

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Served by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



PARISH OFFICE BUSINESS HOURS

Monday-Friday,
9:00am - 5:00pm

*Closed for Lunch from
12:30pm—1:30pm*

Phone: 419-538-6928
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**Sacramental
Emergencies :**
419-778-9339



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.

OUR VISION

We enable spiritual formation and growth, support discipleship, provide outreach through community service, and build relationships, so we can build the Kingdom of God in Glandorf and around the world. Driven by the Gospel of Jesus Christ; we want to educate and promote respect for the dignity of life, encourage charity and justice, and embody the moral values of the church. Our mission is guided by Scripture and Traditions of our Catholic Faith and aligned with the mission of the Diocese of Toledo to make Holy Disciples, Holy Families, and Holy Vocations.



Holy Mass*	8:40AM	funerals or Holy Days.
SAT VIGIL 4:30PM	Daily Mass* WED, FRI, SAT 8:00AM	Reconciliation* WED 7:15AM - 7:45AM WED 7:45PM - 8:15PM FRI 7:15AM - 7:45AM
SUNDAY 8:00AM, 10:30AM	Communion Service* MON 8:00AM * Regular Mass or Confession times may change due to events,	SAT 8:30AM SAT 4:00PM

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WEBSITE | WWW.STJOHNGLANDORF.ORG | **FACEBOOK** St. John the Baptist Catholic Church - Glandorf

Live Stream | Go to Youtube search for glandorf st. john's catholic church live stream, find red live button , click on picture

Eucharistic Adoration

WED 6:30PM - 8:15PM

FRI 1:00PM-4:00PM First Friday each month concluding with Benediction

SAT 5:30PM through Sunday at 8:00AM on First Saturday and Holy Hour from 9:00am - 10:00am

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BAPTISMS

Contact the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism. One baptismal class required for your first child.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS (by Deacon Mike and Becky Karhoff)

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.

Parish Center Room 15 11:45am - 1:15pm

Upcoming classes: September 20, 2026, January 10, 2027, May 16, 2027, September 19, 2027

MARRIAGES

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 on Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 8:00am. Call the Parish Office to register.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact 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.

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Is a journey through which interested adults and older children are welcomed and gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith, sacraments, worship, and way of life. In response to their inquiries, participants receive instruction and formation so they may discern, through reflection and prayer, whether they are being called to enter the Catholic Church. If you would like more information or would like to register, please contact Mindy Recker at **419-538-6928** or email Mindy Recker at passociate@glandorfstjohns.com.

NEW MEMBERS All are Welcome! Contact the Parish Office to get

The actual feast of St. Gaspar del Bufalo is on October 21 and so actual feast day will be on Wednesday. And because I am a Missionary of the Precious Blood, and St. Gaspar is the founder of my community, I am allowed to move the feast to the weekend so I can celebrate with you my parishioners. So, what is St. Gaspar's story? St. Gaspar was born on January 6, 1786, the Solemnity of the Epiphany so his parents named him after the magi Gaspar Melchior Balthasar. When Gaspar was three months old, he suffered from a smallpox that threatened to leave him blind. His mother took him to the Church of the Gesu and she prayed at the altar of St. Francis Xavier and Gaspar was cured totally and immediately. In his early years Gaspar was concerned for the poor and those in the hospital, often sharing a portion of the food from his meals with them. He would also tutor children that would come in from the countryside to sell their goods, children that otherwise would not receive a formal education.

In 1808, after being ordained a priest, shortly after being ordained Napoleon wanted Gaspar to sign an oath of allegiance to him. To which Gaspar said, "I cannot, I must not, I will not." Because he would not sign Gaspar was sent into exile and prison and his time in exile was tough. It is during this time Gaspar began to develop a devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus. After Napoleon was overthrown, Gaspar returned to Rome, and Gaspar wanted to become a missionary like St. Francis Xavier and go to India. The Bishop of Rome, the pope recognizes Gaspar has the gift to preach. So the pope called Gaspar in and tells him that it is a noble task to want to go to India, but a task that is not meant for him. The pope tells Gaspar that he is needed here in Rome in the aftermath of Napoleon. The church had become a mess there were priests that signed the oath of allegiance and some that had not. Church attendance had dropped, and some churches even got turned into barns.

Gaspar obediently stayed and preached in and around Rome. My favorite story of Gaspar's preaching was in the town of Sonnio. In the aftermath of Napoleon, Sonnio became very violent, many said the town needed to be wiped off the face of earth. But before that happens Gaspar get permission to go to the town with gospels and crucifix and converts and those causing the violence lays down their weapons at his feet.

Today is World Mission Sunday, we are reminded that the church is missionary we are called to be missionaries. Normally we think of being missionary of going to some far distance place but St. Gaspar was a missionary and never left far from home. Like St. Gaspar we do not have leave far from our homes. Gaspar reached out to those appeared to be farthest from Christ's love and reminded them and helped them experience Christ's love for them. Our call to be missionary is similar we are called to can reach out to those who far from Christ's love and remind them and help them to experience God's love for them.

