

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



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PARISHIONERS

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

SNOW EMERGENCY LEVELS

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

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

WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH?

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

www.stjohnglandorf.org

In our scriptures today we hear of Jesus touching a man that had leprosy and curing him of his leprosy. And us living in 2024 it is easy for us to overlook this touching of the man with leprosy and cleansing him of leprosy and seeing this as being important but we may misunderstand the importance. But Jesus touching this man with leprosy was a big deal and curing this man of leprosy was a very big deal. Us living 2024 leprosy is a disease that exist in our world but is treatable and is not as serious of condition as it was at the time of Jesus and Moses.

In our scriptures today the LORD instructs Moses and Aaron what they are to do if a person has leprosy, that person is to “keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’ As long as the sore is on him, he shall declared himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart making his abode outside the camp.” (Leviticus 13:45-46). This is the description of what you are supposed to do if you have leprosy. This instruction reminds me of what we were supposed to do in the early days if someone tested positive for COVID-19 or was exposed to it. You may recall that you were supposed to quarantine yourself for a certain amount of time so that you would not infect others. Leprosy, COVID-19, or really any sort of illness it causes for us to quarantine, to live outside camp, it causes for us live outside of community. And this living outside of community happens for a variety of good reasons. Medical professionals might recommend this so that we do not spread the disease further or sometimes this is done so that the infected one’s condition does not become worse. At other times we live outside of community because that is what our bodies are weak, we do not feel like being part of community and our bodies need to heal, to get strong again. Our bodies need to be strengthened to heal; they need rest to be strengthened so that we feel up to go back into community. Jesus by touching this man with leprosy was a risk to Jesus possibly exposing him to being contaminated with leprosy, and Jesus making himself to live outside of the community, the camp. But this touching was also cleansing this man of leprosy and it was bringing him back into community. Likewise, when we recover from our illness and are healthy again, we have the strength to go back into community, back into the camp.

We are a few days from Ash Wednesday and starting the Season of Lent. It is often said that the Sunday readings before Ash Wednesday can provide a good reflection to prepare for the season of Lent. As you prepare to begin the Season of Lent what ailment, sickness, or illness do you have that is causing you live outside of community, what is keeping you away from Jesus? What in you do you need Jesus to touch to bring you back into relationship with Jesus, to bring you back into community?



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:35am Rosary
8:00am Communion Service—Mike Karhoff

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:20am Rosary
8:45am Deb Keeler

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14~Ash Wednesday

7:15-7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am All School Mass~ Russ Schroeder(AN)
6:30pm - 8:15pm Adoration-cancelled
6:15-6:45pm Confession—changed
7:00pm For the Parish

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00am Penance 3B
8:20am Rosary
8:45am Tom Kaufman

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16~No School

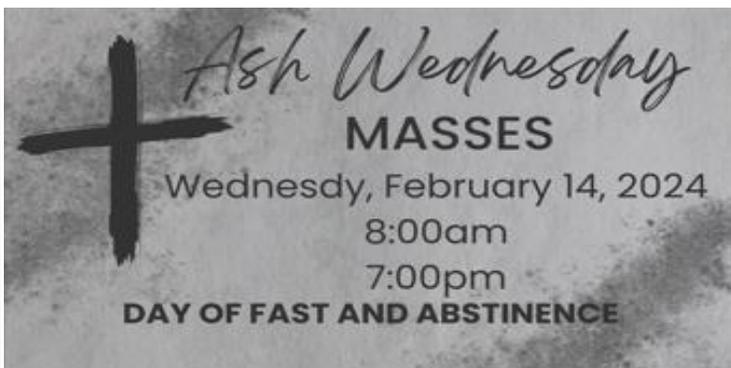
7:15am-7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am Dave Schmitz(AN)
12:00pm Rosary
1:00pm-4:00pm Adoration
4:00pm Evening prayer with Benediction

