

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



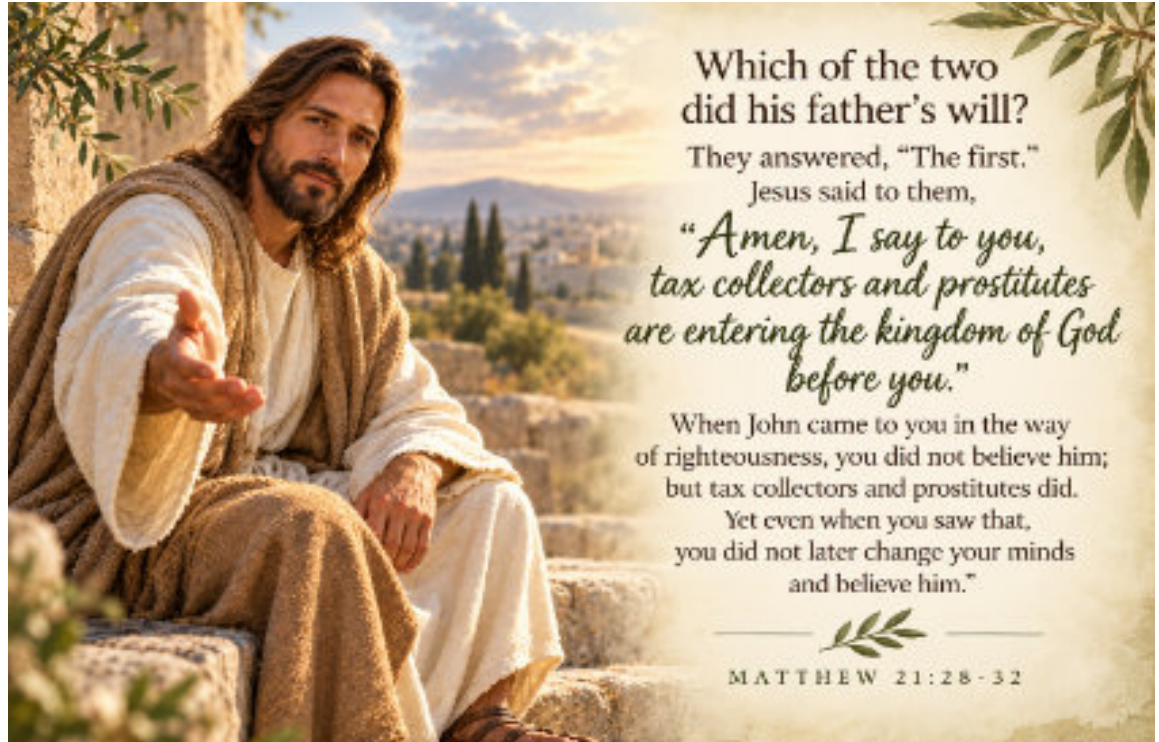
PARISH OFFICE BUSINESS HOURS

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

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

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

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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 New Member Registration Forms. Call 419-538-6928

MINISTRY OF CARE FOR HOMEBOUND To receive the Eucharist at home contact the Parish Office

ST. JOHN'S BULLETIN To automatically begin receiving our parish bulletin and other notifications. Call the Parish Office

In our scriptures today Jesus asked a question: which son did the father's will, the one when first instructed to go work in vineyard said no but later went to work in the vineyard or the one that when instructed said yes but later did not go?

The answer here, I think is rather obvious the first son did his father's will; perhaps you could make a case for the second son, but it might be a little challenging. I think when many of us encounter this story, picture ourselves in story, we picture ourselves being the first son in this story, that says no at first but later goes and works in the vineyard. Most of us would not want to be the second son in the story. If there were a third son to this story that said yes to working in the vineyard and then went to work in the vineyard this is the son we would want to be.

Jesus after asking chief priests and elders about these two sons does something interesting. Jesus calls out the chief priests and elders and tells them you are the second son in this story. Could you picture yourself being a chief priest or an elder in that moment? Talk about being made feel awkward, embarrassed, or uncomfortable. Adding salt to the wound Jesus goes onto, say tax collectors and those you consider to be sinners are entering the kingdom of heaven a head of you. If you were a chief priest or an elder you probably would take offense to such an accusation.

How would you respond to such an accusation? Perhaps you could ignore it or try discredit or kill the messenger. Or perhaps you could consider the accusation and look at your life a say it is true. Yes, I say things, but my actions do not follow the words I speak. I need to make some changes to my life so that my words follow my actions.

Today is Priesthood Sunday and as we celebrate priests today and as I reflect on our scriptures today, I am reminded of the founding of deacons. As the church grew there was complaint that widows were being neglected. The apostles called the church together and said "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and ministry of the word" (Acts 6:2-4). Throughout the church's history, the church has been called out for not being who it says it is and has adjusted to be who we say we are. Today in Sunday Funday, a day where we raise funds for the maintenance of our Parish Center. Our Parish Center was originally built in response to a need to educate children. Our Sunday Funday event today was created raise funds for the maintenance of the Parish Center but also an opportunity to build up our parish community. As come enjoy Sunday Funday today purchasing a hamburger or a bowl of turtle soup or put name in raffle drawing or play a game. I also encourage you to meet someone new, maybe that person you sit near during Mass, but you do not know their name.

