

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



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Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025

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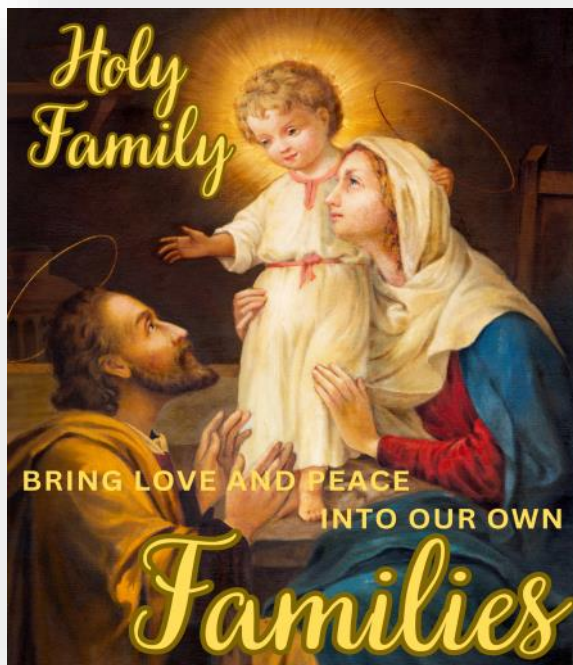
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OUR MISSION

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.

PARISHIONERS

- New Members
- Any status or address changes
- To keep informed, register for Bulletin and Parish Notifications by email or visit St. John's website
Call or email the Parish Office

WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH?

- If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher, Funeral Server, Choir, Spirit and Song Group and any other way.
- If Interested in becoming a member on our Finance Committee or Parish Council Committee. Please call the parish office for more information and to be put on the next ballot.
Call or email the Parish Office.

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.

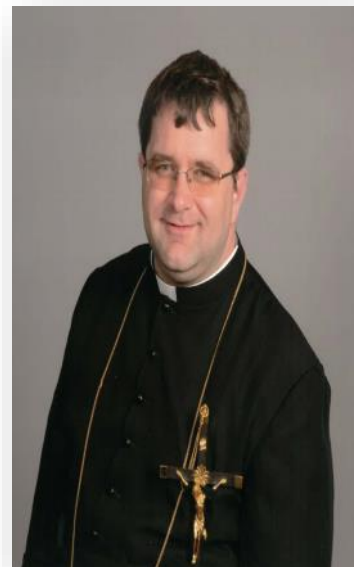
Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Today we remember the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. I must admit that it is a little strange and ironic that on Wednesday we celebrated the birth of Jesus, now today in scriptures today he twelve years old already.

We celebrate today the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as being holy. We see them as being holy and we think this family is a model for our own families to follow. At the same time, I would imagine that many of us are uncomfortable with labeling, calling or seeing our family as being holy. I love my family, and I think my family is good for the most part, but I would not go so far as to call or see my family as holy. But if the Holy Family is holy and they are model for our families to follow, I think it is certainly possible for our families also to be holy.

After I baptize a child, I present a prayer card to the parents of that child. A Parents' Vocations Prayer Card for parents to pray for the vocation of their children. On the backside of the card is a picture of a family praying in their family prayer space in their home. And it is a picture not from a long time ago but is a picture of a modern family. Actually I know this family that is pictured on the card, I baptized one of their children she is not in the picture and their oldest child I gave her, her First Communion. This family was my parishioners when I was in Dayton and now, they are Fr. Tony's parishioners. Our former Vocations Director Fr. Steve Dos Santos, C.P.P.S. was friends with this family and asked if he could take their family picture for this card and they agreed. I remember when these cards just got printed but before they got disturbed. I got invited over to the family home for dinner on Friday Evening. Normally on Friday evenings Fr. Steve and I would go to eat. On particular Friday, I told Fr. Steve, I was not available to go out to dinner and why. Fr. Steve said "these cards why don't you take one to the family to show them". When I arrived at the family's home, I showed them the prayer card and the dad he embarrassingly smiled at me and said 'we are really not holy'. If many of our families appeared on cards like this, I think many of us would say the same thing about our families 'we are really not holy'.

