

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



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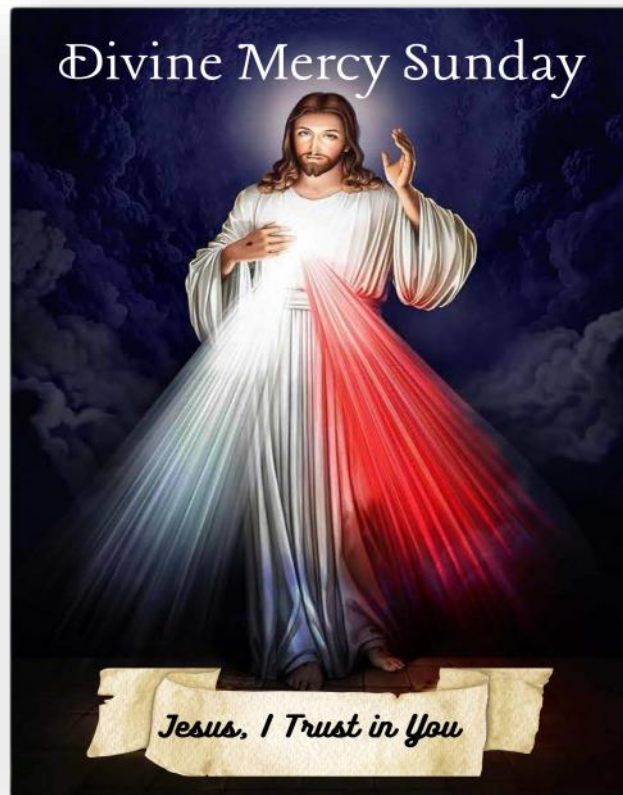
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PARISHIONERS

- 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.

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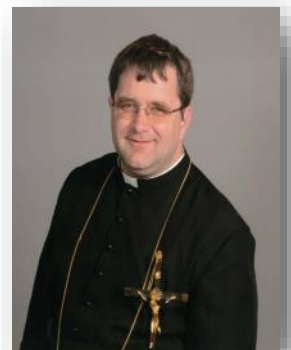
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Alleluia! Happy Easter! Today is the Second Sunday of Easter also referred to as Divine Mercy Sunday and is the 8th day in the Octave of Easter. Alleluia!

Video cameras are up all around us these days. We have one up in our church so that people can see what is going on in church 24-7 or turn it on to the channel and pray and others put them up on their property for security. In our modern culture almost all of us carry cell phones and on most of our cell phones there is a video camera so that we can capture any activity that we want. During the COVID shutdown I recorded Masses using my cell phone. We use video cameras for a variety of reasons for security purposes, when we want to catch special moments, we use them for learning purposes, and we use video cameras because life moves too fast that the naked eye can miss details, so we use these cameras so we can see it again.

In our scriptures today the disciples are hiding fear, they are hiding behind locked doors why? Jesus their friend and leader was arrested and put to death by the religious leaders. Because of their close association with Jesus could they be next? The disciples are hiding in fear, but they are also hiding regret and sorrow. They had no video cameras at the time but behind the locked doors I would imagine the camera of their brains were repeatedly playing events that just happen. They told Jesus that they would not abandon him and when they came to arrest Jesus they did. Peter said he would not deny Jesus, a matter of fact he said he was willing to die for Jesus, but when in the courtyard he denied Jesus.

It is amid this fear, regret, and sorrow Jesus appears to the disciples. Not for a moment I told you so “I told you that you would run away from me” nor did Jesus appear to cut relations with the disciples “what happened to you guys when I needed you most. That it is you can no longer be my disciple.” When Jesus appears, his message is quite the opposite “Peace be with you.” (John 20:19). Jesus goes onto say “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” (John 20:23). Jesus forgives them and gives them the opportunity to start again. This is the good news of Jesus risen from the dead. It is not just that Jesus just died on the cross and rose from the dead. It is that Jesus died and rose from dead are we are forgiven and are given the opportunity to start again. As the disciples behind locked door hear the message of forgiveness, may we in this Easter Season hear that same message of forgiveness. Alleluia!



