

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood  
St. George Deanery



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**Monday, January 1, 2024**

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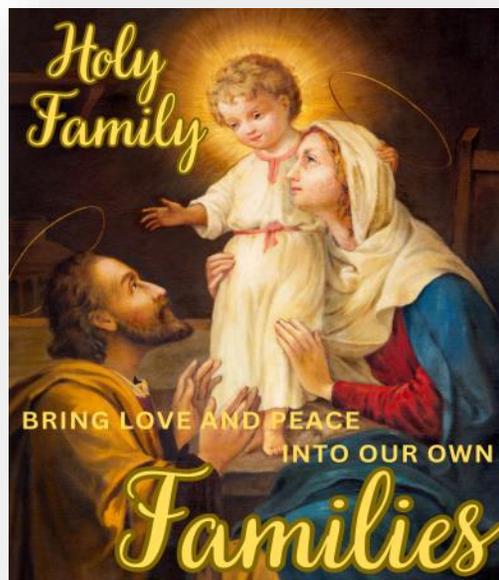
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## PARISHIONERS

- 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)

Merry Christmas! You know one of the things that I liked about being Catholic is that Christmas does not get confined to one day but is a season that last nearly two weeks. One of the gifts of Christmas is that it brings family together and I hope over the past week you were given the opportunity to spend some good quality time with your family. Speaking of family today the church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Just as they are the Holy Family, our families are also holy. And this idea of calling our family holy, I think, can make some families feel a little uncomfortable.

After I baptize a child, I like to present the parents of that child with a Parents' Vocations Prayer card from the Missionaries of the Precious Blood Vocations Office. I like to present this card to parents as reminder/help to be praying for their child's future vocation no matter wherever it may happen to be that God will call their child. On the other side of the card there is a modern picture of a family praying in their homes. It is a picture of family that were my parishioners in Dayton, Fr. Steve Dos Santos, C.P.P.S. our former Vocations Director was friends with this family and asked if he could take their picture of their family praying for the card. I was invited to the family home for dinner just as the holy cards came off the printers and Fr. Steve gave a card to take to the family. When I showed them the card the dad embarrassingly smiled and said, "we are really not holy".

I think many of you would us saw a picture of our family on holy card would probably say the same thing 'our family is really not holy'. But perhaps this is because we have a misunderstanding of what it means to be holy. I think we often associate being holy with being perfect, a family the does not have any problems, and everyone gets along. But I do not think this necessarily makes for a holy family. And if we look at the example of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph this is not a description of them. They certainly had their fair share of problems Mary conceived Jesus before Mary and Joseph were living together, Mary and Joseph had Jesus lost for three days when they found him the temple, Mary had to give birth to Jesus in a stable, and Joseph had to flee with Mary and Jesus when Herod came to destroy Jesus. Did they always get along? There is nothing to say they did and there is nothing to say they did not. But who is to say in the midst of these problems they always got along?

A sign of the Holy Family's holiness that we see in our scriptures today is Mary and Joseph presenting Jesus in the temple. As a priest I get the privilege seeing signs of family holiness when they present a child for Baptism, First Reconciliation or First Communion, and Confirmation. The excitement in families on these holy occasions, it is sign to me that faith is a live in families and holiness is present. I get the privilege of watching our students come over from Glandorf Elementary to the Parish Center each day another sign of holiness in family.

But the question is how our family be holy in the everyday life? I think it comes in following Paul's instruction in our scriptures today: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also must do. And over all these put on the love, that is, the bond of perfection" (Colossians 3:12-14). It is when our family puts this instruction into practice that our families are holy like the Holy Family.



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31~The Holy Family**

**4:30pm For the Parish-Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

9:35am Rosary

**9:00am For the Parish**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Mary Barb Klausung

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3**

7:15-7:45am Confessions

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Elmer & Norma Scheckelhoff, Cemor & Olive Grundstein,  
 Elsa Burgei, L/D Joe Unterbrink Family

6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration

7:45pm - 8:20pm Confessions

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:25am Rosary

8:45am Deb Keeler

**First FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 St. John Neumann**

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Brandy Hamel

**12:00pm Rosary**

**1:00pm- 4:00pm Adoration/Benediction**

**First SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 St. Andre Bessette**

**7:35am Rosary**

**8:00am For the Poor Souls**

**8:30am Confessions**

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

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Paul Schulte, Norm & Irene Lammers(AN) - Baptism

