

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



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Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm
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Parish Office Closed
Friday, August 15, 2025

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OUR MISSION

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.

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.

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

DIOCESAN POLICY FOR CYO SPORTS

All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish in order to participate on that parish's team.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH POLICY FOR HIGH SCHOOL & GRADE SCHOOL CYO SPORTS

Is your child playing a CYO sport this year? Please note the following expectations:

High School Students:

Players are expected to attend **both the Fall and Winter sessions** of High School Religious Education Groups *and* attend **weekend Mass** on Saturday or Sunday.

Grade School Students:

Participants must regularly attend Grade School CCD classes and weekend Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

This policy applies to all **players, coaches, and their families** participating on any **Putnam County Grade School Boys' & Girls' CYO teams**.

Attendance will be monitored and reviewed.

- After **four missed classes**, each additional absence will result in the player sitting out **one game**.
- If your child is ill and cannot attend, please notify Jenn Warnecke at **419-302-8465** via call or text **before class**. We appreciate the cooperation of all families as we uphold this parish policy for the spiritual and communal good of our youth and parish.

Fr. Matt & Mary Ellen Klear

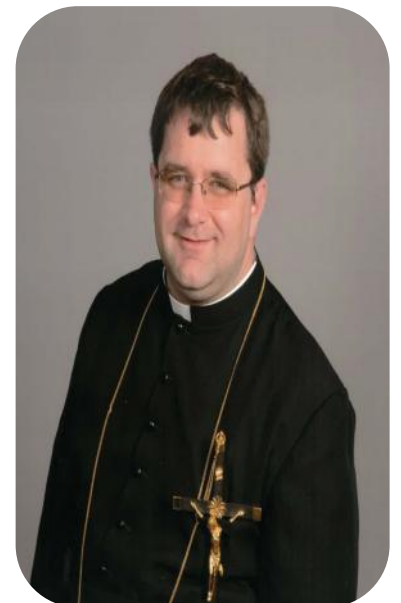
Fast forward the calendar to about 3-4 months from now, fast forward the calendar to Advent a season of anticipation of the coming of Christ. We are going to hear a message to be watchful, to ready for the unknown hour when the Lord is going to come. We anticipate hearing this message then and when we hear this message we will excitedly respond to this message by getting ready for Christmas because we believe that Jesus is coming at Christmas. We look forward to hearing that message then, but today in August, in the middle of Ordinary time 19 of 34 weeks we hear a similar message today. Jesus tells us to “Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return” (Luke 12:35-36). As out of place as it may seem to hear these words be ready for the master’s return, I think it is important for us to hear these words today and perhaps reminded of these words. Because the unknown hour that we think will come at Christmas and having the Season of Advent to get ready, the unknown hour may not happen then but could happen at a different time during the year. The unknown hour could be today. So, if the unknown hour could happen at any time are you ready today, for the unknown hour?

You would think the answer to this question about being ready for the unknown hour would seem to be clear, black or white, either you are ready, or you are not. I will be honest as I think of that unknown hour and I think of my life there are parts of my life that look good, and I can proudly say I am ready. But then again, I look at my life and I see parts of my life that I am not exactly proud of parts of my life need some work needs to be done. That would put me in place of a deserving punishment, I have some work to do before unknown hour, I am not ready for it just yet.

Our scriptures speak of servants awaiting the master’s return. In a certain sense this parable reminds me of growing up, when Mom and Dad would leave for work and leave my brothers and I at home. They would usually leave before we were up in the morning but before they left for work, they would leave a note, part of the note would tell us what to have for lunch and the other part of the note would usually have a list of chores that they wanted us to get done before they got home from work. Most days the assigned work got done the way it was supposed to get done. But I will also admit there were some days the chores that were assigned did not get completed or done the way it was supposed to, on those days, usually a punishment followed. And the punishment that followed was usually given to teach a lesson, given out of love. In just the same way in our own lives we do the best we can in doing the Lord’s work and the Lord finds us to be faithful. But other times we might not do as well doing the Lord’s work or we might fail to do the Lord’s work altogether.