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:35am Rosary
8:00am George & Genevieve(AN) Rupert
8:30am Confessions
4:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Edna Riepenhoff, Dennis Stechsculte(AN),
Ryan Stechschulte, Karl Stechschulte,
L/D Dick(AN) & Dorothy Ellerbrock Family,
L/D Larry(AN) & Jeanette Maag Family, Joyce Smith,
Lauren Schneeg(AN)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18~1st Sunday of Lent

7:35am Rosary
8:00am L/D Dick Coressel Family,
L/D Alfred & Mary Verhoff Family, Gordon Verhoff
10:30am Alfred Verhoff(AN), Cayla Fortman-Ross,
L/D Al & Rita Knueven Family



SERVERS		
Mon	8:00am	Communion Service - no servers needed
Tue	8:45am	Roger Schroeder, Eddie Duling
Wed	8:00am	Students
Wed	7:00pm	Derek Brown, Courtney Miller, Brock Crumrine
Thurs	8:45am	Roger Schroeder, Gary Recker
Fri	8:00am	Ty Wrasman, Lauren Weiss, Lyla Walker
Sat	8:00am	Ella Vorst, Breyson Trombley, Ella Siefker
Sat	4:30pm	Alaina Klass, Carson Faber, Royce Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Emma Hoffman, Raiden Schroeder, Tyler Ruhe
Sun	10:30am	Carter Vorst, Grant Leopold, Dylan Siefker
Servers for Station of the Cross - arrive at Church at 12:45 for training		
Sun	1:00pm	Mylic Bockrath, Brooke Maag, Asher Rump
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		LECTORS
Wed	7:00pm	Jason Kleman
		Michelle Schroeder
		Julie Pothast
		Dawn Giesige
~You will also distribute ashes		
Sat	4:30pm	Doug Deitering
		Sharon Meyer
		Diane Deitering
		Chris Schroeder
Sun	8:00am	Deb Leopold
		Andy Gray
		Deb Schroeder
		Deb Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding
		Paula Siebeneck
		Jane Moening
		Tim Hansen
GIFT BEARERS		
Wed	7:00pm	Ushers
Sat	4:30pm	Mark & Tammy Schroeder
Sun	8:00am	Steve & Linda Conn
Sun	10:30am	Jeff & Jeanne Schram
FEBRUARY USHERS		
Wed	7:00pm	Mark Maag, Alan Wrasman
Sat	4:30pm	Dale Evers, Steve Brown
Sun	8:00am	Mark Maag, Alan Wrasman
Sun	10:30am	Jerry Recker, Al Kaufman
COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Deb Burwell, Frances Roof		
COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 2		
ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Ginny Schroeder, Karen Parker		
FEBRUARY FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Betty Kleman, Amie Lammers, Connie Cassidy, Kelly Morman		

ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS, EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ADULT

SERVERS

All School Mass for the Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 14th. 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, Thursday, Friday at the regular time. Thank You!

2024 Wedding Coordinators Schedule

The 2024 Wedding Coordinator Schedule was mailed this week. We have one spot still open. If you are able to fill that spot call the office. Please call the office if you do not receive the email.
If you want to become an Wedding Coordinator, please email or call the office.

2024 Coffee and Donuts Schedule

The 2024 Coffee and Donut Schedule was mailed this week. We have one spot still open. If you are able to fill that spot call the office. Please call the office if you do not receive the email.
If you want to help out with Coffee & Donuts, please email or call the office.

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: 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

Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday

As the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday awakens us to Jesus' entry into the desert preceding his death. Before Easter, we must prepare our hearts for his Resurrection. We begin our season of preparing our hearts for Easter by recognizing our brokenness and need for conversion, a turning of our hearts to God.

The word "Lent" comes from Old English and German words that describe spring and the lengthening of days. The practice of dedicating 40 days to prepare for Easter has been a practice of the Church since the fourth century. Before he met God and received the Ten Commandments, Moses spent 40 days in fasting and prayer. Jesus himself, before he began his public ministry, spent 40 days in prayer and fasting in the desert. Ash Wednesday then falls 6 ½ weeks before Easter.

