

# 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 Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate the mystery that for forty days after Jesus's resurrection he appeared to the apostles speaking about the kingdom of God. In our scriptures today we hear that just before Jesus ascended, he commissions the disciples to go out and baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19) and to make disciples. Jesus commissions the disciples to carry on his mission.

Jesus commissioning the disciples as he ascends reminds me of a relay race. More specifically, a particular moment in a relay race where one runner has completed running their phase of the race and places the baton in the next runner's hands so they can run the next phase of the race. In this split-second moment in the race, you might not see with the naked eye, but a camera can capture the moment two runners' hands are on the baton briefly running together. This brief moment reminds me of the ascension. The next runner receiving the baton into his or her hand and taking off running goal is either to run their phase as fast they can then pass the baton to the next runner or run as fast as they can to the finish line. As Jesus completes his phase of the race and places the baton into the apostles', into our hands. Our finish line is heaven. Between ascension and heaven, we are to baptize and make disciples.

Baptizing would seem to be relatively easier you pour water over the candidate for baptism three times saying, 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit'. It is measurable over past year in Glandorf we baptized at total of 44 people. Making disciples on the other hand would seem to be a little more challenging. Fr. James Mallon defines "To be a disciple is to be a learner. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to be engaged in a lifelong process of learn from and about Jesus the master, Jesus the teacher". To become a disciple of Jesus Christ or making disciples of Jesus Christ is something that is chosen. Our effort to make disciples involves hearts and we cannot always see what is going on in someone's heart. Making disciples often means providing the materials, planting the seeds but not getting to see the finished product or harvest. And when we do not the fruits from our efforts at times this can be discouraging.

I am reminded of the runners in the relay race, particularly the first runner and all the other runners who do not run anchor (the runner that runs the last phase of the race), they do not see the finish line. But they run their phase of the race anyway, the best that they can and then they pass baton onto the next runner and they have faith and trust that the next runners will take it the rest of the way to the finish line. Like the runners in the race, we baptize, and we strive to make disciples with faith and trust that those lives that we touch will make it to the finish line.



## 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:

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 - 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, MAY 18~St. John I

7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Communion Service

TUESDAY, MAY 19

8:15am Rosary  
**8:00am** Ruth Ellerbrock, L/D Ellerbrock/Recker Families--  
**change**

7:00pm -7:45pm Thurifer Training

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20~St. Bernardine

7:15am-7:45am Confession  
7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Angela Maag, L/D Mel Hovest Family,  
Brother Jerry Schulte  
6:00pm-6:30pm 8th Grade Graduation Prayer Service

6:30pm-7:30pm Adoration

7:00-7:30pm Confessions

THURSDAY, MAY 21~St. Christopher

8:15am Rosary  
**8:00am** L/D Felix Fenbert Family-**ALL SCHOOL MASS**  
**Last Day of School**

FRIDAY, MAY 22~St. Rita

7:15am-7:45am Confessions  
7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Linda Tuttle, L/D Bill & Jeanne Luttfing Family  
12:00pm Rosary

SATURDAY, MAY 23

7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Don Strauer  
8:30am Confessions  
4:00pm Confessions  
4:30pm Don Riepenhoff, Doris Karhoff (AN),  
L/D Dick & Dorothy Ellerbrock Family, Joyce Smith,  
L/D Robert & Alice Schroeder Family,  
L/D Jerome & Alma Schmitz

SUNDAY, MAY 24~Pentecost Sunday

7:35am Rosary  
8:00am Zac Cassidy, Esther Schroeder, Paul Cassidy  
10:30am Sam & Anne Schroeder, Frances Spangler  
11:30am Baptism

SERVERS

Mon	8:00am	No Mass
Tue	8:00am	Roger Schroeder, Eddie Duling
Wed	8:00am	Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram
Thurs	8:00am	Students
Fri	8:00am	Alex Duling, Leann Haselman, Luke Haselman, Lincoln Kahle
Sat	8:00am	Chase Ellerbrock, Eli Imm, Audrey Imm, Caroline Imm
Sat	4:30pm	Will Faber, Carson Faber, Royce Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Kamryn Schroeder, Ella Schroeder, Jade Sarka
Sun	10:30am	Abby Recker, Caleb Pulfer, James Niese