MONDAY, APRIL 8 The Annunciation of the Lord

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Communion Service—Mike Karhoff

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

8:20am Rosary
8:45am George & Marcial Schroeder

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

7:15am-7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am Bill, Margaret & Mike Warnecke
6:30pm-7:30pm Adoration
7:00pm-7:30 Confessions

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 St. Stanislaus

8:25am Rosary
8:45am Agnes Karhoff

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

7:15am-7:45am Confession
7:35am Rosary
8:00am Mike Hoffman
12:00pm Rosary

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 St. Martin

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Rosemarie Schroeder
8:30am Confessions
4:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Edna Riepenhoff(AN), Ryan Stechschulte(AN),
Dennis Stechschulte, Karl Stechschulte,
L/D Tom Ellerbrock Family,
L/D Wilfred & Dorothy(AN) Kleman Family, Joyce Smith,
Yogi, Joann & Lori VonLehmden
5:30pm Baptism - Fr. Matt

SUNDAY, APRIL 14~3rd Sunday of Easter

7:35am Rosary
8:00am L/D Eileen & Andrew Schroeder Family, Cleo Schroeder,
L/D Alfred & Mary Verhoff Family, Gordon Verhoff(AN),
L/D Donald Recker Family, Gerald Otto
10:30am Oscar Schnipke, Michael Yaeger, Doris Herman,
Judy Jerwers, JoAnn Otto
11:30am Baptism-Fr. Matt

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Today at St. John's, there will be
following events . . .

8:00am Mass
10:30am Mass
1:30pm - 3:00pm Adoration
1:30pm -2:45pm Confessions
3:00pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Benediction and Veneration of the Image



St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1931), who Pope John Paul II called the "seeress and apostle of Divine Mercy" glorified through her writings the message of the modern Divine Mercy message and showed the religious mission of being modern models of the heart of Sacred Scripture: the good news of God's mercy for sinners.

HOUSEKEEPING

Next weekend at all Masses, we will be voting on new parish council members. The ballots will be in the pews and will be collected at collection time.

SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	Communion Service - no servers needed
Tue	8:45am	Students
Wed	8:00am	Gene & Rose Warnecke
Thurs	8:45am	Students
Fri	8:00am	Ken & Paula Elchinger
Sat	8:00am	Mason McKee, Kendall Mayhew, Ella Macke
Sat	4:30pm	Riley Trombley, Noah Schroeder, Landyn Schulte
Sun	8:00am	Aubrey Leopold, Nolan Duling, Isaac Macke
Sun	10:30am	Grant Schroeder, Jacob Schimmoeller, James Niese

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS

Sat	4:30pm	Mary Ellen Halker	
		Louis Halker	Elizabeth Ruhe
Sun	8:00am	Deb Burwell	Diane Nienberg
		Gretchen Schmitz	Doug Karhoff
Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding	Janet Schroeder
		Rose Ellerbrock	Jay Rump

GIFT BEARERS

Sat	4:30pm	Dale & Ruth Gerding
Sun	8:00am	Jim & Sue Leopold
Sun	10:30am	Nick & Teresa Ellerbrock

APRIL USHERS

Sat	4:30pm	Richard Schmitz, Brady Laudick
Sun	8:00am	Bart Recker, Ken Kottenbrock
Sun	10:30am	Barry Maag, Ken Horstman

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 1

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Edna & Diane Nienberg
APRIL FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Paul & Marlene Kleman, Dorothy Karl, Deb Burwell, Tim & Chris Hoehn, Al & Lisa Hueve, Teresa Duling, Beth Recker

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.

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

- * Our average attendance for the 4:30pm for month of March **255** people
- * Our average attendance for the 8:00am for month of March **234** people
- * Our average attendance for the 10:30am for month of February **416** people
- * Our average weekend attendance for the month of February **906** people
- * The Mass that had greatest attendance for the month of March was the **10:30 Mass March 17th with 500 people.**

Note: We did not count any Easter Masses.