I think the issue is not that our families are not holy, but I think we misunderstand what it means to be holy. We often associate holiness with being perfect and problem free. You could say that the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph was practically perfect I mean two of the three members never sinned. But they had their share of obstacles before Mary and Joseph were living together Mary was expecting, there was no room for them at the Inn and Mary gave birth to Jesus in stable, in our scriptures today Mary and Joseph had Jesus lost for three days. Our families are full of sinners and all our families have problems.

Being sin and problem free is not what makes our families holy. What makes our families holy is in how we live in relationship with one another. Paul in our scriptures today gives us recipe to what makes our families holy "Put on as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another; if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection" (Colossians 3:12-14). When we live our family lives like this that they are holy, it may not always feel like but it is a witness of faith, that makes us holy.



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 26, 2025, May 18, 2025, September 28, 2025

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, 7:45pm–8:15pm

Friday 7:15am–7:45am

Saturday 8:30am, 4:00pm–4:15pm

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

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

HOLY ORDERS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

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

psmith@toledodiocese.org or contact the vocation

office at the Missionaries of the Precious Blood 937-

228-9263 or e-mail vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 6:30pm–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

Each week at Holy Mass we profess our belief in reciting the Nicene Creed. What does it mean when we say we believe in these statements/truths? We will take a look at each statement/truth of the creed and examine it's meaning through the use of the Faith and Life Series by Ignatius Press that is utilized in our parish religious education morning program, 5th Grade curriculum. For more information on this program, visit <https://loc.ignatius.com/faithandlife/>

"I believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic church..."

Since Jesus died on the cross for us, what else needs to be done? Doesn't Jesus' Crucifixion mean that everyone is going to heaven? No. When Jesus ascended into heaven, although he had redeemed all of mankind (opened the gates of heaven), he has not completed his mission of the salvation of mankind. In other words, the gates of heaven are open for us, our hope has been restored, but each of us must still be sanctified in order to enter heaven.

This is where the power of the Holy Spirit enters. In this way, Jesus continues his mission through the Church. It is this one true Church that we can be sanctified through the Sacraments. We cannot do it alone. We simply do not have the capacity to be holy on our own. If we think we can, we are prideful.

We can receive the necessary graces to become holy through the sacramental life of the Church. The Church is an incredible gift that we must treasure. We have been given this gift to have been baptized as Catholics in the one true Church of Jesus Christ.

Jesus founded the Church. He called and taught the Apostles during his ministry on earth. He gave his Apostles instruction so they could continue his mission in the world, and he gave them the power to do his work. At the Last Supper, he instituted the Sacrament of Holy Orders and gave his Apostles the power to consecrate the Holy Eucharist. After his Resurrection, he gave them the power to forgive sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Catholic Church consists of the community of believers united by Christ. The Church can be everywhere, and every parish has the same Sacraments and beliefs as Catholics everywhere. The Church is known as the Mystical Body of Christ. Christ is the head of the Body, the Holy Spirit is the soul, and the members of the body are all baptized persons.

The Mystical Body of Christ is the Communion of Saints, united with Jesus as their head. The Communion of Saints consists of "The Church Triumphant", these are the saints in heaven. These saints can pray for us to grow in holiness, and they can intercede on behalf of the souls in purgatory. "The Church Suffering", these are the holy souls in purgatory. These souls cannot pray for themselves, but they can ask prayers of those in heaven, and pray for us here on earth. Lastly, "The Church Militant" are Christ's people on earth. We on earth can ask the help of the saints in heaven and the souls in purgatory, and can help the souls in purgatory by praying and offering penances for them.

Reflection: How might people see that the Holy Spirit is in you? What is your role right now in the Body of Christ? How well are you carrying out that role? How can you do it better?

