

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood  
St. George Deanery



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**Deacon DON INKROTT**

### PARISH OFFICE BUSINESS HOURS

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**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 DEACON DON

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

Most of us are preparing with joy and happiness for the birth of Christ. And some of us may be experiencing griefs and sorrow during this Advent season. That makes lived faith a hard struggle. And yet we can agree that theoretically at least, that we should, for love of God, count such a struggle as nothing? It is our share in the suffering of Christ, and in the end, it will be as nothing, because Christ will call us beyond all struggles to endless joy with him. God loves each and every one of us unconditionally. At the last supper, Jesus said, "As the Father loves Me, so I also love you." And through this unending faith in God's love that we can really appreciate the mystery of Christmas. Today's three readings present us with the 3 stages of the Messiah: In the first reading, he is still promised. In the Gospel, he is conceived in Mary's womb. And in the reading from Paul, his power goes out to the world. King David wanted to build God a house, or temple. Instead, God built David an eternal house, in the sense of a dynasty. The Jews understood this well as meaning that the Messiah was to be a descendent of David. In the Gospel reading a thousand years later, the promise is fulfilled. A mighty Archangel appears at Mary's home to tell her not to be afraid and that she will bear a son through the power of the Holy Spirit. And Mary, with reverent and obedient love, yields herself to God's plan. In all three readings the Messiah is revealed in the family. First, there is David's family then Mary's family and finally there is the family of the Church, which carries Him to the whole human race. Where love is, there is God; and God knows that where you have the deepest love, you also have the deepest sorrows. Don't let missing love in the home deter you whether you are a husband, a wife, a son, or a daughter. Where you don't find love, put love, and you will find Christ as never before. We also find Jesus in His family at Church. Here at mass, we're immersed in His mystery and presence. We pray that the Holy Spirit, who sanctified our Mother Mary, may also sanctify our gifts. We are really praying that here and now the Church may bring forth Christ in the Eucharist as Mary brought Him forth in Bethlehem. The great and hidden mystery of Jesus Christ our Savior is flashing out all around us, if we have the eyes of faith to see it, and the heart of love to embrace it. I pray that all of you have a wonderful and Christ-like Christmas. God bless all.

Deacon Don



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 St. Stephen

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Don

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 St. John

7:15-7:45am Confessions

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Kathleen Schroeder Family,  
L/D Don & Beatrice Hovest Family

6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration

7:45pm - 8:20pm Confessions - cancelled

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 The Holy Innocents

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Don Jostpille Family, Larry Rupert, Kathy Rupert,  
John Rupert, Grace Suever, Charlie Neate,  
Margaret Siefker(AN) - time change

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Mass in Thanksgiving Fr. Harry's 92nd Birthday, Gail Boos

12:00pm Rosary

6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal-Sharon Meyer

## SATURDAY, December 30

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Brian Kidd Family

8:30am Confessions

1:00pm Wedding Schroeder/Racer

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Sister Kateri Kaufman, Albert Kaufman,

