

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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St. George Deanery



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## OUR MISSION

Founded by Jesus Christ, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is the heart of Glandorf. At the heart of our faith are the Sacraments which St. John's is here to evangelize, catechize, and celebrate all of God's people to set their hearts on fire in passionate love of God and neighbor.

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED

### IN OUR PARISH?

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

Call or email the Parish Office.

## PARISHIONERS

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

Call or email the Parish Office

Today's scripture from Isaiah interweaves the gifts of the holy spirit with some of the virtues to offer insight on how we can use these gifts to help us to grow in virtue. How we can apply each of these gifts and grow in virtue? Through the wisdom of God help us to grow in wisdom ourselves and grow in the virtue of faith. The gift of understanding to remind us to be merciful to everyone we interact with and grow in the virtue of justice. Use the counsel of God to help us discern the choices in our lives and grow in the virtue of fortitude. Spiritual strength to help us to be able to pick up our cross and follow Him and grow in the virtue of charity or love. Grow in our knowledge to be able to decide between right and wrong and grow in the virtue of prudence. The fear of God to remind us to always look to Him for guidance, always trust in Him, and grow in the virtue of hope. These gifts are given to us through our baptism and they are energized or further put into action at our confirmation. This scripture also makes a connection of these gifts to the virtues of justice and faith. Reminding us that we need to be mindful of the gifts that have been bestowed on us and through the application of the virtues we can calm the storms of our lives. We can be like the lamb inviting the wolf to be our guest or like the calf taking a walk with the lion. God gives us the ability to bring joy to the world, it's up to us to use our gifts well.

Paul's letter to the Romans builds on the virtues by reminding us to find encouragement through scripture to strength our hope. It's through this hope and the practice of the virtues that we build unity with others. Rightly ordering these virtues we will glorify God for the mercy he expresses to all of us.

The contemplation of empowering the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives to become more virtuous, is a great prelude to Matthew's Gospel today about John the Baptist. John cries out from the desert "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". The scriptures speak of the prefiguration of John as the one who is preparing the way for the Lord. How is he telling us to prepare ourselves? Through the act of reconciliation. The scriptures today give us great incentive to get to confession during this season of preparation. In fact, we have our penance service here at St Johns this coming Tuesday evening. Are you preparing yourself for the coming of Jesus as John tells us today? Maybe it's been a while since you've been to confession. That's ok! I'm confident any priest you go to will be more than willing to help you through the steps.

Reconciliation is one of the sacraments we can receive often! Every time we participate in one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic church we receive graces. And the grace we receive is strength to help us through the difficulties, our cross to carry, that we face every day. Every time we receive the eucharist we receive more grace. The reception of the sacraments are a part of the beauty we find in the Catholic faith. It's what makes being Catholic different from other religions. The beauty of the sacraments reminds me of a lesson we learned in sacramental theology. The Catholic church teaches there are four important qualities for the sacraments. Every sacrament should be valid, licit, beautiful, and fruitful. Valid means the proper words and materials are used. Licit is about how well we follow the rules and laws of the church such as Canon law. Beauty is what we see all around us and how we carry out the sacraments, the church building, the art, the statues, the craftsmanship, the decorations, the vestments, and so much more. Those first three can be measured in some manner, were the right words said, did we follow the direction given in the missal or ritual book, are we wearing the proper vestment colors assigned to the ritual. Fruitfulness is much harder to quantify. Fruitfulness is how well each of us responds to the graces that flows from every sacrament. So as you come forward to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist, ask yourself, how well am I responding to the grace I receive? Am I channeling this grace and using the gifts of the Holy Spirit to grow in virtue and prepare myself for the coming of Jesus at Christmas?



