

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



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I AM THE VINE,
YOU ARE THE
BRANCHES.
WHOEVER
REMAINS IN ME
AND I IN HIM
WILL BEAR
MUCH FRUIT,
BECAUSE
WITHOUT ME
YOU CAN DO
NOTHING!



John 15

MISSION STATEMENT

Founded by Jesus Christ, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is the heart of Glandorf. At the heart of our faith are the Sacraments which St. John's is here to evangelize, catechize, and celebrate all of God's people to set their hearts on fire in passionate love of God and neighbor.

VISION STATEMENT

We enable spiritual formation and growth, support discipleship, provide outreach through community service, and build relationships, so we can build the Kingdom of God in Glandorf and around the world. Driven by the Gospel of Jesus Christ; we want to educate and promote respect for the dignity of life, encourage charity and justice, and embody the moral values of the church. Our mission is guided by Scripture and Traditions of our Catholic Faith and aligned with the mission of the Diocese of Toledo to make Holy Disciples, Holy Families, and Holy Vocations.

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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In our scriptures today it seems as though Jesus is trying to give us a gardening, landscaping, or perhaps an arborist lesson. Jesus says that he is the true vine, and his Father is the vine grower. Jesus goes on to say that his Father “takes away every one that does bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit” (John 15:2). Jesus in our scriptures today is teaching about removing and pruning branches on a spring day, late in April, on a Sunday seems to be seasonally appropriately placed. Last Thursday, I was out for a walk in the park, and I encountered gentlemen that were trimming trees, they told me that they were giving the trees a haircut but not as short as mine. I would imagine during this time of year many of you are trimming and pruning trees, bushes, and other kinds of plants at your homes and other similar places during this time of the year.

Why do you do this kind of work? Some may say it is because they enjoy this kind of work, it is therapy for them. I personally do not mind doing that kind of work. From time to time sometimes plants can seem to be more cooperative with removing what is dead and pruning what is living than people. Some people do this kind of work for enjoyment and other people who do not necessarily enjoy this kind of work also do this kind of work. This kind of work is done out of concern for the health of the plant, when what is dead or not producing fruit is removed the plants energy no longer supports and energy can go into what is living. We trim or prune plants out of concern for safety. We do not want branches to fall on us while we are walking underneath the branch, and we might prune away so that it can make it an easier walking path for us. Still other times we prune and trim the plants around our property because it helps to make our homes and yards look better, makes our homes look inviting.

Jesus in our scriptures today is talking about vines and pruning but is not really talking about plants but about us. He is the true vine, his Father (God) is the one tending to the vine removing what is not producing fruit and pruning what is, and we are the branches on the vine that get pruned and have what is us that is not producing fruit removed. This sounds good but sometimes when reality hits that we need to allow ourselves to be pruned, when what is not producing is removed, this is not always easy to allow ourselves for this to happen, but when we allow this to happen, we prosper. I think of my life as a Missionary of the Precious Blood at different times I was asked to move as a seminarian move from Dayton to Chicago, Chicago to Cincinnati, Cincinnati to Chicago, and Chicago to Dayton and even as a priest Dayton to Glandorf. In each move God has asked to prune me to take a step out of my comfort zone, it was not all easy, and but it is with allowing God to prune me that I have grown.

What is holding you back from allowing God to prune you so that you can grow?



MONDAY, APRIL 29 St. Catherine

7:35am Rosary
 8:00am Communion Service-Mike Karhoff
 8:40am -9:15am 8th grade May crowning practice
 5:30pm-9:00pm 1st Communion Rehearsal

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 St. Pius

8:00am-8:30am 2nd Grade Adoration & Benediction-Deacon Don
 8:20am Rosary
 8:45am Mel Verhoff, Russ Nienberg, Joe Uphaus,
 L/D Bert Ellerbrock Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 St. Joseph the Worker

7:15am-7:45am Confession
 7:35am Rosary
 8:00am Martha Feathers
 6:30pm-7:30pm Adoration
 7:00pm-7:30 Confessions
 3:00pm-4:30pm Server Training