**5:30pm-8:00am Adoration**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Terry Maas Family, L/D James & Patricia Donaldson Family,  
 Herbert Maas, Donald Riepenhoff, Jeff Kleman, Alberta Utrup

9:05am-10:10am Holy Hour

10:30am William & Evelyn Palte, Ray & Helen Schroeder,

Harry & Leona Palte, Sister Kateri Kaufman, Duane Haselman,

10:30am - 12:00pm Confirmation Rite of Enrollment

## 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.

## Notifications

Bulletin and Parish Notification If you would like to receive the bulletin and other parish notifications via email, please let us know by sending an email to [admin@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:admin@glandorfstjohns.com)

## SERVERS

<b>Sun</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Jacob Schimmoeller, Izak Schimmoeller, Connor Schimmoeller thurifer-Grant Schroeder</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Noah Schroeder, Miles Niese, Riley Trombley, thurifer-James Niese</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Ayvrie Schulte, Chase Maag, Anderson Lammers
<b>Wed</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>8:45am</b>	Students
<b>Fri</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Gary Recker, Roger Schroeder
<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Allison Kuhlman, Jonathan Klear, Addison Knueven
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Adam Maag, Ross Maag, Austin Koch
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Emma Hoffman, Raiden Schroeder, Tyler Ruhe
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Grant Leopold, Dylan Siefker, Will Siefker

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

## LECTORS

<b>Sun</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Rose and Gene Warnecke, Elaine Gerding, Paula Elchinger, Tim Hansen, Matt Meyerhoffer, Lori Klausung, Jason Miller</b>	<b>Tim Hansen</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Chris Schroeder, Cliff Schroeder, Deb Schroeder, Sharon Meyer, Linda Moening, Mary Ann Meyers</b>	<b>Jeanne Schram</b> <b>Chris Schroeder</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Diane Recker Alicia Nussbaum	<b>Dan Klear</b> Carole Schroeder
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Mark Schroeder Tammy Schroeder	Kathy Schmitz Nicole Ruhe Elizabeth Ruhe
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Jason Kleman Julie Pothast	Don Giesige Tony Schroeder

## GIFT BEARERS

<b>Sun</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Tom & Gretchen Schmitz
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Cliff & Janet Schroeder
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Tony & Lisa Meyer

## JANUARY USHERS

<b>Sun</b>	<b>4:30pm,</b>	<b>Louis &amp; Mary Ellen Halker</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Elton Schroeder, Joe Schroeder</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Kevin & Mary Rose Ellerbrock
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Mark Maag, Alan Wrasman
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Louis & Mary Ellen Halker

**COMMUNION TO MEADOWS:** Darlene Miller, Linda Schroeder

**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY:** 5

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

**JANUARY FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS:** Dolores Schnipke, Ginny Schroeder, Darlene Stechschulte, Tina & Randy Fortman, Mary Ellen & Dan Klear

## Ushers Needed!



Would you like to become an usher or would you like your name taken off the Usher Schedule? The current schedule ends at the end of January. Please call or email the rectory (419-538-6928 or [admin@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:admin@glandorfstjohns.com)).

# 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.

### 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

### The Story of Mary, Mother of God

Mary's divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38). Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the *fruit of your womb*. And how does this happen to me, that *the mother of my Lord* should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43, emphasis added). Mary's role as mother of God places her in a unique position in God's redemptive plan. Without naming Mary, Paul asserts that "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4). Paul's further statement that "God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out 'Abba, Father!'" helps us realize that Mary is mother to all the brothers and sisters of Jesus. Some theologians also insist that Mary's motherhood of Jesus is an important element in God's creative plan. God's "first" thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was "first" in God's mind, Mary was "second" insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother. The precise title "Mother of God" goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form *Theotokos* (God-bearer), it became the touchstone of the Church's teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the holy virgin *Theotokos*. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: "Praised be the *Theotokos!*" The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* calls Mary "Mother of God" 12 times. Source: [Mary, Mother of God: Her Role in the Incarnation \(franciscanmedia.org\)](http://www.franciscanmedia.org)

### COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### What is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God?

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on New Year's Day; it celebrates Mary as the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church. Though there are many other solemnities in the Church (read the next question), this holy day is often shortened to "the Solemnity," even though there are five other solemnities in the Church. As Pope Francis said in his 2022 homily on this day, "The New Year begins under the sign of the Holy Mother of God, under the sign of the Mother. A mother's gaze is the path to rebirth and growth."