What is the Importance of Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday dates back to the 11th century. The faithful attend Holy Mass and receive ashes on their head as a symbol of our mortality. The ashes are a physical reminder that our bodies will decay, but our souls will live on in eternal life. Three practices have always defined the Lenten season of preparation: prayer, fasting and giving to the poor. Jesus speaks of these disciplines to his followers because they were pillars of Jewish practice. The three practices touch on all of the ways in which we relate: prayer is about our relationship with God; fasting is about our relationship with ourselves; and giving to the poor is about our relationship with others, especially those who are in need. Catholics are accordingly encouraged to dedicate themselves to a regular practice of prayer and to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Catholics also devote themselves in a special way to the poor by offering money, support, or time in service. Many Catholics also fast from some luxury or indulgence during this time. The priest or Extraordinary Minister, dipping his thumb into ashes (collected from burnt palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday), marks the forehead of each with the sign of the cross, saying the words, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return" or "Repent and believe in the Gospel." By marking the sign of the cross with ashes on the foreheads of her children, the Church gives us:

- 1- a firm conviction that a) we are mortal beings, b) our bodies will become dust when buried and ashes if cremated, and c) our life-span is very brief and unpredictable;
- 2- a strong warning that we will be eternally punished if we do not repent of our sins and do penance; and
- 3- a loving invitation to realize and acknowledge our sinful condition and return to our loving and forgiving God with true repentance as the prodigal son did.

Do I need to be Catholic to receive ashes?

You do not need to be Catholic to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. Several other traditions within Christianity also share this act of repentance.

Obligations of Ash Wednesday: Fasting and Abstinence

The guidelines for fasting and abstinence that apply to all Catholics during Lent are simple: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 fast, which means they have only one full meal in the day and use smaller snacks to sustain their strength. On these days and all the other Fridays of Lent, Catholics 14 and older abstain from meat.

Prayer and Almsgiving

In addition to fasting and attending Mass (or a service where ashes are distributed), you can recognize Ash Wednesday through prayer and almsgiving—the other two pillars of Lenten observance. In prayer, consider listening to the Daily Gospel, praying the rosary, or engaging in Spiritual Writing to discern what you'd like to focus on in your relationship with Christ this Lent.

Almsgiving doesn't have to only consist of giving monetarily. Christ desires your heart to conform to His, so instead why not consider what you can rid your life of to grow in holiness. Take a look at the Seven Deadly Sins to see where you struggle. Once you have identified that area of needed growth, try to avoid the sin and replace what you give up with a holy act instead. For example, commit to give up outbursts of anger when upset, or voicing frustrations or complaints during Lent and replace it instead with offering compliments to others. Perhaps you find yourself to be envious of other's good fortune. Try instead to focus on your blessings by keeping a Gratitude Journal daily. Whatever you choose to give up, try to replace it with kind acts, or virtues, that will work toward your goal of holiness. As we begin Lent today with Ash Wednesday, let us be renewed by prayer, fasting, and giving to the poor.

STEWARDSHIP February 2, 2024

Offering

Loose	\$ 1,243.00
Adult Envelope	\$ 7,708.62
Children	\$ 126.00
Maintenance	\$ 4,107.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,290.00
Christmas	\$ 40.00
Initial Offering	\$ 42.00
Latin America	\$ 85.00
Mary Mother of God	\$ 35.00
VBS	\$ 20.00
PreSchool	\$ 50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 20.00
Total Collection	\$15,766.62

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!

On Ash Wednesday, there will be a special collection for St. John's vacation bible school.

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.stjohnlandorf.org

Heartbeat needs size 6 Pull-ups

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)

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous donations of diapers, wipes, baby food, bottles, formula, lotion, shampoo, lotions, onesies, bibs, blankets, toys, & sippy cups + silverware for Heartbeat. Our families & babies are so blessed by your continued generosity. We depend on people like you to continue our work & are deeply grateful.

Heartbeat of Lima & Putnam County

Dear Parishioners,

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

- * Our average attendance for the 4:30pm for month of January **238** people
- * Our average attendance for the 8:00am for month of January **269** people
- * Our average attendance for the 10:30am for month of January **425** people
- * Our average weekend attendance for the month of people January **931** people
- * The Mass that had greatest attendance for the month of January was the **10:30 Mass January 6-7 with 548 people.**

* The above numbers do not include January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Attendance: 4:30pm - 170 people,
9:00am - 163 people

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

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.

