

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood



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## OUR MISSION

Founded by Jesus Christ, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is the heart of Glandorf. At the heart of our faith are the Sacraments which St. John's is here to evangelize, catechize, and celebrate all of God's people to set their hearts on fire in passionate love of God and neighbor.

## PARISHIONERS

- New Members
- Any status or address changes
- To keep informed, register for Bulletin and Parish Notifications by email or visit St. John's website  
Call or email the Parish Office

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH?

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

## CYO SPORTS

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

# 2 FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT

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In our scriptures today we hear Bartimaeus cry out “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.” (Mark 10:47). Bartimaeus is aware of his blindness, and he wants Jesus to help him so that he can see. Like Bartimaeus if we are aware our blindness, we would want and ask Jesus to open our eyes so that we can see. But what happens to us if we have blindness that we are not aware of? What happens if we are told that we are blind and we do not believe the message? Can Jesus still help us?

Speaking of blindness, of not being able to see, and needing help. I am reminded of my blindnesses, I am particularly reminded of my literal blindness when I was told that I needed to start wearing glasses. When I first was told it, I did not believe it, I thought my eyes were fine, I did not need to wear glasses. I was in the seventh grade and one day at school someone came to test the students’ vision. I remember looking into the machine they brought to test my vision and remember the letters being hard to read. But I thought it was not my eyes that was the problem, it was because the machine was not working right. A few days later mom and dad got a letter in the mail saying I failed the vision test, and I needed to an eye doctor. I remembered a year or two prior to failing the vision test at school, a similar letter was sent home. I was taken to the eye doctor, nothing was wrong, I did not need glasses, and I remember being told this kind of thing happens all the time. Students fail vision the test at school, and they go to the eye doctor, and everything is fine. Mom made the appointment to see the eye doctor and I went to the appointment and at the end of the examination the eye doctor gave me pair of lenses to put up to eyes so I could read the letter on the wall and he said I needed glasses. Not truly believing the eye doctor, I picked out a pair of frames at Walmart and then about an hour later they were ready. I remember just before putting my glasses on the first time I was told to look out into the store, then they put my glasses on and being told to look out into the store again and I was told that my eyes lit up.

Jesus cures us of our blindness when we are crying out for help and yes, Jesus also helps when we are blind, and we do not think are or in need of help. In our scriptures today we also hear that “Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins” (Hebrews 5:1). The Letter to Hebrews was written to Jewish Levitical class of priests whose ministry was offer sacrifice to make up for sins, using the blood of animals to offer sacrifice. The point of the letter is the author is saying that Jesus is the great high priest, and that he offered his blood in sacrifice to make up for our sins. Jesus offered his blood to helps us for those moments when are crying out for help and for those moments when we think we can make it on our own. What can Jesus help you with today?



## MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 Sts. Simon & Jude

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

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:20am Rosary  
8:40am L/D Herbert & Lucille Leopold Family

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:15am-7:45am Confession  
7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Mike Hoffman  
6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration  
7:45-8:15pm Confession

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:20am Rosary  
8:40am Don Michel, L/D of Hovest Family  
2:00pm Mass at Meadows of Ottawa-Poor Souls  
7:00pm Ron Kahle Jr.

## First FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 All Saints Day

7:15am-7:45am Confession  
7:35am Rosary  
8:00am L/D Bob & Hilda Hovest Family, Mel Lammers - All School  
12:00pm Rosary  
1:00pm-3:45pm Adoration/Benediction- time change  
4:30pm L/D Camillas & Catherine Nartker Family,  
L/D Edwin & Bertha Schroeder Family

## First SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 All Souls Day

7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Br. Jerry Schulte and the Poor Souls- Bereavement Mass  
8:30am Confessions  
8:30am - 10:00am Confirmation Rehearsal  
8:30am-4:30pm All Day Rosary  
4:00pm Confessions  
4:30pm Father Gene Schnipke, Maxine Karl, L/D Mel Lammers Family,  
L/D Marcus Roof Family  
5:30pm-8:00am Adoration

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3-31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Jacob M Schroeder Family, Vicki Verhoff, Derrick Conn,  
Tom Lauth, Debra Bryant  
9:00am - 10:00am Holy Hour and Benediction  
10:30am Joe Uphaus, L/D Carl & Lucille Ellerbrock Family,  
Phil Gerding (AN), Nub Gerding, Jane Gerding, Jay Gerding,  
Dean Shelter (AN), Ron Meyer  
2:00pm For the Confirmation Candidates

### **ALL SAINTS' DAY Friday, November 1, 2024**

Is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass on Thursday, October 31st at 7:00pm,  
and on Friday, November 1st 8:00am—all School Mass and 4:30pm.

### **ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ADULT SERVERS**

Whenever there is an All-School Mass, the students will not attend the rest of the  
week. so we will need weekday lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, and Adult servers  
to help with Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Thank You!

### **ALL SOULS' DAY Saturday, November 2, 2024**

St. John's Memorial Masses for our deceased  
parishioners this past year will be Saturday,  
November 2, 2024 at the 8:00am Mass.

## SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:40am	Roger Schroeder, Eddie Duling
Wed	8:00am	Gene & Rose Warnecke
Thurs	8:40am	Roger Schroeder, Gary Recker
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Royce Ellerbrock, Landyn Schulte, Aubrey Leopold- <b>Thurifer - TBD</b>
Fri	8:00am	Gary Recker & Roger Schroeder
<b>Fri</b>	<b>4:30am</b>	Asher Rump, Libbie Niese, Hannah Brickner, <b>Thurifer - TBD</b>
Sat	8:00am	Calista Vennekotter, Jace Vennekotter, Emmit Miller
Sat	4:30pm	Royce Ellerbrock, Landyn Schulte, Aubrey Leopold
Sun	8:00am	AJ Siefker, Makenna Siefker,, Raiden Schroeder
Sun	10:00am	James Niese and Miles Niese
Sun	10:30am	Cole Morman, Chase Maag, Zachary Horstman

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Deb Leopold Deb Schroeder
<b>Fri</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Mark Schroeder Tammy Schroeder
Sat	4:30pm	Diane Recker Alicia Nussbaum
Sun	8:00am	Mark Schroeder Tammy Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Jason Kleman Julie Pothast

## LECTORS

Andy Gray
Deb Schroeder
Nicole Ruhe
Elizabeth Ruhe
Carole Schroeder
Kathy Schmitz
Nicole Ruhe
Elizabeth Ruhe
Michelle Schroeder
Dawn Giesige

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

## GIFT BEARERS

<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Brian & Christine Schroeder
<b>Fri</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Henry & Jane Kaufman
Sat	4:30pm	Tom & Gretchen Schmitz
Sun	8:00am	Denny & Joan Karhoff
Sun	10:30am	Jerry & Mary Hanneman

## NOVEMBER USHERS

<b>Thurs</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Bart Recker, Ken Kottenbrock
<b>Fri</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Richard Schmitz, Brady Laudick
Sat	4:30pm	Kevin Ellerbrock, Alex Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Chris & Tim Hoehn
Sun	10:30am	Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Sandy Verhoff & Linda Schroeder  
COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 5

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

## OCTOBER MASS COUNT 2024

We need to report Saturday and Sunday Mass attendance to the Toledo Dioceses.  
Starting this weekend Saturday October 5th and 6th, the ushers will count all people  
present at every Mass. This will include servers, Fr. Matt, Deacon Don, choir & babies  
in arms. Thank you very much!

**SACRAMENTS****BAPTISM**

Instruction is necessary when this is your first child. To arrange a baptism or register for the parental baptism class, please contact the Parish Office.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS (by Deacon Don)

Parish Center Room 15 9:00am –10:30am

Upcoming classes:

**MARRIAGES**

Please contact the Parish Office six months in advance to start planning your wedding. A marriage preparation class is required.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS (REQUIRED)**

1-DAY CLASS organized by Dr. Craig and Wendy Imm in the Parish Center Cafeteria Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 8:00am

**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

Wednesday 7:15am –7:45am, 7:45pm—8:15pm

Friday 7:15am—7:45am

Saturday 8:30am, 4:00pm—4:15pm

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please call the Parish Office if you need a Priest for Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites. If a Sacramental Emergency call 419-778-9339.

**HOLY ORDERS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**

Contact the vocation office at the Toledo Diocese at 419-244-6711 ext. 4945 or e-mail psmith@toledodiocese.org or contact the vocation office at the Missionaries of the Precious Blood 937-228-9263 or e-mail vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday 6:30pm—8:15pm

1st Friday 1:00pm—4:00pm with Benediction

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

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

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

**CONFIRMATION****MASS SERVERS**

Sun 2:00pm Ross Maag, Nolan Duling, Adam Maag, Grant Maag

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****LECTORS**

Sun 2:00pm Mary Rose Ellerbrock Gwen Klear  
Judy Schroeder, Fr. Nathan Bock- Carole Schroeder  
rath, Lindsey Duling, Nichole  
Schroeder, Heather Haselman,  
Matt Heffner

**CONFIRMATION USHERS**

Sun 2:00pm Brat Recker, Al Wrasman, Jerry Recker, Greg  
Nussbaum, Barry Maag and Bryan Kaufman

**CATECHISM CORNER**

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

**"For us men and for our salvation, He came down from Heaven"**

*"Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (Mark 2:7)*

Jesus proved He was God by doing miracles. To go even deeper, he also forgave sins! The people knew the only one to be able to forgive sins was God alone. So, when Jesus began forgiving sins, along with His miracles, many more people began to believe He was, in fact, the Son of God.

Take for example, the paralytic healed by Jesus when he was forgiven of his sins. (Mark 2:1-12). The man didn't tell Jesus his sins, but as God, Jesus knew everything about him. He knew this man was sorry for his sins because he sought Jesus out for healing and forgiveness. He approached Jesus in faith. He knew Jesus had the power to heal him. This man was healed both physically and spiritually. Jesus first forgave his sins, showing that spiritual healing is the most important type of healing, and then he also healed him physically, telling him to stand and walk.

In this miracle, Jesus claimed the power to forgive sins, which belongs to God alone, but then he proved his power as God by also healing the man's paralysis. This miracle revealed that Jesus is God.