In these moments the Lord has a lesson to teach us out of love in how we are called to be more faithful in doing his work.

May we be faithful and ready for the Lord to come and open the door for him.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2025

MONDAY, AUGUST 11 St. Clare

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Don

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Oscar Schnipke

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Tom Ellerbrock Family, Don Strauer

6:30pm-7:30pm Adoration

7:00pm-7:30pm Confession

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Bob Duling(AN) Family

7:00pm Michael Leach**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am George & Marcial Schroeder

12:00pm Rosary

4:30pm Edward & Jeannette Morman

6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal-Mary Ellen Halker

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 St. Stephen

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Mary Ann Schroeder

8:30am Confession

1:00pm Ellerbrock/Sheets Wedding

4:00pm Confession

4:30pm Dana Vorst, L/D Charles Siefker(AN) Family,

L/D Ben Warnecke Family,

L/D Dick Coressel Family,

L/D Robert & Alice Schroeder Family,

L/D Jerome & Alma Schmitz Family,

L/D Gilbert & Marcella Morman Family,

L/D Mel Hedrick Family

5:30pm Baptism - Fr. Matt

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17~20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Joe Karl Jr. Family, Kathleen Schroeder(AN),

Anna Marie Kahle, Paul Siefker(AN)

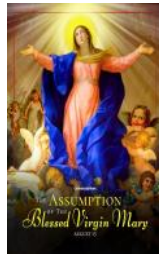
10:30am Klear-Hanneman Families,

L/D Lawrence & Martha Maag Family, Alice Siefker,

L/D Robert & Susanna Smith Family, Chris Kingsley,

Dave Yoder

11:30am Baptism - Deacon Don



SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:00am	Konnor Stechschulte, Graham Miller, Burke Walker, Lyla Walker
Wed	8:00am	Avery Brady, Jacoby Maag, CJ Schroeder, Landon Kuhlman
Thurs	8:00am	Bella Bockrath, Addyson Faber, Jacob Leopold, Connor Mayhew
Thurs	7:00pm	Breyson Trombley, Alania Duling, Riley Trombley, Thurifer- Nolan Duling
Fri	8:00am	Ella Vorst, Carter Vorst, AJ Siefker
Fri	4:30pm	Will Siefker, Zachary Schroeder, Grant Schroeder, Thurifer-Caleb Pulfer
Sat	8:00am	Maya Vorst, Luke Bockrath, Ryland Ellerbrock, Drew Schroeder
Sat	4:30pm	Ayvrie Schulte, Izak Schimmoeller, Emmitt Miller
Sun	8:00am	Caleb Schroeder, Kamryn Schroeder, Ella Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Owen Schumaker, Asher Rump, Abby Recker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

Thurs	7:00pm	Sue Recker Laura Wagner	Mindy Recker Kelly Schroeder
Fri	8:00am	Tim Hoehn Chris Hoehn	Elizabeth Ruhe Nicole Ruhe
Fri	4:30pm	Steve Brown Sharon Brown	Reagan Miller Morgan Miller
Sat	4:30pm	Doug Deitering Diane Deitering	Sharon Meyer Chris Schroeder
Sun	8:00am	Deb Leopold Deb Schroeder	Andy Gray Deb Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding Jane Moening	Mary Ellen Klear Dan Klear

GIFT BEARERS

Sat	4:30pm	Ushers or ask a family
Sun	8:00am	Ushers or ask a family
Sun	10:30am	Eric & Alicia Nussbaum

AUGUST USHERS

Thurs	7:00pm	Jerry Recker, Al Kaufman
Fri	8:00am	Chris & Tim Hoehn
Fri	4:30pm	Ray Diemer, Steve Brown, Noah Emmons
Sat	4:30pm	Kevin Ellerbrock, Alex Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Chris & Tim Hoehn
Sun	10:30am	Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Deb Burwell, Sandy Verhoff
COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 3

