

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Missionaries of the Precious Blood  
St. George Deanery*



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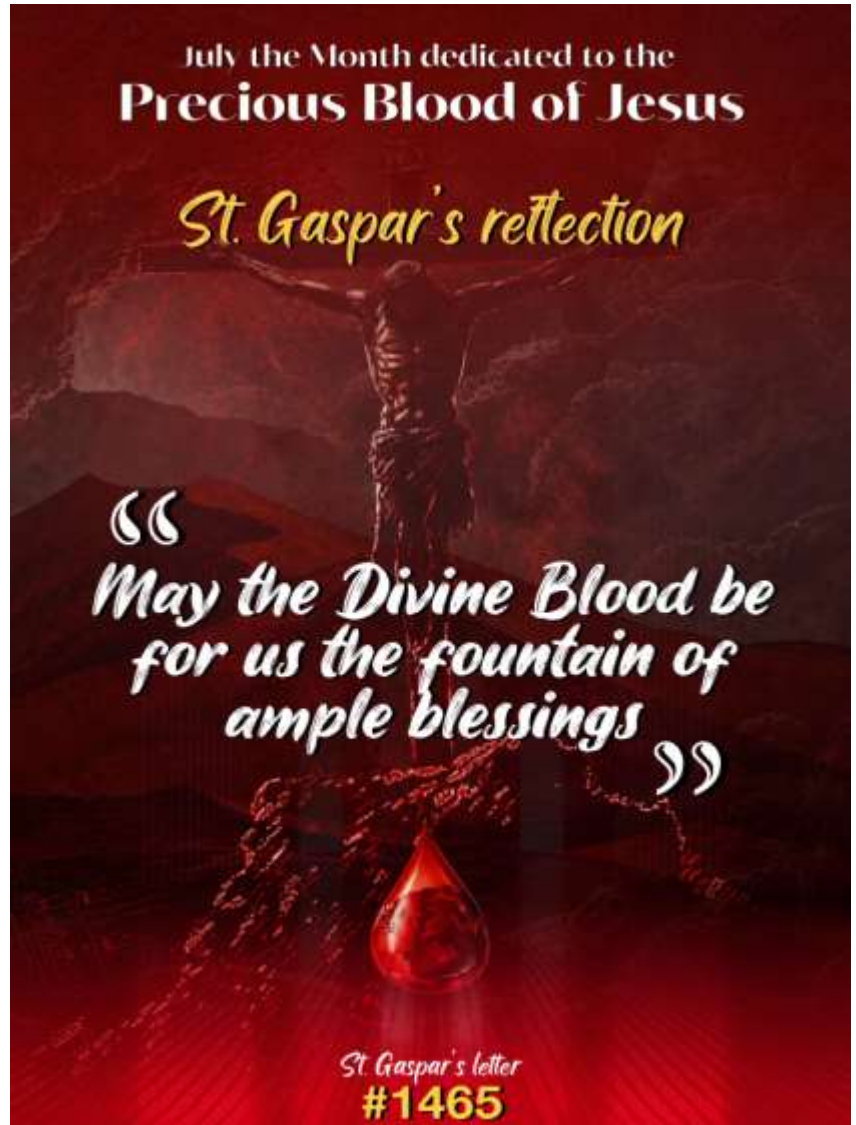
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## OUR MISSION

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.

## OUR VISION

We enable spiritual formation and growth, support discipleship, provide outreach through community service, and build relationships, so we can build the Kingdom of God in Glandorf and around the world. Driven by the Gospel of Jesus Christ; we want to educate and promote respect for the dignity of life, encourage charity and justice, and embody the moral values of the church.

Our mission is guided by Scripture and Traditions of our Catholic Faith and aligned with the mission of the Diocese of Toledo to make Holy Disciples, Holy Families, and Holy Vocations.

I have not been to most people's bedrooms, and it is really none of my business to go into someone else's bedroom. But I would venture guess almost in every bedroom there is a dresser, a hutch, or a chest of drawers where clothes are stored. If you are like me most of these drawers are used for storing clothes, but I have one drawer that I call a 'drunk drawer'. In my 'junk drawer' there is some clothing that I keep for memory's sake for example 25-30 years ago Ohio State had a football player by the name of Matt Keller and my ten-year-old birthday I go a Matt Keller jersey. But the majority of what is in this drawer is not clothes but pictures, certificates of accomplishments, programs from events I attended, prayer and greeting cards, you might even find things I did when I was in grade school, and just a lot of 'stuff' that brings back memories. I call it a 'junk drawer' but probably more appropriately called a 'treasurer or memory drawer'. I would venture to guess I am not the only one that has a drawer like this. If I were to go through this drawer and take everything out, then put it all back in. I would venture to guess somewhere in the process not everything that was in that drawer will end up back in the drawer. Some things will either be given away or end up in a trash can. Some of these things I used to consider treasure do seem to be like treasure anymore.

As I think of the idea of going through this 'junk drawer', it reminds me of our scriptures today. Over the past few weeks Jesus has been teaching us about the kingdom of heaven using parables. In our scriptures today Jesus continues to teach us about the kingdom of heaven using parables. Using the image of hidden treasure that one finds, hides, and buys. The kingdom of heaven we also hear is like the collection of fish keeping the good and throwing out the bad.