Caroline Schmitz

NEWLY WEDDED

Logan & Tayla(Meyer) Hoffman

BAPTIZED

Reid William, son of Andrew & Ashley Goecke

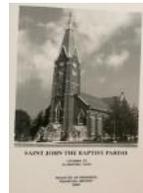
Sev Banks, son of Kordell & Paige Stover

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

Carl C Hermiller 2/11/16	Russell J Schroeder 2/14/11
James F Hohenbrink 2/11/19	Stanley C Duling 2/15/00
Alice T Schroeder 2/12/12	Linus I Bockrath 2/15/13
Frances Ruth Fox 2/12/15	Margaret Moreno 2/15/16
Melvin J Nienberg 2/12/15	Lauren Mae Schneeg 2/15/22
Bernard E Meyer 2/13/18	Mary E Minaugh 2/16/08
Charles L Bennett 2/13/19	Gerald E Leatherman 2/16/20
Dorothy M Duling 2/13/20	David J Schmitz 2/16/21
Lupe L Moreno 2/13/22	Dennis K Stechschulte 2/16/21
	Michael J Maag 2/17/14

2023 White Books



These books contain staff members, parish program members, 2023 financials and a list of members registered at St. John's. The books are available at all the exists. One per family.

Elementary & Jr. High Corner

JUNIOR HIGH GATHERING

Students in grades 6-7-8 from the St. George Deanery are invited

MARCH 3, 2024 11:00am-5:00PM

Kalida St. Michael Church for 11:00am Sunday Mass

also includes: lunch, workshops, adoration, fun activities, and snacks while making friends with other Putnam County 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

This is a unique opportunity to learn about the Mass and have fun with some pretty cool high schoolers.

The day will start with Mass followed by lunch, and filled with an afternoon of Breakout sessions on the parts of the Mass and the Eucharist.

\$10.00/PERSON

(\$12.00 after Feb. 26 & at the door)

Please return registration forms by Monday February 26, 2024

Name _____

Parish _____ M F Grade _____

Parent's Names & Phone # _____

Food allergies? _____

I give my child permission to attend the Jr. High Gathering on March 3, 2024 at Kalida St Michael Church.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Give this Registration Form (by Feb. 26, 2024), \$10 and Emergency Medical Form to your youth minister, CCD teacher or mail to:
Jill Zeller St. Michael Box 387 Kalida, OH 45853
(Emergency Forms available on St. Michael Website - More Tab., Youth Group Tab)

Families are welcome to join us for Adoration at 4:15pm in the Church, and Closing Prayer in the Church Basement at 4:45pm.



TEEN WEEKEND RETREAT

OPPORTUNITY TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH & BE RENEWED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

WHEN: **MARCH 22ND - MARCH 24TH 2024**
WHERE: SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN
WHO: TEENS

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON:
- WWW.LIFEINTHESPIRIT-SEMINAR.COM
- FACEBOOK (LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CONTACT: KELLY HORSTMAN 567-644-4363 OR 419-878-8649

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD**

FOLLOW US ON:

High School Corner

All HS CCD students should attend Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Ruth Gerding, Coordinator of HS CCD

Saturday, February 10th

BOY'S: DIOCESE TOURNAMENT GAMES



Birkemeyer: Saturday 2/10@2:45pm winner of Kalida vs. Findlay @Glandorf

Meyer: Saturday 2/10@11:00am Ottawa @Ottawa

Ellerbrock: Sunday 2/11@2:10pm winner of Maumee vs. St. Frances de Sales @Cardinal Stritch High School

GLANDORF BOYS CYO TEAMS!



Hoffman League Tournament Champions!



2nd place in Donovan League Tournament



Donovan League Tournament Champions!

GOOD LUCK TO OUR CYO TEAMS IN THE DIOCESE TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND!