Prayer: God, we thank you for sending your Spirit to guide us, and we ask that his gifts may be ever more active in our daily lives. Help us to be faithful members of your Mystical Body, that we may someday join the saints in the Church

4 ABOUT OUR PARISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Don

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 New Years Eve

7:35 am Rosary

8:00am Virgil Hageman

4:30pm For the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 New Years Day

7:35am Rosary

8:00am For the Parish

10:30am For the Parish

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 Sts. Basil & Gregory

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Debra (Fortman) Bryant

First FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Michael Leach

12:00pm Rosary

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

First SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Br. Jerry Schulte

8:30am Confessions

8:30am-4:00pm All Day Rosary

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Oscar Burgei, JoAnn Von Lehmden (AN), Mike Leach,
L/D Norm (AN) & Irene Lammers Family

5:30pm-8:00am Adoration

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 Epiphany of the Lord

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Edna & Eugene Ellerbrock Family, Mark Hohenbrink,
Judy Schroeder, Julie Grismore, JoAnn Schimmoeller

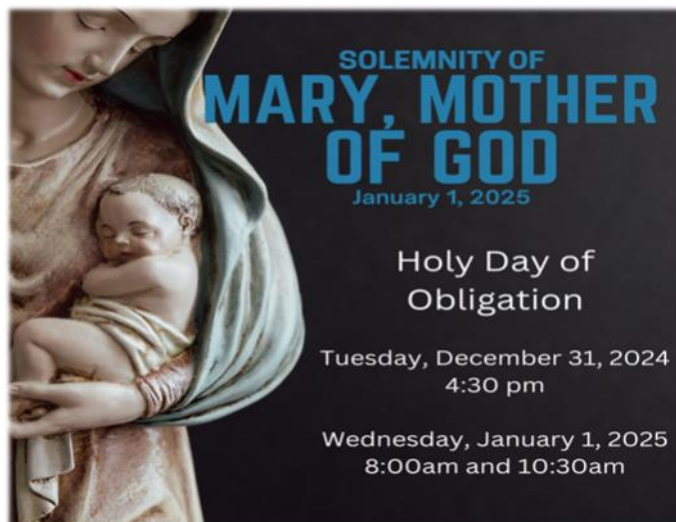
9:00am-10:00am Holy Hour

10:30am L/D Tom & Velma Balbaugh Family, Sister Kateri Kaufman,
L/D Carl & Lucille Ellerbrock Family

11:30am 7th grade Rite of Enrollment

ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- **No Students at Mass on Tuesday, so we will need the weekday lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to cover the that Mass.**
- **The students will be back on Thursday, January 2nd.**



SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:00am	Roger Schroeder Eddie Duling
Tue	4:30pm	Austin Koch, Brock Crumrine, Riley Trombley Thurifer—Ethan Weis
Wed	8:00am	Brooke Maag, Ty Wrasman, Grant Leopold Thurifer— Jacob Schimmoeller
Wed	10:30am	Grant Schroeder, Grant Maag, Abby Recker
Thurs	8:40am	Students
Fri	8:00am	Gary Recker, Roger Schroeder
Sat	8:00am	Audrey Imm, Caroline Imm, Taten Brickman
Sat	4:30pm	Sam Warnecke, Adam Maag, Ross Maag Thurifer - Ace Nienberg
Sun	8:00am	Grace Kahle, Justin Kahle, Evan Brady
Sun	10:00am	Liam Kaufman, Hayden Kaufman
Sun	10:30am	Parker Heckman, Nolan Duling, Asher Rump Thurifer-Hayden Kaufman

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS

Tue	4:30pm	Diane Recker	Carole Schroeder
		Alicia Nussbaum	Kathy Schmitz
Wed	8:00am	Deb Schroeder	Connie Cassidy
		Deb Burwell	Sharon Meyer
	10:30am	Tara Gerding	Paula Siebeneck
		Jane Moening	Tim Hansen
Sat	4:30pm	Diane Recker	Carole Schroeder
		Alicia Nussbaum	Kathy Schmitz
Sun	8:00am	Mark Schroeder	Nicole Ruhe
		Tammy Schroeder	Elizabeth Ruhe
Sun	10:30am	Jason Kleman	Michelle Schroeder
		Julie Pothast	Dawn Giesige

GIFT BEARERS

Tue	4:30pm	Ushers
Wed	8:00am	Cory & Heather Haselman
	10:30am	Ushers
Sat	4:30pm	Ushers
Sun	8:00am	Ushers
Sun	10:30am	Ushers

JANUARY USHERS

Tue	4:30pm	Richard Schmitz, Brady Laudick
Wed	8:00am	Bart Recker, Ken Kottenbrock
Wed	10:30am	Barry Maag, Ken Horstman
Sat	4:30pm	Roger Koch, Logan Koch, Connor Koch
Sun	8:00am	Tom Morman, Tony Maag
Sun	10:30am	Mitch Gable, Charlie Schroeder
COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Sandy Verhoff, Linda Schroeder		