After Jesus died and rose from the dead himself, many more came to believe, yet many turned away in disbelief. But, this did not stop Jesus from completing His mission – that mission that is still being carried out today!

After Jesus' Resurrection, He appeared to the Apostles and gave *them* power to forgive sins (John 20:19-23). He was making the Apostles (and future bishops, priests) the instruments of God's work on earth.

Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are forgiven and receive absolution, which is God's forgiveness of our sins administered through His Church. Jesus' mission to forgive the sins of others continues through the priesthood. Jesus gives us the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that we not only are forgiven, but so that we can receive the free gift of grace, which helps us not to sin again.

Jesus is calling us all to come to Him in faith to receive His blessings of forgiveness to heal our souls and restore it in unity with Him and His Church. This restoration brings peace and joy back to souls.

STEWARDSHIP		October 20, 2024
<u>Offering</u>		
Loose	\$	940.00
Adult Envelope	\$	7,600.00
Children	\$	140.00
Maintenance	\$	310.00
Online Offering	\$	2,467.50
Online Maintenance	\$	223.75
All Saints	\$	50.00
Assumption of Mary	\$	10.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,741.25</b>

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.stjohnklandorf.org](http://www.stjohnklandorf.org)  
 Heartbeat needs Baby wipes, Diapers - size 4, 5, and 6, 3-6 and 6-9 month plain white onesies, Enfamil formulas (Infant and Gentlease) & Similac Neosure formula (for preemies)

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

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



Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting [MISSIO.org](http://MISSIO.org).

### 2024 GRAND-orf Club



**2024 GRAND-orf Club** drawing will be November 10th by Kristen and Craig Duling. There will be no coffee and donuts because of an Outreach Breakfast.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION HURRICAN HELENE RELIEF DONATIONS



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

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

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

### Please Include them in your prayers

#### OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of our faithful departed. Our sincere sympathy is extended to their families, relatives, friends & neighbors of ....

Angela Schroeder

#### WEDDING BANN

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

#### BAPTIZED

Elora Rose, daughter of Ryan and Breana Ashley  
 Nora Sue Eileen, daughter of Ian and Amanda Richey

### Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

*The past 20 years*

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Thomas L Knapke 10/27/15    | Carolyn M Parys 10/29/13     |
| Beatrice M Hedrick 10/28/01 | Wayne L Walters 10/30/13     |
| Virgil B Kaufman 10/28/09   | Hazel R Leap 10/31/13        |
| Michael J Hoffman 10/28/22  | Mary Ann Laubenthal 10/31/20 |
| Raymond A Spangler 10/29/02 | Gertrude M Drerup 11/1/05    |

### GLANDORF ST. JOHN'S NEW LIFE BOOK

The next 2 weeks you can come and put your loved ones that have died onto the papers that will be going into our NEW LIFE BOOK. You'll find the papers up front on the railing in front of Mary's and Joseph's Shrine. Bring a pen!

## CONSECRATION OF THE ELECTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

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

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

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

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



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY BINGO

### 50/50 WINNERS:

1ST PLACE: MARILYN O. SIEFKER  
2ND PLACE: SANDY BELLMAN  
3RD PLACE: FINN KAUFMAN

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THE ALTAR ROSARY COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO SEND A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR HELPING TO MAKE THE EVENT A SUCCESS: ALL WHO ATTENDED AND SHARED IN THE FELLOWSHIP, ALL AREA BUSINESSES WHO DONATED DOOR PRIZES, ALL WHO DONATED BAKED ITEMS, OUR BINGO CALLER, BOB ELLERBROCK, MICHELLE HORSTMAN, ASHLEY DULING, AND JOE SCHROEDER. FINALLY, THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS AND BINGO WORKERS AS WELL AS THE ALTAR ROSARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS. WE'RE ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S EVENT, AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

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**BINGO**

**BINGO**

**GO**

**GO**

### Joint Parish and Finance Council Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2024

1) Opening Prayer by Fr. Matt

Joint Parish & Finance Council Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2024

meeting were reviewed. Bryan Kaufman made a motion to approve the minutes, Matt Bockrath seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### Grounds Committee

Gym floor – Floor complete. Going to put trim around possible September 18th

Will install new air grates by floor

Fr. Matt would like to have a blessing of the gym floor, possibly during Sunday Funday

Church carpet was cleaned in mid August

Mustard Seed- plan on continuing updating electric

Sunday Funday – October 6, 2024 after 10:30 mass until 3:30. Parish Council

and Finance Committee will be getting snacks and drinks for concession stand and volunteer for tending concession and other preparation duties.

Blanchard Ave Access – The Schroeders are hosting an event with local priests and deacons to show people what their ideas for the center would entail.

Use of Parish Center – Discussed how to best use the Parish Center to spread the Catholic faith based on our parish mission statement. Still looking at what is best for the parish and the center. Also need to evaluate concerns related to liability to the parish.

#### New Business

It was brought to the councils attention that there are still issues with poor audio in some spots in the church.

Window on the south side of church has an issue with a leak or possible delamination of fiberglass on the wall. Will take a better look at and move forward with getting it repaired.

Cemetery committee will be installing 2 columbaria's (vault for urns for cremation) next spring.

Candlesticks for servers – price to fix the gold plate was presented and was decided to go ahead with the repair.

