

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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St. George Deanery



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*Solemnity of the*

## MOST HOLY TRINITY

Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.



## 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.

# 2 FROM THE DESK OF FR. MATT

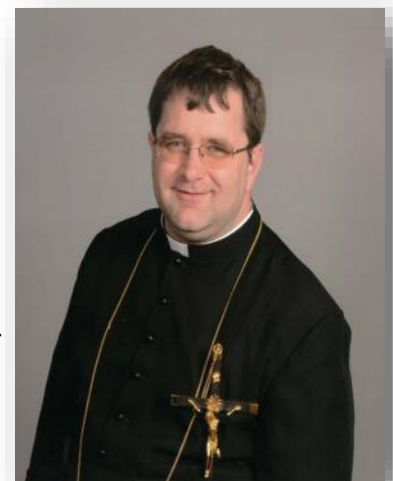
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Important documents that have a lot important legal language in them like banking terms, insurance policies, etc. We all have these documents, how many of us take the time to read them word for word before we sign them? Better yet, how many of us if we read these documents word for word understand the language of these documents? How many of us read these documents get confused by them? I venture to guess most of us would answer no they typically do not read these documents, no they do not understand them word for word, and yes they get confused by these documents. But ironically, we sign these documents anyway. Why? Well, we have a basic understanding of what these documents say, and we trust that they will protect, help and will do for us what we need them to do at the proper times. These important documents remind of our Solemnity today of the Most Holy Trinity.

Today as a church we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. We celebrate and believe that our God who is 100% Father, 100% Son, and 100% Holy Spirit all at the same time and is still one God. Often, when we speak of our family tree and explain that I am part (fill in the name) because my mother was a (fill in the name). In our family tree we speak of the parts that make us up who we are, but our God has three persons yet is one God, our God is one, there is no division/part to our God. How does this work? Theologians throughout the church's history have written countless documents explaining to us how this all works out. They are important documents for us to read, to study, and to try and understand and at the same time they are thick documents to read, they can be confusing, and they can even at times be a little dry. But I think the important thing for us to remember is that the Most Holy Trinity is a mystery which means that we will not ever fully understand. And to explain how the Most Holy Trinity works we can commit an unknown number of heresies.

The point of the Most Holy Trinity is that it consists of three persons Father, Son, and Holy Spirit but we have one God. The most important thing is not about understanding, the most important thing is that we are in relationship with our God. Jesus in our scriptures speaks of the importance of that relationship when he says "that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). In our prayer life we speak to our belief and our relationship in our belief in the Most Holy Trinity, most notably when we make the Sign of the Cross or pray the Glory Be. We even sing praise to the Most Holy Trinity in many of the hymns that we sing, this praise usually is subtly interwoven in last verses of the hymn.

We are called to in relationship with the Most Holy Trinity but I think it is also important to note that we are called to be in right relationship with our God. Our scriptures today speak to this importance Moses says, "If I find favor with you, O Lord do come along in our company" (Exodus 34:9). Paul writes for us to mend our ways "encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you" (2 Corinthians 13:12). We are called to be in right relationship with our God and each other and it is when we are in right relationship that our God is with us. The question for us today is as we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity is how are we doing in our relationship with God and each other? Is there any mending that we need to do in our relationships?



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## ~WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE~

I will be away June 6-8 for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood annual Assembly in Indianapolis. There will be no morning Mass while I am away. We will have a Communion Service on those days. I ask that you hold us in prayer while I am away. Fr. Matt

### MONDAY, JUNE 5 St. Boniface (Nine week in Ordinary Time)

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-Mike Karhoff

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6 St. Norbert

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-Mike Karhoff

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

7:15-7:45am Confessions - cancelled

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Don Inkrott

6:30-7:30pm Adoration

7:00pm-7:30pm Confessions - cancelled

### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-Deacon Don Inkrott

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9 St. Ephrem

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Cyril Kahle

12:00pm Rosary

6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal -Mary Ellen Halker

### SATURDAY, JUNE 10

7:35am Rosary

8:00am For the Poor Souls

8:30am Confessions

1:00pm Wedding Duling/Schroeder

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm L/D Bill & Odelia Schroeder Family, Edna M. Ellerbrock,  
Carol Jean Musser

5:30pm Baptism - Deacon Don Inkrott

### SUNDAY, JUNE 11 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

(Corpus Christi)

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Samantha Nienberg, Maya Schroeder, Thomas Kaufman,  
Allen Schroeder

10:30am L/D Fortman/Meyer families,

L/D James & Alfred Buddelmeyer Families,

L/D Arnold Layer Family, Alfrieda Schroeder,

L/D Laurie Recker Family

1:00pm Baptism- Fr. Matt

## Baptism

Instruction is necessary when this is your first child. To arrange a baptism or register for the parental baptism class, please contact the Parish Office.

## PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS (by Deacon Don) Parish Center

Room 15 9:00am -10:30am

Upcoming classes: September 10, 2023

## Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office six months in advance to start planning your wedding. A marriage preparation class is required.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS 1-DAY CLASS

organized by Dr. Craig and Wendy Imm in the Parish Center Cafeteria  
Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 8:00am

# ABOUT OUR PARISH

## WEEKDAY SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tues	8:00am	No Mass
Wed	8:00am	No Mass
Thur	8:00am	No Mass
Fri	8:00am	Carleigh Maag, Brooke Maag, Mattilyn Maag
Sat	8:00am	Ayvrie Schulte, Chase Maag, Anderson Lammers

Next Sunday, June 11

## SUNDAY SERVERS

Sat 4:30pm Adam Maag, Ross Maag, Austin Koch, Thurifer: Ethan Wise

Sun 8:00am Emma Hoffman, Raiden Schroeder, Tyler Ruhe,  
Thurifer: Hayden Kaufman

Sun 10:30am Jacob Schimmoeller, James Niese, Libbie Niese,  
Thurifer: Grant Schroeder

ATTENTION: New Weekday(next year 6th-8th graders) and Weekend Mass(next year 9th - 12th graders) servers schedules have been sent out if you didn't receive your Server schedule please check your e-mails or our parish website under Ministry Schedules. Thank you very much!

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

## LECTORS

Sat	4:30pm	Mary Ellen Halker	Aubrey Leopold
		Louis Halker	Derek Brown
Sun	8:00am	Tom Schmitz/Deb Burwell	Diane Nienberg
		Gretchen Schmitz	Doug Karhoff
Sun	10:30am	Tara Gerding	Janet Schroeder
		Rose Ellerbrock	Jay Rump

## SUNDAY GIFT BEARERS

Sat 4:30pm Dale & Ruth Gerding

Sun 8:00am Bob & Vicki Brickner

Sun 10:30am Jr & Sarah Kreinbrink

## JUNE USHERS

Sat 4:30pm Roger Koch, Logan Koch, Connor Koch

Sun 8:00am Mark Maag, Alan Wrasman

Sun 10:30am Barry Maag, Ken Horstman

## COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 2

ATTENTION: Revised Counters schedules have been sent out if you didn't receive your Counter schedule please check your e-mails or our parish website under Ministry Schedules. Thank you very much!

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Henry & Jane Kaufman and Sharon Meyer

JUNE FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Helen & Leon Meyer,

Rose Ann & Kenneth Kaufman, Alice Swetland, Virgil & Mary Lou Rieman,  
Henry & Jane Kaufman

## SACRAMENTS

### Reconciliation (Confession)

Wednesday 7:15am -7:45am, 7:00-7:30pm

Friday 7:15am-7:45am

Saturday 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 6:30pm-7:30pm 1st Saturday 5:30pm - 8:00am

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

### Holy Orders and Religious Life

Contact the vocation office at the Toledo Diocese at 419-244-6711 or e-mail psmith@toledodiocese.org or contact the vocation office at the Missionaries of the Precious Blood 937-228-9263 or e-mail vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org.