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY 5

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Edna & Diane Nienber

JANUARY FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Dolores Schnipke, Ginny Schroeder, Darlene Stechschulte, Tina & Randy Fortman, Mary Ellen & Dan Klear

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STEWARDSHIP

December 22, 2024

Offering

Loose	\$	1,200.00
Adult Envelope	\$	10,677.41
Children	\$	194.29
Maintenance	\$	3,620.00
Online Offering	\$	2,233.00
Online Maintenance	\$	169.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	85.00
Christmas	\$	1,490.00
Priest Retirement	\$	90.00
Total Collection	\$	19,758.70

Thank you to all of you who have been continuing to make your Weekly/monthly contributions to your St. John's parish family and for sharing your treasure, time, & talent with your St. John's parish family!

Give Online Today!

Visit our website to get the E-Giving Form to fill out and return to the Parish Office. It is located in the left side above the Menu options.
www.stjohnsglandorf.org

Heartbeat needs Baby wipes, Diapers - size 4, 5, and 6, 3-6 and 6-9 month plain white onesies, Enfamil formulas (Infant and Gentlease) & Similac Neosure formula (for preemies)

Heartbeat Hours: Tuesday 1-5pm and located on 1225 E. Third St. in Ottawa.

Foods Needed at the Ottawa Food Pantry: pineapple, salad dressing, jelly. Note: Monetary gifts are also welcome. (Send in care of Trinity UM Church, 137 N. Pratt, Ottawa)

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

January: Vietnam Mission

January prayer for Precious Blood vocations

O God, You created me for a purpose, a specific task for the Church and humanity. You have always known the work I was cut out for, a work which only I can do and no other. If I do not accept this work, it will never be done. Therefore, I have a job to do. Make clear to me your will, and I will follow you in whatever task this may be. I know I can do all things in you, my strength. Amen.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY: For pilgrims of hope



We pray that that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

January prayer list

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

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2025 GRAND-orf Club

drawing and coffee & donuts will be **January 12th in Room 15** by Pat and Barb Siefker. Extra tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules.

Turn in your 2025 Grand-orf Club raffle tickets by January 5th to be included in all the drawings in 2025.

Anyone interested in helping with the GRAND-ORF drawing along with coffee and donuts on the 2nd Sunday of each month,

A Heartfelt Thank You

Thank you to our interior church decorating committee, crib committee and everyone else who helped decorate the inside of the Church this year! 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!**

Please Include them in your prayers

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

Alvin Unverferth

Stephen Kuhlman

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Kendra Elizabeth, daughter of Alaina Niese and Dylan Maas

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

Floyd L Meyer 12/29/14

Norman A Lammers 1/3/02

Ruth J Molnar 1/1/04

Clayton J Maag 1/4/19

Parental Baptism Class



Sunday, January 26, 2025

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

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

Next class will be **May 18, 2025.**

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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.

Attention Coffee and Donut Organizers

2025 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 Monday, December 16, 2024. Thank you for assisting us in the ministry! Call the office if you have any questions.

HELP WANTED

- ♦ St. John's needs people to pray the rosary for a half hour on First Saturday's all day Rosary between 11:00am-11:30am. Or anytime. Some of the slots only have one person.

Please call the office if you are interested or have any questions.

Ushers Needed!



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).



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

TMIY sessions are on Christmas break. 2025 Sessions will begin on Wed. Jan. 22nd and Sat. Jan. 25th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



BRINGING UP THE GIFTS AT MASS

We are excited to introduce a new procedure for bringing up the offertory gifts during each Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to participate in a meaningful way. We will be starting this new procedure for Christmas Masses this year!

