

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood  
St. George Deanery



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## 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

## SNOW EMERGENCY LEVELS

Diocese of Toledo Snow Emergency Policy:  
"Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion.

If Putnam County is ever under a Level 3 Snow Emergency the regular Mass times will be canceled here at St. John's. There will be a Mass at Noon, if you can get here safely you are welcome. If not, we encourage you to watch it on cable channel 3 or on our Youtube page. Level 1 and Level 2 if you can get here safely you are welcome.

## 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.

## 2 FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT

[www.stjohnglandorf.org](http://www.stjohnglandorf.org)

Last week in our scriptures we heard Jesus tell us to “Be watchful! Be alert! You don’t know when the time will come” (Mark 13:33). In our scriptures today we hear from Isaiah and John to “Prepare the way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3). The message is clear, this is what we are called to do in this Season of Advent we are called to be ready for Jesus to come. But how are we to prepare?

What do when we anticipate having a guest come to our homes? We roll out the rug. We prepare for the guest to come sometimes we can spend hours and days getting ready for the guest to come. One of the things that we do when we prepare for a guest to come is that we clean our homes inside and out, those places that we clean every day, also in those places that rarely get cleaned, and we even clean in those places where our guest will not even see. Depending on the magnitude of the guest we might go so far as to renovate our home, rearrange furniture, or get new, and we might even make time for that project we have been putting off forever. We also prepare for a guest by preparing special food and drink, we get out the special China and linens. Preparations are made on how we will entertain the guest are we going to play a game or show them something special?

In this Season of Advent, we are preparing for a guest to come and the guest that is coming is Christ. And Christ when he comes is not only going to visit the building of our home but Christ is going to enter the home of your heart and your life and Christ is going to see everything. Is your heart and life ready for Christ to come? The only heart and life that we can control to ready for Christ to come is our own. But we can always help another heart or life to be ready. As I look at my heart and life there are parts that would seem to be ready for Christ to come and I cannot wait. But as I look more importantly there are parts of my heart, and life that I am a little embarrassed about, were works needs to be done to get ready for Christ to come. I recognize at some point during this season I need make time to get to confession. I also recognize I have things in abundance that others do not that I can share.

Probably most importantly as look at my heart and life I recognize that there are a few relationships that I could work at fixing or trying to make better. These days as I flip through channels on the T.V. I find many Christmas movies on. Have you ever noticed that many of these movies share a similar plot? The magic of Christmas comes through the fixing of a relationship.

As you prepare the way for Christ to come into the home of your heart and life, what is that relationship that you are being called to fix? What is that you need to do to be ready?



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 St. Damasus**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service - Don Inkrott

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:25am Rosary

8:45am Deb Keeler, Cleo Schroeder

**4:00pm Penance Service - Lee Recker****7:00pm Penance Service - Janet Schroeder****WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 St. Lucy**

7:15-7:45am Confessions

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Joe Uphaus

6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration

**7:00pm-8:00pm Confessions—time change****THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross**

8:25am Rosary

8:45am Edna Gerdeman, Ray Fortman, Margaret &amp; Ralph

Dorman, Karen Fortman, Carol Okuley,

Chett Bryant, Dan Poulson, Ann Renvi,

Special intention

**FRIDAY, December 15**

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am John Yaufman,

L/D Rosemary &amp; Charles Siefker Family

12:00pm Rosary

**1:00pm-4:00pm Adoration followed by Benediction**

6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal-Kelsie Salisbury

**SATURDAY, December 16**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Poor Souls

8:30am Confessions

1:00pm Schroeder/Selhorst Wedding

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm L/D Eileen Schroeder Family,

L/D Lisa Dulaney Family,

L/D Dick Coressel Family,

Jacob M Schroeder, Vickie Verhoff,

Fr. Eugene Schnipke, Carolyn Warnecke,

L/D Al &amp; Rita Knueven

**SUNDAY, December 17~3rd Sunday of Advent**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Rita Jane Bockrath Family,

