

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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St. George Deanery



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Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29 2024**

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## PARISHIONERS

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

## 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

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

I am away this weekend on/helping with a retreat. I would like to thank Fr. Steve Schroeder for being here to cover Masses for me this weekend so that I can be away.

I would like to congratulate our girls' basketball team for finishing State Runner's Up last weekend and wish our boys' basketball team good luck as they compete at state this weekend, win the Gem in the Gem City. It has been fun watching our basketball teams make their tournament runs during the past few weeks. Their dedication and discipline to playing basketball, I think, provides a model for us on how we can approach Holy Week. Our basketball players play all out when they are on the floor playing, I have not seen their practices, but I would imagine that they train equally as hard, and they do not hold anything back and they are rewarded for their effort. Likewise, as we begin this Holy Week, we can journey through an all-out effort and hold nothing back and likewise the Lord will reward us for our effort.

As I have been saying all Lent, Lent is about preparing for baptism for those who will be baptized at Easter. For those who are already baptized it is about journeying with and praying for those who are preparing for baptism. It is about us who have already been baptized journeying to Easter to renew our baptismal promises. As I have said we are preparing for that big six-question test at Easter. A six-question that it is not just important that we give the right answers, but it is a test faith, it is test of a lived reality that we believe and live the answers that we give. We have reached the final week before the test.

As we begin this final week before the test, some may have final preparations do to get ready like get to Confession yet (Penance Service at Saints Peter and Paul Monday 4 PM and 7 PM and the last opportunity here at St. John's will be Wednesday morning before Mass 7:15-7:45 AM, I will cover as many as I can before Mass and at 7 PM, I will be in the confessional until you stop coming).

How this week are we called to give an all-out effort? Participate. I invite you this week to come and to participate in The Sacred Triduum Liturgies. Beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper where feet will get washed, we join with Jesus in the upper room, and journey with Jesus into the garden. On Good Friday we where is a special way, we will remember Jesus's death on the cross, we embrace the cross and receive healing. And Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil some may resist attending saying it is 'too long'. The Roman Missal describes the Easter Vigil as "Of this night's Vigil, which is the greatest and most noble of all solemnities". The Easter Vigil is unique we light a fire, we mark, put incense in, and light the New Easter Candle, and you be given the opportunity to take the six-question test. It my favorite liturgy. The Lord has a special gift for you if you can come to all three but if you can only come to one or two the Lord also has a special gift for you as well.

Like our basketball teams going all out these past few weeks and getting rewarded, are you during this Holy Week willing to go all out for the Lord and receive what the Lord has for you?



## MONDAY, MARCH 25

7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Communion Service

## TUESDAY, MARCH 26~Office Closed~

8:20am Rosary  
**8:00am** L/D Edwin Duling Family, L/D Philip Lammers Family -  
**time change**

11:00am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

7:15am-7:45am Confession  
7:35am Rosary  
8:00am L/D Norm & Helen Wiechart Family, Norbert Fuerst  
6:30pm-7:30pm Adoration  
7:00pm- until all are heard - Confession - last time for Confessions  
until after Easter

## THURSDAY, MARCH 28 Holy Thursday

**No Mass or Communion Service**  
7:00pm Eulitta Spangler, Tom Kaufman(AN)  
8:00pm-10:00pm Adoration

## FRIDAY, MARCH 29~No School~ Good Friday

**No Mass or Communion Service~Church doors open**  
12:00pm Rosary  
1:15pm Service of Our Lord's Passion followed by Divine Mercy  
Novena  
7:30pm Station of the Cross

## SATURDAY, MARCH 30 Holy Saturday

8:00am Divine Mercy Novena  
**4:30pm-No Mass**  
8:30pm For the Parish

## SUNDAY, MARCH 31 Easter Sunday

### *The Resurrection of the Lord*

7:10am Divine Mercy Novena  
7:25am Rosary  
8:00am For the Parish  
9:45am Divine Mercy Novena  
10:30am For the Parish

# SACRED TRIDUUM

## Holy Thursday - March 28th

- \* 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

## Good Friday - March 29th

- \* 12:00PM Rosary
- \* 1:15PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
- \* followed by Divine Mercy Novena
- \* 7:30PM Stations of the Cross

## Holy Saturday - March 30th

- \* 8:30PM Solemn Vigil Mass

## Easter Sunday - March 31st

- \* 8:00AM and 10:30AM Mass

## SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	Communion Service - no servers needed
Tue	8:00am	Roger Schroeder, Eddie Duling
Wed	8:00am	Cliff Schroeder, Eddie Duling
Thurs	8:45am	No Mass
Fri	8:00am	No Mass
Sat	8:00am	No Mass

**ALL MINISTERS REVIEW HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** See Instructions on Page 4, 5 and 6 of the bulletin for Holy Week Schedule. Your instructions are very important. If you have any questions please call. Please check to see if you minister during Holy Week. If you can't be present please get a sub so all goes smooth and please send them your information. Thank you! **SUNDAY SERVERS** - See Holy Week Schedule

Sat	8:30pm	Derek Brown, Courtney Miller, Brock Crumrine
Sun	8:00am	Emma Hoffman, Raiden Schroeder, Tyler Ruhe
Sun	10:30am	Zachary Birkemeier, Carter Vorst, Grant Leopold

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - LECTORS - See Holy Week Schedule

Sat	8:30pm	Diane Recker	Mike Karhoff
		Alicia Nussbaum	Kathy Schimitz
Sun	8:00am	Deb Leopold	Andy Gray
		Deb Schroeder	Deb Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding	Mary Ellen Klear
		Jane Moening	Dan Klear

## GIFT BEARERS

Sat	8:30pm	Fred & Pat Bockrath
Sun	8:00am	Ken & Linda Klass
Sun	10:30am	Ken & Paula Elchinger

## EASTER SUNDAY USHERS

Sat	8:30pm	See Holy Week Schedule
Sun	8:00am	See Holy Week Schedule
Sun	10:30am	See Holy Week Schedule

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Tim & Betsy Hansen

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 8

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Tim & Mer Lehman

MARCH FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Gene & Rose Warnecke, Jerry & Mary Hanneman, John & Eileen Schroeder, Tim & Mary Ellen Lehman

## ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS, EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ADULT SERVERS

Tuesday, March 26th, the Mass will be at 8:00am. The student's will not be at Mass, because of the time change, so we will need weekday lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, and Adult servers to help with Mass on Tuesday. Thank You!