Thank you! Thank you to all the ushers for your diligence in taking attendance at all the Masses in the past 6 months.

Peace, Fr. Matt

4 ABOUT OUR PARISH

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Instruction is necessary when this is your first child. To arrange a baptism or register for the parental baptism class, please contact the Parish Office.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS (by Deacon Don) Parish Center

Room 15 9:00am –10:30am

Upcoming classes: May 19, 2024 (Room 22), and September 15

MARRIAGES

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS (REQUIRED) 1-DAY CLASS organized by Dr. Craig and Wendy Imm in the Parish Center Cafeteria
Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 8:00am

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Wednesday 7:15am –7:45am, 7:45—8:20pm

Friday 7:15am—7:45am

Saturday 4:00pm—4:15pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office if you need a Priest for Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites. If a Sacramental Emergency call 419-778-9339.

HOLY ORDERS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Contact the vocation office at the Toledo Diocese at 419-244-6711 ext. 4945 or e-mail

psmith@toledodiocese.org or contact the vocation office at the Missionaries of the Precious Blood 937-228-9263 or e-mail vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 6:30pm—7:30pm

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

1st Saturday 5:30pm - 8:00am

INITIATION OF ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA/OCIA)

Is a journey through which interested adults and older children are welcomed and gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic Faith, Sacraments, Worship and way of life. In response to their inquiries, these people are properly instructed so that you can discern (through reflection and prayer) whether you are indeed called to Catholicism. If you would like more information or want to register please contact the Parish Office. The next session will start in the fall.

CATECHISM CORNER

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

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

“Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.” Hebrews 13:3

The sixth work of mercy invites us to remember those who are serving time in prison. This work is very important, because it brings a strong light into the depths of our hearts so that we may see whether feelings or fear and judgement are hidden there. It makes us ask ourselves: How do we view criminals who have been incarcerated? Do we judge them? It is simplistic to divide people into two categories, good and evil. And while God’s law helps us to judge whether an action is right or wrong, no one has given us the authority to judge other **people**.

Prison inmates have made wrong decisions. They have fallen to temptation and committed crimes. They are suffering the consequences of their choices and are paying the price for their deeds in a cell, without freedom, without their families, and without their personal possessions. *Our judgements don’t help convicts.*

While it is necessary that they serve their sentences, society should assure that prisoners can do so in a way that respects their dignity as human beings. In addition, they should be provided with what is needed to help them rebuild their lives. Unfortunately, there are many overcrowded prisons where prisoners sink into hopelessness or become angry with themselves and aggressive with others. The Church has numerous initiatives to care for prisoners so that they are given the comfort and courage they need to turn away from rage, desperation, and emptiness.

Saint Reflection: Saint John Bosco was a priest in Turin, Italy, in the 1800’s. He often went to visit boys who found themselves in jail because they had stolen or committed other crimes. Many of these boys were poor, orphaned, or outcast. Read Don Bosco’s thoughts below and then try to put his “formula” into practice today.

“Being good is not about avoiding sin or failure -oh no! Unfortunately, we fail and commit sins. Being good consists in this: in having the will to change. I want to give you the formula for holiness – first: being happy and at peace with God and others; second: being faithful to the duties of study and prayer; and third: doing good to everyone around us.” ~ St. John Bosco

Action Ideas: *Pray for prisoners. Read the news and pray by name for the conversion of those involved. Donate spiritual books, magazines, and newspapers to prison ministries. Make rosaries for prisoners. (Check with a prison chaplain first to see what colors and materials are allowed.) Offer to babysit for a busy parent and tell the parent to go out and have a couple hours alone. Offer to run errands for a homebound person.*

STEWARDSHIP		March 31, 2024
Offering		
Loose	\$	3,224.50
Adult Envelope	\$	3,393.79
Children	\$	377.50
Maintenance	\$	800.00
Online Giving	\$	2,290.00
Easter	\$	22,397.00
Easter Electronic	\$	3,785.00
Holy Land - Good Friday	\$	1,788.00
Holy Land - Loose	\$	316.00
Holy Thursday Loose	\$	751.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	30.00
Initial Offering	\$	4.00
Total Collection	\$	39,156.79

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.stjohnsglandorf.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)

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 \$30,527.71.
We are 66.63% 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.

