

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

3rd SUNDAY ADVENT LESSON ON LECTIO DIVINA – DIVINE PRAYER

Lectio divina is a method of praying the Scriptures. What better way to get to know God than by spending time with God's spoken word?

The practice of *lectio divina* traces its roots back to the early centuries in the Church. By the sixth century, [St. Benedict](#) had made it a regular practice in most monasteries. Today *lectio divina* is a widely held practice by many laymen and laywomen.

Lectio divina is a slow, rhythmic reading and praying of a Scripture passage. You pick a passage and read it. Notice what arises within you as you read it. Then you read it again, and then again, noticing what words and phrases grab your heart and noticing the feelings that arise. You respond to God about whatever is stirring within as you read and pray with the passage. Finally, you rest and let God respond and speak to you.

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

Read.

Slowly and thoughtfully, read the Scripture passage the first time.

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

Reflect.

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

Respond.

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

Rest.

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

Concrete resolution.

What is God calling you to do with what He has said to you. Practice a virtue like generosity, apologize to someone, do a kind act for someone who may have come to mind during your prayer time etc.

As you end your prayer period, you might close with an Our Father or another short prayer. It might be helpful to jot down in a journal what arose during this time. What did you say to God, and what did God offer you?

Come Holy Spirit Prayer:

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

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

3rd Sunday Advent

Gospel

Mt 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

NOTES:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 3rd Sunday of Advent



MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:35AM Rosary

8:00AM Communion Service-Don Inkrott

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 St. Lucy

7:35AM Rosary

8:45AM Ann Bockrath

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross

7:15AM – 7:45AM Confessions

7:35AM Rosary

8:00AM Fr. Eugene Schnipke

6:30-8:15PM Adoration

7:45-8:20PM Confessions

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30AM Rosary

**8:45 AM John Yaufman, L/D Charles & Rosemary Siefker Family,
Kari Siefker**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:15AM – 7:45AM Confessions

7:35AM Rosary

8:00AM L/D Lisa Dulaney Family

12:00PM Rosary

1:00PM-4:00PM Adoration/Benediction

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:35AM Rosary

8:00AM Rita & Ray Flaute

8:30AM Confessions

4:00PM Confessions

**4:30PM L/D Paul & Mary Louise Deters Family,
Esther Trombley, L/D Jim Unterbrink Family,
Alice Palte, Nellie(AN), Richard, Charlie, John, Rita and Bob
Maag, Hazel & Roy Leap, Denny Stechschulte,
L.D Raymond Schmitz Family, Jeffery Kleman**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 4th Sunday of Advent

7:25PM Rosary

**8:00AM L/D Maya Schroeder Family, L/D Rita Jane Bockrath Family,
L/D Donald Recker Family, Ranae Kahle, Zac Cassidy,
L/D Bill & Mildred Inkrott Family**

**10:30AM L/D Tom Balbaugh Family, Jim Buddelmeyer(AN),
L/D Fortman/Meyer Families, Craig Vorst,
L/D Don Jostpille Family,
L/D Donald & Mildred Hermiller Family,
L/D Ron Dickman Family, Jaunita Selhorst**

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and the Third Sunday of Advent is also referred to as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin calling for us to rejoice, on this Sunday we are called to rejoice. Today we have reached the exact middle point of the Season of Advent, two weeks in and two more weeks to go, Christ is soon to come. A part of that call to rejoice we light the third candle on the Advent Wreath and note the color of the candle is different from the other three. And today priests and deacons are given the opportunity to wear vestments of that same color. Officially the church calls the color rose and many others incorrectly like to call the color pink.

Last year or two years ago I was home with family on the evening of the Third Sunday of Advent. My brothers asked me what color of vestments that I wore for Mass? And I told them that I wore rose. Then they tried to make fun of me for wearing pink it is not masculine to wear pink and I agree. Outside of today you probably will not see me dressed in this color. I also had to remind them that the color is rose and not pink. Then they asked me “do I like to wear this color?” To which I replied, “two Sundays a year.” Now I do not think this qualified in answering their question.