## OLD PALMS

If you want to get rid of your old palms, please drop them off in the South vestibule of Church. We will collecting them until Holy Thursday, March 28th.

# 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 19, 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–7:30pm

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

The Work of Mercy we will look at this week is:

### *Corporeal Work of Mercy: Visit the Sick from “The Works of Mercy Explained” by Silvia Vecchini*

*“Do not hesitate to visit the sick, because for such deeds you will be loved.” Sirach 7:35*

“Why me? What did I do to deserve this?” Sometimes, when we are sick, we experience a sense of loss or loneliness. Sometimes, we may even feel angry. This work of mercy touches all of us closely because we know that we ourselves may become sick. Many of us have had the experience of someone at home or one of our friends being seriously ill or in a hospital for medical treatment or recovery.

The Christian practice of visiting the sick is truly ancient. In fact, one of the first things the Church did when Christianity was made legal in the Roman Empire was to build a hospital in every city in which there was a cathedral. Today, too, the Church is still building hospitals in every part of the world in order to make surgery, medical treatment, and medications available to all.

This work of mercy urges us to open our eyes and hearts to the suffering of those who need treatment and comfort, support, or simply our company. To ‘visit’ the sick means to be with them (at home or the hospital); it means to give them our presence, our full attention, and our warmth, compassion and affection. Visiting the sick is a way to express our closeness and compassion with generosity.

“Compassion” means “suffering with”. When we have compassion for others, we are more attentive to their pain in a personal way and want to help make it more bearable. We do this when we make ourselves available to listen attentively and patiently to what a person wishes to share, even when it isn’t pleasant. This type of listening can relieve suffering.

When we give of ourselves to those who are ill or suffering, we also receive something. The moment our neighbor tells us his doubts and questions, or shares her difficulties and hopes, we become participants in that person’s situation. We receive the gift of moving beyond ourselves, and our eyes are opened to fragility and pain. This gift is precious because it is an opportunity to grow in our humanity and our faith.

**Saint Reflection:** When Blessed Miguel Pro was in the hospital recovering from a surgery, and when Blessed Chiara Badano was dying in the hospital, they visited other patients and told them jokes and stories to make them smile and relieve others’ suffering. Lord, that we may live by their example to love others in the midst of our own suffering and help relieve the suffering of others.

**Action Ideas:** Offer to make a meal for the family of one who is sick. Visit a nursing home and spend time talking with residents or playing games, reading a book, or playing an instrument to help lift their spirits. Send a “Get well” card expressing your prayers when someone you know is ill or recovering from surgery. Bear illness or pain cheerfully, without complaint, in communion with those who are ill.

## 2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Alms Giving** – Starting Palm Sunday you can begin to bring in non-perishable food items and paper products for our local Thrift Store. Please place them on the floor in front of the Blessed Virgin Shrine in church.



### **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 26 –**

**8:00 am Mass – Note: Mass time changed**

11:00 am - CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL IN TOLEDO - Fr. Matt & other adults will be attending

**Rectory Office Closed all day.**

### **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, March 27**

7:15am – 7:45am Confessions

7:35am Rosary

8:00 am Mass

6:30pm – 7:30pm Adoration

7:00pm – until everyone went to Confessions (2 priest) – **Last time for Confessions before Easter**

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

#### **OVERVIEW, March 28 –**

8:45am - No morning Mass or Communion Service.

11:30am – Decorate Church

7:00 pm: **MASS OF OUR LORD'S**

**SUPPER.** Washing of feet after the homily,

Present Holy Oils – **Rose Warnecke, Patrick and Ashley Godsil, Mattilyn Maag**

Intercessions, Collection, Offertory, Blessing of food

After Mass until 10:00pm - Adoration (THE NIGHTWATCH)



#### **HOLY THURSDAY DETAILS- 7:00 PM Mass**

**ALL BELLS RUNG** during Gloria – Servers/Ushers: Ring Bells during Gloria (ring bell by priest's sacristy and the bells used during Mass).

**Servers:** Ethan Weis, Sam Warnecke, Brandon Warnecke, Caleb Pulfer, Max Nienberg, Megan Miller **Thurifer:** Noah Schroeder, **Ushers:** Jerry Recker, Al Kaufman

**Lector 1:** Jeanne Schram: Mass intentions before Mass

**Lector 1:** Tim Hansen: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**Lector 2:** Jeanne Schram: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Gospel – Homily

**WASHING of the FEET (12)** *Servers help Father – towels in Priest's Sacristy* – six chairs will be on the top platform in front of the main altar the 12 will take turns sitting.

Take off one shoe & sock. Wait for Father to pour water over your foot. Dry your foot with towel provided and then return to your pew.

**Heather Haselman, Paula Elchinger, Art Schnipke, Sam Beining, Dora Hunt, Stacey Bennett, Lynette Schroeder, Tara Gerding, Kim Ansley, Diane Recker, Jeanette Schroeder, Ty Wrasman** will have their feet washed.

**Deacon Don** reads about the Blessed Oils as the Oils are brought forth.

**Intercessions read by Deacon Don**



### **Collection**

#### **Offertory and a basket of food**

Light background music at this time

### **HOLY COMMUNION – Extraordinary Ministers:**

Rose Warnecke, Gene Warnecke, Elaine Gerding, Don Inkrott, Tim Hansen, Matt Meyerhoffer, Lori Klausing, Jason Miller - choir

**SERVERS:** While Congregation is receiving communion, please light the candles on St. Joseph's Shrine.

After Communion: distributors return all ciboria to the altar and Deacon Don will tell you which ones to put away leaving just the Large Ciboria

### **Exposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament**

**Deacon Don** – Large Ciboria is used in the procession. Candles and Cross bearer lead the Procession to St. Joseph's shrine for exposition.

All process down the center aisle, then down Mary's aisle, back down the center aisle and up the side aisle to St. Joseph's shrine for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



Tabernacle should be completely empty and left open

**Deacon Don & Servers** quietly strip the main & Blessed Virgin, Tabernacle altars after services – put everything in the server's sacristy. Sanctuary should be empty, no candles, altar cloths, etc. St. Joseph's shrine remains decorated with Blessed Sacrament. That will be removed on Good Friday morning.