L/D Gordon Verhoff Family,

L/D Alfred &amp; Mary Verhoff Family,

The deceased members of the Walter Hoehn

Family

10:30am James Buddelmeyer(AN), Rita &amp; Ray Flaute,

L/D Lambert Verhoff Family, Lauren Schneeg,

Paul &amp; Mary Louise Deters

**SERVERS****Mon 8:00am** No Mass**Tue 8:45am** Students**Wed 8:00am** Gene & Rose Warnecke**Thurs 8:45am** Students**Fri 8:00am** Elton Schroeder, Roger Schroeder**Sat 8:00am** Connor Schimmoeller, Izak Schimmoeller,  
Kamryn Schroeder**Sat 4:30pm** Derek Brown, Courtney Miller,  
Brock Crumrine**Sun 8:00am** Evan Brady, Parker Heckman,  
Makenna Siefker**Sun 10:30am** Aubrey Siefker, Grant Maag, Trevor Maag**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****LECTORS****Sat 4:30pm** Doug Deitering  
Diane DeiteringSharon Meyer  
Chris Schroeder**Sun 8:00am** Deb Leopold  
Deb SchroederAndy Gray  
Deb Schroeder**Sun 10:30am** Tara Gerding  
Jane MoeningPaula Siebeneck  
Tim Hansen**GIFT BEARERS****Sat 4:30pm** Tom & Kellie Nienberg**Sun 8:00am** Jim & Sue Leopold**Sun 10:30am** Keith & Deb Kuhlman**DECEMBER USHERS****Sat 4:30pm** Mary Rose & Kevin Ellerbrock**Sun 8:00am** Tom Morman, Tony Maag**Sun 10:30am** Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum**Ushers— Please remember to take Mass  
Attendance at every Mass and write it  
down on the paper in the back of Church****COMMUNION TO MEADOWS:** Deb Burwell, Frances Roof**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 2****ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY:** Henry & Jane Kaufman, Sharon  
Meyer**DECEMBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS:** JoAnn & Roger  
Schroeder, Diane Nienberg, Connie & Don Dehnart, Jim  
Recker**FAMILIES TO LIGHT ADVENT WREATH BEFORE MASS:**

December 16th, 4:30pm : Boz and Jackie Luttfriing

December 17th, 8:00am: Zac Hempfling

December 17th, 10:30am: Wayne and Lindsay Duling

**Thank you to all who so graciously volunteered to light the Ad-  
vent Wreath!***Repent and Prepare  
the way for the Lord!*

# 4 ABOUT OUR PARISH

## 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:

February 4, 2024, May 12, 2024 (Room 22), and September 15

### 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, 7:45–8:20pm

Friday 7:15am–7:45am

Saturday 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](mailto: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](mailto:vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org).

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 6:30pm–8:15pm

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

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

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

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

## CATECHISM CORNER

### SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

The Season of Advent prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary. This time prepares us not only to welcome this great event, but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary, but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us everyday of our lives.

This week we light the second candle of the Advent candle. This candle represents PEACE and it is sometimes called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. As we journey through this Advent, may we be an instrument of PEACE into this world so as to spread His Light and Love.

#### Advent Wreath Prayer for Second Week:

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

### Engaged Couples



Need to contact Fr. Matt 6 months before your marriage to start your marriage preparation. It is your responsibility to call for an appointment or can't promise you a wedding here at St. John's.

### Parental Baptism Class



Sunday, February 4, 2024 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in Room 15 in the parish center presented by Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling St. John's Rectory 419-538-6928.. Next class will be May 12, 2024.

## STEWARDSHIP December 03, 2023

### Offering

Loose	3,265.00
Adult Envelope	\$ 12,464.00
Children	\$ 153.85
Maintenance	\$ 905.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,290.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Christmas	\$ 1,000.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$20,097.85</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.stjohnsglandorf.org](http://www.stjohnsglandorf.org)

**Heartbeat** needs size 4 and 5 Pampers Swaddle Diapers  
*Heartbeat Hours:* Tuesday 1-5pm and Thursday 9-1pm

**Foods Needed at the Ottawa Food Pantry:** pineapple, mandarin oranges, pears, ready to eat soup, pancake mix, pop tarts or breakfast bars, boxed or canned potatoes, rice, dry beans, canned pasta, egg noodles, condiments, salad dressing, sloppy joe sauce, hamburger helper, spaghetti sauce, snacks. Note: Monetary gifts are appreciated, as well (Ottawa Food Pantry, Trinity United

### Needy Families

Since this is the time for thanksgiving and giving, we would like to help those in need, please put money in an envelope labeled "NEEDY FAMILY" and put in the collection basket.

If you know of a family in need please call the office.  
Thank you!

