

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood  
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.

## 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 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. We understand today's feast to mean that part in the Nativity Manger Scene when the magi/three kings enter the scene worshipping the baby Jesus and offering gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And in a nutshell, you could say that this is what today's celebration is about. But in doing this we sell today's celebration a little short. The word epiphany outside of today's celebration, outside of magi/three kings entering the Nativity Scene, we understand it to mean a sudden revelation of knowledge. You might also call it a light bulb experience that suddenly comes to you and changes you. And when we listen to the story of the magi they did more than just enter Nativity Scene to offer their gifts. The magi had an epiphany experience. It began with them looking up at the night sky and discovering a star that indicated a newborn king of the Jews. It is from making this discovery they could have just let it alone at that, but they decided to follow the star they wanted to see the newborn king of Jews. So, the magi followed the star, and they probably thought that the star would have led them to a palace. This is probably why they had an audience with Herod. But star ended up leading them to the stable where Jesus was born. It is here they offer their homage to Jesus and give him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. But this is not the end of the magi's epiphany, the end is they did not return to Herod. They returned to their home by a different route; they returned to their home changed by their encounter with Jesus. Like the magi on the celebration of the Epiphany the light of Christ is meant for us to make our discovery and to get our attention. It from discovery and getting our attention that we choose to follow the light of Christ so that we can see and experience Jesus. And when we follow the light of Christ it can lead us to places, we would least expect. When we encounter Christ, we are sent home by a different route, we are called to live our lives differently. A model of this encountering of Christ is what happens when we come to Mass. We come to Mass because Christ has gotten our attention sometimes it might be the building and other times it might come way by invitation from another person, and still sometimes some other way. Once our attention has been captured, we respond and come to Mass. At we Mass we worship Christ and offer him the gift of our lives. It is after this experience, after Mass, that we are sent back into the world. And because we have had this encounter, we are sent out into the world changed, we are called to return home different, like that magi by a different route. For some this might mean taking a different literal route to get home, but for most of us it is an invitation to live our lives differently because we had this encounter with Christ at Mass. Like the magi may our encounter with the Lord be an Epiphany moment.



## 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 5~St. John Neumann

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Don

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6~St. Andre Bessette

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Thomas &amp; Margaret Bockrath

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7~St Raymond

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Eleonar Unterbrink, Jeff Kleman, Alberta Utrup

6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration

7:45pm-8:15pm Confession

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Charlie Kistler

FRIDAY, January 9

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Kevin Schroeder

12:00pm Rosary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Kathy Verhoff

8:30am Confession

4:00pm Confession

4:30pm Alice Siefker, Doris Karhoff, Mark Stoepfel,  
Alvin & Gertrude SchmitzJANUARY 11~The Baptism of the Lord

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Larry & Ginny Kirkendall Family, Dennis Horstman,  
Jeff King, L/D Mary Agnes Schnipke (AN) Family,  
L/D Albert & Elizabeth Roof Family,  
L/D Wilford (AN) & Dorothy Kleman Family

9:00am-10:15am OCIA-Snack-Dora Hunt

10:30am All Deceased of Herman J. Wolke Family,  
Angie Schumaker(AN), Karl Buerger, Diana Ordway

11:30am -12:30pm 7th grade Rite of Enrollment

1:00pm Taking Christmas Decorations down

## SERVERS

Mon 8:00am No Mass

Tue 8:40am Students

Wed 8:00am Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram

Thurs 8:40am Students

Fri 8:00am Ken &amp; Paula Elchinger

Sat 8:00am Maya Vorst, Luke Bockrath, Ryland Ellerbrock, Drew Schroeder

Sat 4:30pm Ayvrie Schulte, Izak Schimmoeller, Emmit Miller

Sun 8:00am Ty Wrasman, AJ Siefker, Caleb Schroeder

Sun 10:30am Logan Birkemeier, Will Siefker, Owen Schumaker

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat 4:30pm Steve Brown  
Sharon BrownSun 8:00am Deb Burwell  
Gretchen SchmitzSun 10:30am Tara Gerding  
Rose EllerbrockMatt Meyerhoffer (Choir/  
Undercroft)

## LECTORS

Aubrey Leopold  
Reagan MillerDiane Nienberg  
Janet SchroederKim Ansley  
Jay Rump

GIFT BEARERS - To sign up for a Mass click link below

<https://tinyurl.com/3uzy8vvj> 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

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 7

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Henry &amp; Jane Kaufman, Sharon Meyer

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

Thank You

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU  
FOR THE CHRISTMAS CARDS  
AND VARIOUS OTHER GIFTS  
YOU HAVE GIVEN ME FOR  
CHRISTMAS. THEY ARE  
GREATLY APPRECIATED. MAY  
GOD BLESS YOU IN THE NEW  
YEAR.