How It Works:

- Families can sign up for the Mass and date that works best for them.
- You are welcome to sign up for as many dates as you'd like!
- If no one is signed up for a particular Mass, the ushers will bring up the gifts.
- You can sign up throughout the year the link and the QR code in the bulletin

What to Do on Your Scheduled Date:

- Sit towards the back of the church so it's easy to move to the back when needed.
 - When the ushers begin collecting the offertory, head to the back of the church.
 - The ushers will assist in handing you the gifts to carry forward.
- We hope this new tradition will provide every family with the chance to actively participate in the liturgy. Thank you for being a part of this meaningful practice

Click the Link or Use the QR code to Sign Up:

<https://tinyurl.com/2dss8wpv>



Eucharistic Adoration

- Every Wednesday, 6:30pm-8:15pm
- First Friday, January 3rd 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Benediction starting at 4:00pm

Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator back in church or sign up on line using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/35shweny>

- First Saturday, January 4th and 5th

After 4:30pm Mass until 8:00am on Sunday morning.

Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator back in church or sign up on line using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/4h59xxn8>

Holy Hour, January 5th from 9:00am-10:00am concluding with Benediction starting at 9:55am. The Cantata music will be playing during the first part of the Holy Hour.

We would like at least two people signed up for each hour. If you can't make it to church to sign in, please call Katie Verhoff 480-236-7305.



Come and spend time with our Lord.

Breath of Heaven Holy Hour

Join us on Jan. 5th after 8:00AM
Mass for the 'Narration from
Breath of Heaven Cantata' with
background Christmas Hymn and
Carol Music." Benediction at
10:00AM





Walk with One

The Stages of Spiritual Companionship



Intercede Start December 16

As soon as the Lord lays someone on your heart, begin to pray for them! Ask God to remove whatever obstacles are making it difficult for this person to draw closer to Christ and his Church. Pray for the grace to be able to accompany them well.



Getting Started:

- Write down the person's name on a sticky note and keep it in your wallet to remember during prayer
- Ask for God to open the heart of the person you are called to meet, to be receptive to him
- Offer a Mass or a holy hour for the person

In the Scriptures, we hear over and over how Jesus invited people one by one to follow him. He also invites us to follow him more deeply and, just like him, to “walk with one” person to a new or renewed experience of God’s love.

Say this Prayer

Heavenly Father, your love knows no bounds. In your infinite wisdom, you have called us to spread the Good News of your Son, Jesus Christ, to all corners of the earth. We come before you today, humble and ready to serve in this mission to Walk With One. You chose to become flesh, draw close, and walk alongside us, guiding us back to a restored relationship and life to the fullest. Bless us as we move forward, inspired by your example, to extend the same grace to others. Grant us the courage to step out of our comfort zones and speak your truth with conviction and love. Fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit so that we may articulate the message of salvation with clarity and compassion. May our words and actions reflect the love and mercy of Jesus, drawing others closer to him. Guide our efforts to build your kingdom here on earth. Open the hearts of those who have not yet encountered your love so that they may experience the joy of the Gospel and embrace the journey of faith. Strengthen our resolve when we face rejection or indifference, reminding us that we plant the seeds, but you, O Lord, provide the growth.

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Evangelization, and all the saints, we offer ourselves to you, Lord, as instruments of your peace and love.

Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Gonzalez, pray for us! Amen.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

TO COME: * Stage 3 Connect January 5 *Stage 4 Invite January 19

Men's Society Christmas Party

1/12/25 at 1 PM - 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 2/16/2025 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.

You Are Invited Eucharistic Day

January 25th and 26th, 2025

Join us for a special time of prayer, reflection, and celebration of Christ's True Presence in the Eucharist.

- **Adoration:** Begins at 8:30 AM on January 25th and continues until 4:00 PM on January 26th.
- **Conclusion:** Evening Prayer and Benediction at 4:00 PM on January 26th.

- **Dinner:** Following Benediction, a wonderful dinner will be served in the Parish Center Gymnasium at 4:45 PM.

If you plan to attend the dinner, please make your reservation by scanning the QR code or using the link provided. Reservations must be made by **Monday, January 20th.**

<https://form.jotform.com/243473040345147>



More details to come and we are looking forward to seeing you there!



We Invite all Married couples to the Marriage Encounter Dinner & Dance. It is not necessary to have been encountered.

WHEN: Sunday, February 2, 2025

MASS: 3 PM, Holy Family Catholic Church, New Cleveland, OH

DINNER: 4:30PM, Ottawa Knights of Columbus Hall
DANCE: 5:30pm

TICKETS: \$40 per couple. Cash Bar

Contact Brian and Chris Schroeder (419)230-2953.

before January 21, 2025

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

True Love is when both people think they're the lucky one.