# 4 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP May 28, 2023

### Offering

Loose	\$ 866.00
Adult Envelope	\$ 6,980.42
Children	\$ 188.00
Maintenance	\$ 246.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,290.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$10,620.42</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.stjohnsglandorf.org](http://www.stjohnsglandorf.org)

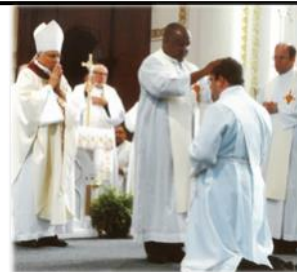
**Heartbeat** needs size 2 and size 4 Pampers or Huggies, bath towels for babies, girls size 3T summer clothes, boys size 6/9m summer clothes, nursing/breast pads, Baby wash

**Ottawa Food Pantry** needs the following items crackers (any type), Peanut Butter, Boxed Potatoes, Salad dressings, boxed dinners, Box Pancake mix, canned potatoes, mayonnaise, can pasta, cream corn, dry beans, noodles, fresh style green beans, snacks (chips, nuts, cookies), toilet paper

*Happy Anniversary !  
on your 5th year  
of Priesthood*

*Fr. Matt*

*June 9, 2023.*



God has used his good graces to send you to St. John's. Thank you for yielding to the Lord and for serving his purpose. May the Lord keep honoring you and grant you great grace for all that you do. St. John's parish wishes you many more fruitful years in the vineyard of the Lord!

### Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Andrea L Everman 6/5/00   | Joan C Kaufman 6/8/97     |
| Omer V Recker 6/5/15      | Richard F Kiene 6/8/00    |
| Cletus A Schroeder 6/5/20 | Odelia E Schroeder 6/8/07 |
| Otto R Pothast 6/7/83     | Ina I Kleman 6/8/10       |
| Clara E Siefker 6/7/87    | Velma Utendorf 6/9/96     |
| Elizabeth L Black 6/7/15  | Donald J Dickman 6/10/05  |
| Alfred B Maag 6/8/81      |                           |
| Donald J Dickman 6/10/05  |                           |

## 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.

**Norman Deters**  
**JoAnn Maag**

### WEDDING BANN

**BANN III- Madison Duling** of this parish, daughter of Nicholas and Gayle Duling & **Andrew Schroeder** of St. Peter and Paul, son of Joseph and Kimberly Schroeder

**BANN I - Mariah Schroeder** of this parish, daughter of Roger and Gayle Duling & Nathan Arrington of this parish, son of **Jeff and Jill Arrington**

### NEWLY BAPTIZED

**Lyla Jean**, Daughter of Derek and Jamie Ebbeskotte  
**Carver Jones**, Son of Kyle and Rachel Hall

## 2023 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

*This Is The Day!* Through our contributions, we can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our diocese each year, including supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy, and providing faith formation for our youth. We ask you once again for your help. Please respond generously. For more information, visit [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org). Thank you!

**Our goal this year is \$46,479.00.**

**We currently pledged \$36,167.54 81.04% of goal .**

### THANK YOU

- Thank you for the generous donations to our CCD program in memory of Evelyn Palte.

### HOUSEKEEPING

Some parishioners are receiving fake emails from Fr. Matt and other staff members. We just wanted to inform you. Please look at the email address from who is sending the email and if suspicious do not click on anything and then block that email address. Thank you!



**CONGRATULATIONS  
ON YOUR 50th  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!**

**GARY AND KATHY MOENING**

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
ALL SCHOOL MASS!



Elementary and Jr High  
School Corner



THANK YOU  
TEACHERS!



We love our CCD Teachers!  
We held a fun day to show them how much we appreciate all they do for our Parish, our Families and our Children! If you see any of them please be sure to thank them!

We gave thanks to God for a successful school year and all the learning and blessings given to us this year. Go out this summer and live out the mission with Jesus to spread His Kingdom here on earth by loving and serving God through others. Have a safe, relaxing, and faith filled school year!

Would you like to be involved in youth activities at our Parish?

Please join us  
Tuesday, June 13th  
7-9pm

**WHO:**

In the Parish Center Cafeteria

Incoming 7th -12th grade parents (Please bring your child with you as we would like their ideas - this group is theirs - us parents are here to help them plan and implement the events they would like to do to grow in faith together and live their faith out in the world).

**TOPICS INCLUDED:**

We will be creating committees and begin planning how to implement the following ....

- 1) 5th Quarter (after some football games - pizza & gathering at the Parish Center)
- 2) Service Projects - for the kids to live their faith out in the community
- 3) Activities (come up with a monthly activity for the youth to build community with one another)
- 4) Youth led Mass with Contemporary Christian/Catholic music - liturgically appropriate

All of these ideas are in the very beginning stages of planning and we would love your help!

