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# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood St. George Deanery



# Pastor REV. MATTHEW KELLER C.PP.S.

Email frmatt@glandorfstjohns.com

#### PARISH OFFICE BUSINESS HOURS

Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm Closed for Lunch from 12:30pm—1:30pm

Parish Office Closed on Monday, Feb. 19, 2024

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#### **PARISHIONERS**

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

Call or email the Parish Office

#### **SNOW EMERGENCY LEVELS**

Diocese of Toledo Snow Emergency Policy: "Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, during which all roadways are closed to nonemergency 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.

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# FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT

## www.stjohnglandorf.org

Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, we had ashes smeared on our foreheads began the Season of Lent. We began a Season of prayer, fasting, and alms giving. Some may ask the question why do we have this season? Why do we make ourselves go through this experience?

Some may answer this question with a negative attitude towards Lent. They might say praying a little extra takes time out of the day, it is not all bad, but it can take us from what we would rather do. And fasting might help us to get ready for swimsuit season, but not eating food or drinking drink that is not necessary, but we enjoy is tough and not much fun. And alms giving, we work hard for the money we earn and to just give it away not wanting anything in return. Even if it is helping someone in need is crazy and really does not make much sense. This is an attitude that can take towards Lent, and this thought misses the point of what Lent is about.

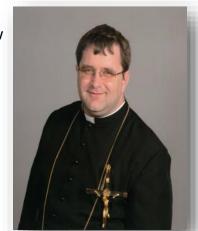
Some may answer this question by saying Christ had to suffer by dying on the cross and so we need to do a little suffering, so we know what it is like during Lent as we prepare for Easter. This answer seems to have a little merit, a little better, but this answer is not exactly right either.

So, what is the point of Lent? Baptism. Lent is about preparing for baptism. For those who are in the RCIA process they are preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil. Today they will be going to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election to begin this final time of purification and enlightenment. Unfortunately, this year here in Glandorf we do not have anybody in the RCIA process. But we are still called to pray and journey with those who are in this process through this Season. Because we are not only journeying with them, but we are also preparing with them to renew our baptism at Easter. Each one of us is personally getting ready for a six-question test at Easter. Are you ready for the test?

In our scriptures today we hear of Noah, his family, and the animals coming off the arch after the flood. As they came out of the arch, God makes a promise, God makes a covenant, God enters a relationship with them saying "never again shall all bodily creates be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth" (Genesis 9:11). God gives a bow in the sky as sign of this promise and whenever the appears it will be to remember this covenant.

Just as Noah and his family entered a covenanted relationship with God, by the water of our baptism we entered a covenanted relationship. At our baptism we died with Christ on the cross and by the water of baptism were brought to new life. Like the bow was a sign of covenant for Noah, the cross is the sign of the covenant for us. As we journey in these Forty Days of Lent we journey to renew, remember, and recommit to the relationship that we have with our God. As we journey these days of Lent we are called

to prepare for the test at Easter. We prepare for this test the way any good student does by studying, praying, fasting, and giving alms. We journey to renew our baptismal promise. We journey to prepare for a six-question test. A six-question test that we know answers to, "I Do" to each question. The first time we said "I do" to these questions we perhaps did not fully understand what we said "I do" to. But perhaps Lent is an invitation for us to study and to better understand what it is that we are saying "I do" to enter more fully into this mystery. May our prayer, fasting, and alms-giving help bring us to that better place of understanding.



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# ABOUT OUR PARISH

# MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19~No School

8:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service—Mike Karhoff

# **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

8:20am Rosary

8:45am L/D Arnold Borgelt Family

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 St. Peter Damian

7:15-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Roy & Irma Scheckelhoff

6:30pm - 8:15pm Adoration

7:45pm-8:20pm Confession

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00am Penance 3C

8:20am Rosary

8:45am Joe Uphaus, Frances Meyer(AN)

# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 St. Polycarp

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Oscar & Marie Kuhlman

12:00pm Rosary

1:00pm-4:00pm Adoration

4:00pm Evening prayer with Benediction

# SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Bob Quinn

8:30am Confessions

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Virgil Hageman(AN), Carolyn Warnecke, Albert Wolke

L/D Gilbert & Marcella Morman Family,

L/D Mel Hedrick Family

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25~2nd Sunday of Lent

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Norbert & Agnes Sager Family, Joann Gerding,

Jim Brinkman, Robert Warnecke,

L/D Rita Jane Bockrath Family

#### 9:45am—10:15am Confessions

10:30am George & Cecilia Schroeder,

Dorothea, Raymond & Ron Averesch,

Robert & Susanna Smith, Paul & Alfrieda

Schroeder.