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Edna & Diane Nienberg

AUGUST FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Mary Ann Myers, Jane Uphaus, Gary & Diane Meyer, Ron Schmitz, Larry & Carolyn Dorn, Kathy Schmitz

4 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP

August 3, 2025

Offering

Loose	\$	842.00
Adult Envelope	\$	7,512.00
Children	\$	115.00
Maintenance	\$	2,733.00
Peter Pence	\$	250.00
Online Offering	\$	2,233.00
Online Maintenance	\$	169.00
Total Collection	\$	13,854.00

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

Heartbeat needs Diapers - size 3, size 5 or 6, Formula—any kind is helpful, Baby wipes.

There is a box in the south entrance of the Church for Heartbeat donations which will be picked up and taken to the Lima office periodically.

Heartbeat Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00am—5:00pm at 421 S. Cable Rd, Lima, OH 45805.

Ottawa Food Pantry needs pineapple, salad dressing, jelly.

Note: Monetary gifts are also welcome. (Send in care of Trinity UM Church, 137 N. Pratt, Ottawa)

TRAINING SESSIONS

FOR LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

LECTOR TRAINING

**August 26, 2025
at Church
7:30pm - 8:30pm**

Any high school student (16 years or older) or Adults that is interested, please call the office. If no one registers, it will be cancelled.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TRAINING

**August 28, 2025
at Church
7:30pm - 8:30pm**

Any high school student (16 years or older) or Adults that is interested, please call the office. If no one registers, it will be cancelled.

JESUS IS CALLING YOU!

Please Include them in your prayers

BAPTIZED

Madeline Sue, daughter of Luke & Katelyn Recker

NEWLY WEDDED

Jaxon & Maureen (Duling) Muhleisen

WEDDING BANN

II Erica Horstman, of this parish, daughter of Don & Jennifer Horstman & **Luke Stall**, son of Chad & Michelle Stall

III Kendra Ellerbrock, of this parish, daughter of Mark & Ann Ellerbrock & **Collin Sheets**, of St. John's, Continental, son of Dennis & Lori Sheets

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

Eve C Kaufman 8/10/20

Lawrence W Stoepfel 8/13/01

Josephine T Kaufman 8/11/03

Linus J Karhoff 8/14/12

Janine M Quinn 8/11/09

Gregory G Hovest 8/14/15

Samantha L Nienberg 8/11/22

Robert F Duling 8/14/24

OCIA

Order of Christian
Initiation of Adults

The Journey of Faith

OCIA is a process to introduce non-Catholics, or non-Christians to Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church. The goal is to lead others into a personal relationship with Christ and a conversion of heart from a life of sin to a life of grace. We assist them in being fully initiated into the Church – if Christ leads them down this path. Inquirers can start at any time throughout the year, whenever God is calling.

Contact Mindy Recker for more information.

Rectory #419.538.6928 • Cell # 419.615.8926

SACRAMENTS**BAPTISM**

We want to warmly invite all parents to join us for our upcoming Baptism Class! Whether this is your first child, second, third, or beyond, there is always something new to learn about this beautiful sacrament. We also encourage parents to invite their chosen godparents to attend the class. This class is only required for parents for their first child.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS (by Mike and Becky Karhoff)

Parish Center Room 15 9:00am –10:30am

Upcoming classes:

September 28, 2025, January 11, 2026,

May 17, 2026, September 27, 2026

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 2, 2025 at 8:00am

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

Friday 7:15am–7:45am

Saturday 8:30am, 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 419-214-4945 or e-mail dkidd@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**Transfiguration: Our Call to Mission**

The Feast of the Transfiguration, celebrated on August 6th, commemorated Jesus revealing his divine glory. The Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, the point where human nature meets God. Three disciples, Peter, James, and John were invited into Jesus's life in an intimate way—to see him in his glory, his humanity stripped away and his divinity made visible to them. What they witnessed at the Transfiguration called for a response in their faith. God's glory, revealed to the apostles, was undeniable. How could one *not* respond? HOW *did* they respond is the question. Did they marvel in this truth simply by keeping it themselves? Or, did they act on it? While it is true that Jesus told them not to share what they saw at the time, *verbally*, they did share – by living it!