Private Adoration until 10:00 PM

### **GOOD FRIDAY OVERVIEW, March 29th – DAY OF FAST for all 18-59 & ABSTINENCE for 14 and older**

8:00 AM No Mass or Communion Service – Church doors open

12:00 pm Rosary for our Nation

1:15pm: **Friday of the Passion of the Lord** (Holy Land Collection after intercessions), followed by Divine Mercy Novena (Eric Kaufman) which begins Friday thru next Sunday.

7:30pm: Stations of the Cross by Don Inkrott, Tim Hoehn, Jim Leopold, Cliff Schroeder.

**Rectory Office Closed all day.**



### **GOOD FRIDAY DETAILS – 1:15 PM Service**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD** Father, Deacon Don and Servers enter from sacristy

**Servers:** Grant Maag, Trevor Maag, Dylan Giesswein

**Ushers:** Dale Evers, Steve Brown, Elton Schroeder, Joe Schroeder, Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum

Kneel & All pray silently – Opening Prayer by Father

**Lector 1** Eric Kaufman: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**Lector 2** Chris Birkemeier: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**Lector 1** moves to the ambo after the second reading is read

**Lector 2** Chris Birkemeier returns to her pew



**Reading of the Passion** – Use Highlighted Missalettes

**Fr. Matt** is JESUS – Reads from main altar

# 6 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Lector 1: Eric Kaufman** is the NARRATOR – Read from main Ambo

**Deacon Don** is the SPEAKER – Reads from the pulpit

**Homily**

**Solemn Intercessions by Father & Deacon Don**



**ADORATION OF THE CROSS by Deacon Don Inkrott**

Adoration of the Cross – 4 of them (3 across the front and 1 to choir loft)

1) Tara Gerding – North Gallery and stand in front of 1st pew, same as Communion.

4) Deacon Don – in center aisle

7) Eric Kaufman – South Gallery and stand in front of 1st pew, same as Communion.

8) Matt Meyerhoffer – choir and then stand in front of crucifix



**Collection by Ushers – Holy Land**

**Servers:** the altar is covered with a large Corporal and the Sacramentary is placed on the altar, two candles – will be laying on side credence table

**HOLY COMMUNION – Extraordinary Ministers**

Tara Gerding, Rose Ellerbrock, Lori Rump, Deacon Don Inkrott, Sharon Kidd, Bonnie Schroeder, Eric Kaufman, Matt Meyerhoffer – choir

After Communion, reserve hosts in the Priest's sacristy

**Eric Kaufman Announce** that Divine Mercy Devotion will be prayed immediately after the service stay to pray the Divine Mercy or exist in silence.

After Prayer is said over the People, all leave in silence

Divine Mercy Chaplet- Eric Kaufman

**Stations of the Cross** at 7:30pm by men of the parish

## HOLY SATURDAY OVERVIEW, March 30th

8:00am Divine Mercy Novena – Sharon Meyer

9:00am Decorate Church

**4:30 pm No Mass**

8:30pm: **EASTER VIGIL MASS** but no Divine Mercy Novena before Mass.

## HOLY SATURDAY DETAILS - 8:30 PM

**Servers:** Dereck Brown, Courtney Miller, Brock Crumrine, Asher Rump, Ace Nienberg, Sydney Nienberg, Thurifer – Ethan Kuhlman

**Lectors:** Mike Karhoff, Kathy Schmitz

**Ushers:** Roger Koch, Logan Koch, Connor Koch, Kevin Ellerbrock, Alex Ellerbrock, Richard Schmitz, Brady Laudick

**Ushers:** Pass out candles when people arrive

Solemn Beginning - All lights are off in Church

Blessing of Fire

Preparation of the Paschal Candle

Procession

At the door of the Church, Deacon Don takes Easter candle, lifts it high and sings. Then all enter the Church, led by the

Deacon Don with the Easter candle. All process to the middle of the church where the Deacon Don lifts the candle high and sing the acclamation a second time. All light their candles from the Easter candle.

**SERVICE OF LIGHT** - candles for a the whole congregation are lit – **Ushers- Light your candle from Father and continue to light all the congregational candles in the pews**

**Deacon Don carries the Paschal candle in procession**

**Deacon Don helps lead the response to the intonation**

**EASTER PROCLAMATION**

*Candles are extinguished*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Reading #1 by Lector 1:** Mike Karhoff page number 81  
**PRAYER BY FATHER** "Let us pray"

**Reading #3 by Lector 2** Kathy Schmitz - page number 85  
**PRAYER BY FATHER** "Let us pray"

**Reading #5 by Lector 1** Mike Karhoff - page number 88  
**PRAYER BY FATHER** "Let us pray"

**Reading #7 by Lector 2:** Kathy Schmitz - page number 91-92  
**PRAYER BY FATHER** "Let us pray"

**SERVERS LIGHT CANDLES IN SANCTUARY** – main altar, ambo, & tabernacle

**GLORIA** is sung ... all church bells will be rung  
*Servers Turn on all church lights*

**SERVERS/USHERS** ring all church bells

**Epistle** read by Lector 2: Kathy Schmitz - page number 94

Lectors return to your pew

**Psalm sung** - Alleluia

**Gospel - Homily**



**BLESSING OF WATER - 2 Holy Water Fonts**

**Invitation of Prayer**

Blessing of Baptismal Water

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Sprinkling Rite

**General Intercessions** BY Deacon Don

**OFFERTORY** Presentation

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**HOLY COMMUNION - Extraordinary Ministers**

Diane Recker, Alicia Nussbaum, Lindsey Duling, Deacon Don Inkrott, Sharon Nussbaum, Cheryl Koch, Sharon Brown, Deb Dulle

**SONGS** by Dan Ellerbrock

**All ministers - If you need to get a sub, please pass this information to the sub.**

## EASTER SUNDAY OVERVIEW, MARCH 31st

### **8:00AM MASS**

7:15am Divine Mercy Novena – Deb Schroeder  
8:00am Mass



### EASTER SUNDAY DETAILS:

#### **8:00AM**

**LECTORS:** Andy Gray, Deb Schroeder  
**SERVERS:** Emma Hoffman, Raiden Schroeder, Tyler Ruhe  
**Thurifer:** Hayden Kaufman  
**USHERS:** Bart Recker, Ken Kottenbrock, Chris & Tim Hoehn, Bryan Kaufman, Michael Recker

#### **HOLY COMMUNION - Extraordinary Minister:**

Deb Leopold, Deb Schroeder, Cory Fischer, Don Inkrott, Cliff Schroeder, Judy Niese, Mike Niese