Partners in Faith & Works
 Give Today at acatoledo.org

The C.P.P.S. major superiors request that all Missionaries and lay associates pray each month for a different unit of the congregation.

March: Atlantic Province

Please pray every day for a Missionary of the Precious Blood.

Missionaries of the Precious Blood of the United States Province are in ministries of prayer, preaching, teaching, parish work, and other apostolates, following their call to serve God's people. Please support them in prayer each day, lifting them up for God's blessing.

Prayer suggestion: O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name), act in him, speak in him and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead, and guide him always. Correct, enlighten, and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving, pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always. Amen.

April prayer list

- Fr. Nhan (Dominic) Bul
- Br. Timothy Cahill
- Br. Daryl Charron
- Most Rev. Joseph Charron
- Fr. Dennis Chriszt
- Fr. Timothy Coday
- Pray for vocations
- Fr. Donald Davison
- Fr. William Delaney
- Fr. Stephen Dos Santos
- Fr. Aloys Ebach
- Fr. Linus Evers
- Fr. Gregory Evers
- Living and deceased C.P.P.S. members
- Fr. Barry Fischer
- Br. Joseph Fisher
- Fr. Anthony Fortman
- Fr. James Franck
- Fr. Richard Friebe
- Fr. James Gaynor
- Pray for those in formation
- Fr. Michael Goode
- Fr. Timothy Guthridge
- Fr. Thomas Hemm
- Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn
- Fr. Tam Minh (Peter) Hoang
- Fr. John Hoying
- For living and deceased Amici
- Fr. Mark Hoying
- Fr. David Hoying

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.

Jeffery Schroeder

WEDDING BANN

I Samantha Hoffman, of this parish, daughter of Christine & the late Michael Hoffman & **Christopher Mounce**, son of Michael & Terri Mounce

II Grace Warnecke, of this parish, daughter of Rodney & Jennifer Warnecke & **Matt Vennekotter**, of St. Nicholas, Miller City, son of Carl & Diane Vennekotter

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

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sharon Steyer 4/8/03 | Norbert L Siefker 4/10/10 |
| Claire Marie Wrasman 4/8/08 | Gordon A Verhoff 4/10/17 |
| Alfred C Kaufman Jr 4/8/15 | Edna E Riepenhoff 4/11/23 |
| Kevin D Keiser 4/8/21 | Dorothy C Kleman 4/13/17 |
| Craig E Evers 4/10/08 | |



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

6 YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS/AROUND THE PARISH

Elementary & Jr. High 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 12th 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.)

<https://form.jotform.com/240244939110147>

Your invited!
to  **With the Priests!**

Are you... curious about the Priesthood or the religious life??
Do you... Have questions about your vocation??

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

Who: Young men in junior high, high school and college
Parents are welcome also!
When: Saturday, April 20, after the 4:30 Mass
Where: St. John's Rectory

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



Save the Date
First Communion,
May 5, 2024
at 1:00pm

High School Corner

SENIORS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
BACCALAUREATE MASS

May 19, 2024 at 10:30am

Parents of Mass Servers or New Mass Servers:

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

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

The grade school training (attend one):

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

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

High school new server training, if needed: TBD

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

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

The deadline for registration submittals is April 12, 2024.

Mass Server
Registration
QR Code



or hyperlink https://form.jotform.com/240565061869059Mass_Server_Registrationform.jotform.com

Thank you,
Elton Schroeder
eltons@me.com

St. John the Baptist ~ Glandorf

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.

Summer Faith Adventure

JAMES BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

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.



Men's Society

Father/Son Breakfast

Sunday, April 7th starting after 8:00am Mass and ending before 10:30am Mass. Breakfast food will be provided, along with a guest speaker and door prizes.