**Weekday servers will begin serving on Friday, May 22nd. Please refer to the weekday server schedule that was emailed earlier this week.**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

Sat	4:30pm	Doug Karhoff Mary Rose Ellerbrock	Doug Karhoff Mary Rose Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Deb Schroeder Deb Burwell	Connie Cassidy Sharon Meyer
Sun	10:30am	Rose Warnecke Gene Warnecke Jason Millier-Choir	Tim Hansen Jeanne Schram

GIFT BEARERS - To sign up for a Mass click link below  
<https://tinyurl.com/3uzy8vuj> 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



MAY USHERS

Sat	4:30pm	Kevin Ellerbrock, Alex Ellerbrock
Sun	8:00am	Bart Recker, Ken Kottenbrock
Sun	10:30am	Dennis Dulle, Mike Stechschulte

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 8

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Ginny Schroeder, Karen Parker

MAY FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Deb & Joe Schroeder, Michelle Horstman, Alice Diemer, Jerry & Rachel Recker

**Eucharistic Adoration in June**

NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH JESUS EVERY HOUR!

**SCHEDULE**

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:30-7:30PM

FIRST FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH 1:00-4:00PM CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION

FIRST SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH AND 7TH AFTER 4:30PM MASS UNTIL 8:00AM ON SUNDAY MORNING.

HOLY HOUR 9:00AM-10:00AM CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION AT 9:55AM THEME: TBD

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

ADORATION ON FIRST FRIDAY: <https://tinyurl.com/3tdas9vb>

ADORATION ON FIRST SATURDAY: <https://tinyurl.com/yxks8pb>

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

**ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS, EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ADULT, 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADE SERVERS**

On **Tuesday, May 19th**, Mass will be changed to **8:00 a.m.** Since students will not be attending Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday, we will need weekday lectors, extraordinary ministers, and adult servers.

The final All School Mass will be held on **Thursday, May 21st at 8:00 a.m.**

Beginning **Friday, May 22nd**, the Summer Mass Schedule will begin and all weekday Masses will be celebrated at **8:00 a.m.** Since school will not be in session, weekday lectors and extraordinary ministers will again be needed.

Weekday servers will begin serving on Friday, May 22nd. Please refer to the weekday server schedule that was emailed earlier this week.

**Thank you for your willingness to serve our parish!**

# 4 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP		May 10, 2026
<u>Offering</u>		
Loose	\$	968.00
Adult Envelope	\$	7,064.00
Children	\$	159.00
Maintenance	\$	765.00
Online Offering	\$	1,679.00
Online Maintenance	\$	181.00
PreSchool	\$	190.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,006.00</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.stjohnsglandorf.org](http://www.stjohnsglandorf.org)

## NEED YOUR HELP

**HEARTBEAT:** Boys and Girls: Pull Ups Sizes: 2T/3T and 3T/4T, Summer sleepers Sizes 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months, 12-18 months, 3T and 4T, Baby bath/wash, Baby shampoo, Baby powder, Baby Lotion, Diaper rash ointment, Child toothbrushes.

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: Pancake Mix and syrup, Canned Potatoes, Cream Style Corn, Boxed Potatoes. Place item in box in North vestibule of Church. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:** The Food Pantry is at Trinity United Missionary Church. Glandorf St. John's months are April & October. Each month we provide help for food distribution. April dates are Monday, April 13th (set up day) April 14th (distribution day) and Monday, April 27th & Tuesday, April 28. Questions or you plan on helping call or text Marlene 419-303-6531.



## 2026 GRAND-orf Club

**May 500.00 winners** are: Jeff Schram and Dan Klear. **CONGRATULATIONS and Thank you for supporting our Parish Center!** The next drawing will be **June 14, 2026** by **Kristen & Craig Duling**. No Coffee and Donuts, due to an Outreach Breakfast. Extra tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules.

## Please Include them in your prayers

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 ....

JOAN LEHMAN

### NEWLY WED

John & Laren(Siefker) Karhoff

### BANNS

II Taylor Schroeder, of this parish, daughter of Phil & Jodi Schroeder & Kaiden Rader, son of Gary & Heather Rader

## Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Loretta M Gerdeman 5/17/08	Charles H Schmitz 5/22/00
Dana K Vorst 5/18/22	Marie M Duling 5/22/01
Charles J Gillette 5/18/25	Charles P Kiene 5/22/13
Amy E Heebsh 5/19/25	Francis C Tobe 5/22/21
Mary Ann Schroeder 5/19/25	Karen S Rieman 5/23/05
	William L Best 5/23/16

Deacon Evan Sekerak was ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Meet the newest transitional deacon of the Diocese of Toledo!