THURSDAY, MAY 2 St. Athanasius

8:25am Rosary
 8:45am John Yaufman

First FRIDAY, MAY 3 Sts. Philip and James

7:15am-7:45am Confession
 7:35am Rosary
 8:00am Anne Schroeder ~All School Mass~ May Crowning
 12:00pm Rosary
 1:00pm - 4:00pm Adoration/Benediction

First SATURDAY, MAY 4

7:35am Rosary
 8:00am L/D Mel Verhoff Family
 8:30am Confessions
 8:30am - 4:30pm All Day Rosary
 4:00pm Confessions
 4:30pm L/D Dave Schmitz Family, Dick & Doris Birkemeier,
 Bernette Unverferth, Denny Unverferth,
 Lavon & Beverly Leis, Jimmie Bialecki
 5:30pm-8:00am Adoration

SUNDAY, MAY 5~6th Sunday of Easter

7:35am Rosary
 8:00am L/D Terry Maas Family,
 L/D James & Patrica Donaldson Family,
 Herbert Maas, L/D Rita Jane Bockrath Family,
 Jeffrey Schroeder
 9:05am - 10:00am Holy Hour
 10:30am The Deceased Members of the Walter Hoehn Family,
 L/D Gene & Ruth Klear Family, Carl & Lucille Ellerbrock,
 Elmer Tobe, L/D Dick Recker(AN) Family,
 Eugene Ellerbrock
 1:00pm First Communion

SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	Communion Service - no servers needed
Tue	8:45am	Roger Schroeder, Eddie Duling
Wed	8:00am	Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram
Thurs	8:45am	Roger Schroeder, Gary Recker
Fri	8:00am	Students
Sat	8:00am	Allison Kuhlman, Jonathan Klear, Addison Knueven
Sat	4:30pm	Derek Brown, Courtney Miller, Brock Crumrine, Thurifer-Ethan Kuhlman
Sun	8:00am	Hayden Kaufman, Ethan Kuhlman, Peyton Kuhlman
Sun	10:30am	Dylan Giesswein, Hannah Brickner, Megan Brickner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

Sat	4:30pm	Diane Recker	Carole Schroeder
		Alicia Nussbaum	Kathy Schmitz
Sun	8:00am	Mark Schroeder	Nicole Ruhe
		Tammy Schroeder	Elizabeth Ruhe
Sun	10:30am	Jason Kleman	Don Giesige
		Julie Pothast	Tony Schroeder

GIFT BEARERS

Sat	4:30pm	Roger & Cheryl Koch
Sun	8:00am	Cliff & Janet Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Jerry & Mary Hanneman

MAY USHERS

Sat	4:30pm	Kevin Ellerbrock, Alex Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Chris & Tim Hoehn
Sun	10:30am	Mitch Gable, Charlie Schroeder

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Sandy Verhoff, Linda Schroeder

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 4

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Tim & Mer Lehman

MAY FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Deb & Joe Schroeder, Michelle Horstman, Alice Diemer, Mary Rose Ellerbrock, Jerry & Rachel Recker

ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS, EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ADULT SERVERS

All School Mass on May 3rd for May Crowning. The student's will not be at Mass the rest of the week, so we will need weekday lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Adult servers to help with Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Thank You!

CATECHISM CORNER

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

Spiritual Work of Mercy: Instruct the Ignorant from "The Works of Mercy Explained" by Silvia Vecchini

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

The "ignorant" are "people who do not know" or "people who are not learned" because they do not have an education. This spiritual work of mercy reminds us of the need to be instructed and informed. It is important for us to have knowledge in order to be good citizens and to become free and responsible people who are able to contribute to our society. It takes learning to make our talents and gifts – which each of us has received – fruitful, so that we can find solutions and new paths, and encounter the future while helping others and making the world a better place. It is urgent that the leaders of all nations do their part so that every child can go to school and learn. Although the right to education is recognized by some, today sixty-one million primary school-age children do not go to school: this means one out of every ten children in the world! Many young people are required to work (over 200 million in the world) or live in a war zone (it is estimated that twenty-eight million children live in areas where there is armed conflict). The most disadvantaged remain the children who live in the poorest regions. Many of them become mothers at too young an age, or need to take care of their homes and their siblings without having had any access to basic instruction. In every part of the world both lay and religious Christians build schools, teach, and train local teachers. They freely welcome children so that even the poorest can receive basic education, which allows them to have new perspectives and possibilities.