L/D Ed & Dorothy Stechschulte Family,

L/D Ott Schnipke Family, L/D Opal Niese Family

## SUNDAY, December 31~The Holy Family

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Larry Kirkendall, Jeff King

10:30am Hubert Warnecke, L/D Alvin & Dorothea Lanwher,

Virgil Hageman, Annette & Carolyn Deters,

Frank & Anna Deters, Bill Koch

4:30pm For the Parish-Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

## SERVERS

**Mon 8:00am Owen Morman, Zachary Horstman, Morgan Maag, Thurifer-Nolan Duling**

**Mon 10:00am Madison McKee, Aubrey Siefker, Eric Kaufman Thurifer-Cole Morman**

**Tue 8:00am No Mass**

**Wed 8:00am Megan Miller, Ace Nienberg, Sydney Nienberg**

**Thurs 8:00am Abby Recker, Emmit Miller, Cassidy Maas**

**Fri 8:00am Mason McKee, Kendall Mayhew, Ella Macke**

**Sat 8:00am Carleigh Maag, Brooke Maag, Mattilyn Maag**

**Sat 4:30pm Riley Thrombley, Noah Schroeder, Landyn Schulte**

**Sun 8:00am Hayden Kaufman, Ethan Kuhlman, Peyton Kuhlman**

**Sun 10:30am Jenna Utrup, Zachary Birkemeier, Carter Vorst**

**Sun 4:30pm Jacob Schimmoeller, Izak Schimmoeller, Connor Schimmoeller, Thurifer - Grant Schroeder**

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

## LECTORS

**Mon 8:00am Tim Hoehn Michelle Horstman**

**Chris Hoehn Connie Cassidy**

**Mon 10:00am Sue Recker Mindy Recker**

**Laura Wagner Kelly Schroeder**

**Sat 4:30pm Lori Schroeder Cari Homan**

**Ruth Gerding Paula Siebeneck**

**Sun 8:00am Tim Hoehn Elizabeth Ruhe**

**Chris Hoehn Nicole Ruhe**

**Sun 10:30am Sue Recker Mindy Recker**

**Laura Wagner Kelly Schroeder**

**Sun 4:30pm Rose Warnecke Tim Hansen**

**Gene Warnecke Jeanne Schram**

**Weekday Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will need to cover the 8:00am Masses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**

## GIFT BEARERS

**Mon 8:00am Janice and Mark Kaufman**

**Mon 10:00am Andy and Kari Gray Family**

**Sat 4:30pm Richard & Susan Schmitz**

**Sun 8:00am Ron & Kathy Schmiedebusch**

**Sun 10:30am Leon & Helen Meyer**

## DECEMBER USHERS

**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**

**Sat 4:30pm Mary Rose & Kevin Ellerbrock**

**Sun 8:00am Tom Morman, Tony Maag**

**Sun 10:30am Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum**

**Sun 4:30pm Need 2 ushers**

**COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Tim & Betsy Hansen**

**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 4**

**ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Cliff & Janet Schroeder**

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



# 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 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

### 4TH WEEK OF ADVENT

I know Jesus was born in a manger, but why is that important and what does it mean?

When the child Jesus was born, his mother Mary laid him in a manger (Lk 2:7). The word "manger" comes from the Latin word *manducare* which means "to eat." A manger or crib is a wooden or stone feeding trough or food box that holds hay for larger farm animals like cattle, horses, and donkeys. Mangers were located wherever livestock were kept, places like stables, corrals, or caves. Farmers were sure to keep their mangers well-supplied with fodder at all times so the animals would never go hungry. The cattle can walk up to a manger at any time, and then spend long, leisure hours chomping away, chewing and slowly re-chewing their cud. When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem there was no room for them at the inn, so they were forced to find lodging elsewhere, probably in a cave where animals were staying. When Jesus was born, Mary would not have wanted to lay her infant on the hard, cold, stone floor. Instead, she had to make due with what was available and the manger proved to be a convenient alternative: the hay was soft, the box was up and off the ground, and the sides tall enough to keep her child safely inside. Once laid there, an angel told the shepherds that they would find their newborn Messiah and Lord "lying in a manger" (Lk 2:12). They went in haste and found the child in the feeding trough and they feasted their eyes on him (Lk 2:16). Jesus was not laid in a manger by accident. It is a major spiritual symbol. Animals go to the manger for physical food, but with Jesus lying on the hay, we can go to the manger for spiritual food. Jesus has an infinite storehouse of nourishment available, and we can approach him any time and never go hungry. Jesus feeds us with Word and Sacrament, his gospel and the Eucharist. Jesus wants us to devour his word (Jer 15:16; Ez 3:1; Rev 10:9-10), chew on it, slowly ruminate on its meaning, swallow and digest it, and make it part of the fabric of our being. Jesus' Word is like no other food, it has the power to save our souls (Jas 1:21). Not only that, the infant in the feeding trough is the Bread of Life (Jn 6:35), the true bread come down from heaven, and whoever eats this bread will live forever (Jn 6:51). If a person wants to be spiritually well-fed, it is important to read Scripture and receive the Eucharist often. The manger is a momentous sign that Jesus is sustenance for us. The shepherds feasted first. Now it is our turn. Jesus born on the first Christmas is food for our souls.

