

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood  
St. George Deanery



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Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023**

Closed for Lunch from 12:30pm—1:30pm

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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

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I would like to thank Fr. Rick for being available to cover the Masses this weekend so I can be away this weekend to help with the Life in the Spirit Retreat in Maria Stein. This is a retreat that I participated in my late high school years and into young adult years and has had an impact on my life. It is a privilege for me to return to this retreat and provide sacramental ministry.

In a way this retreat reminds of Holy Week. At the start of the retreat, you have a variety of different participants some are returning and they are looking forward to have a similar experience, still others are on the retreat for the first time and are excited to be there, and then still others are there for the first time not by their own choice but usually because a parent or someone is 'forcing' them to be there. Yet each individual that comes at some point during the retreat they open their hearts to the Lord and have a special encounter with the Lord. Similarly, as we approach Holy Week there are a variety of different attitudes that we bring with us some that look forward to it, still others go through this week though they are jumping through a hoop, and still others they do not necessarily care for this week. Yet if we journey through this week opening our hearts to the Lord, we can have a special encounter with the Lord.

During Holy Week we are called to journey with the Lord from his entry in Jerusalem with the crowds signing "Hosanna to the Son of David" (Matthew 21:9), to the upper room where the bread and wine becomes his Body and Blood, to garden where Jesus prays and is arrested, to the trial, the cross, and the tomb. For it is as we journey with the Lord through our struggle. We bring our own personal struggles, pain, and wounds with us and we place them in the wounds of Jesus Christ. For it is when we place our wounds in the wounds of Jesus Christ, we experience healing and we experience joy. As we journey with the Jesus in the week ahead may we experience the healing power of Jesus Christ in lives in a special way.



## ~WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE~

**MONDAY, APRIL 3**

7:35am Rosary

**8:00am Communion Service-Don Inkrott****TUESDAY, APRIL 4 -Rectory Offices Closed**

7:35 am Rosary

**8:00am Cayla Fortman-Ross - time change****WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5**

7:15-7:45am Confessions

7:35am Rosary

**8:00am Daryl Hunt**

6:30-7:30pm Adoration

7:00-7:30pm Confessions

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6 OUR LORD'S SUPPER**

~No School~

No Mass or Communion Service

7:00pm L/D Merrill Raye Family

8:00pm- 10:00pm Adoration

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7 PASSION OF THE LORD**

~No School~Rectory Offices Closed

No Mass or Communion Service – Church doors open

12:00pm Rosary for our Nation

1:15pm Service of Our Lord's Passion followed by the Divine Mercy Novena

7:30pm Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8**

No Mass or Communion Service

9:00am Decorate church

**4:30pm- No Mass**8:30 pm **For the Parish EASTER VIGIL MASS****SUNDAY, APRIL 9 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****WEEKDAY SERVERS**

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tues	8:00am	Roger Schroeder, Eddie Duling
Wed	8:00am	Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram
Thur	8:45am	No Mass
Fri	8:00am	No Mass
Sat	8:00am	No Mass

Next Sunday, April 9

**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	Noah Schroeder, Cy Rump, Ross Maag Thurifers - Nolan Duling
Sun	8:00am	Justin Kahle, Anthony Kahle, Emma Hoffman Thurifers - Ethan Kuhlman
Sun	10:30am	Dylan Giesswein, Hannah Brickner, Megan Brickner Thurifers - Cole Morman

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS - See Schedule**

Sat	8:30pm	Sue Recker	Mindy Recker
		Laura Wagner	Jeanne Schram
Sun	8:00am	Tom Schmitz/Deb Burwell	Diane Nienberg
		Gretchen Schmitz	Doug Karhoff
Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding	Janet Schroeder
		Rose Ellerbrock	Jay Rump

**SUNDAY GIFT BEARERS**

Sat	8:30pm	Wade Neal, Emily Siefker, Manaolo Carrilloas, Jessika Behrns
Sun	8:00am	Steve & Deb Leopold
Sun	10:30am	Mark & Ann Ellerbrock