## 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 8-The Immaculate Conception

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D B ill &amp; Marilyn Schroeder-All School Mass

7:00pm Daryl Hunt(AN)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9-St. Juan Diego

8:00am-8:30am Vesting 1A

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Alice Siefker

4:00pm Penance Service

7:00pm Penance Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10-Our Lady of Loreto

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Doris Karhoff

8:30am Penance 5A

6:30pm- 8:15pm Adoration

7:00pm-8:15pm Confession

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11-St. Damascus

8:00am-8:30am Vesting 1B

8:15am Rosary

8:40am L/D Edwin Duling Family, Deb (Hovest) Keeler,  
Brother Jerry Schulte, Don MichelFRIDAY, DECEMBER 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Gilbert &amp; Marcella Morman Family,

L/D Mel Hedrick Family,

L/D Richard &amp; Jeanette Heckman Family

12:00pm Rosary

1:00pm - 4:00pm Adoration followed with Evening Prayer/Benediction

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13-St. Lucy

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Rosemarie Schroeder

8:30am Confession

4:00pm Confession

4:30pm Oscar & Betty Burgei, L/D Maya Schroeder Family,  
Ray Schmitz (AN), Jacob M Schroeder, Vicki Verhoff,  
L/D Ott Schnipke Family, Levi Blake

5:30pm Baptism

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14-3rd Sunday of Advent

7:35am Rosary

8:00am John Yaufman, Esther Schroeder, Zac Cassidy, Paul Cassidy,  
L/D Victor & Dorothy Duling Family, L/D Gordy Verhoff Family,  
L/D Alfred Verhoff Family

9:00am-10:15am OCIA

10:30am L/D Mel & Esther Schroeder Family, Mary Ann Hermiller,  
Don Recker, Joe & Joann Niese**Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary****Holy Day of Obligation****Mass Times on Monday, December 8th is 8:00am and  
7:00pm****ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
AND ADULT SERVERS****All School Mass for the Immaculate Conception on Monday,  
December 8th. The student's will not be at Mass the rest of  
the week, so we will need weekday lectors, Eucharistic  
Ministers, and Adult servers to cover the Masses. Thank You!**

## SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	Students
	7:00pm	Lochlan Brinkman, Hannah Brickner, Logan Birkemeier-Thurifer Mattilyn Maag
Tue	8:40am	Roger Schroeder, Eddie Duling
Wed	8:00am	Gene & Rose Warnecke
Thurs	8:40am	Roger Schroeder, Gary Recker
Fri	8:00am	Ken & Paula Elchinger
Sat	8:00am	Morgan Grime, Nolan Grime, Jake Nienberg, Max Nienberg
Sat	4:30pm	Maddox Stechschulte, Ayvrie Schulte, Izak Schimmoeller
Sun	8:00am	AJ Siefker, Caleb Schroeder, Kamryn Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Will Siefker, Owen Schumaker, Asher Rump

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mon	7:00pm	Tara Gerding Rose Ellerbrock	Chris Birkemeier Mindy Recker
Sat	4:30pm	Mary Ellen Halker Louis Halker	Chase Maag Myah Bockrath
Sun	8:00am	Deb Burwell Gretchen Schmitz	Diane Nienberg Janet Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding Rose Ellerbrock Matt Meyerhoffer (choir /undercroft)	Chris Birkemeier Mindy Recker Please read the instructions that was email this week for the changes.

## GIFT BEARERS

Mon	7:00pm	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

## DECEMBER USHERS

Mon	7:00pm	Mark Maag, Alan Wrasman
Sat	4:30pm	Roger Koch, Logan Koch, Connor Koch
Sun	8:00am	Elton Schroeder, Joe Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Mike Siefker, Greg Nussbaum

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 2

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Edna &amp; Diane Nienberg

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

Lighting Advent Wreath (December 13th and 14th)

4:30pm - Doug and Lisa Karhoff, 8:00am - Cory and Heather Haselman,  
10:30am - Nate and Stephanie Bockrath*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.**

# 4 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP

November 30, 2025

### Offering

Loose	\$	1,048.00
Adult Envelope	\$	8,560.00
Children	\$	194.00
Maintenance	\$	4,280.00
Online Offering	\$	2,233.00
Online Maintenance	\$	169.00
All Saints	\$	55.00
Total Collection	\$	16,539.00

### THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

**A warm heartfelt THANK YOU** to everyone who put money in the collection at the Thanksgiving Mass. We collected \$789.00. This money will be given to the Ottawa Food Pantry. Thank You!