It is usually when we share the gift of God's love with someone that the gift comes back to us.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



to the families, relatives, friends & neighbors of

**MICHAEL BYRNE
FRED SCOTT
HURBERT LEOPOLD**



III Maggie Hoorman, daughter of Mark & Andrea Hoorman & **Dakota**

Warnimont, of St. Nicholas, Miller City, son of Carl & Jane Warnimont

II Taylor Alt, daughter of late Rodney & Lisa Alt of St. Peter and Paul & **Trevor**

Siefker, of St. John's the Baptist, son of Dennis & Christina Siefker

I Kayleigh Halker, of this parish, daughter of Matthew & Colleen Halker & **Andru**

Hannigan, son of Josh & Tiffany Hannigan



Hunter & Emma (Brinkman) Miles



TO OUR PARISH FAMILY :

Grant and Hannah Goecke

CHURCH CALENDAR AND MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19~

Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Mike Karhoff

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20~St. Paul of the Cross

8:15am Rosary

8:40am L/D Gary Wiechart, Alice Wolke

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER~21

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Fr. Harry Brown-All School Mass

6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration

7:45-8:15pm Confession

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22~St. John Paul II

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Linda Llewellyn

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23~St. John of Capistrano-

NO SCHOOL

7:15am-7:45am Confessions

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Eugenia Weskiel

12:00pm Rosary

6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal-Julie Pothast

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24~St. Anthony Mary Claret

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Mel Verhoff

8:30am Confessions

1:30pm Hoorman/Warnimont Wedding

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Special Intention,

Edward & Martha Mary Smith, Donald Smith

L/D Gilbert & Marcella Morman Family,

L/D Mel Hedrick Family, Linda Llewellyn

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25~30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of St. Gaspar

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Karl Buerger, Mike Niese, Jenny Niese-Roberts

10:30am Angie Schumaker, Laura Hageman (AN) & Sisters and Brothers, Cayla Fortman-Ross, Angie Kaufman, L/D Ken Ellerbrock Family, Don Hempfling

11:30am Baptism

Mass Intention(s)

Remember a loved one or make your special prayer intentions known at Mass by filling out a Mass Intention Request Form or stop by the Parish office and we can help you complete the form. The form is located on our website (www.stjohnnglandorf.org) under Parish Forms called Mass Intention Request Form.pdf or in the back vestibules of Church. Complete the Mass Request Form and bring or drop it off at the Parish Office. The Parish Office will schedule the Mass Intentions and let you know what you owe. Also, the dates are subject to availability and not confirmed until approved by the Parish Office.

SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tues	8:40am	Roger Schroeder, Eddie Duling
Wed	8:00am	Students
Thurs	8:40am	Roger Schroeder, Gary Recker
Fri	8:00am	Brody Breece, Addison Klear, Jake Nienberg, Andrew Schroeder
Sat	8:00am	Taten Brinkman, Kayden Trombley, Kassie Wrasman, Landry Wrasman
Sat	4:30pm	Connor Schimmoeller, Izak Schimmoeller, Max Nienberg ~Thurifer-Luke Haselman
Sun	8:00am	Allison Kuhlman, Ethan Kuhlman, Liam Kaufman
Sun	10:30am	CJ Schroeder, Will Siefker, Asher Rump ~Thurifer-Luke Bockrath

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

Sat	4:30pm	Doug Karhoff	Doug Karhoff
		Mary Rose Ellerbrock	Mary Rose Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Deb Schroeder	Connie Cassidy
		Deb Burwell	Sharon Meyer
Sun	10:30am	Rose Warnecke	Tim Hansen
		Gene Warnecke	Jeanne Schram
		Jason Miller-Choir	

GIFT BEARERS - To sign up for a Mass click the link below <https://tinyurl.com/2sujmrrn> or scan QR code below.



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

OCTOBER USHERS

Sat	4:30pm	Richard Schmitz, Brady Laudick
Sun	8:00am	Elton Schroeder, Joe Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Bryant Diemer, Corey Diemer

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 3

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Ginny Schroeder, Karen Parker

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

ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS, EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

AND ADULT SERVERS

On Wednesday, October 21, 2026, we will celebrate an All-School Mass in honor of Saint Gaspar's Feast Day.

Since the students will not be attending Mass for the remainder of the week, we will need weekday lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and adult servers to assist with Mass on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at the regularly scheduled times.

Please Note: We will not need an adult server on Friday, October 23, due to there being no school that day.

Thank You!

OFFERING

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Loose	\$ 1,957.00
Adult Envelope	\$ 8,416.00
Maintenance	\$ 920.00
Children	\$ 160.00
Online Offering	\$ 2,098.75
Online Maintenance	\$ 226.25
Assumption	\$ 5.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
Total Collection	\$ 13,793.00

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!