**APRIL USHERS**

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

**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 9****ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY:** Cliff & Janet Schroeder**APRIL FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS:** Marlene & Paul Kleman, Dorothy Karl, Deb Burwell, Tim & Chris Hoehn, Al & Lisa Hueve, Teresa Duling, Beth Recker**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 21, 2023, September 10, 2023

**Marriage**

Please contact the Parish Office six months in advance to start planning your wedding. A marriage preparation class is required.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS 1-DAY CLASS

organized by Dr. Craig and Wendy Imm in the Parish Center Cafeteria  
Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 8:00am

**Reconciliation (Confession)**

Wednesday 7:15am -7:45am, 7:00-7:30pm

Friday 7:15am-7:45am

Saturday 4:00pm-4:15pm

Sunday 7:15am-7:45am, 9:45am-10:15am

**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.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesday 6:30pm-7:30pm 1st Saturday 5:30pm - 8:00am

1st Friday 1:00pm-4:00pm with Benediction

**Holy Orders and Religious Life**

Contact the vocation office at the Toledo Diocese at 419-244-6711 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.

# 4 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, Fr. Matt will bless these items during the Holy Thursday evening Mass.



## TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 4th –

**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

## WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 5th

7:15am – 7:45am Confessions

8:00 am Mass

6:30 – 7:30pm Adoration

7:00 – 7:30pm Confessions – **Last time for Confessions before Easter**

## HOLY THURSDAY OVERVIEW, April 6th –

8:00 am - No morning Mass or Communion Service.

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

Washing of feet after the homily, Intercessions,

Present Holy Oils -**Ruth Gerding, Katie Verhoff, Joe Schroeder,** Petitions, 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:** Aubrey Leopold, Peyton Kuhlman, Hayden Kaufman, Thurifers—Jacob Schimmoeller

**Ushers:** Elton Schroeder, Joe Schroeder

**Lector 2:** Tim Hansen: Mass intentions before Mass

**Lector 1:** Rose Mary Buerger : 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**Lector 2:** Tim Hansen: 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.

**Kelsie Salisbury, Greg Nussbaum, Myah Bockrath, Mary Ellen Klear, Barb Morman, Alivia Balbaugh, Karrie Miller, Margaret Thompson, Jacob Siebeneck, Nichole Schroeder, Matt Bockrath, Carl Siefker** will have their feet washed.

**Deacon Don** reads about the Blessed Oils as the Oils are brought forth. (Light background music at this time )

**Intercessions read by Deacon Don**

**Collection**

**Offertory and a basket of food**

**HOLY COMMUNION – Extraordinary Ministers:**

Julie Grismore/Tara Gerding, Jane Moening, Elaine Inkrott, Don Inkrott, Nichole Schroeder, Steven Buerger, Rosemary Buerger, Dennis Burge - choir

## HOLY THURSDAY DETAILS CONTINUED

**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, April 7<sup>h</sup> – 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 (Deb Schroeder) which begins Friday thru next Sunday.

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



## GOOD FRIDAY DETAILS – 1:15 PM Service

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

**Servers:** Lauren Kimmert, Averie Karhoff, Parker Heckman

**Ushers:** Don & Ginnie Riepenhoff, Jane & Henry Kaufman, Louis & Mary Ellen Halker

Kneel & All pray silently – Opening Prayer by Father

**Lector 1 Michelle Schroeder: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Lector 2 Dawn Giesige: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

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

**Lector 2 Dawn Giesige** returns to her pew

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

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

**Lector 1: Michelle Schroeder** is the NARRATOR – Read from main Ambo

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



**Homily**

**Solemn Intercessions by Father and Deacon Don**

## GOOD FRIDAY DETAILS CONTINUED

### ADORATION OF THE CROSS by Deacon Don Inkrott

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

**Extraordinary Ministers help with the Adoration of the cross**

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

4) Deacon Don – in center aisle

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

8) Tony Schroeder – 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

Jason Kleman, Julie Pothast, Elaine Gerding, Deacon Don Inkrott, Brent Vorst, Tim Hansen, Betsy Hansen, Tony Schroeder – choir

