

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood  
St. George Deanery



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## 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)

## PARISHIONERS

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

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH?

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

# 2 FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT

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Happy New Year! Today we begin a new liturgical year and a new liturgical Season the Season of Advent.

In my family growing up during Advent, on our family dinner table was an Advent Wreath at the center of the table. During mealtime we would light the candles, some years it was a little bit of a race to clean your plate because whoever cleaned their plate off first got to blow the candles out at the end of the meal.

The first words that we hear Jesus tell the disciples in our scriptures today is “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come” (Mark 13:33). As I sit and write this reflection, I write in anticipation of going on my yearly deer hunting trip with my family. This idea of being watchful and being alert reminds me a lot of deer hunting. The fundamental key principle of deer hunting is this idea of being watchful, alert, and being ready because you do not know when a deer is going to come. A deer can come easily when you are not ready.

In the middle of Jesus giving us this message to be ready and alert, Jesus compares it a traveling man who is due to return home and servants doing their work so that they are ready for when the traveling man comes home. When I was in my early teenage years, my parents worked and during the summer rather than my parents hiring a babysitter to look after my brothers and me. My parents put me in charge of looking after my brothers while my parents would go to work. Every morning before they would leave for my parents would leave a note of a list of chores they wanted done while they were at work. Sometimes they were chores to be done by all four of us and other times assigned specifically to an individual. One of the things that I learned was it was good start/do the chores early in the day for a couple of reasons if you them done early you are free the rest of the day, second some times they took some time to complete, and third so that they were done in time for Mom and Dad to come. And also learned that if they were not done before Mom and Dad got home, they were not happy and I remember getting punished.

Today we begin Advent a Season that is going to go by fast, in quick three weeks we are going to be at Christmas already. In this Season we are called to be alert and ready. But also, in this season we have work to do, and a lot of the work we must do might feel like it has nothing to do with being ready for Jesus to come the daily routine of work, school, and the extra-circulars, then the stuff that goes with this season the decorating, the cooking, the shopping, the parties, and the list goes. None of these activities are bad in themselves but do we see Christ as we are apart of these activities or are we losing sight of Christ in the middle of the hustle and bustle of everything. At the end of each day I encourage you to sit and down and reflect how Christ was a part of your day. Or I encourage coming into church sit or kneel before Jesus in Blessed Sacrament and reflect how Jesus is working in your life. Or I would encourage to find that quiet place where you can go to encounter Jesus.

As we journey in the chaos of this season may we see Christ in ordinary and extra-ordinary of our lives. May we see it as our being watchful and alert for Christ.



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 St. John Damascene**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service - Don Inkrott

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**

8:25am Rosary

8:45am Leonard &amp; Rose Mary Kuhlman

5:30pm - 7:00pm Spirit and Song

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 St. Nicholas**

7:15-7:45am Confessions

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Edna German(CLC)

8:45am Penance 5C

6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration

7:45pm-8:20pm Confessions

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose**

8:25am Rosary

8:45am Leon Sager

**7:00pm Karen Blankemeyer****FRIDAY, December 8 The Immaculate Conception**

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am **~All School Maas~**

L/D Richard &amp; Dorothy(AN) Ellerbrock Family,

L/D Mel Nienberg Family,

L/D Ken Schortgen Family

**4:30pm Daryl Hunt(AN)**

6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal-Julie Pothast

**SATURDAY, December 9 St. Juan Diego**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Tom Balbaugh

8:30am Confessions

1:00pm Cantrell/Winhover Wedding

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Urban &amp; Juanita Selhorst,

L/D Gilbert &amp; Marcela Morman Family,

L/D Mel Hedrick Family, Joyce Smith,

L/D Jim Unterbrink Family

**SUNDAY, December 10~2nd Sunday of Advent**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Terry Maas, James &amp; Patricia Donaldson,