PARISH CENTER ACTIVITIES

Every Second Sunday of the Month

April 14, 2024



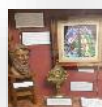
COFFEE AND DONUTS AND GRAND-DYF CLUB

located in cafeteria after 8:00am and 10:30am Masses by **Pat and Barb Siefker**



LENDING LIBRARY

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



PARISH MUSEUM

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

For visitors outside of the scheduled time, please contact Michael Leach 419-538-

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

(Sponsored by St. John's Alter Rosary Society)

Come for Old Fashioned visiting while playing cards, games or crafting.

Every Third Wednesday of each month.

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

@ The Parish Center cafe in Glandorf.

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

You can Bring Your Own Beverage & snack.

FREE EVENT NO MEMBERSHIP FEE

"It's a place to gather with friends and neighbors without having to clean house." ¹⁸ ₁₉

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

GLANDORF ST. JOHN'S
PRESENTS...

"COME & SEE"

A DAY OF EUCHARISTIC
ENCOUNTER FOR FAMILIES

SUNDAY APRIL 14
PARISH CENTER

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM:

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

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM:

"Experience a Miracle" talk
by Pat Oedy-Murray

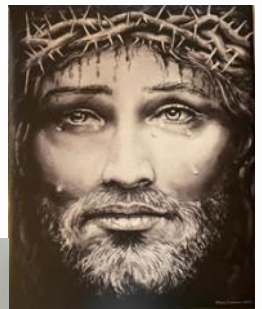
3:00 pm - 3:45 PM:

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

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



Gift Baskets and
Scavenger Hunt Prizes



Door Prizes:
13 x 16 Picture of
Christ



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

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



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



8 AROUND THE PARISH AND AREA

Glandorf St. John's Parish
Altar Rosary Society

Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet

Who: All mothers, daughters, sisters and women young and old of the parish

What: Fun and Fellowship with a delicious meal by June Gerdeman, door prizes, 50/50 (at the door only), and entertainment by Amerie Young, Ottawa-Glandorf High School Student

When: Sunday, April 28th after 10:30 mass

Where: Parish Center

Please RSVP by Monday April 15th

RSVP by placing below reservation and money (All Meals \$8.00 each) in the collection basket, rectory dropbox, or mailing to:

Betsy Maag
12855 Road 12
Ottawa, Ohio 45875

Reservation for 2024 Mother-Daughter Banquet

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Number 13 & over: _____ Number 12 & under: _____

Total Number Attending: _____ X \$8.00= Total Payment: _____
Checks made payable to Glandorf Altar Rosary

Attention ALL MEN!!!!

Join us on for That Man Is You (TMIY) Last session until fall.

Wednesday, April 10th, 7-8:30pm in room 22, we will have pizza! OR Saturday, April 13th, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria, we will have breakfast!

For more information, contact Mike Karhoff

@ mbkarhoff@bright.net, 419-796-0763 TMIY "WORTHY OF THE CALL" – Holy Grit (Sat. 4/13, Wed. 4/10) (session 26)

Presenter: Paul George: Having a spiritual life is hard... it takes grit and grace. We are not only called to be gritty, but to be holy and to be like God. We are not worthy as men because of our accomplishments, but because God calls us to be his sons. Your identity is in Christ, not in your successes or your failures. The enemy's goal is to isolate you in your difficulties. True masculinity requires self-reflection, honesty, and a willingness to "grow up" in Christ. *Ephesians 4:1-3, 16, 29.*



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Chicken BBQ or Pork Chop Dinner

Sunday, April 14, 2024 from 11:00am—1:00pm at the Glandorf Fire Department drive thru. \$12.00 per Dinner. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased at Brooky's or call Bob Meyerhoffer at 419-236-3889.