## Deacon Evan Sekerak

My name is Evan Sekerak, from St. Aloysius in Bowling Green. Growing up, my parents showed my younger sister, brother, and me that faith is always a priority no matter where the military moved us, including the gift of now twenty years of Catholic education. Everywhere we lived, we found ourselves at home by jumping wholly into parish life. My father's last assignment brought us back to Ohio, our families' home and Bowling Green, where it began. Here, my thoughts about the priesthood and my faith in general took more shape through the diocese's discernment groups and retreats and attending ordinations since 2006.

I attended Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School and then made the 1,000+ mile trip to the University of Mary in North Dakota to study engineering. After a year, I switched my major to philosophy as God's call to enter the seminary became clearer. In the spring of 2020, I applied and was accepted to enter the seminary for the Diocese of Toledo. I spent two years at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit before arriving to my current home at Mount St. Mary's in Cincinnati.

The example of holiness and presence of the priests from all the places we lived was a great witness that I believe planted the seeds of my vocation. So many were encouraging and took time from their busy days to foster my prayer, discernment, and zeal. I am also grateful for the prayers and support from so many across the diocese where I have served and who I have not yet met. Please continue to pray for all of our seminarians as we discern and are formed to be the men and priests to make Christ present as He so wishes to be.

*Please keep our newest transitional deacon and all seminarians in your prayers!*

## Why a Eucharistic Procession?

"In processions in which the Eucharist is carried through the streets in a solemn rite with signing, the Christian people bear public witness of faith and devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament". When we participate in Eucharistic Procession that takes us outside our church doors out into the streets, we are publicly saying that we believe this truly is the Body, Blood, Soul, and divinity Jesus Christ. "Among Eucharistic processions, the one that customarily takes place every year on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood" (traditionally called Corpus Christi) can truly be a sign of common faith and adoration.

## Catechism Corner

### May, the Month of Mary

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary began centuries ago. The Catholic Church honors Mary, the mother of God, the entire month, not just one day. This May, look for ways to cultivate a relationship with Our Mother Mary. Here are seven unique ways you can honor Mary in your life and in your home.



1. **Pray:** The most well-known prayer for Mary is the Hail Mary. Praying the Rosary means we contemplate the life of Jesus and ask Mary to intercede on our behalf. It is a beautiful devotion and commitment that has been given to us directly from Mary. Since Mary does the will of the Father, and she asks us to pray the rosary, it stands to reason this is also the Father's will – that we pray the rosary daily. Ask Mary for her prayers and intercession by including the Hail Mary or another Marian prayer into your daily prayer time.

2. **Reflect:** Read a book about Mary. Deepen your relationship with her by reading a Marian book as a prayer. While reading, play music and fill your room with beautiful sounds to honor Our Blessed Mother.

3. **Garden:** Plant a Mary Garden. This tradition began centuries ago in Europe where missionaries joined in a collective effort to plant gardens with plants named after Mary. Use a statue of Mary as your focal point and begin planting around it. Consider making a list of your favorite Mary flowers and take the time to learn about their name and meaning. A few floral options for your garden could include:

- Marigold: "Mary's gold," which Christians used to offer Mary instead of coins.
- Rosemary: "Mary" is in the name!
- Bleeding Heart: Mary's heart was pierced.
- Lily of the Valley: also known as "Our Lady's Tears."

After planting your flowers, choose some selections to add personal meaning, such as painted rocks, pinwheels or stepping stones and watch your garden bloom!

4. **Create:** Create something in honor of Mary, such as a painting, a prayer shawl, or something hand-made that you can incorporate into your home's décor. Another creative idea is to do a May crowning. If you have a garden, pick flowers, arrange them into a floral crown and sing songs in honor of Mary.

5. **Study:** Deepen your relationship with Mary by studying her presence in the Bible. She is not a woman of many words, but what she does speak is powerful. Read these verses to understand their deeper meaning. What can you learn from Mary and how can you make it applicable in your own life?