PEACE  
FR. MATT



## 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.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the many families for your prayers, support,  
and gifts during this Christmas Season! May God Bless each  
and everyone of you!!

Deacon Mike &amp; Becky



# 4 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP

December 25, 2025  
& December 28, 2025

### Offering

Loose	\$	930.00
Adult Envelope	\$	12,588.00
Children	\$	344.00
Maintenance	\$	15,720.00
Online Offering	\$	2,233.00
Online Maintenance	\$	169.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	15.00
Religious Retirement	\$	1,646.00
Christmas Loose	\$	4,628.00
Christmas Envelopes	\$	36,559.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	170.00
Initial Offering	\$	64.00
Total Collection	\$	75,066.00

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

## Give Online Today!

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

### NEED YOUR HELP

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

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

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

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



### 2025 GRAND-orf Club

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

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

## 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 ....

JANCIE CAHILL  
RUTH ELLERBROCK

## Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

### The past 20 years

Clayton J Maag 1/4/19	Paul J Schroeder 1/9/06
Maya Marie Schroeder 1/5/17	Rita D Klausung 1/9/10
Bernard C Wolke 1/6/10	Michael J Wolke 1/9/15
Deborah A Evers 1/6/21	Ralph A Kaufman 1/9/18
Eugene J Knueven 1/7/11	William S Koch 1/9/21
Bernadine I Nienberg 1/8/05	Mary Agnes Schnipke 1/9/25
Carl L Ellerbrock 1/8/09	Alice J Siefker 1/9/25
Amy Black 1/8/22	Leona J Schweller 1/10/08
Wayne E Patrick 1/8/22	Victor R Verhoff 1/10/17
	Angela L Schumaker 1/10/20

### 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.

## Thank You

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the Needy Family Fund and to all who gave so generously to St. John's this Christmas Season. Your kindness and generosity have truly embodied the spirit of Christmas, bringing hope and joy to those in need and to our parish.

May God bless you abundantly for your compassion and selflessness!



**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****Epiphany of the Lord**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, number 528, defines the *Epiphany* as “the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East.” The Epiphany is the feast in which we hear about the arrival of the three wise men, “the magi”. They are representatives of the neighboring pagan religions (CCC 528); they come from all over the world to give homage to the new born King. Their journey shows that “they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations (CCC 528).” This also signifies “pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament (CCC 528).”

Their arrival was foretold in Psalm 72 when it speaks of kings coming from Tarshish bearing gifts to pay homage to the new king. They followed the sign of the North Star that pointed the way to the long-awaited Messiah. This was also foretold in the Book of Numbers, when it referenced the star that would announce the coming of the Messiah. The magi validated the kingship of Jesus by giving them gifts fit for a king: gold, frankincense and myrrh. The magi are a sign that Christ manifested (and still does) himself to people from faraway places. The magi followed the signs foretold of the Messiah. Signs are a means to an end. The sign of the star led to the end: to the Christ child.

The epiphany is more than just a manifestation of God to the gentile world; it is another powerful celebration of the Incarnation and God’s manifestation of himself to the world *in the person of his only Son*. God manifested himself to the poor shepherds and also to the rich kings. Christ’s manifestation to everyone, reveals salvation is for *everyone*, not just the Israelites, not just the wealthy, not just the high esteemed...but to everyone, even the poor, broken and lost.

Hearts must be open to receive the epiphany that Christ is Lord in order to receive the salvation offered. Ironically, the Scribes and the Pharisees that dismissed Christ as the Messiah are the very people who cited the Scripture passages about him to the kings, and in doing so, led them right to Jesus, yet they didn’t recognize the signs. The kings find the child, are transformed by their encounter and leave by a different route so as not to alert the mad King Herod who knew the signs and also knew that the *fulfillment of prophecy had arrived*. The magi changed their travel directions. In scripture a change of direction signifies a change of heart. The kings had an epiphany in their heart when they encountered the Incarnate Christ.

The Epiphany has a missionary message for all Christians. Just as the magi followed the light of the star and found the Light of Christ, God’s people have been shown the Light. As a result, all Christians are to take that light out to a world darkened by the ravages of sin. We are agents of that Light! We are called daily to bring the Epiphany to the entire world.



# 6 AROUND THE PARISH

## Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/christmas/announcement-of-easter-and-the-moveable-feasts>

**Know, dear brothers and sisters,** that as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the **eighteenth day of February** will fall **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the fast of the most sacred season of Lent.