The church throughout its history has not always been who it says it is, we too can also be guilty of this. As the church changed its ways to conform to who it says it is, may we as individuals do likewise.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...



to the families, relatives, friends & neighbors of

Tom Van Oss
Tom Romer



ON THE BAPTISM OF :

James Lee, son of Brandon & Haley Kuhlman



II Hanna Lutman, daughter of Ron & Amy Lutman & **Grant Goecke**, of Sts. Peter & Paul, son of Kevin & Marsha Goecke

I Emma Brinkman, of this parish, daughter of Scott & Diane Brinkman & **Hunter Miles**, son of Josh & Melissa Miles

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.

OFFERING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Loose	\$ 914.00
Adult Envelope	\$ 5,436.00
Maintenance	\$ 375.00
Children	\$ 118.75
Online Offering	\$ 2,098.75
Online Maintenance	\$ 225.00
Catholic University	\$ 5.00
Preschool	\$ 225.00
Total Collection	\$ 9,397.50

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.stjohnnglandorf.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 – Premies, 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: Cream style corn, ketchup (24oz preferred), graham crackers, boxed potatoes (au gratin, scalloped, etc), pancake mix, pineapple all kinds (crushed rings or tibets), poptarts and granola bars, mandarins oranges, salty snacks, hamburger helper type dinners, canned potatoes. Please keep in mind that most of the families we serve are just 1-3 people. Please no more boxed Mac and Cheese for awhile. We have plenty to last probably to the end of the year. Thank you for your generosity!

We can always use more volunteers! Glandorf Parish supplies workers for **October and April** - only 8 partial days for the entire year! Questions or you plan on helping call or text Marlene 419-303-6531.

GRAND-ORF CLUB



The September \$500 Parish Center Drawing winners are **Diane M Schroeder, Clete Birkemeier. Congratulations,** and thank you for supporting our Parish Center! The next drawing will be held on **October 11th**, along with **Coffee & Donuts** in room 15, hosted by **Andrea and Doug Giesige**. Extra tickets are available in the racks located in the church vestibules.

Pray for Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The Past 20 years

Jordan M Schimmoeller 9/27/08	Dolores T Recker 9/29/01
Logan Robert Brickner 9/27/15	Mary Christine Chia 9/29/15
Thomas J Lauth 9/27/24	Karen S Fortman 9/30/13
Richard L Kindle 9/28/07	Richard J Heckman 10/1/06
Kenneth A Heckman 9/28/18	Richard F Birkemeier 10/2/23
	Daniel Stechschulte 10/3/12

Humanitarian Relief Collection for Nepal & Tibet

Our prayers go out to the people of Nepal and Tibet as they search for survivors of a Himalayan glacier collapse that led to a massive deadly flash flood that has killed nearly 600 people thus far. Over 1,900 workers are reported missing at hydropower plants in Nepal. China reports nearly 600 people are missing in Tibet. Many of the missing are religious pilgrims heading to or from Mount Kailash where the glacier collapse and avalanche took place. The death toll is expected to rise as residents and rescuers search for survivors in the devastated river valleys. Upwards of 250,000 people in Nepal need support. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through Caritas Nepal to respond to urgent humanitarian needs in providing emergency safe shelter, food, water, medical care, emergency supplies, and counseling support to those in affected areas. As in past disasters, **Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo** is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Relief Services for this international humanitarian relief effort. **You may donate on our secure website: www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org, /selecting Humanitarian Relief Nepal as your donation designation.** Please make checks out to **Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo**, noting **Humanitarian Relief Nepal**, and mail to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, One SeaGate, Suite 2300, Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you for generously supporting those in need.

C.PP.S. major superiors monthly prayer request

October: Iberian Province

October PRAYER FOR

PRECIOUS BLOOD VOCATIONS

Lord God, You called St. Gaspar del Bufalo to renew the Church through the ministry of the Word and the proclamation of our salvation in Christ's Precious Blood. Continue to call men

and women to share in that mission as brothers, sisters, priests and Companions who respond to the cry of the Blood in our world today. Give them the graces they need to answer the call and live as your ever faithful servants. We ask this in the name of Jesus who shed his Blood for us. Amen.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF October:

For the mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



October prayer list

1. Fr. Matthew Keller
2. Fr. David Kelly
3. Fr. Dennis Kinderman
4. Pray for vocations
5. V. Rev Jeffrey Kirch
6. Fr. Timothy Knepper
7. Fr. Scott Kramer
8. Fr. Geraphine Lesiriam
9. Fr. Fred Licciardi
10. Newton Lih
11. Pray for living and deceased C.P.P.S. members
12. Fr. Matthew Link
13. Fr. Marco Raphael Loth
14. Fr. Epitasy Andreas Makala
15. Fr. David Matz
16. Br. Charles McCafferty
17. Fr. Jack McClure
18. Pray for those in formation
19. Fr. Timothy McFarland
20. Fr. John Mencsik
21. Fr. Mark Miller
22. Fr. Alfons Minja
23. Fr. Charles Mullen
24. Fr. John Kishore Mundlapati
25. Pray for living and deceased Companions and Amici
26. Rev. Joseph Nassal
27. Fr. Loi Huu (JohnVianney) Nguyen
28. Fr. William Nordenbrock
29. Br. Terrence Nuffer
30. Fr. William O'Donnell
31. Fr. Edward Oen

CHURCH CALENDAR AND MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28~Sst. Wencelaus & Lawrence

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service– Deacon Mike Karhoff

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29~The Archangels

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Ken Heckman, Marty Quinn

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30~St. Jerome

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Bill & Marilyn Schroeder Family

6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration

7:45-8:15pm Confession

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1~St. Therese

8:15am Rosary

8:00am-8:30am Adoration/Benediction Grades 1-4

8:40am Joan Karhoff

FIRST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2~The Holy Guardian Angles