WANT TO GIVE ONLINE

Fill out the E-Giving Form found on our website (www.stjohnsglandorf.org) and turn the completed form into the Parish Office. The form is located on the left hand side above the Menu options and it looks like this. 

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - SUPPORT HEARTBEAT AND

OTTAWA FOOD PANTY

HEARTBEAT: Boys and Girls: Diapers – Preemies, Pullups Girls (2T/3T) Winter sleepers- Boys (3)T, Girls (4T), Winter pants - Girls newborn—prefer solid colors, Boys Tennis Shoes (size 4, 5, 6, 7) Baby wash, shampoo, diaper ointment, Toothbrushes, sippy cups, teething toys/rings. There is a box in the south entrance of the Church for Heartbeat donations which will be picked up and taken to the Lima office periodically. **Heartbeat Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00am—5:00pm at 421 S. Cable Rd, Lima, OH 45805.**

OTTAWA FOOD PANTRY: ITEMS NEEDED: Jelly, Hamburger Helper, sloppy Joe, pickle relish, mayonnaise, Miracle Whip, protein bars, Boxed or bag cookie mix, Canned potatoes mandarin organs, variety ready to eat souped it not. Hicken noodle soup, cereal bars pop tarts. Salad dressing, cereal chicken and beef stock, egg noodles No Mac & cheese Thank you for your generosity!

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 11:30am to 2:00pm
Trinity United Methodist Church, 137 N Pratt St, Ottawa, OH

We need more volunteers!

Glandorf Parish supplies workers for **October and April**
Monday is set up day - 9:00 to noon or when we are finished
Tuesday is distribution day - 11:00 to 2:30 or finished cleaning up
The more people we have makes for shorter times
If interested in volunteering, just let me know or just show up!

We NEED someone who would pick up food in Lima on Mondays with a trailer at 9:30. You would deliver the load to the church and help unload.

We also need someone beside myself to attend quarterly committee meetings.

Sandy Racer has been in charge as long as I can remember and wants to retire. She will train someone if interested. Is Jesus calling you to help?

Questions or you plan on helping call or text Marlene 419-303-6531.

Pray for Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The Past 20 years

Ross M Hansen 10/20/04	Arthur A Ellerbrock 10/21/20
Madonna Kamphaus 10/20/17	Dorothy Mae Wichman 10/21/21
Carolyn S Aversch 10/21/09	Robert M Lally Jr 10/23/20
Richard H Hoyt 10/21/15	Edward R Nienberg 10/24/07

2026 GRAND-orf Club



The October \$500 Parish Center Drawing winners are **John Schroeder and Julie Tuten. Congratulations**, and thank you for supporting our Parish Center! The next drawing will be held on **November 8th**, no Coffee and Donuts due to an Outreach Breakfast, hosted by Clete and Mary Birkemeier. Extra tickets are available in the racks located in the church vestibules.



ONE IN CHRIST, *Untied in Mission*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2026

(The envelopes are in the pews for you to take and fill out and return.)

"Let us be charitable about the missions, remembering that the Lord who said: 'Go teach all nations' is the same Lord who bewailed: 'I have mercy on the multitudes.'"

-Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



National Director
The Pontifical Mission Societies USA
(1950-196)

Help Pope Leo Help Missionaries!

Mission belongs to the entire Church. Every baptized person is called to share God's love through prayer, generosity, and witness. Inspired by the dedication of missionaries around the world, we continue working together so that the message of Christ may reach every community, especially those most in need.

The collection helps priests in the missions carry out their work to spread the Gospel, like Father and later Bishop Robert Prevost, OSA, in Peru.

"I would like to thank the Pontifical Mission Societies for their service to missionary cooperation, which I experienced with gratitude during my ministry in Peru."

- Pope Leo XIV (Jan 25, 2026)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Change to All Souls' Envelope Donations

Beginning this year the Poor Souls' envelope on November 2nd, all donations received through these envelopes will be directed toward the perpetual care of our cemeteries.

This change is being made in accordance with our new Mass Intention Policy.

Thank you for your understanding and continued generosity in helping us care for our parish cemeteries. If you have any questions call the office.

6 AROUND THE PARISH

Catechism Corner

Virtue: Humility (Vice: Pride)

Continuing our focus on virtue, we can see in today's Gospel the pride of the Pharisees. They were so inflated with self-love that they couldn't see the truth of God before them. They were full of their own status as a high ranking religious, they no longer recognized their need for God. Malice ruled their hearts. The Pharisees were full of the vice of pride.

Pride is thinking and acting like we do not need God. Pride is the root of all other sins. There are many ways to act pridefully, such as when we try to solve our problems without looking to God, when we refuse to acknowledge the needs and hurts of others because we are consumed with our own needs, or when we fail to see our blessings as gifts from God, but instead think we achieved them by our own doing.