Virtue / Character Development: HONESTY: A teacher must be a vehicle for his or her message. Cultivating the virtue of honesty ensures that you teach the truth, even when it is unpopular or seems boring. By our baptism, we are all called to be teachers of the faith to others. To be effective teachers, we must also have the virtue of DOCILITY which enables us to grow in understanding and virtue before we seek to instruct others. We must also be docile to the Holy Spirit's promptings in order to understand truth and communicate it to others.

Action Ideas: Offer to help a student study. Assist someone with your professional knowledge. Think about your media consumption. Does it accord with what you know is good and true? Does it represent the whole truth? Offer to help as a classroom aid or teach in the parish religious education program. Practice speaking about and sharing your faith. Use social media to share your faith. Listen attentively even if you are really bored.

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, 7:00pm—7:30pm

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.

JOINT PARISH AND FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2024

- Opening Prayer was offered by Fr. Matt Keller.
- Joint Parish and Finance Council Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2024, were reviewed. Nick Ellerbrock made a motion to approve the minutes, Kelly Morman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Grounds Committee Updates:
 - Gym floor repair (SE corner) and sand/paint/varnish estimate is ~\$8,900. The committee looked at other items to consider in the gym. Getting pricing for replacements grates, painting the ceiling, seats, and rails. Will update once pricing is received. Floor refinish should provide additional 10-15 years of life. Question was asked if concrete areas should be sealed. Will discuss with the committee. Talked about asking the CYO teams to have a fundraiser to help defray some of the costs. Ashley shared that the teams general are self-sufficient so the parish should cover this cost. They use admission funds to buy uniforms and equipment. The parish provides support for hotel stay at State for teams that qualify but they require minimal funds otherwise. It was agreed that we table the idea of fund raising unless a greater need arises.
 - Discussed the need to provide fire proof storage for historical drawings and other historical documents. The committee researched fire proof cabinets for this purpose. Discussed storing these in the Parish Center vs the rectory since there are more spaces available. Also looked at better storage methods and locations for tax records. Ashley and Father Matt will review to provide the next steps for both.
 - Bo-Dec roofing recently walked the Parish Center roof with Joe. South end roof is good, just small patch work as needed. 87 addition is good. Main section of the roof should be considered for replacement. They suggested replacing a portion each year to spread out cost. Estimates to be provided.
- All Souls Crosses/Display Boards The historical committee is in favor of the design of the display boards and crosses. They recommended the placement be on the interior of the back columns above the shelves (the west side of the choir loft columns) vs the back wall. This would be the location of the usher's bell in the back of church north of the main aisle and the wall above the shelf holding the postcards south of the main aisle. One board would display the crosses in remembrance of parishioners who have passed and the other would display the sacraments (First Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, Wedding). Mike K. will ask Jan S. and Bill B. to talk to Ashley before proceeding.
- Parish Rental House Update: Making good progress on the interior. Will be replacing the carpet in one bedroom. Reviewed quotes for replacement of garage floor, back sidewalk and pad. Agreed to move forward with this work. Discussed pricing for rental agreement. Council was advised that rental could easily be \$1,000-1300. Council agreed to allow flexibility in pricing pending final upgrade cost and any additional factors. Further decisions on this will be solidified at the April meeting.
- Blanchard Ave. Access Discussion: Fr. Matt shared that he had met with Bishop Thomas recently to discuss CTKC. The Bishop is in strong support of this endeavor and intends to provide a letter of support. A Letter of Intent is being drafted to provide driveway access. Also discussed a possible visit to Maria Stein Retreat Center and the Do Good restaurant clarifying the purpose for CTKC. Fr. Matt and Mike K. to provide potential dates for visits.
- New Business:
 - Parish Center Carpet Update: New carpet is being scheduled to be laid.
 - Fr. Matt shared that there will be a need for CCD teachers next school year. He asked that we consider helping and also share the request with others.

