Bockrath, Barbara Birmingham

9:00-10:15am OCIA meeting - Snacks - Stacey Bennett

10:30am L/D Tom & Velma Balbaugh Family, Ross Hansen (AN),

Dan Stechschulte, Audrey Lauf, Naomi Bellman,

L/D Francis Hanneman, Geri Ricker, Mass in Thanksgiving for Ralph and Marie Pothast 70th Wedding Anniversary

#### EXCITING NEWS!

#### ST. JOHN'S PARISH PICTORIALS ARE HERE!

If your family had your picture taken with the company, then your free pictorial can be picked up in the back of Church.

\*\* MAKE SURE YOU PICK UP A BOOK WITH YOUR NAME ON IT. IF YOU PICKED UP A BOOK AND IT DOES NOT HAVE YOUR NAME ON IT, PLEASE BRING IT BACK AND GET YOUR BOOK WITH YOUR NAME ON IT, THANK YOU!

Remember, if you submitted a picture or ordered extra pictorials, you owe \$25.00 for each book. Available pick up schedule is below. Come to the parish office and pick up your books.

\*\* ALL ST. JOHN'S PICTORIAL NEED TO BE PICKED UP BY OCTOBER 1971.
AFTER THAT YOU WILL NOT BE GUARNETEE A BOOK.

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Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:40am	Students

Wed 8:00am Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram

Thurs 8:40am Students

Fri 8:00am Elton Schroeder, Roger Schroeder

Sat 8:00am Jace Vennekotter, Aidrik Vennekotter, Landon Heckman,

Caroline Sarka

Sat 4:30pm Brock Crumrine, Mylie Bockrath, Sam Warnecke-Thurifer

-Isaac Ansley

Sun 8:00am Ethan Kuhlman, Allison Kuhlman, Liam Kaufman

Sun 10:30am Reese Karhoff, Zachary Horstman, Parker Heckman

#### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS

Sat 4:30pm Doug Deitering Sharon Meyer
Diane Deitering Chris Schroeder

8:00am Deb Leopold Andy Gray

Deb Schroeder Deb Schroeder 10:30am Tara Gerding Mary Ellen Klear

Jane Moening Dan Klear

October 2025-September 2026 ministry schedule was sent via email. If you did not receive an email call or stop by the office.

#### **GIFT BEARERS**

Sat 4:30pm Ushers or ask a family Sun 8:00am Ushers or ask a family Sun 10:30am Ushers or ask a family

#### OCTOBER USHERS

Sat 4:30pm Kevin Ellerbrock, Alex Ellerbrock

Sun 8:00am Tom Morman, Tony Maag

Sun 10:30am Mitch Gable, Charlie Schroeder

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Deb Burwell, Fran Roof

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 3

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Tim & Mer Lehman

OCTOBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Jeff & Jeanne Schram, Ginnie Riepenhoff, Bertie Hermiller, Mike & Judy Niese, Lee & Diane

Recker

Sun

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#### OCTOBER MASS COUNT 2025

We need to report Saturday and Sunday Mass attendance to the Toledo Dioceses. Starting next weekend Saturday, October 4th and 5th, the ushers will count all people present at every Mass. This will includes servers, Fr. Matt, Deacon Don, choir & babies in arms.

Thank you very much!

# MARRIAGE PREPARATION (PRE CANA CLASS)

Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 8:00am.

This is a mandatory, 1-day class. If you haven't registered for this class at the office please do so by e-mailing admin@glandorfstjohns.com.

# PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP	October 5, 2025						
<u>Offering</u>							
Loose	\$	962.00					
Adult Envelope	\$	10,209.00					
Children	\$	127.00					
Maintenance	\$	305.00					
Online Offering	\$	2,233.00					
Online Maintenance	\$	169.00					
Total Collection	\$	14,005.00					

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

### Give Online Today!

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

www.stjohnglandorf.org

Heartbeat needs Diapers - size 5 or 6, Formula—any kind is helpful, Baby wipes.

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.

### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

#### **OCTOBER 18TH -19TH**

Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. The Pope's chose the theme: "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples." He said, "It reminds individual Christians and the entire Church, the community of the baptized, of our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope. I trust that it will be for everyone a time of grace with the faithful God who has given us new birth in the risen Christ "to a living hope" (1 Pet 1:3-4)."



