

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



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Parish Office Closed

Monday, December 29 - Friday, Jan. 2, 2025

Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm

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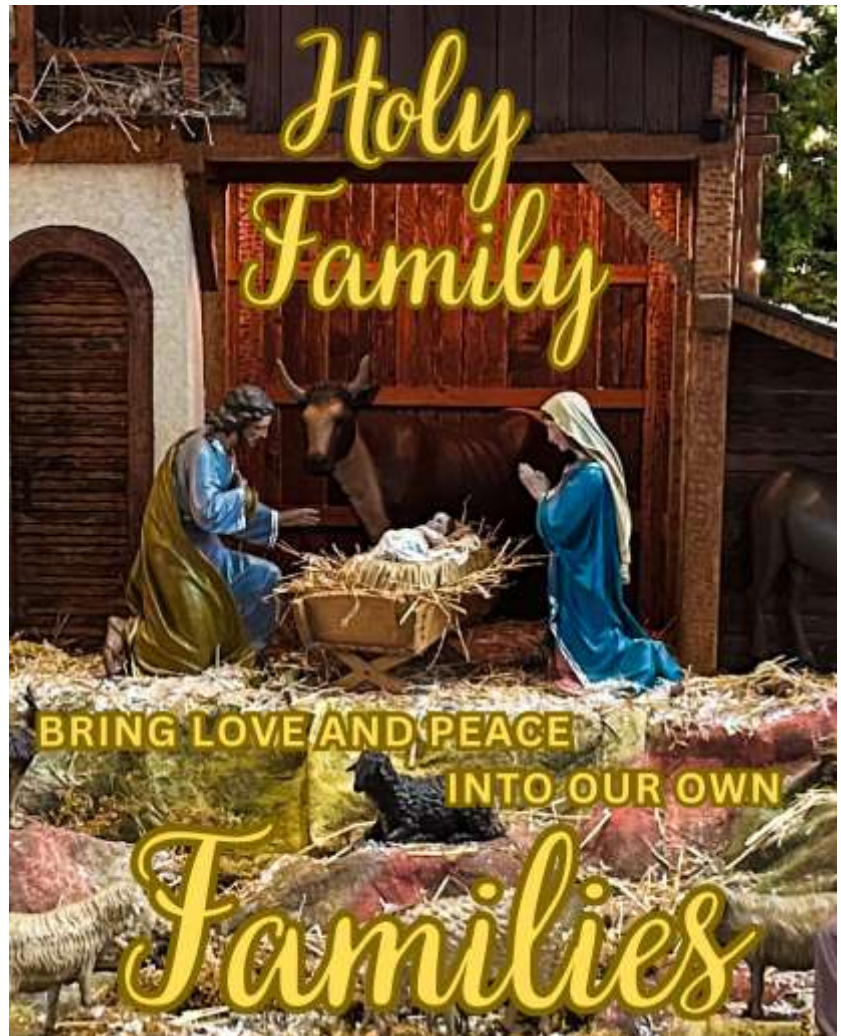
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OUR MISSION

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.

We are just finishing up the story of the birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph and then we read in today's Gospel about their flight to Egypt. Astrologers arrive from the east to worship Jesus and bring Him gifts then God speaks to Joseph, through an angel in a dream. Joseph is ordered to take his family to Egypt because of the life of his child was in danger. Joseph leaves in the middle of the night with his family for the 5–6-day journey through a desert. They come to this unknown country and wait and live there until Joseph receives a message to return back to Judea. Joseph settles in the town of Nazareth to avoid any political problems with the Romans around Jerusalem. Joseph gets the orders from God, carries them out, and then returns to Nazareth. Joseph holds the largest place in the story but not the most important one. The one who gives the orders and is the source of it all is God. And the one for all things that are ordered is Jesus. Joseph is serving his family and as far as Mary and Jesus is concerned, logic requires them to obey him strictly. He is the intermediary between God and his family. Such is the relationship of this family and the Church is presenting to us here as a model for all societal life. But in order to be role models in this societal life, one has to practice the virtues that St. Paul talks about in the 2nd reading. We are to show kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and to forgive one another. Above all, we are to practice love which binds all the virtues together. These are what the modern-day families need to practice to emulate what our Holy Family showed to us. We should look into our lives this Christmas season to see if there are ways to increase these virtues and to practice forgiveness to ones that we hold a grudge with. Let us open our minds and hearts to allow the infant Jesus to work in our everyday encounters with societal life. Let us be submissive like Jesus, Mary and Joseph was in their lives here on earth. God bless all of you and have a wonderful and Christ-filled Christmas season.