Herbert Maas, William &amp; Evelyn Palte,

Ray &amp; Helen Schroeder, Harry &amp; Leona Palte

10:30am Dave Wehri, L/D Ken Ellerbrock Family

2:00pm Christmas Cantata

**SERVERS****Mon 8:00am** No Mass**Tue 8:45am** Roger Schroeder, Eddie Duling**Wed 8:00am** Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram**Thurs 8:45am** Roger Schroeder, Gary Recker**Thurs 7:00pm** Emma Hoffman, Raiden Schroeder, Tyler Ruhe,**Fri 8:00am** Students**Fri 4:30pm** Hannah Brickner, Megan Brickner, Jenna Utrup,  
Thurifer - Jacob Schimmoeller**Sat 8:00am** Ella Schroeder, Luke Schroeder, Noah Leopold**Sat 4:30pm** Alaina Klass, Carson Faber, Royce Ellerbrock**Sun 8:00am** Aubrey Leopold, Nolan Duling, Isaac Macke**Sun 10:30am** Libbie Niese, Cole Morman, Madison McKee**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****Thurs 7:00pm** Deb Schroeder

Deb Burwell

**Fri 4:30pm** Deb Burwell

Gretchen Schmitz

**Sat 4:30pm** Mary Ellen Halker

Louis Halker

**Sun 8:00am** Deb Burwell

Gretchen Schmitz

**Sun 10:30am** Tara Gerding

Rose Ellerbrock

**LECTORS**

Connie Cassidy

Sharon Meyer

Diane Nienberg

Doug Karhoff

Elizabeth Ruhe

Diane Nienberg

Doug Karhoff

Janet Schroeder

Jay Rump

**GIFT BEARERS****Thurs 7:00pm** Jr. & Sarah Kreinbrink**Fri 4:30pm** Gary & Kathy Moening**Sat 4:30pm** Roger & Cheryl Koch**Sun 8:00am** Adam & Kristen Kuhlman**Sun 10:30am** Paul & Marlene Kleman**DECEMBER USHERS****Thurs 7:00pm** Bart Recker & Ken Kottenbrock**Fri 4:30pm** Roger Koch, Logan Koch & Connor Koch**Sat 4:30pm** Mary Rose & Kevin Ellerbrock**Sun 8:00am** Tom Morman, Tony Maag**Sun 10:30am** Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 1****ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Tim & Mer Lehman****DECEMBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: JoAnn & Roger**

Schroeder, Diane Nienberg, Connie &amp; Don Dehnart, Jim Recker

BE WATCHFUL!

BE ALERT!

**ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS AND EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ADULT SERVERS**

- All School Mass for the Immaculate Conception on Friday, December 8th. The student's will not be at Mass the rest of the week, so we will need weekday lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, and Adult servers to help with Mass on Tuesday thru Thursday. The Mass times are not changing. Thank You!

# 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

### What is Advent?

Advent begins the Church's liturgical year. It is a time of waiting and preparation, encompassing four weeks which lead up to the season of Christmas. Each week of Advent is meant to direct our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas morning.

The symbols and activities of Advent are meant to draw us into a great anticipation of this glorious coming. The color purple is used to signify prayer, penance and sacrifice. The faithful are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Penance to prepare their hearts, and are also encouraged to deepen their prayer life as a way of quieting and disciplining their hearts.

Nativity sets are displayed as a visual reminder of the events that led up to the Christ's Child's birth.

Advent calendars are used to mark off the days leading up to Christmas morning. To enter more fully into the spirit of the season, many Advent calendars have daily activities and prayer suggestions.

A longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally begun by Christians in the Middle Ages is setting out Advent wreaths due to its symbolism. The evergreen branches and the circle shape are meant to remind the faithful of their souls are eternal, just as God is eternal with no end and no beginning. Candles remind the faithful that the True Light is Christ Himself. Four candles are set in the wreath signifying the four weeks of Advent. Each candle has a different meaning.

This is the first week of Advent. The first candle lit is purple and it symbolizes HOPE. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in the anticipation of the coming Messiah.

**Advent Wreath Prayer for First Week:** *Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.*

## STEWARDSHIP November 26, 2023

### Offering

Loose	\$ 2,203.00
Adult Envelope	\$ 8,023.00
Children	\$ 143.01
Maintenance	\$ 520.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,290.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 798.00
Campaign Human Dev.	\$ 45.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$14,022.01</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 Methodist



### 2023 GRAND-orf Club

drawing and coffee & donuts by Pat and Barb Siefker will be **December 10th in room 15.** Extra tickets are in the racks in the church

### 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!

### PRAYER FOR PRIEST

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name), act in him, speak in him and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving, pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union