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

### Give Online Today!

Visit our website to get the E-Giving Form to fill out and return to the Parish Office. It is located in the left side above the Menu options.  
[www.stjohnnglandorf.org](http://www.stjohnnglandorf.org)

### NEED YOUR HELP

**HEARTBEAT:** needs Diapers - size 5 or 6, Formula—any kind is helpful, Baby wipes.

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

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

**OTTAWA FOOD PANTRY:** With Thanksgiving & Christmas coming up the Food Pantry needs your help! We have Little or no inventory 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

## 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.

ANGELA MAAG  
 KAY WARREN  
 JULIA MCCOMAS

## Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

### The past 20 years

Daryl L Hunt 12/8/03	Curt F Morman 12/9/21
Hildegard A Ford 12/8/08	Raymond J Schmitz 12/10/03
Jeanette M Caseman 12/8/15	Dolores P Schroeder 12/10/16
Dorothy M Ellerbrock 12/8/20	John J Brinkman 12/12/14
Audrey I Steffes 12/9/14	Leroy A Ellerbrock 12/12/14
Norma B Ellerbrock 12/9/21	Marcile A Schmitz 12/13/08



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
 PO Box 48,  
 Glandorf, OH 45848

**\$12.00 PER TICKET**

**2026 GRAND-ORF CLUB**  
 RAFFLE TICKETS

**TWO \$500.00 WINNERS EACH MONTH**

**HOW IT WORKS!**

On the second Sunday of each month after the 8:00am Mass, we will draw **TWO \$500.00 WINNERS**.  
 YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.  
 When you are a lucky winner, we will put your name in the bulletin and send you a check for \$500.00.  
 The winning tickets will be **REENTERED INTO THE DRAWING FOR ANOTHER CHANCE TO WIN!**

**ONE TICKET HAS 24 CHANCES TO WIN!**

**THE FUNDRAISER HELPS SUPPORT THE MAINTENANCE OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTER.**

Over the years, St. John's Parish Center has provided a place for fellowship and spiritual growth for many adults and children in our Glandorf Community.  
 With your continued overwhelming support, we will be able to continue this tradition in Glandorf!

**St. John's Parish Staff is truly grateful for your support!**

**RETURN ALL TICKETS BY JANUARY 3, 2026 TO BE INCLUDED IN EVERY DRAWING. DROP TICKETS OFF AT THE OFFICE OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.**



### 2025 GRAND-orf Club

drawing along with Coffee and Donuts will be **December 14th by Tim and Chris Hoehn.**

This will be the last drawing of the year!

### THANK YOU

**A warm heartfelt THANK YOU** to everyone who helped stuff the Grand-orf Drawing envelopes for mailing. Your valuable time was greatly appreciated!

St John the Baptist Parish  
Fr. Matt Keller  
PO Box 48  
Glandorf, OH 45848-0048

Dear Fr. Matt & Parishioners,

*Saying yes to God's call doesn't stop at retirement.*

Every day, retired Missionaries continue to inspire, guide and serve communities across the world. These men have spent decades responding to God's call and your gift today ensures they can live with comfort, dignity and the support they need to keep bringing faith and hope to others. Please give now to honor their lifelong commitment to service.

*A lifetime of ministry deserves a lifetime of gratitude.*

Take Fr. Joseph Uecker, C.P.P.S., for example. Growing up with two older brothers and a younger sister, Fr. Joe felt called to serve from an early age. At just 13, he entered Brunnerdale Seminary in Canton, Ohio, beginning a journey that would take him through decades of parish ministry. After his ordination, he taught Spanish and business at the Precious Blood Seminary in Missouri, always ready to respond to the needs of his Community and the call of God.