After Communion, reserve hosts in the Priest's sacristy

**Deb Schroeder Announce** that Divine Mercy Devotion will be prayed immediately after the service.

After Prayer is said over the People, all leave in silence  
Divine Mercy Chaplet- Deb Schroeder

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

## HOLY SATURDAY OVERVIEW, APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Divine Mercy Novena – Deb Schroeder

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:** Noah Schroeder, Cy Rump, Ross Maag, Thurifers—Nolan Duling

**Lectors:** Mindy Recker, Jeanne Schram

**Ushers:** Alex Ellerbrock, Steve Brown, Brian Grime, Richard Schmitz, Dale Evers, & Kenneth Schroeder

**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.

## HOLY SATURDAY DETAILS CONTINUED

**SERVICE OF LIGHT** - candles for candidate and all sponsors and 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*

*Servers Turn on all church lights*

**EASTER PROCLAMATION**

*Candles are extinguished*

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Reading #1 by Lector 1:** Mindy Recker- page number 96

**PRAYER BY FATHER** "Let us pray"

**Reading #3 by Lector 2** Jeanne Schram - page number 100

**PRAYER BY FATHER** "Let us pray"

**Reading #7 by Lector 1:** Mindy Recker - page number 106

**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/USHERS** ring all church bells

**Epistle** read by Lector 2: Jeanne Schram - page number 109

Lectors return to your pew

**Psalm sung** - Alleluia

**Gospel - Homily**

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

**Presentation of the Elect- Wade Neal, Emily Siefker, Manaolo Carrilloas**

**Invitation of Prayer**

Litany of the Saints

Blessing of Baptismal Water

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Baptism

Anointing with Chrism

Clothing with a Baptismal Garment

Presentation of a Lighted Candle

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Sprinkling Rite

Reception into Full Communion – Fr. Matt calls up Jessika Behrns

**Celebration of Confirmation**

**Invitation**

**Song sung**

**Laying On of Hands**

**Anointing of Chrism**

**General Intercessions** BY Deacon Don

**OFFERTORY Presentation -Catechumens ad Candidate**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**HOLY COMMUNION - Extraordinary Ministers**

Sue Recker, Laura Wagner, Julie Pothast, Deacon Don Inkrott, Nichole Schroeder, Bonnie Schroeder, Joyce Giesige

**SONGS** by Dan Ellerbrock

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

# 6 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## EASTER SUNDAY OVERVIEW, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00AM MASS

7:10am Divine Mercy Novena – Deb Schroeder  
7:25am Rosary  
8:00am Mass

### EASTER SUNDAY DETAILS: 8:00AM

**LECTORS:** Diane Nienberg, Doug Karhoff

**SERVERS:** Justin Kahle, Anthony Kahle, Emma Hoffman, Thurifers - Ethan Kuhlman

**USHERS:** Chris & Tim Hoehn, Bryan Kaufman, Michael Recker, Tom Morman and Tony Maag

**HOLY COMMUNION - Extraordinary Minister:**

Tom Schmitz/Deb Burwell, Gretchen Schmitz, Sharon Meyer, Lisa Niese, Kelly Morman, Tim Sarka, Christopher Meyer

## EASTER SUNDAY OVERVIEW, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup> 10:30AM MASS

9:45 am Divine Mercy Novena– Michelle Horstman  
10:30 Mass – (adult choir)

### EASTER SUNDAY DETAILS: 10:30AM

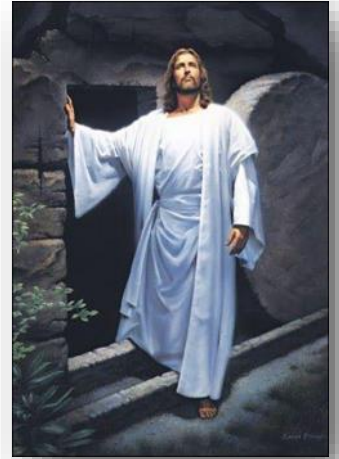
**LECTORS:** Janet Schroeder, Jay Rump

**SERVERS:** Dylan Giesswein, Hannah Brickner, Megan Brickner, Thurifers - Cole Morman

**USHERS:** Jerry Recker, Al Kaufman, Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum, Barry Maag and Ken Horstman