Scripture to check out: Luke 1:38 (Faith of Mary), Luke 1:29- 2:19, 2:5 (Strengths of Mary), John 2:5 and Matthew 1:24, 2:14 (Humility of Mary)

6. **Celebrate:** Celebrate Our Lady with a delicious family Marian-themed meal. Since the herb rosemary is associated with Mary, bake a rosemary chicken meal and a Bundt cake formed in the shape of a crown with roses on the top. The crown-shaped, colorful dessert will remind you of Mary's queenship.

7. **Practice Charity for the Love of Mary:** Select a day in May and do a kind deed for another. Remember to pray for those who are struggling today and ask Our Lady to pray for them.

We love and honor Mary because Jesus loved and honored Mary. Jesus gave her to be our Mother as one of His most honored gifts. Take Mary into your home and heart this May and beyond. *Source: Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land [www.ffhl.org/seven-ways-to-honor-mary-in-may](http://www.ffhl.org/seven-ways-to-honor-mary-in-may)*

## JOINT PARISH AND FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS APRIL 14, 2026

### Ground Committee Updates

Gutters on Church: One comprehensive quote was received from Cincinnati company including: new gutters, 5 ft. of slate, tuck pointing, sealing and steeple for approx. \$567K. Two additional quotes are pending. Internal repairs will also be necessary once the outside issue is resolved. Discussion was had to make it one large church project including the outside, wall repair on the inside and new carpet in the church as that is almost 34 years old.

Tuckpointing Only-Schroeder Masonry provided a quote for approx. \$30,000. Discussion was held on whether that would be beneficial due to the contributing gutter issue.

Spring Clean-up on Church grounds will be led by Julie Roof.

### Mustard Seed:

Main Floor is complete, the second-floor meeting spaces and replacement windows are on hold to allow our focus to be on the store and getting it up and running. The Mustard Seed at St. Johns only operates on the first floor now.

### Corpus Christi

Council assistance needed with set-up on June 6<sup>th</sup> and at the event on June 7<sup>th</sup>; including providing dessert-similar to Eucharistic Day help by both councils.

### New Members and Voting

Council to explore moving forward without the ballot with the individuals who agreed participate:

Parish Council: Chris Meyer, Roger Koch, Amber Laudick

Finance Council: Blake Walker, Jennifer Horstman  
Council will confirm participation with the candidates.

### New Business

Limited participation with the Youth Group was noted. Discussion was held around increasing youth engagement in the parish. Focus groups, surveys and discussion with youth and parents are considerations for learning more.



# JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup>

## Corpus Christi and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cornerstone of St. John's Church!



## SATURDAY. JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>

**Preparing Sidewalks for Jesus:** All youth (K-12<sup>th</sup> gr) are invited to help draw and chalk color the chosen designs that will adorn the sidewalks for the procession. Enjoy a potluck dinner afterwards! **Time:** 5:30 pm

## SUNDAY. JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>



**Worship Jesus at Mass:** Come hear the Word of God and receive His Precious Body and Blood at the 4:30pm (Sat.), 8:00 am or 10:30 am Sunday Masses!

**Procession:** Immediately after the 10:30 am Mass, there will be an Eucharistic Procession to the Marian Shrine, concluding with Benediction. **All Servers** are encouraged to come honor Jesus by escorting Him to the Shrine. **All First Communicants and Little Flowers Girls Club** are invited to wear their special attire! **All parishioners are invited** to give Christ's Precious Body and Blood great honor!



**Meal:** After the procession there will be a shared meal in St. John's Parish Center gym to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dedication of the Cornerstone of St. John's Church!

- Events at Meal:**
- Display of St. John's Church history
  - Presentation from Historical Committee on the history of the Cornerstone
  - Memorabilia Items
  - Door Prizes

### Meal RSVP:

Scan here to sign up  
for the meal by:



Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

# DEDICATION OF THE CORNERSTONE OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH!

## Cornerstone 150 - Article #2

The interior of the church here at St. John's contains Gothic themes throughout. The saints in the stained-glass windows are in Gothic-style shrines. The center sanctuary window depicts God the Father on a Gothic throne. The arches throughout also reflect the Gothic motif.

The twelve columns represent the Twelve Apostles and the Twelve Tribes of Israel. The pillars are constructed of tree trunks, bricks, and plaster.