7:15am-7:45am Confessions

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Teresa Kleman

8:45am-9:15am Adoration/Benediction Grades 5-8

12:00pm Rosary

1:00pm - 4:00pm Adoration concluding with Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Celebrant's Intention

8:30am Confessions

8:30am-4:30pm All Day Rosary

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Karl Buerger, L/D Albert & Angela Maag Family,
Don Riepenhoff, Tom Riepenhoff, Paul Nuveman

5:30pm -11:59pm Adoration

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4~27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:00am - 8:00am Adoration

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Felix & Margaret Fenbert,

L/D Alphons & Clara Duling Family, Marie Kuhlman

9:00am - 10:00am Holy Hour concluding with Benediction

10:30am Erford Oedy(AN), Teresa Kleman, Mike Niese,
Don Nienberg, Don Hempfling

11:30am Baptism

12:30pm Blessing of Pets

OCTOBER MASS COUNT 2026

We need to report Saturday and Sunday Mass attendance to the Toledo Diocese. Starting next weekend Saturday, October 3rd and 4th, the ushers will count all people present at every Mass. This will include servers, Fr. Matt, Deacon Don or Deacon Mike, choir & babies in arms. Thank you very much.

SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tues	8:40am	Students
Wed	8:00am	Dale & Jeanne Crumrine
Thurs	8:40am	Students
Fri	8:00am	Gary Recker, Roger Schroeder
Sat	8:00am	Makenzie Maag, Jacoby Maag, Aidrik Vennekotter, Jace Vennekotter
Sat	4:30pm	Mattilyn Maag, Ryland Ellerbrock, Royce Ellerbrock, Thurifer- Ethan Weis
Sun	8:00am	Caroline Sarka, Jade Sarka, Brady Pester
Sun	10:00am	Landon Kuhlman, Thurifer - Grant Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Will Slefker, Jonathan Klear, Zachary Horstman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

Sat	4:30pm	Diane Recker	Carole Schroeder
		Alicia Nussbaum	Kathy Schmitz
Sun	8:00am	Mark Schroeder	Nicole Ruhe
		Tammy Schroeder	Elizabeth Ruhe
Sun	10:30am	Jason Kleman	Abby Vorst
		Julie Pothast	Tony Schroeder
		Tony Schroeder-choir	

2026-2027 Ministry Schedule will be emailed out on Monday, September 21st. If you do not receive the email, you can find it on our website. This schedule will start the weekend of October 3rd and 4th.

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: 9

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Gene & Rose Warnecke

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Henry & Jae Kaufman, Sharon Meyer

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

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.

Catechism Corner

Virtue: Generosity

Last week's Catechism Corner discussed the three categories of virtues: Theological virtues (faith, hope and love), Cardinal virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance), and the Capital virtues (humility, generosity, chastity, meekness, temperance, kindness, and diligence).

The role of a disciple is to follow in the footsteps of Christ – that is to grow in virtue and to eventually master it. The saints speak often of developing and growing in virtue. St. Thomas Aquinas, a Doctor of the Church, said, "virtue is the perfection of a power." St. Paul of the Cross: "Be constant in practicing every virtue, and especially in imitating the patience of our dear Jesus, for this is the summit of pure love." And St. Leo the Great said of virtue, "Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife."

The next few Catechism Corner articles will focus on a capital virtue and it's opposing vice. Since Jesus spoke about generosity last week, let's start there.

The vice of greed opposes generosity. Greed is the over-attachment to riches and material objects. It can easily steal over our hearts because, deep down, we feel we are missing something, but we aren't quite sure what that something is. The comforts we acquire for ourselves, our entertainment and piles of food and big bank accounts, can lead us to believe that we don't actually need God. Eventually, we begin to place our trust in worldly things and not in God. Greed also causes us to lose sight of heaven. Jesus taught about how hard it is for a rich man to get into heaven. Why? Because the rich are busy creating heaven here on earth. We were not created for this world. When we devote ourselves to making this life as comfortable and easy as possible, we forget about heaven. Greed, then, closes us off from the love of God as our focus shifts away from Him.

God's answer to the vice of greed is generosity. A generous attitude requires that we see everything that we own as it really is: a gift from God meant to share with others. St. Paul writes, "What do you have that you have not received? Your blessings, your family, your wealth, your very life is a gift from God, so what right do you have to be selfish about it?" A truly generous heart gives from what is needed, not just what is extra. A generous heart goes above and beyond what is expected. St. John Paul II often spoke about the "Law of the Gift" which stands as a contradiction to the vice of greed. It teaches we can never fill ourselves up and it's only in giving ourselves away that we can be filled with God's divine life. That is why we feel so empty even when we have everything we ever wanted. We don't have the one thing we need: God's love. Without God's love, we have nothing.

Jesus was the prime example of generosity. At the end of His life, He was stripped of everything! His clothing, His friends, His status, His very life. But God was able to use this act of generous love to save us all, because when we empty ourselves, God can use us for His perfect work.

Reflect: What are the material possessions that cause you to feel the most greed? Who is the most generous person in your life? How are they generous and how do they avoid being greedy?

From: "The Virtues for Catholic Youth" by Catholic Sprouts

Joint Parish/Finance Council Meeting August 18th, 2026

Grounds Committee Update/Suggestions

Discussed projects completed over the Summer in the Parish Center (rooms painted, floors waxed, exterior landscaping).

Still working to obtain quotes for the church project including new copper gutters and downspouts as well as tuck pointing and resealing the brick of the church/steeple. We currently have 3 prices, however only 2 companies quoted both projects. Once all quotes are received the decision will need to be made to have this be one big interior and exterior project in phases or one project at a time. A drone was used for inspection and believe sealing it would work. Timeline: late Spring.