STEWARDSHIP		April 21, 2024
Offering		
Loose	\$	759.25
Adult Envelope	\$	9,090.74
Children	\$	127.00
Maintenance	\$	80.00
Online Giving	\$	2,290.00
Easter	\$	100.00
Holy Land - Good Friday	\$	50.00
Catholic Home Mission App	\$	20.00
Total Collection	\$	12,516.99

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.stjohnlandorf.org

Heartbeat needs Baby Wipes

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 **Doug and Andrea Giesige** will be **May 12th**, after the 8:00 or 10:30 Mass., in the cafeteria. Extra tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules.

THANK YOU

The 3rd Grade CCD Classes want to thank everyone for their generous support of their Bake Sale last Sunday. We would also like to thank Pavi's Subs and Modern Woodmen for their donations. We are always so amazed at the generosity of so many people in our community . . . you are the best!!!

Parental Baptism Class



Sunday, May 19, 2024 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in Room 22 in the parish center presented by Don Inkrott.

Pre-register by calling St. John's Rectory 419-538-6928.. Next class will be September 15, 2024.

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.

Heather Hattery
Greg Schnipke

WEDDING BANN

I Rachel Warnecke, of this parish, daughter of Denny & Janet Warnecke & **Brady Laudick**, St. Michael's, Kalida, son of Jon & Jill Laudick

II Clarie Schroeder, of this parish, daughter of Roy & Kim Schroeder & **Collin Fortman**, of St. Michael's, Kalida, son of Craig & Sandy Fortman

NEWLY WEDDED

Christopher and Samantha Mounce

BAPTIZED

Stella Lynn Laubenthal, daughter of Brian & Katie Laubenthal

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

George Kuhbander 4/28/13

William E Schroeder 4/28/17

Louis E Gerding 4/29/01

John R Stechschulte 4/29/21

Joan M Schmenk 4/30/12

Richard S Hoehn 5/1/01

Heaven Lee Hoffman 5/1/03

Francis H Hanneman 5/1/06

Rita M Maas 5/1/21

Elizabeth A Birkemeyer 5/1/22

Kenneth J Schmitz 5/2/06

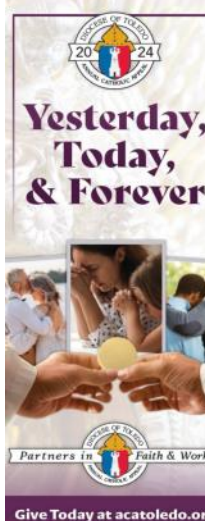
Arnold H Borgelt 5/4/17

SUNDAY COLLECTION COUNTERS

What is your responsibility: A team counts the donations that the parishioners gifted to our parish each weekend.

What is your commitment: Count the collection on Sunday at 10:00am until 12:00pm. Each team counts a maximum of 6 times per year.

Please call the office, if you are interested. New schedule comes out at the end of May. We are looking for 4 new people.



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 \$45,834.00

Total pledged and paid \$35,958.71.

We are 78.45% of goal

St. John's 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal rebate check for 50% of the amount raised over your parish goal last year is \$6,645.52. Thank you for your support!

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR DONATION.

6 YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

Elementary & Jr. High Corner



✝ Important Dates for First Holy Communion

1st Communion Full Dress Rehearsal
Monday, April 29th
Photo promptly at 7pm - Please come in attire for 1st Communion
Rehearsal after photo until 8:30pm
In Church

1st Communion Mass
Sunday, May 5th @ 1pm. Please arrive at Church by 12:30pm

ALL EIGHTH GRADE MASS SERVERS AND ANY HIGH SCHOOL SERVERS WHO WISH A REFRESHER

MASS SERVER TRAINING

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 3:00pm.