## EASTER SUNDAY OVERVIEW, MARCH 31st

### **-10:30AM MASS**

9:45 am Divine Mercy Novena– Jeanne Schram  
10:30 Mass – (adult choir)

### EASTER SUNDAY DETAILS: 10:30AM

**LECTORS:** Mary Ellen Klear, Dan Klear  
**SERVERS:** Zachary Birkemeier, Carter Vorst, Grant Leopold, Thurifer: Grant Schroeder  
**USHERS:** Barry Maag, Ken Horstman, Mitch Gable, Charlie Schroeder, Jerry Recker, Al Kaufman

#### **HOLY COMMUNION - Extraordinary Minister:**

Tara Gerding, Jane Moening, Michelle Horstman, Eric Kaufman  
Nichole Schroeder, Emily Kempf, Sue Siefker, Dennis Burgei - choir

*Thank you*   
TO OUR HOLY HERO'S

THANK YOU CHILDREN, LEADERS AND PARENTS FOR YOUR TIME AND TALENTS AND PUTTING ON THE LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS! IT WAS AMAZING! THIS WAS ANOTHER WAY TO SHOW US HOW MUCH JESUS LOVES US ALL!!

## CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Please REMOVE by April 12, 2024 all faded flowers and all PLACQUES AND ORNAMENTS, ETC. placed on the foundation. This is in the cemetery rules. After April 12th all items remaining will be discarded.

If you have any questions, please call Jeff Gerding at 419-538-6342 and please do not call the rectory. Thanks, Jeff & Elaine Gerding

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH?

If interested in becoming a member on our Finance Committee or Parish Council Committee. Please call the parish office for more information .

GLANDORF ST. JOHN'S  
PRESENTS...



## "COME & SEE"

A DAY OF EUCHARISTIC  
ENCOUNTER FOR FAMILIES

\*SUNDAY APRIL 14\*  
PARISH CENTER

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

#### 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM:

\*Adoration \*Door Prizes  
\*Eucharistic Miracles on Display  
\*Veneration of 1st Class Relics  
\*Appetizers in Cafeteria  
\*Activities for Kids  
("Scavenger Hunt for Miracles" & "Drawing Closer to God": Faith Inspired Art Made Easy)

#### 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM:

"*Experience a Miracle*" talk  
by Pat Oedy-Murray

#### 3:00 pm - 3:45 PM:

"*Food for the Journey*" talk  
by Pat Oedy-Murray

\*\* Euch Miracles & Relics will also be available for viewing on Sat. April 13, 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm)\*\*



**SPEAKER:** Pat Oedy-Murray has worked in various ministries and offices in the Toledo Diocese since 1978. In addition to her current teaching and various ethics committee/board member positions, she is also serving as the point person for the National Eucharistic Revival for the Toledo Diocese.

**RELIC:** St. Gaspar del Bufalo was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1954. His work continues through his Missionaries around the world. His answer to God's call was always yes. His followers continue to turn to him for inspiration, as they fulfill the wish he once expressed: "I wish that I could have a thousand tongues, to endear every heart to the Precious Blood of Jesus."



**RELIC:** St Gemma Galgani: We can learn so much from Gemma, but perhaps the most important thing is the desire to love God with all our hearts. Gemma was not a person of half measures; she loved God with all of her being. She is the patron saint of many causes, recorded numerous ecstasies and shared in Christ's suffering through the stigmata. "...Jesus, as soon as he arrived on my tongue (the cause so often of so many sins), made Himself felt immediately. I was no longer in myself but Jesus was in me;"

# 8 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP		March 17, 2024
<b>Offering</b>		
Loose	\$	799.00
Adult Envelope	\$	8,556.00
Children	\$	130.00
Maintenance	\$	235.00
Online Giving	\$	2,290.00
Easter	\$	50.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	60.00
<b>Total Collection</b>		<b>\$12,120.00</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.stjohnglandorf.org](http://www.stjohnglandorf.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)



## GRAND-orf Club

**2024 GRAND-orf Club** drawing along with coffee & donuts by **Pat and Barb Siefker** will be **April 14th**, after the 8:00 or 10:30 Mass., in the cafeteria. Extra tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules.

## 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.

**Katrina Riepenhoff**

**JoAnn Otto**

**Mary Smith**

**Ellie Schimmoeller**

### BAPTIZED

**Myla Jane**, daughter of Ryan & Cassie Schroeder

## Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

*The past 20 years*

Rita M Schmitz 3/24/17

Beverly A Siebeneck 3/24/18

Virgil F Hageman 3/24/22

Elizabeth A Ellerbrock 3/25/00

Franklin Miller 3/26/19

Nancy K Schimmoeller 3/27/22

Philomena C Nienberg 3/28/00

Doris M Sager 3/28/21

Thomas H Kaufman 3/29/23

## JOINT PARISH AND FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES February 6, 2024

**All Souls Crosses/Display Boards** further discussion was held to include a second board to display sacraments within the church such as photos of baptisms, weddings, first communion and confirmation. One board would display the crosses in remembrance of parishioners who have passed and the other would display the sacraments. Potential locations include the interior of the back columns above the shelves or on the exterior wall above the registers. All in Favor vote to take the idea to the historical committee for consent to move forward and gather their input on placement was passed.

### Updates:

#### Parish Center Carpet Quote:

The quote from Ottoville Hardware and Matijevich are very comparable for the Parish Center Carpet; discussion on the quotes, carpet style/quality was all discussed in deciding which company to move forward with.

**Mission Statement Review and Discussion:** The drafted mission statement notes were reviewed for consideration. All voted in favor of moving forward with finalizing the current version of the draft.

**Blanchard Ave. Access Discussion:** Open discussion, including sharing questions and concerns, occurred around the churches moral support. Agreeing to continue conversations around access to the center from Blanchard Ave. All in favor vote passed to continue conversations.

#### New Business:

CYO Players completed community service as part of an updated policy to play this year. Fr. Matt shared that the players shared positive feedback on their experience in regards to their service to the church.

The average church attendance is around 965 individuals per weekend since October.

Event on March 20<sup>th</sup>: Damascus Praise and Worship night for youth will be held including adoration and confession opportunities, likely will be held in the Parish Center gym.