Jim, Elaine & Kevin Schroeder

11:30am Baptism

1:00pm - 2:00pm Stations of the Cross with Benediction-

Fr. Matt



#### **SERVERS** 8:00am Communion Service - no servers needed Mon Tue 8:45am Students Wed 8:00am Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram Thurs 8:45am Students Fri 8:00am Bart Recker, Greg Nussbaum 8:00am Cameron Tobe, Aria Tobe, Maddox Stechschulte Sat 4:30pm Derek Brown, Courtney Miller, Brock Crumrine Sat Sun 8:00am Owen Morman, Zachary Horstman, Morgan Maag 10:30am Will Siefker, Owen Schumaker, Grant Schroeder Sun Sun 1:00pm Lochlan Brinkman, Chase Maag, Jade Sarka Servers for Station of the Cross arrive at Church at 12:45 for training. **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS** Sat **4:30pm** Mike Karhoff Mike Karhoff Mary Rose Ellerbrock Mary Rose Ellerbrock 8:00am Deb Schroder Sun Connie Cassidy Deb Burwell Sharon Meyer Sun 10:30am Rose Warnecke Tim Hansen Gene Warnecke Jeanne Schram 1:00pm Station of the Cross **Sharon Meyer** Sun **GIFT BEARERS** Sat **4:30pm** Dick & Marilyn Siefker Sun 8:00am Don & Connie Dehnart Sun 10:30am Scott & Kelly Schroeder **FEBRUARY USHERS** Sat 4:30pm Dale Evers, Steve Brown Sun 8:00am Mark Maag, Alan Wrasman Sun 10:30am Jerry Recker, Al Kaufman **COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 3** ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Tim & Mer Lehman FEBRUARY FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Betty Kleman, Amie

# JAMES BIBLE STUDY

Lammers, Connie Cassidy, Kelly Morman

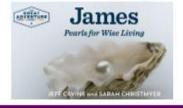
Mondays Feb. 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18

2-week break - April 8, 15, 22, 29

7-8:30pm St. Johns Parish Center, Glandorf OH

jmschroeder51@gmail.com or text 419-890-3724.

Once registered Videos will be online if you miss a session.





# **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

#### **RECONCILATION (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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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

(Fr. Matt Keller & Mike Karhoff, Parish Council President)

# CATECHISM CORNER LENT: PRAYER

# What is Prayer?

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy"

—CCC, no. 2558, citing St. Therese of Lisieux,

The Catechism clearly defines prayer as a "vital and personal relationship with the living and true God" (CCC, no. 2558). Prayer is Christian "insofar as it is communion with Christ" (CCC, no. 2565), and a "covenant relationship between God and man in Christ" (CCC, no. 2564).

God invites us into a relationship with Him that is both personal and communal. He speaks to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Word-made-flesh. Prayer is our response to God who is already speaking or, better yet, revealing Himself to us. Therefore, prayer is not merely an exchange of words, but it engages the whole person in a relationship with God the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. (USCCB.org)

"There is nothing more worthwhile than to pray to God and to converse with him, for prayer unites us with God as His companions. As our bodily eyes are illuminated by seeing the light, so in contemplating God our soul is illuminated by him. Of course, the prayer I have in mind is no matter of routine, it is deliberate and earnest. It is not tied down to a fixed timetable; rather it is a state which endures by night and day."

– St. John Chrysostom

# What Types of Prayer Are There?

**Adoration & Blessing:** When we bless God, we are acknowledging Him as the source of all that is good. Adoration takes it a step further; we adore God for who He is—almighty, loving, and full of mercy. This isn't just about us saying nice things about God; it's an act of love.

<u>Intercession:</u> Intercession is when we pray on behalf of someone else. You're acting as a go-between, asking God to help or guide another person.

**Thanksgiving:** Prayers of thanksgiving are exactly what they sound like—saying "thank you" to God for what He has given us. This could be anything from thanks for a meal to gratitude for a safe journey or recovery from illness.

<u>Praise:</u> Praise is a form of prayer that focuses entirely on giving glory to God, not because of what He does, but simply because of who He is.

# PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP	February 11, 2024
<u>Offering</u>	
Loose	\$ 609.01
Adult Envelope	\$ 9,850.00
Children	\$ 204.08
Maintenance	\$ 930.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,290.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 385.00
Initial Offering	\$ 4.00
VBS	\$ 40.00
Ash Wednesday	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 120.00
VBS Envelope	\$ 445.00
VBS Loose	\$ 1,024.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	\$15,901.09

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

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**



February winners are: **Amber Honious and Elizabeth Kleman. CONGRATULATIONS!** The next drawing will be March 10th in Cafeteria along with coffee & donuts by TBD.

Extra tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules.

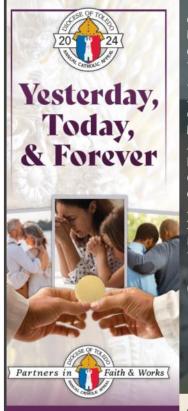
## **THANK YOU**

A warm heartfelt THANK YOU to our wonderful decorating committee for decorating the Church to help remind us that we are in the season of Lent!

**THANK YOU** to all the Marriage Encounter couples/parishioners that helped with the Marriage Encounter Event last Sunday!

# 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer

Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today, and Forever, we thank you and praise you for Your boundless love, and the gift of yourself in the Holy Eucharist. Your Word declares that we can do all things through you. As we come together in support of our Annual Catholic Appeal, grant us discernment to see as you see, generous hearts to love as you love, and the courage and wisdom to do the Father's Will, as you did. May we persevere in all our work in your name and never stop seeking you. Fill us with grace to wonder at your Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, to receive you with great faith and love, and to be transformed by your Body and Blood to be your presence in the world. Amen.



Give Today at acatoledo.org

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. THANK YOU!

Our goal this year is \$45,833.77.

We will be getting a rebate from last year from going over our goal, but not sure on the amount yet. We will keep you posted.

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR DONATION.

# 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.

**Thomas Heuerman** 

# Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us The past 20 years

Richard F Ellerbrock 2/19/04 Kristen Gracy Utrup 2/19/04 Elizabeth L Siefker 2/20/11 Cecille A Kiene 2/20/13 David H Bockrath 2/21/01 Louis G Wurth 2/21/04 Agnes A Sager 2/21/22

Laverne M Ellerbrock 2/22/04 Mary E Verhoff 2/22/07 Marcella L Morman 2/22/09 Frances M Meyer 2/22/12 Kenneth F Giesken 2/22/19 Albert F Michel 2/23/01 Alma Jean Wolke 2/24/00



# PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2024-2025

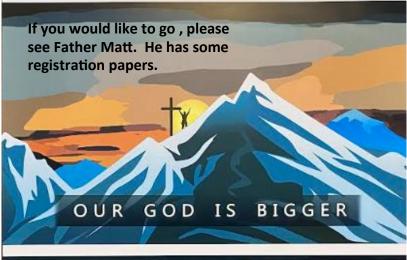
Looking for a preschool with Kindergarten readiness AND a Catholic faith curriculum? Glandorf St. John's Catholic Preschool registration is March 18 at 7 PM in St. John's Parish Center. Registration forms and updated information are available in the back of church, on St. John's Parish Website

at www.stjohnglandorf.org or by contacting the preschool at 419 538 6264.

# ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL SPRING **QUARTER AUCTION**

Friday April 5, 2024 at the parish center. More information is coming soon!





# 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 419-678-8649

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 3 RD

REJOICE & BE RENEWED BY THE

# High School Corner

HS ((D will be held at 7:00 PM in the parish center. Reminder to all: MARK YOUR CALENDARS --- On March 20th, HS (CD students will participate in a Worship night with some staff from the project, Damascus in the Parish Center at 7:00 PM. That night will also be an opportunity for (onfessions. This will also be the last night for HS ((D for 2024. ~ Ruth Gerding, (oordinator of HS ((D

# DIOCESE TOURNAMENT GAMES BOY'S:

Birkemeyer: Saturday 2/17 1:45pm@Glandorf Ellerbrock: Saturday 2/17 11:00@Glandorf

GIRL'S:

Saturday 2/17 12:15pm Sylvania St. Joes@Glandorf

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





Monday, Feb. 26 6:30 - 8:30pm Red Pig Inn, Ottawa

BASKETBALI

Bring your friends!

# JORDAN KELCH

Native of Ottoville, currently earning his Masters in Theology at Francsican University

**FEATURED SPEAKER** 

TOPIC: SEEKING THE TRUE, GOOD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

# Elementary & Ir. High Corner

eu are getting St. Mary irmed this year, Catholic Church will get confirmed in the next couple of years, or have been confirmed and want to strengthen your

relationship with the Holy Spirit. This is for you

At Confirmation, Christ seals us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that we can be better equipped to spread the Gospel like the Apostles at Pentecost. But it's not enough to just receive these gifts. We have to accept them and choose

to use them.