Urging us to keep our gaze fixed on Christ, the center of history, he emphasized that His mission continues today through the Church: "Through his disciples, sent to all peoples and mystically accompanied by him, the Lord Jesus continues his ministry of hope for humanity. He still bends over all

those who are poor, afflicted, despairing and oppressed, and pours 'upon their wounds the balm of consolation and wine of hope." The Holy Father reaffirmed that World Mission Sunday is a privileged opportunity for us to foster missionary cooperation on both the spiritual and material levels. World Mission Sunday provides an annual opportunity for prayerful and financial support for the Pope's missions through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

#### 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.

#### **NEWLY WED**

Jacob & Megan(Kosch) Clark

#### **WEDDING BANN**

II Emily Annesser of this parish, daughter Ryan & Denise Annesser & Jacob Dible, of Sts. Peter & Paul, son of Todd & Diane Dible

#### **BAPTIZED**

Blair Alice, daughter of Connor & Faith Koch

#### **WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Connor and Aubrey Niese



#### Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

#### The past 20 years

James A Rosengarten 10/12/13

Ty M Conn 10/12/18

Michael E Leach 10/13/24

Clarence W Pohl 10/14/09

Edna M Lauer 10/14/14

Ruth Ann Stechschulte 10/14/17

Peggy Osting 10/15/01
Anna M Meyer 10/15/24
Joseph E Stechschulte 10/16/10
Alphonse A Palte 10/17/00
James H Ellerbrock 10/17/05
Oscar L Kuhlman 10/17/08



#### 2025 GRAND-orf Club

**2025 GRAND-orf Club** drawing will be **October 12th** by **Andrea and Doug Giesige** with Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses. Extra tickets are in the racks in the Church vestibules.



Newsletters are available in the back of Church.

# AROUND THE PARISH

#### 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 Mike and Becky Karhoff)

Parish Center Room 15 9:00am –10:30am Upcoming classes:

September 28, 2025, January 11, 2026, 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 2, 2025 at 8:00am

#### RECONCILATION (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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday 6:30pm—8:15pm 1st Friday 1:00pm—4:00pm with Benediction 1st Saturday 5:30pm - 8:00am

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

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

# Catechism Corner

#### October: Month of the Holy Rosary and Respect Life

In the Catholic Church, October is dedicated as the Month of the Rosary, and in the United States, it is also observed as Respect Life Month. While the two traditions have separate origins, they are deeply intertwined through a shared focus on prayer and a reverence for life.

#### Month of the Holy Rosary

The dedication of October to the Rosary dates back to the 16th century and commemorates a pivotal military victory attributed to the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession, when on Oct. 7, 1571, an outnumbered Christian naval fleet defeated the Ottoman Empire's forces in a decisive battle. Before the conflict, Pope St. Pius V had asked all Catholics to pray the Rosary for a Christian victory. After the successful outcome, he instituted the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, which was later renamed the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated annually on October 7. Later, Pope Leo XIII further popularized the devotion, urging Catholics to recite the Rosary daily during October. He believed that praying the Rosary was a powerful way to seek Mary's intercession to overcome the challenges facing the Church and the world. The Rosary is not just a repetitive prayer; it is a meditation on the life of Jesus and Mary, known as the Mysteries. By contemplating these events, Catholics deepen their faith and draw closer to Christ through the maternal perspective of his mother.

#### Respect Life Month

Respect Life Month, calls upon Catholics to reflect on and defend the sanctity of human life. The U.S. observance of Respect Life Month began in 1973, following the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision, which legalized abortion nationwide. The first Sunday of October is designated as "Respect Life Sunday". During this month, the Church reaffirms its teaching that all human life, from conception to natural death, is sacred and deserving of protection. This focus includes issues such as abortion, euthanasia, suicide, and the care of the vulnerable.

#### The connection between the Rosary and the right to life

For many Catholics, observing the Month of the Rosary and Respect Life Month in October are deeply connected through prayer and the belief in the sacredness of life. Both observances focus on prayer as a way to seek divine aid. Just as Catholics prayed the Rosary for victory at the Battle of Lepanto, many now pray the Rosary to ask for Mary's intercession for the protection of human life and for a change of heart among those who do not respect it. The Rosary's meditations cover the joyful, sorrowful, luminous, and glorious mysteries of Jesus' and Mary's lives. These mysteries present a profound reflection on the value of life, from the Annunciation (a joyful mystery) to Christ's passion and death (sorrowful mysteries), and his resurrection (glorious mystery). Many pro-life Catholics see the Rosary as a spiritual weapon in the struggle to build a culture of life, especially when facing social and political opposition. The repetition of the prayers is believed to be a powerful act of spiritual combat against the forces that threaten human dignity.