The kingdom of heaven is hidden treasure; do you have this hidden treasure or if you do not have this hidden treasure do you know where to go to find the kingdom of heaven? Often when we think of the kingdom of heaven, we often think of it as being something beyond this world which it is. But the kingdom of heaven is also right here in front of us, the challenge for us is do we see it? In scriptures today we also hear Solomon has just become King of Israel, succeeding his father, David. God comes to Solomon in a dream and says "'Ask something of me and I will give it to you.'" (1 Kings 3:5). Whatever Solomon wants God will give to him, if you were in Solomon's shoes what would you ask for? Solomon asks for wisdom to lead God's people. Like Solomon needing wisdom in his role as king, we need wisdom to see the kingdom of heaven that is right in front of us.

I see the kingdom of heaven when I see someone taking to lend a helping hand to someone who needs help. I heard the kingdom of heaven as I sat at my laptop writing this hearing locus making their noise reminding us we are in late summer. I see the kingdom of heaven each time I celebrate Mass. And see the kingdom of heaven in many other places. As the Lord gave Solomon wisdom to lead God's people. May the Lord give us his wisdom to see the kingdom of heaven.



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## 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 Deacon Mike and Becky Karhoff)

Parish Center Room 15 11:45am -1:15pm

**Upcoming classes:**

September 19, 2026, January 10, 2027,  
May 16, 2027, September 19, 2027

## 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, 7:00pm-7:30pm

Friday 7:15am-7:45am

Saturday 8:30am, 4:00pm-4:15pm

## ANOIDING OF THE SICK

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

## HOLY ORDERS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Contact the vocation office at the Toledo Diocese at 419-214-4945 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-7:30pm

1st Friday 1:00pm-4:00pm concluding with Benediction

1st Saturday 5:30pm - 8:00am

## THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (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, participants receive instruction and formation so they may discern, through reflection and prayer, whether they are being called to enter the Catholic Church.

If you would like more information or would like to register, please contact Mindy Recker at 419-538-6928 or email

[passociate@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:passociate@glandorfstjohns.com).

**MONDAY, JULY 27**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-- Deacon Mike Karhoff

**TUESDAY, JULY 28**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Margaret Schimmoeller

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29~Sts. Martha, Mary, Lazarus**

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Dave Schmitz, Lavon &amp; Beverly Leis

6:30pm-7:30pm Adoration

7:00-7:30pm Confessions

7:30pm - 8:30pm Night of Worship

**THURSDAY, JULY 30~St. Peter Chrysologus**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Charlie Kistler

**FRIDAY, July 31~St. Ignatius**

7:15am-7:45am Confessions

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Edwin Duling Family

12:00pm Rosary

**1st SATURDAY, AUGUST 1~St. Alphonsus Liguori**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Ken &amp; Michelle Horstman, Fr. Matt Keller

8:30am Confessions

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

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm L/D Mel(AN) Lammers Family,

L/D Rosemary/Charles Siefker Family, Kari Siefker,

Dan Lammers, L/D Norbert Lammers Family,

L/D A. I. Schroeder Family, Don Nienberg

5:30pm - 11:59pm Adoration

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2~18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

12:00am - 8:00am Adoration

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Betty Burgei, Mike Niese, Jenny Niese-Roberts

9:00am-10:00am Holy Hour/Benediction

10:30am L/D Carl &amp; Lucille Ellerbrock Family, Rosella Karhoff (AN),

Alfred, Theresa and Thomas Buddelmeyer,

Norm &amp; JoAnn Balbaugh

11:30am Baptism

**SERVERS**

|       |         |                                                                  |
|-------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon   | 8:00am  | No Mass                                                          |
| Tue   | 8:00am  | Jacob Leopold, Reese Miller, Graham Miller, Samantha Sarka       |
| Wed   | 8:00am  | Blake Maag, Jack Maag, Connor Mayhew, Josie Recker               |
| Thurs | 8:00am  | Makenzie Maag, Jacoby Maag, Cooper Schey, Conrad Siefker         |
| Fri   | 8:00am  | Brody Breece, Andrew Schroeder, Madalynn Schroeder CJ Schroeder  |
| Sat   | 8:00am  | Taten Brinkman, Daniel Karhoff, Audrey Niese, Burke Walker       |
| Sat   | 4:30pm  | Adam Maag, Reese Karhoff, Emmett Karhoff ~Thurifer-Ethan Kuhlman |
| Sun   | 8:00am  | Breyson Trombley, Riley Trombley, Caleb Schroeder                |
| Sun   | 10:00am | Benediction: Grant Maag ~ Thurifer-Nolan Duling                  |
| Sun   | 10:30am | Miles Niese, James Niese, Grant Maag ~Thurifer-Nolan Duling      |