COUNTLESS LIVES ARE TOUCHED BY EVERY CONTRIBUTION TO THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL THEMED YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER. CHILDREN, SEMINARY STUDENTS, THE SICK AND AGED, THE NEEDY—THEY ALL DEPEND ON OUR GENEROSITY. FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE COME ALIVE THROUGH THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL. THANK YOU FOR PLEDGING TODAY TO HELP MEET OUR PARISH GOAL AND ASSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THESE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MINISTRIES FUNDED BY THE APPEAL, VISIT [ACATOLEDO.ORG](http://ACATOLEDO.ORG). THANK YOU!

Our goal this year is \$45,833.77.

Total pledged and paid \$25,998.71.

We are 56.72% of goal

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**Yesterday,  
Today,  
& Forever**

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## Elementary & Jr. High Corner

Dear Families of the Faith,  
 Thank you for making the food drive such a big success! We could not have achieved this without you. Thank you for using your gifts to help people in need. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and goes a long way. God bless to everyone that donated and please keep the people that are benefiting from this food drive in your prayers. - St. John's CCD (Written by the 8th Grade Class)



Your invited!



to With the Priests!

Are you... curious about the Priesthood or the religious life??

Do you... Have questions about your vocation??

If you feel God may be calling you to the priesthood, or you simply haven't ruled it out, Fr. Matt would like to invite you to join him for pizza and pop to talk about it! Fr. Anthony Angelo will be there as well. He is the Vocations Director for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

**Who:** Young men In junior high, high school and college  
 Parents are welcome also!

**When:** Saturday, April 20, after the 4:30 Mass

**Where:** St. John's Rectory

If you are planning to attend, please  
**RSVP to the rectory at 419.538.6928 by Wednesday, April 17.**

## High School Corner

### St. John's Youth Group Dough Night

**When:**  
 Wednesday,  
 March 27th  
 @ 7pm



Mystery  
 Fun  
 Fellowship

Come ALL High School Youth!!!  
 Bring a Friend!!!!!!!

Apply for 2024

### BENNING SCHOLARSHIP FOR ALL GLANDORF ST. JOHN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

**Due on April 2, 2024 by 4:30pm**  
 If mailing the application needs to be postmarked before March 26th.

Applications will be available in the south vestibule in Church in the Youth rack and at High School CCD.

\*\* Make sure you have all the required documents attached to the application in order to be eligible for the scholarship.

### SENIORS

MARK YOUR  
 CALENDARS

### BACCALAUREATE MASS

May 19, 2024 at 10:30am

## Parents of Mass Servers or New Mass Servers:

### LOOK FOR THE NEW ANNUAL MASS SERVER SCHEDULE COMING EARLY MAY.

Anyone attending CCD in present grades 5 through 11, not presently a mass server, who wishes to become a server starting at the end of this school year must register using this QR code and attend a training session. High schoolers generally serve weekend and holiday masses, grade schoolers serve weekday masses.

The grade school training (attend one):

**SESSION 1: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024 after school till 4:30 pm**

**SESSION 2: WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024 after school till 4:30 pm**

High school new server training, if needed: TBD

To be clear, all existing mass servers are already registered (and trained). They will continue to be scheduled annually through high school and do not need to register again with this QR code.

Parents of existing servers should only use the QR code to update registration status/data: 1) to be removed from the schedule, 2) update guardian contact address, email, cell phone number, 3) update preferred weekend mass time, 4) change their preference regarding whether he/she should be scheduled to serve with a sibling.

The deadline for registration submittals is April 12, 2024.

Mass Server  
 Registration  
 QR Code



or hyperlink [https://form.jotform.com/240565061869059Mass\\_Server\\_Registrationform.jotform.com](https://form.jotform.com/240565061869059Mass_Server_Registrationform.jotform.com)

Thank you,  
 Elton Schroeder  
 eltons@me.com

*persuasive*  
**PROLIFE**  
 Apologetic Conference for Students  
<https://ohiolife.org/tickets/>  
**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024**  
 ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
 10:00AM - 2:30PM | \$20 PER PERSON

Do you struggle talking about abortion? Does misinformation about abortion confuse you? Would you like to be more persuasive in defending the preborn?  
 If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we have an opportunity for you! Join *Ohio Right to Life*, *Students for Life of America*, and *Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo*, as they host the **Persuasive Pro-life Apologetic Conference for Students!** Abortion is a hot-button issue, and those who stand in opposition are often deemed "impolite," or "intolerant." And even after all that, it is tough to feel confident enough to represent the pro-life side well enough to change hearts and minds. Whatever the reason, it can cause pro-life people to miss out on opportunities to defend the preborn. This conference can help change that. With speakers like **Trent Horn** (Catholic apologist and author) and **Savannah Marten** (Executive Director of Ohio Pregnancy Center Coalition), **YOU** will be educated and empowered to evangelize the Gospel of Life, becoming a bold and **PERSUASIVE PRO-LIFE** advocate! While designed especially for students, this conference is open to all! (*Given the need for chaperones, we ask that parents attend as well!*) As a sponsoring partner in the Persuasive Pro-life Apologetic Conference, Foundation for Life is offering \$50 scholarships to the first 20 Northwest Ohio\* students who submit proof of registration for the May 18 Persuasive Pro-life Apologetic Conference for students at The Ohio State University. The \$50 scholarships will cover the \$20 registration fee with an additional \$30 in travel costs. To take advantage of the scholarship offer, register and pay for the event here and then submit proof of registration to FFL Executive Director Ed Sitter at [ed@fflnwo.org](mailto:ed@fflnwo.org).

# 10 YOUTH AND AROUND THE PARISH

**Scentsy CONSULTANTS**  
**St. John the Baptist Catholic Preschool**  
**Quarter Auction & Vendor Fundraiser**

**Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**  
**Quarter Auction begins at 7:00**  
**Glandorf St. John's Fellowship Hall**

**Featured Vendors**  
 \* 31 Bags \* Color Street \* Design Unlimited \*  
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 \* Vendors subject to change \*

**\$15 Ticket Includes an Auction Paddle and 1 entry ticket for "Extra Auction Money"**  
**Reserve a table with 8 tickets for \$10 more**  
 \*Additional paddles are available for \$2\*  
 50/50 Drawing & Door Prizes  
**Adults Only Please**

Tickets available from:  
**Preschool Office- 419 538 6264**  
**Remember to bring your quarters!**

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**Attention ALL MEN!!!!** Join us on for That Man Is You

**No Meeting Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Holy Saturday.Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm in room 22.**

For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net), 419-796-0763 TMIY "WORTHY OF THE CALL" – Good Friday through Jewish Eyes (Wed. 3/27 (session 24) Presenter: Dr. John Bergsma: Travel through the passion narrative of the Gospel of John. Explore the significance of the crucifixion in regard to Christ's role as bridegroom and priest. Jesus as bridegroom and priest throughout His public ministry. Jesus' passion calling to mind Jewish traditions through images and prophecy fulfillment. Understand the sacraments as they relate to Christ's sacrifice and our salvation. Jesus as the new Adam taking humanity as his bride, the new Eve. *John 2:1-25, 12:1-8, 19:23-34.*

**TMIY**  
 THAT MAN IS YOU!  
 THE LIGHT OF FAITH

## Eucharistic Adoration

**First Friday, April 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/jlyA6>

**First Saturday, April 6th and 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/ensl5>

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.