#### Scriptural Connection

The prayers of the rosary come directly from Scripture. "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you," is from Luke 1: 28 when the angel Gabriel announces the coming birth of the Messiah to Mary. "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb," is from Luke 1: 41-42 when Elizabeth greets Mary during their pregnancies. It is at a time when Mary (and Elizabeth) are carrying life within them that the words of the rosary are spoken.

#### Rosary and Catechism of the Catholic Church

Paragraph #971 states the rosary is "an epitome of the whole gospel". For the Rosary brings allows us to meditate on the gospel of Christ's paschal mystery: life, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven.

#### Saints and the Rosary

- St. Dominic (1170-1221): According to tradition, he was given the Rosary by Our Lady and used it as a way to fight the Albigensian heresy.
- St. Louis de Montfort (1673-1716): He wrote the influential treatise "The Secret of the Rosary" and advocated for devotion to Mary and the Rosary.
- St. Bernadette (1844-1879): Mary appeared to her at Lourdes, holding a Rosary and inviting Bernadette to join her in prayer.
- St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897): Despite her struggles with prayer, the "Little Flower" had a childlike devotion to the Rosary.
- <u>St. Teresa of Calcutta</u> (1910-1997): The Rosary was a fundamental part of her spiritual life, providing strength for her to serve the poor.
- <u>Pope St. John Paul II</u> (1920-2005): He called the Rosary a "school for true Christian perfection" and a "weapon" for the times, encouraging young people to cling to it
- St. Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968): He said the Rosary was the weapon of our time.
- St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941): Said each bead is a step towards the heart of Jesus through the heart of Mary.

# PRAY THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY





One Family in Faith. One Family in Mission.

#### What is the World Mission Rosary?

First promoted in 1951 by Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

In each decade (set of 10 beads) we pray through Mary's intercession for missionaries sharing the Good News of Jesus in a different part of the world.

#### How to Pray the Rosary

- ▶ Crucifix Sign of the Cross & Apostles' Creed
  - First Large Bead Our Father
    - Next 3 Small Beads − Hail Mary (x3), then Glory Be
      - Next Large Bead Announce the 1st Mystery, pray the Our Father
        - Next 10 Beads Hail Mary (x10), then Glory Be
          - ► Repeat for each Mystery (five decades total)
          - ► End with Hail, Holy Queen

#### The Mysteries

- ▶ Joyful Mon & Sat
- ► Luminous Thu
- ▶ Sorrowful Tue & Fri
- ▶ Glorious Wed & Sun

#### The Colors & Their Meaning

- Green for Africa, full of grasslands and forests
- Blue for Oceania and Pacific islands, surrounded by the ocean
- O White for Europe, home of the Holy Father
- Red for America, for the fire of faith and the missionary martyrs
- Yellow for Asia, the yellow light of the morning sun.

When you announce each mystery, pray for that region.



#### Who is Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen?

- National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith
- Famous TV host & Emmy Award winner
- ▶ Died Dec. 9, 1979 now Venerable

#### Prayers of the Rosary

- ► Apostles' Creed
- ▶ Our Father
- ► Hail Mary
- ▶ Glory Be
- Hail, Holy Queen



# Why Pray the World Mission Rosary?

To obey Jesus' word to pray for missionary laborers continuing his saving work all across the globe.



#### CARING FOR LOVED ONES AT LIFE'S END

Surround them with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives."

To Live Each Day with Dignity, USCCB

- @usccbprolife
- @ProjectRachel
- fb.com/peopleoflife

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

View, download, or order the U.S. bishops' pro-life materials!

www.usccb.org/respectlife



An old Irish proverb says, "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to "shelter" them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them.

#### 1. Invite God In

Pope Francis has said that "praying in difficult situations is like opening the door to the Lord, in order that he might enter." The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you.

#### 2. Listen -

Try to discover your loved one's values and how best to honor his or her wishes. This requires true empathy. It can be hard not to assume he or she wants the same thing you think you would want if you were in the same situation. Listen with a non-judgmental ear so your loved one feels free to speak openly.