Now retired in Odessa, Texas, Fr. Joe continues to bring faith and hope to those around him. He celebrates Mass, mentors, visits parishes and nursing homes and ministers to his neighbors in his apartment complex. Though he jokes that retirement means he can say no without feeling guilty, in reality, he is almost always saying yes and brings the same dedication and warmth that has marked his entire ministry.

### Meet Fr. Joseph Uecker, C.P.P.S.



Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., on Dec. 1, 1941, only six days before Pearl Harbor. Fr. Joe was ordained on June 1, 1968. Shortly after, he studied Spanish and business in Mexico City, preparing for a lifetime of service.

For more than 40 years, he has ministered in the Diocese of San Angelo, Texas, where he became known for his compassion, humor and unwavering dedication to those in need. His belief in the dignity of every person has guided his priesthood and continues to shape the way he approaches each day.

In retirement, Fr. Joe's heart for service is as lively as ever. He preaches for Unbound on weekends, traveling nationwide to encourage sponsorships for children and elderly in need. Towering over most crowds, he still inspires everyone he meets and, when he isn't spreading joy, you might find him cheering on his favorite sport, football.

(Please detach from letter and return with your gift in the envelope provided.)

# 6 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

*Even in retirement, their hearts are still devoted to service.*

Fr. Joe's story is one of many. Some retired Missionaries remain active in parish and community work, while others, due to age or health, are less able to serve directly. Even so, they continue to witness to God's call through prayer, mentoring and the quiet example of a life devoted to ministry. Every stage of retirement reflects the same lifelong dedication to service and the dignity of every person. Through their vocation, they continue to strengthen the worldwide Catholic Church and its mission of mercy and reconciliation.



**Tall in stature and even taller in spirit,  
Fr. Joe's smile spreads happiness  
wherever he goes.**

Our priests and brothers have baptized children, farmed the land, anointed the sick, taught in schools, served as hospital chaplains, guided parishes and mentored countless people along the way. Even in retirement, they continue to say yes to God's call, bringing hope and faith to communities locally, nationally and around the world. When asked to help with a special project, support a parish in need, or serve wherever they are called, our members say yes again, showing that retirement has not slowed their hearts for service.

*Your gift honors decades of faithful service and sustains their mission today.*



**Through his own experience with cancer,  
Fr. Joe connects with and brings hope  
to those facing illness.**

By supporting our retired Missionaries, you honor their lifelong yes to God and help provide for their daily needs, healthcare and ongoing ministries. Every gift sustains both those still active in parish and community work and those who now serve through prayer and presence. Give today to ensure they can continue bringing hope, faith and joy to communities near and far, knowing their well-being is cared for.

Thank you for the ways you live your "yes" to God's call,

*Fr. Kevin M. Scalf, C.P.P.S.*

**Fr. Kevin M. Scalf, C.P.P.S.  
Executive Director of Mission Advancement  
Missionaries of the Precious Blood,  
United States Province**

*P.S. Every day, your generosity sustains men who have devoted their lives to God and others. Thank you for helping our retired priests and brothers continue their vocation and answer God's call.*

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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****ADVENT PEACE**

During Advent, God is inviting us to enter into spiritual preparation; a time of reflection and anticipation as we await the birth of Christ. To prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts, we continue to look at the four virtue themes of each week of Advent. Last week, the Catechism Corner looked at the virtue of Hope. Hope is the trust that God will fulfill His promises, just as He did with the coming of the Messiah. We hope in expectant anticipation of Christ coming amongst us!

This second week of Advent focuses on the virtue of peace. Peace is a gift that Christ brought to the world when He was born. Considering all the chaos surrounding Mary and Joseph...they were traveling to a crowded city with a very pregnant Mary on a donkey, Mary and Joseph were unwed at the start of the pregnancy which could have meant stoning to death of Mary, their travel and arrival to Bethlehem was hard and they found no place to stay, except a stable, and there was no warmth there or in the hearts of the people. After Jesus was born, Joseph and Mary discover King Herod is out to find and kill the new born king...considering all the chaos... Mary and Joseph found peace. A peace that only Christ can bring. The Messiah has arrived!