On the **fifth day of April** you will celebrate with joy **Easter Day**, the Paschal Feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **seventeenth day of May** will be the **Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

On the **twenty-fourth day of May**, the feast of **Pentecost**.

On the **seventh day of June**, the feast of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**.

On the **twenty-ninth day of November**, the **First Sunday of Advent** of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**



### 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.



Holy water is a sacramental. Sacramentals include rosaries, crucifixes, medals, statues of saints, holy cards, and scapulars but also include actions such as the Sign of the Cross as well as other blessings. They are set apart or blessed by the Church to excite good thoughts and to increase devotion through movements of the heart to remit venial sin.

Why should you keep Holy Water in your home?

Its usage can help to obtain grace, incite piety, put to flight the devil and often bring about bodily health.

Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?

It is a reminder of our Baptism and helps to protect ourselves, our family members, and our homes from the attacks of the evil one. It not only cleanses us from venial sin and temporal punishments but also helps us to overcome the temptations of the devil.

IT IS THE EARNEST WISH OF THE CHURCH FOR THE FAITHFUL TO HAVE HOLY WATER WITH US IN OUR HOMES.

### Ways to Use Holy Water:

1. Bless your children with it each night by using your thumb to make the Sign of the Cross with holy water on their foreheads.
2. Make the Sign of the Cross on your forehead with it each morning, when leaving the house, when sick or anytime you are in need of God's protection.
3. Bless your house. Your home is the domestic church and is in need of spiritual protection from the devil.
4. Bless your property, lot, and land to keep it set apart for God.
5. Bless your workspace to sanctify your daily work for the glory of God.
6. Bless your car, it is probably the most dangerous place where you spend a lot of time every day to help you stay free of harm.
7. Bless your garden that can bless and sanctify the plants that your family will eat.
8. Bless the sick family members or friends, a corporal work of mercy.
9. Bless your pets, livestock and farm animals because all creation has an end of giving glory to God by bringing nourishment, labor and livelihood to your family.



Holy water is one of those beautiful gifts and weapons from God to keep us sanctified and holy in our daily lives and to keep the things we regularly use sanctified and holy as we daily fight against the devil.



CHRISTMAS GIFT TO OUR FAMILIES

# Bless your home on the Epiphany!

This is a tradition in the Church

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

THE KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL THE EXISTS  
One kit per family



## Attention ALL MEN!!!!

Join us on for That Man Is You

Saturday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria or Wednesday, Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm in room 22.

For more information, contact  
Deacon Mike Karhoff  
@ [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net)

SESSION 14 (Sat & Wed) "

BECOMING A MAN  
AFTER GOD'S OWN  
HEART" – What  
Must I Do



Presenter: Steve Bollman. Story of Failed Leadership. Saddest Story in the Gospel. What Must I Do to Inherit Eternal Life. Personal Invitation from Christ. The Path of Transformation. Recap of the Spring. Mark 10:17-22, Isaiah 11:2-3.

## Men's Society Christmas Party

1/11/26 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 2/8/2026 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



# 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



FORMED

KIM EYAN WISBAND MOSES WOOD ADD HALL SHAW

What's Trending



Tribute to the Heart: Taylor



Formed Daily Mass Readings &amp; Reflections



St. Francis English &amp; Spanish



Rooted



Peter



Littlest Saints

## CREATE AN ACCOUNT

- Go to [FORMED.org](https://FORMED.org)
- Click Sign Up.
- Chose sign up as a parishioner /organization
- Find your parish, type in Glandorf Oh - Click on St. John 109 Main St. Glandorf when it pops up.
- Fill out create a New Account.

Already have a FORMED account.

- Visit [FORMED.org](https://FORMED.org)
- Click Sign In - upper right corner

Have questions?  
Call 419-890-3724



## Just Show Up & Fill Your Cup

All Women Are Welcome!

Saturdays at 8:45 am following 8am Mass

St. John's Parish Center Room 15

What to Expect at Our Saturday Morning Women's Gathering

Dear Ladies,

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

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

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



We hope to see you there!



## JUST SHOW UP & FILL YOUR CUP

January 2026 Schedule



Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> - Guest Speaker: Julie Roof  
How to Spiritually Keep your Resolution  
for the New Year

Jan 10<sup>th</sup> - Pietra Fitness is Jill Alt

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> - Religious Craft

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> - Slow Down To the Speed of Joy

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> - Preparing for Lent

## EUCCHARISTIC Day

JANUARY 24TH AND 25TH

Adoration - Benediction - Fellowship

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

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

RSVP FOR THE MEAL  
BEFORE  
JANUARY 19, 2026



## 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



You Are Invited  
to come and help take  
down the Christmas  
decorations in the Church!