Donations to help kids have free admission and items for activities!

February 22, 2025

Glandorf St. John

Must be 21 or Older to attend!

"RAFFLE"

FUNDRAISER FOR SUMMER FAITH ADVENTURE PROGRAM

\$30

ACTIVITIES:

- 50/50 tickets
- "Raffle" (15 Games)
- Horse Race
- Side Raffles

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
Barb Siefker: 419-236-2023



One of the prizes 65 in. TV



Please help these kids join for Free!

BLUETOOTH HEARING ASSISTANCE

WILLIAMS AV

WaveCAST App

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.

HIGH SCHOOL CCD

REMINDER: NO HIGH SCHOOL CCD
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18TH, 25TH
AND JANUARY 1ST. WE WILL RESUME
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8TH AT 7:00.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
JENN WARNECKE

Sunday, December 29, 2024



BOY'S: Birkemeyer: 1:00pm Miller
City@Glandorf

Ellerbrock: 2:15pm Sts. Peter & Paul@Glandorf
Meyer: 2:15pm @St. Michael's, Kalida

GIRL'S:**CYO SPORTS**

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 Jenn Warnecke at 419-302-8465 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 & Mike Karhoff

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

For Grade School and High School Students

The grade school envelopes were sent home the past few weeks during OCD. The high school students were passed out during OCD. Home School children can pick them up at the office.

Please be on the look out for them!**Junior High Gathering**

Stand Out: Embrace the Unusual
Held at St. John's Parish Center Glandorf

Students in grades 6-7-8 from the St. George Deanery are invited

February 16,
2025 10:30am
-3:30 pm

There needs to be at least one chaperone per Parish that will be there.

Includes: lunch, workshops, adoration, fun activities, and snacks; while making friends with other Putnam County 6, 7, and 8 graders.

The day will start with Mass @10:30 followed by lunch, and filled with an afternoon of Breakout sessions.

\$ 8.00 Person

Contact your Youth Minister:

Ft. Jennings-Julie Fischach 419-905-8472, Glandorf Nichole Schroeder 419-303-7252, Millery City/New Cleveland- Diane Utrup 419-306-5588, Kalida Jill Zeller 567-376-9115, Ottawa Tanya Ellerbrock 419-890-3700, Ottoville Shelly Eickholt 419-233-7640

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

COME AND JOIN US!

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL 8:30PM

FELLOWSHIP
FAMILY ADORATION
FREE PLAY
PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS PROVIDED

ALL GATHERINGS WILL BE
IN THE PARISH CENTER
DURING THE COLD WEATHER
MONTHS
JANUARY 4TH
FEBRUARY 1ST
MARCH 1ST
APRIL 5TH

WHAT IS FAMILY ADORATION?

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



QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
BROOKE CASSIDY @ 419-233-4312
SHANA DULING @ 419-615-8188
WENDY IMM @ 614-634-1043



Thank you for participating in Advent School!
Please check the bulletin in February for Lent School registration. Merry Christmas!



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to Empower Women and Couples to
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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

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Health Coaching
for Women -
Rooted in the
Catholic Faith

Christine Schroeder
INTEGRATIVE NUTRITION
HEALTH COACH
Ph# 419-230-2953
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website: www.restore23.net