### THANK YOU

**A warm heartfelt THANK YOU** to everyone who Helped stuffed the Grand-orf Drawing envelopes for mailing. Your valuable time was greatly appreciated!

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.

**DIANA MAYHEW "DANNI"**

### WEDDING BANN

**III Zoe Schroeder**, of St. Mary's Leipsic, daughter of Joseph and Yvette Schroeder and **Alex Selhorst** of this parish, son of David & Debra Selhorst

**I Alexis Schroeder** of this parish, daughter of Charles & Linda Schroeder & **Eric Racer** of this parish, son of Chip & Lisa Racer

### NEWLY WEDDED

Tyler & Kelsey (Cantrell)

### Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Raymond J Schmitz 12/10/03	Marcile A Schmitz 12/13/08
Dolores P Schroeder 12/10/16	Kenneth J Schroeder 12/14/01
John J Brinkman 12/12/14	Lois Mae Hoyt 12/14/14
Leroy A Ellerbrock 12/12/14	Paul Moreno 12/15/11
	Shirley M Giesken 12/16/06

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**2024 GRAND-ORF CLUB RAFFLE TICKETS**

**TWO \$500.00 WINNERS EACH MONTH**

**HOW IT WORKS!**

On the second Sunday of each month after the 8:00am Mass, we will draw **TWO \$500.00 WINNERS**.  
 YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.  
 When you are a lucky winner, we will put your name in the bulletin and send you a check for \$500.00.  
 The winning tickets will be **REENTERED INTO THE DRAWING FOR ANOTHER CHANCE TO WIN!**

**ONE TICKET HAS 24 CHANCES TO WIN!**

**THE FUNDRAISER HELPS SUPPORT THE MAINTENANCE OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTER.**

Over the years, St. John's Parish Center has provided a place for fellowship and spiritual growth for many adults and children in our Glandorf Community.  
 With your continued overwhelming support, we will be able to continue this tradition in Glandorf!

**St. John's Parish Staff is truly grateful for your support!**

RETURN ALL TICKETS BY JANUARY 7, 2024 TO BE INCLUDED IN EVERY DRAWING. DROP TICKETS OFF AT THE OFFICE OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.

## High School Corner



THANK YOU!

Thanks to these fine young men who put up the lights around the church and parish center. Much appreciated guys!

On Wednesday, December 13th, several of the HS CCD classes will be hearing Jason Evert, who is presenting at SPPS church at 6:00 PM. All attending will have tickets to attend. No HS CCD on December 20th and 27th. Will have class in church on the History on January 3rd, 2024, so all should report to church at 7:00 PM.

Ruth Gerding, Coordinator of HS CCD

**WANT TO COME AND GLORIFY YOUR LORD** ★  
AND SING AT THE CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT 4:00PM ★  
ANYONE STUDENT IN GRADES 5TH - 12TH  
GRADE ARE WELCOMED SING! ★

Come and practice in the Church on  
December 11th from 4:30pm - 6:00pm  
December 14th from 4:30pm - 6:00pm

If you have any questions, call or text  
Jeannie Verhoff (419)236-0996

Holy Family Radio is bringing a Double feature by Jason Evert on Wednesday night at 6:00 PM at SPPS church. It is a chance to get answers to life's tough questions about love, dating and relationships. The two talks from Jason are: "Purified" and "Gender and the Theology of the Body." After the talks will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. All will be sent home with free resources as well. The students will have tickets given to them in CCD this past Wednesday. Parents still have an opportunity to register and hear this presentation, by using the QR code on this site. Ruth Gerding still has a couple of tickets left for any student wanting to attend. Please contact Ruth at 567-204-1275.

Ruth Gerding, Coordinator of HS CCD

DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT

**PURIFIED** AND **GENDER**  
AND THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY

ST. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
307 NORTH LOCUST STREET  
OTTAWA, OH 45875

CHASTITY PROJECT

BROUGHT TO YOU BY HOLY FAMILY RADIO

**ONE DAY - TWO TALKS \$25 - ADULTS**  
FREE RESOURCES FOR EVERY ATTENDEE!

<b>PURIFIED</b> A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT FOR FAMILIES (AGES 13+)	<b>GENDER &amp; THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY (AGES 13+)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> December 13, 2023 <b>6:00 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> December 13, 2023 <b>7:45 - 8:30 PM</b>

The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours. This chastity presentation is for teens, parents and adults.