W-Holy & Healthy: Cardinal Virtues

* Free Zoom event*
April 17, 2024
8:00 - 9:00 pm

Join Wendy Imm (Divine Grace Fertility Care) & Christine Schroeder (Restore 23) as they discuss the book "Art of Living" by Edward Sri and how the 4 cardinal virtues (temperance, prudence, justice & fortitude) can apply to women's health, wellness and fertility.

To register: call/text Wendy at #614.634.1043 with name and email address

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Book available to purchase at The Mustard Seed in Glandorf if you'd like to follow along.

JEREMIAH 29:11

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Putnam County Right Life

will holding our annual Garage and Bake Sale at the Ottawa K of C Hall in April. We are adding hours on Sunday to drop off items because of the eclipse on

Monday, April 8. On Sunday, April 7 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Monday, April 8 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm we will be accepting gently used items and baked goods at the K of C hall. Sale days are Tuesday, April 9 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and Wednesday, April 10 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please help us support all life!



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Divine Mercy Sunday

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy. On this day we thank God for His forgiveness and love. It is the mercy of God that lets all of us come back to Him after we have sinned.

We know how much Jesus loves us because He suffered and died for us. When we have sinned, He wants us to be sorry and come back to Him. No matter how big of a sin you do, if you are sorry for it then God will forgive you. He wants to forgive you because He loves you!

Today we should thank God for His mercy and forgiveness and ask Him to look on us and our friends and the whole world with love and forgiveness! Here is a prayer we can say:

*Eternal Father,
I offer You
the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity
of Your
dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the
whole world.*



Answers to Annunciation Puzzle:
sent, Joseph, name, Lord, confused, angel,
not, God, Son of God

The Annunciation

This year we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on Monday April 8th. The Annunciation is the day that Jesus became a tiny baby inside Mary.

Finish this story by filling in the blanks with words from the lists and using the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

God an angel to a virgin who
was engaged to .
Her was Mary.

He told her that the was with her.
But Mary was about
what the angel said.

So the said to her,
"Do be afraid, Mary, for you
have found favor with

Then the angel told her that she would have a
Baby and that He would be the
_____.



CONFUSED
ANGEL
NAME
GOD

JOSEPH
LORD
SENT
NOT

Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



Repent, and believe in the Gospel

On Ash Wednesday, many Catholics heard the words “Repent and believe in the Gospel,” as blessed ashes were imposed on their foreheads. These first words spoken by Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry (Mark 1:15), were addressed to each sinner who came forward (that is, to everyone!). At once these words are an exhortation to turn away from sin and turn back to our merciful Father, an encouragement to follow Jesus and his teachings more faithfully, and an invitation to true sorrow for our sins. Lent is the sacred time when, through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we strive to make right our relationships with the Lord and with one another.



Since the 18 December 2023 publication of the Declaration *Fiducia supplicans* (FS), on the pastoral meaning of blessings, by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, I have received numerous questions and expressions of serious reservation, concern and confusion. While the text of *Fiducia supplicans* stated that no further guidance or response would be given (FS 41), on 4 January 2024, the same Dicastery published a [press release](#) (PR) listing several previously unmentioned conditions for blessings of couples in

irregular situations and same sex couples, seeking to clarify the reception of *Fiducia supplicans*, and recommending “a full and calm reading of the Declaration so as to better understand its meaning and purpose” (PR Intro).

Now, after taking time for a full and calm reading; and after listening to, consultation with and being encouraged by several lay faithful, consecrated religious and clergy, including members of our diocesan consultative bodies, I offer the following observations in exercise of my apostolic mission of teaching, governing, and sanctifying the flock entrusted to my care (PR 2).

To be clear, there is no change to the Catholic Church’s perennial teaching on marriage. The divinely revealed truth is that marriage is the “exclusive, stable, and indissoluble union between a man and a woman, naturally open to the generation of children” (FS 4). Jesus himself taught this definition of marriage willed by the Creator “in the beginning” (cf. Matthew 19:3-9; Genesis 1-2). His Church has faithfully shared his teaching even when differing forms of unions have been promoted by popular cultures in various eras of history.