## Come and Adore Jesus

**\*Divine Mercy Sunday\*  
 April 7th**

**9:05 -10:10 am: 1<sup>st</sup> 20 min will be guided**  
**1:00 – 3:00 pm: Silent Adoration**  
**1:30 - 2:45pm Confessions**  
**3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction**

**Everyone is welcomed!**  
 Come and spend some time with our Lord, feel His presence in Adoration & receive His abundant mercy in Confession.



## LENT SCHOOL



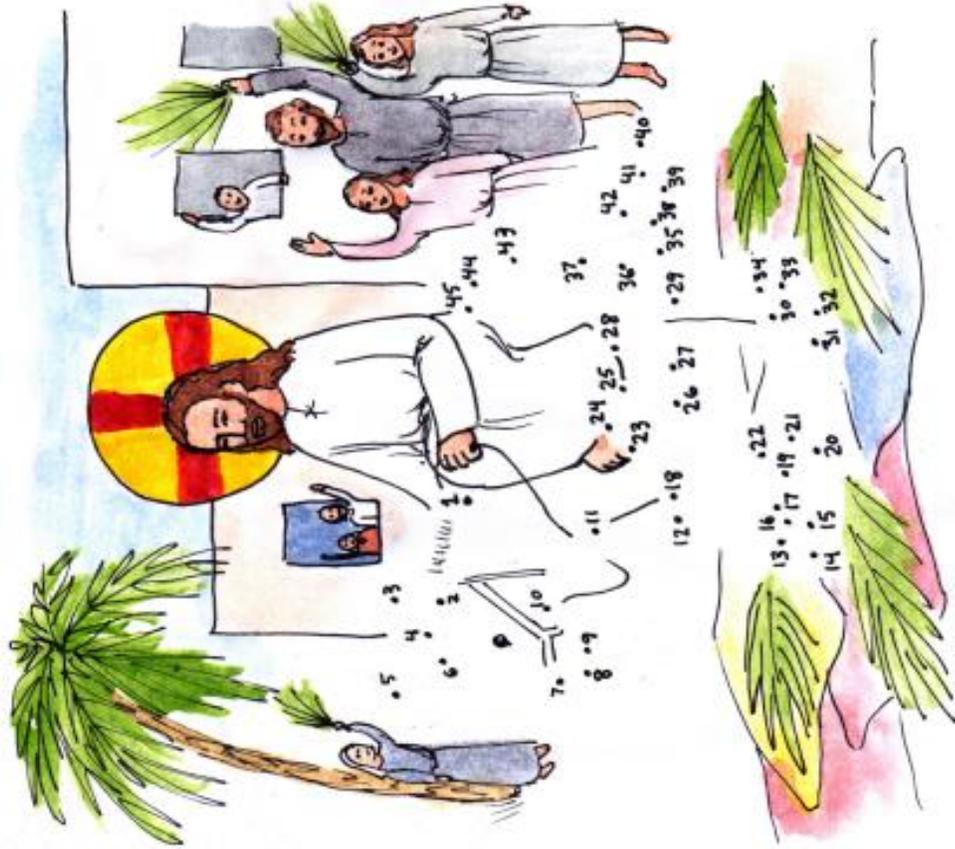
We examined and touched a real crown of thorns, then made a snack that looked like it!

## Mother Daughter Banquet

The Glandorf St. John's Altar Rosary Society extends an invitation to all mothers, daughters, sisters, and women of the Parish to the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet on Sunday April 28th after 10:30 mass in the parish center gym. There will be a delicious meal, entertainment from Amerie Young and door prizes. All meals are \$8. Watch for the RSVP form in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please RSVP by April 15th. Call or text Betsy Maag with questions, 419-231-0310. We hope you can join us.

# The Kids' Bulletin

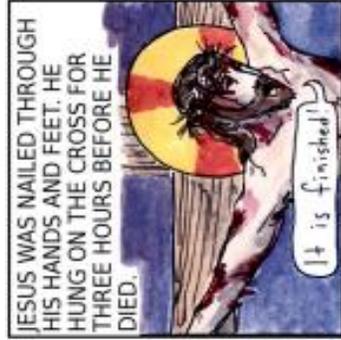
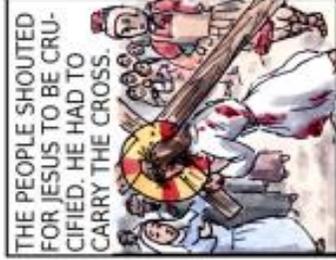
Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday  
March 24th, 2024



A few days before He died on the Cross, Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times. What was it? Connect the dots to find out!