What's the meaning of sex, gender, and the human body? The truth of masculinity and femininity are being questioned like never before. Discover how your body as a man or woman reveals your identity and calling.

Break 7:30-7:45 PM

**YOUNG ADULT**  
**UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER &**  
*Karaoke Night*

TUES, DEC. 19  
6:30 - 8:30 PM

UPTOWN MARKET  
200 E. MAIN ST.  
LEIPSIC (UPSTAIRS)

DRINKS BYOB IF ALCOHOL - BRING YOUR COOLERS  
FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AVAILABLE TO  
PURCHASE DOWNSTAIRS

### GLANDORF SAINT JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP

Saint John's youth group would love to invite all high school students to join us for some holiday fun! We will be meeting in the front lobby at the Meadows of Ottawa for Christmas caroling at 6:00 on Sunday, December 10th. Afterwards, we will discuss our faith over cookies and hot cocoa! All high school students are welcome!



Keep an eye out for more information on our January meeting, which will be a movie night!



# 7 YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT & AROUND PARISH

## Updated CYO SPORTS

Diocesan Policy for CYO Sports--All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish to play on the parish team. St. John's Parish Policy for High School CYO-Playing any sports this year? It is a privilege to play sports for St. John's and not an expectation. You are expected to attend both the Fall and Winter Semesters of High School Religious Education CCD Classes.

- Attendance at these classes will be monitored and reviewed. For each class missed beyond 4 classes you will be sitting out one game per absence.
- Parents, if your child will be absent, please contact or text Ruth Gerding at 567-204-1275 before class.
- All high school players are required to give 5 hours of service to St. John's by January 14, 2024.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Without the gift of the Eucharist, we do not exist as a parish, and you do not have the privilege of playing for St. John's.

- All coaches and players are required to attend Saturday evening or Sunday Mass. If you miss, we kindly ask that you sit out that week's game.
- All coaches and high school players are to spend one hour in Adoration on Eucharistic Day. If you miss, we kindly ask that you sit out one game.

If you do not have time for the LORD, you do not have time to play sports. We kindly ask the cooperation of all as we implement this policy for the good of our parish and the good of the Church.

(Fr. Matt Keller & Mike Karhoff, Parish Council President)

Today, December 10, 2023



### BOY'S:

Birkemeyer: 1:00pm Findlay@Glandorf  
Ellerbrock: 3:30pm St. Anthony@Glandorf  
Meyer: 3:30pm SPPS@Ottawa

GIRL'S: 2:00pm St. John XXIII@Sylvania

**GOOD LUCK!**



"Watch Drawing Closer to God" for kids on [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) Journey through Advent with the whole family! Join art teacher Ms. Kim as she teaches children to draw different scenes from the Christmas story, including the Annunciation the shepherds' visit, the Nativity scene, and more. With compelling storytelling, Ms. Kim points out key details from Scripture and Catholic tradition. 16-20 min. long videos. Go to [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) sign in and scroll down to Advent & Christmas Banner. If you use the QR code you will still need to sign in and scroll down to Advent & Christmas Banner.



## What does the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Celebrate?

There 's a popular idea that it refers to Jesus' conception by the Virgin Mary.

It doesn't.

Instead, it refers to the special way in which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived. This conception was not virginal. (That is, she had a human father as well as a human mother.) But it was special and unique in another way. . .

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way:

**490** To become the mother of the Saviour, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace". In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

**491** Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

**The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.**

Because of the way redemption was applied to Mary at the moment of her conception, she not only was protected from contracting original sin but also personal sin.

From the National Catholic Register, written by Jimmy Akin, "8 things You need to know About the Immaculate Conception", Dec. 3, 2021

**Bethlehem's Child**

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

by  
St. John's Choir

**December 10, 2023**

**At 2:00pm**  
**St. John the Baptist Church**

Victor C. Johnson  
and Lloyd Larson

Lorenz

## PARISH CENTER ACTIVITIES

Every Second Sunday of the Month

Today, December 10th



COFFEE AND DONUTS  
AND GRAND-OF CLUB

located in Room 15 after  
8:00am and 10:30am Masses by  
Pat and Barb Siefker.