Friday, March 1 4pm-9pm Bluffton



# 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

Parish	M F Grade
Parent's Names & Phone #	
Food allergies?	
I give my child permission to attend the Jr. Hig	h Gathering on March 3, 2024 at Kalida St Michael Church.
	t/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.



# **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.

Play board games Play cards Dominos, Dice Knitting, Crafting, Mahiong Game, Etc.

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."  $^{\mathrm{HA}}_{\mathrm{HA}}$ 

Ouestions OR to Reserve A Table, Contact Iill Gerding 419-538-6942

Attention ALL MEN!!!! Join us on for That Man Is You No meeting on Saturday Feb. 24, attend Catholic Men's Conf.Wednesday,

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 6-7:30am in room 22.

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

TMIY "WORTHY OF THE CALL" - To The Roots (Sat. 2/10, Wed.

2/21) (session 19)Presenter: Fr. John Burns: It's difficult for conversion to stick, You are dust and to dust you shall return, Christians emit a bright light, St. Francis DeSales - Introduction to the Devout life, Pursuit of perfection in Christ Jesus, Affection for sin. Mark 1:15, Joel 2:12, Rom 7:15.

# **Eucharistic Adoration**



First Friday, March 1 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Benediction starting at

Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator back in church or sign up on line using the following link <a href="https://shorturl.at/fmHX6">https://shorturl.at/fmHX6</a>

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 <a href="https://shorturl.at/euCDU">https://shorturl.at/euCDU</a>

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-





ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

# FAMILY FELLOWSHIP



COME AND JOIN US! FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH BEGINNING MARCH 2ND AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL 8:30PM FAMILY ADORATION FREE PLAY

MARCH 2ND- PARISH CENTER GYM APRIL 6TH- GLANDORF PARK MAY 4TH- PARISH CENTER GYM JUNE 1ST- GLANDORF PARK PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS PROVIDED MORE DATES & LOCATIONS TO COME!



- 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

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



FELLOWSHIP LOCATIONS:

# Come and Adore Jesus

Sunday March 3rd 9:05 -10:10 am in Church

\*Come and Pray for emotional, physical, and spiritual protection for our Families\*

\*\*1ST 20 min will be guided\*\*

Everyone is welcomed! you spend 10 min. 20 min. or the whole h rials will be available to help you spend your time with J

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

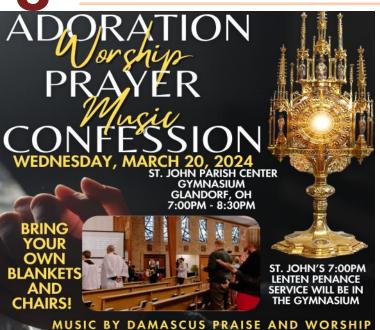
Friday, March 1 held at Trinity Methodist Church. 10:00am followed by a light lunch. Men and women invited. If attending call Sue Archer 419-302-2723.

# April 15-17, 2024

Pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Basilica, Notre Dame, IN, Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, LaCrosse, WI & Damp; Archbishop Fulton Sheen Museum, Cathedral & Tomb, Peoria, IL.

Final Registration date is February 26, 2024 at the Mustard Seed

# **AROUND THE PARISH/AREA**



# Cooking with Christ: 40 days

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

Limited Tickets!

When: Sat., Feb. 24 11 am - 1 pm Where: 620 E Blake St. Ottawa

Email for tickets: Christine@Restore23.ne

\$25 per person

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

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





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

# 1st Annual Adult Retreat FE A SPIRIT SEMINAR



# 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:

W.LIFEINTHESPIRIT-SEMINAR.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

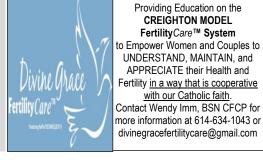


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Providing Education on the CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System to Empower Women and Couples to UNDERSTAND, MAINTAIN, and

APPRECIATE their Health and Fertility in a way that is cooperative with our Catholic faith. Contact Wendy Imm, BSN CFCP for

