

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery



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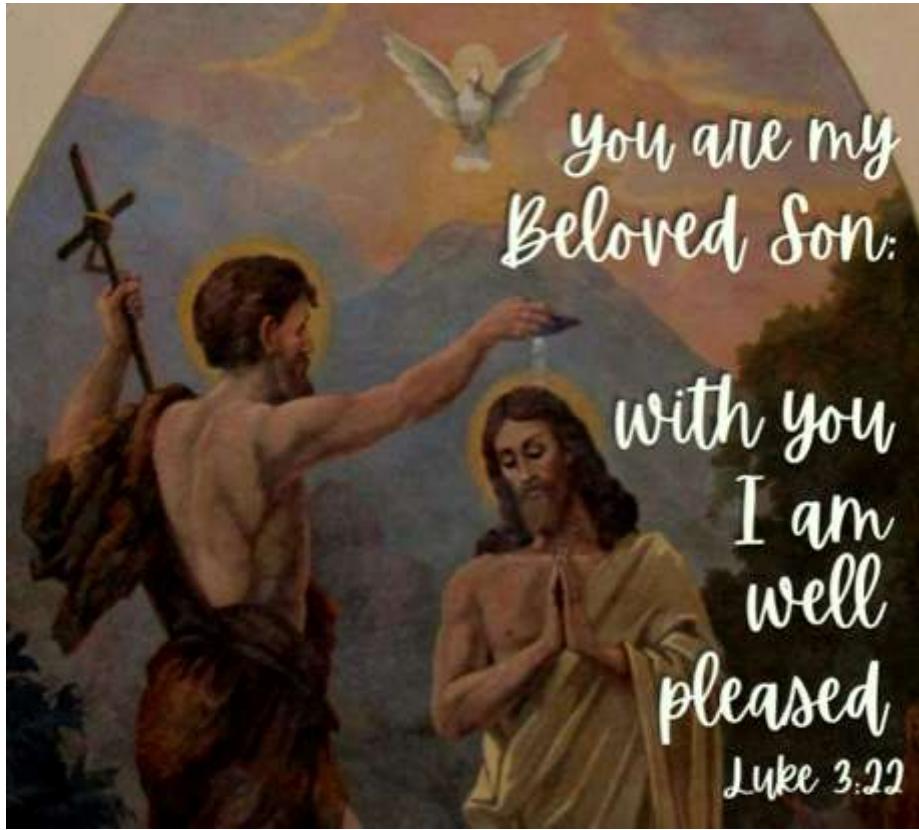
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OUR MISSION

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?

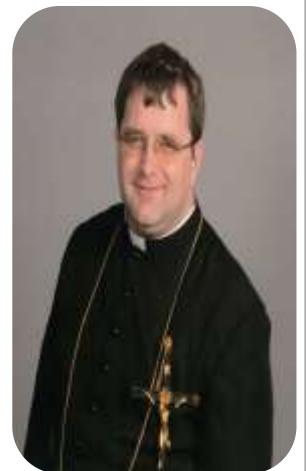
- If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher, Funeral Server, Choir, Spirit and Song Group and any other way.
- If Interested in becoming a member on our Finance Committee or Parish Council Committee. Please call the parish office for more information and to be put on the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

Call or email the Parish Office.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and with today's feast the Church officially draws the Christmas Season to a close. After Mass today the manger scene, the Christmas trees, the wreathes, lights, and the various other Christmas decorations go back into storage. Along with decorations going back into storage our lives return to reality, our lives go back to 'normal'. A matter of fact this past week we had that taste of reality/normal there was no holiday in the middle of the week that gave us extra days off work and/or school. This past week was a regular 5-day work/school week. My grandmother liked Christmas and she did not like to see the Christmas Season end. Grandma did not like it when the Christmas Decorations got put away. But I will be honest, I do not think it was the Christmas Decorations that got put away that she did not like, but I think it was the unintentional thing that can seem to get put away with Christmas decorations that she did not like. What is the unintentional thing that I am referring to?