First, they believed more profoundly that Jesus was the Messiah, the One to come and save them. Their deep belief caused them to *LIVE* their belief by ministering to those who did not yet know or know fully the truth of Christ Jesus. They ministered to those who were suffering, alone, widows, the outcast and the poor.

The Transfiguration was a foreshadow of Christ's Resurrection into new life. The old passed away and the new life began. We are called to have a transfiguration of our own in which we die to ourselves and live fully in a new life with Christ just as Peter, James and John. That life of Christ, as witnessed by Jesus Himself and the Apostles, is a life of love and love leads to service. It is a life that turns away from self and shines His light onto others.

We are invited into this same intimacy with Jesus each time we celebrate the sacraments, enter into prayer, or reach out to a brother or sister in need. Need can be found everywhere. Perhaps it's regularly visiting your neighbor who now lives alone. Perhaps it's welcoming a visitor to our community or church that is searching for a faith family. Perhaps it's showing compassion to a co-worker who is having financial, career or family difficulties. Perhaps it's mentoring a young person lost in immersion of the world and not finding fulfillment. Being that light of Christ to others means looking at the people and situations around you with eyes of faith; eyes that see beyond the obvious and looks into the heart.

There are also earthly, material needs that we are called to be of service which can also be found all around. Perhaps living like Christ is giving a helping hand with a community group like cleaning the park gardens. Perhaps it's helping with a school function like volunteering to assist at field days or read to student whom need some extra help. Perhaps service is helping at the nursing home or hospital by visiting residents or patients to bring them hope or even bring them the Eucharist and prayer. Perhaps it's stepping in to assist someone at the grocery store who is in a wheelchair while pushing a cart. Perhaps it's serving the needs of the church like becoming an extraordinary minister or lector or usher. Perhaps it's sending cards or making a treat for someone who had a bad day. Undoubtable there are as many examples as there are needs. Put on the eyes of faith to see where Christ's hands and feet are needed in this world. He has no hands but yours. He has no feet but yours. He has no mouth or ears but yours. (St. Teresa of Avila)

The Transfiguration event serves as a call to discipleship, urging believers to follow Christ and allow God to transform their lives. In doing so, to transform the lives around them. This is the Church's mission; the continuation of Jesus' mission.

The question for me is do I prefer to build the tents as Peter wished to and keep this experience to myself, or do I allow the beauty of this transformation to stretch me to go where I might otherwise fear to go?

To read the Transfiguration account, see: Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8, or Luke 9:28-36



OCIA

Informational Meeting

August 13, 2025
Parish Center Cafe

7:30-8:00 pm – Informational Session

8:00-8:30 pm Q&A Session

You are invited to come hear about our new OCIA process! By vocation of our own baptism, we are called to preach, teach and baptize all in the ways of Christ.

Please consider coming to see how you can help!
 If you have any questions, please reach out to me!

Mindy Recker – 419.615.8926



DID YOU HEAR ???

TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARK FESTIVAL MASS, THE COMBINED ADULT CHOIR, YOUTH CHOIR, SPIRIT AND SONG GROUP WILL SING FOR THE MASS AT THE SHRINE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH AT 4:00 PM. CELEBRATION.

ALL CURRENT AND PAST SINGERS, ALONG WITH MUSICIANS (GUITAR, KEYBOARD, FLUTE, TRUMPETS, ETC) WHO HAVE PLAYED AT ST JOHN'S IN THE PAST, ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US FOR THIS CELEBRATION.

THERE WILL BE A REHEARSAL ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST AT 7:30 IN THE CHURCH WITH A SECOND REHEARSAL ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH AT 9:15 IF NEEDED.

ALL ARE WELCOME! LET'S MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE MOMENT AS WE CELEBRATE OUR HISTORY OF THE SHRINE MASS.



