

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



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Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Parish Office Closed

Monday, Dec. 25, 2023 - Monday, Jan. 1, 2024

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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

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Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and the Third Sunday is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word calling for us to rejoice. On this Third Sunday of Advent, we light the third candle on our Advent Wreath and note the color of this candle is different than the other three. And, to note this Sunday that the color of my vestments today is the same color of our third candle. Many are quick to wanting to call this color pink, officially the church calls this color rose. Rose, pink, what is the difference between the colors? Perhaps a slight difference in shade? I do not know for sure. I am always reminded that Jesus rose from the dead and not pinked from the dead. It is so easy for us to get wrapped up in what color it is, but that is not the point today, we can easily forget what this color symbolizes and what this color calls for us to do. Gaudete, rejoice is what we are called to do today this color rose is meant to help us do that.

In the first two weeks of Advent we have been hearing a message of the importance of being ready. Jesus told us to be watchful and to be alert and this message was almost given to us in a tone that we are to be fearful of the Lord's coming. We are certainly called to be ready, but message of Christ's coming is not something we are supposed to fear. The message that Jesus is coming is good news, the message that Jesus is coming meant to give us hope. The message that Jesus is coming is something that we are called to celebrate, it is a call for us to rejoice, this message is meant to give us joy.

We hear the call to celebrate, to rejoice but perhaps there are some that might challenge this call to rejoice and celebrate. And say we cannot celebrate or rejoice. They might point out "look at the state that our world is in and all the problems that are world has, how can we celebrate, how can we rejoice? We need to fix the world's problems before the Lord comes". I agree that our world has its fair share of problems and no we cannot be happy about those problems, and we have some work to do for before the Lord comes. But we can not solve all the world's problems on our own, some of the problems needs Christ. But we can still rejoice, we often associate being happy and rejoicing as being the same thing but being happy and rejoicing are similar but different.

Woodeene Koenig Bricker explains the difference between being and rejoicing using example of Mary. He explains:

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, he announced "Rejoice, favored one! The word rejoice implies more than the mere feeling of happiness. Interestingly, unlike happiness, which is an emotion over which we have little or no control. Rejoicing, is something we can choose to do. We can choose to express glory or triumph, no matter what we're feeling at the moment it's clear that Gabriel expected Mary to rejoice, yet she must have known that she was undoubtedly going to feel anxiety. He didn't expect her to be happy on command, but he expected her to rejoice. Likewise, we can rejoice at all times and in all circumstances, not because we feel giddy but because life itself is a celebration.

We rejoice not because the world is perfect and the way it is supposed to be. We rejoice because the gift of life is a gift, we rejoice at the message of the Lord's coming promises to make the world the way it is supposed to be.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:25am Rosary
8:45am L/D Fortman/Meyer Families,
L/D George & Genevieve Rupert Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:15-7:45am Confessions
7:35am Rosary
8:00am L/D Val & Mary Korte Family, Tom Kufman,
Greg Frey, Dennis Stechschulte,
Ryan Stechschulte, Karl Stechschulte
6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration

7:00pm-8:30pm Confessions—time change

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 St. Peter Canisius

8:25am Rosary
8:45am L/D Arnold & Henrietta Langhals Family
2:00pm For the Poor Souls - Meadows of Ottawa

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:15am - 7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am Paul Schulte (AN)
L/D Hubert Kaverman family
12:00pm Rosary

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

SATURDAY, December 23 St. John of Kanty

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Velma Balbaugh
8:30am Confessions
4:00pm Confessions—cancelled
4:30pm Dave Schmitz, L/D Chris Kingsley Family,
Nellie(AN), Richard, Charlie, John Maag,
Roy & Hazel Leap, Bob & Rita Maag,
Beatrice Inkrott(AN), L/D Maya Schroeder Family,
Nancy & Charlie Kistler,
L/D Tom & Edna Riepenhoff Family,
L/D Edward & Martha Smith, Donald Smith Family

SUNDAY, December 24~4th Sunday of Advent

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Ranae Kahle, Zac Cassidy,
L/D Don Recker Family
10:30am Cletus, Gertrude, Mildred Stechschulte,
L/D Fortman/Meyer Families, Ben Deters
4:00pm For the Parish - Christmas Vigil
10:00pm For the Parish-Christmas Mass During the Night

MONDAY, December 25~The Nativity of the Lord

7:35am Rosary
8:00am For the Parish - Christmas Mass at Dawn
10:00am For the Parish - Christmas Mass During the Day

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 3

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Edna & Diane Nienberg
DECEMBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: JoAnn & Roger Schroeder, Diane Nienberg, Connie & Don Dehnart, Jim Recker

FAMILIES TO LIGHT ADVENT WREATH BEFORE MASS:

December 23rd, 4:30pm : **Need a family**
December 24th, 8:00am: Tim and Chris Hoehn
December 24th, 10:30am: **Need a family**
Thank you to all who so graciously volunteered to light the Advent Wreath!

SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:45am	Students
Wed	8:00am	Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram
Thurs	8:45am	Students
Fri	8:00am	Bart Recker, Greg Nussbaum
Sat	8:00am	Caroline Sarka, Jade Sarka, Brady Pester
Sat	4:30pm	Ethan Weis, Sam Warnecke, Brandon Warnecke
Sun	8:00am	Grace Kahle, Justin Kahle, Anthony Kahle
Sun	10:30am	Dylan Giesswein, Hannah Brickner, Megan Brickener
Sun	4:00pm	Adam Maag, Ross Maag, Austin Koch, Thurifer-Hayden Kaufman
Sun	10:00pm	Jacob Schimmoeller, James Niese, Libbie Niese, Thurifer-Ethan Kuhlamm
Mon	8:00am	Owen Morman, Zachary Horstman, Morgan Maag, Thurifer-Nolan Duling
Mon	10:00am	Madison McKee, Aubrey Siefker, Thurifer-Cole Morman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

Sat	4:30pm	Mike Karhoff	Mike Karhoff
Sun	8:00am	Mary Rose Ellerbrock	Mary Rose Ellerbrock
		Deb Schroeder	Connie Cassidy
Sun	10:30am	Deb Burwell	Sharon Meyer
		Rose Warnecke	Tim Hansen
Sun	4:00pm	Gene Warnecke	Jeanne Schram
		Mary Ellen Halker	Aubrey Leopold
Sun	10:00pm	Louis Halker	Derek Brown
		Lori Schroeder	Cari Homan
Mon	8:00am	Ruth Gerding	Paula Siebeneck
		Tim Hoehn	Elizabeth Ruhe
Mon	10:00am	Chris Hoehn	Nicole Ruhe
		Sue Recker	Mindy Recker
		Laura Wagner	Kelly Schroeder

GIFT BEARERS

Sat	4:30pm	Lee & Diane Recker
Sun	8:00am	Mike & Judy Niese
Sun	10:30am	Dennis & Deb Lammers
Sun	4:00pm	Need a family to volunteer
Sun	10:00pm	Need a family to volunteer
Mon	8:00am	Need a family to volunteer
Mon	10:00am	Andy and Kari Gray Family

DECEMBER USHERS

Sat	4:30pm	Mary Rose & Kevin Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Tom Morman, Tony Maag
Sun	10:30am	Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum
Sun	4:00pm	Mary Rose & Kevin Ellerbrock, Ginnie Riepenhoff, Alex Ellebrock, Steve Brown
Sun	10:00pm	Brian Grime, Richard Schmitz, Jane & Henry Kaufman, Jerry Recker, Al Kaufman
Mon	8:00am	Chris & Tim Hoehn, Bryan Kaufman, Michael Recker, Tom Morman, Tony Maag
Mon	10:00am	Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum, Barry Maag, Ken Horstman, Louis & Mary Ellen Halker

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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 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.

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)

CATECHISM CORNER

3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

"Gaudete Sunday" = Joyful Sunday

The third candle on the Advent wreath is rose and symbolizes joy! It is called the "Shepherd's Candle" because it takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus even before the wise men.

A Joyful Sunday. The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The word "*gaudete*" is derived from the Latin words "*gaudium*," joy, and "*gaudeo*," to rejoice or be glad. *Gaudete* Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy.

The Term "Gaudete." *Gaudete* is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas.

Multiple Reasons for Joy. There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened because he was born to save us from our sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tm 4:8) and a place in the Father's house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

A Joyful Color. Rose represents joy and may be used as the liturgical color for *Gaudete* Sunday. Violet remains the official color for the Season of Advent, the Third Sunday included, because all of Advent has a penitential tone, a time to be absolved of sin and be in the state of grace for Christmas. *Gaudete* Sunday offers a brief respite to focus on the uplifting, upcoming joyful celebration of the Nativity.