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS****LECTORS**

|     |         |                 |                  |
|-----|---------|-----------------|------------------|
| Sat | 4:30pm  | Diane Recker    | Carole Schroeder |
|     |         | Alicia Nussbaum | Kathy Schmitz    |
| Sun | 8:00am  | Mark Schroeder  | Nicole Ruhe      |
|     |         | Tammy Schroeder | Elizabeth Ruhe   |
| Sun | 10:30am | Jason Kleman    | Abby Vorst       |
|     |         | Julie Pothast   | Tony Schroeder   |

**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 |

**AUGUST USHERS**

|     |         |                                      |
|-----|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Sat | 4:30pm  | Ray Diemer, Zach Diemer, Noah Emmons |
| Sun | 8:00am  | Tom Morman, Tony Maag                |
| Sun | 10:30am | Barry Maag, Ken Horstman             |

**COMMUNION TO MEADOWS:** Rose & Gene Warnecke**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 9****ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY:** Cliff & Janet Schroeder**AUGUST FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS:** Mary Ann Myers, Jane Uphaus, Gary & Diane Meyer, Ron Schmitz, Larry & Carolyn Dorn, Kathy Schmitz

Searching in  
the **Dark?**

Let Him  
show **You**  
the **Light.**

If you are searching:

For security in this world...

For understanding of what you were made for...

To find true love...

To know who Christ is...

To enter into a community of believers...

To learn about the teachings and Truths of the Catholic Faith...

... then your path has been lit!

*Contact*

Mindy Recker at 419-538-6928 to learn about how you can FIND the LIGHT through our process of seeking Christ called...

**OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Glandorf, Ohio/Germany Exchange Visits  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1976-2026)

*Gift From St. Johannes Parish, Glandorf, Germany,  
To St. John the Baptist Parish, Glandorf, Ohio.*

The gift the parish has received from St. Johannes Parish in Glandorf, Germany, is a small replica of a statue that can be found just outside of the church in Glandorf, Germany. It is made of metal and features two pillars with cutouts of two people that stretch inward, forming a Gothic arch; an arch of friendship. A great symbol for the connection between the two parishes:  
Two Parishes, One Shared Faith in Christ.

Copies of the recently published book, Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Faith, Family, and Friendship between the two Glandorf communities, are available for purchase at the Mustard Seed at St. John's.  
*This book is for display only.*

Please take a few moments to stop by the back of the church over the next two weeks to view the special gift and accompanying book. We hope you enjoy this meaningful display and the story it shares.



# 4 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP

July 19, 2026

### Offering

|                         |           |                  |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Loose                   | \$        | 1,237.00         |
| Adult Envelope          | \$        | 9,365.00         |
| Children                | \$        | 125.00           |
| Maintenance             | \$        | 461.00           |
| Online Offering         | \$        | 2,098.75         |
| Online Maintenance      | \$        | 226.25           |
| Assumption of Mary      | \$        | 15.00            |
| Preschool               | \$        | 100.00           |
| <b>Total Collection</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>13,628.00</b> |

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: Boys and Girls:** Diapers – Preemies, Pullups Boys & Girls (2/3T & 3/4T) & Boys (4/5T), Summer sleepers- Boys (3)T, Girls (9 months-4T), Solid color shorts- Boys (6-9 months), Girls (24 months & 2T), Baby wash, Baby shampoo, Baby powder, Baby lotion, Diaper rash ointment, Children's toothbrushes, Sippy cups, Teether toys, Toddler socks (Boys & Girls 2T-5T)

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: ITEMS NEEDED:** Cream style corn, ketchup (24oz preferred), graham crackers, boxed potatoes (au gratin, scalloped, etc), pancake mix, pineapple all kinds (crushed rings or tibets), poptarts and granola bars, mandarins oranges, salty snacks, hamburger helper type dinners, canned potatoes. Please keep in mind that most of the families we serve are just 1-3 people.

Please no more boxed Mac and Cheese for awhile. We have plenty to last probably to the end of the year. Thank you for your generosity!

**We can always use more volunteers!** Glandorf Parish supplies workers for **October and April** - only 8 partial days for the entire year! Questions or you plan on helping call or text Marlene 419-303-6531.

## Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

### The past 20 years

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| John J Verhoff 7/26/14      | Thomas H Balbaugh 7/30/14    |
| Virgil F Karhoff 7/27/01    | Lucille M Ellerbrock 7/30/23 |
| Alice M Missler 7/27/23     | Thomas F Benning 8/1/17      |
| Robert L Giesken 7/28/16    | Melvin J Lammers 8/1/24      |
| Gerald W Ellerbrock 7/29/16 | Harold J Utrup 8/1/24        |

## 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.

### SHEILA VORST BAPTISMS

**Owen Brooks**, son of Zachary & Amber Klausing  
**Nicholas Cleo**, son of Patrick & Amanda Dehnart  
**Remi Lynn**, daughter of Wyatt & Madison Karhoff

### NEWLY WED Drew & Camryn (Weis) Kuhlman

### WEDDING BANN

**Il Lauryn Bockrath**, of this parish, daughter of Matt & Ann Bockrath & **Alex Macke**, of this parish, son of Ben & Theresa Macke

**I Caitlyn Moening**, of this parish, daughter of Chad & Beth Moening & **Nicholas Cech**, of Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa, son of Jacob & Cindy Cech



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PROJECT LIST SUMMARY

As we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the dedication of our church cornerstone, we have a unique opportunity to honor the sacrifices of those who built and preserved this sacred place before us. Below are listed the top restoration projects of the Parish. These projects are essential investments in the future of our parish both Church and Parish Grounds. By supporting these efforts today, we are not only addressing current needs but also ensuring that our church remains a place of worship, prayer, and community for the next 150 years and beyond. Your generosity is helping to protect the beauty, structural integrity, and spiritual home that has served and continues to serve generations of faithful families. If you feel inclined to donate towards these projects below you may put your donation in a maintenance envelope or a blank envelope labeled "Maintenance Projects." Thank you for your continued generosity!