**HOLY COMMUNION - Extraordinary Minister:**

Tara Gerding, Rose Ellerbrock, Lori Rump, Becky Schroeder, Sharon Kidd, Bonnie Schroeder, Suzy Brinkman, Christopher Meyer - choir



## God's Little Heroes – Live Stations of the Cross



# 7 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP

March 23, 2023

Offering	
Adults	\$ 8,759.50
Loose	\$ 977.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,931.25
Children	\$ 138.00
Maintenance	\$ 990.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 80.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 50.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 30.00
Easter	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$13,055.75</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.stjohnnglandorf.org](http://www.stjohnnglandorf.org)

**Heartbeat** needs Girls 2T and 3T summer clothes and pajamas and Size 1 Huggies or Pampers.

**Ottawa Food Pantry** needs the following items canned mandarin oranges, boxed potatoes all varieties plus mashed, pasta (no spaghetti), rice-a-Ronni, Knorr- side dishes, peanut butter, condiments



## 2023 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

*This Is The Day!* Through our contributions, we can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our diocese each year, including supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy, and providing faith formation for our youth. We ask you once again for your help. Please respond generously. For more information, visit [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org). Thank you!

**Our goal this year is \$46,479.00.**

**We currently pledged \$27,043.04 58.18% of goal .**

### 2023 GRAND-orf Club



drawing and no coffee & donuts by Mary and Clete Brirkemeier will be **April 9th**. Extra tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules.

## Holy Monday Prayer

Almighty Father, who sent your only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sin, show me how I can honor you and bring glory to your name, by walking in the way of Jesus. Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, guidance when I'm not sure which way to go, and wisdom to trust you in all things. For your love brings light and life to all who seek it. May I seek you ever more as I walk with you through this Holy week and beyond. Amen.

### Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us April 2-8

Catherine M Palte 4/2/88	Dorothy C Hovest 4/5/19
Robert W Diller 4/2/12	Earle M Swetland 4/6/15
Sandra Kay McFarland 4/3/15	John R Leach 4/6/21
Rudolph J Schroeder 4/3/21	Charles P Maenle 4/8/82
Terrence J Maas 4/3/22	Elmer T Jerwers 4/8/92
Martha Mary Unterbrink 4/4/82	Sharon Steyer 4/8/03
James E Unterbrink 4/4/20	Claire Marie Wrasman 4/8/08
Cayla Lynn Fortman-Ross 4/4/22	Alfred C Kaufman Jr 4/8/15
Steven T Ellerbrock 4/5/85	Kevin D Keiser 4/8/21
Beatrice L Inkrott 4/5/17	

### 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 of ....

**HAROLD HORSTMAN  
THOMAS KAUFMAN**

### WEDDING BANN

**BANN I - Elizabeth Dalrymple**, of this parish, daughter of David & Carol Dalrymple & **Ben Recker**, of this parish, son of Donald & Brenda Recker

### HOUSEKEEPING

If you borrow a pyx to bring Holy Communion to a loved one, please return the pyx the next day.

Our Missalettes need to stay in Church. We have a lot of them coming up missing and we need enough in the pews for people to use at each Mass. Please bring the missalettes back, if you have them. If you would like to follow along with the scriptures, please order the Word Among Us or the Magnificat.

Thank you!

# 8 AROUND THE PARISH AND AREA

Ottawa K. of C. Fish/Clam Fry  
Friday, April 2 serving 4:30-7:00pm.

## AREA PENANCE SERVICES

\* Ottawa - Monday, April 3 at 4:00pm and 7:00pm

## OLD PALMS

If you want to get rid of your old palms, please drop them off in the South vestibule of Church. We will collect them until Holy Thursday, April 6th.

## Live Station of the Cross by God's Little Hero's Today, April 2, 2023



### LAST DAY TO SEE EXHIBIT

Blessed Carlo Acutis First Class Relic & 139 Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit is coming to Glandorf St. John the Baptist Parish Center, 109 Main St. Glandorf OH,

Sunday March 26 – Sunday April 2.