PARISH CENTER ACTIVITIES Every Second Sunday of the Month

Today, February 12th
COFFEE AND DONUTS
AND GRAND-ORF CLUB



located in cafeteria after 8:00am
and 10:30am Masses by **Doug and Andrea Giesige**



LENDING LIBRARY

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

PARISH MUSEUM

Visitation Hours
from 9:00am—12:00pm
Located in Hallway.



For visitors outside of the scheduled
time, please contact Michael Leach 419-538-
6948. St. John's Historical Society

Attention ALL MEN!!!! Join us on for That Man Is You
No meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 14th, Ash Wednesday.
Saturday, Feb. 17th, 6-7:30am in the cafeteria.



No meeting on Saturday Feb. 24, attend Catholic Men's Conf.

For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ mbkarhoff@bright.net, 419-796-0763

TMIY "WORTHY OF THE CALL" – Four Last Things (Sat. 2/17, Wed. 2/28) (session 20)

Presenter: Fr. John Burns: The narrative structure of life - where am I going? Man wants to be happy - it's about how we disagree. Sin makes us unhappy. Facing the fact of death. Considering judgment and Hell. Considering Heaven. *1 John 4:7-8.*

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

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

Center in Columbus. Register at [https://](https://www.catholicmensministry.com/2024conference)

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. We will meet at the north church parking lot at 5 am.



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

(Sponsored by St. John's Alter Rosary Society)
Come for Old Fashioned visiting while playing cards, games or crafting.

**Every Third Wednesday
of each month.**

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

@ The Parish Center cafe in Glandorf.

You Are Welcome To ...
Play board games
Play cards
Dominos, Dice
Knitting, Crafting,
Mahjong Games, Etc.
(Please bring your own Supplies & Games)

You can Bring Your Own Beverage & snack.

FREE EVENT
NO MEMBERSHIP FEE

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

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

Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday, March 1 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/fmHX6>

First Saturday, March 2nd and 3rd

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/euCDU>



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.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

COME AND JOIN US!

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
BEGINNING MARCH 2ND
AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL 9:30PM

FAMILY ADORATION
FREE PLAY
PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS PROVIDED

FELLOWSHIP LOCATIONS:
MARCH 2ND- PARISH CENTER GYM
APRIL 6TH- GLANDORF PARK
MAY 4TH- PARISH CENTER GYM
JUNE 1ST- GLANDORF PARK
MORE DATES & LOCATIONS
TO COME!

WHAT IS FAMILY
ADORATION?

- Family Adoration will be offered from 6-7:30pm in the Church. You can stay for as long as you'd like!
- Enjoy this special opportunity to introduce your children of all ages to adoring Jesus with other parish families
- Soft meditative music will be playing at this time
- Crying, soft whispers, & fidgeting is OK! Jesus wants ALL the little children to come to Him!

CONTACT BROOKE CASSIDY
FOR MORE INFORMATION
@ 419-233-4312



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 1 held at Trinity Methodist Church. 10:00am followed by a light lunch. Men and women invited. If attending call Sue Archer 419-302-2723.

SAVE THE DATE
April 15-17, 2024

Pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Basilica, Notre Dame, IN, Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, LaCrosse, WI & Archbishop Fulton Sheen Museum, Cathedral & Tomb, Peoria, IL further details will be available at the Mustard Seed after January 12.



SOULCORE
BODY MIND SOUL

Join Chris Schroeder, with Restore 23, to nourish body, mind & soul with a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement.

No fitness level, age or experience required.

Registration required, \$10/session.