In my Christmas Homily I spoke about giving gifts but also about receiving gifts. And pointed out that the most important gift for us to receive was the baby Jesus. During my Christmas homily someone received a little baby Jesus statue, but I also pointed out that there are other ways to receive this gift than just receiving a little statue. While I think most would agree on the importance of receiving this gift, I think the other important question to answer is why is it so important to receive this gift? When we receive the gift of the baby Jesus, we might be receiving an object but more importantly we receive an important message. And that message is the voice that is heard after Jesus was baptized "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). When we receive the gift of Jesus, when we receive this true gift, this is the message that you hear, you are God's beloved child, and God is pleased with you. And when you hear and experience this message it gives you a warm fuzzy feeling on the inside, it gives you peace. When you experience this gift, it helps you feel valued and needed among other good things that it does for us. As you have journeyed in this Christmas Season, I think many of you have experienced this gift. While you may experience this gift, especially in this Christmas Season, it is really a gift that you are meant to experience throughout the year. However, sometimes as we put Christmas Decorations away, sometimes this gift, this thing, this message can unintentionally get put away. And when this gift is put away, that warm-fuzzy feeling and peace and value can seem to go away. And if this gift gets put away, if these feelings go away, it can leave us feeling depressed and sad.

Today as the Christmas Decorations go back into storage, may we remember to keep the gift of Jesus out. May we each day take to share this gift with someone to remind them that they are God's beloved child and that God is well pleased with them. For as you share this gift with another person that gift will get returned to you.



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, JANUARY 12

7:35am Rosary
8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Don

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13~St. Hilary

8:15am Rosary
8:40am Ron Kahle Jr

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Christine Bonner

6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration

7:45pm-8:15pm Confession

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Ted Homier

FRIDAY, January 16

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Mel Lammers

12:00pm Rosary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17~St. Anthony

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Mary Lou Ellerbrock

8:30am Confession

4:00pm Confession

4:30pm L/D Ellie Schimmoeller Family,

L/D Heniretta (AN) and Arnold Langhals Family,
Charlie Westrick, L/D Al and Irene Schroeder Family,
Jim Selhorst (AN), Gerald Schmitz

JANUARY 18~2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Bob Duling Family, Wilma Vorst, Janice Cahill

9:00am-10:15am OCIA

10:30am Mary Ann Hermiller, Norma Wueller, Ken Lauf,
Florence Lauf, Deb Evers

SOURCES		
Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:40am	Students
Wed	8:00am	Gene & Rose Warnecke
Thurs	8:40am	Students
Fri	8:00am	Elton Schroeder, Roger Schroeder
Sat	8:00am	Nolan Gerding, Ella Macke, Audrey Imm, Caroline Imm
Sat	4:30pm	Mattilyn Maag, Adam Maag, Aubrey Leopold
Sun	8:00am	Kamryn Schroeder, Ella Schroeder, Jade Sarka
Sun	10:30am	Grant Schroeder, Zachary Schroeder, Asher Rump
		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS
Sat	4:30pm	Doug Deitering Clint Salisbury
		Diane Deitering Kelsie Salisbury
Sun	8:00am	Deb Leopold Andy Gray
		Deb Schroeder Deb Schroeder
Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding Paula Siebeneck
		Jane Moening Andrea Niese
		Emily Heckman (Choir/ Undercroft)
GIFT BEARERS - To sign up for a Mass click link below https://tinyurl.com/3uzy8vvi or scan QR code		
Sat	4:30pm	Ask a family or Ushers
Sun	8:00am	Ask a family or Ushers
Sun	10:30am	Ask a family or Ushers
JANUARY USHERS		
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: Suzy Brinkman, Paula Elchinger		
COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 8		
ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Edna & Diane Nienberg		
JANUARY FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Ginny Schroeder, Darlene Stechschulte, Tina & Randy Fortman, Mary Ellen & Dan Klear		



Prayer for our Students Preparing for Confirmation

Look kindly on our candidates for Confirmation as they seek to hear your voice. Strengthen them during their days of preparation for the coming of your Holy Spirit so that they will grow to be mature Christians in the fullness of Christ. Amen.

They will have the Rite of Enrollment this Sunday, January 11th.



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).



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.

4 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP

January 1, 2026
& January 4, 2026

Offering

Loose	\$	1,127.00
Adult Envelope	\$	10,807.00
Children	\$	422.00
Maintenance	\$	5,400.00
Online Offering	\$	2,555.00
Online Maintenance	\$	211.25
Immaculate Conception	\$	20.00
Religious Retirement	\$	260.00
Christmas	\$	1,474.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelope	\$	3,433.00
Solemnity of Mary Loose	\$	764.00
Vacation Bible School	\$	20.00
Initial Offering	\$	697.00
Total Collection	\$	27,190.25

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

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.stjohnolandorf.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 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

THANK YOU

I want to thank all of you who have been so good to me during this Christmas season. You all are such a blessing. God bless you all.