2025

JANUARY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Communion Service - Deacon Don	30 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Communion Service - Deacon Don	31 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 4:30PM - Solemnity Mary Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation	01 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass - Solemnity Mary Mother of God 10:30AM Mass - Solemnity Mary Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation	02 8:15AM Rosary 8:45AM Mass 7:00-8:30PM Choir Practice SCHOOL RESUMES	03 FIRST FRIDAY 7:15-7:45AM Confession 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 12:00PM Rosary 1-4 PM Adoration in Church concluding with Evening Prayer with Benediction	04 FIRST SATURDAY 7:25AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 8:30AM Confessions Rosary 4:00-4:15PM Confessions 4:30PM Mass 5:30pm - 12:00 - Overnight Adoration 5:30-8:30PM FAMILY FELLOWSHIP
05 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 12:01-8:00AM Adoration 7:25AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 9:00- 10:00AM Holy Hour concluding with Benediction 10:30AM Mass 11:30-12:30AM - 7th Gr.	06 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Communion Service - Deacon Don	07 7:35AM Rosary 8:40AM Mass	08 7:15-7:45AM Confession 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 6:30- 8:15PM Adoration 7:45-8:15PM Confession	09 8:15AM Rosary 8:40AM Mass 7:00-8:30PM Choir Practice	10 7:15-7:45AM Confession 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 12:00PM Rosary	11 7:25AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 8:30AM Confessions 4:00-4:15PM Confessions 4:30PM Mass
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26 EUCHARISTIC DAY 7:25AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass 11:30AM - 4:00PM Adoration 4:00PM Evening Prayer concluding with Benediction 4:45PM Eucharistic Day Dinner	27 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Communion Service - Mike Karhoff	28 7:35AM Rosary 8:40AM Mass	29 7:15-7:45AM Confession 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 6:30- 8:15PM Adoration 7:45-8:15PM Confession	30 8:15AM Rosary 8:40AM Mass 7:00-8:30PM Choir Practice	31 7:15-7:45AM Confession 7:35AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 12:00PM Rosary	01 FIRST SATURDAY 7:25AM Rosary 8:00AM Mass 8:30AM Confessions Rosary 4:00-4:15PM Confessions 4:30PM Mass 5:30pm - 12:00 - Overnight Adoration 5:30-8:30PM FAMILY FELLOWSHIP



**Knights of
Columbus**

Newsletters are
available in the
back of Church.

A BLOOD DRIVE

Will be held at the Sts. Peter and Paul School Cafeteria on Monday, December 30th, from 12:00 to 6:00pm. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: STSPETERPAUL.

Restoring Hope, a new podcast series of faith, healing, and reconciliation from the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Find solace, inspiration, and a deeper faith connection. Coming January 2025



FAITH, FAMILY, FOOTBALL SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH AT 6PM

Men... mark your calendars! Former University of Michigan quarterback Elvis Grbac will be at St. John the Evangelist in Delphos on January 12th to talk about the role of a father's faith on his family. He will discuss the evolution of this faith through a football career that reached the peak of a Pro Bowl selection and as a member of a Super Bowl winning team. Elvis Grbac will discuss the importance of faith in raising his own family. Through the highs and lows of serious illness and his journey to rediscovering and embracing his Catholic Faith.

Call or Text Matt Fischer at 419-230-7306

Join us with your family to watch this inspirational movie

Saint MARY Saint MICHAEL
MILLERSVILLE GIBSONBURG

Presents

JESUS THIRSTS

THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST



★★★★★
"5 STARS!"
"Life changing"
"An absolute must see!"

SHOW TIMES and TICKET PRICES

Sunday, January 5, at 3:00pm or Friday, January 17, at 6:30pm

\$5 for Adults / \$3 for Senior Citizens and Teens / \$3 for ages 8-12

Admittance is FREE for ages 7 and under, but you must call the office.

To purchase tickets, follow the link at www.stmaryandstmichael.org.

use the QR Code, or go to <https://forushfire.com/faithcontentnetwork/jesusthirsts-the-miracle-of-the-eucharist/592386>

For help, call either parish office at 419-638-3042 or 419-637-2255

Hosted at Fremont Ross Performing Arts Center 1100 North St. Fremont, Ohio 43420



Jesus and the EUCHARIST

PUTNAM COUNTY YOUNG ADULTS

A SMALL GROUP SERIES

Encounter the reality of the Real Presence and gain a deeper understanding of your faith like never before. This study will be a special time to grow in community with other Young Adults around the area. There is no pre-work or homework, we go through it all together. Handouts will be provided to you at each session. There is no cost!

7 Sessions on Mondays 6:30-8:30pm

Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10 & 24,
Mar. 3 & 24, Apr. 14

New Cleveland REC
(house across from the church)
RSVP to Diane 419-306-5588

Scan for more info



michianetrevival.org/jesus-and-the-eucharist



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



PRIESTHOOD



Thursday January 9
at Lima Central Catholic High School

MASS WILL BEGIN AT 5:45PM FOLLOWED BY DINNER AND A PROGRAM. THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER WILL BE MATTHEW ETZKORN, VP OF MISSION FOR MERCY HEALTH-LIMA SPEAKING ON "VOCATION IN HEALTH CARE". 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, JAN. 7.