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### FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

This week our Blessed Mother Mary shows us that freely cooperating with Christ's holy Will can change the world for the better! Through her surrender and her beautiful words, "May it be done unto me according to Your Word", Christ entered this world, and He redeemed us! It was His unconditional love that set the events in motion, but it was Mary's reciprocal love that permitted it.

Love is the focus of this fourth week of Advent. We light the last purple candle, as we contemplate Christ's love for us that He left the glory of heaven to dwell amongst us in this broken world, to suffer with us, to laugh with us, to teach us, to heal us, and to prepare the way for us to return home to Him one day.

The last advent wreath candle is referred to as the "Angel's Candle" as we reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel. During this final week of Advent may we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, and like Mary, may we reciprocate that love by responding, "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

**Advent Wreath Prayer for Fourth Week:** *Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.*

# PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

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## STEWARDSHIP

December 17, 2023

### Offering

Loose	\$ 1,238.00
Adult Envelope	\$ 7,912.32
Children	\$ 169.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,180.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,290.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 40.00
Christmas	\$ 715.00
Retirement fund for Religious	\$ 50.00
Initial Offering	\$ 13.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$13,607.32</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

**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



drawing and coffee & donuts will be **January 14th in Room 15** by Pat and Barb Siefker. Extra tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules.

**Thank you to Doug and Andrea Giesige, Mark and Lori Klausing, Craig and Kristin Duling, Pat and Barb Siefker, Clete and Mary Birkemeier for running the coffee and donuts last year!**

Anyone interested in helping with the GRAND-ORF drawing along with coffee and donuts on the 2nd Sunday of each month, please call the office.

## HELP WANTED

- ◆ St. John's is looking for people to expose Jesus for First Friday Adoration each month and during the Advent and Lent Seasons on Friday's. Your responsibility would be to set the Altar up for Adoration, expose Jesus before adoration starts at 1:00pm.
  - ◆ Also, St. John's needs people to pray the rosary for an hour on First Saturday's all day Rosary between 9:30am 10:30am.
- Please call the office if you are interested or have any questions.**

## 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.

**PATRICIA BRICKNER**

### WEDDING BANN

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

## Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Dakota John Schierloh 12/24/00	William J Schroeder 12/27/21
Rose Ann Giesken 12/24/20	Margaret M Siefker 12/28/21
Ronald L Maag 12/27/04	Floyd L Meyer 12/29/14

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

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
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\$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.

## THANK YOU

Once again thank you to our interior church decorating committee, crib committee and everyone else who helped decorate the inside of the Church this year! Our nativity scene shows God as he came into our world, but it also makes us reflect on how our life is part of God's own life. It invites us to become his disciples if we want to attain ultimate meaning in life! Thank you again for doing this for our parishioners!

Thank you for the generous donation to St. John's in memory of Edna Riepenhoff.

Dear Parishioners,

St. John's actual attendance for the month of November. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you our numbers:

- \* Our average attendance for the 4:30pm for month of November **194** people
  - \* Note only 2 masses counted
- \* Our average attendance for the 8:00am for month of November **326** people
- \* Our average attendance for the 10:30am for month of November **379** people
- \* Our average weekend attendance for the month of November **1,068** people
- \* The Mass that had greatest attendance for the month of November was the 10:30 Mass November 26th with 424 people.

I would like to thank all the ushers for your diligence in taking attendance at our Masses in November. Peace, Fr. Matt

**Attention ALL MEN!!!!**  
**TMIY "WORTHY OF THE CALL", YEAR 11, Christmas Break.**



Sessions will start back up on **Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 6am-7:30am** or in the cafeteria or **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm-8:30pm, in Room 22.**

All men are welcome!

We invite you to join us whether it's for 1 week or every week!!! Help us build strong catholic men in all of our parish!

## 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.

## Eucharistic Day

January 20, 2024 - January 21, 2024

A special day to celebrate Christ's True Presence in the Eucharist

### SCHEDULE

#### ADORATION TIMES

Saturday, January 20th 8:30am-9:30am  
 Saturday, January 20th 5:00pm until Sunday, January 21st 8:00am

Sunday, January 21st 9:05am - 10:15am

Sunday, January 21st 11:30am - 4:00pm

Come and Adore Jesus!