But two Sundays a year I happily wear rose vestments. This color may not be a masculine color but I like what this color symbolizes and what the color calls for us to do. In October people tend to wear pink in support of women’s health and this is wonderful. Wearing the color Rose today is also a wonderful symbol. Rose, Gaudete, rejoice Christ is coming soon, this is good news, this is something for us to celebrate. We take our faith serious and that is good thing but sometimes I think that we can take our faith so seriously that we can forget to rejoice, celebrate in the good news of our faith. If our faith is not something that we celebrate, what good is our faith?

In our scriptures today John the Baptist sends his disciples to Jesus with a burning question John wants to know if Jesus is the Christ? The signs that Jesus is performing points to him as possibly being the Christ. When asked, Jesus does not directly answer the question but responds by saying “the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed” (Matthew 11:5). If you were blind, lame, a leper, deaf, or poor and you got restored to good health this would certainly be a reason to celebrate, to rejoice. The Lord has touched our lives and this is certainly a reason for us to rejoice and celebrate. Our world is not perfect, a matter of fact our world is far from perfect but when the Lord comes the Lord will restore our world to perfection and this will certainly be a reason for us to rejoice and celebrate. In anticipation of what will be we are called to rejoice.

Even in our imperfect world today we are still called to rejoice, Mary gives us an example. As Woodeene Koenig Bricker explains in 365 Mary “It’s clear that Gabriel expected Mary to rejoice, yet he must have known that she was undoubtedly going to feel anxiety. He didn’t expect her to be happy on command, but he did expect her to rejoice. Likewise, we can rejoice at all times and in all circumstances, not because we feel giddy but because life itself is a celebration”. On this Gaudete Sunday may we embrace the call to rejoice.

WEEKDAY SERVERS:

Tue. 8:45AM: Students

Wed. 8:00AM: Gene & Rose Warnecke

Thu. 8:00AM: Students

Fri. 8:00AM: Ken & Paula Elchinger

Sat. 8:00AM: Ella Vorst, Carter Vorst, Tyler Wrasman

Next Sunday, December 17

SUNDAY SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30PM: Derek Brown, Sam Warnecke, Brandon Warnecke

Sun. 8:00AM: Morgan Maag, Aubrey Leopold, Peyton Kuhlman

Sun. 10:30AM: Parker Heckman, Dylan Giesswein, Zachary Birkemeier

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

LECTORS

4:30 Doug Deitering

Sharon Meyer

Diane Deitering

Chris Schroeder

8:00 Deb Leopold

Andy Gray

Steve Leopold

Deb Schroeder

10:30 Julie Grismore

Rosemary Buerger

Jane Moening

Tim Hansen

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Deb Burwell, Don Stechschulte

SUNDAY GIFT BEARERS:

Sat. 4:30PM: Fred & Pat Bockrath

Sun. 8:00AM: Mike & Judy Niese
Sun. 10:30AM: Leon & Helen Meyer

DECEMBER USHERS:

Sat. 4:30PM: Alex Ellerbrock, Steve Brown
Sun. 8:00AM: Tom Morman, Tony Maag
Sun. 10:30AM: Nathan Schroeder, Al Kaufman

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 2

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Ginny Schroeder, Karen Parker

DECEMBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Jo Ann & Roger Schroeder, Diane Nienberg, Connie & Don Dehnart, Jim Recker

FAMILIES TO LIGHT ADVENT WREATH BEFORE MASS:

Dec. 17th, 4:30pm: Matt & Amber Laudick Family
Dec. 18th, 8:00am: Kurt & Nicole Ruhe Family
Dec. 18th 10:30am: – Duane & Sara Siefker Family

Thank you to all who so graciously volunteered to light the Advent Wreath! Happy Advent! God bless all of you!

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS

Sunday, January 8, 2022 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in Room 15 in the parish center presented by Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling St. John's Rectory 419-538-6928.. Next class will be May 21, 2023.