*Thank you so much!!*



Our 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation of  
Bishop Robert Barron's DVD series  
"THE MASS" starts

Monday June 5, Tuesday June 6, and ends  
Wednesday June 7  
ROOM 22, 7:00-8:30pm  
ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTER.

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist. "THE MASS" will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

**Parents while your Kids are at VBS here's  
your chance to take in a great video series on the Mass.**

**All Adults are welcomed!**

## PARISH CENTER ACTIVITIES

Every Second Sunday of the Month

June 11, 2023



GRAND-ORF CLUB

Only drawing by Mary and Clete Birkemeier due to fresh whole hog sausage breakfast



LENDING LIBRARY

located in Room 15 after 8:00am and 10:30am Masses

PARISH MUSEUM



Visitation Hours

from 9:00am—12:00pm

Located in Hallway. For visitors outside of the scheduled time, please contact Michael Leach 419-538-6948.

St. John's Historical Society

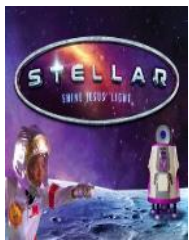
**SOULCORE**  
BODY MIND SOUL



**Summer Soulcore Session Beginning June 3rd**: Join Chris Schroeder for a summer session to nourish body, mind & soul with a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. No fitness level, age or experience required. All are welcome! **Registration required!**

Call Chris at #419-230-2953 to sign-up and for additional information

(NOTE: there is a location change from previous sessions.)



## VBS shirt PICK-UP

Sunday, June 4th,  
in the Parish Center cafeteria.

All students, volunteers, crew leaders and station leader need to pick up their T-shirts. Any t-shirt not picked up will be available the first evening of VBS, Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your help with this process!

## CLC PIZZA PARTY AND MEETING

June 14, 2023

6:00pm

Parish Center Cafeteria



Rosary for recently deceased members. Pizza & chicken chunks, drinks.  
Short meeting followed by cards.

**COME JOIN US!**



## THE MEN'S SOCIETY FATHER/SON BREAKFAST

will be held Sunday, July 16th in the old Glandorf gym between 8:00am and 10:30am masses. There will be a guest speaker, prizes, and food provided.

We welcome all parish men to join us.

## INSPIRING TRIP

July 31-August 2, 2023 to the following locations:

July 31: Notre Dame: Mass at the Sacred Heart Basilica preceded by guided tour

August 1: Lacrosse, Wisconsin: Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, veneration of St. Alphonsus Liguori relics, guided tour of the grounds

August 2: Peoria, Illinois: Tour Archbishop Fulton Sheen's museum, tomb & Mass

Cost is: \$425 Double reservations: \$530 Single reservations. Cost covers 2-night hotel stay, meals, snacks, water, bus transportation, driver's tip, stipends at churches and shrine.

Sign up at the Mustard Seed by June 20. Contact Connie Dehnart 567/376-0809 for further details.

## WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH YOUR PARISH AND BECOME AN EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR A LECTOR

We are looking for new people to help with these ministries. If you are interested and want more information, please call or email the office. We would love to hear from you!

# *Corpus Christi Sunday*

## *Celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ*

When: Sunday, June 11th immediately following 10:30 am Mass there will be a Eucharistic Procession to the Marian Shrine with Adoration and Benediction then we will process back to the Church.

Who: All are invited!

Our 1st Communicants are invited to be a part of this procession. They will have Reserved seating up front, Girls on Mary side, Boys on St. Joseph side. There will be bows where the children are sitting. Note this is a change.  
Parents please sit behind your children

This will start the parish year of The National Eucharistic Revival which is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. go to [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

Top off your morning by joining us for a Whole Hog Sausage Breakfast in the Parish Center

# Fresh Whole-Hog Sausage Breakfast

**Sunday, June 11th, 9:00 – 1:00**

***At the Glandorf St. John's  
Parish Hall***

*Free Will Donations to benefit the  
Ohio Right to Life Ballot Initiative*

*Dine in, carry out, or drive thru*

*Organized by the St. John's Outreach Group*

The State of Ohio is attempting to amend its constitution to guarantee abortion in the state. The proposed amendment will upend parental rights and allow minors to receive abortions and undergo gender transitions WITHOUT parental consent or notification. The proposed amendment is entitled "The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety." The pro-choice groups have until July 5th to obtain over 400,000 signatures from Ohio voters in order for the amendment to appear on the ballot in November 2023. All donations raised will go to the Ohio Right to Life in order to fight against this proposed amendment and to educate Ohio voters. Please see [protectwomenohio.com](https://protectwomenohio.com) for more information regarding this amendment. Thank you for your prayers and donations to fight this bill!



# Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio

A Catholic perspective on the proposed constitutional amendment to expand and enshrine abortion in our state.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING?

A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women. As Catholics, we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust, and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of all life.

## WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2023 ballot. More informational resources are coming, but in the meantime:

- Decline to sign any petition to put this amendment on the November ballot
- Pray, Learn, and Volunteer by visiting the "Protect Them Both" resource center at [www.ohiocathconf.org/protect](http://www.ohiocathconf.org/protect)



**PROTECT  
THEM BOTH**



## OUR CONCERNS

**1 PUTS WOMEN AT RISK**

**2 ENDANGERS  
PREBORN CHILDREN**

**3 ENABLES THOSE WHO  
PRESSURE WOMEN**

*See Back for Details* 

# Where Does the Amendment Say That?

## 1 PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

- Vague language would challenge any attempt to regulate who could perform an abortion and the standards of care required
- Could eliminate current safety standards, such as the presence of a licensed physician and assurance of hospital access in an emergency

The State shall not... interfere with...an individual's [abortion]... unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means

## 2 ENDANGERS PREBORN CHILDREN

- Would force Ohio to abandon protections enacted for preborn children with a detectable heartbeat
- Permits abortions at any time in pregnancy; a clinician could justify a woman's anxiety or depression as a reason for late-term abortion

...in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health

## 3 ENABLES THOSE WHO PRESSURE WOMEN INTO ABORTIONS

- Majority of women who have had an abortion report "high levels of pressure" to seek the abortion+
- Anyone who transports, counsels, or pressures a woman into an abortion, including abusers, traffickers, and negligent clinicians, would be protected by law
- Parents would no longer need to give consent or even be informed if their minor is seeking an abortion, removing their ability to report suspected abuse of their daughter

The State shall not... penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against... A person or entity that assists an individual [to get an abortion]

PARENTS?

- 1. Includes minors - no parental consent needed.
- 2. Wide open - can cover sex-change surgeries and more.

FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Be it Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio that Article I of the Ohio Constitution is amended to add the following Section:

Article I, Section 22. The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

A. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on:

- 1. contraception;
- 2. fertility treatment;
- 3. continuing one's own pregnancy;
- 4. miscarriage care; and
- 5. abortion.

AKA: UNREGULATED ABORTION

Fear-Mongering

care through & after miscarriage has & always will be legal

B. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either:

- 1. An individual's voluntary exercise of this right or
- 2. A person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
- 3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health

by precedent, this is not just physical health, but also emotional, financial, & much more

C. As used in this Section:

- 1. "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis."
- 2. "State" includes any governmental entity and any political subdivision.

D. This Section is self-executing.

Thus: if you sign, babies could be killed LEGALLY during ALL 9 MONTHS of pregnancy.

COERCION  
Anyone who coerces a girl into abortion would be protected by law

The abortionist can be that physician!

A PRAYER TO SAY TO STOP THIS ATTEMPT TO ADMENDMENT THE OHIO CONSTITUTION

Prayer 2 Chronicles 7:14 at 7:14 AM and 7:14PM every day

If my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heave and pardon their sins and revive their land.

# Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



## “What does the Eucharist mean to me?”

That was the question posed for school age youth this past October, when our Diocesan Department of Catholic Education asked principals, teachers, directors of religious education and catechists to invite and encourage all parishioners in grades K-12, including all students in Catholic schools, in parish religious education programs, and homeschoolers throughout the Diocese of Toledo, to participate in a diocesan wide contest as part of this diocesan year of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Our children and young people throughout our 19 counties were invited to reflect on and answer the question, “What does the Eucharist mean to me?” by writing an essay of one thousand words or less, or by creating an original piece of art, music, poetry, or short video. The responses were overwhelming! Over 500 students participated either individually or as part of a small group by submitting creative entries which included wonderful videos, innovative works of art (including paintings, drawings and sculpture), inspiring poems, and many heartfelt reflections about their experience of the Lord in the Eucharist. Their works captured what the Eucharist means to them! Their works are an inspiring testimony to their faith in and love for Jesus!