### DECEMBER PRAYER LIST

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|--|--|
| 1. Fr. Seraphine Lesiriam                    | 18. Fr. Alfred Naseman                 |
| 2. Fr. Fred Licciardi                        | 19. Fr. Joseph Nassal                  |
| 3. Pray for vocations                        | 20. Fr. Loi Huu (JohnVianney) Nguyen   |
| 4. Newton Lih                                | 21. Fr. William Nordenbrock            |
| 5. Fr. Matthew Link                          | 22. Br. Terrence Nufer                 |
| 6. Fr. David Matz                            | 23. Fr. William O'Donnell              |
| 7. Br. Charles McCafferty                    | 24. For living and deceased Companions |
| 8. Fr. Jack McClure                          | 25. Fr. Edward Oen                     |
| 9. Fr. Timothy McFarland                     | 26. Fr. Andrew O'Reilly                |
| 10. For living and deceased C.P.P.S. members | 27. Fr. Mark Peres                     |
| 11. Fr. John Mencsik                         | 28. Fr. Lac Pham                       |
| 12. Fr. William Miller                       | 29. Hao (Paul) Pham                    |
| 13. Fr. Mark Miller                          | 30. Ky (Joseph) Phung                  |
| 14. Fr. Alfons Minja                         | 31. For living and deceased Amici      |
| 15. Fr. LeRoy Moreeuw                        |  |
| 16. Fr. Charles Mullen                       |  |
| 17. Pray for those in formation              |  |

### Please Include them in your prayers

#### WEDDING BANN

**III Kelsey Cantrell** of this parish, daughter of Kevin and Peg Cantrell and **Tyler Winhover**, son of John and Tammy Winhover

**II Zoey 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

#### Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Gerald T Utrup 12/3/18       | Kenneth H Ellerbrock 12/6/16 |
| Marciel L Schroeder 12/3/20  | Donald A Jostpille 12/6/19   |
| Dennis L Horstman 12/4/22    | Daryl L Hunt 12/8/03         |
| Mary Ellen Kuhbander 12/5/19 | Hildegard A Ford 12/8/08     |
| Thomas R Schroeder 12/5/21   | Jeanette M Caseman 12/8/15   |
| Doris A Liebrecht 12/5/22    | Dorothy M Ellerbrock 12/8/20 |
| John M Nienberg 12/6/01      | Audrey I Steffes 12/9/14     |
| Walter H Schweller 12/6/07   | Norma B Ellerbrock 12/9/21   |

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# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

## High School Corner



Thanks to the young ladies for helping decorate Father's house for the Advent/Christmas seasons.

Also, High School CCD returns on Wednesday night at 7:00pm in the parish center.  
Ruth Gending, Coordinator of HS CCD



THANK YOU!

## Elementary and Jr High Corner



Thank you!  
For everyone who came out and helped stuffing the stockings for our military!



**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 7th from 3:00pm - 4:30pm** ★

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

### 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!



**Today, December 3, 2023**



**BOY'S:**  
Birkemeyer: 1:00pm at Findlay  
Ellerbrock: 3:30pm at New Riegel  
Meyer: 3:30pm at Columbus Grove

**GIRL'S:** 2:15pm at Ottawa, Sts. Peter & Paul  
**GOOD LUCK!**

**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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 TYLER MCFARLAND, 116 HIGHTOWER LANE, ABERDEEN NC 28315  
 LOIS HERMILLER'S SON:  
 SGT JACOB ZMYSLO; COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION 3I; MAINTENANCE PLT; UNIT 38465; FPO, AP 96385  
 EVAN BARRETT, 205 JUMPERS PASS, OAK GROVE, KY 42262  
 KEN PALTE HOMESTEAD TOWNE CENTER, 240 TOWN CENTER BLVD, VAN WERT, OH 45891  
 ALEXANDER CLOSSON, 4540 BAY VISTA BLVD APT 106 BREMERTON, WA 98312-4615

**PRIEST/SEMINARIAN ADDRESSES**

For the Holiday Christmas Cards

<b>Father Rick Friebel</b>	<b>Father Stephen Schroeder</b>
937 N Defiance St	6607 St. Rt. 224
Ottawa, OH 45875	Ottawa, OH 45875
<b>Father Tony Fortman (mailing address)</b>	
4961 Salem Ave.	
Dayton, OH 45416	
<b>Father Harry Brown</b>	<b>Brother Jerry Schulte</b>
2860 US Route 127	2860 US Route 127
Celina, OH 45822	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	