ENGAGED COUPLES GETTING MARRIED IN 2023

6 months before your wedding you need to make an appointment with Fr. Matt to begin your marriage preparation

Adult Faith Information

Jeanette Schroeder – Coordinator, Diana Meyer, Jeanne Schram, Marlene Kleman, Deacon Don and Elaine Inkrott

DEEPEN YOUR ADVENT

COME EXPERIENCE LECTIO DIVINA – DIVINE READING

**Tuesdays in the Parish Center: 12/6 there is no session,
12/13, & 12/20 - 9:30am and 7:00pm**

EACH SESSION LASTS ABOUT AN HOUR.

Bring your Catholic Bible and a notebook. Questions call Jeanette 419-890-3724

“Because the Bible is the story of how we are saved it is an essential part of our dialogue with God. Lectio Divina is important because it leads to an “encounter with Christ, the living Word of God.” Far from mere reading, it’s an engagement with divinity.” Matthew Leonard

To Create a new FORMED account

Go to [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org) . Click Sign Up. Chose sign up as a parishioner /organization Find your parish, type in Glandorf Oh - Click on St. John 109 Main St. Glandorf when it pops up. Fill out create a New Account. Already have a FORMED account. Visit [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org) . Click Sign In - upper right corner Have questions? Call 419-890-3724

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of **Rosalind Ellerbrock, Dennis Horstman and Doris Liebrecht**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to their families, relatives, friends & neighbors.

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Avery Rose, daughter of Cody & Taylor Dukes
Inari Marianne Melody, daughter of Ulrich Burke & Carissa Tobe
Booker Eugene, son of Brian & Danielle Breece
Beckett Michael, son of Michael & Kylee Verhoff

RCIA (Christian Initiation of Adults) INTEREST

Monday, Dec 12, 6:00 – 7:30pm in the cafeteria. **Snack by Mary Rose**

Ellerbrock Topic: #11 Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation: Sacraments of Initiation

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



THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY)

Attention ALL MEN!!!! Join us for That Man Is You (TMIY)

Wednesday, December 14th, 7-8:30pm in room 22

OR Saturday, December 17th, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria

Saturday, Dec. 17th is the final session for the season. We will have breakfast to celebrate another successful fall session! All are welcome!



THANK YOU

- Thank you to the ladies who stuffed the Grand-orf Drawing envelopes for mailing. Your valuable time was greatly appreciated!
- Many Thanks to the Glandorf CCD students (Abby and Lauren) for bringing two plates of food on Sunday –from Jane and Joe Uphaus

SING AT CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT 4:00PM

Anyone in grades 5th – 12th grade

We will be practicing for this year's 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass on Monday, December 12th and Monday, December 19th from 6:45pm – 8:15pm and Thursday, December 15th from 3:00-4:30pm in the Church balcony. Anyone interested, please join us! If you have any questions, call or text Jeannie Verhoff (419)236-0996.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24, 2022-Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - Children Mass

10:00 pm- Mass During the Night

Sunday, December 25, 2022 - Christmas Day

8:00 am and 10:30am - Holy Mass

RECTORY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

December 26th thru December 30th

Grade School CCD Information

Message from Tammy Schmitz for Grade School K-4 Religious Education email at k4ccd@glandorfstjohns.com

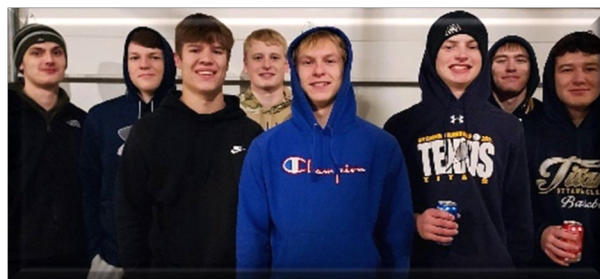
Jr. High CCD Information

Message from Mindy Recker for Jr. High Coordinator email at jrhighccd@glandorfstjohns.com

High School CCD Information

Message from Ruth Gerding Coordinator of High School CCD email at hscd@glandorfstjohns.com

Thanks to these fine CYO BB players for helping put up outside lights for Christmas!