# The Passion of Jesus

Holy Thursday and Good Friday



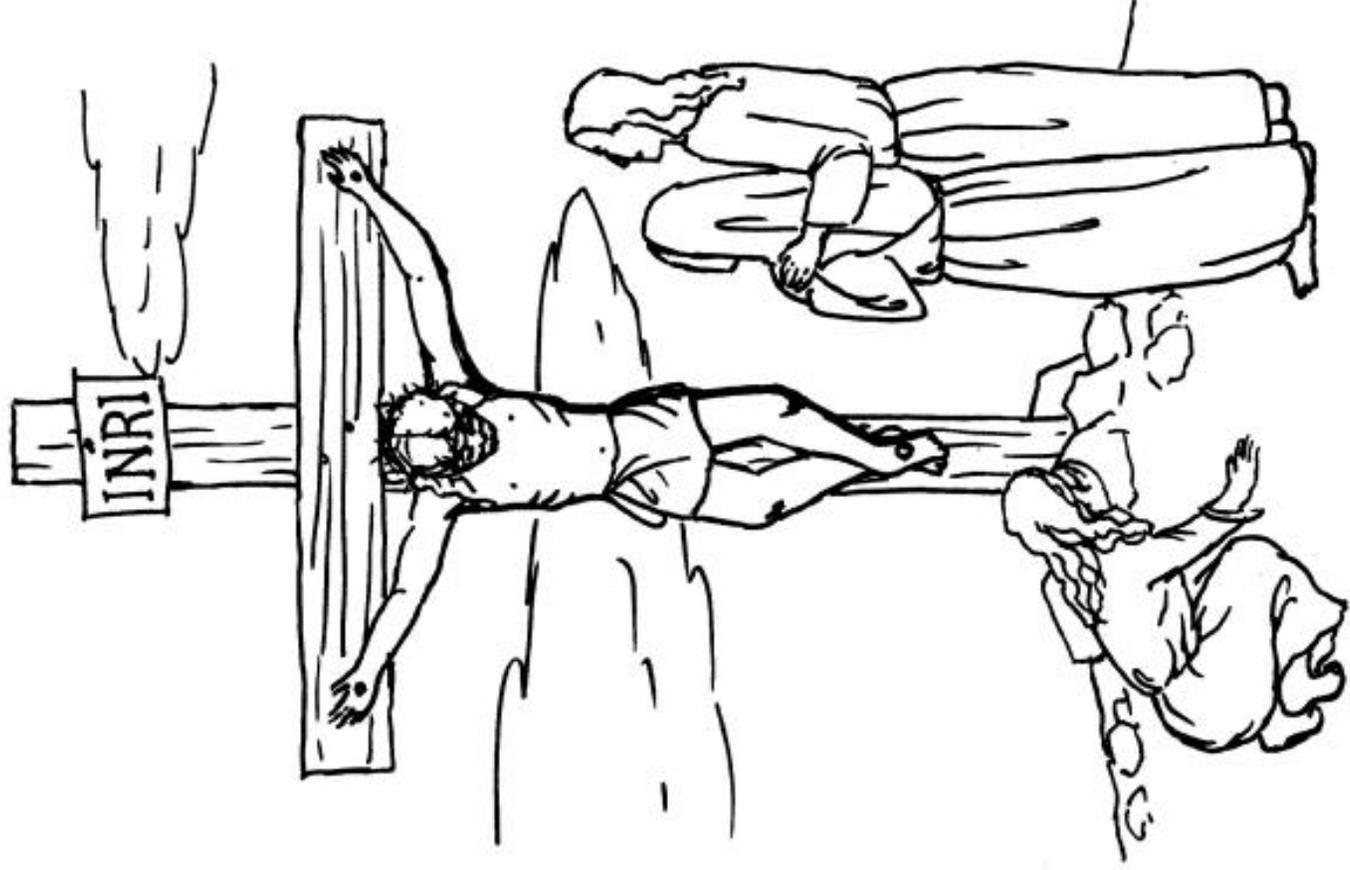
THIS IS THE STORY OF THE FIRST HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY. JESUS ALWAYS KNEW THAT THIS WAS WHAT HE CAME TO DO: TO SUFFER AND DIE TO MAKE UP FOR THE SINS OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. BECAUSE HE DID THIS WE ARE ALL ABLE TO GO TO HEAVEN. NOW WE JUST NEED TO FOLLOW HIM!

## Holy Week

This is a very special week. On Thursday we celebrate the day that Jesus ate the Last Supper with His apostles. This was the first Mass, when He gave His Body and Blood to them in what still looked like bread and wine. He also made them priests by giving them the power to turn bread and wine into His Body and Blood to offer them to the Father.

On Good Friday we remember the suffering and death of Our Lord. He was beaten and made fun of, and had to carry the heavy cross. Then He was nailed to the cross, where He hung for hours before He gave up His life to God for us.

On Holy Saturday we remember the day that Mary and the apostles and Jesus' other friends were very sad and upset by what had happened. Their best friend and leader had just been killed! Do you think they knew what was about to happen on Easter Sunday?



*A Good Friday picture for you to colour.*



**Ottawa K. of C.**  
**Fish/Clam Strips Fry**  
 Friday, March 29th  
 serving 4:30-7:00pm



## Area Penance Services

Repent and turn towards the Gospel

Ottawa, Monday, March 25 at 4:00pm & 7:00pm

### Come Help St. John's CCD Program!

Do you have an hour to spare in the morning? Would you like to start your day sharing your love of Jesus with children and get paid a little too? Does your employer offer you time off for volunteer work? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider joining our Glandorf, St. John's CCD family!

If you love your Catholic Faith, believe in the Teachings of the Magisterium, love learning more about the teachings of the Church, want to grow in relationship with Jesus and think it's important that the next generation grow in relationship with Christ, you qualify to teach CCD!

Are you nervous about speaking to a classroom of students? Do you think you don't know enough about the Catholic Faith? No worries! We use a curriculum that completely guides you through the lessons! If you'd like to learn more or come observe what we do while school is still in session, call the Coordinators of Religious Education, Tammy Schmitz and Mindy Recker!



## 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 Mar 2 @ 9 am  
 Tues Mar 19 @ 6:30 pm  
 Tues Apr 16 @ 6:30 pm

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

# HOLY THURSDAY SEVEN CHURCH PILGRIMAGE

The Seven Churches visitation is a tradition that grew out of this time of prayer and adoration. Catholics remember when Jesus asked his disciples to stay and watch with Him while they were in the garden.

Some Local CHURCHES schedules for Holy Thursday SILENT ADORATION following their 7 p.m. Mass

Immaculate Conception, Ottoville 8 - 9:30 p.m.

St. Patrick, Spencerville 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

St. John, Glandorf 8 - 10 p.m.

Sts. Peter and Paul, Ottawa 8 - 10 p.m.

St. Michael, Kalida 8:45 - 10 p.m.

St John the Baptist, Landeck 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

St. Joseph, Fort Jennings 8 - 10:30 p.m.

St. Gerard, Lima 8 - 11 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist, Delphos 8 p.m. - 12 a.m.

SELF-GUIDED  
 PILGRIMAGE.