Mike Karhoff presented a list of possible projects. Repairs and upgrades to the campus and buildings. The goal is to build a 5 year plan for spreading out the financial impact.

Next Meeting will be on October 15, 2024 in church undercroft

Closing Prayer Fr. Matt offered the closing prayer

Close Motion to adjourn the meeting was given by Mary Ellen Klear and seconded by Matt Bockrath. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

# 7 AROUND THE PARISH



**Attention ALL MEN!!!!** Join us on for That Man Is You (TMIY) **Saturday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria or Wednesday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm in room 22.**

For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net), 419-796-0763

**TMIY "APOSTLES OF THE NEW SPRINGTIME" – The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart (Sat. 11/2, Wed. 11/6)** (session 8) Presenter: Mark Hartfiel: We Live in "The Age of Mary". Many Marian Apparitions in the Past 200 Years. Our Lady's Messages Counteract the World's Evil. God Gives Simple Solutions to the World's Problems: Jesus. We Must Pray the Rosary Everyday. John 14:27 Matthew 28:19-20.



## The Piecemaker's Sewing Group

Tuesday evening, October 29th, from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in Room 8 (The old Science Room)

We will be putting kits together and cutting out fabric. To date, we have put together 674 hygiene kits and 644 cloth diapers that have been distributed to Uganda and other countries. We could use darker printed cotton fabric and flannel; colored washcloths, and gallon plastic bags, NO ziplock bags. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Meyer at 419-538-6437. Thanks to all who help and donate to this worthwhile cause.

## OCIA

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) **Monday, October 28, 2024**

**St. John's Parish Center Cafeteria**

**Topic: #7 The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace: God's Divine Life Within Us**  
Snack person: Carole Schroeder

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



to move mountains  
MATTHEW 17:20

## NEED YOUR HELP OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA)

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

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

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

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



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



## SOULCORE BODY MIND SOUL

Join Chris Schroeder, with Restore 23, to nourish body, mind & soul with a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement.

*\*No fitness level, age or experience required.\**

Suggested donation: \$10/session

Registration required

Call/text Chris at #419-230-2953 to sign-up

Thursdays, Oct. 17 & 24; Nov. 7 & 14  
7:45 - 8:45 PM

Glandorf St. John's Parish Center Cafeteria

## ST. JOHN'S 2025 PARISH PICTORIAL

### To Order additional Parish Pictorials

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

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## FORMER GLANDORF GERMANY TRAVELERS/ HOST FAMILIES

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

Thank you!



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

## COME & PRAY

November 5<sup>th</sup>  
Election Day



St. John's Church will be open  
for  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
7:00am till 7:00pm

7:00am Morning Prayer

8:40am Mass

Noon Rosary

3:00pm Divine

Mercy Chaplet

7:00pm Evening Prayer with  
Benediction



## COME & PRAY

November 5<sup>th</sup>  
Election Day



## ST. JOHN'S Parish Prints Fundraiser

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ALL ITEMS WILL BE  
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ALL ORDERS DUE  
**OCT. 27**

\*SAMPLES OF ALL 4 PRINTS IN THE BACK OF CHURCH\*



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

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

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

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

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

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



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



## Appreciation Dinner

Sunday, November 24, 2024

at 11:30am in St. John's Parish Center

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

Please **RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 18th**. You can sign up by scanning the QR code or call (419)538-6928 or emailing at [admin@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:admin@glandorfstjohns.com) or holding down the control and clicking the link below. <https://form.jotform.com/242956377612162>



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



## Advent Mission

# Jesus in the Eucharist Our Way to Heaven



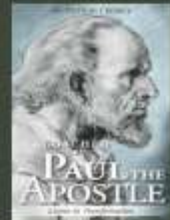
Monday, Nov. 18 & Tuesday, Nov. 19  
7:30 - 9:00 PM