#### Exhibit Showing Hours

Sundays	Weekdays	Saturday
9 - 5	9:30 – 12:00 1:30 – 5:00 6:30 - 8:30	9:30 – 12:00 1:30 – 4:00 5:30 - 8:30

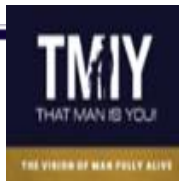
Activities are planned throughout the week which include showing documentary video of Carlo's life, Adoration times with relic in church, etc. Please check online [stjohnsglandorf.org](http://stjohnsglandorf.org) or pick up a flyer with schedule on the back at the exits of the church. Miracles of the Eucharist are miraculous divine interventions confirming faith in the real presence of the body and blood of the Lord in the Eucharist.

**Please Join Us for an Experience You Won't Forget!**

### TMIY (THAT MAN IS YOU)

Attention ALL MEN!!!! Join us on for That Man Is You Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm in room 22. **NO MEETING** Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net), 419-796-0763 TMIY "THE LIGHT OF MEN" - The Pathway to Paradise (Wed. 4/5) (session 24) Speaker: Mark Hartfiel Love empties itself, holding nothing back. Jesus' Heart is the pathway back to Paradise. Receive Mary into your home and heart as your Heavenly Mother. Respond to Our Lady's call to pray the Rosary. Joseph and Mary's life was a Rosary, a contemplation of Christ. More than merely saying the Rosary, may your life become a Rosary. *Scripture: Luke 2:35 John 19:27, Religious: The Rosary*



### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Monday, April 3, 6:00 – 7:30pm in cafeteria. Snack by Alice Diemer

**Topic: Explain Holy Week Services & Rehearse for Easter Sacraments**

These sessions are open to all interested persons – those wishing to become a Catholic and for Catholics who wish to up-date themselves. If you are interested, please call the rectory 419-538-6928 to sign up.

Please Pray and journey with the Catechumens: **Wade Neal, Emily Siefker and Manaolo Carrilloas** and with the Candidate: **Jessika Behrns** as they become members of the Catholic Church next weekend!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CPR/FIRST AID/ AED training for any usher or CCD teacher on

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 7:00pm

At City Building meeting room

This is not a certification class just informational

### Mother-Daughter Banquet

The Glandorf St. John's Altar Rosary Society extends an invitation to all mothers, daughters, sisters, and women young and old to the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet on **Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 mass** in the parish center gym. There will be entertainment by the O-G Show Choir, a delicious meal, and door prizes. All meals are \$8. Please call or text 419-615-3983 to **RSVP by April 3rd.**



## High School Corner

### SENIORS MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**BACCALAUREATE MASS** - May 21, 2023 at 10:30am

### BENNING SCHOLARSHIP

**Due on April 14, 2023 by 4:30pm**

APPLICATIONS are available in the south vestibule in church in the Youth rack - for all **Glandorf St. John's high school seniors**. The deadline is Friday April 14th, by 4:30 p.m. (Not mailed by this date but in our hands by the 14th. If mailing them, need to be postmarked before April 7th). Make sure you have all the required documents attached to the application in order to be eligible for the scholarship.

## Elementary and Jr High School Corner

It's time to register Grades K-8 for next school year's religion classes at St. John's! Scan the QR code below to register your child! **Each child must be registered separately.** Registration is open until April 14th to be able to start religion class on the first day. All students are welcome to come learn of God's plan and love for them!! *(High School registration will be at a later date.)*



### Save the Dates

For any 5th Grader or any upperclassman interested in serving Mass.

#### Server Training Sessions

**Wednesday, April 26, 2023 after school till 4:30pm**

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023 after school till 4:30pm**

The sign up papers will be sent home at CCD at a later date.

For all 8th grade servers.