#### 3. Inform Yourself

Be aware that a person's wishes for refusing ordinary or proportionate treatment?—or for pursuing assisted suicide—are usually rooted in fears of dependency, helplessness, or pain. Make yourself available to discuss these or any concerns. Know that hospice care focuses on alleviating pain and other symptoms, meeting basic needs, and providing comfort. Seek to understand the Catholic Church's teaching on end-of-life care, which can help you provide authentically loving support that respects life.\*

#### 4. Be Steadfast in Compassion

As Pope Francis reminds us, "Compassion means 'suffer with'." Your friend or family member will likely face ups and downs. Recognize these as part of a natural process. Surround him or her with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives." The patient's suffering can be alleviated by your empathy, as well as by quality hospice care by medical personnel.

#### 5. Help Them Achieve Closure

Help your family member or friend define the unfinished personal projects, financial concerns, unresolved relationships, or other matters that occupy his or her mind. Due to changing circumstances, some goals may need to be reframed. Creating and accomplishing this list of unfinished business can help the person discover a sense of purpose and feel more at peace.

#### Provide Opportunities for Resolution

Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book The 4 Most Important Things\*\* how saying "I love you," "I'm sorry," "I forgive you," and "Thank you" can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude. Consider offering to invite a priest to hear his or her confession and to administer the Eucharist as viaticums and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, all of which heal the soul and prepare us to meet the Lord.

#### 7. Reminisce

Our appetites may diminish as our bodies experience a decreased need for food and fluids when we near life's end. Provide smaller amounts of your family member or friend's favorite foods. Even if unable to eat them, he or she may still enjoy the aromas and reminisce with you about special memories they evoke. Think of other small comforts you can provide that would spark meaningful memories, like special photos or mementos.

#### 8. Provide a Peaceful Presence -

There comes a time of natural withdrawal from surroundings when dying persons may lose interest in many activities that used to be enjoyable. Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing. Hearing can become very acute, so placing the phone in another room, playing favorite music, reading a favorite passage, praying together, or simply sitting quietly with him or her can all be very soothing.

#### 9. Show Tenderness

Those who are dying remain in need of the tenderness of personal human contact. Ask if you might gently brush your loved one's hair, apply lotion to her hands or feet, or simply hold his hand. Tell stories, laugh, and share memories to reassure the person he or she is a cherished gift, not a burden in any way.

#### Bear Their —— Transition Patiently

Transition, the time immediately preceding death, may bring rapid physical changes, such as in breathing patterns, as well as changes in mental or emotional states. Try to be patient, and allow the "how" and "when" of death to be between God and your loved one. Ask God for the wisdom to know what final words to say—if any—and when. As you are able, give your loved one permission to make the transition. For example, you might say, "I love you. It's okay to go home now."

Accompanying a loved one in his or her last days is enormously important, but we do not need to fear our own limitations. Pope Francis tells us, "[God] comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others."

\*As our bishops teach, "Respect for life does not demand that we attempt to prolong life by using medical treatments that are ineffective or unduly burdensome." At the same time, intentionally hastening death—whether through drugs or deliberate neglect of basic care—offends our God-given dignity and is never morally permissible. More information: www.usccb.org/ToLiveEachDay

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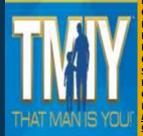
Attention ALL MEN!!!! Join us on for That Man Is You

Saturday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria or Wednesday, Oct 15<sup>tl</sup> 7-8:30pm in room 22.

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

Wed. 10/22)

**BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN** HEART" -**Attaining Clarity** of Thought



Presenter: Mark Hartfiel. Clarity of Thought for Mother Teresa. God is Found in Communion. **Promise of Christ. Jesus** Christ is Present in the Spousal Union. The Blessing of Fruitfulness. God is Present in the Midst of Family Life. Matthew 18:5, 30, 25:40, Genesis 1:28, 2:7-25.

We are looking for volunteers to bring breakfast-type snacks for our Sunday learning sessions. If you enjoy sharing your favorite treats or simply want to contribute, this is a great way to help out! Snack ideas may be cinnamon rolls, boiled eggs, donuts, bagels, muffins, granola bar, fresh fruit, juice, etc. Any snack would be appreciated

The meetings will be on Sundays at 900 am in the church basement ("undercroft"), starting September 🏞 You will need to provide snacks for 10 people. Snacks can be dropped off at 8.45am. Any leflovers or containers should be picked up after the 1030 Mass around 1130am.

To sign up to bring a snack, click the QR code and choose your date

Thank you for your generosity!