From, A Catholic Spirit, December 10, 2020

Advent Wreath Prayer for Third Week:

O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on you. Amen.

- The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook

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.

PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

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STEWARDSHIP December 10, 2023

Offering

Loose	\$ 928.00
Adult Envelope	\$ 7,069.00
Children	\$ 138.00
Maintenance	\$ 185.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,290.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 330.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00
Retirement fund for Religious	\$ 460.00
Total Collection	\$11,420.00

Immaculate Conception

Immaculate Conception Loose	\$ 624.00
Immaculate Conception Envelopes	\$ 1,497.00
Adult Envelopes	\$ 110.00
Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Total Immaculate Conception	\$ 2,241.00

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

Give Online Today!

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

Heartbeat needs 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 also welcome. (Send in care of Trinity UM Church, 137 N. Pratt, Ottawa)

2023 GRAND-orf Club



November winners are: **Matt Walker and John Morman. CONGRATULATIONS!** The next drawing will be January 14th in room 15 along with coffee & donuts.

2023 GRAND-orf Club Winners:

Peyton Hovest, Jeff Knott, Joseph Schroeder, Bill Goecke, Dean Maag, Ted Shalter, Denny Lammers, Denny Gerdeman, Gene & Rose Warnecke, Craig Imm, Theresa Fortman, Rose Stechschulte, Richard Schmitz, John & Barb Warnecke, Richard Schmitz, Joan Karhoff, Jovie Kempf, Kelly Schroeder, John Hermiller Jr., Tim Faber, Leon Utrup, Erika Maag, Matt Walker & John Morman.

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.

DUANE HASELMAN

WEDDING BANN

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

NEWLY WEDDED

Alex & Zoe (Schroeder) Selhorst

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Elmer H Karhoff 12/18/01	Rosemary Lammers 12/22/13
Gertrude Stechschulte 12/18/05	Dennis E Hermiller 12/22/16
Ronald B Dickman 12/19/03	James E Buddelmeyer 12/22/17
Rita A Morman 12/21/19	Paul B Schulte 12/22/22
Ruth Ann Rosengarten 12/21/21	Leo F Karhoff 12/23/01
	Norman R Birkemeyer 12/23/13

THANK YOU

WOW!!!! We are so blessed to have a very talented choir. The Cantata was spectacular! Thank you, Dan and all the choir members for all your time and effort to help us understand the Christmas Story thru your beautiful music.

Tickets were mailed out this week.
Please watch for them!

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
109 N. Main Street, Box 48,
Glandorf, OH 45848



\$12.00
PER
TICKET

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

Ruth Gending, Coordinator of HS CCD



Thank you Seniors for your voices of caroling to the Senior Citizens around town. Also, thank you goes to Brent Schroeder and Brendon for the wagon, Bill Brinkman for his wagon, and Don Giesige for driving the students. Well Done and greatly appreciated!!

The generosity from the Junior class netted over 800 pairs of socks---so helpful for many individuals who are living on the streets. Well done!!



Also, more CYO players assisting with the putting up the outside nativity set.



This help is greatly appreciated and thank you students for offering to serve our Lord with your generosity and help. Thank you, students for your attention at class and for your kindness to others.

**No HS CCD on December 20th and 27th.
Have a Blessed Christmas!**

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 18th from 5:30pm - 7:00pm
December 21st from 5:00pm-6:30pm
If needed, December 23rd at 10:30am

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

St. John's Youth Group

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE
JANUARY EVENT - **MOVIE TIME!!**
Monday, January 15, 2024 -
MLK Jr Day (NO SCHOOL)



WHO: All High School Youth Invited
WHAT: Movie Details TBD



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: FEBRUARY EVENT - Another opportunity to serve :)



**Today,
December 17, 2023**

BOY'S:

Birkemeyer:
1:00pm St. Anthony@Col. Grove
Ellerbrock:
2:15pm St. Michael's@Col. Grove
Meyer:
2:15pm SPPS@Ottawa

GIRL'S:

Bockrath: 1:00pm St. Patrick@St. Patrick

GOOD LUCK!



**2023
ADVENT SCHOOL**



Learning about the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary.