This tradition of mindful watching is a sort of pilgrimage to various altars of repose, in different churches that correspond to each of the seven places, or "stations," that were made by Jesus between the Last Supper in the Upper Room to His crucifixion on the cross:

☒ Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22: 39-46)

☒ Jesus bound and taken before Annas (John 18: 19-22)

☒ Jesus taken before the High Priest, Caiaphas (Matthew 26: 63-65)

☒ Jesus taken before Pilate (John 18, 35-37)

☒ Jesus taken before Herod (Luke 23: 8-9; 11)

☒ Jesus taken before Pilate again (Matthew 27: 22-26)

☒ Jesus given the crown of thorns and led to his crucifixion (Matthew 27: 27-31)

*KEEP WATCH WITH ME AND PRAY!*

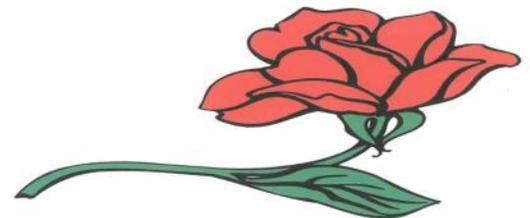


## Putnam County Right Life

will holding our annual Garage and Bake Sale at the Ottawa K of C Hall in April. We are adding hours on Sunday to drop off items because of the eclipse on Monday, April 8. On Sunday, April 7 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Monday, April 8 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm we will be accepting gently used items and baked goods at the K of C hall. Sale days are Tuesday, April 9 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and Wednesday, April 10 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please help us support all life!

# Garage and Bake Sale

**Tuesday April 9th 9am to 7pm**  
**Wednesday April 10th 9am to 3pm**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

10759 Road H Ottawa

Bring baked goods and donated items to K of C Hall on  
 April 8th from 9am to 6pm

Sponsored by RIGHT TO LIFE OF PUTNAM COUNTY



## Palm Sunday: Trusting the Lord



**WORK OF MERCY:** Forgive Injuries

**THE GRACE I SEEK:** to trust that Jesus is with me and is transforming my life even in my suffering

**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 trust you even when I am suffering.

**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.*

**“The LORD God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.” (Isaiah 50:7)**

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

Identify an area of your life where you feel shame or humiliation. Give this to the Lord, and ask how he wants to take away your disgrace. How does he want to be your “help” in the midst of this suffering, just as Isaiah says?

**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 through this passage.*

**“When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.’” (John 12:12–13)**

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

Coming into Jerusalem, Jesus was met with enthusiasm by those who would soon petition for his death. However, he wholeheartedly forgave them all on the Cross. Identify one person in your life whom Jesus is inviting you to forgive. Offer this person to the Lord in a concrete way, asking for the grace to unite your pain with his own pain on the Cross.

*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** — Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Palm Sunday)

**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 unite your humiliations and pain with the Lord's in his sacrifice on the Cross.

**LOVE IN ACTION** — Many saints and spiritual writers have encouraged an examination of your day, each day, as a central part of the spiritual life. It is not only a way to see how the Holy Spirit is moving in your life and how well (or not so well!) you are responding, but it is also a beautiful opportunity to forgive those who may have hurt you in some way. Try working an [examen](#) into your daily routine, and make it a way to forgive any hurts or injuries others may have inflicted on you throughout the day so you can live in greater freedom and peace.



## Holy Thursday: Living in Love



**THE GRACE I SEEK:** to know and live in the love Jesus has for 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 know and believe in the love you have for 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: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'" (1 Corinthians 11:23–24)**

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

We are told in today's readings that, in the Eucharist we receive at Mass, Christ offers himself fully—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—to us, not only collectively but individually as well. Where in your life right now do you need Jesus' grace the most? Ask him to come into that place specifically as you receive the Eucharist.

**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 through this passage.

**"Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end." (John 13:1)**

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

Jesus offers us himself fully—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the Eucharist out of pure love. Identify one or two areas of your life that you think are in most need of his love. Ask the Lord how he wants to love you there, trusting in his promise that he loves us to the end.

*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 have called us to participate in this most sacred Supper, in which your Only Begotten Son, when about to hand himself over to death, entrusted to the Church a sacrifice new for all eternity, the banquet of his love, grant, we pray, that we may draw from so great a mystery, the fullness of charity and of life. 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, Thursday of the Lord's Supper)

**MASS CONNECTION** — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. Next time you are at Mass, offer your desire to receive the Lord's love and presence into the places of your heart that need him the most.

**LOVE IN ACTION** — The Lord has come to us in the Eucharist, and he, in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, dwells in every tabernacle and monstrance throughout the world. Make it a goal throughout the Easter season to add a few extra minutes of either Eucharistic adoration or prayer in front of a tabernacle each week, trusting that the Lord is longing to pour his loving presence more fully into your heart.

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## Good Friday: Cruciform Love



*These Eucharistic Meditations are designed to help you spend 30 minutes to an hour in meditation and silent prayer. Our tabernacles are empty as we stand in silence at the foot of the Cross, aware of Jesus' total gift of love in his passion and death.*

**THE GRACE I SEEK:** to allow my heart to be pierced, like Jesus, to bear fruit for the salvation of souls

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

*Become aware of the silence and emptiness of this Good Friday. Let yourself imagine Jesus in his suffering and death. Know that he did it for you, for your salvation.*

*Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in his death on the Cross.*

**ASK FOR THE GRACE:** Jesus, help me to allow all the moments when I am united with you in suffering for the sake of others to bear much fruit for the salvation of souls.

**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.*

**“But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; but the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all.”**  
(Isaiah 53:5–6)

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

How can you become more grateful for the redeeming love of Jesus, who spared nothing out of love for you? Ask Jesus how he desires you to walk with him in love always, so that you can share in the pain of the lance that pierced Jesus' heart and be a consolation to him.

**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 through this passage.*

**“But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.”** (John 19:33–34)

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

How can you allow your heart to be expanded, even when you think you have nothing left to give, so that you can give life to your brothers and sisters who are most in need of healing and peace? Ask Jesus to help you embrace moments of suffering as a salvific gift, united to him.

*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** — Remember your mercies, O Lord, and with your eternal protection sanctify your servants, for whom Christ your Son, by the shedding of his Blood, established the Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen. (Opening Prayer, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion)

**LITURGICAL CONNECTION** — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. Next time you are at Mass, offer your desire to participate in Jesus' work of salvation by uniting your sufferings to his.

**LOVE IN ACTION** — During this sacred Triduum, we are called to unite ourselves to our brothers and sisters who are suffering, especially those who are being persecuted for the sake of Christ around the world. Offer your Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and charity in solidarity with those suffering throughout the universal Church and beyond.



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