Deacon Don



SNOW EMERGENCY LEVELS

Diocese of Toledo Snow Emergency Policy: "Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion.

If Putnam County is ever under a Level 3 Snow Emergency the regular Mass times will be canceled here at St. John's. There will be a Mass at Noon, if you can get here safely you are welcome. If not, we encourage you to watch it on cable channel 3 or on our YouTube page. Level 1 and Level 2 if you can get here safely you are welcome.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29~St. Thomas Becket

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Fr. Harry's Birthday Special Intentions,

L/D Donald & Bea Hovest Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31~St. Sylvester

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Oscar Burgei, Virgil Hageman

4:30pm For the Parish

6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration—cancelled

7:45pm-8:15pm Confession—cancelled

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1~Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

7:35am Rosary

8:00am For the Parish

10:30am For the Parish

First FRIDAY, January 2~Sts. Basil & Gregory

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Dale R (Styx) Warnecke

12:00pm Rosary

1:00pm-4:00pm Adoration & Benediction

First SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Agnes Karhoff

8:30am Confession

8:30am All Day Rosary

4:00pm Confession

4:30pm Norm & Irene Lammers, Joann VonLehmden,

L/D Maya Schroeder Family

5:30pm-11:59pm Adoration

JANUARY 4~The Epiphany of the Lord

7:35am Rosary

12:00am-8:00am Adoration

8:00am L/D Lawrence Niese & Charlie Rieman Families,

L/D Mary Agnes Schnipke Family, Stanley Miller

9:00am-10:00am Holy Hour concluding with Benediction

10:30am Alice Siefker, L/D Carl & Lucille Ellerbrock Family, Jim Brooks,
Kay Warren

ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- **No school for the kids from December 29th through January 2nd. We will need the weekday lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to cover the Masses, except Thursday. All the morning Masses will be at 8:00am until January 6th.**



ABOUT OUR PARISH

SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:40am	Addison Klear, Luke Haselman, Luke Leopold, Noah Leopold
Wed	8:00am	Konnor Stechschulte, Graham Miller, Burke Walker, Lyla Walker
Wed	4:30pm	Laruren Weiss, Ethan Weis, Sam Warnecke-Thurifer-Caleb Pulfer
Thurs	8:00am	Jonathan Klear, Liam Kaufman, Grace Kahle
Thurs	10:30am	Zachary Horstman, Parker Heckman, Lochlan Brinkman-Thruifer-James Niese
Fri	8:00am	Avery Brady, Jacoby Maag, CJ Schroeder, Landon Kuhlman
Sat	8:00am	Bella Bockrath, Addyson Faber, Jacob Leopold, Connor Mayhew
Sat	4:30pm	Breyson Trombley, Riley Trombley, Maddox Stechschulte-Thurifer-Ace Nienberg
Sun	8:00am	Isaac Ansley, Carter Vorst, Ella Vorst
Sun	10:00am	Benediction-Mason McKee, Thurifer-Hannah Brickner
Sun	10:30am	Alania Duling, Nolan Duling, Hannah Brickner-Thurifer-Mason McKee

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS

Wed	4:30pm	Deb Schroeder Deb Burwell	Connie Cassidy Sharon Meyer
Thurs	8:00am	Tim Hoehn Chris Hoehn	Elizabeth Ruhe Nicole Ruhe
Thurs	10:30am	Sue Recker Laura Wagner	Kelly Schroeder Mindy Recker
Sat	4:30pm	Diane Recker Alicia Nussbaum	Doug Karhoff Kathy Schmitz
Sun	8:00am	Mark Schroeder Tammy Schroeder	Nicole Ruhe Elizabeth Ruhe
Sun	10:30am	Jason Kleman Julie Pothast Tony Schroeder-Choir	Michelle Schroeder Dawn Giesige