LENDING LIBRARY

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



PARISH MUSEUM

Visitation Hours

from 9:00am—12:00pm

Located in Hallway. For visitors  
outside of the scheduled time,  
please contact Michael Leach

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH



**We have two spots left!**

We need a family to light the  
Advent Wreath on  
**December 23rd at 4:30pm**  
**December 24th at 10:30am**

To sign up your family, please  
scan the QR code or call or email  
the rectory and we will  
sign you up or press control and  
click on the link below.

Thank you!



**Attention ALL MEN!!!!** Join us on for That Man Is You  
**Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 7-8:30pm** in room 22 **OR Saturday, Dec. 16th, 6-7:30am** in the cafeteria. December 16th will be our Breakfast before Christmas break. December 20th will be our Pizza Dinner before Christmas break.

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

**TMIY "WORTHY OF THE CALL" – To Jesus Through Mary (Sat. 12/20, Wed. 12/16)** (session 13)

Presenter: Mark Hartfiel: Join us as we journey the Holy Land while discovery more about the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Scripture: Matthew 14:23, 22:37-40.

**That Man is You (TMIY)**, Men, do you want to grow in your faith? Stop by any of the times or locations!

Groups meet each week (Sept. - May). **All men are welcome!** <https://paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/>

Day	Time	Place		Contact
Sat.	6:10 AM	Columbus Grove Church Basement	The Light of Men (season 8)	<a href="mailto:boonie5a@yahoo.com">boonie5a@yahoo.com</a> Ben Schroeder
Sat.	6:00 AM	Glandorf Parish Center	Worthy of the Call (season 9)	<a href="mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net">mbkarhoff@bright.net</a> Mike Karhoff
Wed.	7:00 PM	Glandorf Parish Center	Worthy of the Call (season 9)	<a href="mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net">mbkarhoff@bright.net</a> Mike Karhoff
Sat.	6:30 AM	Miller City Parish Hall	The Vision of Man Fully Alive (season 4)	<a href="mailto:cto-be.17@gmail.com">cto-be.17@gmail.com</a> Curtis Tobe
Sat.	6:30 AM	SPPS school (new wing)	Worthy of the Call (season 9)	<a href="mailto:leon.fuerst@yahoo.com">leon.fuerst@yahoo.com</a> Leon Fuerst
Sat.	6:30 AM	Ottoville Parish Center (KofC rm)	Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart (season 1)	<a href="mailto:adam_schnipke@hotmail.com">adam_schnipke@hotmail.com</a> Adam Schnipke

## LADIES OF LEISURE SOCIAL (L.O.L.s.)

(Sponsored by St. John's Alter Rosary Society)

Come for Old Fashioned visiting while playing cards, games or crafting.

**Every Third Wednesday  
of each month.**

Two Event Times: 1:00- 4:00  
OR 6:00- 9:00

**@ The Parish Center cafe in Glandorf.**

You are Welcome To ...

- Play board games
- Play cards
- Dominos, Dice
- Knitting, Crafting
- Mahjong Game, Etc.

(Please bring your own Supplies & Games)

**FREE EVENT  
NO MEMBERSHIP FEE**

"It's a place to gather with friends and neighbors without having to clean house." — St. John's

Questions OR to Reserve A Table, Contact Jill Gerding 419-538-6942

## SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

WE ARE UPDATING OUR MILITARY LIST. PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE 419-538-6928 OF ANY SON/DAUGHTER THAT IS ACTIVE/INACTIVE/OR GOING TO BE ACTIVE. ANY CHANGE OF PERSONNEL OR ADDRESS CHANGES. THANK YOU!

### THIS IS THE LIST FROM LAST YEAR OF OUR MILITARY (AWAY FROM HOME)

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## PRIEST/SEMINARIAN ADDRESSES

For the Holiday Christmas Cards

<b>Father Rick Friebel</b> 937 N Defiance St Ottawa, OH 45875 Father Tony Fortman (mailing address) 4961 Salem Ave. Dayton, OH 45416	<b>Father Stephen Schroeder</b> 6607 St. Rt. 224 Ottawa, OH 45875 <b>Father Harry Brown</b> 2860 US Route 127 Celina, OH 45822 <b>Eric Kaufman</b> The Athenaeum of Ohio Mount St. Mary's of the West Seminary 6616 Beechmont Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45230 Attn: Eric T. Kaufman
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## START THE NEW YEAR WITH A BIBLE STUDY