Bodec is supposed to start on the Parish Center roof at any time, currently waiting on weather.

Discussed snow removal around the church on sidewalks prior to Mass during winter. Possible teams of volunteers or potential to hire someone. Start time 6am with ~2 hours of snow removal.

Other projects mentioned: preschool parking lot needs resealing. Awaiting response from contractor who gave us a quote. Deciding to seal it at this time to extend the life of it.

Maintenance Dept: Joe Schroeder is ready to step down/retire. Discussed bringing on 2-3 people to spread out his job duties and workload. Discussed possibly posting job opportunity in the bulletin with candidates to reach out to Deacon Mike or the Parish. Discussed flexibility of job.

Mustard Seed:

Well received so far in the community.

Main Floor is complete and operational.

Looking at completing renovations upstairs in two of the rooms (re-do trim, clean up, carpet ordered, Sarka placed outlets).

High Altar

The parish received a check from Mike Leach's Estate to cover the cost.

Currently waiting on the Bishops office for next steps. Obstacles not expected.

Discussed adding a handrail on the steps up to the High Altar. The Architect did include this on his drawings/plans for us to see.

Sunday Funday

September 27th, 2026 with Tara Gerding overseeing the event.

Parish and Finance Council to volunteer drinks and counting money. Signup to be sent out by Ashley.

Raffle will take place in the gym this year and children's games in the cafeteria.

Audit

Our parish has been selected to complete an internal audit. Ashley is working on the ICQ before the audit scheduled for the end of October.

Parish Organization Update

We received updates from Elementary-HS CRE's on what they are planning to do this school year and what they are looking forward to.

Discussed Youth Programs and Groups, Vocations, and Damascus.

New Business

Darla Daniels brought up being approached by Mayor Dave Dalrymple and discussed fixing the sidewalk where the concrete and blacktop are offset by Blanchard Ave. To be covered by the Town, per Mayor.



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 welcome! (must be 18 to run the lawn tractors)
- ❄️ Add your contact phone number to the list.

How will this work?

- 1 When someone in the group notices the forecast calling for snow, send a group text.
- 2 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.
- 3 Show up to lend a hand.
- 4 The rest of the group can stand-by until the next need arises.
- 5 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! ❄️

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

Sunday Morning HOLY HOUR



October 4
9:00 – 10:00

Prayer Focus:

8th Grade Confirmation Candidates and the Sick in our Parish and our Families

Eucharistic Adoration in October

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

ADORATION ON FIRST FRIDAY



<https://tinyurl.com/4uew62f>

ADORATION ON FIRST SATURDAY

<https://tinyurl.com/4fr7ef99>



NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH JESUS EVERY HOUR!

SCHEDULE

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:30 – 7:30PM

FIRST FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 2ND

1:00 – 4:00PM CONCLUDING
WITH BENEDICTION

FIRST SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3RD & 4TH

AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL
8:00AM ON SUNDAY
MORNING.

HOLY HOUR
9:00AM – 10:00AM
CONCLUDING WITH
BENEDICTION AT 9:55AM
THEME: TBD

IF YOU NEED HELP SIGNING UP CALL KATIE VERHORFF 480-236-7305

 St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Glandorf
invites you to

The Son Day Funday

A FUN DAY FOR ALL TO COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE
THE SON OF GOD WHILE ENJOYING FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDS!

➤ This Sunday! ➤

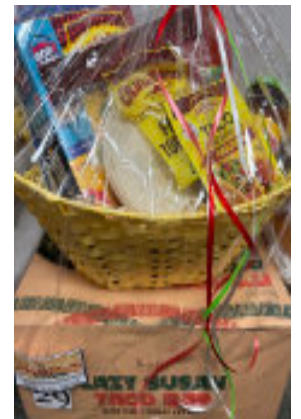
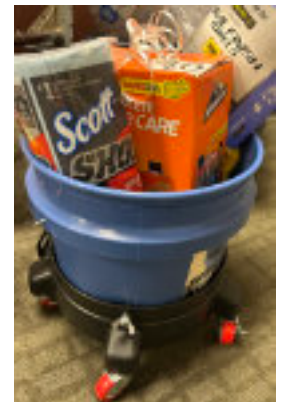
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11:30am - 3:30pm
St. John's Parish Center

GAMES • FOOD • REVERSE RAFFLE
➤ FUN FOR ALL AGES! ➤

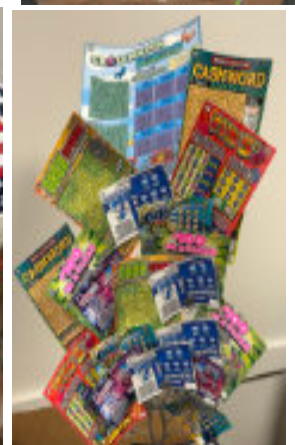
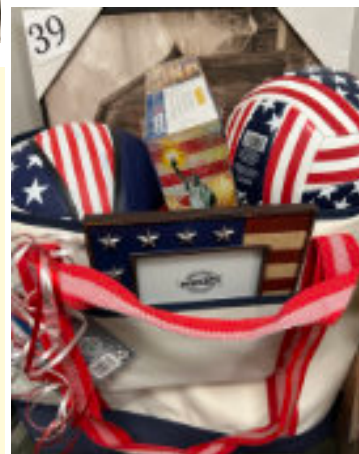
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 Turn in your tickets
for a chance to win!

Extra tickets
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of Church!