Presented by Pamela K. Sager, CNP

Pam is the former Executive Director of Putnam County Homecare and Hospice. She is also a former Critical Care & Pulmonary CNP (Certified Nurse Practitioner) and has worked in Geriatric Care.

**SAT, OCT. 18** 9:00AM - 10:30AM

> St. John's Parish Center Glandorf, OH

# OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Journey of Faith

OCIA is a process to introduce non-Catholics, or non-Christians to Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church. The goal is to lead others into a personal relationship with Christ and a conversion of heart from a life of sin to a life of grace. We assist them in being fully initiated into the Church - if Christ leads them down this path. Inquirers can start at any time throughout the year, whenever God is calling.

Contact Mindy Recker for more information. Rectory #419.538.6928 • Cell # 419.615.8926



# Just Show up & Fill Your Cup

Oct 4th - Who is Rhoda Wise?

Oct 11th - How to Deepen your Prayer Life.

Guest Speaker: Nicole Schroeder

Oct 18th - Holy Moments

Oct 25th - How to Navigate through Girl Friendships

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!

# The Piecemaker Sewing Group

TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 21ST,

FROM 7:00PM - 8:30PM

#### IN THE OLD SCIENCE ROOM

We have, to this date, made 771 hygiene kits, 186 dresses, and 736 cloth diapers! We are thankfully to all those women who have helped make this possible through their sewing of items, showing up to help put kits together, have purchased items or donated money for the purchase of items for all kits as well as donated fabric for this to be possible. These kits, dresses, diapers have been sent to Uganda and I have seen girls receiving the kits and crying because they are so thankful for them. Thanks to all who continue to support this ministry in so many ways! If you have any questions, please contact Diana Meyer at 419-538-6437.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, " I Peter 4:10



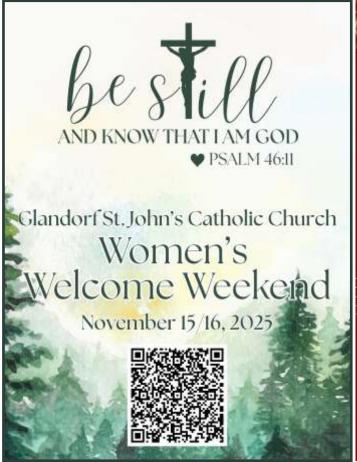


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025 1:00PM PARISH CENTER GYM DOORS OPEN AT 12:30PM OVER 100 DOOR PRIZES & 50/50 DRAWING

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ARE ASKED TO DONATE 2 BAKED GOODS OR \$S. BAKED GOODS OR MONEY CAN BE DROPPED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF ST. JOHN'S HALL ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 26TH AFTER 7:30 AM. MONEY CAN ALSO BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "ARS BAKE SALE" WITH THE WEEKLY COLLECTION.

50/50 TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.
THEY CAN BE RETURNED AT BINGO OR IN THE WEEKLY COLLECTION
IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "ARS BINGO 50/50."







INVOLVED IN GIFT GIVING TO THE POOREST OF THE POOR.



#### Ladies of Leisure Social Club

Third Wednesday each month. Two Event Times: 1:00-4:00 or 6:00-9:00

@ The Parish Center, Cafeteria in Gandorf

Play cards, Games, or Crafts (Please Bring your own supplies.) BYOB and snacks.

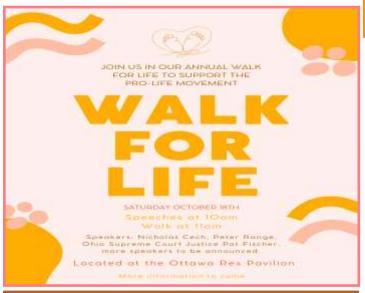
Casual, FREE Event
Come alone or with friends.
Enjoy a few hours of laughs & friendship.



"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

#### Glandorf 0 N Youth Group Grades 7-12 R E Where Glandorf Park behind the fire station P When October 19th U Time 6-8 pm M What Bonfire and Pumpkin P Carving / Painting K Bring your own chairs N Free Snacks C A R v N G





Confirmation Mass on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 2:00pm Confirmation Candidates

Hallie Beining Olivia Carpenter Onin Crumrine Ryland Ellerbrock Nolan Grime Khole Halker Nora Hanneman

Katelyn Haselman Emmett Karhoff Kaley Kaufman Connor Kohls Vaughn Kreinbrink Graycen Kuhiman Anderson Lammers Noah Leopold Carleigh Maag Cassidy Maas

Victor Salsburey Caroline Sarka Riley Meyer Connor Schimmoeller Adam Siefker Ella Siefker Miles Niese Madelyn Stechschulte Lillian Pester Jenna Prasuhn Aria Tobe Lucas Recker Lyla Walker Madden Rieman ParkerWilhelm Ava Riepenhoff Evelyn Dinsmore

Come Holy Spirit!