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AN 11-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING  
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## Join Us for a Lenten/Easter Season Bible Study

Dates - Times - Location

**Mondays**

**Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18**

**2 week break - April 8, 15, 22, 29**

**11 sessions**

**7 - 8:30pm**

**St. Johns Parish Center  
Glandorf OH**

Cost - Registration

**\$30.00 for a Study Set - payable 1st night**

**RSVP by January 10 to**

**[jmschroeder51@gmail.com](mailto:jmschroeder51@gmail.com)**

**or text 419-890-3724**

For More Information

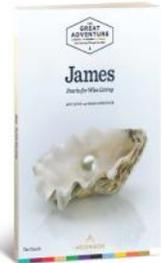
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SEND THEM CHRISTMAS CARDS

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PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO LET US KNOW IF SOMEONE IS IN THE NURSING HOME AND WE WILL UPDATE THE LIST.



## SAVE THE DATE ALL MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER COUPLES

*Marriage Encounter Mass,  
Dinner and Dance*

FEBRUARY 11, 2023

3:00PM MASS AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH GLANDORF, OH

4:00 PM DINNER AT PARISH CENTER

5:00PM - 8:00PM DANCE AT PARISH CENTER

TICKETS \$40.00 PER COUPLE



## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT FOR COUPLES MARRIED TEN YEARS OR LESS!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH  
6149 HILL AVE, TOLEDO, OH 43615



- 11:00am Welcome from Fr. Phil Smith
- 11:30am Couple Session #1
- 12:00pm Catered Pasta Bar Dinner
- 1:00pm Keynote from Brandon & Gráinne Kulka
- 1:30pm Couple Session #2
- 2:30pm Eucharistic Adoration
- 3:00pm Reconciliation
- 3:30pm Blessing
- 4:00pm Mass



Contact Jenn Okuley to RSVP by January 4th. )  
jokuley@olltoledo.com, 419-865-2345, or QR code.

Cost: \$35 per couple

- \*Please mail or drop off cash or check by January 4th.
- \*\*Childcare from professionals included on the campus!

Open to all couples married ten years or less,  
including those outside our parish!



## MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT DAY!

with Father Philip A. Smith, Director  
Office for Diocesan Priestly Vocations

January 13, 2024  
9:30am - 5:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
6149 Hill Avenue, Toledo, OH 43615



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

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

For more information, contact:

Father Philip A. Smith,  
Diocese of Toledo  
Office of Diocesan Priestly  
Vocations:

psmith@toledodiocese.org  
419-244-6711, ext. 4945

To register, contact:

Marie C. Sprague  
msprague@toledodiocese.org  
419-214-4923



## CATHOLIC COUNSELING

Feeling depressed during the Christmas season? Struggling with the loss of a loved one? Dealing with marital problems? Experiencing gender identity issues? If you or someone you love might benefit from counseling, confidential professional Catholic counseling, rooted in our Catholic faith, is now available at Findlay St. Michael Parish. To inquire, please contact the main parish office @ 419-422-2646 and ask to be transferred to the Catholic Counseling services.



## REBOOT FEATURING CHRIS STEFANICK

Lourdes University  
Franciscan Center  
6832 Convent Blvd  
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

February 28th, 2024  
7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Tickets: \$33 - \$39  
Early Bird pricing until Feb 7th!



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Special thanks to our co-hosting parishes:

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- Our Lady of Lourdes
- St. Richard - Swanton



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purchase your  
tickets to Reboot!

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## Second Sunday of Advent: Repenting of Sin



**THE GRACE I SEEK:** to trust that the Lord longs to forgive my sins

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

*Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child. Rest in his loving gaze. Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.*

**ASK FOR THE GRACE:** Jesus, help me to repent of my sins and to trust in your loving forgiveness.

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** — *Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.*

**“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated.” (Isaiah 40:1–2A)**

**FOR REFLECTION** — *Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.*

We often forget that, in repenting of our sins and turning back to Jesus, we are turning back to one who infinitely loves us and longs to comfort us. Pray through the events of this past week and ask Jesus to show you how he has comforted you and encouraged you to repent of any sin that may be present in your life. Give concrete examples.

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** — *Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you in a personal way through this passage.*

**“John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.” (Mark 1:4–5)**

**FOR REFLECTION** — John the Baptist shows us that repentance moves us towards someone as we acknowledge our sinfulness. Looking over this past week, ask Jesus to help you identify two or three concrete choices you made that moved you closer to his merciful love. Thank him for this grace.

*Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.*

**CLOSING PRAYER** — Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Second Sunday of Advent)

**SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION** — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, pay attention to the words of Jesus, through the priest, begging the Father's mercy on you; unite your desire for this mercy with Jesus.

**LOVE IN ACTION** — In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we come before Jesus and confess our sins, asking for the love and mercy of Jesus as we repent and resolve to change our lives. His Precious Blood cleanses us of all sin and gives us strength to avoid sin in the future. Make a resolution to receive the merciful love of Jesus in this sacrament in the next week or two as you prepare for Christmas.

## Christmas-New Year Mass Schedule

THIS YEAR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT FALLS ON DECEMBER 24TH, TO FULLFILL OUR OBLIGATIONS TO OUR LORD, WE NEED TO GO TO MASS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND FOR CHRISTMAS. WE HAVE TO GO TWICE AND IT IS NOT A TWO FOR ONE.

- SATURDAY DECEMBER 23, 2023 4:30 PM
- SUNDAY DECEMBER 24, 2023 8:00 AM AND 10:30 AM

### CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

- DECEMBER 24, 2023 4:00 PM-CHRISTMAS VIGIL
- DECEMBER 24, 2023 10:00 PM-CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT
- DECEMBER 25, 2023 8:00 AM MASS AT DAWN
- DECEMBER 25, 2023 10:00 AM MASS DURING THE DAY

### DECEMBER 26TH- COMMUNION SERVICE

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

- DECEMBER 30, 2023 4:30 PM
- DECEMBER 31, 2023 8:00 AM AND 10:30 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD-SINCE JANUARY 1ST THIS YEAR FALLS ON A MONDAY IT IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME AND CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR BY COMING TO MASS.

- DECEMBER 31, 2023 4:30 PM
- JANUARY 1, 2024 9:00 AM



**CHRISTMAS IS CONFIRMATION  
THAT GODS LOVE IS UNENDING AND HIS  
MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.**

### ADVENT - ANGEL TREE

St. John's Outreach is sponsoring the Advent-Angel Tree for Heartbeat of Lima and Putnam County. You can pick an **ornament** from our tree or make a **cash donation**. If you take an ornament, purchase the item, and put it in the box near the tree. The **baby bottles** are also located by the tree and you can use them for cash donations. Return the bottles to the Heartbeat box before Christmas. You could also put any cash or gift cards in an envelope labeled with "Heartbeat" and put it in the collection basket or in the drop box of the rectory garage.

**Needed items** : diapers (all sizes except 1), Pullups, formula (Enfamil Gentlese or generic gentle, Enfamil Infant or generic infant, Similac Advance or 360 Total Care, Nutramigen Formula), Infant Tylenol or Advil, Toddler Socks (not baby), gloves, hats, mittens, and gift cards for gas. Some of the ways Heartbeat uses **financial donations**: medical supplies for pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, client literature, annual expense for the Bright Course lessons, Internet, utilities, insurance, taxes, and employees.



## PENANCE SERVICE

### ST. JOHN'S

EVERY WEDNESDAY 7:15AM – 7:45 AM, 7:45PM-8:20PM

EVERY FRIDAY 7:15AM-7:45AM

EVERY SATURDAY 8:30AM

EVERY SATURDAY 4:00PM-4:20PM

TUESDAY, DEC. 12TH AT 4:00PM AND 7:00PM

LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023 AFTER 8:00AM MASS

### AROUND THE AREA

OTTOVILLE – SUNDAY, DEC. 3RD 2:00PM

FT. JENNINGS- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13TH 7:00PM

OTTAWA- MONDAY, DEC. 18TH AT 4:00PM AND 7:00PM

KALIDA- TUESDAY, DEC.19TH 4:00PM AND 7:00PM

NEW CLEVELAND – WEDNESDAY, DEC 20TH 7:00PM

EVENING OF GRACE



PEACE, HOPE & JOY

## Eucharistic Adoration during Advent

Every Wednesday 6:30 - 8:15 pm

Every Fridays. 1:00 - 4:00 pm followed by  
Benediction.



SPEND SOME QUIET TIME WITH JESUS THIS ADVENT!

Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator in the back of Church for each Friday.

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Spend time together watching movies, bible study, daily reflections this advent session.