Sat Feb 3 @ 9 am

Sat Mar 2 @ 9 am

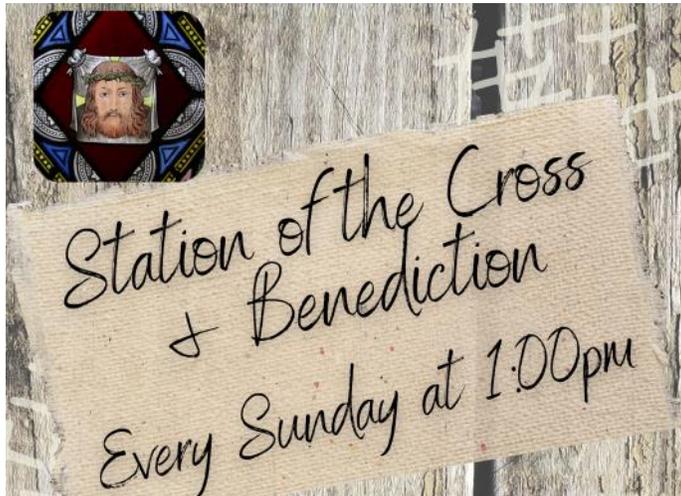
Tues Mar 19 @ 6:30 pm

Sat Apr 6 @ 9 am

Tues Apr 16 @ 6:30 pm

Call Chris at #419-230-2953 to sign-up

8 LENTEN ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH/AREA



*Station of the Cross
& Benediction
Every Sunday at 1:00pm*



**Live Station of the Cross
by God's Little Hero's
on March 17, 2024 at
1:00pm**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Every Wednesday
6:30pm - 8:15pm**

**Every Friday with Benediction
1:00pm - 4:00pm
Benediction starts at 4:00pm**

**First Saturday, March 2nd and 3rd
1:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Holy Hour, March 3rd
9:05am - 10:10am**

**Come and spend some time with
your Lord this Lenten season**

SACRAMENT OF
Reconciliation
DURING LENTEN SEASON

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

EVERY FRIDAY
7:15AM - 7:45AM

EVERY SATURDAY
8:30AM - 9:15AM
4:00PM - 4:20PM

EVERY SUNDAY
9:45AM - 10:15AM

**SAINT JOHN'S PENANCE SERVICE
WILL BE ON MARCH 20TH AT 4:00PM IN
CHURCH AND 7:00PM IN PARISH CENTER**



The Little Black Books

has daily Lenten reflections

In this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, reflect on Christ's life based on the Passion narrative in the book of Luke.

Please pick up the books on the radiators.
One per family.

**Ottawa K. of C.
Fish/Clam Strips Fry**
Friday, February 16th
serving 4:30-7:00pm



Area Penance Services
Repent and turn towards the Gospel

Fort Jennings , Wednesday , Feb 28th at 7:00pm
Kalida, Wednesday, March 6th at 4:00pm & 7:00pm
Ottoville, Sunday, March 10th at 2:00pm
Miller City, Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00pm
Continental, Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30pm
Ottawa, Monday , March 25 at 4:00pm & 7:00pm

9 LENTEN ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH/AREA

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



THE GREAT ADVENTURE

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY
Roundtable
 Please Join Us
MARCH 7TH
 10am - 2pm
 ST. IGNATIUS
 212 N STADIUM RD ORGEON



Topic
SCREEN ADDICITON AND MENTAL HEALTH AMONG YOUTH



Speaker & Counselor
Haleigh Sharp
<https://shorturl.at/gBCY3>




WATCH MOVIES, KIDS SHOWS, AUDIO BOOKS, BIBLE STUDIES AND A LOT MORE THIS LENT!

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HOW TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT
 Go to 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. Click Sign In - upper right corner Have questions? Call 419-890-3724

1st Annual **Adult Retreat**
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR



OUR GOD IS BIGGER

Restore 23 presents...

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Come and explore how to bring Lent into your kitchen over these holy days

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 11 am - 4pm
Where: 620 E Blake St. Ottawa

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\$25 per person
 (\$15 per person for current Restore 23 clients)

Restore 23:
 Health Coaching for Women, Rooted in Catholic Faith



ADORATION
Worship Music
PRAYER
CONFESSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024
 ST. JOHN PARISH CENTER
 GYMNASIUM
 GLANDORF, OH
 7:00PM - 8:30PM



BRING YOUR OWN BLANKETS AND CHAIRS!