**MINUTES FOR JOINT PARISH & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

October 24, 2023

- 1) Access Control Update
  - a. Keypad has been installed by the kitchen door.
  - b. Contact strips for the NW & SW doors need to be installed yet.
  - c. Door closer will be installed on the Priest and server sacristy doors
  - d. The main vestibule door to church has been left without the locking pins closed a couple of times after weekend masses or were locked by ushers and unlocked by someone else. Discussed placing a temporary sign at the doors and possibly adding a note in the bulletin related to the door schedules.
- 2) SONday Fun Day
  - a. Thank you was extended to all who helped with SONday Fun Day.
  - b. Final cost/income has not come in yet but the results are in line with previous St Bonifests.
  - c. Lots of good feedback from parishioners.
    - i. Family friendly
    - ii. Learned a lot about the various ministries
    - iii. Kids were very chatty about it at school
    - iv. Food trucks were pleased with the turn out and willing to come back
  - d. Concerns to review for next year:
    - i. Burger stand ran out early
    - ii. Add map to the bulletin earlier (week before)
    - iii. Move things around to reduce how spread out activities were.
    - iv. Get one large tent for the ministries vs each individual tents
    - v. Move inflatables closer
    - vi. Stagger start times for open house event and kids' games
  - e. Other thoughts:
    - i. The committee may add a logo design contest for next year
    - ii. Need to review the number of helpers available.
- 5) Torrence Sound System
  - a. In contact with Torrence Sound to come down and do more evaluations of the church system.
- 6) Policies: Utilization of the Parish Center
  - a. General discussion around general use of the parish center. Need to develop some general guidelines to help determine if there are concerns with the intended activities. Concerns about liability.
  - b. Ashley shared a waiver for parish activities and will email to council members for review. Diocese lawyer reviewed and agreed that it is satisfactory.
  - c. Will be implementing waiver requirement for general activities.
- 7) New Business
  - a. Father Matt shared that he recently attended a Deanery Meeting and there was discussions of mass attendance and schedules. He suggested we continue the weekend mass counts for a few months. This may be beneficial to future discussions of mass schedule discussions with surrounding parishes.
  - b. The Eucharistic Revival team would like to extend Eucharistic adoration during our annual Eucharistic Day closer to 40 hours. The idea would be to start adoration after the 8 am mass on Saturday and continue until the 5:30pm closing on Sunday evening with the eucharist being reposed during each normal weekend mass. More to come.
  - c. Father Matt is intending to revise the Christmas Mass schedule since Christmas is on a Monday. Will hold normal weekend Mass schedule for the 4 th Sunday of advent 12/23-12/24. Christmas Mass schedule would be 4 and 10 pm on Sunday 12/24 and then hold Mass at 8 and 10 am on Monday 12/25. The intent of the shift to 10am on Christmas day would be to give families time after Mass for any family functions they may have. There is concern that some may only attend one Mass between 12/23-12/25 since the 4 th Sunday of Advent is on Christmas Eve. Both are considered obligator by the church.
  - d. Father Matt discussed information from the book "Divine Renovation" that was provided to all of the council members and the staff. He suggested we work on establishing a parish mission statement. He handed out some questions to consider and asked all to bring their thoughts to the next meeting.
  - e. All day adoration will be held on election day to support the dignity of life and the defeat of Issue 1.