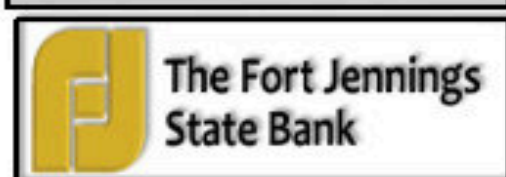


Come join the
fun for your
chance to win!





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

Join us for *That Man Is You!*

Saturday, October 3rd
6:00-7:30 AM
in the Cafeteria

OR

Wednesday, September 30th
7:00-8:30 PM
in room 22.

SESSION 4
(Sat. 10/3 & Wed. 10/7)

"REVELATION OF THE FATHER"
— Fully Given: A Sacrificial State —

Presenter: **Michael Gormley**

Fully given in love. Marriage as self-gift.
Sacrifice beyond emotion. Eucharist strengthens love.
Covenant through every season. Christlike marital fidelity.
CCC 1642, John 13:1, 15:13.

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

BLESSING FOR YOUR PETS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026
AT 12:30PM
IN FRONT OF THE PARISH CENTER
BY THE SIGN.
FOR THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI,
FR. MATT WILL BLESS YOUR PETS!

"TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL, PLEASE HAVE
YOUR PET ON A LEASH OR SECURED IN A CRATE."



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN
A 100-DAY Pilgrimage FOR PEACE
PRAY • TRUST • HOPE

TODAY IS DAY 13
of our 100-day pilgrimage for peace.

Prayer in Honor of the Precious Blood
By Sister Joyce Lehman, C.P.P.S.

We are all washed clean in the blood of the Lamb.
Our sins forgiven, our hearts strengthened,
Our lives given purpose.

Grant to me, this day, O Saving God, the power of the
precious blood so that I might see the violence and
disharmony around and within me.

Move me to bring your life-giving love, your reconciling
power to those who do not know you and cannot hear your
voice in the events of their lives.

May this day be one of praise and honor to the saving blood
of Jesus. 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!

"Based on the proclamation, for there will be asked: 'Children of God!'"

Just SHOW UP AND Fill Your Cup

A TIME TO CONNECT, BE ENCOURAGED, AND BE REFRESHED.

September Schedule

SEPT 5 TH	No JSU&FYC - enjoy Glandorf Parkfest with your families!
SEPT 12 TH	Just show as you are <i>Summer edition</i> SMALL TALK
SEPT 19 TH	Jean Ann Bialecki - Raising a child with a disability
SEPT 26 TH	Father Eric Kaufman - The Sacrament of Healing: promise to the anointing of the sick

Bring a friend, your coffee,
and an open heart.

St. John the Baptist
Parish Center | Room 12 | Saturdays at 8:00 AM
after English Mass

The Piecemaker's Sewing Group

TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 29TH,
FROM 7:00PM - 8:30PM
IN THE OLD SCIENCE ROOM (ROOM 8)

We will be putting kits
together and cutting ribbon and
threading them through bags and
marking pattern pieces. Anyone
who would like to help, please
just show up and we can find a
job for you.

If you have any questions,
please contact Diana Meyer at
419-538-6437.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one
another, as good stewards of God's varied
grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Joyful Tuesdays
(and Catholic and Patriotic!)

Faith, Fun and Fellowship!
Love of God, Love of Neighbor, Love of Country

Ten weeks of Fall, 2026 Tuesday evening events of faith, fellowship and fun at the Parish Cafeteria at Glandorf St. John the Baptist Church parish center. Faith Focus will be at 6:30 pm and then Fellowship Focus from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. The Faith Focus will vary per night. There will be a main Fellowship Focus for each night, but stay around and chat, adults can walk and talk in the hallways, play cards, or pray some more, etc. There is room for everyone!

Tues., Sept. 29

6:30 pm Faith Focus: "Catholic Patriotic Heroes I" Videos
Charles Carroll, only Catholic signer of Declaration of Independence; Father William Corby (Gettysburg/Notre Dame); Fulton Sheen; Mother Angelica

7:00 pm Fellowship Focus: Bourbon Tasting
Participants must be 21 or older. Bring your ID.

Tues., Oct. 6

6:30 pm Faith Focus: "Independence Day" - Fr. Mike Schmitz Video and "Catholic" - Fr. Mark Beard Video

7:00 pm Fellowship Focus: Game/Card Night
Cards: Euchre, Solo, Pinochle or Five-Cents-Per-Chip poker. Everything you need will be provided (except your coins).
Games: Hilbilly Bingo, Trivia, Farkle, Karaoke, or bring your own game.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

COME AND JOIN US!
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
AFTER 4:30PM MASS

FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES
FAMILY ADORATION
FREE PLAY
PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS PROVIDED

WHAT IS FAMILY ADORATION?

- Enjoy this special opportunity to introduce your children of all ages to adoring Jesus with other parish families
- You can stay as long as you'd like!
- Crying, soft whispers, & listening to OUR Jesus wants ALL the little children to come to Him!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
BROOKE CASSIDY @ 419-233-4332
SHANA DULING @ 419-615-0988

OCTOBER 3RD - PARISH CENTER
NOVEMBER 7TH - PARISH CENTER
DECEMBER 5TH - ADORATION ONLY
JANUARY 2ND - ADORATION ONLY
FEBRUARY 6TH - PARISH CENTER
MARCH 6TH - PARISH CENTER
APRIL 3RD - GLANDORF PARK
MAY 1ST - PARISH CENTER



St. John the Baptist
Catholic preschool

(419) 530-6204 @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 \$3
\$10 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!