Our Lady of the Precious Blood, pray for us. Amen.

Fr. Tony Fortman C.P.P.S.

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

PAUL SCHROEDER

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Norman A Recker 1/11/07

Donald F Gulker 1/14/02

Stephanie M Crumrine 1/11/24

Elmer E Tobe 1/14/19

Bertha A Steffes 1/12/10

Robert J Kleman 1/15/04

Carolyn Jean Quinn 1/13/15

Dennis J Schroeder 1/15/20

Marilyn C Hughes 1/14/01

Kenneth Fortman 1/17/12

CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

All suspected or actual acts of physical or sexual child abuse, or neglect, must be reported to the Putnam County Job and Family Services by calling 567-376-3777. Select "O" and ask to speak with someone from children's services and needing to make a referral. Hours are Monday- Thursday, 7AM to 4:30 PM, and Friday 7 AM to Noon. If incident is after hours, please call the Sheriff's Department at 419-523-3208. They will contact the caseworker on call and the caseworker will get back to the one reporting the incident--leave your contact number with the Sheriff Department person. The person who witnessed or was told is to be the person to make the call. Report incident to the Diocese of Toledo after County Caseworker has been notified by calling the Diocese of Toledo Victim Assistance Coordinator at 419-244-6711, ext 4880. Notify Pastor, if not already notified. With Pastor's discretion, next call parents and give basic information, while not disclosing any personal information. If abuse is by a teacher, parish staff, or volunteer, report incident to Diocese of Toledo after County Caseworker has been notified.

2025 GRAND-orf Club



Drawing along with coffee & donuts will be this Sunday, January 11th in the cafeteria by Mark and Lori Klausing Extra tickets are in the racks in the Church vestibules.

You can still turn in your 2026 Grand-orf Club raffle tickets.
You just will not be included in the January drawing

Thank You to the
MARY ELLEN KULHMAN ESTATE
for your generous donation to
St. Johns Maintenance Fund

Thank You for the generous donation in
memory of
RUTH ELLERBROCK
to St. Johns Maintenance Fund

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:

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 (CONFESSON)

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.

EUCARISTIC 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***Meaning of Jesus' Baptism***

In today's Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist. This fulfills Isaiah's prophesy in the first reading where it was announced, "my chosen one with whom I am pleased". In the Gospel, God the Father announces, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

The effect of the Sacrament of baptism is to remove Original Sin and restore souls to right relationship with Christ. Why then, is Jesus submitting to baptism if he is sinless and does not need to be restored to right relationship with Christ, as He *is* Christ?

The Catechism number 1224, tells us "Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to "fulfill all righteousness."

He does this, then, to restore *us* to righteousness and show us that baptism is necessary for this restoration. We are not only restored to Christ, the Son, but to the entirety of the Trinity, as the Gospel reveals the Trinity in its fullness at Jesus' baptism. We see Christ present and announced as the Son by the voice of the Father coming from Heaven, and finally a dove, the Holy Spirit, coming down on Jesus.

Jesus' baptism was His first public ministry. "Jesus' public life begins with his baptism by John in the Jordan," (CCC, 535) and "The baptism of Jesus is on his part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering Servant... Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all mankind. At his baptism, "the heavens were opened" - the heavens that Adam's sin had closed – and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Spirit, a prelude to the new creation." (CCC, 536)

Jesus was an example to us. He *is* the source of all grace, the manifestation of holiness that we are all called to and created for. Through His Incarnation, Jesus came to show us 'the way' to righteousness, to holiness, to walk in the Kingdom. HIS way is THE way.

Jesus began his ministry to open the gates of heaven through baptism. He shows us the way to enter through those gates is through baptism. Jesus' own words testify to this when He tells Nicodemus in John 3:5, ""Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit."

Jesus' baptism was not for Him. It was for us, as it manifested He is God, sent to redeem us. He shows us the importance of baptism, as it was the entry to His public mission. He is our example of holiness and He shows us the way. The Sacrament of Baptism was established by Jesus for His Church, for us, to impart His saving grace onto all people that we may enter through the gates of eternal glory with Him.