Pride also forces us to be consumed by what others think about us. Since we fail to see anything as bigger or greater than us, we waste a lot of time worrying about how we are perceived. (Am I smart enough? Pretty enough? Strong enough? Successful enough?)

Pride is the sin that leads to all others because it cuts God out of the picture. If I know everything and can do everything (these are also lies pride teaches us), then what need do I have for God?

"It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels." ~ St. Augustine

The virtue of humility is the answer and remedy to pride. Humility allows us to see what is real, and live according to that truth. When we are humble, we understand that everything comes from God and that God is everything. We remember that we were created by God out of love, that every blessing we receive is a gift from God, and that we can only become who we were meant to be when we make our lives a gift back to God.

Being humble does not mean lacking confidence or weakness. Some of the most profound examples of humility in our world were bold and courageous! Jesus did not shrink or stutter when He stood before the high priests. Even in today's gospel, Jesus didn't demand all the credit as he said to "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." He didn't even show pride receiving his death sentence before Pontius Pilate. Another example is St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She taught that humility was the greatest virtue. She boldly traveled the world, spoke before presidents and stood up for the weakest and smallest. When she was being honored as a Pulitzer Prize winner, she humbled herself and gave the honor and glory to God.

We are only weak when we attempt to do things without God. When we choose to tackle the world's problems, or even the small problems of our lives without God we are both weak and foolish. When we take the credit for the talents, skills, and even possessions we have, we are being prideful. God should be given the credit for all as what we receive is His will, or His permitting will. When we have prayerfully united our efforts with God, what do we have to fear? Who can stand against us? God does not promise a comfortable life, or even that all of our efforts will be successful, but He does promise that He will be with us every step of the way. Humility opens us up to the power and wonder of God. When we humbly allow God to lead, nothing is impossible.

Reflect: Do you ever worry about what other people think about you? Why or why not?

Think of a boldly humble person from history, a book, or a movie. How were they humble yet strong and brave?

Source: *The Virtues for Catholic Youth by Catholic Sprouts*

GLANDORF ST. JOHN'S NEW LIFE BOOK

During the next two weeks, you are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones on the papers that will be placed in our **New Life Book**. The papers can be found up front on the railing in front of **Mary's and Joseph's Shrines**.

WE ARE HIRING

Are you looking for a part-time opportunity?
Do you have some experience with maintenance and repairs?
Would you like to join the Maintenance Crew at St John's?

Apply Now

Give Deacon Mike a call to discuss more details 419-796-0763



How would you like to help the parish by helping out with snow removal?

- Anytime it snows, weekdays and weekends, the parish sidewalks and steps need to be cleared.
- We are looking for individuals or groups to sign up for snow days! (typically 6-8am)
- We have all the equipment, we just need the laborers! (Training provided for lawn tractor/blower/blade)
- Sign up as an individual or sign up as the lead for a group. Ministry groups, family groups, friend groups, all are welcomed! (must be 18 to run the lawn tractor)
- Add your contact phone number to the list.

How will this work?

- When someone in the group notices the forecast calling for snow, send a group text.
- If you are available to help at the requested date/time, send a response in the group. The goal is to have 3-5 people for each weather event.
- Show up to lend a hand.
- The rest of the group can stand by until the next need arises.
- The more names/numbers we have on the list the easier it should be to share in the work! We hope to have at least 25-30 contacts.

Sign up at the *Joinform* link below.
More details are provided on the sign-up page.

THANK YOU!



Spirituality of the Precious Blood

The Precious Blood spirituality is a way of life that brings people closer to God, each other, and creation through the healing power of the blood of Christ.

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood was founded in 1815 by St. Gaspar del Bufalo in Italy. Our spirituality centers around the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, emphasizing the themes of redemption, reconciliation, and the sacrificial love of Christ.



St. Gaspar's Chalice and Paten

A treasured reminder of the priestly ministry of St. Gaspar del Bufalo, founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

1. Devotion to the Precious Blood:

We focus on the blood of Christ as a symbol of His sacrifice and a means of salvation for humanity. That devotion involves a deep sense of gratitude for Christ's suffering and the redemptive power of His blood.

2. Reconciliation and Healing:

We emphasize the importance of reconciliation, both with God and among people, and work toward healing divisions, whether they are personal, social, or spiritual, reflecting the reconciling love of Christ.

3. Missionary Zeal:

Inspired by the founder, we are dedicated to evangelization and mission work, including preaching, teaching, and engaging in various forms of pastoral ministry to spread the message of Christ's redemptive love.

4. Community Life:

Members live in community, supporting one another in their spiritual and apostolic endeavors. Our communal aspect reflects the unity brought about by the blood of Christ and serves as a witness to the world.