The students’ entries were divided into age groups: primary students (kindergarten to second grade),

intermediate students (third to fifth grade), middle school students (sixth to eighth grade), and high school students (ninth to twelfth grade). The multimedia projects or essay projects were judged based on their creativity, content, and aesthetics. It was a very challenging process to determine three finalists in each category to be recognized for their outstanding work, but with the help of multiple “graders” from the Catholic Education Department, Mrs. Pat Odey-Murray, the Chair of our Diocesan National Eucharistic Revival Team, and yours truly, every one of the submissions were reviewed and appreciated.



On May 4, 2023, in a special evening event, we honored the three finalists in each category, and their families by inviting them for a tour of Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, followed by a pizza party in the Monsignor Bernard E. Smith Auditorium celebrating their work, and the announcement of the winners. Every finalist received an age-appropriate book about Blessed Carlo Acutis, young patron of the National Eucharistic Revival. Third place winners also received a holy water font, second place winners also received a Diocesan rosary blessed by Pope Francis, and first place winners also received a framed image of the Eucharistic Revival Logo or of the Lord’s Supper, together with a modest monetary gift.

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Madi, a senior from Bishop Hoffman Catholic School, was the grand prize winner. Her vibrant painting is featured here, and she also took home a hand-painted plaster relief of the Last Supper to celebrate her splendid depiction! It was truly an evening of palpable Easter Joy!



To view the finalists' entries and others from around the Diocese, visit [toledodiocese.org/eucharist](https://toledodiocese.org/eucharist) and look for other students' work on our Diocesan social media pages.

The winners of the contest include the following young people from across our diocese:

#### Multimedia Project Winners

- Primary (Grades K-2): 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Abigail, Grade 2, St. Rose Parish School, Perrysburg; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Second Grade Parish School of Religion, Holy Trinity Parish, Bucyrus; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Caleb, Kindergarten, St. Michael, Findlay.
- Intermediate (Grades 3-5): 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Grade 4 Class, St. Mary Parish School, Edgerton; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Grade 4 Class, Immaculate Conception Parish School, Port Clinton; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Libby, Grade 3, Tiffin Calvert School.
- Middle School (Grades 6-8): 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Aliyah, Grade 8, St. Aloysius Parish School, Bowling Green; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Grade 6, St. Charles Parish School, Lima; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Charli, Grade 8, St. Rose Parish School, Perrysburg.
- High School (Grades 9-12): 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Madi, Grade 12, Bishop Hoffman Catholic School, Fremont; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Scott, Grade 11, Resurrection Parish,

Lexington; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Aniyah, Grade 10, St. John the Evangelist, Defiance.

#### Essay Project Winners

- Intermediate (Grades 3-5): 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ryder, Grade 3, St. Mary Parish School, VanWert; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ivy, Grade 3, Tiffin Calvert School; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Devon, Grade 4, Divine Mercy Parish School, Paulding.
- Middle School (Grades 6-8): 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ella, Grade 7, St. Joseph Parish School, Maumee; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Simon, Grade 6, Divine Mercy Parish School, Paulding; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Evelyn, Grade 6, Sandusky Central Catholic
- High School (Grades 9-12): 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Zac, Grade 12, Lima Central Catholic; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Megan, Grade 11, Sandusky Central Catholic; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Emma, Grade 10, Lima Central Catholic.

As you can see, the winners are representative of every area of our diocese, and I could not be more delighted by their participation, and by the encouragement and interest given by their parents and guardians, their teachers and principals, their catechists, their parish families. Kudos and congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the young people who participated!

For me, participating in the judging process was not only an inspiring and life giving exercise, but a source of grace as I was privileged to see, from the perspective of our children and young people, what they believe about the Holy Eucharist, not "what" but "who" they receive, and a source of pride in their witness to us of the simplicity and depth of their belief in the Body and Blood of the Lord!