Eucharistic Day

SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 24th

- 8:30am Adoration begins
- 12:00pm Station of the Cross
- 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 5:45pm Evening Prayer
- 9:00pm Guided Meditation
- Adoration continues overnight till 8:00 am Mass

Sunday, January 25th

- 5:30am 7 Sorrows Rosary
- 9:00am - 10:00am Adoration
- 11:30am - Adoration resumes
- 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 4:00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

Conclusion: Dinner at 4:45pm in the Parish Center Gymnasium

Come let us Adore Him!

Saturday, January 24th

8:30am till 4:30pm

5:30pm till 7:30am

Sunday, January 26th

9:00am till 10:00am

11:30am till 4:00pm

Sign up to Adore Jesus 

<https://tinyurl.com/5n76kats>



<https://form.jotform.com/2535164242001>
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Dinner Celebration



To make a reservation

All reservations need to be in by Monday, January 19th

A special day to celebrate Christ's True Presence in the Eucharist



Men's Society Christmas Party

1/1/26 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.

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



Becoming Catholic

OCIA | Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

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 that is where they feel led to. Inquirers can start at any time of year, whenever Christ is calling. The process and length of time is individualized to where the seeker is and their readiness to full initiation.

Contact Mindy Recker for more information: 419-538-6928 or email: passociate@glandorfstjohns.com

Would you like to help?

With the arrival of a new year, are you looking for new opportunities to get involved in the parish? Good news! We are looking to build our team, and there are many ways for you to help!

- If you know Bible stories and love to talk about your Faith (even if you feel you don't "know it all"); we'd love to have you help!
- Would you like to provide a snack for us on a Sunday? Click the QR code to pick a date!
- Would you like to mentor someone seeking Christ by being a sponsor?
- Are you able to offer prayers for those involved in OCIA? We could benefit from your prayers!

Contact Mindy for more information!



Attention ALL MEN!!!!

Join us on for That Man Is You

Saturday, Jan. 17th, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria or Wednesday, Jan 14th, 7-8:30pm in room 22.

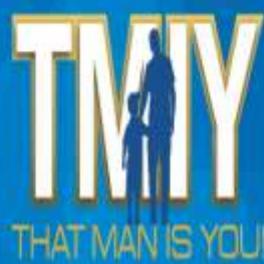
For more information, contact
Deacon Mike Karhoff
mbkarhoff@bright.net

Presenter: Jeff Joaquin.
The Story of King David.
Consequences for King
David's Actions. Costs of
Infidelity. Family, Children
and Church All Touched by
Infidelity. The Family and
Peace. Developing the Five
Personal Traits of Leaders.
Embracing Your Leadership
Role.

*Luke 15:12-20, 23:34,
Matthew 11:28, 16:26.*

SESSION 15 (Sat & Wed) "

**BECOMING A MAN
AFTER GOD'S OWN
HEART" – A Life of
Dissipation**



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

NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH
JESUS EVERY HOUR!

SCHEDULE

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:30-8:15PM

FIRST FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 6TH

1:00-4:00PM CONCLUDING
WITH BENEDICTION

FIRST SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 7TH AND 8TH
AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL
8:00AM ON SUNDAY
MORNING.

HOLY HOUR
9:00AM -10:00AM

CONCLUDING WITH
BENEDICTION AT 9:55AM
THEME: TBD

Eucharistic Adoration in February

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

ADORATION ON FIRST FRIDAY

<https://tinyurl.com/ysnnd3un>



ADORATION ON FIRST SATURDAY

<https://tinyurl.com/4bf2ny>



Worship

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

8 AROUND THE PARISH

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE



JANUARY 16-24

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

9daysforlife.com

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



ALL MARRIED COUPLES



Date Night!

We invite ALL married couples to the
Marriage Encounter Dinner and Dance.
It is NOT necessary to have been encountered.

WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026

MASS: 3:30 PM at St. Gerard Catholic Church, Lima, OH

DINNER: 5:00 PM at St. Gerard Hall

DANCE: 6:00 PM

TICKETS: \$40 per couple

CONTACT: Brian and Christine Schroeder to purchase your
ticket at #419-230-2953 (call or text).



We hope you will join this event celebrating the sanctity of
marriage!

Come for one part of the event or stay for all!



9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA PRAYER

JANUARY 16TH - JANUARY 24TH

(Repeat this prayer every day following the Petition for the Day.)

HEAVENLY FATHER, THANK YOU FOR THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE.
HELP US TO CHERISH AND PROTECT THIS GIFT, EVEN IN THE MIDST OF
FEAR, PAIN, AND SUFFERING.