5. Social Justice:

We are committed to advocating for social justice and helping the marginalized, inspired by the inclusive and compassionate love of Christ.



Town Square of Sonnino, Italy

This is the town square in Sonnino, Italy, where St. Gaspar preached, courageously bringing the message of faith and peace to help save the town.

Our spirituality is lived through various ministries, including parish work, retreats, missions, and social justice initiatives, all aimed at proclaiming the saving power of Christ's blood and fostering a deeper union with God and with one another.

What Does C.P.P.S. Mean?

C.P.P.S. is an abbreviation of the Latin name of the congregation: Congregatio Pretiosissimi Sanguinis, Congregation of the Most Precious Blood. Missionaries of the Precious Blood priests and brothers are designated by the credentials "C.P.P.S." following their names.



VOCATION TESTIMONY

Fifty years ago when we were getting married, marriage wasn't referred to as being a vocation; rather it was considered a commitment, one for life. At that time, fifty years seemed so far off that it was hard to comprehend! Now with that many years gone by and many couples also achieve this milestone; it is truly a gift of sharing not only years together, but more importantly the many moments in life that are significant. Difficult moments in marriage are significant as well. One can't become despondent in these times, but with confidence submit ourselves to God's will and experience his love and mercy through it all.

We really don't have much to offer that hasn't been experienced by other married couples; but we found what is important is our faith. It was this very aspect of our marriage that carried us through some really hard times, mostly involving health. Yes our work life did cause some angst along the way; but we could always move forward without experiencing long-term effects. In fact often such times, we found God had other plans for us; and even better plans. It was these times when we leaned on God to carry us through and we grew stronger as a couple by keeping God at the Center of all.

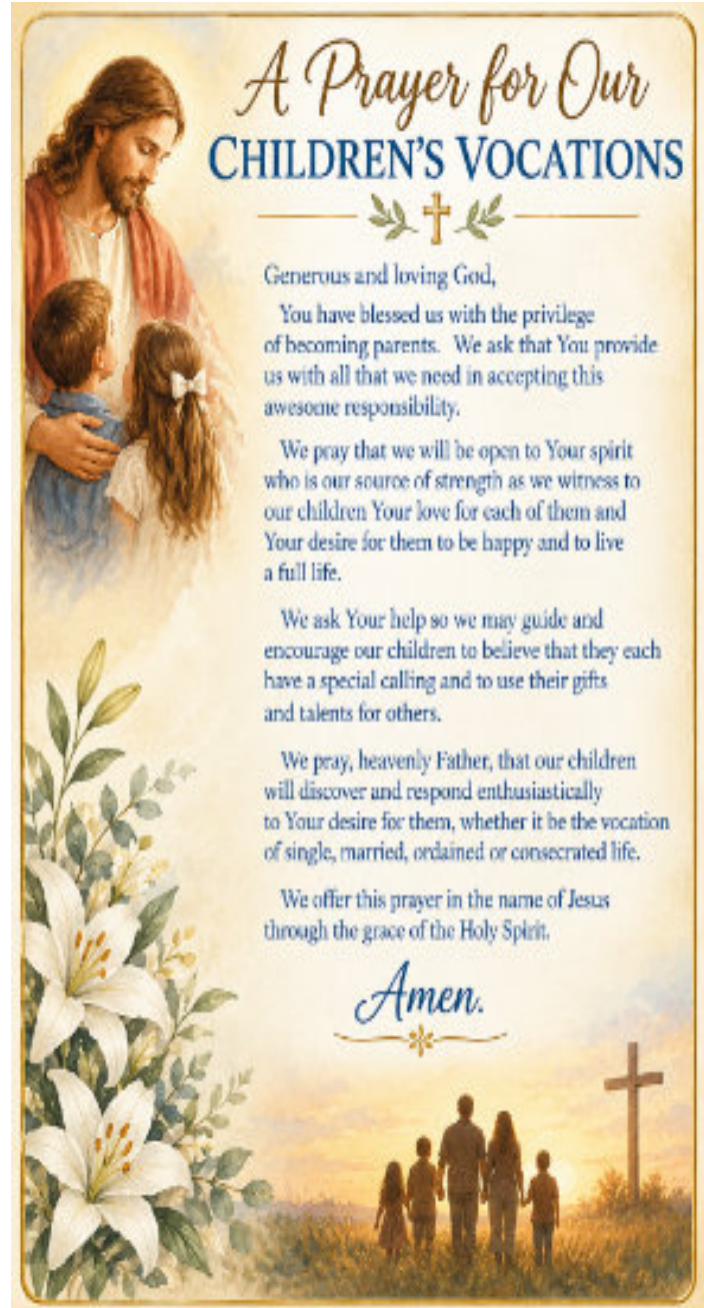
Sharing in the joys of having three daughters, nine grandchildren and being part of large loving families are what makes life so special no matter what we experience with the challenging times. It's also through children that we experience God's goodness.