ST. JOHN'S 7:00PM LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE WILL BE IN THE GYMNASIUM

MUSIC BY DAMASCUS PRAISE AND WORSHIP

ADULT WEEKEND RETREAT
 OPPORTUNITY TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH & BE RENEWED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

WHEN: **MARCH 22ND - MARCH 24TH 2024**
 WHERE: **SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN**
 WHO: **FOR ADULTS**

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON:
 - WWW.LIFEINTHESPIRITSEMINAR.COM
 - FACEBOOK (LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 CONTACT: KELLY HORSTMAN 567-644-4363 OR 419-678-8649
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

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 FEBRUARY 7-14

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

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 One-Week Retreat for Married Couples
 National Marriage Week 2024




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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

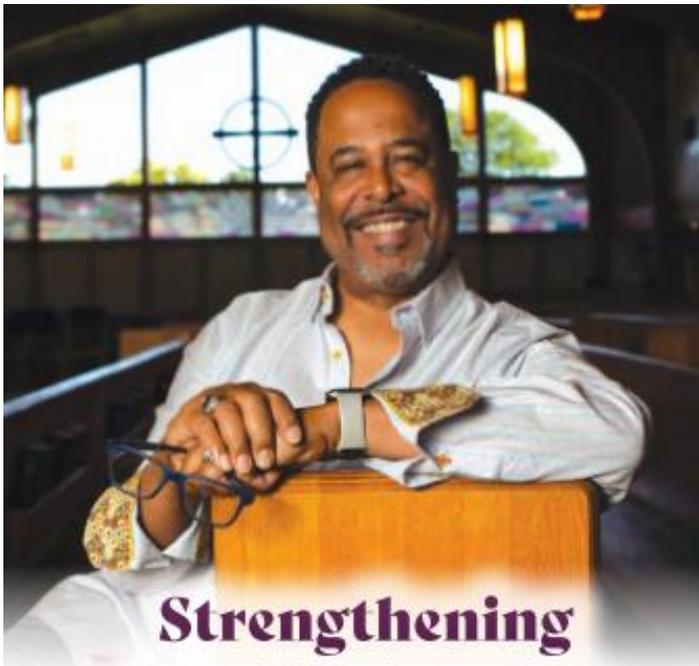




Through the Holy Eucharist, we experience that “Jesus Christ is the same **yesterday, today and forever**” (Heb 13:8).

“When we receive the Eucharist, we are invited to become who we receive. United through the ACA, we serve you, your family, your parish, your community, and future generations in ways that are not possible for our individual parishes on their own! **We are the Body of Christ!**”

– **Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo**



Strengthening Families in Faith

“The important evangelization and formation work of our Black Catholic Ministries is made possible thanks to the ACA. The National Black Catholic Congress is an important forum for us to be able to discuss issues that concern our families and teach our youth the history of our faith and our people. Your financial support through the ACA steadfastly provides that others will be served in the name of Christ, allowing us to celebrate the richness of our diverse gifts within the Body of Christ.”

– **Richard Lane, director of evangelization, St. Patrick of Heatherdowns**



Caring for the Most Vulnerable

With support through the Annual Catholic Appeal, my transition from being incarcerated to a healed person was made a reality. Over and over, I am shown how much the Lord loves me through the words and actions of His people. Where I live, my job, my furniture, the uplifting care and support I have received have all been made possible by God, through you, His people.

– **Aubrey McClintock, recipient of Catholic Charities services**

Yesterday, Today, & Forever

Give Today at www.acatoledo.org

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." – Hebrews 13:8



Serving Those Who Serve Us

"Thank you for supporting my formation for a priestly vocation through your prayers and generosity to the ACA. Your goodness has prepared me to celebrate at the altar the Holy Eucharist, to give the people of God the Body and Blood of the Lord. Jesus Christ invites us to return each week to the source and summit of our faith: the Holy Eucharist; knowing that the Sacrament brings us into communion with Our Lord and our brothers and sisters in Christ."

– **Deacon Chris Turner, seminarian**

Forming Missionary Disciples

"After 37 years, my service as a Director of Religious Education is concluding, and what a joy it has been! As disciples of Christ, we are all called to return our gifts to the Lord- using those gifts in the service of others. It's been my calling to see generations of children and adults formed into disciples of Christ. Giving to the ACA supports the work I've started and others will continue, so that many more youth and those seeking truth can encounter Jesus."