#### Is a solemnity the same as a feast?

Yes, and no. Solemnities are special feasts – those greatly important to the Church and theology. All Sundays and holy days of obligation are solemnities, though not all solemnities are holy days of obligation. Other holy days of obligation include the Nativity of Jesus (December 25), the Immaculate Conception of Mary (December 8), the Solemnity of the Ascension of Christ (Thursday of the sixth week of Easter), the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (August 15), and All Saints' Day (November 1).

#### When is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God?

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is celebrated on January 1 (New Year's Day) every year. In 2024, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on a Monday.

#### Is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a holy day of obligation?

Yes, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation. The Church encourages all Catholics, who are able, to attend Mass on the Solemnity. The USCCB allows two exceptions, however: when the Solemnity falls on a Saturday or Monday, "the precept to attend Mass is abrogated." Most likely, in years when the Solemnity falls on one of these days, your parish will celebrate the Solemnity the Sunday before; that day is New Year's Eve this year. [The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 2024 \(hallow.com\)](http://www.hallow.com)

### CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REFERENCES:

**Mary's Divine Motherhood** – Paragraph #495 (See also Paragraphs #484-511, #963-975)

**STEWARDSHIP** December 24, 2023**Offering**

Loose	\$ 970.00
Adult Envelope	\$ 7,513.39
Children	\$ 159.07
Maintenance	\$ 820.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,290.00
Mary Mother of God	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 2,350.00
Initial Offering	\$ 28.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$14,150.46</b>

Loose	\$ 3,647.00
Adult Envelope	\$ 1,855.00
Children	\$ 272.00
Maintenance	\$ 7,400.00
Mary Mother of God	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Initial Offering	\$ 77.00
Christmas	\$ 38,960.37
<b>Total Christmas</b>	<b>\$ 52,231.37</b>

NOTE: All ladies & men of the parish are members of the Altar Rosary Society & Men's Society. Please take note that there is a special envelope in your envelope packets for the Altar Rosary dues \$3.00 & Men's dues \$6 per year. Please turn your envelope in as this helps keep our organizations running. Thank you!

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.stjohnnglandorf.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)

**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.

**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.

**Turn in your 2024 Grand-orf Club raffle tickets by January 7th to be included in all the drawings in 2024.**

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.

**Please Include them in your prayers****WEDDING BANN**

**I Alyssa Schnipke** of this parish, daughter of Larry and Kathy Schnipke & **Kody Kuhlman** of Holy Family, New Cleveland, son of Marty and Shawnda Kuhlman.

**NEWLY WEDDED**

**Eric & Alexis (Schroeder) Racer**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH FAMILY**

**Eric & Alexis Racer**

**Mitch Gable**

**Brady Laudick**

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

Ruth J Molnar 1/1/04

Maya Marie Schroeder 1/5/17

Norman A Lammers 1/3/02

Bernard C Wolke 1/6/10

Clayton J Maag 1/4/19

Deborah A Evers 1/6/21

**THANK YOU**

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the cards and gifts that you have sent me in this Christmas Season. I appreciate the gifts and humbled to receive the gift of your love.

Peace,  
Fr. Matt

Dear parishioners of Saint John the Baptist, thank you very very much for your cards and gifts these past two weeks. I consider myself very blest to have been a part of your parish family. God bless you all. Our Lady of Guadalupe pray for us.  
Father Tony Fortman, CPPS

## 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  
**Saturday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30am** in the cafeteria.  
**Wednesday sessions start again on Jan. 10.**  
 For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net), 419-796-0763



**TMIY "WORTHY OF THE CALL" – Perfect Harmony No More (Sat. 1/6, Wed. 1/10)** (session 14) Presenter: Mike Dicosola: We have been called, God's plan from the beginning, Hiding as a reality of the fall, By himself, man is incapable, The ultimate desires of your heart, Practical steps to make progress in the spiritual life. *Scripture: John 15:1-2, John 10:10.*

### 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

## SONDAY 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!



### 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!

# 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/oxz38>



### 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**

COME IN FAITH. LEAVE WITH HOPE.

Make a reservation to join us for dinner by using the link or QR code <https://shorturl.at/flrs4>  
 All reservation need to be in by January 15, 2024



Learn more about the National Eucharistic Revival

## 2024 MEN'S WELCOME

FEBRUARY 3-4, 2024

8AM SATURDAY - 3PM SUNDAY

@ GLANDORF ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTER.