We are by no means experts on married life and we just journeyed together and tried to share God's goodness each day.

- Finally, we found not letting the small things matter and often sharing how much we mean to each other and just being together was all that we needed.

Life is Good!

Dale & Ruth Gerding



BULLETIN REQUESTS

If you would like to have an announcement, event, or other information included in the bulletin, please submit your request by Tuesday afternoon for consideration in that week's bulletin.

Please send all bulletin requests to admin@glandorfstjohns.com.

Requests will be included as space allows and must support and align with St. John's mission and ministry.



Adoration on Election Day

November 3, 2026

7:00 AM – 7:00 PM



Sign up to spend
an hour or two with
Jesus.



Sign up now

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/3069F46AAAR2BATFB5-05069822-copy01>

Scan to sign up



Eucharistic Adoration
in November

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

ADORATION ON FIRST FRIDAY



<https://tinyurl.com/mr2nhehd>

ADORATION ON FIRST SATURDAY



<https://tinyurl.com/5d2d7msv>

NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH
JESUS EVERY HOUR!

SCHEDULE

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:30-7:30PM

**FIRST FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 6TH**
1:00-4:00PM CONCLUDING
WITH BENEDICTION

**FIRST SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 7TH AND 8TH**
AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL
8:00AM ON SUNDAY
MORNING

**HOLY HOUR
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH**
9:00AM-10:00AM
CONCLUDING WITH
BENEDICTION AT 9:55AM
THEME: TBD



IF YOU NEED HELP SIGNING UP CALL KATE VERHOEFF 482-236-1304

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

A 100-DAY Pilgrimage FOR PEACE

— PRAY • TRUST • HOPE —

» TODAY IS DAY 34 «

of our 100-day Pilgrimage praying for Peace.

Prayer on the Emmaus Road
Fr. Joe Nassal, C.P.P.S.

We give you thanks, God of all goodness,
 For you gather peoples of every race and culture,
 And unite them on an uncommon journey
 Of truth and tenderness, compassion, and cure.

This holy band of pilgrim people
 Are alive through your Spirit,
 Resplendent as a sign of the unity
 You desire for all women and men,
 You invite us to give witness to your love
 As we walk this road of peace together.
 Along the way, you invite us to share the stories,
 To catch the dream,
 To open our hearts to the fullness of your hope.

Faithful to the covenant
 Which bound us together forever,
 With the communion of saints
 Who traveled the road before us;
 With the witness of the prophets
 Who have shown us the way;
 With the courage of martyrs
 Who have marked the trail with their blood;
 And with all the voices of creation
 We off you praise and thanks
 In the name of Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

WE BEGIN
September 15
Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

WE END
December 24
As we celebrate the Birth of the Prince of Peace

» HOW TO PARTICIPATE «

**SIMPLY PRAY
 ONE ROSARY EACH DAY**

for peace, asking Our Lady, Queen of Peace,
 to pray for us as we pray for peace in our
 families, our communities, our nation,
 and throughout the world.

ONE ROSARY. ONE INTENTION. 100 DAYS. TOGETHER FOR PEACE.

*Our Lady, Queen of Peace,
 PRAY FOR US!*

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

— YOU ARE INVITED TO AN —

Appreciation Meal

for All of St. John's Volunteers

Sunday, November 15th
— at 11:30am —
in the Parish Center

You can enter to win two different door prizes!

This dinner is for anyone who volunteers in our parish and their spouses.

We would like to Thank You
for saying "YES" to help spread God's love to St. John's Parishioners.

Many Hands Make a Stronger Parish

Our Volunteers Include:

- 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 staffers - St. John's Food Pantry workers
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Please RSVP by Friday, November 6th



Scan the QR code to sign up



Call
(419) 538-6928



Email
admin@glandorfstjohns.com



or Click on the link

<https://form.io/form.com/262854165553160>

TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Join us for That Man Is You!

Saturday, October 24th 6:00–7:30 AM in the Cafeteria **OR** **Wednesday, October 21st** 7:00–8:30 PM in room 22.

SESSION 7
(Sat. 10/24 & Wed. 10/28)

"REVELATION OF THE FATHER"

The Two Become One

Presenter: Steve Bollman

The two become one. Guarding one-flesh union. Recovering first love. Marriage as sacred covenant. Neglect weakens communion. Fidelity of body and heart. Revelation 2:4-5, 1 Corinthians 6:16-18.

For more information, contact
Deacon Mike Karhoff
mkarhoff@glandorfstjohns.com

Just SHOW UP AND Fill Your Cup

Faith Friendship Community

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

OCT 3RD	Socctober Fest NO CLASS	
OCT 10TH	Homecoming NO CLASS	
OCT 17TH	Crafts ♥ CHILDREN WELCOME ♥	
OCT 24TH	Scripture and Discussion	
OCT 31ST	Halloween NO CLASS	

We can't wait to see you!