We will have a training session on how to serve at a weekend Mass

PRESCHOOL CORNER

PRESCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS/AIDES NEEDED FOR OUR MORNING PROGRAM

Must have a high school diploma and must love working with children! Please contact Lori at Glandorf St. John's Preschool if you are interested in helping us out. 419-538-6264, preschool@glandorfstjohns.com or through Facebook. Thank you!

St. John the Baptist ~ Glandorf

Summer Faith Adventure

Mission: To get our children outside and off screens while growing in faith and "Going in peace, to glorify the Lord by our lives" as we are each called to do at the end of every Mass!

Where: St. John the Baptist Parish, Glandorf Church and Parish Center

When: Tuesdays: June 11, 18, 25; July 16, 23, 30 8am (Begin with Mass) - 1pm

What: Mass, Bible study (discuss Mass readings, homily, etc. at an age appropriate level), Saints, Holy Moments/Virtues, plus activities such as crafts and helping around the community and parish. There will be times for breaks, lunch, snacks, and play.

If you have questions, please contact Nichole Schroeder 419-303-7252

High School Corner

SENIORS

BACCALAUREATE MASS, May 19, 2024
at 10:30am

Please sign up for your Baccalaureate Mass, which the letter was sent in the mail.

2024-2025 HIGH SCHOOL CCD REGISTRATION

All current Freshman through Juniors, please sign up for next year's class, by using the (link or QRcode) below.

<https://form.jotform.com/240863578540160>



Please complete by **April 30th**. Please sign up, so we can order materials. Also, understand attendance at CCD is part of the expectations for participating in HS CYO.

CURRENT EIGHT GRADE STUDENTS will receive a letter with sign up information for next Fall from their current CCD teachers.

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 holyday 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>

Thank you,
Elton Schroeder
eltons@me.com

JAMES BIBLE STUDY

Mondays
April 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.

Thank you to all those that joined us for TMIY "WORTHY OF THE CALL", YEAR 11. Fall Sessions will start back up in September, watch the bulletin for details. All men are welcome.

We invite you to join us whether it's for 1 week or every week!!!

Help us build strong catholic men in our parish!

Login to your online access to review or catch-up on any of the previous years. Share them with friends and family!

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



Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday, May 3rd 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/cdqsF>



First Saturday, May 4th and 5th 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/fikWF>



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

**Sunday May 5
9:05 -10:00 am in Church**

***Come and Pray for Our First Communicants ***

****1st 20 min will be guided****

Prayer sheets will be on the registers at the doors

Everyone is welcomed!

Whether you spend 10 min. 20 min. or the whole hour.



Parishioners, family members and friends are invited to



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God
The Diocese of Toledo
joyfully requests the honor of your presence at the Ordination to the Order of Deacons of
**Travis J. Kahle
Eric T. Kaufman
Kevin M. McGraw**

through the Imposition of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit by

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

Saturday, the eighteenth of May, in the year of Our Lord two thousand twenty-four at ten o'clock in the morning

**Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
2535 Collingwood Blvd c8 Toledo, Ohio 43610**

- Light Reception following the Ordination Liturgy in the Monsignor Bernard E. Smith Auditorium -

**ON SUNDAY, MAY 19TH,
ERIC KAUFMAN WILL BE THE DEACON OF THE MASS AND WILL BE PREACHING THE HOMILY AT THE 8:00A.M. AND 10:30A.M. MASSES AT ST. JOHN'S IN GLANDORF.**

YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO A MEET AND GREET IN THE PARISH CENTER CAFETERIA BETWEEN 9:00AM -10:00AM

Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.

Rite of Ordination of Deacons



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
PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS PROVIDED

FELLOWSHIP LOCATIONS:

MARCH 2ND- PARISH CENTER BTH

APRIL 6TH- GLANDORF PARK

MAY 4TH- PARISH CENTER GYM

JUNE 1ST- GLANDORF PARK

MORE DATES & LOCATIONS TO COME!

WHAT IS FAMILY ADORATION?

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



QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
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Register here: <https://shorturl.at/fwNX3>





OLDER AMERICANS MONTH
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Happy Older Americans Month

Senior Citizen Day Celebration

To thank and honor the 60 & better residents of our community.