GIFT BEARERS

Wed	4:30pm	Ushers or ask a family
Thurs	8:00am	Ushers or ask a family
Thurs	10:30am	Ushers or ask a family
Sat	4:30pm	Ushers or ask a family
Sun	8:00am	Ushers or ask a family
Sun	10:30am	Ushers or ask a family

JANUARY USHERS

Wed	4:30pm	Kevin Ellerbrock, Alex Ellerbrock
Thurs	8:00am	Brian Kaufman, Amy Kaufman
Thurs	10:30am	Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum
Sat	4:30pm	Ray Diemer, Steve Brown, Noah Emmons
Sun	8:00am	Bart Recker, Ken Kottenbrock
Sun	10:30am	Bary Maag, Ken Horstman
COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Pam Sager, Linda Schroeder		
COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 6		
ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Tim & Mer Lehman		
JANUARY FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Ginny Schroeder, Darlene Stechschulte, Tina & Randy Fortman, Mary Ellen & Dan Klear		

4 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP

December 21, 2025

Offering

Loose	\$	1205.00
Adult Envelope	\$	8,003.00
Children	\$	46.00
Maintenance	\$	100.00
Online Offering	\$	2,233.00
Online Maintenance	\$	169.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	5.00
Christmas	\$	1,090.00
Initial Offering	\$	4.00
Total Collection	\$	12,855.00

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.stjohnsglandorf.org

NEED YOUR HELP

HEARTBEAT: needs Diapers - size 5 or 6, Formula—any kind is helpful, Baby wipes. Newborn sleepers— boy or girl, 3-6 month sleepers—boy or girl, Girls 3T pajamas

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: With Thanksgiving & Christmas coming up the Food Pantry needs your help! We have Little or no inventory of of the following... Ketchup, Mayo, Miracle Whip, Mustard, Syrup, Cereal, Graham Crackers, Salad dressing, ready to eat & condensed soup, flour, sugar, salt, beef & chicken broth, gravy, cooking oil, cooking spray, noodles

C.P.P.S. major superiors monthly prayer request

January: Vietnam Mission

January prayer for Precious Blood vocations

God, our Creator and Redeemer, by the blood of your Son, you have brought all people near. Raise up faithful ministers, especially priests, brothers, and sisters for your Church; so that the world may see the fallen lifted up, the old made new, and all things brought to perfection through Him who is their origin, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit one God forever and ever. Amen.

January prayer list

1. Fr. Stephen Dos Santos
2. Fr. Aloys Ebach
3. Fr. Linus Evers
4. Pray for vocations
5. Fr. Gregory Evers
6. Fr. Barry Fischer
7. Br. Joseph Fisher
8. Fr. Anthony Fortman
9. Fr. James Franck
10. Fr. Richard Friebe
11. Pray for living and deceased C.P.P.S. members
12. Fr. James Gaynor
13. Fr. Patrick Gonyeau
14. Fr. Michael Goode
15. Fr. Thomas Hemm
16. Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn
17. Fr. Tam Minh (Peter) Hoang
18. Pray for those in formation
19. Fr. Mark Hoying
20. Fr. David Hoying
21. Fr. William Hubmann
22. Fr. Matthew Jozefiak
23. Fr. Raymond Kaele
24. Fr. Matthew Keller
25. Pray for living and deceased Companions and Amici
26. Fr. David Kelly
27. Fr. Dennis Kinderman
28. V. Rev Jeffrey Kirch
29. Fr. Timothy Knepper
30. Fr. Scott Kramer
31. Fr. George (Yuri) Kuzara

2025 GRAND-orf Club



Drawing along with coffee & donuts will be **January 11th in the cafeteria by**

TBD. Extra tickets are in the racks in the Church vestibules.

Turn in your 2026 Grand-orf Club raffle tickets by January 5th to be included in all the drawings in 2026.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH PICTORIALS
EXTRA PARISH PICTORIALS ARE FOR SALE.
COST \$25.00
STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE
FROM 9:00AM - 12:30PM OR
2:00PM - 4:00PM

Please Include them in your prayers

Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of our faithful departed. Our sincere sympathy is extended to their families, relatives, friends & neighbors.