01

Replace Church gutters and downspouts. Tuck point brick and reseat. Including bell tower.

02

Complete 3yr contract with Bodee Roofing to finish repairs on Parish Center roof

03

Repair walls inside of church (when outside is complete) Refiberglass & paint.

04

New windows in the Mustard Seed at St. John's Building

05

Repaint Gym Bleacher seating & railings

06

New carpet in Church

07

Refurbish candlesticks, sanctuary lamp, metal crucifix, holy water fonts etc.



WE WOULD LIKE TO RAFFLE OFF  
4 HALVES OF PORK THIS YEAR.  
WE ARE LOOKING FOR  
MONETARY DONATIONS OR 2  
HOGS. THANK YOU!

### VENESUELA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

You may donate on our secure website:  
[www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org), selecting  
Venezuela Earthquake Relief as your donation  
designation. Please make checks out to Catholic  
Charities Diocese of Toledo, noting Venezuela  
Earthquake Relief.

Please mail checks to Catholic Charities Diocese  
of Toledo, One SeaGate, Suite 2300, Toledo, OH  
43604.

Thank you for generously supporting those in  
need.

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH?

#### NEED YOUR HELP!

- ◆ First Saturday, Praying the Rosary. To  
keep this going at our Parish. We  
have some open spots. The times are  
2:30pm to 3:00pm, and 3:30pm—  
4:00pm

### BECOME A EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OR LECTOR!

We are looking for new volunteers to  
serve in these meaningful ministries.  
Not ready for a regular schedule?  
Consider joining our substitute list—  
especially for the 4:30 PM Mass, where  
help is greatly needed.

If you feel called to one of these  
ministries or would like more information,  
please contact the parish office by the  
end of July by phone or email. We will  
have training sometime in late August.

Let God lead you—your parish needs you!

Call the office, if you are interested in  
helping with any of these ministries!

## Catechism Corner

### Moral Decision Making: Forming Your Conscience

Last week's Catechism Corner looked at what morality is. "Freedom makes man a moral subject. When he acts deliberately, man is, so to speak, the father of his acts. Human acts, that is, acts that are freely chosen in consequence of a judgment of conscience, can be morally evaluated. They are either good or evil." (CCC, 1749)

Recall, every moral act has three parts: what we do, the intention, and the actual situation of the act. To be able to make a moral decision, the conscience must be formed. "Conscience" is a "judgement of reason by which the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete action." (CCC, 1796) God has placed a moral law in every human heart...that is our conscience. However, the results of the Fall of Adam and Eve left humanity with an inclination to choose the bad (called concupiscence). Therefore, we must form the conscience to know what is morally "good" and morally "bad".

**How Do We Form a Good Conscience?** Scripture assists us in this task. (CCC, 1785) When a person chooses an action, they must ask themselves, "Does this action conform to the Word of God?" In order to know the Word of God, then, study of biblical interpretation is required so that we are not in error of the Word by wronged interpretation.

God gives us supernatural help to aide us in this endeavor by gifting us with the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit given to us at our Confirmation. These gifts, poured out on us by the Holy Spirit, strengthen us.

Wisdom: allows us to grow in faith and embrace divine truth, Understanding: helps us understand, grasp, and be certain of the teachings of the Faith, Counsel: helps us intuitively know what is right and to have the confidence to courageously defend the truth, Fortitude: provides the strength to act in accord with the truth, the courage to stand up for what is right even in difficulty, Knowledge: the certitude of the truth and things of God, Piety: the desire and will to lovingly serve and give honor, praise, and worship to God, and Fear of the Lord: a healthy fear that we will turn our backs on God whom we love and do not want to disappoint, and the hope that clinging to God's grace will provide the necessary strength to keep us from doing so.

It is appropriate to ask God for a greater outpouring of these Gifts each time you receive His grace in the Eucharistic Feast.