GIVE US LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE,
AND HELP US BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH THAT EVERY LIFE IS WORTH
LIVING.

GRANT US THE HUMILITY TO ACCEPT HELP WHEN WE ARE IN NEED. TEACH
US TO BE MERCIFUL TO ALL.

THROUGH OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS, MAY OTHERS ENCOUNTER
THE OUTSTRETCHED HANDS OF YOUR MERCY.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

9DAYSFORLIFE.COM

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DAY 1: May the tragic practice of abortion end. Let us pray to the Lord. (Lord, Hear our prayer.)

DAY 2: May each person suffering from participation in abortion find forgiveness, hope, and healing in Christ. Let us pray to the Lord. (Lord, Hear our prayer.)

DAY 3: May every pregnant mother receive compassionate care and support as she nurtures the life in her womb. Let us pray to the Lord. (Lord, Hear our prayer.)

DAY 4: May every father of a preborn child lovingly support the mother of his child in welcoming new life.

Let us pray to the Lord. (Lord, Hear our prayer.)

DAY 5: May every pregnant mother choosing adoption receive grace and support in embracing this loving option. Let us pray to the Lord. (Lord, Hear our prayer.)

DAY 6: May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion of heart to seek and receive the Lord's boundless mercy. Let us pray to the Lord. (Lord, Hear our prayer.)

DAY 7: May all preborn children be protected in law and welcomed in love.
Let us pray to the Lord. (Lord, Hear our prayer.)

DAY 8: May civic leaders work for the protection of all human life, in every stage and circumstance.

Let us pray to the Lord. (Lord, Hear our prayer.)

DAY 9: May all who defend life find strength and renewal in the Holy Spirit.
Let us pray to the Lord. (Lord, Hear our prayer.)

Sunday, January 11th

BOY'S:

Birkemeyer: 1:00pm at Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa
Ellerbrock: 2:15pm at St. Michaels, Kalida

Meyer: 2:15pm at home vs. St. Nicholas, Miller City

GIRLS:

Bockrath: 1:00pm at home vs. Sacred Heart, New Bavaria



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

**Glandorf
Youth Group
Grades 7-12**

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Where: Ottawa Bowling Alley
 When: January 18th
 Time: 2-4 Open bowling
 What: Youth group is going bowling, and pizza will be provided—come join us for a fun day together!



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



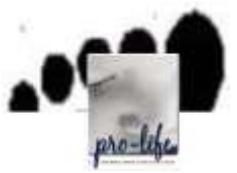
One of the prizes: projector and speaker

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



RALLY FOR LIFE



Putnam County Right to Life is hosting a **Rally for Life on January 18 from 2 to 4** in Glandorf St John's Parish Center. Our guest speaker is **Linda Theis**, a long-time pro-life warrior. Some members of our Students for Life groups will also attend.

We invite all to join us for pro-life inspiration.

Dr. John Wood to speak in Kalida January 21

You are invited to hear Dr. John R. Wood, from All Saints Parish in New Riegel, Ohio, speak on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **CHURCH BASEMENT**. John is a nationally known speaker and bestselling author of the Dynamic Catholic book, "Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission."

John will share:

- How Catholicism can help us in everything we do. It can make us better parents, spouses, businesspeople, athletes, and friends.
- How Catholicism is the best way to live, and the greatest gift you can hand on to your children.
- Practical tips and resources that have helped him, as a busy parent and lay Catholic, to learn and fall in love with his faith.
- How to pass it on to his own children and teenagers at his parish, using common things such as sports.



2026

Hope & Healing Masses

February 7 | May 2 | October 3
11:00am in the Upper Basilica

The Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within Mass. Following Mass, all are invited to receive an individual blessing with the Relic of the True Cross.

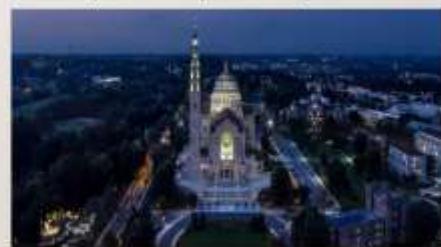
Lunch, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be available in the Shrine Cafeteria following Mass.

Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation
315 Clay St., Carey, Ohio 43316



2026 National Prayer Vigil for Life

January 22 @ 5:00 pm - January 23 @ 8:00 am



We invite you to join us both in person and virtually for the 2026 National Prayer Vigil for Life on January 22 - January 23. The Opening Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m. on January 22 in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica. Following the Opening Mass, the National Holy Hour for Life will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Crypt Church. The National Prayer Vigil will conclude with the Closing Mass at 8:00 a.m. on January 23 in the Great Upper Church.

Both the Opening and Closing Mass will be livestreamed on www.nationalshrine.org/mass or on EWTN

Thursday, January 22, 2026

Time: Location and Additional Information:

- 4:45 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Great Upper Church
- 5:00 p.m.* Opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life - Great Upper Church
Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo - Principal Celebrant & Homilist
- 7:00 p.m. The National Holy Hour for Life - Crypt Church
Most Reverend James Ruggien, Bishop of Portland - Presider



HEALING FOR A CAREGIVER'S Heart

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

In the event of a cancellation due to weather, the makeup date is March 28.

A retreat designed to bring hope and healing to caregivers.

Presented by Carol Kuruvila & Kristen (Kuruvila) Hug of Luminous Ministries.

RETREAT: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

LUNCH INCLUDED

LOCATION: ST. JOSEPH PARISH MINISTRY CENTER WORKSHOP
204 W. WAYNE STREET, MAUMEE, OH 43537

REGISTER: <https://toledodioceseregfox.com/caretakers-retreat> OR SCAN THE QR CODE





www.luminousministries.com





Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry, is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss.

Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, January 15th at 7:30 pm** in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement.

All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are invited to join us.

*You do not need to have attended any previous meetings- new faces are welcome at any time! *

For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752 or Wendy Schimmoeller at (419)236-0522.

It is our honor to walk with you!

Ottoville Immaculate Conception Church Altar Rosary Society is inviting senior citizens to our second annual FREE Senior Citizens Bingo event. Wed Jan 28th, 1-2 pm in the Ottoville Parish Center Banquet Hall. Entrance off of Church St. East side of the Parish Center building. Snacks provided. RSVP to 419-453-3513. If level 1 snow emergency -Cancelled.



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.



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:



<https://tinyurl.com/3uzy8vv>

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.

project rachel
Peace starts here

419-260-5811
projectrachel@toledodiocese.org

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

SAINT MICHAEL'S GROUP

ReclaimingHearts@toledodiocese.org

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

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

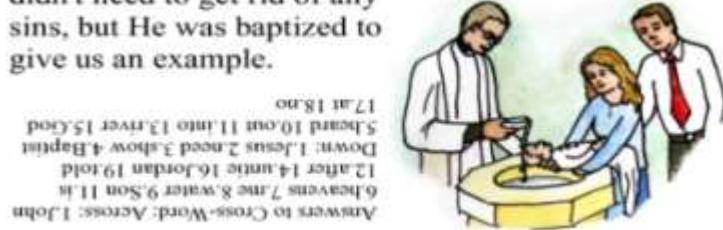
A Bit About... Baptism



A sacrament is an outward sign of a grace that God gives us in our soul. When we are baptized, water is poured on our head as a symbol of the sin being washed out of our soul.

You might be wondering if babies need to get baptized when they haven't even done any sins yet. But baptism also takes away original sin, which comes to us from Adam and Eve. Baptism also gives us the grace we need to live a good Christian life. Of course babies can't sin when they are very young, but Baptism will give them grace when they need it.

Why do you think that Jesus got baptized, since He didn't have original sin or actual sins? Jesus didn't need to get rid of any sins, but He was baptized to give us an example.

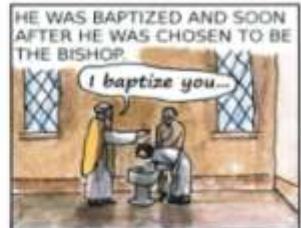


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Saint Hilary of Poitiers January 13



Wow! What is this all about?



HE WAS BAPTIZED AND SOON AFTER HE WAS CHOSEN TO BE THE BISHOP.

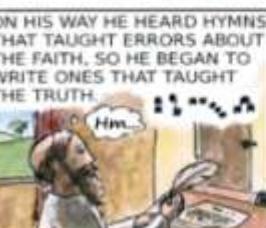
I baptize you...



Well, I'm going to make the best of my time!



THE KING GOT TIRED OF HIS PREACHING AND SENT HIM BACK TO FRANCE.