## Come and See

**Damascus Worship Advent Mission**  
A Family Event

December 3, 2023  
3:00 to 4:30  
Sts. Peter & Paul Church

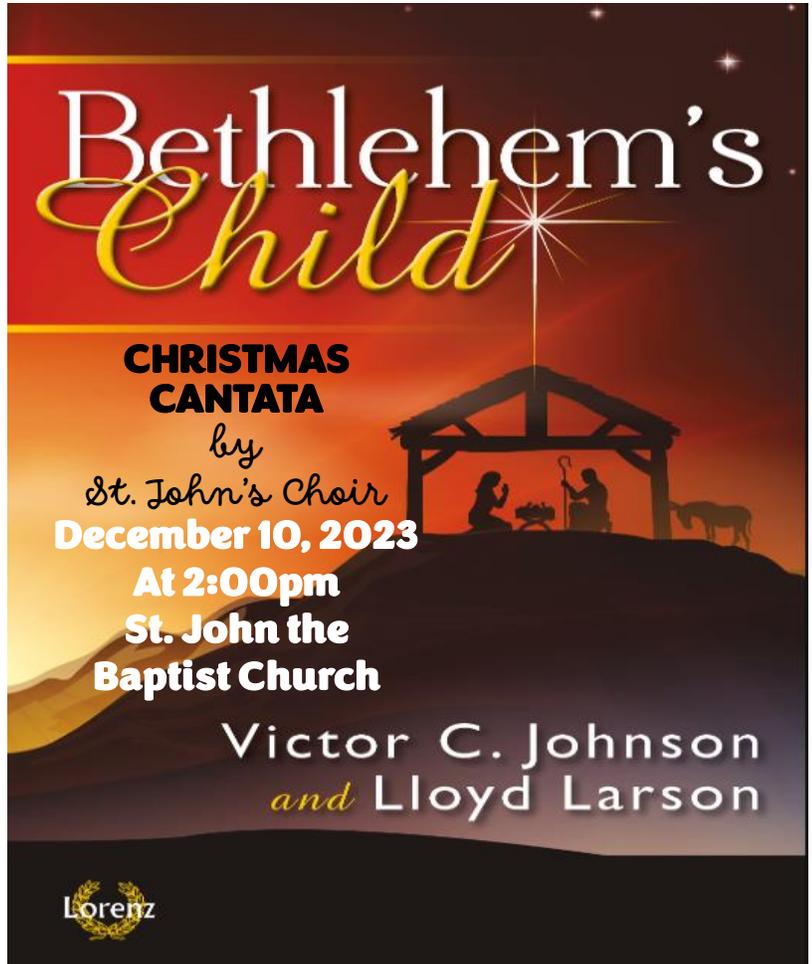
A powerful time of Prayer, Reflection & Worship with the Damascus Worship Team

Let's prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus!

# 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

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH



Advent season is fast approaching! We need families to volunteer to light the Advent Wreath for all Weekend Masses during Advent on Dec 2/3, Dec. 9/10, Dec. 16/17, Dec. 23/24.

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!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA9AF2FA1FEC25-45371537-2023#/>



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**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</b> (AGES 13+)
<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



## Glandorf CLC Christmas Party

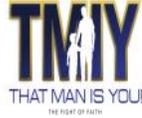
**DECEMBER 6TH AT 6:00PM**  
**AT HENRY'S**

Glandorf CLC invites their members, spouses or a guest. Henry's is having a two meat buffet includes dessert. Cost per plate \$13.95 plus tip. All CLC members will receive \$5.00 towards cost of dinner. Door Prizes & card games to follow. Plan now to spend an evening with your sister members. RSVP by Nov. 29  
Alice Diemer 419-538-6616



# 9 AROUND THE PARISH AND AREA

**Attention ALL MEN!!!!** Join us on for That Man Is You (TMIY)  
**Wednesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm in room 22 OR**  
**Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30am in the cafeteria.**



**December 16<sup>th</sup> will be our Breakfast before Christmas break.**  
**December 20<sup>th</sup> 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" – The Finding in the Temple (Sat. 12/9, Wed. 12/13)** (session 12)  
 Presenter: Mark Hartfiel: Join us as we journey the Holy Land while discovery more about the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. *Scripture: Luke 2:46-47, 51. Isaiah 55:11. John 16:33.*

**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-ge.17@gmail.com">cto-ge.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 (KofCm)	Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart (season 1)	<a href="mailto:adam_schnipke@hotmail.com">adam_schnipke@hotmail.com</a> Adam Schnipke



## First Sunday of Advent: Being Vigilant for the Lord's Coming



**THE GRACE I SEEK:** to watch vigilantly for the Lord at all times

**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 be vigilant at all times.

**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.

**"You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage."** (Isaiah 63:16B-17)

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

As we begin this Advent season, examine your life gently in the presence of Jesus. Are there ways in which your heart has become hardened and distant from the Lord? How do you sense him gently calling you back? 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.

**"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"** (Mark 13:35-37)

**FOR REFLECTION** — As we prepare for the Nativity of the Lord, we are being reminded to be constantly on watch for the coming of Christ, the "Lord of the house." Let Jesus help you identify the distractions in your life keeping you from being on watch for him. What are you watching for instead of him? Ask the Lord to help you identify concrete ways to refocus your attention on him and write them down as a spiritual exercise to help you live this Advent season.