7 YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT & AROUND PARISH

MEN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH
STARTING AT 1:00PM**

Snacks and drinks will be provided. We will be streaming the NFL playoff games. We will be raffling off a neon sign and Blackstone griddle. For tickets contact Tony Schroeder (419-615-5162)

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!

Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday, January 5th
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://shorturl.at/jlBS2>

First Saturday, January 6th & 7th
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://shorturl.at/kmqEL>

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.




Attention ALL MEN!!!! Join us on for That Man Is You (TMIY) Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 7-8:30pm in room 22. December 20th will be our Pizza Dinner before Christmas break. All are welcome!

Saturday sessions will start again on Jan. 6 in the Cafeteria. For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ mbkarhoff@bright.net, 419-796-0763

TMIY "WORTHY OF THE CALL" – To Jesus Through Mary (Wed. 12/20) (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)	boonie5a@yahoo.com Ben Schroeder
Sat.	6:00 AM	Glandorf Parish Center	Worthy of the Call (season 9)	mbkarhoff@bright.net Mike Karhoff
Wed.	7:00 PM	Glandorf Parish Center	Worthy of the Call (season 9)	mbkarhoff@bright.net Mike Karhoff
Sat.	6:30 AM	Miller City Parish Hall	The Vision of Man Fully Alive (season 4)	cto-be.17@gmail.com Curtis Tobe
Sat.	6:30 AM	SPPS school (new wing)	Worthy of the Call (season 9)	leon.fuerst@yahoo.com Leon Fuerst
Sat.	6:30 AM	Ottoville Parish Center (KofC rm)	Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart (season 1)	adam.schnipke@hotmail.com Adam Schnipke

BOX of JOY by Cross Catholic Outreach

A special THANK YOU to everyone at St. John the Baptist and Sts. Peter and Paul parishes and in the Holy Family Radio listening area who participated in the Box of Joy program. Through your generosity, we were able to fill **1,230** boxes with gifts and much needed supplies for children in poverty in the countries of Haiti, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Grenada, and Bahamas. This was 25 more boxes than we did last year. Cross Catholic Outreach Box of Joy has a nationwide goal of helping over 118,000 impoverished children this year, and THANK YOU again for doing our part in helping these children this Christmas season. Merry Christmas and may God bless you and your families this Christmas season!

YOUNG ADULT UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER & Karaoke Night

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

UP TOWN MARKET 200 E. MAIN ST. LEIPSIK (UPSTAIRS)

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

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
Dominoes, Dice
Knitting, Crafting,
Mahjong Game, Etc.
(Please bring your own Supplies & Games)

You can Bring Your Own Beverage & snack.

FREE EVENT NO MEMBERSHIP FEE

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

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



GIVE SOMETHING THAT Means Something

GIVE BLOOD

Blood Drive
Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Cafeteria
320 North Locust
Ottawa, OH 45875

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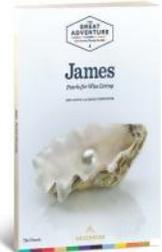
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Wednesday, July 17 - Sunday, July 21, 2024
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As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas invites you to join him to witness what God has in store for his Church in the U.S. through the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024! The Diocese of Toledo is forming a delegation to represent our local Church in this historic event at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN, where 80,000 Catholics are expected to gather to deepen our understanding of, love for, and living out the great mystery of the Eucharist.

The Diocese of Toledo has reserved a limited number of tickets for this pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress. Tickets are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

CONGRESS TICKET INFORMATION [ORDER TICKETS BY WED. 11/1 SEE LINK BELOW](#)

- Adult Congress Ticket & Bus Transportation: \$325.00
- Child Congress Ticket (ages 2-17): \$99.00 (tickets to be purchased through the Eucharistic Congress website)
- Child Congress Ticket (<2): Free (Child needs to be registered through the Eucharistic Congress website)
- Child Bus Transportation (ages 2-17): \$100.00
- Child Bus Transportation (<2): Free

• Hotel Information

- The Diocese of Toledo delegation will stay at the Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites - 120 West Market Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204 for \$179 + taxes / Night for Four Nights (Total: \$716.00 + taxes).
- The cost of these hotel rooms is not included in registration; a credit card will need to be provided for your room(s) upon arrival at the conference.

• Register for the Congress and Transportation

By clicking on the link below, you will register for a Congress Ticket, Bus Transportation, and reserve a hotel room.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eucharistic-congress-pilgrimage-tickets-681071602497?aff=oddtcreator>

Contact information: If you have any questions, please contact Bret Huntebrinker at bhuntebrinker@toledodiocese.org or 419-214-4865.