The Declaration highlights the common practice of Catholics seeking God’s help and guidance in their lives by approaching an ordained minister outside a liturgical context, for a brief prayer of blessing. The Declaration proposes that couples in irregular unions or same-sex unions can receive such informal blessings which are pastoral, not liturgical, in which there is “no intention to legitimize anything” (FS 40) of the immoral lifestyle of those blessed.

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But herein lies the confusion. How can the blessing of a couple not be seen as the blessing of their union? Many, having read the documents, have commented to me that they would realistically see only two scenarios of requests for such blessings: a) those couples in irregular unions or same sex unions who are genuinely struggling and earnestly desiring the help of the Church's minister to repent, to follow the Gospel, and to make right their relationship with the Lord and with each other; and b) those couples who desire the Church's minister to condone their situation and affirm that the Lord blesses their union. In the first situation, a request for a blessing is a petition for grace to repent. In the second, a request for a blessing expresses a misguided attempt for approval of an immoral lifestyle which is incongruent with Jesus' teaching.

As shepherd of this local flock, having listened to many of my people, I worry that while *Fiducia supplicans* and the subsequent press release go to great lengths to insist that the possibility of blessing couples in irregular situations and same sex couples does not officially validate their status or change in any way the Church's perennial teaching on marriage; nevertheless, the reality of performing such proposed blessings lends itself to causing grave scandal.

As we all know, for so many, perception is reality. If a cleric is blessing a couple, it is hard to imagine how that is not seen as a blessing of their union. Such a blessing, it seems to me, could well be misunderstood by the couples themselves and by the faithful, thus being perceived as a blessing of the union, not just the couple. Such blessings would somehow compromise or weaken the Church's perennial teaching either by intention or neglect, because they lack the clarity necessary to assuage misinterpretation, misunderstanding and erroneous conclusions.

Deeply grateful for the hardworking and dedicated clergy serving in the Diocese of Toledo, I encourage them to continue to pray spontaneous non-liturgical prayers with any persons who seek physical, mental, or spiritual health, wisdom in times of crisis and decision-making, grace to fight against temptation, and courage to leave sinful lifestyles and follow Jesus in freedom. This of course includes individuals who may find themselves in irregular or same sex unions, addressing them with love, offering them hope and calling them to conversion of mind and heart. As *Fiducia supplicans* #5

and the press release articulate, same-sex unions and irregular unions cannot and should not be blessed (PR 2). Thus, it would be morally inappropriate, misleading, and scandalous for clergy in our diocese to pray with a couple in any manner that would feign to approve, condone, endorse, or validate an irregular or same-sex union (PR 5). Ultimately, this could cause scandal for the couples themselves, for the faithful, and for society at large.

Catholic parents of children in irregular or same-sex unions know the complexity of accompanying their children with patient, prudent, and prayerful acts of charity and hospitality which do not obscure, but in fact, allow for the truth of Jesus' teaching about marriage and family to be more clearly revealed and embraced. I trust that the clergy of our diocese will continue to dedicate themselves to exercising their spiritual fatherhood with patience, prudence, and prayer, teaching the unchanging truths of our faith with clarity and accompanying all the people of God, particularly those who struggle.

It is essential for me to express gratitude and encouragement for all in our diocese who faithfully make serious sacrifices in striving to live Jesus' teaching on marriage and family life. Your dedication provides a much-needed witness amid chaos and confusion about the sacred realities of marriage and family. There are those in irregular unions who, out of respect for Jesus' teaching, still come to Mass but refrain from receiving the Holy Eucharist. There are those who experience same-sex attraction but strive to live chastely. We support, accompany, and reassure them as they strive to remain faithful to the Lord's Will.

While discordant voices will continue to engage in debate about the proper path forward for the Church, I invite everyone to join me in remaining faithful, not losing heart, and in focusing more intensely on Jesus and his call to conversion, whatever our vocation. Pray that together we might recognize that we are all sinners, urged anew this Lent to hear and heed the exhortation of Jesus himself: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

+ Daniel E. Thomas

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
February 29, 2024

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