One of the biggest decisions made by Fr. Dickmann, C.P.P.S., was contracting Johann Schmidt, of Covington, Kentucky, to fresco the church with paintings of the Twelve Apostles, the Good Shepherd, and Peter receiving the Keys to the Kingdom.

The church was originally illuminated by kerosene chandeliers. Later, acetylene gas fixtures were installed and eventually converted to electricity.

Original plans called for marble altars, communion railing, pulpit, shrines, and baptismal font. However,

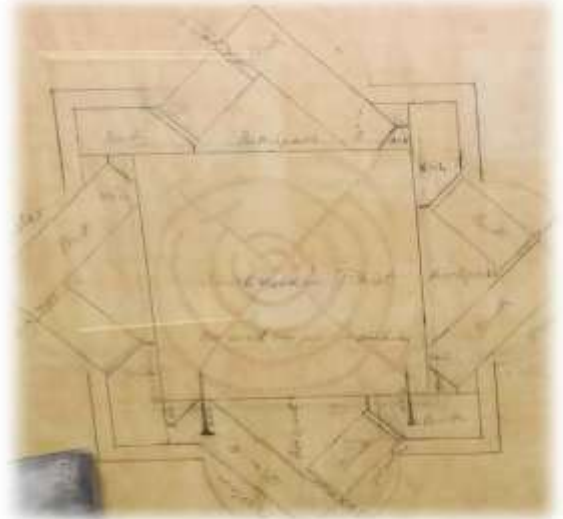
Fr. Dickmann, while at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition (1876), saw the current wood pulpit on display. Carved by Johann Frederick and Johann Henrich Schroeder of Cincinnati, Ohio, it was awarded a gold medal as the finest wood carving at the Exposition. At the same time the pulpit was purchased, the communion railing, also carved by the Schroeder brothers, was bought. This meant all future liturgical furnishings would be constructed of wood.

Fr. Dickmann, before he left Glandorf, had the baptismal window installed as his gift to the congregation. At his departure, the parish presented him with a chalice acknowledging his contributions as pastor and driving force in the church construction. His financial insight resulted in a debt-free parish, even after building the church, which was paid for in cash.

The chalice the parish had given to Fr. Dickmann ended up coming back to the parish in the 1980's, and is now in the Parish Museum. The inscription on the chalice reads: "Presented to Rev. B. Dickmann by the Congregation of Glandorf, Ohio, 1879".

For more information, check out the parish museum and parish history books: *Laborers in the Vineyard* and *St. John's Museum Guide Book*.

St. John the Baptist Parish History Committee

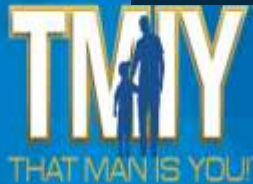




**Attention ALL MEN!**  
 Fall Sessions will start back up in September, watch the bulletin for details.

Login to your online access to review or catch-up on any of the previous years. Share them with friends and family!  
 For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ [MKarhoff@GlandorfStJohns.com](mailto:MKarhoff@GlandorfStJohns.com)

All men are welcome. We invite you to join us whether it's for 1 week or every week!!!



Help us build strong Catholic men in our parish!

## Just Show Up & Fill Your Cup

For the month of May we have decided to show clips of The Chosen and have a small discussion.

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

## 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

## VBS SHIRT PICK-UP

will be Sunday, May 31st in the Parish Center gym lobby area after 8:00 am and 10:30 am masses.

All students, volunteers, crew leaders and station leaders need to pick up their T-shirts.

Any t-shirt not picked up will be available the first evening of VBS, Monday, June 1st Thank you for your help with this process!

## St. John the Baptist Catholic Preschool

### Openings Available for children ages 3-5

Give your child a strong start in a loving, faith-filled environment where learning and joy go hand in hand

- Hands-on learning
- Creative play & discovery
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# Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



## “A Catholic and American Moment!”

Growing up Catholic in Philadelphia, there were a few realities that simply went with the territory! In our living room, there was always an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, hung there by my parents in accord with the promises of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. What memories I have of hearing my Dad whisper prayers to the Sacred Heart as he passed by that image! My folks instilled in us a deep love for Jesus and His Church! In the City of Brotherly Love and nearby, there was always the draw of historical places, and my parents made sure that early on we had an appreciation for history and a love for our country. What memories I have of my parents taking us on tours and visits to the Liberty Bell, to Independence Hall, and to Valley Forge. My folks instilled in us a deep love and respect for our country and for her citizenry.