Other ways to develop a good, healthy and holy conscience are to do an examination of conscience each evening to reflect if the actions chosen throughout the day, and motives for such actions, were in line with God's will and the Church's teachings. Prayer and service to others helps to accomplish this goal, and we can also turn to moral counsel and advice of other faithful Christians and the authoritative teaching of the Church to evaluate choices, understand Scripture and develop a good conscience. One must be honest and have an open heart to try to embrace the guidance and teachings of the Church in order for fruitful growth. One must not rely on "opinions" to form their conscience. "As human beings we are required to act according to our conscience. However, it is possible that our conscience is not properly formed and thus remains in ignorance and is subject to making false judgements about the morality of certain actions." (CCC 1790)

**Reflection:** What concrete steps can I take this week to continue to form my conscience?

# 6 AROUND THE PARISH

GLANDORF PARISH  
INVITES YOU TO A WEEKLY:

AN EVENING OF  
EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION AND  
WORSHIP MUSIC

## NIGHT OF Worship

STARTING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH,  
• THEN CONTINUING WEEKLY ON  
WEDNESDAYS  
WORSHIP STARTS @7:30 AND ENDS @8:30 PM  
• Confession offered as Father's availability  
allows  
AT GLANDORF SAINT JOHN'S THE BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
• Enter through the center doors at the back of  
the church

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our Lady asked for  
*Five First Saturdays*

A BEAUTIFUL DEVOTION OF REPARATION  
AND LOVE

In her apparitions at Fatima, Our Lady  
requested that we practice the devotion of  
*Five First Saturdays* in reparation for the  
offenses against her Immaculate Heart.



### WHAT ARE THE *Five First Saturdays*?

It is a special devotion requested by  
Our Lady of Fatima to make reparation  
to her Immaculate Heart.

It is done on the first Saturday of five  
consecutive months.

#### OUR LADY'S PROMISE

"I promise to assist at the hour of death with  
the graces necessary for salvation all those  
who, in order to make reparation to Me,  
on the first Saturday of five consecutive  
months, shall:"

- ♥ Go to Confession
- ♥ Receive Holy Communion
- ♥ Pray five decades of the Rosary
- ♥ Keep Me company for 15 minutes  
while meditating on the 15 mysteries  
of the Rosary"

— Our Lady of Fatima

#### THE 4 REQUIREMENTS

On the first Saturday of five consecutive months,  
we are asked to:

1. GO TO CONFESSION  
Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(within 8 days before or after is acceptable).
2. RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION  
Receive Holy Communion in the state  
of grace.
3. PRAY THE ROSARY  
Pray five decades of the Holy Rosary.
4. KEEP OUR LADY COMPANY  
FOR 15 MINUTES  
Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries  
of the Rosary (one or more mysteries).



#### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

This devotion is a powerful way to console Our  
Lady's Immaculate Heart, which is wounded  
by our sins and the sins of the world.

It is an act of love, reparation, and trust  
in our Blessed Mother.

A SMALL SACRIFICE,  
A GREAT ACT OF LOVE.

START THIS BEAUTIFUL DEVOTION  
AND DRAW CLOSER TO JESUS  
THROUGH MARY!



## FOCUS Missionary Meet & Greet

July 29, 5-7 PM at The Mustard Seed at St. John's  
150 Church Street (Behind Glandorf St. John's Church)



Open to all!  
\*High school and college age  
young adults  
\*Parents and community  
members  
\*Anyone who wants to learn  
more about how FOCUS  
missionaries share the Catholic  
faith on college campuses.

Meet 5 young adults from  
Putnam and Allen Counties  
who will be Catholic  
missionaries on college  
campuses this year.

Eucharistic Adoration at  
Glandorf St. John's Church  
6:30-8:30  
(with worship music from  
7:30-8:30)

## Eucharistic Adoration in August

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

ADORATION ON FIRST FRIDAY



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

ADORATION ON FIRST SATURDAY



<https://tinyurl.com/yf94kb8y>

NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH  
JESUS EVERY HOUR!

### SCHEDULE

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
6:30-7:30PM

FIRST FRIDAY,  
AUGUST 7TH

1:00-4:00PM CONCLUDING  
WITH BENEDICTION

FIRST SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup>

AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL  
8:00AM ON SUNDAY  
MORNING.

HOLY HOUR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>  
9:00AM-10:00AM

CONCLUDING WITH  
BENEDICTION AT 9:55AM  
THEME: TBD



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

## kindly join us for the Parental Baptism Class

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026  
11:45AM - 1:15PM  
ROOM 15 IN PARISH CENTER

PRESENTED BY  
DEACON MIKE AND BECKY  
KARHOFF

pre-register by calling the Parish office  
419-750-6928 or email  
passoint@glandorfstjohns.com

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.

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS ES WILL BE  
JANUARY 10, 2027,  
MAY 16, 2027  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2027



# JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Diocese  
of Toledo



*Declared by Pope Leo XIV to commemorate  
the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the saint's death*

**JANUARY 2026 – JANUARY 2027**

During this time of grace, extending through January 2027, the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions. This Franciscan Jubilee Year is a gift for the entire Church and an occasion for authentic spiritual renewal. Following the example of St. Francis of Assisi, every Christian is invited to grow in holiness of life and to be a constant witness of peace.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE • WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5



**8:00 AM**  
**Holy Mass**  
St. John the Baptist  
Catholic Church  
Glandorf, Ohio



**Carpooling  
departs**  
*immediately  
following Mass*



**Return  
approximately  
5:00 PM**

Car Pool will meet in  
the Rectory lot  
after Mass

### ROUTE FOR THE DAY

- 1 1st stop – Sylvania
- 2 2nd stop – Lunch at Tony Packo's in Toledo
- 3 3rd stop – Tiffin
- 4 4th stop – Carey  
Then back to Glandorf

## FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE SITES IN THE DIOCESE OF TOLEDO



**THE PORTIUNCULA**  
*Motherhouse Grounds  
of the Sylvania Franciscans*  
Sylvania, Ohio



**MOTHERHOUSE  
EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL**  
*Tiffin Franciscans*  
Tiffin, Ohio



**BASILICA AND  
NATIONAL SHRINE OF  
OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION**  
Carey, Ohio



### A DAY TO:

- ✦ Pray and receive the Jubilee Indulgence
- ✦ Visit sacred Franciscan sites
- ✦ Reflect on the life and spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi
- ✦ Enjoy fellowship with fellow parishioners

*"Lord, make me  
an instrument of  
your peace."*  
– St. Francis of Assisi



RSVP or Questions, contact:

**Janet Schroeder**  
419-890-9603  
**Jeanne Schram**  
419-796-0622



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH**  
GLANDORF, OHIO





**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH, GLANDORF  
INVITES YOU TO**



**A FUN DAY FOR ALL TO COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE  
THE SON OF GOD WHILE ENJOYING FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDS!**

**Sunday, September 27, 2026**

**11:30am - 3:30pm**

**St. John's Parish Center**

**GAMES - FOOD - REVERSE RAFFLE  
FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

**DEACON DON'S TURTLE SOUP WILL BE SERVED ALONG WITH OTHER  
FOOD AND DRINKS BY OG JAYCEES AND 1820 BREWWERKS**

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### ST. CATHERINE'S EMBRACE

St. Catherine's Embrace is an outreach ministry that acknowledges and supports the many families in the St. George Deanery/ Putnam County area who have lost babies through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss. We offer prayers, resources and an engraved keepsake box filled with helpful books, artwork and handmade memorial items crafted by parishioners from across the county. There are trained volunteers in this parish who can respond to families directly.

If you or someone you love experiences a miscarriage or stillbirth, we are here to help. Simply call the parish office and we will take care of the rest. Are you interested in volunteering with St. Catherine's Embrace? We have multiple ways to get involved. We need woodworkers, seamstresses and parish outreach volunteers in particular at this time. Please call or text Mary Beth at (419)980-8065, email [scembrace@gmail.com](mailto:scembrace@gmail.com) or message us on Facebook if you are interested in learning how your talents and gifts can be used to accompany local families in their time of need.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 4th at 6:30 at the Glandorf Parish Hall Room 22. Join us!

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL~COLUMBUS GROVE

The St. Anthony of Padua Parish Festival will be held on Saturday, August 1st and Sunday, August 2nd. The Beer Stand, Hamburger Stand and French Fries will be available after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Sound Man will be from 6 to 6:30 p.m., Chuck Summers will be from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., and EXPLOIT DELUXE from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. under the Beer Tent with FREE Admission. NO COOLERS but please bring your comfortable lawn chairs! Sunday enjoy our beef or pork chop dinners with all the trimmings. We will have our dinners available to eat in the basement from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. this year or the Carry outs will be available outside on the East side of the Church with seating available on the grounds. Carry outs are available 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. with Drive thru from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday activities include, Bingo in the air conditioned church basement from 2:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m., Bounce houses, Kids' games, Duck Races, Country Store, Bakery Wheel, and the Kiddie Tractor Pull for children ages 4-9. Paul Smock County will be from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. under the Beer Tent. There are also cash prizes totaling \$2,500, a Lottery Tree, a drawing of 3 \$100 Gas Cards and the Chance to win \$20,000 towards a new car or \$15,000 in cash. New this year, there will also be a 2nd drawing after the big drawing for \$1,000. For more information, call the parish office at 419-659-2263. Come and help us celebrate our Parish Festival and we Thank You for your continued support!!

### ST. PHILOMENA MOTHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT

The St. Philomena Mother-Daughter Retreat will be offered at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein:

Dates: August 7-9, 2026

Who is it for: Girls ages 11-14 and their mothers

Location: Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, OH

This retreat supports young women and their mothers in exploring authentic Catholic femininity rooted in Scripture, Theology of the Body, and Catholic teaching.

More information and the flyer can be found at: [www.philomenaretreat.org](http://www.philomenaretreat.org)

### "Special Prayer Event for Priests"

Come say a Rosary with us for our Priests.

Monday 8/3/2026, 7:30pm

The vigil of the  
Feast of St. John Vianney  
patron of Priests.

Sponsored by Christ the King Center  
620 E. Blake St. Ottawa

Questions; Text or Call 419-890-3724  
OR [contact@christthekingcenter.org](mailto:contact@christthekingcenter.org)



### Glandorf Fire Department GOLF CART POKER RUN

Saturday, August 15 • 2pm  
Registration 1-2 pm  
behind the Fire Station

5:30pm Poker Run After Party  
featuring music by Last Minute and  
Lion's Club Food Tent

At the request of the intended  
beneficiary, proceeds from this year's  
event will go to the

### VORST FAMILY CHILDREN

By stepping aside for those whose need is greater, he reminds us that the most memorable legacy of a firefighter is not what they receive, but what they give.