With this column, while I'm not inviting you to submit an entry for a contest, I am inviting you to take time to reflect on that same question, not in paint or essay or video, but in your heart, mind and soul! I pray your responses, while they won't be winning any prizes, may lead to a deeper understanding of, love for, and living out of the Holy Eucharist. Ask yourself the question: "What does the Eucharist mean to me?" Here's hoping your response will be as inspiring, as genuine and as joyful as those of our young people!

*+ Daniel E. Thomas*

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
May 12, 2023



The Year of Parish Revival will kick off on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, which we celebrate on June 11 this year. As we prepare for this second phase of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival, we invite you to join us in praying a Corpus Christi novena. This novena will begin the Friday before the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 2, and conclude the Saturday before the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ,



June 10. [https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/corpus-christi-](https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/corpus-christi-novena-2023?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Looking+back+with+gratitude+on+Year+One%21&utm_campaign=HRN+6%2F1%2F23&vgo_ee=DfMeHOxZhB6K4%2BeOse2QWzwFlogbnV%2BRnjxcmMp82PCmb%2FndqhS2QDI%3D%3A4GR7OFalnwEZGlyZoarVcRWmJE46n5mN)

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**YCP TOLEDO Presents**  
AN EXECUTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION ON  
**PRUDENCE**  
The prudence of creating a work/life balance:  
How to combat burnout in our work and faith lives


Wednesday, June 7, 2023 // 7pm - 9pm  
St. Michael's Parish in Findlay, Ohio  
<https://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/chapter/toledo>

### Rediscovering Joy: A Group for Widows and Widowers

will hold their next meeting on Monday, June 12, 2023 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. The group meets on the second Monday of every month at the R & R Fabrications, Inc meeting room located at 601 E. Washington Street in St. Henry. The entrance is on the west side of the R & R Fabrications building, off of Linn St. Our guest speaker in May will be Mary Zahn from Coldwater Creek Alpacos. In addition to the monthly meetings, the group also offers a variety of social outings for members. In June, the group will be touring the Mercer County Court House. For more information, please call or text Helen at 419-852-3338 or Judy at 419-733-5629. New members are always welcome.

### THE FRIENDS OF THE PUTNAM DISTRICT LIBRARY

will be holding their Annual Used Book and Attic Treasures Sale plus DVD's and Records on Tuesday, June 6 and Wednesday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Ottawa Elementary Gym at 123 Putnam Parkway. All books and Attic Treasures donations may be dropped off at school Saturday, June 3 and Monday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



### Putnam County Shred-A-Thon

Wednesday, June 14, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to Noon  
Putnam County Council on Aging  
1425 E. Fourth Street, Ottawa

Open to individual community members.  
In honor of Elder Abuse Awareness Day, any individual living in the community is invited to drive-thru and dispose of any personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts, or any other paper materials that might contain personal information.  
We will be unable to accommodate shredding for businesses or other commercial use.





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The Retrouvaille Program is for Married Couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship  
**A weekend has been scheduled for the Northwest Ohio Chapter!**  
**July 14<sup>th</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Francis Spirituality Center 200 St. Francis Ave**  
**Tiffin, OH 44883**  
**Register at <https://helpourmarriage.org>**  
**Contact email: [NWOHio@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:NWOHio@helpourmarriage.org) Or call: 419-481-1116**

### Pro-Life Town Hall Meeting To Defeat Ohio's Pro-Abortion Constitutional Amendment

Wednesday, June 7, 2023  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
The Chandelier,  
151 S. Washington St  
Tiffin, Ohio



**3 Presenters, 3 sessions, Question/Answers**  
**This pro-death initiative puts all decisions on abortion, transgender and other life issues in the hands of the doctor and the individual, with no parental rights over their children nor legal protection. We must be informed on the hidden agenda of this initiative.**


**Learn how to defend our life and family values. FREE TO ALL!**

### SAVE THE DATE

Join the Diocese of Toledo's Pilgrimage to the 2024 National March for Life!  
January 18th-20th, 2024




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HOW TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT

Go to [FORMED.org](http://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](http://FORMED.org). Click Sign In - upper right corner Have questions? Call 419-890-3724



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