Thank you to these wonderful CYO basketball players for decorating the Parish Rectory.



Your giving of your time is appreciated!

The final class for 2022 is on December 14th. Class will resume on January 4, 2023

Senior retreats will be held on January 8th and 29th, with a make-up date, if needed, on February 5th, 2023.

CYO players note your attendance expectations, please

Thank you so much,

Ruth Gerding, Coordinator of HS CCD 567-204-1275

CYO BASKETBALL – Today, December 11

BOY'S: Birkemeyer: 2:15pm at Kalida

Ellerbrock: 2:15pm at Findlay

Meyer: 2:15pm at Glandorf

GIRL'S: 1:00pm at Glandorf



PENACNE SERVICES

St. John's

☐ Every Wednesday 7:15am - 7:45 am, 7:45pm—8:20pm

☐ Every Friday 7:15am—7:45am

☐ Every Saturday 8:30am

☐ Every Saturday 4:00pm—4:20pm

Throughout the area

☐ Kalida— Tuesday, Dec. 13th 4:00pm and 7:00pm

☐ Ft. Jennings— Wednesday, Dec. 14th 7:00pm

☐ Ottawa— Monday, Dec. 19th at 4:00pm and 7:00pm



Heaven's CHILD

PEPPER CHOPLIN

Come experience the
coming birth of Jesus with the
Glandorf community.

Sunday, December 18, 2022
2:00pm

Glandorf St. John's Church
By St. John's Choir

Give the gift of music to your family
and children as the Christmas story
is put to music.



TICKETS for 2023 GRAND-orf Club were mailed out to you. Please watch for them! If you didn't receive your tickets in the mail there are extras in the racks in the church vestibules on the north & south side. For \$12 per ticket you will have two chances each month to win \$500. During the Holidays you may have ample opportunities to sell those tickets. Let's do our best inviting others, too, to share in the potential for benefits of our GRAND-orf Club Raffle. Extra orange tickets will be in the racks in the church vestibules. Thank you! **The last 2022 drawing is this Sunday, December 11 in the room 15 prepared by Mark & Lori Klausung.**

PARISH LENDING LIBRARY: Looking for resources to learn more about your Catholic Faith? St. John's has a Parish Lending Library. Come check it out after the 8:00am and 10:30am Mass this Sunday. They will also have a table of free books for your taking. It is located in Room 15 of the Parish Center.

2022 ADVENT SCHOOL



Our young parishioners are preparing their hearts for Jesus's coming!!!!



ADVENT PUBLIC ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST during Advent Fridays, 1:00 – 4:00 pm followed by *Benediction*. Make an extra effort to spend personal/family time before the Lord.

The Ottawa Senior Center Mini Bazaar is December 8, 2022 from 11:00 - 2:00pm.



INTERIOR CHURCH DECORATING COMMITTEE: We will be decorating the inside of the Church on December 18th from 3:30 – 6:30pm.

WORD ON FIRE'S THE MASS with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr: Archbishop Denis Schnurr invites all the faithful to join him in a study of the Mass, produced by Word on Fire and led by Bishop Robert Barron. Participation in the study is easy. For the six weeks between Christmas and Lent, Archbishop Schnurr will send out one short video each week to help us deepen our appreciation for and participation in the Mass. Just watch the video at your convenience during the week and see how the Holy Spirit moves in you to renew and strengthen your love through the Eucharist- especially during the Sunday Mass. Here is the link to sign up. <https://catholicaoc.org/themass#study>

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Ottawa, Ministry Posting:

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR: Administer the high school Youth Ministry Program in cooperation/consultation with the Parish Director of Religious Education. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Mat 28:19) **Part Time (24 hrs/wk). Full Job Description available at Sts. Peter & Paul Rectory. Please apply by Dec. 22.**

Engaged Couples Conference ~ St. Anthony's Engaged Couples Conference will be held **Saturday, March 4th** from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Cost of the day is \$40.00 per couple. Any couples interested, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

Payment can be dropped off or mailed to the St. Anthony's parish office or can be made the morning of the conference.