Joyful Tuesdays (and Catholic and Patriotic!)

Faith, Fun and Fellowship!

Love of God, Love of Neighbor, Love of Country
At the cafeteria at Glandorf St. John parish center.

Tues., Oct. 20

6:30 pm Faith: Glorious (Scripture) Rosary

7:00 pm Fellowship Focus: American Sign

Language Class 2 (of 2)

Learn words of beginning vocabulary of ASL. It is fine if you did not attend the previous class.

Tues., Oct. 27

Dirty Sodas and Trail Mix Night

(A dirty soda starts with a regular soft drink, such as Diet Coke or 7-Up, and then layers with additional flavors and creams.)



6:30 - 7:30 pm Faith Focus: "Catholic Heroes II"

Videos on Father Mark Beard; Saint Mother Theresa; Venerable Father Emil Kapaan (WWII); Saint Kateri Tekakwitha: America's First Native American Saint



"Independence Day" and "How Do We Maintain Freedom in America?" - Fr. Mike Schmitz Videos



7:30 - 8:30 pm Fellowship Focus: Game/Card night or just hang out

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.



Questions call: Jill Gerding 419-538-6942
Sponsored by St. John's Alter Rosary Society



(419) 538-6264 f/GlandorfStJohnsPreschool

Quarter Auction & Vendor Fundraiser

Friday November 6th 2026 at 6:00 PM

Quarter Auction begins at 7:00

Glandorf St. John's Parish Center

\$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 at the
Preschool or reserve your tickets in advance
and pick them up at the door

Remember to bring your quarters!



12 YOUTH AND AROUND AREA



YOUTH CHOIR

FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

DECEMBER 24, 2026 AT 4:00PM

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

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNINGS
FROM 9:15AM TIL 10:00AM /
IN THE CHURCH BALCONY
ON NOVEMBER 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH
AND DECEMBER 13TH, 20TH

ANYONE IS WELCOMED AT ANY TIME!



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, EL SALVADOR, GRENADA, HONDURAS, MALAWI AND PERU. IN 2025, THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY, HOLY FAMILY RADIO PROVIDED 1,304 GIFT BOXES OF THE 134,159 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 15TH AFTER 10:30 AM MASS.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT BRAD RUMP BY PHONE/TEXT AT 419-722-9451 OR BY EMAIL AT BRUMPA@HOLYFAMILYRADIO.ORG OR GO TO THE WEBSITE AT WWW.HOLYFAMILYRADIO.ORG/BOXOFJOY.

THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GET YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN INVOLVED IN GIFT GIVING TO THE POOREST OF THE POOR.

respect life month novena



October 22-30

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!

Sign Up!

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
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities | usccb.org/prolife

Putnam County
A Date With
Father Nate
— a celebration of marriage —

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025 DOOR OPENS AT 6:00 PM KALIDA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

AN EVENING CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Married and engaged couples are invited to relax, laugh, and grow together as Fr. Nathan Cronley shares a message of hope and love that strengthens marriages and families. Through humor, wisdom, and practical insight, he encourages couples to grow in faith and love together. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soft drinks, and music throughout the evening. Let this date night be a step toward a more spiritually fulfilling and heavenly-focused marriage.



FATHER NATHAN CRONLEY



Scan the QR code to register and learn more about the date night.

Or visit the registration page
saintjohnsinstitute.org/all-events

THE DATE NIGHT DETAILS

When: Saturday, November 14, 2025
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

What: Laughter, great conversation, inspiring talks, refreshments & heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Where: KALIDA - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
718 Napoleon Road
Kalida, Ohio 45832

Cost: \$80/Couple

BECOME A SPONSOR

If you, your family, or business would like to sponsor this date night, please visit the registration page to explore available sponsorship levels. Each sponsorship includes a couple's ticket and the opportunity to showcase your family or business name/logo throughout the event.

Questions? Please contact Margaret Pluta at margaret.pluta@saintjohnsinstitute.org

13 AROUND THE AREA AND GENERAL INFORMATION

ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS SCHOOL

(Christmas school sign up time)

OTTAWA— All preschool children (at least age three and toilet trained) of the Ottawa-Glandorf area are invited to attend Ecumenical Christmas School, November 30–December 4, 2026. Trinity United 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 week, either from 9:00–11:00 am or 12:30–2:30pm. Registration forms are available in the back vestibules of Church. And at Trinity's church office, 137 North Pratt Street, Ottawa, and are due no later than Wednesday, November 11. There is a \$10.00 registration fee for each child to cover supplies and incidentals.

Adult volunteers, both young and old are always needed. If you are willing to lead a group or be a classroom helper, please contact Nancy McBride (419.235.8753) or Becky Leader (419.969.0981). We will be looking for new leadership for Christmas School in 2027. If you are interested, please let us know.