Sign up for Scouting America with Pack 229 and start your Scouting journey with programs and activities that allow you to try new things, serve others, boost selfconfidence, make ethical choices and explore the great outdoors. Along the path, you will make new friends and lasting memories.

Scan the QR Code to start your adventure today! For more information contact Cubmaster: Liz Lammers at (419) 230 - 3263 or email glandorfpack229@gmail.com

#### Stocking Stuffing for Homeless

Would you like to help our Religious Education program stuff stockings for Fr. Eric Kaufman's Parish in Mansfield?

A list of suggested items is below!

In the back of Church (on the same side as Mary's altar) there is a box for donations.

Thank you in advance for helping us serve others in need!

#### Food & Drink

- Small bottles of water (8-12 oz)
- Trail mix
- Granola bars
- Gummy snacks
- Peanut butter crackers
- · Beef jerky or meat sticks
- Nuts or mixed nuts
- Dried fruit or raisins
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Hot chocolate packets

#### Practical & Hygiene Items

- Gallon Ziploc Bags
- · Plastic Bags
- Band-Aids
- Small deodorants
- Toothbrush + travel-size toothpaste
- Travel-size tissues
- Lip balm
- Travel-size hand sanitizer or cleansing wipes
- Small lotion

#### Faith & Encouragement

- Prayer cards
- · Small Religious items
- Small Rosary
- Pocket prayer booklets
- Handwritten encouragement notes

#### Comfort & Warmth

- Winter hat
- Winter gloves
- · Winter socks
- Hand warmers
- · Feet/toe warmers
- Rain poncho
- Fleece scarf or neck warmer
- · Thermal socks
- Nice hiking bag (small)
- Pocket-sized notebook + pen
- Reusable water bottle

#### **VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**

Meeting Thursday, October 16, 2025

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thursday October 16 at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45PM followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Fr. Tony Fortman,



CPPS pastor of St. Gaspar Family of Parishes in Dayton/Englewood. He will be speaking on "The Highs and Lows of Ministry within the Family Model." 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 Kathy at 419-303-0339 no later than Tuesday, October 14.

# MISSIONARIES OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD UNITED STATES PROVINCE

# VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT AT ST. CHARLES CENTER, CARTHAGENA, OHIO

#### **NOVEMBER 8TH AND 9TH**

This retreat is for men 18 years and older who want to learn more about a possible call to consecrated life and how to discern such a vocation. For further information, visit preciousbloodus.org and click on the Vocations tab or email

vocation@preciousbloodus.org.



#### FOR COLLEGE AGE AND YOUNG ADULT MEN





#### WHAT IS IT?

Join Fr. Peter Grodi and young men from around the Diocese for a three-day visit to Sacroel Heart Seminary in Detroit to see what it is like to live the life of a seminarian studying for the priesthood. We will depart together from St. Thomas More Parish in Bowling Green on Nov 6\*\* at 5pm and return by 2pm on November 8th.



DEADLINE TO REGISTER
OCTOBER 6TH
LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL
68 ACCEPTED UP TIL
OCTOBER 27" # ROOM IS
AVALABLE

#### WHAT WILL WE DO?



#### Prayer

Join the seminarians for their normal schedule of prayer



#### Class

Get a taste of a normal day of study for a seminarian.



#### Socialize

Eat, hangout, and play with the seminarians.

Ouestions? Want to donate for the trip? Email fr.petergrodi@sttomsbg.org



#### MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

with Father David Kidd, Director Office for Diocesan Priestly Vocations

November 21, 2025 5pm -November 23, 2025 1pm

DeSales Retreat Center 1198 DeSales Drive, Brooklyn, MI 49230



For Catholic men, ages 18 to 35, who are open to considering a call to the priesthood or religious life.

This day of reflection is an opportunity for young adults to learn practical methods of prayer and discernment that will belp them better understand God's plan for their life.