*Scene at the Signing of the Constitution of the United States by Howard Chandler Christy, 1940*

On July 4<sup>th</sup> of this year, we will celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of our nation, grateful for the blessings of this our “land of the free and the home of the brave.” And to mark this “semiquincentennial”, on June 11<sup>th</sup>, the eve of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Bishops of the United States gathered in prayer will consecrate our Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This truly is a Catholic and American Moment!

It was two hundred and fifty years ago that a remarkable group of men, including several faithful Catholics, gathered in my hometown of Philadelphia. Their deliberations would change the course of history. The Declaration of

Independence proclaimed that “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness” As an American, I have always found those words moving. As a bishop, I find them even more so, for they echo, however imperfectly, truths the Church has proclaimed from her very beginning: that every human person bears the image and likeness of God, and that human dignity is not a gift of government but a gift of God Himself; that our freedom has been won for us by the crucified and risen Lord, and that perfect happiness awaits us in heaven!

### The Catholic Story of America

The story of the Catholic Church in America is as old as the nation itself, indeed, older. Long before the first shots of the Revolution were fired, Catholic missionaries were planting the Cross in American soil. Franciscan and Jesuit priests journeyed into the unknown wilderness, learning the languages of indigenous peoples and sharing the Gospel at great personal cost. The North American Martyrs, Saints Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, and their companions, gave their lives for the faith on this very continent. Their blood, shed out of love, planted the first seeds of the Church in the New World.

When the Founders gathered in Philadelphia to declare independence and later to frame a Constitution, Catholics were present among them. Charles Carroll of Carrollton was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the last surviving signer to die. His cousin, Bishop John

Carroll, became the first Catholic bishop in the United States, assigned to the newly established See of Baltimore in 1789, the very year George Washington took the oath of office as President. From those intertwined beginnings, the Church and the Country grew, a nation of sinners and saints.

Wave upon wave of Catholic immigrants, many settling right here in Northwest Ohio, came to these shores carrying with them their faith. They built parishes, schools, hospitals, and orphanages in every corner of this land. Catholic Religious Sisters staffed those schools and hospitals, often without pay, serving the uneducated, poor and sick with heroic generosity. Today, the Catholic Church operates the largest private school system in the country and one of the largest networks of hospitals and charitable organizations in the world. This is the Catholic contribution to America, not merely in words, but in works of mercy that have shaped this nation from its earliest days.

### An Historic Act of Consecration

In preparation for the historic *America 250* celebration, this June 11<sup>th</sup> will be the first time the United States has ever been formally consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, entrusting America to the merciful love of Christ.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is among the most beloved and ancient devotions in the life of the Church. It deepened dramatically through the apparitions of Our Lord to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in the seventeenth century and has since been championed by pope after pope as a wellspring of grace for individuals, families, and nations.

To consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart is not a political act. It is a profound act of prayer, an acknowledgment that we, the people of this nation, need the mercy, healing, and love that only Christ can give. In a time of deep division, fear, and uncertainty, what better gift could we offer our country than to place it, with open hands, into the Heart of Jesus?

### An Invitation

I warmly invite every parish, school, family, and individual in the Diocese of Toledo to join in this moment of grace. The U.S. bishops are encouraging parishes around the country to join them in consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart in June, praying together for the unity and healing of our beloved country. This is a moment for all of us — not just bishops — to lift our hearts and our nation to Christ.

In the weeks leading up to June 11<sup>th</sup>, the USCCB has prepared a novena and rich prayer resources to help the faithful prepare. We will pray not only for ourselves but for our neighbors, our communities, and for all Americans of every background and belief, that God's kingdom of justice,

love, and peace may be more fully realized in our land.