The Bridegroom is Coming to Heal Our Land

2024 National Eucharistic Congress

Watch the video to understand why should you go to the National Eucharistic Congress. Click on the link or scan QR code

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTnNd5Vw2eo>





National Eucharistic Congress 2024 – Schedule

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 – “From the Four Corners”

11:00am-9:00pm Check-In Open
 12:00-6:30pm Expo Hall Open
 7:00-8:00pm Opening Procession
 8:00-10:00pm Revival Session 1

Thursday, July 18, 2024 – “The Greatest Love Story”

7:00am-6:00pm Check-In Open
 8:30-10:00am Morning Impact Sessions*
 10:45am-12:15pm Morning Liturgies – English, Spanish, Youth
 12:00-6:30pm Expo Hall Open
 12:15-2:00pm Lunch Break
 2:00-3:15pm Afternoon Breakouts A / Event Experiences
 2:45-4:00pm Afternoon Breakouts B / Event Experiences
 4:00-5:15pm Afternoon Liturgy
 4:00-6:30pm Dinner Break
 6:30-7:00pm Family Rosary Across America
 7:00-9:30pm Revival Session 2

Friday, July 19, 2024 – “Into Gethsemane”

7:00am-6:00pm Check-In Open
 8:30-10:00am Morning Impact Sessions*
 10:45am-12:15pm Morning Liturgies – English, Spanish, Youth
 12:00-6:30pm Expo Hall Open
 12:15-2:00pm Lunch Break
 2:00-3:15pm Afternoon Breakouts A / Event Experiences
 2:45-4:00pm Afternoon Breakouts B / Event Experiences
 4:00-5:15pm Afternoon Liturgy
 4:00-6:30pm Dinner Break
 6:30-7:00pm Family Rosary Across America
 7:00-9:30pm Revival Session 3

Saturday, July 20, 2024 – “This is My Body”

7:00am-6:00pm Check-In Open
 8:30-10:00am Morning Impact Sessions*
 10:45am-12:15pm Morning Liturgies – English, Spanish, Youth
 12:00-6:30pm Expo Hall Open
 12:15-2:00pm Lunch Break
 2:00-2:45pm Afternoon Breakouts / Event Experiences
 3:00-5:00pm Eucharistic Procession through Downtown Indianapolis
 5:00-6:30pm Dinner Break
 6:30-7:00pm Family Rosary Across America
 7:00-10:00pm Revival Session 4

Sunday, July 21, 2024 – “To the Ends of the Earth”

7:00am-9:30am Check-In Open
 9:00-10:00am Revival Session 5
 10:00am-12:00pm Closing Liturgy with Papal Delegate

REVIVAL SESSION SPEAKERS

To learn more about speakers click on link or scan QR code <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/speakers>



Sr. Josephine Garrett



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Third Sunday of Advent: Experiencing Joy



THE GRACE I SEEK: to live in joy at the coming of Christ

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 joyfully prepare my heart to welcome you.

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.*

"I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation."
(Isaiah 61:10)

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

How is God inviting me to detach my heart from other loves so that he can be the center and true joy of my soul?

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.*

"A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light." (John 1:6–8)

FOR REFLECTION — *Contemplate the humble heart of St. John the Baptist, whose life is a school of Christian discipleship. Ask Jesus to help you transform any areas of pride in your heart so that you can grow in humility and prepare a way for him in your own heart— as well as in the hearts of those he is inviting you to share his joy with.*

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 — O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Though our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Third Sunday of Advent)

SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION — Every celebration of the Mass imparts sanctifying grace that helps us to decrease so that our Lord can increase within us. On this Gaudete Sunday, may our lives become a living hymn of praise and thanksgiving to our Eucharistic Lord, who comes to us with humility and love at every Mass. Ask our Lord today for the grace to humbly proclaim the Good News with your life.

LOVE IN ACTION — In the book of Nehemiah, we hear that "... rejoicing in the LORD is [our] strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). This week, respond to the Gospel mandate to care for the poor by reaching out to someone who is homeless or impoverished with a sign of Christ's joy, whether it is a thoughtful card, a pocket Bible with a loving dedication, or some other concrete token.



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12 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

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
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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 Gentlease 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.



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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

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