*Do you feel something's missing in your life?*

*Do you feel if you weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe a better person?*

*Come to the next Men's Welcome Weekend at Glandorf St. John's.*

*It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. For more information, and/or to sign up, contact: Jacob Siebenzsch (419) 890-5466 or Adam Schnipke (419) 303-9759.*

### SAVE THE DATE ALL MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER COUPLES

*Marriage Encounter Mass Dinner and Dance*

FEBRUARY 11, 2023

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

4:00 PM DINNER AT PARISH CENTER

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

TICKETS \$40.00 PER COUPLE



## High School Corner

All HS CCD students should go to church for CCD on Wednesday, January 3rd at 7:00 PM. You will hear a presentation on the history of the St. John's Church. All should sign in for attendance. Happy New Year!!!  
Ruth Gerding, Coordinator of HS CCD

## Elementary & Jr. High Corner

Confirmation Rite of Election Meeting is Sunday, January 7, 2024 immediately following the 10:30 am Mass, in the Church. This meeting will be for the Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors. It is *your responsibility* to notify the sponsors about this meeting. This meeting will provide information for the Sponsors and serve as the Candidate's formal, public declaration of receptivity of this Sacrament. It should conclude by 12:30.

### START THE NEW YEAR WITH A BIBLE STUDY

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

Dates - Times - Location

**Mondays**

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18  
2 week break - April 8, 15, 22, 29  
11 sessions

7 - 8:30pm

St. Johns Parish Center  
Glandorf OH

Cost - Registration

\$30.00 for a Study Set - payable 1st night  
RSVP by January 10 to  
jmschroeder51@gmail.com  
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For More Information

Once registered you will be given a code  
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—Margaret T.



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## 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

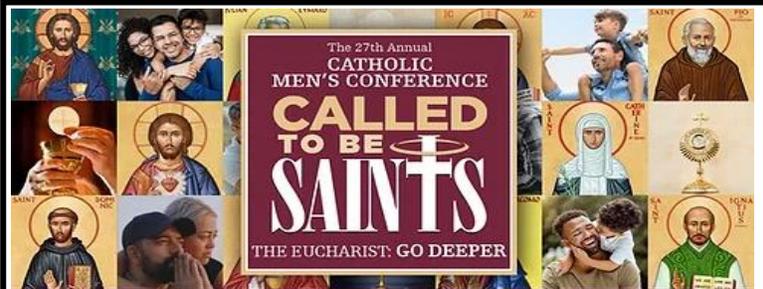


MARK YOUR CALENDARS: FEBRUARY EVENT - Another opportunity to serve ;)

### 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!**



Saturday • February 24, 2024 • Kasich Hall • Columbus, OH

Are you interested in attending the 2024 Catholic Men's Conference? Join other men from our parish in attending on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo

Center in Columbus. Register at <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/2024conference>

Cost is \$45 for men, \$30 for HS and college students. \$5 discount if registered by 1/7/24! Additional information, agenda, and speaker bios can be found at the website. If you would like to carpool contact Mike Karhoff at 419-796-0763 (text or call) or [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net). We will meet at the north church parking lot at 5 am.



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## Feast of the Holy Family: Loving Forgiveness



**HE GRACE I SEEK:** to love and forgive all those closest to me

**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 forgive those closest to me.

**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.

**“Brothers and sisters: put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.” (Colossians 3:12–13)**

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

What person in your life are you most struggling to be patient with? Ask the Lord to reveal to you any areas in your relationship that may need forgiveness and humility.

**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.

**“The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce), so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.’” (Luke 2:33–35)**

**FOR REFLECTION** — Gazing upon the Eucharist, ask Jesus to help you identify any thoughts of your heart that may be a stumbling block to loving those closest to you. Write these thoughts down, asking the Lord to replace them with his thoughts.

*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 were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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, Feast of the Holy Family)

**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 forgive those closest to you with the forgiveness Jesus offers us in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

**LOVE IN ACTION** — After the Lord has revealed to you whom you are being called to forgive and love in a deeper way, make a resolution to show them concretely this week how much you love and appreciate them. Some examples could include a phone call, a quick note in the mail, or an invitation to share a meal together. Choose something you know will mean the most to the other person!



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**Wed 12:00pm to 8:00pm;**

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### **CATHOLIC COUNSELING**

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