WILMA ROSE VORST

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

Margaret M Siefker 12/28/21
Floyd L Meyer 12/29/14


Ruth J Molnar 1/1/04
Norman A Lammers 1/3/02
Gerald E Niese 1/3/18



ATTENTION

COFFEE AND DONUT ORGANIZERS

2026 Coffee and Donut Schedule has been sent out for you to sign up for the times that you are able to coordinate. Please complete this by Thursday, December 18, 2025. Thank you for assisting us in the ministry! Call the office if you have any questions.



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:

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 1, 2026 at 8:00am

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Wednesday 7:15am –7:45am, 7:45pm-8:15pm

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—8:15pm

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 INCARNATION OF CHRIST**

In the Nicene Creed, we answer by confessing: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became **incarnate** of the Virgin Mary, and **was made man**." (CCC 456) The "Incarnation" of Christ is when God was born and took on human form. The Catechism #457 tells us the reason for this is, "in order to save us by reconciling us with God, who "loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins", "the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world", and "he was revealed to take away sins".

The Church teaches Jesus was born of a Virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit. He had no biological human father and the conception took place in the power of the Holy Spirit. Both the Gospels of Luke and Matthew attest to this. "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" (Luke 1:34) Throughout the Bible there are many cases in which sterility in which God intervenes in a woman's old age and she conceives a child: Sarah, mother of Isaac; Hannah, mother of Samuel, Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist. This demonstrates God's power of salvation and redemption in impossible situations.

However, Mary was not sterile. She was fertile. She conceived not through normal human interaction, but through the power of the Holy Spirit. It's a proclamation about the power of God. There are two great contradictions in the gospel that begin and end the Jesus story: 1- The virginal conception "How did he get there?" and 2- The empty tomb "How did he leave?" Both demonstrate the inability of human beings to save themselves. Human beings cannot create a savior nor can they raise themselves from the dead. The Incarnation is the most significant event in salvation history for without it, there would be

no Jesus, no sacred mission, no life, no passion, no death, no ascension to the Father, no sending of the Holy Spirit, no sanctification of humans, and no personal intimate relationship with God. Without the incarnation, humans would never have been elevated to the status of divine beings in heaven.

The Incarnation speaks of great love of God. He did not have to become as one of His Creation, yet He did. And He came in a way that was not intimidating or demeaning. He came as a poor, humble baby. People draw a baby close to their hearts when they hold them. Jesus came as a human because He wants us to *know* Him. He prepared for His Incarnation from the beginning of salvation history. For thousands of years, He prepared to show His face to us. This is such a profound moment in history that time itself changed! The moment Christ was incarnate, time changed from BC to AD and all of civilization goes according to this time: the 2025th year of our Lord.

In Jesus' Incarnation, we welcome God as man on Christmas morning and celebrate His Incarnation all throughout the Christmas Season ending on the Epiphany, January 4, 2026. This Christmas Season, come near and bring baby Jesus close to your heart. Behold the newborn King!

6 AROUND THE PARISH

A Heartfelt Thank You

Thank you to all the families that helped Light the Advent wreath this Advent Season!

A Heartfelt Thank You

Thank you to our interior church decorating committee, crib committee and everyone else who helped decorate the inside and outside of the Church this year! We loved to see all the high school students and families. Our nativity scene shows God as he came into our world, but it also makes us reflect on how our life is part of God's own life. It invites us to become his disciples if we want to attain ultimate meaning in life! Thank you again for doing this for our parishioners!

A **huge thank you** to Dan Ellerbrock, our Adult Choir, and Youth Choir for the wonderful music during our Christmas Masses. **Thank you for bring JOY to the Christmas celebration!**

Men's Society Christmas Party

1/11/26 at 1PM - Parish Center Cafeteria

All men of the parish are welcome.
Food and Drinks provided.

Two prizes to be raffled off include:
- 4 tickets to the Ohio State vs Michigan Men's Basketball game on 2/8/2026 with a \$50 Visa Gift Card.
- OSU Neon Sign.

For tickets, contact:
Derek Maag (419-890-8945),
1 For \$10, 3 for \$20
Need not be present to win.