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QUARTER AUCTION




2ND GRADE PARENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
AT 6:30PM IN THE
PARISH CENTER
CAFETERIA.

St. John's CYO Sports Eligibility & Participation Policy

All players must be members of St. John the Baptist Parish and/or enrolled in the CCD classes to participate on a St. John the Baptist CYO team. Participation in CYO sports is a privilege that comes with responsibilities to our parish, our faith, and our community. The Eucharist is why our parish exists and is the foundation of our Catholic faith.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

To be eligible to participate in CYO sports, high school students must:

- Be enrolled in High School Religious Education (CCD) before the first class of the school year.
- Attend both the Fall and Winter semesters of High School Religious Education.
- Attend a Saturday evening or Sunday Catholic Mass.
- Attend one hour of Adoration during Eucharistic Sunday, generally held on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.
- Complete five hours of service to St. John the Baptist Parish during the year.

GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS

To be eligible to participate in CYO sports, grade school students must:

- Regularly attend Grade School Religious Education (CCD) classes.
- Attend a Saturday evening or Sunday Catholic Mass.

CLASS ATTENDANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Attendance at all Religious Education (CCD) classes will be monitored and reviewed.
- After three missed classes, each additional absence will result in the player sitting out one game for each additional class missed.
- If a student is ill and unable to attend class, parents should notify the appropriate Religious Education instructor or coordinator before class whenever possible.
- Attendance will reset at the end of each team's season for the respective sport.

We appreciate the cooperation of our players and families as we uphold these expectations for the spiritual and communal good of our youth and parish. Fr. Matt Keller, C.P.P.S. and St. John the Baptist Parish Council & Finance Committee

Confirmation Mass will be Sunday, October 11th at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Thomas officiating. Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates to be confirmed this year as they make their final preparations to receive this great Sacrament. **COME HOLY SPIRIT**, enkindle in them the fire of your love! This year's Confirmation Candidates are:

Ava Ansley	Caroline Imm	Braxton Oliver	Mason Verhoff
Hunter Blankemeyer	Lincoln Kahle	Lachlan Pavel	Maya Vorst
Isabella Bockrath	Quinn Kidd	Brooklyn Recker	Noah Wahrer
Lucas Bockrath	Trevor Kleman	Juliet Rump	Brylee Wilson
Thomas Brickner	Mitchell Kottenbrock	Cooper Schey	William wolke
Taten Brinkman	Kaitlyn Kuhlman	Jocelyn Schroeder	Landry Wrasman
Cohen Burgei	Max Laudick	Andrew Schroeder	
Addicyn Davis	Victoria Lehman	Quinn Schroeder	
Kaylen Duling	Jacob Leopold	CJ Schroeder	
Connor Ellerbrock	Jack Maag	Griffin Schumaker	
Kadon Frey	Jacoby Maag	Jerin Siefker	
Nolan Gerding	Isabella Macke	Ashton Stechschulte	
Luke Haselman	Connor Mayhew	Bennett Stechschulte	
Drew Hermiller	Graham Miller	Brynley Stechschulte	
Braxton Hutchison	Mason Miller	Kayden Trombley	
Audrey Imm	Tripp Niese	Jace Vennekotter	



October 4
RosaryCoastToCoast.com

ROSARY COAST TO COAST

St. John's Parish will be participating in
Rosary Coast to Coast

✕

**Sunday, October 4
at 2:00**
at the Marian Shrine

Bring your lawn chairs.

If rain, we will pray in church.




Saint Catherine's Embrace

St. Catherine's Embrace Miscarriage and Infant Loss Memorial Mass

All are welcome at this special Mass, whether your loss was recent or years ago. Those outside Putnam County are also warmly invited.

This Mass will fulfill the regular Sunday obligation.

- Join us **October 4th @ 1:30pm**
- **St. Anthony of Padua**
- **512 West Sycamore St**
Columbus Grove, OH

For more information go to St. Catherine's Embrace Putnam County on Facebook, or email stc@stcatholic.org

OFF THE STREETS

Off-the-Streets DELIVERS HOPE and TRANSFORMS LIVES in the Findlay, Lima and Ottawa areas.

OTS uses household item donations to help local homeless individuals and families transition into homes.

Donations of furniture, small appliances and large household items greatly appreciated.

When: First Saturday of the Month, 9-10 am
Next: October 3

Where: 1206 E. 2nd St, Ottawa
(Putnam Co. Fairgrounds). Gate 5, follow the signs.



What is Accepted:

New and slightly-used furniture and household goods, such as dressers, dining chairs, small dining tables (no glass tops), end tables, coffee tables, nightstands, microwaves, regular sofas, chairs, lamps, vacuums, and coffee makers.

NOTE: mirrors, mattresses, entertainment centers or sleeper sofas are NOT accepted.

Most currently needed: Most currently needed: couches, coffee tables and TV stands.