The Gospel reminds us that as the angels appeared to the shepherds, they proclaimed: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased” (Luke 2:14). Catechism # 2304 says, “Peace is not just the absence of conflict”, but the presence of Christ himself, bringing rest to our souls and reconciliation. Peace invites us to make amends with our neighbor. #2304 continues, “Peace cannot be attained on earth without safeguarding the goods of persons, free communication among men, respect for the dignity of persons and peoples, and the practice of fraternity. Peace is “the tranquility of order.” Peace is the work of justice and the effect of charity.”

Advent is a time for seeking the sacrament of reconciliation, as a way to receive the peace that Christ offers. We seek the peace in brotherhood with others and in our own hearts. Other ways to cultivate peace during the Advent season could be:

- 1) Create a quiet space for reflection by setting aside a few moments each day for silence and prayer. Light an Advent candle, meditate on Scripture, or simply sit in stillness.
- 2) Prioritize meaningful traditions by choosing a few family traditions to continue or start. Perhaps it's praying the Rosary, setting up a Nativity scene, attending a special Advent Mass, or singing ‘O Little Star of Bethlehem’ while placing the star atop your Christmas tree. Let these traditions remind you of the purpose behind the season.
- 3) Like Mary and Joseph, practice patience in the midst of busyness. Advent teaches us to wait with hope. Embrace this lesson by being patient with yourself and others during stressful moments. If the holiday to-do list feels overwhelming, take a step back and focus on what truly matters.
- 4) Simplify gift-giving by considering thoughtful simpler alternatives such as acts of kindness, handmade items, or a donation to a charity in someone's name. These choices can reflect the true spirit of giving.
- 5) Prepare your heart, not just your home. While decorating and planning holiday gatherings can be joyful, don't let them overshadow your spiritual preparation. Use Advent devotionals, attend Reconciliation, or reflect on how you can grow closer to Christ during this season.

Advent is a beautiful opportunity to shift our focus from the chaos of the world to the coming of the “Prince of Peace.”

# 8 AROUND THE PARISH

## Advent SECOND WEEK

December 9<sup>th</sup>: Penance Service - Glandorf 4:00pm & 7:00pm  
 December 10<sup>th</sup>: 7:15-7:45am - Confession  
 December 10<sup>th</sup>: 4pm and 7pm - Penance Service at Kalida  
 December 10<sup>th</sup>: 6:30-8:15pm - Adoration  
 December 10<sup>th</sup>: 7:00-8:15pm - Confession  
 December 12<sup>th</sup>: 7:15-7:45am - Confession  
 December 12<sup>th</sup>: 1-4pm Adoration with Evening Prayer with Benediction  
 December 13<sup>th</sup>: 8:30am - Confession  
 December 13<sup>th</sup>: 4:00-4:15pm - Confession



## CONFESSION TIMES AROUND THE AREA

### REGULAR CONFESSION TIMES IN GLANDORF

WEDNESDAY 7:15AM - 7:45AM

WEDNESDAY 7:45 - 8:15PM OR  
UNTIL EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO GO TO  
CONFESSION

FRIDAY 7:15AM - 7:45AM

SATURDAY AFTER 8:00AM MASS AND 4:00-4:15PM

### NEIGHBORING PARISH REGULAR CONFESSION TIMES

THURSDAY 5:45 - 6:15PM - NEW CLEVELAND

THURSDAY 6:45PM - KALIDA

SATURDAY 8:30AM - KALIDA

SATURDAY AT 11:00AM - OTTAWA

SATURDAY 3:00-3:30PM - MILLER CITY



## Eucharistic Adoration for Advent

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

FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 12TH



FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 19TH



NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH  
JESUS EVERY HOUR!

### SCHEDULE

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
6:30-8:15PM

DECEMBER 12TH

1:00-4:00PM CONCLUDING WITH  
BENEDICTION

DECEMBER 19TH

1:00-4:00PM CONCLUDING WITH  
BENEDICTION

Worship

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

## Attention ALL MEN!!!!

Join us on for That Man Is You

Saturday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30am in  
the Cafeteria including breakfast,  
End of the season session, or  
Wednesday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm  
in room 22.