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Glandorf



**Fr. Nathan Cromly - Speaker**

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

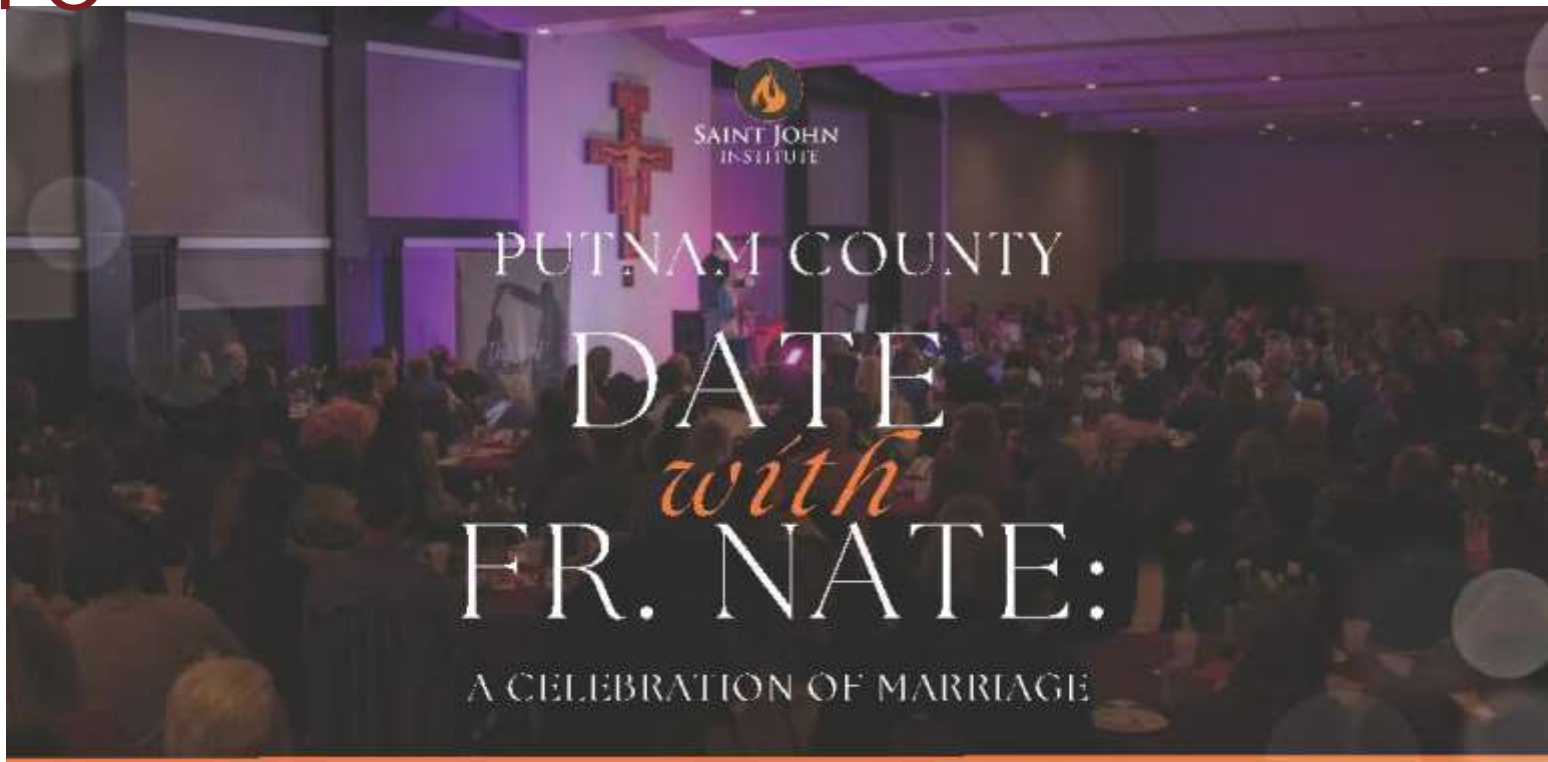


Free Will Offering will be taken



"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

# 10 AROUND THE PARISH



## An evening celebrating the *Sacrament of Marriage*

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



Father Nathan Cromly

### *Scan me!*

to register and learn more about the date night.



### *Become a sponsor!*

### *The Details*

- When:** Saturday, November 23, 2024  
6:00 p.m. - Doors open  
Registration & heavy hors d'oeuvres  
7:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Presentation
- Where:** K of C Hall  
718 Napoleon Rd.  
Kalida, OH 45853
- Cost:** \$70/couple

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

Questions? Please contact [putnamcountydatenight@gmail.com](mailto:putnamcountydatenight@gmail.com)

# Eucharistic Adoration

- Every Wednesday, 6:30pm-8:15pm
- First Friday, November 1st 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Benediction starting at 4:00pm

Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator back in church or sign up on line using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/2jy2mm82>

- First Saturday, November 2nd & 3rd

After 4:30pm Mass until 8:00am on Sunday morning.

Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator back in church or sign up on line using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/yhk6t4vp>

- Holy Hour, November 3rd from 9:00am-10:00am. Benediction starting at 9:55am.

Theme will be praying for our Confirmation students. 1st 20 minutes will be a guided meditation. The meditation will be located at the exits of Church.

- Election Day, November 5th from 7:00am -7:00pm

Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator back in church or sign up on line using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/mu3cpx45>

We would like at least two people signed up for each hour. If you can't make it to church to sign in, please call Katie Verhoff 480-236-7305.



*Come and spend time with our Lord.*

## CALLING ALL FAMILIES!

### BE PART OF OUR ADVENT TRADITION

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

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

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA9AF2FA1FC25-52626183-2024> to choose a Mass time that works best for your family. Spots are limited, so don't wait!

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



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

COME AND JOIN US!

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL 8:30PM

FELLOWSHIP  
FAMILY ADORATION  
FREE PLAY  
PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS PROVIDED

GATHER IN THE PARK!

SEPTEMBER 9TH  
OCTOBER 5TH  
NOVEMBER 2ND

NO DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP

WHAT IS FAMILY ADORATION?

- Family Adoration will be offered from 6-7:30pm in the Church. You can stay for as long as you'd like!
- Enjoy this special opportunity to introduce your children of all ages to adoring Jesus with other parish families
- Soft meditative music will be playing at this time
- Crying, soft whispers, & fidgeting is OK! Jesus wants ALL the little children to come to Him!