## Saint Francis: Visionary of Life

*"Hold fast to the memory of our father and brother, Francis, for the praise and glory of Him who made him great among us and glorified him in the sight of the angels."<sup>1</sup>*

Saint Francis, the poor man of Assisi, is a powerful model for us in building a world and culture that is authentically pro-life. This 13<sup>th</sup> century saint was a visionary of the radiant goodness of human life.

Early in Saint Francis' conversion, he was riding through the countryside and came across a person suffering from leprosy. Despite being repelled by the appearance and smell, he came down from his horse and kissed the hand of the leper, who returned his kiss of peace, filling Francis with joy. He could see the invaluable dignity of every person, even amidst utter poverty, the disfigurement of disease, and the stain of sin.

Saint Francis is well-known for his radical imitation of Christ and his love for all creation. This is evident in his prayer, "The Canticle of the Creatures," which praises God for all He has created: the sun, moon, and stars; wind, water, and fire. Francis proclaims that the created world reveals the glory of God himself. This is particularly true for the human person, created in the image of God, whose life from conception to natural death is to be honored and protected. Among all creation, the human person has the unique capacity to praise God, highlighting the distinctive dignity of human life.

Strikingly, Francis uttered his "Canticle" while lying half-blind on his deathbed. In welcoming "Sister Death," Francis could no longer physically see the beauty of creation, yet still he praised God for the created world around him.

Oftentimes we, too, are blinded to the goodness of life. Our vision may be blurred by hardships such as poverty, fragility, or suffering, all of which Saint Francis experienced in his earthly life. In the



face of such challenges, Saint Francis is a powerful intercessor, opening our heart and eyes to the gift of life even in the most trying circumstances. Francis had a particular devotion to the Lord's own vulnerability—in the manger, in the Eucharist, and on the Cross—highlighting God's presence in the most defenseless among us.

Pope Leo XIV has decreed that for 2026 "a special Year of Saint Francis shall be proclaimed, in which every faithful Christian, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, shall become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace."<sup>2</sup> The taking of innocent human life through abortion, assisted suicide, and other acts of violence destroys peace in our world.<sup>3</sup> We are called to be witnesses of peace by boldly proclaiming the dignity of the human person and working for the protection of all human life.

In this Year of Saint Francis, may he help us to see the beauty of life in all of creation, in particular, in the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Together, let us pray for the protection of human life and the courage to defend it.

*"Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command."<sup>4</sup>*

- Saint Francis' "Prayer before the Crucifix"

<sup>1</sup> Angelo Cardinal De Donatis, "Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the occasion of the Eighth Centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi, by which a special Jubilee Year is proclaimed, with associated Plenary Indulgences, 16.01.2026," (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2026).  
<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> Pope Leo XIV, "Address to Participants in the 'One Humanity, One Planet' Conference," January 31, 2026 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2026).  
<sup>4</sup> Armstrong, Regis J., O.F.M. Cap., J. A. Wayne-Hellmann, O.F.M. Conv., and Williams J. Short, O.F.M., eds., *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents – The Saint* (New York, NY: New City Press, 2001), 40.



## Putnam County Council on Aging August Activities

| Date      | Event            | Time          | Location                                   |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 8-6-2026  | Bingo            | 1:00PM        | Fort Haven Apts.,<br>Fort Jennings         |
| 8-7-2026  | Senior Expo      | 8:30- 11:30AM | Ottawa Elementary,<br>Ottawa               |
| 8-18-2026 | Balance for Life | 10:00 AM      | Fogle Center,<br>Leipsic                   |
| 8-20-2026 | Essential Oils   | 10:00 AM      | Fort Haven Apts.,<br>Fort Jennings         |
| 8-24-2026 | Exploring AI     | 1:30 PM       | Putnam Co. District<br>Library, Ottoville  |
| 8-25-2026 | Euchre           | 10:00 AM      | Church of the Good<br>Shepherd, Col. Grove |
| 8-27-2026 | Resin            | 10:00 AM      | Council on Aging,<br>Ottawa                |

For more information or to attend, please call the Council on Aging at 419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760




**July 19 - 25, 2026** ☯

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

Designed by God  
Guided by Love  
Open to Life

You can find more resources on the USCCB's website for Natural Family Planning including posters, articles, couple testimonies, and more.

## BLUETOOTH HEARING ASSISTANCE

### NOW AVAILABLE IN CHURCH

**WILLIAMS** **WaveCAST App**



- 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

150 Church Street in Glandorf  
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Tues 9-5 Wed 10-6

Thurs 9-5 Fri 9-4

Sat after 8am Mass -12:30



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>



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Peace starts here

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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](mailto:divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com)

# The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. He says it is like a buried treasure, that when a man finds it, he sells everything he has and buys the field where it is

hidden. He also says it is like a pearl of great price, that when a merchant finds it he sells all he has and buys it.

These parables tell us how precious the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus is explaining that it is more important than anything else in our lives. The men in the parables sold EVERYTHING they had to get the treasures.