### 250 Hours of Adoration & 250 Works of Mercy

The USCCB has also recommended two powerful ways for Catholics to witness and participate in the *America 250* commemoration as a Church. I invite each of our parishes and families to consider taking part in both, together a unique expression of who we are:

**250 Hours of Adoration** Parishes are encouraged to host holy hours or a series of holy hours before the Blessed Sacrament, praying for the unity and healing of our nation. As Pope Francis reminded us in *Dilexit Nos*, we are to "nourish our lives with the strength of the Eucharist" so that we might understand and live Christ's love more deeply. There is no better preparation for the consecration than time spent in silent prayer before the Lord, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

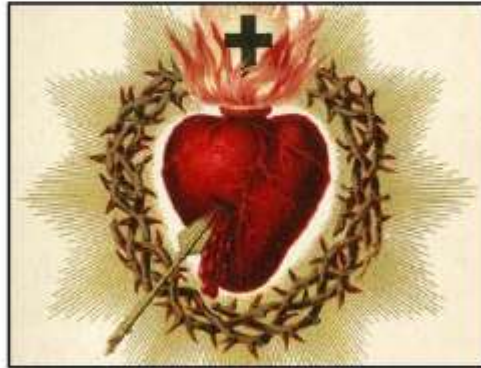
**250 Works of Mercy** Rooted in the Gospel of Matthew, the Corporal Works of Mercy, feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned, burying the dead, and giving alms to the poor, are central to our Catholic identity. As we celebrate 250 years of America, let us ask: how can our parish, our family, our school perform works of mercy that reflect the love of the Sacred Heart to those most in need in our community?

For resources on the consecration, the novena, 250 Hours of Adoration, 250 Works of Mercy, and more, I invite you to visit our diocesan page at [toledodiocese.org/america250](http://toledodiocese.org/america250). There you will find everything you need to participate fully and prayerfully in this historic moment.

As I reflect on 250 years of American history, as a Catholic and as an American, I find myself grateful, grateful for the missionaries who carried the Gospel to this continent, for the immigrants who built our parishes with their sacrifices, and for every faithful Catholic who has lived the Gospel in this land. And I find myself hopeful, hopeful that by entrusting our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we renew our commitment to be, as a Church, a leaven of justice, love and peace in our society. As we entrust our Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, may we whisper those familiar prayers: Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my hope in you; Sacred Heart of Jesus make my heart like unto thine; Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on me a sinner."



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# Jesus Ascended into Heaven



The Ascension is one of the great feasts of the Church. Jesus went up, Body and Soul, into Heaven to be with His Father where He is waiting for all of us. Can you imagine what it was like for the apostles to see their leader and best friend going up to Heaven? It would be pretty amazing, don't you think?



At the same time, doesn't it seem a bit sad that Jesus left? Well, He knew it was time for His disciples to start working on their own. It was kind of like having someone there to help you learn to ride a bike and then they let you go so you can learn to bike on your own.

But Jesus didn't go away and leave us without any help. Nine days after He went into Heaven

WOW! DID YOU SEE THAT?

He sent the Holy Spirit, who would help and guide His followers.



YES... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?

Answer to puzzle on front page: (and moments the doors to heaven are open)  
1. True 2. False 3. False 4. True 5. True 6. False 7. True

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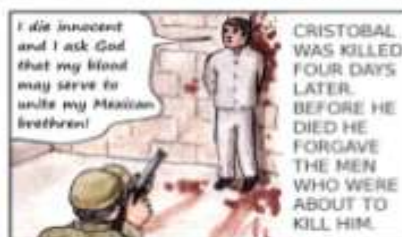
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What does today's Psalm say about the Ascension? Use every other letter from the box of letters above to fill in the blanks below.

          
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## Saint Cristobal Magallanes May 21



SAINT CRISTOBAL WORKED TO HELP HIS FELLOW MEXICANS TO LIVE A BETTER LIFE. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT TRIED TO STOP THE CHURCH, HE KEPT WORKING ANYWAY. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT HELPING PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN THEIR FAITH, IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HAVING A NICE SAFE LIFE.

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## True or False about... The Ascension

How well do you know the story of the Ascension? See if you know which of these are true and which are false:

1. Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days after He rose from the dead. True or false?
2. When Jesus was with His disciples after He rose from the dead, they could only see Him but they couldn't touch Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't tell His friends that He was going to leave them. True or false?
4. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit. True or false?
5. The disciples had gathered together and asked Jesus if He was going to restore the earthly kingdom. True or false?
6. Nobody saw Jesus rise into the sky and disappear into a cloud. True or false?



7. Two men appeared to the disciples and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you looking at the sky?" True or false?