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

SESSION 12(Sat 12/13  
Wed. 12/17)

BECOMING A  
MAN AFTER  
GOD'S OWN  
HEART" – A New  
Day for Men

TMIY  
THAT MAN IS YOU

Presenter: Mark Hartfiel.  
Saint John Paul II Shows the  
Power of True Leadership.  
JP II Sets Foundation for  
Family in the Third  
Millennium. The Seven Last  
Words and JP II. JP II Was  
Faithful Unto Death. Fruit of  
JP II's Leadership is the New  
Springtime. Crossing the  
Threshold of Hope. The  
Triumph of Mercy.  
St. Pope John Paul II.

## Just Show Up & Fill Your Cup

- December 6<sup>th</sup>: Journaling to Jesus - Guest speaker: Janel Schroeder
- December 13<sup>th</sup>: The Present of your Presence - Open house coffee and continental breakfast at Jane Williams Home
- December 20<sup>th</sup>: The Weapons of Our Faith: What is in Your Arsenal
- December 27<sup>th</sup>: NO MEETING - Enjoy the Holidays!!

St. John the Baptist Parish Center – Room 15  
8:45 AM (Following the 8:00 AM Mass)  
Join us for fellowship, faith, and inspiration  
each Saturday morning!



Merry Christmas!

## 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.


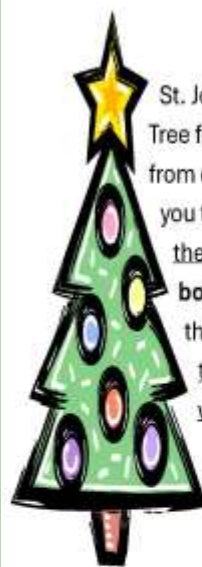
January 31st from  
8am Saturday thru 3pm Sunday  
Glandorf St. John's Parish Center

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



# Heaven's CHILD

December 28, 2025  
at 2:00pm  
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Presented by St. John's Adult Choir

## ADVENT - ANGEL TREE

St. John's Outreach is sponsoring the Advent-Angel Tree for Heartbeat of Lima. You can pick an **angel** from our tree and/or make a **monetary donation**. If you take an angel, purchase the item, and put it in the box near the tree before Christmas. The **baby bottles** are also located by the tree, you can use them for cash donations. Please return them to the Heartbeat box before Christmas. If you want, you could also put the cash in an envelope labeled with "Heartbeat" and put it in the collection basket or in the drop box of the rectory garage.

Heartbeat is located at 421 S. Cable Road, Lima (next to St. Charles Catholic Church). The hours are 9-5 on Monday–Thursday and 9-12 on Friday. Heartbeat offers free and confidential pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, parenting classes, material aid, adoption information, and support after abortion. Please call 419-222-7945 for appointments.



## NEED YOUR HELP WITH COFFEE AND DONUTS

You will be responsible for organizing the Coffee and Donuts on the second Sunday of each month after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. There are four other couples who also help coordinate this ministry. You can sign up for the dates that work for you. Call the office, if you are interested or would like more information.

## Needy Families

Since this is the time for thanksgiving and giving, we would like to help those in need, please put money in an envelope labeled "NEEDY FAMILY" and put in the collection basket.

If you know of a family in need please call the office.  
Thank 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



## Ladies of Leisure Social Club

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

@ The Parish Center, Cafeteria in Gandorf

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



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



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



# 10 YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

**Sunday,  
December 7, 2025**

## BOY'S:

**Birkemeyer:** 1:00pm at St. Anthony, Columbus Grove

**Ellerbrock:** 1:00pm at St. Nicholas, Miller City

**Meyer:** 3:30pm at Sts Peter and Paul, Ottawa

## GIRLS:

**Bockrath:**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## 2025 ADVENT SCHOOL



*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

**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

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

One of the prizes: projector  
and speaker

**VOCATIONS TO  
PRIESTHOOD AND  
RELIGIOUS LIFE**

Meeting Thursday,  
November 13, 2025

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which  
exists to promote and support  
vocations to priesthood and  
religious life, will be meeting  
**Thursday November 13 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. David Kidd,  
Director of the Office of Priestly  
Vocations for the Diocese of  
Toledo. Fr. Kidd will be speaking on  
"Inviting Young Men to Serve God's  
People." 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, November 11.