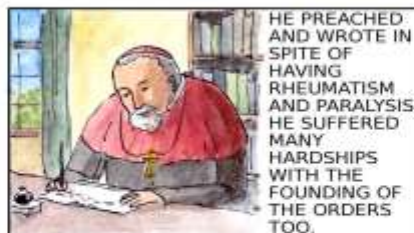
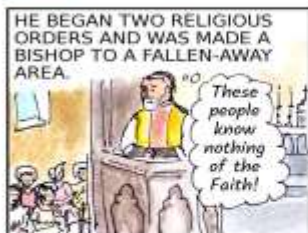
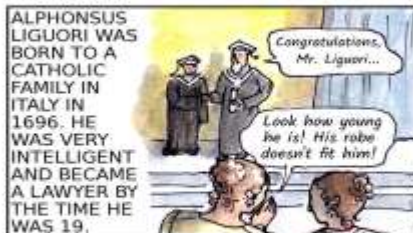
But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it a country with a king and subjects? Well it is, sort of, but you can't see it. Jesus is the King and His people are the people who choose Him as their King. The laws of the kingdom are God's laws, and the enemy is the devil who is trying to take all the souls. Always remember that belonging to God's Kingdom is more important than everything else in your life!



Answers to Cross-word:  
across: 2. judge 4. act 6. who 7. wisdom  
down: 1. how 3. understanding 4. able 5. to  
18. servant 22. numbered 24. king  
10. mere 12. wrong 15. God 17. heart  
18. serve 19. said 20. Lord 21. ask 23. me

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## Saint Alphonsus Liguori August 1

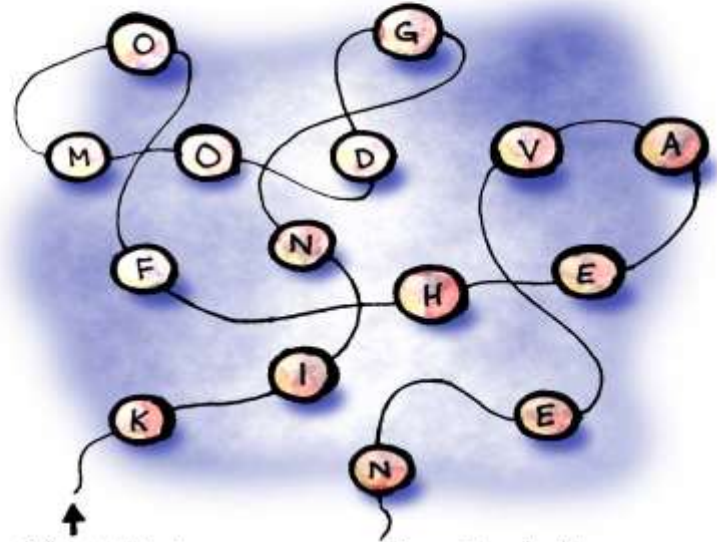


SAINT ALPHONSUS USED HIS INTELLIGENCE TO TEACH THE IGNORANT PEOPLE IN HIS DIOCESE, AND WHEN HE WAS TOO SICK TO PREACH HE WOULD WRITE. GOD HAS GIVEN YOU GIFTS THAT YOU CAN USE TO HELP TEACH OTHERS ABOUT HIM. DON'T LET ANYTHING STOP YOU, JUST LIKE ST. ALPHONSUS DIDN'T!

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# The Kids' Bulletin

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 26th, 2026



What did Jesus say was like a buried treasure or a pearl of great price?

Use the letters on the string of pearls to fill in the blanks and find out!

The \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## King Solomon's Dream Cross-Word

God \_\_\_\_\_ (19d) to the young \_\_\_\_\_ (24a) Solomon in a dream, " \_\_\_\_\_ (21d) \_\_\_\_\_ (23d) for whatever you want me to \_\_\_\_\_ (16d) you."

Solomon knew that he was only a young \_\_\_\_\_ (8d) and couldn't rule God's people without His help. So he said \_\_\_\_\_ (5d) God, "O \_\_\_\_\_ (20d), I am a \_\_\_\_\_ (10a) youth, not knowing \_\_\_\_\_ (1d) to \_\_\_\_\_ (4a). I \_\_\_\_\_ (18d) you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ (22a) or counted. Give your \_\_\_\_\_ (18a), therefore, an \_\_\_\_\_ (3d) \_\_\_\_\_ (17a)

to \_\_\_\_\_ (2a) your people and to distinguish \_\_\_\_\_ (11d) from \_\_\_\_\_ (12a). For \_\_\_\_\_ (6a) is \_\_\_\_\_ (4d) to \_\_\_\_\_ (14d) this vast \_\_\_\_\_ (9d) of yours?"

\_\_\_\_\_ (15a) was pleased with Solomon's request and told him that He would grant him \_\_\_\_\_ (7a) greater than anyone else had ever had or would have.

Use the words from this list to fill in the blanks and figure out the cross-word.

UNDERSTANDING  
ME NUMBERED  
TO SERVANT  
ASK WISDOM  
ACT GOVERN  
GIVE WRONG  
SAID PEOPLE  
GOD JUDGE  
WHO HEART  
MAN RIGHT  
KING SERVE  
HOW LORD  
ABLE MERE