For more information, contact:

Father David Kidd, Diocese of Foledo Office of Diocesan Priestly Vocations:

dkidd@toledodiocesc.org 419-214-4945

#### To register, contact:

Maria Then nathes/fitoledodiocese.or 419-214-4923



AROUND THE AREA



#### MASS ON THE ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

OCTOBER | 26 | 3:00pm | 2025 OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2025 - 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit: www.toledoanniversarymass.org

## Faith and Fellowship!

Putnam Heritage Assisted Living, at 1380 N. Locust St. Ottawa, is "Open to the Community":

#### Chapel Available to the Community:

The Divine Mercy chapel, including a weekday rosary at 10:30 am, is open to serve the faithful of the community.

#### FUN and FREE Community Fellowship:

Tuesday evening fellowship events start at 6:30 pm and end at 8:00 pm with ready-to-serve-yourself beverages. For ANYONE and EVERYONE!

Tues., Oct 14 American Sign Language Class

Tues., Oct 21 **Euchre Tournament** 

"Hillbilly" Card Bingo Tues., Oct 28

For more information, visit putnamheritage.com/events





The Carev Ecumenical Choir returns this December to present its 51st Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 4:00 PM at the Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation - 315 Clay Street in Carey. All men and women high school age and older are invited to become members of the choir. No experience is necessary and no audition is required!

Rehearsals from 7:00-9:00pm will be held at Christ Lutheran Church: 116 W. Findlay Street in Carey. Singers are expected to attend the majority of rehearsals.

Thursday, October 23

Tuesday, October 28

Thursday, November 6

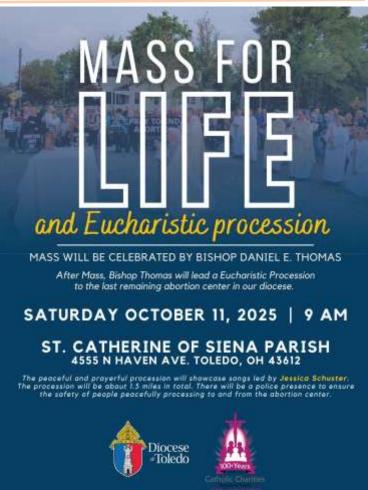
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\*\*Dress rehearsals at OLC

Questions? Contact Anthony Gallina at 419-396-7107, ext. 104 or music@oleshrine.com.



# respect life month









October 22-30, 2025

The annual Respect Life Month Novena prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join thousands of Catholics in praying for life!

Get the daily prayers by email or text message! Scan the QR code or visit respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena.



respectlife.org



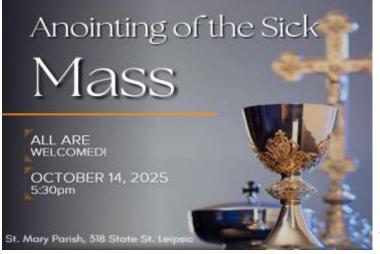
UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS Secretaries of Pro-Life Activities | watch ong/profile

## AROUND THE AREA

### Want to take the night off cooking? Sunday, October12th 11.30am-2.30 pm

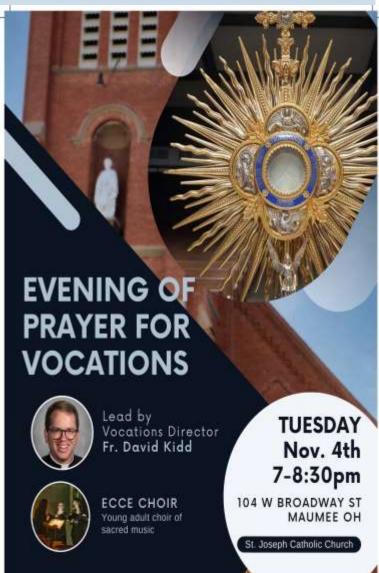
Come support Glandorf's own Chase Maag in his Eagle Scout project funding for a chicken BBQ on Sunday Oct 12th 11.30-2.30 all drive thru, how convenient! Rear of Glandorf Parish Center. You can text Chase @567-376-5382 or get tickets at the scoop on main or the Bombshelter! Your support is greatly appreciated!!