Box of Joy

BY CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH

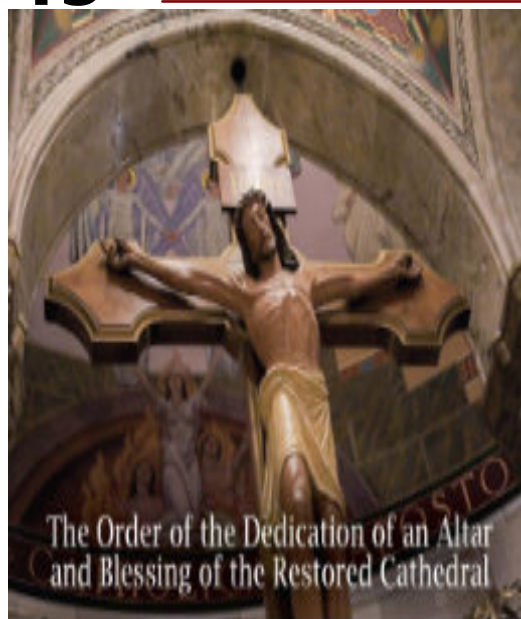
ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR, HOLY FAMILY RADIO WILL BE SPONSORING THE BOX OF JOY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM SEVERE POVERTY IN GUATEMALA, HAITI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EL SALVADOR, GRENADA, HONDURAS, MALAWI AND PERU. IN 2025, THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY, HOLY FAMILY RADIO PROVIDED 1,304 GIFT BOXES OF THE 134,199 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 BROD KUMPT BY PHONE/TEXT AT 419-723-9427 OR BY EMAIL AT brod@offthestreets.org OR GO TO THE WEBSITE AT WWW.CROSSCATHOLICOUTREACH.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.



ALL ARE INVITED TO THIS SPECIAL DECEMBER EVENT!

SUNDAY 3:00PM
NOVEMBER 1st, 2026
 CELEBRATING THE SOLEMNITY
 OF ALL SAINTS

OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY
 ROSARY CATHEDRAL
 2641 Collingwood Blvd.,
 Toledo, Ohio

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas,
 Celebrant and Homilist

Reception following in
 High School St. Joseph's Auditorium



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
 Friday St. Michael Parish.

To request, please contact the rectory parish office at 419-423-2646
 and ask to be transferred to the Catholic Counseling services.

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

RETRouvaille

Northwest - Toledo

Is your marriage struggling?
 You're not alone. Retrouvaille
 can help you reconnect,
 rediscover each other, and
 rekindle the love that
 brought you together.

January 29 - 31, 2027

Improve communication and understanding
 Heal hurts and build trust
 Rediscover the love you thought was lost
 Strengthen your marriage with love at the center

Please call for further information
419-481-1116
 Scan QR Code
 to Register
 Or email
3033@phalourmarriage.org

Putnam County Council on Aging October Activities

Date	Event	Time	Location
10-10-2026	Rega	1:00pm	Paul Humez Apt., Paul Avenue
10-15-2026	MyChen Presentation	1:00pm	Putnam Co. District Library, Ottawa
10-18-2026	Mexican Train Dominoes	10:00am	United Methodist Church, Cardinalville (North), OH
10-19-2026	Bingo	1:00pm	Putnam Heritage, Ottawa
10-21-2026	Cooking for Lovers	1:00pm	Community Center, Columbus Grove
10-21-2026	Research: Mark Hwy	1:00pm	Adrian Co. District Library, Oklahe
10-21-2026	Ceramics, Paint, Create, Relax	1:00pm	Spartan Club, Miller City
10-23-2026	Soundstage Class	2:00pm	Libri Clubhouse, Leipsic
10-27-2026	Diamond #1	10:00am	Church of the Good Shepherd, Columbus Grove
10-29-2026	Pumpkins and Punch	10:00am	*Thanksgiving Community Center, Findlay

To RSVP or for more information please call
 the Council on Aging at 419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1780

Newsletters are available in the back of Church.

The Mustard Seed at St. John's

150 Church Street in Glandorf
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 Thurs 9-5 Fri 9-4
 Sat after 8am Mass - 12:30

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BLUETOOTH HEARING ASSISTANCE
 NOW AVAILABLE IN CHURCH

- Connect to wireless internet: ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM Password: stjohnsound
- Download the WaveCAST APP
- Open 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.

Divine Grace Fertility Care

MISCARRIAGE KITS

In Affiliation with
 Marquette's Pastoral Rectory
 Sidney, Ohio

If you experience a loss at home, miscarriage kits are available at no cost to help families preserve the opportunity to honor and remember their baby. Support is available 24 hours a day.

Contact Wendy Iann
 614-634-1043
 13291 Road 94L,
 Columbus Grove, OH 43083

Information & Guidance
 Resources are available to help families understand their options, ask questions, and navigate the next steps following a pregnancy loss.

Additional Miscarriage Kit Locations & Resources
<https://www.misarrkit.com/en-us/about-us/locations>

Please note: Divine Grace Fertility Care is not able to provide medical services. For questions regarding your health, including symptoms, treatment options, or medical care, please contact your healthcare provider or medical team.

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

DIVINE GRACE FERTILITY CARE™

Providing Education on the CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System

To Empower Women and Couples to UNDERSTAND, MAINTAIN, and APPRECIATE their Health and Fertility in a way that is congruent with our Catholic faith.

Contact Wendy Iann, RSN, CPCP for more information
 614-634-1043 • divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com

The Common Good



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

The Common Good is "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily."¹ Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decency.

Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, to the larger society, and to the earth.²

★ In short, we should seek "to build that kind of society where it is easier for people to be good."³

In the midst of a "throwaway world" in which some members of the human family "can be readily sacrificed for the sake of others considered worthy of a carefree existence," Pope Francis urges us to build a "culture of encounter" in which those most in need receive our greatest concern and attention. We must "place at the center of all political, social and economic activity the human person, who enjoys the highest dignity, and respect for the common good."⁴

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 "In short, we should seek 'to build that kind of society where it is easier for people to be good.'"
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As we seek to imitate the Good Samaritan, who was neighbor to all, we pursue the Common Good in order that every individual and all people can flourish.⁵

- Marriage and the family are the central institutions of social life – the primary

school of virtue, where we first experience common rather than merely individual goods – and so these institutions should be supported and strengthened.