Sunday, January 11, 2026  
at 1:00PM

See you there



**Sunday, January 4th**

**BOY'S:**

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

**Ellerbrock:** 2:15pm at home vs. Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa

**Meyer:** 2:15pm at Columbus Grove

**GIRLS:**

**Bockrath:** 3:30pm at home vs. St. Patrick, Heatherdowns



**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).

## HIGH SCHOOL CCD

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

JENN WARNECKE

### 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

For Grade School and High School  
Students

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



Home School children can pick them up at the office.

Please be on the look out for them!

### Putnam County Right to Life

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

### ATTENTION TO ALL VOLUNTEERS OF THE PARISH WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN!

The Diocese mandates that all employees and volunteers who work with children must have a current **VIRTUS** account. This includes completing the online workshop, online background check, and signing the Standards of Conduct form every five years. If you plan to volunteer with children at St. John's during **2026**, please email [admin@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:admin@glandorfstjohns.com). Each volunteer is responsible for completing and maintaining these requirements in order to remain compliant with **the Diocese and the Dallas Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People**.

All employees and volunteers should regularly check their email, as **VIRTUS** will notify you when your requirements are approaching expiration. If you have changed your email address, please log in to your VIRTUS account and update your information. We also ask that you notify the rectory of any email changes.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

COME AND JOIN US!

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
AFTER 4:30PM MASS

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

NO DECEMBER FELLOWSHIP!

2026

JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> - PARISH CENTER  
FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> ADORATION ONLY  
MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> PARISH CENTER  
\*\*APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> IN THE PARK  
MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> IN THE PARK  
\*\*NOTE CHANGE OF WEEKENDS DUE TO EASTER\*\*

WHAT IS FAMILY ADORATION?

- Enjoy this special opportunity to introduce your children of all ages to adoring Jesus with other parish families
- You can stay as long as you'd like!
- Crying, soft whispers, & giggling to OMI Jesus wants ALL the little children to come to Him!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:  
BROOKE CASSIDY @ 414-288-4812  
SHANA DULING @ 419-615-6468  
WENDY IWM @ 414-634-1043



Must be 21 or Older  
to attend

Glandorf St. John  
**February 7, 2026**  
2nd Annual

## "RAFFLE"

Fundraiser for Summer Faith Adventure  
and CCD K-8 Programs

Raffle Card



\$50

### ACTIVITIES:

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



One of the prizes: projector and speaker

### INFORMATION:

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





**SHARE YOUR FAITH DAY**  
**Diocese of Toledo and the Toledo Walleye**  
 Friday, January 9, 2026  
 Gates Open 6:15 PM | Game Starts 7:15 PM



Discounted admission tickets are  
 available scan the QR Code.  
 Tickets are limited.

Accessible seating is located in Section  
 109 Row T Seats 1-5 for those who need it.

Experience an exhilarating evening of hockey as The Catholic Diocese of Toledo invites you to cheer on the Toledo Walleye in their thrilling game against the Iowa Heartlanders on January 9th at 7:15 pm. Don't miss out on the excitement at the Huntington Center - a perfect outing for families and sports enthusiasts alike. Get your tickets before Dec. 26 and be part of the action: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Catholicdiocese21>

## CELEBRATING THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE

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

**RSVP by January 26, 2026**  
 Contact Marilyn at 567-204-4745 to purchase your ticket.  
 We hope you will join this event celebrating the sanctity of marriage!  
 Come for one part of the event or all.



2026

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

A graceful New Year awaits—may it bring you harmony, light, and timeless joy when you draw closer and closer to your Lord!

**27th Annual Youth Retreat**

**YOU ARE LOVED YOU ARE CHOSEN**

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

**SESSIONS FOCUSING ON:**

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

**Sign up today**

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

**SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN**  
 Maria Stein, OH

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**  
 ENDS FEBRUARY 15, 2026

**REGISTRATION CLOSES**  
 FEBRUARY 22, 2026

**Youth Retreat MARCH 6-8**

[LifeInTheSpirit-Seminars.com](http://LifeInTheSpirit-Seminars.com)

**ADULT RETREAT**

**HE REIGNS**

**FROM HEAVEN ABOVE**

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

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**  
**3RD ANNUAL ADULT RETREAT**

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

**SESSIONS FOCUSING ON:**

- GOD'S LOVE
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- NEW LIFE IN CHRIST
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- TRANSFORMATION

**SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN**

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**  
 ENDS JANUARY 10, 2026

**REGISTRATION CLOSES**  
 JANUARY 25, 2026

**06-08**

[LifeInTheSpirit-Seminars.com](http://LifeInTheSpirit-Seminars.com)



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



# PRIESTHOOD



Thursday January 8  
at Lima Central Catholic High School

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



## 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 .

## The Mustard Seed at St. John's

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

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

## 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.



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:



<https://tinyurl.com/3uzy8vvi>

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 CFCEP for more information at 614-634-1043 or [divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com](mailto:divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com)



# The Epiphany

At the beginning of the new year we celebrate both Mary, the Mother of God and the Epiphany, which is when the wise men came from far away to worship baby Jesus.

Imagine that you are living a long time ago in Bethlehem and your parents have invited a poor family to stay at your house: a mother, a father and a new baby.



One day something amazing happens: some rich men from a far away country come to see the baby and and bring expensive treasures for him! Do you know who the family is now? Who is the baby?

The baby is Jesus, of course, and the mother is Mary. She holds Jesus on her lap so the wise men can bow down to Him and worship Him. Mary cooperated with God to bring Jesus into the world so that we could all see and love and worship Him.

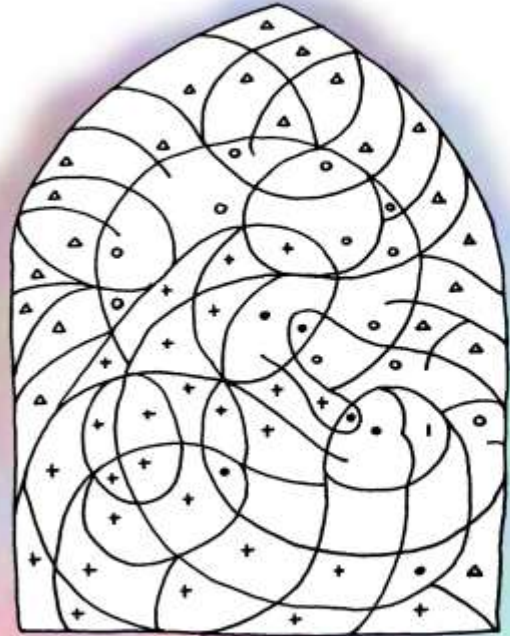
Can you thank Mary today for bringing Jesus to us?



Answer to Octave of Christmas Word-Find  
www.thekidsbulletin.com

# The Kids' Bulletin

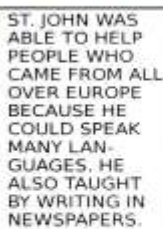
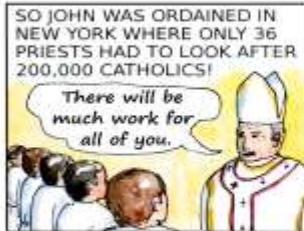
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God: Jan. 1  
& Feast of the Epiphany: January 4 or 6, 2026



Whose feast is it on New Year's Day?  
Colour in the spaces to see! Here's the code:

- + Blue
- ▲ Pink
- Yellow
- ! Brown
- Skin colour

## Saint John Neumann January 5



SAINT JOHN NEUMANN WORKED TIRELESSLY TO HELP THE POOR PEOPLE WHO WERE SETTLING IN AMERICA. HE DID NOT LET HIS OWN POVERTY SLOW HIM DOWN. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS EXAMPLE TO USE OUR TALENTS TO BRING GOD TO THE WORLD NO MATTER HOW MUCH OR HOW LITTLE WE HAVE.

## Octave of Christmas Word-Find



Can you find all the words in the list in the puzzle below?  
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

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|-----------|--------|-----------|
| ANGELS    | GLORY  | PRAISE    |
| ANIMALS   | GOD    | SAVIOUR   |
| BABY      | HOLY   | SHEEP     |
| BARN      | JESUS  | SHEPHERDS |
| BETHLEHEM | JOSEPH | SING      |
| BORN      | MANGER | SKY       |
| COLD      | MARY   | STABLE    |
| FIELDS    | MOTHER | WONDER    |
| FOUND     | NIGHT  | WORSHIP   |

WPMSINGNIGHT  
ORATANIMALSB  
NASANGELSRHE  
DIABMOTHERET  
ESVLADJOSEPH  
REIERYELTHHL  
GLORYESYMOEE  
FBUTHEUSKYRH  
OARWORSHIPDE  
UBARNFIELD SM  
NYRMANGEROFG  
DODCOLDPBORN

On the eighth day of Christmas we honour in a special way