Walk
for
life

Sanctity of
human life Sunday

Sunday January 19th, 2pm
Open house, 2-4pm



Park at Lima Central Catholic High School, 720 S. Cable Rd.

Walk to Heartbeat of Lima office and back. Prayerful, loving, inspiring signs will be available, or bring your own! Refreshments and tours from 2-4pm.

Pastors and priests will lead blessings and prayers.

Handicap parking available in the Heartbeat lot,
421 S. Cable Rd. Lima, OH 43005

SHARE YOUR FAITH DAY Diocese of Toledo and the Toledo Walleye



Friday, January 24, 2025



Gates Open 6:15 PM | Game Starts 7:15 PM

Experience a faith sharing evening with the Diocese of Toledo as we invite you to the Toledo Walleye in their thrilling game against the Kalamazoo Wings on January 24th at 7:15 pm for Blackout Bonefish night. Don't miss out on the excitement - a perfect outing for families and sports enthusiasts alike.

Accessible seating is located in Section 109 Row T Seats 9-12 for those who need it.

Discounted admission tickets are available through the FEVO link above for \$12.00 per ticket. The access code is CDOT, click ADD and DONE. Once the seats are selected and in the cart, the \$12 discounted ticket will show up, there are small provider fees.

Tickets are limited to the first 100 people, and we expect a sellout, so please do not delay...order your tickets today! This diocesan event is not open to the public. We hope to see you and your family there! Please email ajacobs@toledodiocese.org or lpriest@toledodiocese.org with any questions.



Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, January 10, 2025!
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Catholicdiocese38>



Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Today we celebrate Jesus' Birthday!

For many years people had been waiting for God to send them a Messiah who would save them from their sins. When the time was right God Himself became a Baby and was born of the beautiful and holy virgin Mary. His name was Jesus, and today is His birthday!

What do you do on Christmas? Is it a big celebration? Do you think about whose birthday it is? Jesus gave Himself to us because He loved us. What can you do to show your family that you love them?

Answers to Holy Family puzzle: parents, Passover, Jesus, festival, Temple, Mary, find, searched, third, know, FATHER'S HOUSE, Nazareth, wisdom

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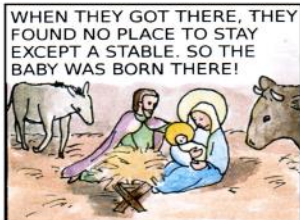
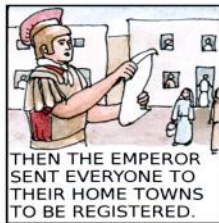
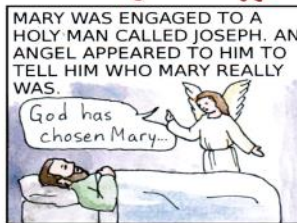
The Kids' Bulletin

Christmas Day and
Feast of the Holy Family
December 25 & 29, 2024



There wasn't any room for Mary and Joseph to stay in Bethlehem, so they had to go to a stable outside the town. Can you help them find their way?

The Christmas Story



FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR GOD TO SEND THEM A MESSIAH WHO WOULD SAVE THEM FROM THEIR SINS. FINALLY HE CAME, A POOR BABY BORN ON A COLD NIGHT. SEE HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US, THAT HE WOULD COME TO US AS A TINY, INNOCENT BABY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

The Holy Family Puzzle

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks.
Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks with numbers part-way down.

Every year Jesus and His (NTSPRAE) went to Jerusalem for the (SVOPSARE) festival. When (SUJES) was twelve, they went to the (LFSETVIA) as usual, but Jesus stayed in the (MPELET) afterwards. (RMYA) and Joseph thought He was with their relatives in the caravan, but when they couldn't (DNIF) Him they went back and (CHDEASRE) for Him. On the (HDRIT) day they found him. When they asked Jesus why He had done this, He replied, "Did you not (WNKO) that I must be in my

Then he went home with them to (ZRNATHEA) and was obedient to them, and grew up in (DSIWMO) and age and grace.