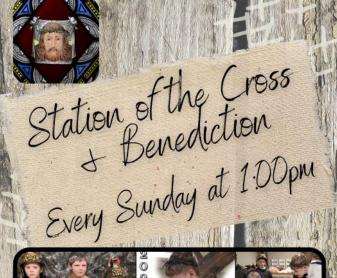
The mission of St. Catherine's Embrace is to reach out to, assist and embrace all families in the St. George Deanery, regardless of

faith affiliation, who have lost a child

miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death. Please call the rectory 419-538-

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# LENTEN ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH/AREA





by God's Little Hero's on March 17, 2024 at

1:00pm



# 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 23rd serving 4:30-7:00pm



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

# 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



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

# **AROUND THE PARISH/AREA**

# MEANINGFUL BENEFITS OF PRAYER

#### 1. Prayer and regular fasting can help you accept God's will

Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights before He began His ministry on the earth. As He did this, He communed with His Father in Heaven in prayer. Likewise, if you pray and fast, you can feel closer to God and better understand the things He wants you to do.

### 2. Prayer aligns your will with God's will

The purpose of prayer is not necessarily to tell God how you want Him to do thins. Rather, it's to better understand Him and His ways, bringing your self into alignment with His will. As C.S. Lewis is often attributed as saying, prayer "doesn't change God. It changes me."

### 3. Prayer gives you strength to avoid temptation

Jesus counseled His disciples, "Watch and pray, that you do not enter into temptation" (Matthew 26:41)Through prayer, we can overcome the temptation to sin. Pray for God's help to keep you from making wrong choices. This will give you the strength to do what is right.

### 4. Prayer helps you find direction in your life.

When you pray, you can work through serious decision in your life. God always listens and often provides the specific answers and guidance we seek. Even when He chooses not to answer immediately or in the way we might have hoped, prayer itself is a way to find peace.

2024 St. John the Baptist, Glandorf

SONDAY FOO Day

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

Below are the areas where help is needed.

SONday Fun Day Committee Leaders

Reverse Raffle

**Carnival Games** 

Yard games/Kid's rides

T-shirts

Kid's crafts and face painting

**Raffle Baskets** 

**Baked Goods Wheel** 

Saint Parade

**Photo Booth** 

Advertisement/Flyer

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





#### PRAY EVERY DAY THIS LENT

Make this your most powerful Lent yet with National Eucharistic Congress sponsor, Hallow. Join Hallow's Lent Pray40 challenge alongside millions of others around the world guided by Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Miriam, and more! For 40 days, you'll pray and meditate through the incredible spiritual classic He Leadeth Me.

Hold down the Control button and click on the URL.

https://shorturl.at/lsPRZ



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

#### **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



# First Sunday of Lent: Turning Towards Jesus



WORK OF MERCY: Admonish the Sinner

THE GRACE I SEEK: to turn away from sin towards Jesus

#### 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 turn away from any sin in my life.

**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.

"Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit." (1 Peter 3:18)

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

During this time of Lent, Jesus is inviting us to root out sin in our lives as the first step in cultivating a culture that does not accept sin. What is one area of sin you are struggling with right now? Be concrete and specific. Give this struggle to Christ on the Cross so that he can put it to death.

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"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:14–15)

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

Repenting of sin—turning away from what distracts us from Jesus—is only half the battle. We must also make an effort to build a culture that does not accept sin. We must cast aside sinful alliance and learn to walk together with Christ. How is the Lord calling you to support others in humility as they learn to walk more closely with him? Ask him who in your life he is calling you to assist in seeking out his merciful love.

Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

**CLOSING PRAYER** — Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, First Sunday of Lent)

**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 turn away from a specific sin and focus your attention more fully on Jesus. Joining your sacrifice to his, consider praying for all those in the world who struggle with your same area of sin and are not repentant.

**LOVE IN ACTION** — In the Gospel reading above, Jesus asks us to "repent, and believe in the gospel." To believe in the Gospel message more deeply, we must immerse ourselves in the actual reading of the Gospels. Consider giving yourself a Lenten challenge to read from the Gospels for a set amount of time each day, even if it is only five minutes. Allow that prayerful reading of the Gospels to help you turn away from sin, and encourage others to do the same.



Mustard Seed Gift Shop normal business hours Tues, Thurs, & Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm; Wed 12:00pm to 8:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 1:00pm

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#### JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Toledo is looking to recruit individuals who are certified in American Sign Language for occasional interpretation for diocesan events, weddings, funerals, and/or graduations. ASL interpreters are compensated for their mileage and time (including travel time). Please contact Accessibility Ministries Specialist, Lynn Priest at Ipriest@toledodiocese.org or 419.214.4886, if you are interested or would like more information.