*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** — Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through 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, First 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, offer your desire to be on watch for the Lord's coming.

**LOVE IN ACTION**— When we receive Jesus in the Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—we are receiving a foretaste of heavenly glory. However, this side of heaven, we are constantly on watch, waiting for the day when he will come again. Make it a goal this Advent season to pray for the coming of the Lord's Kingdom, maybe as a new part of your family's daily prayer routine.

[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

## 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.



Providing Education on the **CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System** to Empower Women and Couples to UNDERSTAND, MAINTAIN, and APPRECIATE their Health and Fertility in a way that is cooperative with our Catholic faith.  
 Contact Wendy Imm, BSN CFCP for more information at 614-634-1043 or [divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com](mailto:divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com)

The mission of **St. Catherine's Embrace** is to reach out to, assist and embrace all families



in the St. George Deanery, regardless of faith affiliation, who have lost a child from miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death.  
 Please call the rectory 419-538-6928



**Mustard Seed Gift Shop normal business hours**  
**Tues, Thurs, & Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm;**  
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RESTORE 23 PRESENTS

# Cooking with Christ: Holy Holidays

9 Saturday Dec

11am - 1pm \$25 per person  
620 E Blake St., Ottawa



Come and see how to keep Christ in your kitchen and cooking during Christmas!

For more information and to reserve your spot, email:

[CHRISTINE@RESTORE23.NET](mailto:CHRISTINE@RESTORE23.NET)

RESTORE 23: HEALTH COACHING FOR WOMEN,  
ROOTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH

## Restore 23, LLC

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One-on-one health coaching for women, rooted in the Catholic faith

I truly believe God wants to be a part of every aspect of our daily lives, including our health and well-being. As we practice self-discipline and good habits, we strengthen our spiritual and physical muscles, so we are prepared for whatever life brings us. Programs will draw from various aspects of the Catholic faith to provide additional strength and support for improvement in overall health and wellness. I welcome women of all faith backgrounds along on this journey of spiritual development and holistic living.

My main offering is an introductory program which focuses on individual health and wellness through the lens of the Catholic faith entitled "Food for the Soul". It is an 8 week, one on one health coaching program for adult women. I can meet with them via zoom (or in person if they are in the area). The program looks at 7 areas of personal health and wellness that may need some pruning in order to restore their w-holiness through a personalized plan/approach. Through personal reflection and a basis in Christ, we begin to look more deeply and closely into John 5:6 "Do you want to be well?" in order to more fully equip ourselves for the plans God has for us as women and daughter of the King.

### Mission Statement:

Through the utilization of self-awareness and behavior change techniques, I support women on the journey of restoring their health and wellness through the lens of the Catholic faith.

### Vision Statement:

To w-holy live the lives God has planned for us.

### **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.



**The Heartbeat Pregnancy Center is located at 1225 East Third Street, Ottawa. The hours are Tuesday 1pm-5pm and Thursday 9am-1pm. Services provided are pregnancy testing, parenting classes, and material aid. Please call 419-523-1150 for appointments.**

## 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.**

## 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 6:00 – 8:15 pm

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

SPEND SOME QUIET TIME WITH JESUS THIS ADVENT!



## Advent Books

THE LITTLE BLUE BOOKST

IN THIS TIME OF WAITING AND ANTICIPATION, PREPARE YOUR HEART BY SPENDING TIME WITH GOD EACH DAY OF ADVENT. THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK GUIDES YOU THROUGH THIS JOYFUL SEASON WITH SHORT DEVOTIONALS THAT WILL INSPIRE YOU. THIS YEAR'S ADVENT BOOK FOCUSES ON THE INFANCY NARRATIVE OF LUKE'S GOSPEL AND BEGINS DEC. 3, 2023.

PICK UP A BOOK FOR YOUR FAMILY AT ALL THE EXISTS. ONE PER FAMILY

## FORMED

FAITH AT HOME

### HOW TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT

Go to [FORMED.org](https://FORMED.org) . Click Sign Up. Chose sign up as a parishioner /organization Find your parish, type in Glandorf Oh - Click on St. John 109 Main St. Glandorf when it pops up. Fill out create a New Account. Already have a FORMED account. Visit [FORMED.org](https://FORMED.org) .

Click Sign In - upper right corner Have questions? Call 419-890-3724

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