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024
Time: Noon to 2:00 p.m.
Location: Kalida K of C Hall
 718 Napoleon Rd. (St. Rt. 115), Kalida
Price: \$10.00

Please RSVP by May 1st.

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Tickets can be purchased by calling the Putnam County Council on Aging at 419-523-4121 or toll-free 1-877-796-1760.

You can also stop by the Council on Aging at 1425 E. 4th Street, Ottawa to purchase your tickets in person.

If you need transportation to this event, please call the Council on Aging ASAP to reserve your spot.

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28th, 2024



Jesus tells us
that He is the
true vine and we
are the branches.
But something needs
to be done to the branches so
that they will bear good fruit.
Follow the dots to find out what
it is. (Start at the little grapes!)

Saint Zita

April 30



ZITA WAS BORN IN ITALY IN 1218. HER MOTHER TAUGHT HER TO LOVE THE FAITH. AT AGE 12 SHE WENT TO WORK FOR THE FATINELLI FAMILY.



ZITA ALWAYS WORKED HARD, AND DID ALL HER WORK FOR OUR LORD.



AT FIRST THE OTHER SERVANTS AND THE FATINELLIS THOUGHT ZITA WAS PROUD.



BUT EVENTUALLY THEY REALIZED SHE WAS REALLY HOLY.



EVERY DAY ZITA GOT UP EARLY AND WENT TO MASS.



SHE WAS HAPPY TO SEND THE MONEY SHE MADE BACK TO HER FAMILY BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T NEED IT.



ZITA WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD. SHE SPENT THE REST OF HER LIFE WORKING THERE AND DIED PEACEFULLY AT THE AGE OF 60.

SAINTE ZITA IS THE PATRON SAINT OF HOUSEKEEPING. WHEN THE OTHER SERVANTS OR THE FATINELLIS WERE MEAN TO HER, SHE OFFERED UP HER SUFFERINGS TO GOD. WHEN THEY BEGAN TO RESPECT HER, SHE WORKED JUST AS HARD AND REMAINED HUMBLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO WORK WELL, FOR GOD!

Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit. Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!



SAINT PAUL: TRUE OR FALSE

How much do you know about Saint Paul when he first became a Christian?

1. Saint Paul's name used to be Saul. True or false?
2. Before his conversion, Saint Paul hated the Christians. True or false?
3. The disciples in Jerusalem were afraid of Paul when he first came. True or false?
4. Barnabas told the other Christians that Saint Paul had seen our Lord on the way to Damascus. True or false?
5. It took a long time before Saint Paul began to speak about Jesus in public. True or false?
6. When Saint Paul told some people about Jesus, they tried to kill him. True or false?
7. The other disciples would not let Saint Paul travel around to preach about Jesus. True or false?



Don't forget to check your answers on the back page!

Answers to True or False: 1.true 2.true 3.true 4.true 5.false 6.true 7.false

Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



A witness of self-sacrificing love

It was only when I made a pilgrimage to Poland while living and working in Rome that his life and death so deeply struck me! That was the occasion when I had the graced opportunity to visit and pray before the cell in which Polish Franciscan priest and martyr, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, died after starvation and lethal injection, having offered himself in exchange for a husband and father who had been condemned to death by the Nazis at Auschwitz. His was the ultimate witness of self-sacrificing love, fulfilling the words of Jesus: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:13).

How vividly I recall kneeling in the darkness of that cell at the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and State Museum in Oswiecim in Poland, weighed down by the gravity of the atrocities against humanity that transpired there. Auschwitz, “a name that carries the burden of suffering, genocide and unimaginable cruelty, stands as a stark reminder of the darkest moments in human history” (Briscoe). The heroic self-sacrifice of that Franciscan Friar, Maximilian Kolbe, stands in stark contrast to the evil perpetrated by the Nazis and serves as a reminder that, in Christ Jesus, light triumphs over darkness,



that good triumphs over evil.

What struck me most kneeling at that cell was the massive Paschal candle placed there in 1979 by a fellow Pole, Pope St. John Paul II. How poignant that the very candle which symbolizes Easter, the Light of Christ risen from the dead, remains as a powerful symbol even in such a horrifically dark place!