Little Flower Girls Club

for any girl in
 grades K-5

Registration forms are
 in the back of church.

Praised be God our Father and His Son
 Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit
The Diocese of Toledo

joyfully requests the honor of your
 presence at the Ordination of

Michael R Karhoff

who has been called to the Order of
 Deacons and will be ordained deacons
 forever through the Imposition of
 Hands and the Invocation of the Holy
 Spirit by

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas

September 13, 2025 at
 10:00am

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



Parishioners, family and friends are
 also invited to join

Deacon Mike Karhoff

as he assists at his first Holy Mass
 as Deacon on

Sunday, September 14, 2025
at 10:30am Mass

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
 109 North Main Street
 Glandorf, OH 45848

*Join us for a Meet and Greet
 after Mass in the
 St. John's Parish Center Cafeteria.
 Light refreshments will be served.*



ADULT FAITH NEEDS YOU!

Looking to grow in your faith and connect with others?

Adult Faith is looking for new faces to join our ministry!

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

8:30 AM

PARISH CENTER

Come see what we're all about—
all are welcome!



**ATTENTION ALL MEN:
THAT MAN IS YOU!!
YOUR INVITED**
TO JOIN US (EVERY WEEK IF YOU CAN!)

Over 40 men in our parish attended regularly last year and we want you to see what you're missing. Help us spread the power of TMIY! Bring a friend, neighbor, brother, and anyone else; let's grow the number of men who are seeing and feeling the benefits of TMIY!

How would you like to learn more about our Catholic faith? Become a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Do you want to be the best man you can be?

TMIY "BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART", YEAR 13, IS STARTING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 6AM-7:30AM IN THE CAFETERIA. WE ARE ALSO OFFERING WEDNESDAY SESSIONS AGAIN BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 17TH, 7PM-8:30PM IN ROOM 22.

CONTACT MIKE KARHOFF FOR MORE INFORMATION @ 419-796-0763,

MBKARHOFF@BRIGHT.NET

OR TEXT TMIY-GLANDORF TO 84576



A FUN DAY FOR ALL TO COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE
THE SON OF GOD WHILE ENJOYING FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDS!

September 21, 2025

11:30am - 3:00pm

St. John's Parish Center

109 N MAIN STREET, GLANDORF, OHIO

**GAMES - FOOD - INFLATABLES
SAINT PARADE - REVERSE RAFFLE
FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

DEACON DON'S TURTLE SOUP WILL BE SERVED ALONG WITH OTHER
FOOD AND DRINKS BY OG JAYCEES AND 1820 BREWORKS

8 AROUND THE PARISH & AREA



JUST SHOW UP AND FILL YOUR CUP
A CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GATHERING FOR REST,
REFLECTION, AND RENEWAL
STARTING SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2025
NO SIGN-UP REQUIRED

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH CENTER – ROOM 15
SATURDAYS AT 8:45 AM – AFTER 8 AM MASS

Ladies of Leisure Social Club

Third Wednesday each month.
Two Event Times: 1:00-4:00 or 6:00-9:00

@ The Parish Center, Cafeteria in Gandorf

Play cards, Games, or Crafts
(Please Bring your own supplies.)
BYOB and snacks.



Casual, FREE Event
Come alone or with friends.
Enjoy a few hours of laughs & friendship.



Questions call: Jill Gerding 419-538-6942
Sponsored by St. John's Alter Rosary Society



Mustard Seed Update

St. John's has acquired The Mustard Seed business. The Mustard Seed is temporarily closed while we complete the legal formation of our new entity through the Diocese of Toledo. As soon as we are established we plan to reopen for a short period of time in the St. John's Parish Center front Lobby while cosmetic upgrades are made to the Mustard Seed building.

Thank you for your patience and prayers! For updates, please follow The Mustard Seed on social media and we will continue to post in the bulletin.