– **Rose Galetto, director of religious education, St. Mary – Tiffin, OH**

+ Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto +

(February 2024)

Greetings Everyone,

I believe the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal is beginning soon, so thank you in advance for your continued yearly support of this fundraiser, which helps fund our time in the seminary.

This semester is number twelve of fourteen of my seminary career, and it is full of some excellent classes: Ecclesiology II, Theology of Holy Orders, Reformation and Modern Church History, Theology of Blessings and Rites, and lastly, Prophets. In just a few weeks, these classes have already had a tremendous impact, where I have gained many insights that connected to different conversations I had and talks I had given over Christmas break.

One talk I gave over Christmas break was to the High School CCD program about the history of St. John the Baptist parish and incorporating the need to give back to God. While talking about the church, I mentioned how no matter how bad things were trying to live on the edge of the Great Black Swamp, the focus for our ancestors was always, yes, survival, but with God at the heart of all that they did. For they did not have much, but they knew what they had been given in time, talent, treasure, and life - were all gifts from God. We, too, are called to recognize the same thing and to give back to God, in service to Him, what He has blessed each of us with, even in our vocation, which might be, to serve him as a priest, religious brother, or sister.

Many might ask how we can do this. This giving back? All we need to do is look to the two greatest commandments. Love and serve God, and then love and serve our neighbor. This love grows by having a continuing relationship with Jesus – turning to him in the Eucharist, which is only found in the Catholic Church, and to His word in the scriptures. We must then continue to learn about the Catholic Faith that we profess so we can live it out and share the Gospel of Jesus with everyone we meet. Encounter the Lord, learn the faith, and put it into action. No matter our age, occupation, or state in life.

“Then he [God] said to me, Son of man, take into your heart all my words that I speak to you; hear them well. Now go to the exiles, to your own people, and speak to them. Say to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear: Thus says the LORD God!” (Ezekiel 3:10-11)

By our baptism, we are all called to be prophets, and we might not always be successful, but that does not matter. We are called to be faithful to God and to put Him before everything else. Much of our current world measures us by what it sees as success, but God measures us by our faithfulness to Him. Only by being faithful to God will we be truly successful. For humanity does not remember Hollywood or sports stars for centuries, but the saints of God live on.

Here are some ideas on how to share our Catholic Faith at any age. Pray every day, especially the rosary. Another is dressing up for Mass. By doing so, we show that the Mass and God are important to us and are worth looking our best for. We usually dress our best when we receive the sacraments (Baptism, Matrimony, First Holy Communion, etc.), but why do we not always dress our best for God in the sacrament of the Eucharist at every Mass? A small indirect way to send a reminder about Jesus is to use religious stamps throughout the entire year, like the Madonna and Child Christmas stamp. Volunteering in the parish is also a great way to give your time and talents back to God and the church. Whether by joining the choir, CCD program, or outreach groups or by signing up to pray at adoration or for a half hour for the first Saturday all-day rosary, which has been happening in Glandorf since World War Two. There are many ways to give back to God in the parish and our families, but it requires sacrifice. For if we are not putting God first in our lives, something else will take his place: pleasure, money, power, etc. Thus, we end up placing ourselves and our wants over God and what He wants for us.

Lastly, “Habemus Majorem!” (Latin for, “We have a Mayor!”)

Having been on Glandorf Village Council for almost five years before entering the seminary, I had hoped to run for mayor someday, but God had other plans. I never would have guessed that I would still have the opportunity to carry that title one day. Each school year, there is a seminary mayor who is like the senior (deacon) class president/head of the student body. Usually, this is a deacon from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, but after the votes were counted, my classmates elected me as seminary mayor for the next school year (2024-2025). To my knowledge, I will only be the second non-Cincinnati mayor. The first was also from the Diocese of Toledo, Fr. Jeremy Miller, in 2012-2013.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support. Please know of my prayers for all of you. If you are ever in Cincinnati, please stop by the seminary to visit. Take care, and God Bless!

Sem. Eric Kaufman

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