**YOUTH CHOIR**  
FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

**DECEMBER 24, 2025 AT 4:00PM**

ANY STUDENTS 5TH GRADE AND UP,  
INCLUDING COLLEGE STUDENTS, WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO SING FOR THE 4:00 CHRISTMAS EVE  
MASS?

**PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY MORNINGS  
FROM 9:15AM TIL 10:00AM /  
IN THE CHURCH BALCONY  
ON NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup>  
AND DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup>

**ANYONE IS WELCOMED AT ANY TIME!**

# 11 SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER & GENERAL INFORMATION

## SEND THEM CHRISTMAS CARDS

### Parishioners IN REST HOMES

MEADOWS OF OTTAWA,  
147 PUTNAM PARKWAY, OTTAWA

MARY BALBAUGH, ANGIE MAAG, LEONA MOORE, EDNA MICHEL, MARY  
LOU RIEMAN, MIKE HOVEST, KARL ELLERBROCK, BERNICE UNTERBRINK

MEADOWS OF KALIDA,

STATE ROUTE 224, PO BOX 388, KALIDA, OH 45853

MARGARET SCHIMMOELLER, DAVE STEFFES, SHIRLEY SCHNIPKE

MEADOWS OF LEIPSIC,

901 E. MAIN STREET, LEIPSIC, OH 45856

DORIS MORMAN, DEAN SIEFKER, THOMAS HOVEST

PUTNAM HERITAGE ASSISTED LIVING,

1380 N. LOCUST ST, OTTAWA, OH 45875

ROGER HOVEST

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO LET US KNOW IF SOMEONE IS IN THE NURSING  
HOME AND WE WILL UPDATE THE LIST. IF PEOPLE GET ADDED EACH WEEK  
THEY WILL BE IN RED.

## PRIEST ADDRESSES

For the Christmas Cards

**Father Rick Friebe**

937 N Defiance St  
Ottawa, OH 45875

**Father Stephen Schroeder**

6607 St. Rt. 224  
Ottawa, OH 45875

**Father Tony Fortman**

(mailing address)

4961 Salem Ave.  
Dayton, OH 45416

**Father Eric Kaufman**

St. Peter Parish  
104 W. 1st St.  
Mansfield, OH 44902

## SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER!

### SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

WE ARE UPDATING OUR MILITARY LIST.  
PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE 419-538-6928  
OF ANY SON/DAUGHTER THAT IS  
ACTIVE/INACTIVE/OR GOING TO BE  
ACTIVE, ANY CHANGE OF PERSONNEL OR  
ADDRESS CHANGES. THANK YOU!

THIS IS THE LIST FROM LAST YEAR OF OUR MILITARY  
(AWAY FROM HOME)

LT. COL. DAREK SCHMIEDEBUSCH, 6314 CHAUCER  
VIEW CIRCLE, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22304  
JUSTIN MCFARLAND, 283 TWIN LAKES DR. DESTIN,  
FL. 32541  
EVAN BARRETT, 205 JUMPERS PASS, OAK GROVE, KY  
42262  
KEN PALTE HOMESTEAD TOWNE CENTER, 240  
TOWN CENTER BLVD, VAN WERT, OH 45891  
ALEXANDER CLOSSON, 4540 BAY VISTA BLVD APT  
106 BREMERTON, WA 98312-4615

God is allowing us time to  
develop the mission and the  
ministry of the  
Mustard Seed at St. John's.

We appreciate your  
patience and continued  
prayers as we continue to  
prepare all aspects of the  
gift shop.