Nationwide Invitation to Prayer Announcement

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio
President, U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
Bishop Daniel E. Thomas
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

History was recently made when Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for one year. Planned Parenthood immediately sued in a federal court and the judge swiftly granted part of a preliminary injunction, requiring the abortion giant's taxpayer funding to continue. Otherwise, children's lives could be saved every day.

Americans should not be forced to pay for the killing of preborn children or fund the clinics that kill them. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. In particular, we will invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life with this prayer ([en español](#)):

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. Free online and print versions of the prayer can be found at www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph. Thank you for responding to this invitation to pray and for your support in protecting innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion. St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

PLATTDEUTSCH TAG (LOW GERMAN DAY)

FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN LOW GERMAN, THERE WILL BE A PLATTDEUTSCH TAG (LOW GERMAN DAY) ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 (LABOR DAY) AT 2PM IN THE PARISH CENTER CAFETERIA. VISITING GLANDORF, GERMANY GUESTS WILL BE GIVING A LOW GERMAN PRESENTATION, FOLLOWED BY A TEACHING SESSION. IF YOU HAVE EVER WANTED TO LEARN A FEW LOW GERMAN WORDS AND PHRASES, HERE IS YOUR CHANCE. WE ARE ESPECIALLY INVITING GLANDORF, OHIO AND NEARBY RESIDENTS, WHO STILL KNOW SOME LOW GERMAN, TO PLEASE COME AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT. THE GERMAN GUESTS ARE EXCITED TO TRY TALKING TO YOU IN OUR ONCE SHARED LANGUAGE. THIS WILL BE A FUN AND ENTERTAINING EVENT!! SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

DANK DI.



BUS TRIP TO OHIO MARCH FOR LIFE

Join Foundation for Life at the Ohio March for Life on **October 3, 2025!**
We will have a charter bus, but seats are limited. Register today!

PRICE: \$25


Register at: fflnwo.org
Or call: 419-535-5800



SUNDAY FUNDAY PARISH FESTIVAL
SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



WE WOULD LIKE TO RAFFLE OFF 4 HALVES OF PORK THIS YEAR. WE ARE LOOKING FOR MONETARY DONATIONS OR 2 HOGS. THANK YOU!



DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD
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Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



"I will take the chalice of salvation and call on the name of the Lord" (Psalm 116:13)

These words are taken from the Psalm Response most often chosen for the Ritual Mass with the Ordination of priests. In fact, it was these very words we prayed this year during the ordination of our three new priests! These words express the sentiments of the psalmist who prays in thanksgiving that the Lord has heard his prayers and supplications. He writes: "Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live." In the Ordination Mass, as we pray these words, we thank the Lord for all he has done for us in the gift of new priests, we thank the Lord for all he has done for us in shedding his blood to save us, and we thank the Lord that our priests live to pour themselves out for us as did Jesus himself.



Just two years ago I wrote that the Eucharist and the Priesthood are inseparable and highlighted our great need for diocesan priests in the July 2023 *Leading the Flock* column. At that time, we introduced a new initiative for the Diocese of Toledo which invited everyone in our Diocese to pray one Hail Mary each day for an increase in priestly vocations, and to do some fasting or abstinence for the same intention. There is no doubt that your prayers and intentional fasting and abstinence are bearing fruit. Over a three-year period we've accepted 1, then last year 4, now this year 6 new seminarians! And more are coming!

Two years ago I observed: "While the challenges we face may seem daunting, I ask that you approach your prayer and fasting/penance for priestly vocations with **hope**. Just think, if every parish in our diocese sent just one man to the seminary every ten years, we would have 122 seminarians over a ten-year period. If just half of them were ordained priests, we would be ordaining an average of over 6 men per year! This would be a huge shift from our current 20-year average of less than 2 ordinations per year. Dare we hope?"

Now, we find ourselves in this Jubilee Year of Hope, called to be Pilgrims of Hope, and recognizing signs of hope! Please join with me in renewed prayer and renewed hope for priestly vocations!