#### Server Training for Weekend Masses

**Thursday, April 27, 2023 after school till 4:30pm**

**FIRST COMMUNION** - May 7, 2023 at 1:00pm

## 2023 LENT SCHOOL



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## Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



### “Prudent Intentional Planning for the Future”

*“Straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:14).*

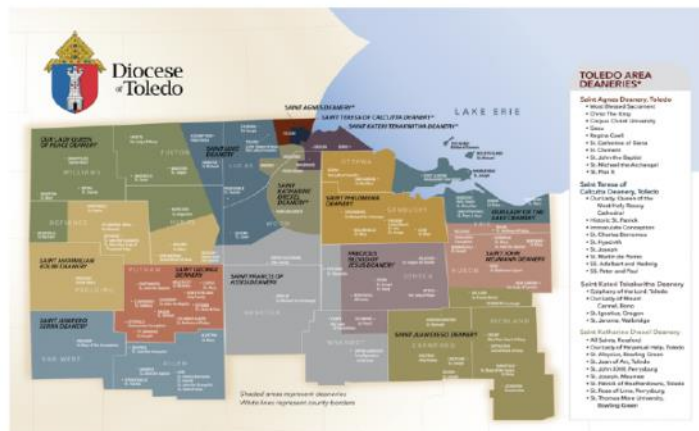
Do you remember the first time you had to make an important decision? Maybe it was whether or where to attend college. Perhaps it was discerning if you should get married, move to another state, or buy a house. When faced with an important decision, it is always prudent to be intentional: to look at the issue from every angle, study any data available, listen to trusted advisors, spend plenty of time in prayer asking the Lord for guidance, and then making a decision that is right for you and your family. And every person knows that every important decision always requires sacrifice.

Every day, we work together with our 122 parishes to make prudent intentional decisions that are best for the Catholics across the Diocese of Toledo. We want every parish to flourish and build a community of faith and love centered around the Eucharist. As a result of our 2019 Diocesan Strategic Plan, we started an Intentional Planning Ministry, which is part of our Department of Discipleship and Family Life. The ministry helps support parishes through an Intentional Planning Process that focuses on the future, on the pastoral and spiritual health and development of the parish. For every parish “is envisioned as a response to a precise pastoral need, namely that of bringing the Gospel to the People

through the proclamation of the faith and the celebration of the Sacraments.”

Many of our parishes have already engaged in this process with significant results, becoming healthier parishes that will maintain vibrancy into the future.

Some parishes have changed their Mass schedules, others have developed collaborations with nearby parishes to maximize use of personnel and resources, and some have built strong strategic plans to focus efforts for growth into the future. Still others have “twinned” or become “tri-parish



groupings” by establishing collaboration of two or three separate parishes that share a pastor, parish priests and deacons. These collaborative groups of parishes can explore creative ways to maximize resources. The purpose of prudent intentional planning is not, as some would like to think, focused on closing parishes, but instead on assisting parishes, through the process, to become more vibrant, more evangelical, more missionary.

As in making any important decision, we consider carefully both diocese and parish data points when working through the Intentional Planning Process. On the diocesan side, we have fewer men being

ordained to the priesthood each year than we have reaching retirement age. In the last ten years, the total number of active Toledo Diocesan priests has dropped from 92 to 76. Therefore, we are not only concerned about having a sufficient number of priests to serve our parishes, but conscious that many younger priests are asked to become pastors sooner than in the past; we are grateful to senior status (retired) priests who generously continue actively to exercise their priestly ministry; we realize that for our pastors the balance of time spent on administrative tasks versus ministry is a constant struggle. We continue to strive to involve our generous laity who exercise their vocation in close collaboration with their pastor and in valuable service to the parish. We also analyze data regarding demographics like population, now and with projections into the future; the proximity of parishes/churches to one another (drive time); and the communities in which the parishes are located.

On the parish side, we consider data on the engagement of parishioners, Sunday Mass attendance, number of sacraments performed (baptisms, funerals, weddings), the structural integrity of buildings, financial health, etc. While some dioceses have used this data to make a unilateral decision to close a significant percentage of their parishes or assign a pastor to up to even eight parishes or more, with the support and counsel of our consultative groups, I am convinced this is not the right approach for our diocese. Together, we want the parish and the community to provide feedback to help make the decision of what is right for them using the information and resources available and to look at ways to engage and grow the Catholic faith in their area. Not all the decisions reached will be popular with every member of the parish community, but those decisions are not lightly taken, and they are based on current diocesan data, current parish data, listening to the parishioners, and a desire to have vibrant, faithful and joy-filled parish communities.