Eucharistic Adoration in January

HOW TO SIGN UP
CLICK THE LINK OR SCAN
THE QR CODE BELOW.

ADORATION ON FIRST FRIDAY



ADORATION ON FIRST SATURDAY



Worship

IF YOU NEED HELP SIGNING UP CALL KATIE VERHORFF 480-236-7305

NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH JESUS EVERY HOUR!

SCHEDULE

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:30-8:15PM

FIRST FRIDAY,
JANUARY 2ND

1:00-4:00PM CONCLUDING
WITH BENEDICTION

FIRST SATURDAY,
JANUARY 3RD & 4TH
AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL
8:00AM ON SUNDAY
MORNING.

HOLY HOUR

9:00AM - 10:00AM
CONCLUDING WITH
BENEDICTION AT 9:55AM
THEME: TBD

Attention ALL MEN!!!!

Join us on for That Man Is You

TMIY sessions are on Christmas break.
2026 Sessions will begin on Wed. Jan.
7th and Sat. Jan. 10th. We invite all men of
the parish to join us in January! Merry
Christmas and Happy New Year!

For more information, contact
Deacon Mike Karhoff
@ mbkarhoff@bright.net



TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU

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



2026 Men's Welcome Retreat

Men, consider setting aside this one weekend to grow in your faith and become a happier, healthier, more fulfilled person. Come to the next Welcome Weekend at Glandorf St. John's. It's an incredible, life-changing experience that will help you discover what is missing in your life, and what to do about it.

January 31st from
8am Saturday thru 3pm Sunday
Glandorf St. John's Parish Center

For more information, and/or to sign up,
please contact:
Cory Fischer (419) 234-4003



Just Show Up & Fill Your Cup

All Women Are Welcome!

Saturdays at 8:45 am following 8am Mass

St. John's Parish Center Room 15

What to Expect at Our Saturday Morning Women's Gathering

Dear Ladies,

Our time together is simple, relaxed, and centered on women growing in faith and friendship. Here's what you can expect:

- **Faith-Based Sharing:** Each week, women share on various Catholic, faith-filled topics. You're welcome to share as much—or as little—as you feel comfortable.
- **Come As You Are:** No preparation needed and no expectations. Feel free to wear comfy clothes, skip the makeup, and just bring yourself.
- **Bring Your Drink:** Coffee, tea, or water—whatever helps you ease into the morning—is welcome.
- **Mission & Code:** We begin each session by reading our mission and code to ground our time together.
- **Monthly Presenters:** Two women sign up each month to select topics or bring in a guest speaker. They may share a short video, give a talk, or introduce a theme for discussion.
- **Small-Group Conversation:** After the presentation, we break into small groups for guided discussion, reflection, and connection.

There is nothing you need to prepare or bring—simply show up and be part of a welcoming community of women growing in faith together. We look forward to praying, learning, and walking alongside one another.



We hope to see you there!



JUST SHOW UP & FILL YOUR CUP

January 2026 Schedule



- Jan 3rd - Guest Speaker: Julie Roof
How to Spiritually Keep your Resolution for the New Year
- Jan 10th - Pietra Fitness is Jill Alt
- Jan 17th - Religious Craft
- Jan 24th - Slow Down To the Speed of Joy
- Jan 31st - Preparing for Lent

EUCCHARISTIC

JANUARY 24TH AND 25TH

Day
Adoration - Benediction - Fellowship

- Adoration begins at 8:30am on January 24th and continues until 4:00pm on January 25th
- Benediction with evening prayer at 4:00pm
- Fellowship with dinner following benediction in the parish center gymnasium at 4:45pm

More details to come and let's all praise and worship God together!

RSVP FOR THE MEAL
BEFORE
JANUARY 19, 2026



8 AROUND THE PARISH

Parental Baptism Class



Sunday, January 11, 2026

from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in Room 15 in the parish center resented by Mike and Becky Karhoff.

Pre-register by calling St. John's Rectory 419-538-6928.

Next class will be May 17, 2026.



Engaged Couples

Need to contact Fr. Matt 6 months before your marriage to start your marriage preparation. It is your responsibility to call for an appointment or can't promise you a wedding here at St. John's.