QUESTIONS? CONTACT:  
BROOKE CASSIDY @ 419-235-4312  
SHANA DULING @ 419-615-8988  
WENDY IMM @ 614-634-1043

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

Go to [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org). Click Sign Up. Chose sign up as a parishioner /organization. Find your parish, type in Glandorf OH - Click on St. John 109 Main St. Glandorf when it pops up. Fill out create a New Account. Already have a FORMED account. Visit [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org). Click Sign In - upper right corner. Have questions? Call 419-890-3724

# 12 AROUND THE AREA

Ottoville Rosary Altar Society

## CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 2, 2024  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
PARISH CENTER  
Ottoville, Ohio

Soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available, served by the ladies from the Rosary Altar Society


50 / 50 Raffle  
(winner need not be present to win)

## DISCERNMENT RETREAT

NOVEMBER 16-17, 2024  
AT ST. CHARLES CENTER

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

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




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### CHICKEN AND FISH FRY

Friday, November 1, Serving from 4:30 – 7:00pm



## Missionaries of the Precious Blood

UNITED STATES PROVINCE

**Exciting News, Father Matt is going!**



**A Precious Blood Pilgrimage Jubilee 2025**



Reminder from Fr. Dennis Chriszt, C.P.P.S.:

There's only 15 days left to register for the Precious Blood Pilgrimage 2025: A Pilgrimage of Hope to Rome and other sites important to St. Gaspar del Bufalo and St. Maria de Mattias. <https://petersway.com/1250.html>



## HEALING RETREAT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

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

### Tours to Ireland

Join Fr. Charles Obinwa, the pastor of Fort Jennings, St. Joseph's (OH) on a Pilgrimage with 206 Tours to Ireland, In the Footsteps of St. Patrick. St. Patrick Christianized \$4,997 per person, Fort Wayne, Indiana Airport or others (include Roundtrip Airfare. Learn more: [www.206tours.com/frobinwa/ireland](http://www.206tours.com/frobinwa/ireland)).



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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

## St. Mary's Harvest Breakfast

Sunday, November 10, 2024

8:30 AM-12:00 PM

St. Mary's Parish Life Center

Adults: \$10.00

Children under 12: \$5.00

Carry Outs Available



LIMITED SPOTS



## FATIMA, SPAIN & LOURDES PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. SCOTT PERRY

October 15 - 24, 2025

Lisbon (St. Anthony)

Santarem (Eucharistic Miracle)

Fatima · Salamanca

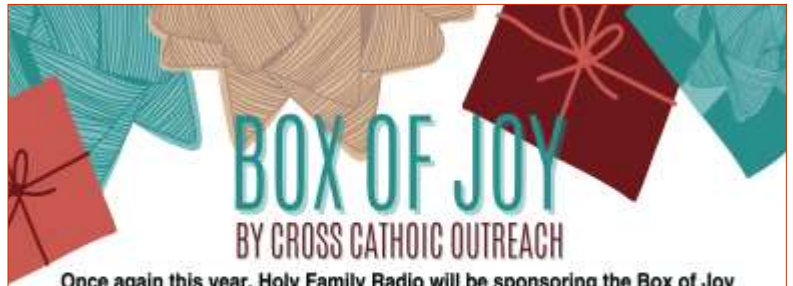
Alba de Tormes · Avila (St. Teresa)

Burgos · Loyola (St. Ignatius)

Lourdes (St. Bernadette)

QUESTIONS, CALL DIANE UTRUP AT 419-306-5588

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

### CHRISTMAS SCHOOL

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

### New Video on Soon-to-Be

### Canonized Modern Teen, Carlo Acutis



EWTN recently released the new docu-short on Blessed Carlo Acutis, the modern teen who used technology to share his deep Catholic faith and who is on his way to be canonized as the first millennial saint. Be inspired by his journey of faith and his passion for the Eucharist. [Watch this short film now.](#)

Join us for a  
**Chili Cook Off**  
&  
**Bonfire**  
Please bring your chili for  
everyone to try!

**Youth Group**  
When: October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Glandorf Park behind Fire  
Station (shelter house)

## Confirmation Candidates

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 3rd. Let us pray that their hearts are softened and open to allow all the grace God wishes to bestow upon them so that they may become true disciples of Christ and living witnesses of His infinite goodness. Come Holy Spirit!

Isaac Ansley	Hudson Heitmeyer	Lee Moening	Zachary Schroeder
Logan Birkemeier	Brynn Hohenbrink	Alayna Okuley	Ayvrie Schulte
Gavin Bockrath	Grant Kaufman	Alexis Parys	Landon Stechschulte
Kya Bogart	Whitney Kaufman	Caleb Pulfer	Maddox Stechschulte
Ella Brady	Knox Kidd	Easton Rader	Breyson Trombley
Cole Carrera	Jonathan Klear	Carson Recker	Clare Turnwald
Alaina Duling	Lydia Lammers	Megan Recker	Calista Vennekotter
Maci Ellerbrock	Mason McKee	Chloe Schey	Collin Verhoff
Owen Ellerbrock	Mattilyn Maag	Caleb Schroeder	Mallory Verhoff
Trey Ellerbrock	Riley Maag	Ella Schroeder	Mya Wagner
Will Evans	Chase Meyer	Kamryn Schroeder	Lauren Weis
Brooke Felkey	Ermit Miller	Wyatt Schroeder	Ty Wrasman
Claire Haselman	Megan Miller		

*Come Holy Spirit!*

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS**  
**HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S CYO BASKETBALL**  
 FIRST PRACTICE  
 OCTOBER 28, 2024  
 FROM 7:30PM - 9:30PM

## Glandorf Youth Choir for Christmas Eve Mass

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

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

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU!