ON HIS WAY HE HEARD HYMNS THAT TAUGHT ERRORS ABOUT THE FAITH. SO HE BEGAN TO WRITE ONES THAT TAUGHT THE TRUTH.



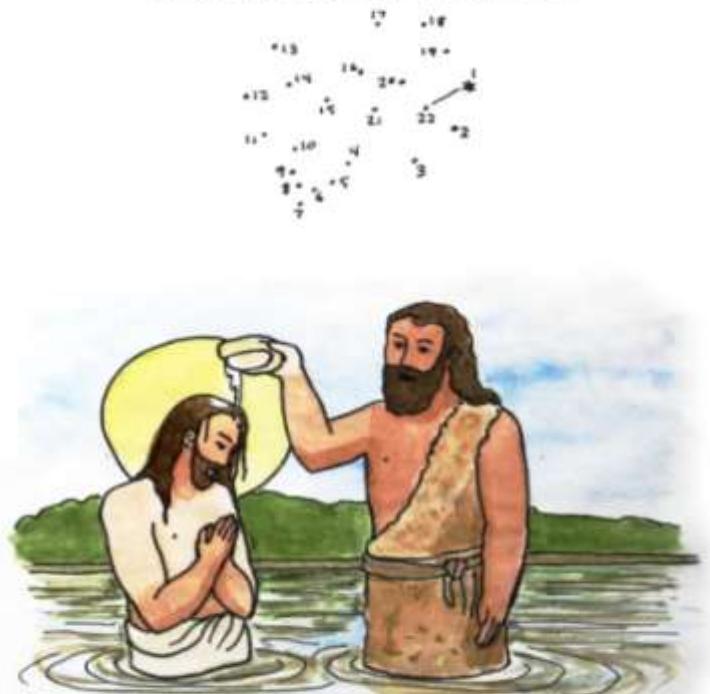
BACK IN HIS OWN DIOCESE, SAINT HILARY CONTINUED TO TEACH THE PEOPLE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FAITH, AND WAS ALWAYS KIND TO HIS ENEMIES.

SAINT HILARY DIED AROUND THE YEAR 368. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT IT IS GOOD TO STUDY THE FAITH AND LEARN ABOUT GOD IN HARD TIMES. WE CAN ALSO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE BY SPEAKING THE TRUTH EVEN WHEN PEOPLE BOTHER OR PERSECUTE US BECAUSE OF IT.

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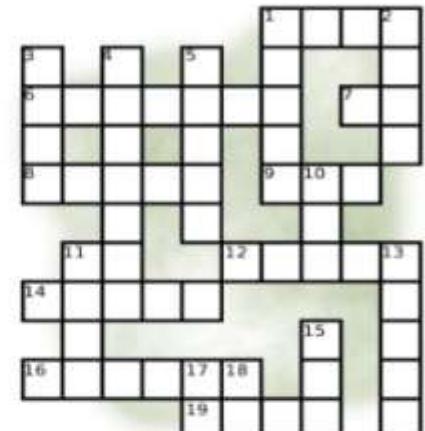
The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday January 11th, 2026



What did Saint John the Baptist see that showed him that Jesus was the Son of God?
Connect the dots to find out!

Jesus' Baptism Cross-Word Puzzle



See if you can find all these words relating to Jesus' baptism and fit them into the puzzle:

Across:

1. Who was the name of the man who baptized Jesus?
6. The _____ opened and the Holy Spirit came down.
7. John said to Jesus, "You should baptize _____!"
8. John baptized with _____.
9. "This is my beloved _____ with whom I am well pleased."
11. "This _____ my beloved Son..."
12. _____ Jesus was baptized He came out of the river.
14. Once John had said about Jesus, "I am not worthy to _____ His sandals!"
16. What was the name of the river where Jesus was baptized?
19. Jesus _____ John that it was fitting for Him to be baptized.

Down:

1. Who had never done a sin but was baptized anyway?
2. John said, "I _____ to be baptized by you?"
3. Jesus did this to _____ us how important baptism is.
4. The John in this story is called John the _____.
5. They _____ a voice from Heaven.
10. John came _____ of the desert to preach and baptize.
11. When we are baptized, the Holy Spirit comes _____ our soul.
13. Jesus was baptized in a _____.
15. The Heavens opened and the Spirit of _____ appeared.
17. Jesus came from Galilee to John _____ the Jordan.
18. Jesus had _____ sins even before He was baptized.

