# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



Missionaries of the Precious Blood St. George Deanery

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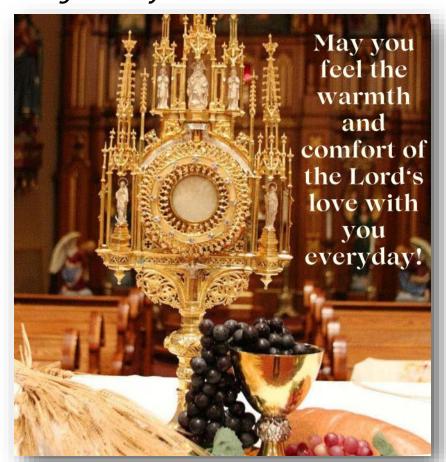
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Sharon Mayhew Men's Society President: Derek Maag



#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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

# FROM THE DESK OF FR. MATT

www.stjohnglandorf.org

To be a good fisherman there are a lot of important skills you need to have. For example, you need to know the right place to go, you need to know when to be there, you need to familiar with the environment, and you need to know when and how to pull the line in to bring in the fish. These are all good and important qualities for fisherman to possess. But I think there is one more important gift for them to have that we can easily be overlooked, they also need to be good story tellers. A lot of us enjoy it when a fisherman shares some of the fish they caught the fish. Possuse lot's face it, those stories



the story behind how they caught the fish. Because let's face it, these stories are a combination of truth and stretching the truth, exaggeration and something that entertains, perhaps a little humility and bragging and we like to hear it. Or if you are the fisherman, I would imagine that you like to tell the stories, just as much as you like catching the fish.

In our scriptures today we hear that after everything that happened Peter decides to go fishing and his fellow disciples decide to go with him and during their outing throughout the night they caught nothing but at dawn a stranger(Jesus who they do not recognize) tells them to cast over the right side of the boat and they do, they bring in a large number of fish, of large fish that the nets are not strong enough to pull them all in. One can only imagine the stories that followed this big catch of fish.

When we hear this story what catches our attention is that the disciples caught a bunch of fish, but we can miss what this story is about. The disciples caught more than fish, the second phrase in this story says, "Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples" (John 21:1). This story is really about Jesus revealing himself to the disciples and this revealing is the greatest catch. When the disciples discover that it was the Lord on the shore, they go to him and when they get to him. Jesus invites them to have breakfast, and he asks Peter three times if he loves him. Both the invitation to breakfast, and the asking of Peter if he loves him is bringing them back into relationship. Bringing disciples back after they ran away from him when the religious leaders came to arrest Jesus. It is bringing Peter back after him denying three times that he knew Jesus. It is in bringing disciples back into relationship and Peter back into relationship that they

experience the greatest catch. They are back in relationship with the Lord, and they can tell the tale of the great catch.

Like the disciples, at times we can fall away in our relationship with the Lord. Jesus catches sight of us and baits us in, we come in and Jesus invites into a relationship with him, Jesus invites us to share the Eucharist, and as

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the great tale of catching the Lord in our lives.
This weekend we welcome our First Communicants to
the table for the first time. As they receive from this
table for the first time may it create a tale that will last a
lifetime.

we accept the invitation. Like the disciples we can tell



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# AROUND THE PARISH

#### SACRAMENTS BAPTISM

We want to warmly invite all parents to join us for our upcoming Baptism Class! Whether this is your first child, second, third, or beyond, there is always something new to learn about this beautiful sacrament. We also encourage parents to invite their chosen godparents to attend the class. This class is only required for parents for their first child.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS (by Mike and Becky Karhoff)

Parish Center Room 15 9:00am –10:30am **Upcoming classes:** 

May 18, 2025, September 28, 2025

#### **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 2, 2025 at 8:00am

#### **RECONCILATION (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 419-244-6711 ext. 4945 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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday 6:30pm—8:15pm 1st Friday 1:00pm—4:00pm with Benediction 1st Saturday 5:30pm - 8:00am

# INITIATION OF ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA/OCIA)

Is a journey through which interested adults and older children are welcomed and gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic Faith, Sacraments, Worship and way of life. In response to their inquiries, these people are properly instructed so that you can discern (through reflection and prayer) whether you are indeed called to Catholicism. If you would like more information or want to register please contact the Parish Office. The next session will start in the fall.

## CATECHISM CORNER

# First Communion, Invitation to the Wedding Feast

This Sunday our parish will celebrate First Holy Communion with the second-grade students! They have been greatly anticipating this day that the Lord has invited them to! A lot has gone into preparing this day including learning all about the Eucharist and the Holy Mass, praying, and getting their special clothing. Have you ever wondered why the girls dress as a bride and the boys dress as a groom?

The simple answer is: they are invited to partake in the wedding feast that Christ speaks of. Each Holy Mass we are all invited partake in the great wedding feast of the bride (the Church) and the groom (Christ). The recipients of the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist are symbolically marrying God. This marriage to God is spoken of all throughout scripture.

#### **Genesis and Revelation**

In Genesis, we learn about Adam and Eve, who get married with the words, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh" (Gen 2:23). At the end of the Book of Revelation, we see a vision of a heavenly banquet, but not just any banquet – this is the wedding feast of the Lamb (Rev 19).

The entire Bible is about a marriage, as it tells the story of God bringing humanity back into union with Him after the fall, creating a loving, faithful relationship of self-gift that sounds a lot like marriage. In fact, by consuming Christ, the recipient and Christ become one flesh. Holy Communion is a spiritual marriage, which is why we wear wedding clothes.