- CONGRATULATIONS -

## 5TH GRADE CYO VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

Thank you to Gwen Klear and Linda Stechschulte for coaching them this year!

2024 Advent Sunday School



Glandorf, St. John's is excited to offer a Sunday School session that will run throughout the Advent season to help our youngsters remember the true reason for the season.

Who: Preschool & Pre-K age children

When: During 10:30 Mass- December 1, 8, 15, and 22

Where: Glandorf, St. John's Parish Center

Please complete the form below and turn it in to the rectory (mail slot by garage) or offertory by **November 1** to register your child(ren). We are asking for a \$5/child cash donation to help cover costs (but no one will be turned away if unable to donate). If you have any questions, you may contact Kari Gray at 419-230-2782.

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Child(ren)'s Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

We are looking for new Advent and Lent School committee members - Would you consider helping us out for the 2025/2026 School year?

*Please Circle an option below*

- YES!!!**
- I'm not able to at this time**
- Possibly, but I need more info.**

# Called to Serve Moms in Need



Our Blessed Mother models a profound witness to love and life in the Gospel account of the Visitation. Luke's Gospel tells us that, when Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, she travels to the hill country "*in haste*" (Lk 1:39). Despite being unexpectedly pregnant herself, Mary responds to this news with urgency.

She embarks on a long and perhaps difficult journey to be with her cousin during her time of need, bearing Christ to her as He lay quietly hidden in Mary's womb. And, although Jesus is veiled from view, when Mary first arrives John the Baptist leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing the presence of Christ (Lk 1:44). Mary, with Jesus, spends the next three months at Elizabeth's side.

The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child.

Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.<sup>1</sup> How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?

Throughout the whole of Scripture, Mary's words are few. Yet, in her sacred encounter with Elizabeth, a powerful declaration pours from her lips. Mary proclaims to all generations that the Lord *lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and remembers his promise of mercy from age to age* (Lk 1:46-56). In both word and deed, Mary speaks a

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My soul proclaims  
the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Luke 1:46-47

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message of *hope*—not only to Elizabeth, but also to every mother in need and to each of us.

Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone. By doing so, we too can bear Christ within us and help others experience His presence.

Inspired by the Blessed Mother's example and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we offer Christ's presence and love to mothers in their time of need through our faithful service and support.

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<sup>1</sup> Lori, Most Reverend William E. 2022. Homily for the Opening Mass of the 2022 National Prayer Vigil for Life. Delivered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. January 20, 2022. <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/archbishop-william-e-lori-opening-mass-2022-national-prayer-vigil-life>.



# Subsidiarity



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 **Subsidiarity**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

The principle of Subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society (such as the state or federal government) should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions (such as the family, local schools, or the Church community). Yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, or advance the common good.<sup>1</sup> Subsidiarity reflects the essential freedom and innate human dignity of each person while also recognizing the role higher authorities, such as government, can play to ensure that all people are able to thrive.

Respecting this principle promotes the flourishing of each individual person and the realization of the common good. As Pope Francis has explained, the principle of Subsidiarity “allows everyone to assume his or her own role in the healing and destiny of society.”<sup>2</sup> By participating in public life locally, each person and the voluntary associations of civil society to which they belong can be “leaven,” bringing “enrichment” to neighbors, to communities, and to society as a whole.<sup>3</sup>

★ —————  
“Respecting Subsidiarity promotes the flourishing of each individual and the realization of the common good.”



As we assist the faithful to take up the call to be “leaven” in society, we seek policies that allow individuals and communities to flourish.

- As the bishops teach in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, “Family—based on marriage between a man and a woman—is the first and most fundamental unit

of society: a sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children. It should be defended and strengthened, not redefined, undermined, or further distorted.”<sup>4</sup>

- It is important to uphold parents’ rights and responsibilities to care for their children, including the right to direct their children’s education in accordance with their convictions, with support rather than interference from the state.<sup>5</sup> These include the rights of parents to send their child to the school of their choice, and to protect their child from “gender ideology” at school.
- Moreover, laws, programs, and initiatives should strengthen the social safety net and improve family stability. For example, parents should receive support through work, training, assistance with childcare, health-care, housing and transportation.<sup>6</sup> The Earned Income Tax Credit and child tax credits continue to be important vehicles to help low-income families out of poverty.
- The Church’s special concern for the poor requires the pursuit of social and economic policies which foster jobs with decent working conditions and just wages, and which support the rights of workers, including the ability to organize and bargain collectively without reprisal.<sup>7</sup>

As we pursue the principle of Subsidiarity in our public policies, we pray for all families and for those in poverty, and we support their efforts to exercise their rights and responsibilities in society.

★ —————  
“As we assist the faithful to take up the call to be “leaven” in society, we seek policies that allow individuals and communities to flourish.”  
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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](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).