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN we are updating our military list. Please inform the rectory 419-538-6928 of any son/daughter if they are still active/inactive/or going to be active, any change of personnel or address changes. Thank you!

Names in red are updates to our list

This is the list from last year of our Military (Away from Home)

Lt Anthony Maher, B Co/1-35 AR/2-1 AD, Unit # 61375, APO AE, 09877

Alexander Closson, 1035 INSIGNIA, Apt. 102, Bremerton, WA 98310

Lt. Col. Darek Schmiedebusch, 6314 Chaucer View Circle, Alexandria, VA 22304

Justin McFarland, 283 Twin Lakes Dr. Destin, Fl. 32541

Tyler McFarland, 116 Hightower Lane. Aberdeen NC 28315

Lois Hermiller's son:

SGT Jacob Zmyslo; Combat Logistics Battalion 31; Maintenance Plt; Unit 38465; FPO, AP 96385

Evan Barrett, 205 Jumpers Pass, Oak Grove, KY 42262

Ken Palte Homestead Towne Center, 240 Town Center Blvd, Van Wert, OH 45891

PRIEST ADDRESSES

Father Tony Fortman: mailing address: 4961 Salem Ave., Dayton, OH 45416

Residential: 1000 W Wenger Rd., Englewood, OH 45322

Eric Kaufman(SCM): St. Joan of Arc Parish, 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd. Toledo, OH 43614

Father Rick Friebel: 937 N Defiance St Ottawa, OH 45875

Father Stephen Schroeder: 6607 St. Rt. 224 Ottawa, OH 45875

PARISHIONERS IN REST HOMES

Send a them a Christmas Card

Names in red are updates to our list

Meadows of Ottawa, 147 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa

Wilma Unterbrink, John Wurth, Clete Morman , Esther Recker, Mary Balbaugh, Russ Nienberg, Carolyn Deters, Angie Maag, Leona Moore, Pat Hovest, Patricia Schmitz, Edna German, Edna Michel, Marilyn Weber, **Irene Kaufman, Judy Schroeder, Evelyn Palte**

Meadows of Kalida, State Route 224, PO Box 388, Kalida, OH 45853

Margaret Schimmoeller, Annie Meyer

Meadows of Leipsic, 901 E. Main Street, Leipsic, OH 45856

Doris Morman, Dean Siefker

Putnam Heritage Assisted Living, 1380 N. Locust St, Ottawa, OH 45875

Roger Hovest

Please call the rectory if we missed anyone.

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us -December 4 – December 17

Mary Ellen Kuhbander 12/5/19
Thomas R Schroeder 12/5/21
John M Nienberg 12/6/01
Walter H Schweller 12/6/07
Kenneth H Ellerbrock 12/6/16
Donald A Jostpille 12/6/19
Daryl L Hunt 12/8/03
Hildegard A Ford 12/8/08
Jeanette M Caseman 12/8/15
Dorothy M Ellerbrock 12/8/20
Audrey I Steffes 12/9/14

Norma B Ellerbrock 12/9/21
Raymond J Schmitz 12/10/03
Dolores P Schroeder 12/10/16
John J Brinkman 12/12/14
Leroy A Ellerbrock 12/12/14
Marcile A Schmitz 12/13/08
Kenneth J Schroeder 12/14/01
Lois Mae Hoyt 12/14/14
Paul Moreno 12/15/11
Shirley M Giesken 12/16/06



Advent Angel Tree and baby bottles for Heartbeat

By St. John's Outreach. Take an angel from the tree in the back of Church and purchase the item on the angel or make a monetary donation in the baby bottles by Christmas.

"NEEDY FAMILIES" Since this is the time for thanksgiving and giving we would like to help our needy families. If you know of a needy family who would like to be included in the parish "Needy Families Collection" please call the rectory. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP (December 4 , 2022 Collection)

Adults \$10,184.00 Auto Electronic Giving \$1,931.25

Loose \$1,396.00 Children \$244.00 Total: \$13,755.25

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! We are most grateful!