Catholic Road DAY Trips

Catholic Road Day Trip...join both, or just 1. Registration ends Oct. 30 - amazing faith-filled and fun, combining Catholic traditions & prayer with nature, history, culture & community! 1 - Ft. Wayne & A Drummer Boy Christmas on Thu, Dec. 10. Highlights: Tours of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of Ft. Wayne and its museum, Mass, the Botanical Conservatory including their Christmas displays, and performance of For King & Country at the Coliseum. 2 - HOLY Toledo on Mon, Jan. 18, 2027. Highlights: Tour our Diocese Cathedral - renovations are being completed now, Mass at our 1st Cathedral: St. Francis de Sales Church, Tony Packo's Museum, Holy Toledo historian/tour guide joins us on our bus, with an upscale supper in the historic Oliver House. Departing from Ottawa Walmart. We pray & have fun on the bus too! For complete details, contact your Host - Diane Utrup, Glandorf at 419-306-5588 or LetsGoTravelAdventureClub@gmail.com



*Mass
Connects Us
to Each Other*

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 the QR Code!

SIGN UP



The Mustard Seed at St. John's
150 Church Street in Glandorf
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Stop in and shop at your local Catholic gift and book store

Open
Tues 9-5 Wed 10-6
Thurs 9-5 Fri 9-4
Sat after 8am Mass -12:30



BLUETOOTH HEARING ASSISTANCE
NOW AVAILABLE IN CHURCH

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

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



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 rectory office at 419-422-2646 and ask to be transferred to the Catholic Counseling services.



St. Catherine's Embrace

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



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Dignity of the Human Person



In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic bishops of the United States identify the four main principles of the Church's social teaching and apply them to some concrete issues. This is not to tell the faithful for whom or against whom to vote, but instead to help them form their consciences in accordance with God's truth as they approach this often-challenging decision. The four main principles are the Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity. They are all interrelated. This bulletin focuses on the **Dignity of the Human Person**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

Because each human person is created in the image and likeness of God, each one of us possesses innate and inviolable human dignity. This dignity is present in each person from the moment of their conception and throughout their lives. As Pope Francis has emphasized, human dignity is central to building a society in which we are "brothers and sisters all."¹

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"The dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral vision of society."
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Every human being has the right to live with dignity and to develop integrally; this fundamental right cannot be denied by any country. People have this right even if they are unproductive, or were born with or developed limitations. This does not detract from their great dignity as human persons, a dignity based not on circumstances but on the intrinsic worth of their being. Unless this basic principle is upheld, there will be no future either for fraternity or for the survival of humanity.²

Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 107

The dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral vision of society. As we seek to imitate the Good Samaritan and become neighbor to all, we must work to protect the dignity of all, especially those who are most vulnerable.

As we engage in the public square with a well-formed conscience:

- We work to protect the most vulnerable—children in the womb who are in danger of abortion—while also standing in radical solidarity with mothers.³ Building on their bond of flesh and kinship, and on the network of family, neighbor, and community relationships in which they are situated, the Church actively assists mothers and their children to have a brighter future.

- We continue to protect the dignity of our sister or brother who is elderly, disabled, or ill by strongly rejecting euthanasia and assisted suicide. These practices are symptoms of a “throw-away culture,” in which children of God of inestimable worth are cast aside as worthless.⁴
- Likewise, we must recognize the inherent dignity of the migrant and refugee. In our country now, that means comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.
- We support the dignity of the person, created male or female; therefore, we oppose a gender ideology that fails to recognize the difference and reciprocity between man and woman.⁵
- Racism attacks the dignity of the human person by denying that we are all equally made in the image of God, so we must overcome racism in our hearts as well as in our systems and institutions.⁶
- We continue to seek reform of the criminal justice system and to end the use of the death penalty. We support common sense measures to reduce gun violence.⁷
- Finally, we seek to prevent and remedy any aspects of an “economy of exclusion,”⁸ which “does not hesitate to exploit, discard, and even kill human beings,”⁹ and to work instead toward an “economy of communion” rooted in ethical concern.¹⁰

“Social friendship and universal fraternity” Pope Francis writes, “necessarily call for an acknowledgement of *the worth of every human person, always and everywhere.*”¹¹ Through our political participation, our accompaniment of those in need, and the witness of our daily lives, may we support the worth of every person, created in God’s image.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023.

Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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1 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship), no. 8.

2 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 107. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth), no. 45.

3 USCCB, “Letter and Policy Recommendations Supporting Women and Children,” October 26, 2022.

4 St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), nos. 8, 15, 18, 23, 94. See also: Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* nos. 18-21.

5 Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), no. 56.

6 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, 3-8.

7 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 263-270. See also: *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 84.

8 Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel), no. 53.

9 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 22.

10 Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, nos. 45-47.

11 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 106.



As a young boy, Gaspar gave short talks about Jesus to his family and friends.