Need Ushers

Would you like to become an usher or would you like your name taken off the Usher Schedule? The current schedule ends at the end of January. Please call or email the rectory (419-538-6928 or admin@glandorfstjohns.com).

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO OUR FAMILIES

Bless your home on the Epiphany!

This is a tradition in the Church

Pick up your Home Blessing Kit and Bless your home for the new year!

THE KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL THE EXISTS ON JANUARY 3RD AND JANUARY 4TH.
One kit per family

Notifications

Bulletin and Parish Notification If you would like to receive the bulletin and other parish notifications via email, please let us know by sending an email to admin@glandorfstjohns.com

Little Flowers

VISITING THE PEOPLE AT THE MEADOWS TO SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER!



Sunday,

December 14, 2025

BOY'S:

Birkemeyer: no games

Ellerbrock: no games

Meyer: no games

GIRLS:

Bockrath: no games

GOOD LUCK!



CYO student eligibility
for St. John the Baptist,
Glandorf

St. John the Baptist,
Glandorf requirements:

All students must be enrolled in high school CCD before the first class for the beginning of school year to play. Students are expected to attend both the Fall and Winter Semesters of High School Religious Education (CCD) classes. Attendance at these classes will be monitored and reviewed.

For each class missed beyond 3 classes the player will sit out one game per absence. Attendance resets at the end of the team's season for each respective sport.

The Eucharist is why our parish exists and it is the reason why you get the privilege to play on the parish team.

Attendance at a Saturday evening or Sunday Mass at a Catholic Mass is required.

We also ask you to come for one hour of Adoration during Eucharistic Sunday (generally the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary time).

Each player is asked to give 5 hours of service to St. John's parish during the year.

Fr. Matt Keller, C.P.P.S.

St John the Baptist Parish Council & Finance Committee

HIGH SCHOOL CCD

REMINDER: HIGH SCHOOL CCD IS ON
CHRISTMAS BREAK AND WILL RESUME
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7, 2026

JENN WARNECKE

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

For Grade School and High School
Students

The grade school envelopes were sent home the past few weeks during CCD. The high school students were passed out during CCD.



Home School children can pick them up at the office.

Please be on the look out for them!



Putnam County
Right to Life

Putnam County Right to Life will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 6th, at 7:30 pm** in St. Michael's church basement. All are welcome to attend.

27th Annual Youth Retreat

YOU ARE LOVED
YOU ARE CHOSEN

DISCOVER A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS AS YOU GROW IN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH. JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND FILLED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE, FORGIVENESS, AND THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

SESSIONS FOCUSING ON:

- GOD'S LOVE
- SALVATION
- NEW LIFE IN CHRIST
- RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT
- GROWTH
- TRANSFORMATION

Father

SIGN UP TODAY

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
ENDS FEBRUARY 15, 2026

REGISTRATION CLOSES
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

YOUTH RETREAT
MARCH 6-8

SPIRITUAL CENTER
OF MARIA STEIN
Maria Stein, PA

Life & Spirit Retreat

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

COME AND JOIN US!

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AFTER 4:30PM MASS

FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES
FAMILY ADORATION
FREE PLAY
PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS PROVIDED

* Enjoy this special opportunity to introduce your children of all ages to adoring Jesus with other parish families

* You can stay as long as you'd like!

* Crying, soft whispers, & forgetting is OK! Jesus wants ALL the little children to come to Him!

NO DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP!
2026

JANUARY 3RD - PARISH CENTER

FEBRUARY 7TH ADORATION ONLY

MARCH 7TH - PARISH CENTER

**APRIL 11TH IN THE PARK

MAY 2ND IN THE PARK

NOTE CHANGE OF WEEKENDS DUE TO EASTER



QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
BROOKE CASSIDY @ 414-333-4312
SHANA DULING @ 414-615-6488
WENDY JMN @ 614-634-1043



Must be 21 or Older
to attend

Glandorf St. John
February 7, 2026
2nd Annual

"RAFFLE"

Fundraiser for Summer Faith Adventure
and CCD K-8 Programs

Raffle Card



\$50

ACTIVITIES:

- "Raffle" (15 Games)
- 50/50 Tickets
- Side Raffles
- Horse Race
- Pork sandwiches and chips provided



One of the prizes: projector and speaker

INFORMATION:

- Glandorf St. John's Parish Center
- Doors open at 5:30
- Raffle starts at 6:30
- BYOB and BYO Snacks
- For Tickets Contact:
Nichole Schroeder: 419-303-7252 or
Tammy Schmitz 419-615-5651




10 AROUND THE AREA



**Knights of
Columbus**

Newsletters are available in the back
of Church.