So deeply grateful for all the parish communities that have already engaged in the Intentional Planning Process, I would ask that if your parish goes through this process that you would proactively and productively participate with an open mind and heart, by thoughtfully considering the information that is published about the process and providing feedback in the manner that it is requested.



The parish “should put into action that ‘outgoing dynamism’ that, through collaboration among different parish communities, and a reinforced communion among clergy and laity, will orient it effectively toward an evangelizing mission, the task of the entire People of God, that walks through history as the ‘family of God’ and that, in the synergy of its diverse members, labors for the growth of the entire ecclesial body.”

Prudent intentional planning for the future means that with important decisions come sacrifices for the common good. We can no longer operate as in bygone years when parishioners of one ethnic group were vehement in not relating to parishioners of another ethnic group in the parish just down the block. We can no longer place our convenience as the highest good, as echoed in comments like “how dare they change my Mass time!” We can no longer operate in silos when parish ministries and catholic education programs will suffer unless parishes collaborate to offer the best possible pastoral service to the faithful. We can no longer presume that we’ll have enough parish priests, but instead must be actively praying for and encouraging vocations to the priesthood. What we **can do** is embrace the present with lively faith and deep hope, trusting in the Lord and praying with Saint Paul: “Straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:14).

For more information about Intentional Planning, go to [toledodiocese.org/intentional-planning](https://toledodiocese.org/intentional-planning).

*+ Daniel E. Thomas*

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
March 20, 2023

# START A NEW HABIT - SPEND TIME WITH GOD'S WORDS

## PALM SUNDAY ADVENT LESSON ON LECTIO DIVINA – DIVINE PRAYER

*Lectio divina* is a method of praying the Scriptures. What better way to get to know God than by spending time with God's spoken word? The practice of *lectio divina* traces its roots back to the early centuries in the Church. By the sixth century, St. Benedict had made it a regular practice in most monasteries. Today *lectio divina* is a widely held practice by many laymen and laywomen. *Lectio divina* is a slow, rhythmic reading and praying of a Scripture passage. You pick a passage and read it. Notice what arises within you as you read it. Then you read it again, and then again, noticing what words and phrases grab your heart and noticing the feelings that arise. You respond to God about whatever is stirring within as you read and pray with the passage. Finally, you rest and let God respond and speak to you.

Let's consider the formal steps. To begin, you might open with a short prayer, (see Holy Spirit Prayer below). Ask God to guide your prayer time. Try to silence your mind and put off the cares of the day. You could make an act of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Simply; Lord I believe in You help my unbelief, Lord I Hope in You increase my Trust in You, Lord I Love You show me how to love You more. Then do the following:

**READ** - Slowly and thoughtfully, read the Scripture passage the first time.

Did a word or phrase capture your attention and grab your heart? Linger with it whenever this happens.

**REFLECT**- Slowly and prayerfully, read the passage again. What is God saying to you in this passage? offering you? asking you? What feelings are arising within you?

**RESPOND** - Slowly and prayerfully, read the passage again. Respond to God from your heart. Speak to God of your feelings and insights. Offer these to God.

**REST** - Possibly read the passage another time. Sit quietly in God's presence, asking, "What are you saying to me?" Rest in God's love and listen.

**CONCRETE RESOLUTION** - What is God calling you to do with what He has said to you. Practice a virtue like generosity, apologize to someone, do a kind act for someone who may have come to mind during your prayer time etc. As you end your prayer period, you might close with an Our Father or another short prayer. It might be helpful to *jot down in a journal what arose during this time. What did you say to God, and what did God offer you?*

### **Come Holy Spirit Prayer:**

*Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful, enkindle in us the fire of your love, send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth*

*O God, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit, help us to know what is truly right and always rejoice in his consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### Palm Sunday

#### Reading I

Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.

Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.