# ANNUAL MISCARRIAGE AND INFANT LOSS MEMORIAL MASS TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Did you or someone you love lose a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death? Come receive spiritual consolation at the annual St. Catherine's Embrace Memorial Mass. It will be held on Sunday, October 26 at 1:30 p.m. at Leipsic St. Mary's Catholic Church, 320 State Street, Leipsic. All are welcome at this special Mass, whether your loss was recent or years ago. Those outside Putnam County are also warmly invited. This Mass will fulfill the regular Sunday obligation. If you have questions about the Mass or St. Catherine's Embrace (an outreach ministry in Putnam County that supports families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss), call or text Mary Beth Weisenburger at (419)980-8065 or Jill Streicher at (419)796-0637 or email scembrace@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook: St. Catherine's Embrace Putnam County.



## AROUND THE AREA & GENERAL INFORMATION

### Crafters needed for the Ottoville Rosary Altar Society Craft Show!

The craft show will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Please contact Marie Warnecke at (419) 453-3055 for additional information or if interested.





#### Living With Hope

Time for Hope and Reflection

Scief Support Gathering

Saturday, October 25

8:30-Noon

Sts. Peter & Paul Church

Come and take time for yourself!

Please bring a picture of your loved one.

All are Welcome

If you have questions,

please call (419) 523-5216

Grief/Bereavement Ministry of Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Johns Glandorf,

Anchored in Hope Bereavement Team of St. Nicholas - Holy Family



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/2dss8wp









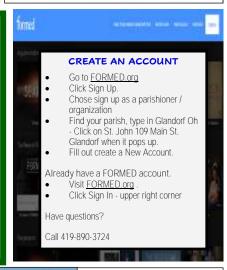
ReclaimingHearts@toledodiocese.org

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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





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 CREIĞHTON MODEL Fertility Care™ System to Empower Women and Couples

UNDERSTAND, MAINTAIN, and APPRECIATE their Health and Fertility in a way that is

cooperative with our Catholic faith. Contact Wendy Imm, BSN CFCP for more information at 614-634-1043 or

divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.co

# thankfulness

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cured ten lepers. Leprosy is a horrible disease that eats away at a person's body until they die. It was pretty amazing for those people when Jesus just told them to go and show themselves to the priests and they realized that they were cured!



But then something interesting happened. Only one of the ten who had been cured came back to say 'Thank you' to Jesus. Do you think that the other nine were not happy that they were better? Why do you think they didn't come back to thank Jesus?

#### THANK YOU FOR LETTING HE RECEIVE YOU!



Now think about your life. You've probably never had a disease like leprosy, but God has still done amazing things for you. He made you and gave you everything you need to live. He gave you your friends and family, and most especially He gives Himself to us in the Mass and at Holy Communion.

Do you remember to say 'Thank you' to God?

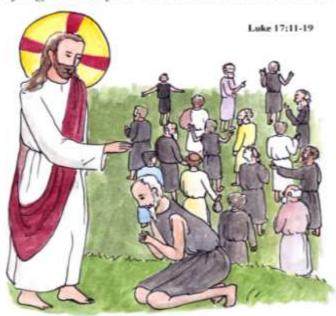
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www.thekidsbulletin.com

# The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 12th, 2025

How many lepers walked away without saying 'Thank you' when Jesus healed them?

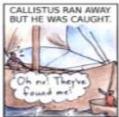


Count how many of the people who are walking away are wearing dark grey clothes.

# Pope Saint Callistus I















WHEN THE POPE DIED, CALLISTUS WAS CHOSEN AS THE NEW ONE HE WAS KILLED AS A MARTYR IN 223 AD PROBABLY IN A RIOT SINCE THERE WAS NO PERSECUTION AT THE TIME

SAINT CALLISTUS SAID THAT BAD SINNERS WHO HAD GONE TO CONFESSION AND DONE PENANCE COULD RETURN TO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH. SOME PEOPLE DISAGREED WITH HIM, BUT THE CHURCH STILL TEACHES WHAT HE SAID. HOW CAN YOU GIVE HOPE TO PEOPLE THAT HAVE SINNED?

#### True or False? Jesus Cures the Ten Lepers

How well do you know the story of Jesus and the Lepers?

- 1. When Jesus was walking to Jerusalem, he met ten lepers. True or false?
- The lepers came right up to Jesus and touched Him. True or false?
- Jesus didn't touch them; all He said was, "Go show yourselves to the priests." True or false?
- Half of the lepers were healed and half weren't. True or false?
- All of them came back to thank Jesus. True or false?
- 6. Only one man came back to thank Jesus, and he was a foreigner. True or false?
- 7. Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you." True or false?