Steubenville Youth Conference

JULY 17-19, 2026

Inviting high schoolers into a
life-changing encounter with Christ!


Registration Is Open!

Franciscan University of Steubenville
1235 University Blvd Steubenville,
OH 43952


steubenvilleconferences.com/mc4

Contact Nichole Schneider at lrhighered@glendale.edu
for more information about attending
with your Youth Group!

Open to all teens (currently 8th - 12th grade)
There is a \$50 deposit, total cost is \$275
Space is extremely limited, so call Nichole to get
registered right away in order to ensure your seat!




Putnam County Council on Aging January Activities



Date	Event	Time	Location
1-6-26	Penny Drop	10:00am	Community Center Columbus Grove
1-7-26	Diamond Art	10:00am	Fort Haven Apartments Fort Jennings
1-12-26	Venmo Presentation	1:30pm	Putnam Co. District Library Pandora
1-13-26	The Power of Pollinators Presentation	1:00pm	Community Center Vaughsville
1-14-26	Beating the Winter Blues	10:00am	Sportsman's Club Miller City
1-20-26	Be Alert to Financial Fraud	10:00am	Parish Center Ottoville (Banquet room)
1-22-26	Intro to Fused Glass	10:00am	Lilac Clubhouse Leipsic
1-27-26	Euchre	10:00am	Church of the Good Shepherd Columbus Grove
1-28-26	Frost Moon Festival	10:00am	Arthur-Lugibuhl Community Center Pandora

Please call us for more information or to attend!
419-523-4121-1-877-796-1760





CELEBRATING THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE

WHEN: Sunday, February 15, 2026
MASS: 3:30pm; St. Gerard Church, Lima OH
DINNER: 5pm; St. Gerard Church Hall
DANCE: 6pm TICKETS: \$40 per couple. Cash Bar.

RSVP by January 26, 2026
Contact Marilyn at 567-204-4745 to purchase your ticket.

We hope you will join this event celebrating the sanctity of marriage!
 Come for one part of the event or all.





HE REIGNS

FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

**Father Matt will
be at this retreat!**


LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
3RD ANNUAL ADULT RETREAT

Take a break from the hustle +
bustle and be renewed for a
weekend full of opportunities to
deepen your relationship with
Jesus + the Holy Spirit!



SESSIONS FOCUSING ON:

- GOD'S LOVE
- SALVATION
- NEW LIFE IN CHRIST
- GROWTH
- RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT
- TRANSFORMATION

**SPIRITUAL CENTER
OF MARIA STEIN**

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
ENDS JANUARY 18, 2026

REGISTRATION CLOSES
JANUARY 25, 2026

06-08

THE SERRA CLUB OF LIMA AREA,
WHICH EXISTS TO PROMOTE AND
SUPPORT VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD
AND RELIGIOUS LIFE



PRIESTHOOD



Thursday January 8
at Lima Central Catholic High School

MASS WILL BEGIN AT 5:45PM FOLLOWED BY DINNER AND A PROGRAM. THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER WILL BE FR. JEFF WALKER, PASTOR OF DELPHOS ST. JOHN, SPENCERVILLE ST. PATRICK AND LANDECK ST. JOHN. HIS TOPIC IS "COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY - HELPING OUR YOUNG ADULTS GROW IN FAITH." PERSONS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS TOPIC OR THE MISSION OF THE SERRA CLUB ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AS GUESTS. IF INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, PLEASE RESPOND TO KATHY AT 419-303-0339 NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.

The Mustard Seed at St. John's

We appreciate your continued patience and prayers as God allows us time to develop the mission and the ministry of The Mustard Seed at St. John's.

We're moving ahead with our preparations. Please follow our store on Facebook and Instagram for updates.