Sign up in the back of church, the link or the QR code <https://shorturl.at/ox238>



#### EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Sunday, January 21st at 4:00pm

#### DINNER

Sunday, January 21st at 4:45pm in Parish Center Gymnasium

Be There When  
**God MOVES**

Make a reservation to join us for dinner by using the link or QR code <https://shorturl.at/jkrs4>  
 All reservation need to be in by January 15, 2024



COME IN FAITH. LEAVE WITH HOPE.

Learn more about the National Eucharistic Revival

### Come and Adore Jesus

**Sunday January 7**  
**9:05 - 10:10 am in Church**

\*Come and ask Mary to help you see the gifts Jesus has for you on Epiphany as you give Him the gift of your time\*

\*\*1<sup>ST</sup> 20 min will be guided\*\*

Everyone is welcomed!

Whether you spend 10 min. 20 min. or the whole hour. Materials will be available to help you spend your time with Jesus!



SAVE THE DATE  
 ALL MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER COUPLES

*Marriage Encounter Mass.*  
*Dinner and Dance*

FEBRUARY 11, 2023

3:00PM MASS AT ST. JOHN'S PARISH GLANDORE, OH  
 4:00 PM DINNER AT PARISH CENTER  
 5:00PM - 8:00PM DANCE AT PARISH CENTER

TICKETS \$40.00 PER COUPLE

### 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)

### 2024 St. John the Baptist, Glandorf SUNDAY FUN DAY

Want to get involved! Soon we will start planning for next year's event!

Below are the areas where help is needed.

SONday Fun Day Committee Leaders

Reverse Raffle

Carnival Games

Yard games/Kid's rides

T-shirts

Kid's crafts and face painting

Raffle Baskets

Baked Goods Wheel

Saint Parade

Photo Booth

Advertisement/Flyer

If you would like to help, please call the office we would love to here from you! More details to come!



# 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 ;)

## 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

For Grade School and High School Students  
The grade school envelopes were sent home this week during CCD. The high school students were passed out during CCD the past few weeks.

Please be on the look out for them!



## START THE NEW YEAR WITH A BIBLE STUDY

FIND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR SANCTIFYING EVERYDAY CIRCUMSTANCES IN

# James

AN 11-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING JEFF CAVINS



## 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  
or text 419-890-3724

For More Information

Once registered you will be given a code to watch the videos online if you miss a session.

Looking for an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life? Want the secret to finding joy in the midst of trials? Interested in learning to recognize the source of discord and the way to peace? James, one of the most practical books of the Bible, is a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life.

In James: Pearls for Wise Living, presenter Jeff Cavins shows how the teachings of James speak to those of us who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our faith.

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—Margaret T.



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## Fourth Sunday of Advent: Peace that Surpasses Understanding

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**THE GRACE I SEEK:** to allow the peace of Christ to reign in my heart

**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 abandon myself completely to you so that your will may be done in and through me, that I may share in your peace.

**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 will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place... I will give you rest from all your enemies."** (2 Samuel 7:10)

**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 build a house, a tabernacle, for his Son in my heart so that he can find peace and rest within me and convey his peace, through me, to many hearts?

**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.

**"Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'" (Luke 1:38)**

**FOR REFLECTION** — Contemplating the "fiat" of Our Lady that made the Incarnation and our salvation possible, ask Our Lord for the grace to have a simple, humble, and receptive heart like Mary. Ask him to stir up a desire for your heart to be totally open to welcome the Word—Jesus—with faith and trust, repeating with Mary this humble "fiat" that is the pathway to experiencing God's peace, which surpasses our understanding.

*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** — Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Fourth Sunday of Advent)

**SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION** — At the conclusion of this Advent season, we give thanks for the peace we have received by taking refuge in the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Pray that you can always allow the Word to become flesh in you. Offer your desire that Jesus would find a beautiful, simple, and safe manger in your heart where he can abide with you.

**LOVE IN ACTION** — Mother Teresa famously said, "Peace begins at home." Identify one concrete action you can take this week to allow the peace of Christ to be at the heart of your home.



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