As with our Diocesan Prayer, we are committed to praying for all holy vocations, conscious in particular of the need for deacons and consecrated women religious. Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us: "There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood." So in these final days of the month of July, dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, I am renewing my call that *every* person in our diocese continue or begin to offer a daily Hail Mary, along with some weekly Friday observance of fast or abstinence, for the intention of priestly vocations for our diocese. We need men who are ready

and willing to take up the chalice of self-sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord, and to offer the Body and Blood of our Lord at Mass. We need men who are ready and willing to make present the Lord's Paschal Mystery both at the altar and in their very persons. We need more priests who are happy, holy, humble, healthy, and honest. We need more priests, and with God's grace and your prayers, more priestly vocations will come.

With that in mind, this month we are launching a new initiative in sending out, over time, to all our 122 parishes, two traveling "chalices" provided by our Knights of Columbus, for the purpose of inspiring prayers for vocations, in particular priestly vocations. These are actually replicas of chalices, with an artistic representation of the body and blood. One chalice will travel through the northern counties and the other chalice will travel through the southern counties of our 19 county diocese. My intention with this effort is to till the soil of our diocese with deep prayer asking,

or better, begging the Lord to send more priests to serve in our local Church. Each chalice will spend one month on display in a prominent place in the parish church as a visible reminder for the parishioners intentionally to pray for holy vocations, with a particular emphasis on praying for priestly vocations. It may result that parishes and schools may take the initiative of having their own traveling “chalice,” which could go from family to family and classroom to classroom, to pray for an increase in priestly vocations. I know some have started this already. May it continue!

It is so encouraging that we have 6 new seminarians for the Diocese of Toledo this year – the largest number of new seminarians in a decade! That raises our total number of seminarians to 14. We are already seeing the fruit of our intentional prayer, fasting and abstinence!

And where do such young men come from you might ask? They come most often from families and parishes that are striving for holiness; from families and parishes that encourage the young to serve the Church. You will find such young men at daily Mass, praying quietly in the church, attending Eucharistic adoration, stopping in for confession, or selflessly serving their neighbors. A daily habit of listening and talking with the Lord after reading from the Gospel of the day allows them to hear the voice of God, to more closely attend to the Will of God for their lives, and to act with courage and conviction.

In the recent 2025 CARA report on newly ordained priests from around our country, we find the following insightful information:

- 89% said they were encouraged by someone to consider the call to the priesthood
- 78% of them spent time in Eucharistic Adoration before entering seminary
- 73% attended Catholic School, either elementary, high school, or college, before entering seminary
- 72% were servers at Mass growing up
- 72% said they pray the rosary
- 66% of the newly ordained priests said it was a priest specifically who encouraged them to consider the priesthood
- 66% of the new priests were in full time employment before entering seminary
- 50% attended public school, either elementary or high school
- 46% said they served as lectors at Mass
- 15% were homeschooled
- 6% were in the military prior to entering seminary

That report also shares that the loudest voice of discouragement for a man considering the call to the priesthood can be a family member. I want to reassure all our families that it is a source of joy and grace to have a priest in the family because the priest son or brother can be, for those close to the Church and those family members far



Five of the Diocese of Toledo's seminarians complete their Propaedeutic year with the traveling chalices.

removed from the Church, a genuine bridge to God. One of the most significant ways a family can support a young man considering the call to the priesthood is to promote the habit of daily prayer and openness to whatever God has in store for him, even if that may be different than what you might expect or desire for him. Openness of family members to welcome a priestly vocation may well be critical in a young man's discerning his vocation. Because God's plan is always the best plan for all our lives.

To any young man reading this column, I want to encourage you and assure you that being a priest is an amazing and rewarding life! It is a full life, a blessed life, and a life deep with meaning and purpose. Yes, you should have a natural desire for marriage and children, but if God is calling you to the priesthood, He will give you the grace joyfully to live out the life of chaste celibacy, obedience, and prayer. Quite simply, priesthood is a heroic adventure of selfless service in the person of Christ Jesus! I am confident more and more men are coming to see it as such! The same qualities that would make for a great husband and father are the same qualities we are looking for in candidates for the priesthood – loving, selfless and self-possessed, kind, prudent and sensitive, strong, faithful, dedicated to the poor and those in need, prayerful, patient, joyful, and courageous! Above all, we need men who are serious about their spiritual lives and about prayer, which brings interior peace and an abiding sense of God's presence.