- Likewise, as one human family dwelling in our common home, we must hear “both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor” and respond to climate change with actions to better protect creation for our brothers and sisters now and in generations to come.⁶
- Accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father, and as our common home includes accepting our bodies as God’s gift, whereas thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy absolute power over creation.⁷
- We recognize and protect the right to religious liberty, our first and most cherished freedom. The protection of conscience and religious liberty is an indispensable element of the common good – a fundamental human right that knows no geographical boundaries.⁸
- While the common good embraces all, those who are weak, vulnerable, and most in need deserve special concern, which the Church describes as the *preferential option for the poor*.⁹ Laws and policies must prioritize those who struggle to make ends meet and must preserve the social safety net and promote decent jobs, affordable housing, and childcare.

Pope Benedict XVI writes in *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*): “To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity.” We must be attentive to the

common good “juridically, civilly, politically and culturally” in the life of society. “The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors,” he writes, “the more effectively we love them.”¹⁰

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 Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1906, citing *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 26.

2 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, nos. 49, 51.

3 Peter Maurin, as quoted by Dorothy Day. See *All the Way to Heaven: The Selected Letters of Dorothy Day* (New York: Random House, 2010), 457.

4 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), nos. 18 and 232.

5 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), no. 66.

6 Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), no. 49. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), nos. 48-52, and Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, nos. 58 and 60.

7 Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), no. 155.

8 St. Pope Paul VI, *Dignitatis Humanae* (*Declaration on Religious Freedom*), no. 6; Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1907, citing *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 26.

9 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 53.

10 Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, no. 7.

Changing Your Mind

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to help in the vineyard. The first son told his father he wouldn't help, but then he changed his mind and did what he was asked. The second son said he would help, but he didn't.

In the end it doesn't matter so much if we say we are going to do what's right. What is important is that we do it. We call ourselves Christians because we believe in Jesus and the Church He gave us, but we only really are being Christians if we do what He says.



I should have done my homework... I'll do it now.

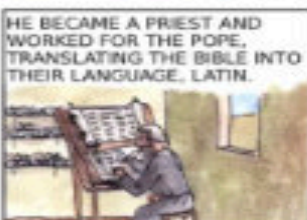


Sometimes we decide not to obey God. But if we are sorry afterwards and do what is right, God will not look at the bad things we did. On the other hand, if we do good things and then change to doing bad things, then we have decided to turn away from God, and we will be punished for our sins.

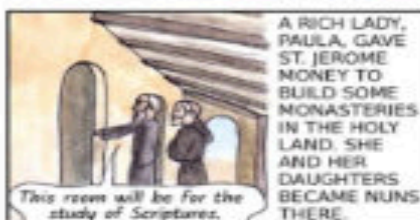
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Saint Jerome September 30



SAINT JEROME DIED AS AN OLD MAN. HE IS CONSIDERED A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH BECAUSE HE DID SO MUCH TO HELP PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. WE CAN LEARN FROM ST. JEROME THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY.

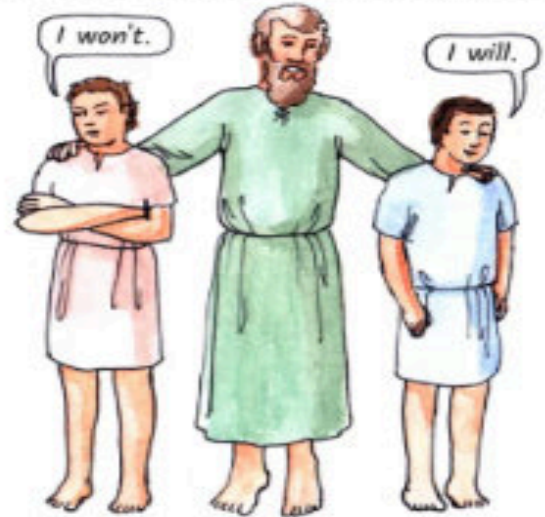


The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27th, 2026

In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard.
Which one did what his father asked?

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



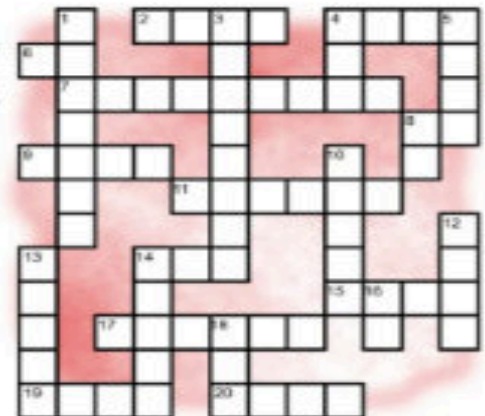
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Ezekiel 18 Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the reading and the puzzle.
a-across & d-down.

COMMITTED
INIQUITY
BECAUSE
UNFAIR
VIRTUE
TURNS
SHALL
SINCE
MUST
LORD
SAYS
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Thus _____ (5d) the _____ : (20a) You _____, (14a) "The Lord's way is not _____!" (2a) Hear now, house of Israel: _____ (8a) it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways _____? (17a) When someone virtuous _____ (10d) away from _____ (11a) to commit _____, (3d) and dies, _____ (8d) is _____ (1d) of the iniquity he committed that _____ (6a) _____ (12d) die. But _____ (16d) he turns from the wickedness he has _____, (7a) and _____ (4a) what is right and _____, (9a) he shall preserve his life; _____ (14d) he has turned away from _____ (18d) the _____ (15a) that he committed, he _____ (13d) surely _____, (19a) he shall not _____, (4d)