In this Easter Season, with the reality of the horrors of war and violence transpiring before our

very eyes throughout our world in these days, and mindful of the recent publication of the Declaration of the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith entitled “*Dignitas Infinita*” on Human Dignity, it is more than poignant that I am able to invite you to attend “*Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz*,” a powerful multimedia one-man live drama on the life of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, the Martyr of Charity (1894-1941). Saint Luke Productions will be presenting the live drama here in our diocese from Wednesday April 17th thru Monday April 22nd. You can find more information about the performances, dates, times and locations at our Diocese of Toledo website here: toledodiocese.org/maximilian. My hope is that Maximilian’s witness may inspire, educate and

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be a source of deep reflection for all who participate, just as Venerable Father Augustus Tolton's witness was when in 2021 Saint Luke Productions presented "Tolton: From Slave to Priest" throughout our diocese.

In *Maximilian*, audiences encounter firsthand the courageous life and self-sacrificing love of Father Maximilian Kolbe. Born and raised in Poland, the son of poor, devout Catholics, he experienced many interior trials as a young man, but the Blessed Virgin Mary sustained him by appearing to him in a vision. She offered him a crown of purity or a crown of martyrdom. He chose both! This experience instilled in him a deep and abiding love for Our Lady. Having entered the Franciscan Order in 1907, he was especially drawn to explore the Blessed Mother's role in the history of salvation. He saw her as God's agent in confounding the darkness, which was gathering in opposition to the Church. He promoted consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, establishing centers dedicated to her in Poland and in Japan. Arrested by the Gestapo for his tireless work against the Nazi forces, he was sent to the infamous death camp of Auschwitz, where he stepped forward and offered his life for another prisoner, a married man who was condemned to death by starvation. Maximilian died at 47 years of age and his body was cremated along with the eight other prisoners whose lives were taken by the Nazis in retaliation for the escape of another prisoner. The man for whom Maximilian gave his life, Franciszek Gajowniczek, was present in Saint Peter's Square when the Franciscan Friar was canonized a Saint!

How providential it is that at this moment, right here in the Diocese of Toledo, we have someone with a family connection to Saint Maximilian Kolbe! Sylvania Franciscan Sister Ireneaus Samsel, OSF, shared in a recent interview that her father, Francis Samsel personally knew St. Maximilian Kolbe, who had been his superior when Samsel was a seminarian at the Conventual Monastery in Niepokalanow, Poland. Because Samsel was American, Kolbe had advised he depart Poland prior

to the German invasion. Sister Ireneaus learned firsthand from her father the profound impact Kolbe had on his community.

Actor Leonardo Defilippis, who plays Kolbe, in reflecting on the play, recently commented: "This is about what's happening today, even though it was World War II. You'll see the build up of what Hitler was trying to do and you'll see the same parallels in our situation in the world. And you'll see the different things that are going to battle and take away the freedoms of people" (Blade art). As we host *Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz*, who cannot pause to reflect on the unjust aggression we have seen of the attacks of Russia against Ukraine, of Hamas against Israel, who cannot question the grave effects of the response of Israel against the Palestinians, and who cannot worry and wonder as we have witnessed the attack of Iran against Israel? As we unite our prayers for peace and raise our voices for the respect of every human person in the face of the atrocities of violence and war at this moment in human history, the words of Maximilian Kolbe haunt us even now: "Hatred is not a creative force; only love is a creative power."

This April, we are blessed to learn more about and be inspired by the example and witness of this Franciscan friar and modern-day martyr. His life and death should resonate deeply with all of us in these days, when the evils of hatred, violence and the effects of war in our world are ever before our eyes. It is my sincere hope and prayer that attendance at this performance will serve as a catalyst to advance our efforts to promote the dignity of every person, to encourage understanding and working for peace, to root out hatred and violence, and to promote harmony born of self-sacrificial love. Through the intercession of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, may our Catholic faith be strengthened and may we all grow in human and Christian virtue.

+ Daniel E. Thomas

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