Please join me in welcoming the travelling chalices throughout our diocese. May each parish take in the replica of the chalice of salvation, and may parishioners call on the name of the Lord. I am confident that these chalices will prompt us to pray for more young men who are ready and willing to respond to a priestly vocation, to take the chalice of salvation, and to call on the name of the Lord!

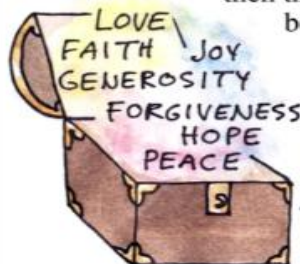
+ Daniel E. Thomas

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
July 25, 2025

What is Your Treasure?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about being ready for when He comes again. He reminds us that having nice things here on earth does not help us get into Heaven.

Jesus said "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." He means that the things that are important to you show what it is that you love. If money or food or nice clothes are the most important things in your life then it shows that you love them more than you should. But if being kind and helpful to others and loving God are more important to you than having nice things, then you have a good treasure stored up for Heaven.



When we die everything we have will be gone. All that we will have to show to Jesus are the things that are in our hearts. If you only loved having nice stuff then the treasure box of your heart will be empty. If you loved God and others and were faithful to God then your treasure will still be full. So fill your heart with treasure that will last forever!

Answers to Assumption Cross-Word: Across: 4-be 5-He 6-Mary 7-sing 9-Assumption 13-out 15-rise 17-Jove 19-womb 20-totat 21-go Down: 1-Jesus 2-sin 3-saint 4-by 8-Son 10-soul 11-pure 12-imitate 14-romb 16-evill 18-how 20-to

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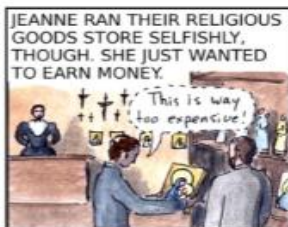
Luke 12:32-48



Jesus tells us to be prepared for when He comes back. We don't know when that will be so we should always be ready.

Help these children find their way to Jesus!

Saint Jeanne Delanoue August 17



FOR A LONG TIME JEANNE THOUGHT ONLY OF HERSELF EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS WORKING WITH HOLY THINGS. JUST BECAUSE WE GO TO CHURCH OR HAVE HOLY THINGS DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE REALLY LOVE GOD. SAINT JEANNE SHOWED HER LOVE FOR GOD BY CARING FOR THE NEEDY. HOW CAN YOU?

Assumption Cross-Word

We celebrate Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven this Friday, August 15th.

Across:

4. God chose a holy young woman to _____ His mother.
5. _____ wanted her to be perfect.
6. Her name was _____.
7. We _____ hymns about her.
9. Today we celebrate her

into Heaven.

13. God took her body _____ of the tomb
15. so He could _____ it up into Heaven.
17. She had lived a life of _____ for God.
19. "Blessed is the fruit of thy _____, Jesus."
20. Mary had given herself as a _____ sacrifice to God.
21. When we die, we hope to _____ to Heaven too.

Down:

1. She was the mother of _____.
2. Mary never committed any _____.
3. She is the greatest _____ in Heaven.
4. She proved her love of God _____ her obedience to His will.
8. Her _____ was God.
10. Mary's _____ went straight to Heaven
11. because she was so _____ and free from the stain of sin.
12. We should try to _____ her virtues.
14. God would not permit His mother's body to decay in the _____.
16. Mary's obedience to God overcame the _____ of Eve's sin.
18. _____ Mary is in Heaven with her Son.
20. We will try _____ love and obey God like Mary did.