Heartbeat Needs: Gift cards for gas or groceries.

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

the mustard seed

Christian Gifts & Educational Resources

Mustard Seed Gift Shop normal business hours

***Tues, Thurs, & Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm; Wed 12:00pm
to 8:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 1:00pm***

Phone number 419-538-7220 www.mustardseedgiftshop.com

Brenda Maag 419-235-310 Julie Barlage 419-303-5366



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CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System
to Empower Women and Couples to UNDERSTAND,
MAINTAIN, and APPRECIATE their Health and Fertility
in a way that is cooperative with our Catholic faith.

Contact Wendy Imm, BSN CFCP for more information
at 614-634-1043 or divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com



The mission of St. Catherine's Embrace is to reach out to, assist and embrace all families in the St. George Deanery, regardless of faith affiliation, who have lost a child from miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death. Please call the rectory 419-538-6928.

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
GLANDORF, OHIO**

Sunday, December 11, 2022

St. George Deanery / Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Pastor: Rev Matthew Keller, C.P.P.S. **Deacon:** Don Inkrott **Business Manager:** Ashley Duling **Administrative Assistant:** Michelle Horstman **Music:** Dan Ellerbrock **Maintenance:** Joe Schroeder **Janitors:** Mark Klausing (Church), Mark Kaufman (Parish Center) **Cemetery Caretaker-Manager:** Jeff Gerding



Joy-filled Giver of Life, let the anticipation of your birth fill us with overflowing joy. May our excitement and anticipation be a sign to the world that you are always near.

Amen

OFFICE HOURS Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm, Closed for lunch 12:30pm – 1:30pm

REGISTRATION-New members should register as soon as possible. Moving out? - please inform the rectory.

INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR PARISH? If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher or in any other way please call the rectory 419-538-6928.

PARENT SESSIONS are required by the Toledo Diocese for Infant Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist, and First Penance.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS – Next classes will be **Sunday, January 8th, May 21st and September 10th from 9:00 – 10:30AM, in room 15, in the parish center** - presented by Deacon Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling rectory.

WEDDINGS: The Toledo Diocese requests all dates be set at the rectory at least 6 months in advance. **Pre-Marriage Class required.** Parties who recently joined our parish who do not live within our parish boundaries, or who do not belong to a family already registered in the parish; need to be aware that we cannot schedule a wedding date until six months after the time of registration. The normal six-month preparation period would apply from that point. Normally only parishioners and those related to our parishioners marry here. Any other person needs prior permission of his/her pastor.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS Glandorf St. John's will be having a 1—day class here in our cafeteria **on Sunday, November 5, 2023** starting with the 8:00am Wendy Mass. This is a mandatory, 1-day class. Please register by calling the rectory.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT COMPLETED? DID YOU REMEMBER YOUR PARISH, ST. JOHN'S?

DIOCESAN POLICY FOR CYO SPORTS – All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish in order to play on the parish team.

PARISH POLICY FOR HIGH SCHOOL CYO Playing any sports this year? You are expected to attend both the Fall & Winter sessions of High School Religious Education Groups or Grade School CCD Classes---plus weekend Saturday or Sunday Mass. This includes all players, coaches and their families. Attendance at these groups/classes will be monitored and reviewed. For each class missed, beyond 4 classes you will be sitting out one game.

Parents, if your child is sick, please call or text Ruth Gerding at 567-204-1275 before class. This also includes the **PUTNAM COUNTY GRADE SCHOOL BOY'S & GIRL'S CYO SPORTING TEAMS.** We kindly ask the cooperation of all concerned as we implement this church policy for the good of our parish. (Fr. Matt- pastor & Mike Karhoff – Parish Council Pres.)

ST. JOHN'S CONTACTS

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Coordinator of Jr High School 5-8 Religious Education (Mindy Recker) 538-6897
Coordinator of High School Religious Education (Ruth Gerding) 538-6897
Pre-School Administrator/Lead Teacher (Lori Rump) 538-6264
Youth Director (Colleen Halker) 538-7268