Thank you

## 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.

project rachel  
Peace starts here

419-260-5811  
projectrachel@toledodiocese.org

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  
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cooperative with our Catholic faith.  
Contact Wendy Imm, BSN CFCP  
for more information at 614-634-  
1043 or  
divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.co  
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# The Immaculate Conception

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother. The words "Immaculate Conception" mean that she had no sin on her soul, not even original sin, from the first moment her life began!

Why do you think God saved Mary from all sin? He wanted her to be the perfect mother for His Son Jesus. If you could make your own mother wouldn't you make her perfect too?



Mary is also a model to all people of how to live a good Christian life and to serve God as best we can. We should thank God for giving us such a beautiful example in His holy Mother. We should pray to Mary every day and ask her to help us love her Son Jesus more. Can you say an extra 'Hail Mary' on Our Lady's feast day?

Answer to "Peace Among Animals" puzzle: lamb, leopard, and fire. Answer to "Peace Among Animals" puzzle: lamb, leopard, and fire.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

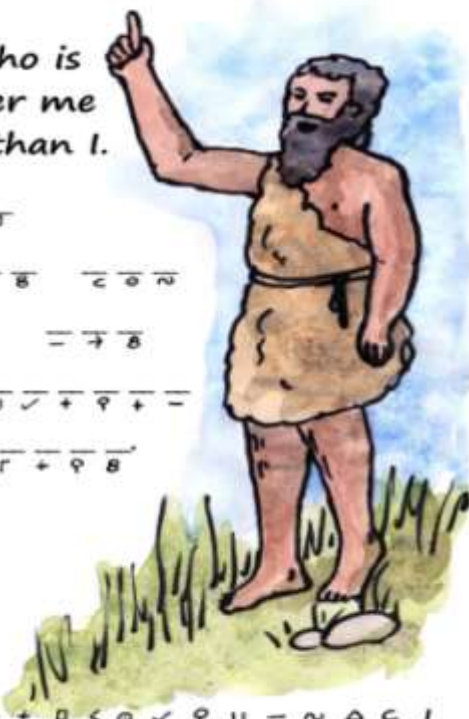
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7th, 2025

The one who is coming after me is mightier than I.

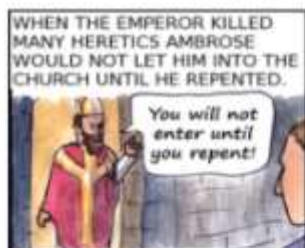
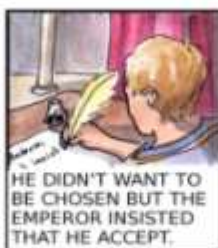
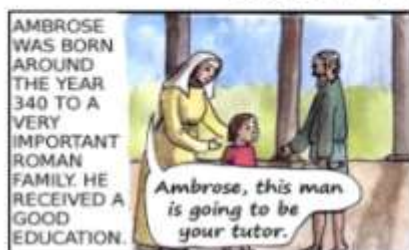
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What did Saint John the Baptist say about the one who was coming after him? Use the code to find out!

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## SAINT AMBROSE DECEMBER 7



SAINT AMBROSE WAS ALSO THE TEACHER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE. HE WAS VERY GOOD AT KEEPING PEOPLE AT PEACE WITH EACH OTHER. HE STOPPED ARMIES FROM ATTACKING, AND KEPT THE CHRISTIANS AND HERETICS FROM FIGHTING AS WELL. WHAT CAN YOU DO TO KEEP PEACE IN YOUR FAMILY AND SCHOOL?

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## Peace Among the Animals

In today's first reading, the prophet describes peace between animals and people in God's kingdom. Can you figure out which animals (or people) go with which?

Clue: the pictures might help!



Then the wolf shall be a guest of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall lie down with the kid; the \_\_\_\_\_ and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the \_\_\_\_\_ shall eat hay like the ox. The \_\_\_\_\_ shall play by the cobra's den,



baby    leopard  
calf    bear  
lamb    lion