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1 USCCB, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, nos. 47-48. See also: *Centesimus Annus (The Hundredth Year)*, no. 48; *Dignitatis Humanae (Declaration on Religious Freedom)*, nos. 4-6, and *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 185.

2 Pope Francis, General Audience, “Catechesis ‘Healing the World’: 8. Subsidiarity and the Virtue of Hope,” Sept. 23, 2020. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth)*, no. 57.

3 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship)*, no. 142.

4 USCCB, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 46.

5 Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)*, no. 84.

6 See Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, nos. 25, 44, on the need for family support through dignified employment, education, health-care and housing.

7 St. John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, nos. 7-8, 35. See also: *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, nos. 301-309.

# Jesus Cures Our Blindness



**JESUS** /HELP ME!  
In today's Gospel reading, a blind man called Bartimaeus called out to Jesus to cure him.

Sometimes we can be blind too. When we don't see the truth about God, or when we can't see our own faults then we have a kind of blindness.



When we find that we can't see ourselves or God clearly, we should be like Bartimaeus and call out to Jesus to help us. If we believe in Him then we will get our sight back too.

When Bartimaeus was cured of his blindness he started to follow Jesus right away. When we can see ourselves and God clearly then we will also want to follow Jesus.



Before you go to bed, ask God to help you remember your sins today and then tell Him you're sorry for them.

# The Kids' Bulletin

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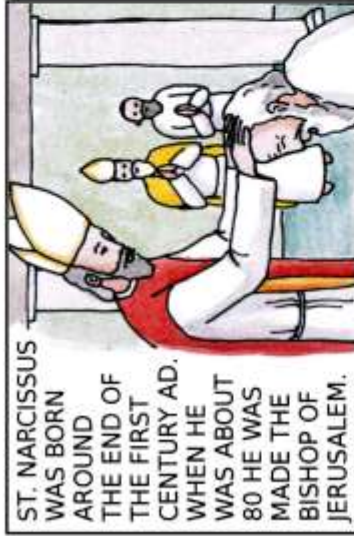
Mark 10:46-52

*What did Jesus and the blind man say to each other in today's Gospel reading?  
Look in the mirror to find out!*

Answers to Psalm 126 Word Puzzle:  
L, I, D, F, O, A, H, R, T, L, E, I, E, W, J, W, E, E, Y  
WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY

# Saint Narcissus of Jerusalem

## October 29



ST. NARCISSUS WAS BORN AROUND THE END OF THE FIRST CENTURY AD. WHEN HE WAS ABOUT 80 HE WAS MADE THE BISHOP OF JERUSALEM.

HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS MIRACLES, ESPECIALLY FOR ONCE TURNING WATER INTO OIL FOR THE CHURCH LAMPS.

Lord, we need light for your Vigil...



HE WAS ALSO KNOWN FOR BEING STRICT ABOUT CHURCH LAWS.

This is what the Church teaches!  
He's too harsh. Let's get rid of him...



WHEN HE WAS ACCUSED OF A CRIME, HE LEFT TO LIVE ALONE AND PRAY



BUT THEN HE WAS FOUND INNOCENT. MEANWHILE OTHER BISHOPS HAD LOOKED AFTER JERUSALEM.

You must come back!



THE PEOPLE WELCOMED HIM BACK AS THOUGH HE HAD BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD!



I need you to go to the new priests...

BECAUSE HE WAS SO OLD, ANOTHER BISHOP WAS SENT TO HELP HIM. SAINT NARCISSUS LOOKED AFTER HIS PEOPLE UNTIL HE DIED AT ABOUT 116!

SAINT NARCISSUS SERVED GOD UNTIL HE WAS VERY OLD. HE DID NOT WAIT UNTIL HE WAS OLD TO START BEING HOLY, AND HE DID NOT STOP EVEN WHEN HE WAS OLD AND TIRED. THINK OF HOW MUCH GOOD WE CAN DO IF GOD GIVES US A LONG LIFE! WE CAN PRAY TO ST. NARCISSUS FOR PERSEVERANCE.

# Psalm 126 Word Puzzle

Fill in the missing letters. Then use the letters to fill in the blanks at the very end. The number at the end of each line tells you where the letter goes.

When the \_ \_ ord brought back (8)  
the captives of Z\_ \_ on, (7)  
we were like men \_ \_ reaming. (11)  
Then our mouth was \_ \_ illed with laughter, (6)  
and our t\_ \_ ngue with rejoicing. (17)  
Then they said among the n\_ \_ tions, (3)  
"The Lord \_ \_ as done (15)  
g\_ \_ eat things for them!" (4)  
The Lord has done great \_ \_ hings for us; (14)  
we are g\_ \_ ad indeed. (9)  
Restore our fortun\_ \_ s, O Lord, (5)  
I\_ \_ ke the torrents in the southern desert. (13)  
Those that so\_ \_ in tears (12)  
shall reap re\_ \_ oicing. (16)  
Although they go forth \_ \_ eeping, (1)  
carrying the s\_ \_ ed to be sown, (2)  
They shall com\_ \_ back rejoicing, (10)  
carr\_ \_ ing their sheaves. (18)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
12 13 14 15  
16 17 18