BLUETOOTH HEARING ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE IN CHURCH



- ✓ Connect to wireless internet:
ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM
Password: **stjohnsound**
- ✓ Download the **WaveCAST APP**
- ✓ Upon opening the app it will prompt you with **No Internet Connection** and ask if you want to use cellular. Choose **"KEEP USING WIFI"**
- ✓ The channel **St. Johns Sound** will be on the home page of the app. Click **St. Johns Sound** & adjust volume accordingly.

For any question and for those who do not have Bluetooth capabilities with their hearing aids and would like to use a hand held receiver during mass please contact the rectory office 419-538-6928 and ask for Ashley.

CATHOLIC COUNSELING SERVICES

Feeling depressed during the Christmas season? Struggling with the loss of a loved one? Dealing with marital problems? Experiencing gender identity issues? If you or someone you love might benefit from counseling, confidential professional Catholic counseling, rooted in our Catholic faith, is now available at Findlay St. Michael Parish.

To inquire, please contact the main parish office @ 419-422-2646 and ask to be transferred to the Catholic Counseling services.



Hope & Healing—Support for Women After Abortion
All communication is confidential



ReclaimingHearts@toledodiocese.org

Freedom & Brotherhood – For Men Battling Pornography
All communication is confidential

Did you know that volunteering as a family to bring up the offertory at Mass is a beautiful way to deepen your connection to God and to each other?

Parishioners can sign up today by scanning QR code:



HERE IS HOW IT WORKS

- When you arrive at Church you can let the ushers know that you are here and then take your seat.
- When the ushers are collecting the money, have your family head to the back of Church.
- The Ushers will help you gather the offertory gifts and bring them to Father and return to your seats.

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



Providing Education on the CREIGHTON MODEL Fertility Care™ 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 Holy Family



Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. When God sent His Son Jesus into the world He wanted Him to come in a humble and quiet way. He wanted Jesus to have a mother and an earthly father and be raised in a happy home.

God brings us into the world in families too. He wants us to have good and loving mothers and fathers to look after us and teach us. Our Lady and Saint Joseph are great examples for parents. They loved Jesus and kept Him safe and let Him grow and learn.



Jesus is an example to children, too! Love your father and mother, obey them and pray for them. Today is a good time to think of how your family can become more like the Holy Family, living in peace, joy and love. Can you think of a way to be more obedient, loving or generous with your family?

Answer to inside page: Out of Egypt I called my son.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Sunday December 28th, 2025
Feast of the Holy Family



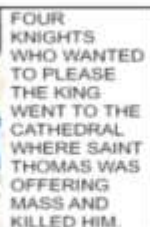
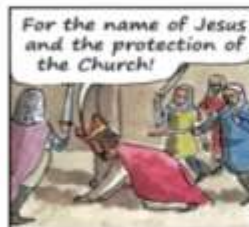
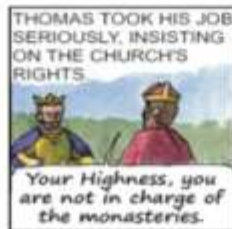
Matt. 2:13-15

Use the number code to see what the prophet predicted about the Child Jesus.

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Saint Thomas Becket December 29



SAINT THOMAS HAD LIVED A SECULAR (NOT VERY RELIGIOUS) LIFESTYLE UNTIL HE BECAME AN ARCHBISHOP. THEN HE UNDERSTOOD THAT HIS JOB WAS TO CARE OF SOULS, AND HE DIDN'T LET HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH THE KING GET IN THE WAY. GOD WANTS US TO HAVE GOOD FRIENDS. BUT REMEMBER HE IS OUR BEST FRIEND!

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Fill in the Blanks

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and use the circled letters to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

The angel of the Lord appeared to _____¹ in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his _____², flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell _____³. _____⁴ is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the _____⁵ and his mother by _____⁶ and departed for Egypt. He _____⁷ there until the death of Herod, that what the _____⁸ had said through the prophet might be _____⁹. Out of _____¹⁰ I called my son.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Matt. 2:13-15

FULFILLED
MOTHER
STAYED
JOSEPH
HEROD
CHILD
NIGHT
YOU
LORD
EGYPT