Our marriages are supposed to imitate God's love for humanity, and more specifically the church. (Refer to Ephesians 5.) It is spiritual marriage that is primary, and our physical earthly marriages are but a shadow of that full gift of God. We dress at weddings like we do at First Communion because we hope to embody to our spouses (Christ's) full gift of love.

In Isaiah 62: 4-5, the Holy Spirit through the prophet Isaiah foretells of the redemption of Israel, and used marital language to do so. Jesus is the bridegroom, and the Church, which is the New Israel, his bride. We see this prophecy confirmed explicitly in John 3:29, in which John the Baptist says, "He who has the bride is the groom; but the friend of the groom, who stands and listens to him, rejoices greatly because of the groom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full." John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the groom who has been promised.

#### What does this have to do with First Communion?

Christ coming and marrying His bride, the Church, us, changes our relationship with him. We become God's children in Baptism. Nothing is expected of a child in terms of the relationship. An infant doesn't act lovingly, they're completely self-centered. What a child does or does not do is irrelevant to their identity as the child of their parents. As a child matures, they develop the ability to choose, and they become able to love. The Roman Catholic Church waits until age seven, when a child is beginning to be able to choose and, therefore, to love, for first communion. A marriage requires a loving choice. The relationship has changed. Obviously, development and growth in love take a lifetime, and we aren't perfected until Heaven, but First Communion marks a significant step along that path. It is a choice to enter into loving relationship with Christ, and to follow and imitate him, just as one desires to be with their beloved on their wedding day.

#### The Eucharist And The Mass

John 4 in the New Testament ties together the idea of marriage, the Eucharist, and the Mass itself. Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at a well. On the spiritual level, this passage is about Christ bringing the nation of Samaria back into relationship with him.

# **4** AROUND THE PARISH

## CATECHISM CORNER CONTINUED

First Communion, Invitation to the Wedding Feast

As in, spiritual marriage. Every time you're at a well in Scripture, there's a marriage at play. For a Jew in the first century, the moment they read that Jesus met this woman at a well they would be expecting someone to be getting married.

The woman at the well doesn't just keep Christ to herself. She shares the news of her encounter, and this brings converts. Just as physical marriage produces physical children, spiritual marriage produces new souls in love with Christ. While it's a bit much to expect a seven-year-old to bring a bunch of converts to the church, this does relate to the Mass. The name "Mass" itself translates to "Go, she (the Church, and you) has been sent." After we receive Holy Communion, we are sent to share the good news with the world, just like the woman goes back to town and shares her encounter. These examples are by no means exhaustive. The core realities of the Eucharist and Holy Matrimony are bound together in the eternal love of God. This side of Heaven, we can be no closer to God than in the Eucharist. Marriage is meant to image that love between spouses, so we wear grown-up Communion clothes when we get married. It is incredibly fitting that people dress in miniature wedding clothes for their First Communion, and it's a great reminder to all of us of what is really happening when

we receive Holy Communion ourselves.

Source: https://catholic-link.org/catholic-communion-dress-wedding/ « Do Catholics Wear a Wedding Dress for First Communion?" by Chris and Rebecca Mann

Praised be God our Father and His Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit

The Diocese of Toledo joyfully announces that

Travis & Kahle

Eric T. Kaufman

Kevin M McGraw

have been called to the Order of Presbyter and will be ordained priests forever through the Imposition of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit by

Most Reverend Daniel &. Thomas

Saturday, the twenty -fourth of May, in the year of Our Lord two thousand twenty-five at ten o'clock in the morning

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral 2535 Collingwood Blvd. Toledo, Ohio 43610



Please join

# Reverend Eric T. Kaufman

as he offers Holy Mass on Sunday, the twenty-fifth of May in the year of Our Lord two thousand Twenty-five at three o'clock in the afternoon

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church 109 North Main Street Glandorf, OH 45848

An open house reception will follow in the St. John's Parish Center until 7:00pm. Food and drinks will be provided.



#### MONDAY, MAY 5

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service - Deacon Don

#### TUESDAY, MAY 6 - May Crowning - All School Mass

8:15am Rosary

8:40am L/D Bernard Rosengarten Family, L/D Mel Verhoff Family, Jimmie Bialecki

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Michael Leach

3:00pm-4:30pm Server Training for new servers

6:30pm-7:30pm Adoration

7:00pm - 7:30pm Confession - cancelled

#### THURSDAY, MAY 8

8:15am Rosary

8:40am L/D Mel Lammers Family

6:00pm-7:30pm Server Training for new servers

#### FRIDAY, MAY 9

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am John Brown

12:00pm Rosary

#### SATURDAY, MAY 10 St. John of Avila

#### 7:15am-7:45am Confessions

7:35am Rosarv

8:00am Norman Meyer

8:30am Confession—cancelled

10:30am Joyce Sispera funeral

4:00pm Confession

4:30pm Eileen Schroeder, Bob & Carolyn Warnecke,

L/D Leland Meyer Family, Alice Siefker, Mark Siefker,

L/D Larry & Ginny Kirkendall

#### SUNDAY, MAY 11~4th Sunday of Easter

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Jim Gray, L/D Albert & Elizabeth Roof Family, L/D Mildred & Thomas Nienberg Family

Judy Schroeder

10:30am Anne Schroeder, Mary Schastey, L/D Fortman/Meyer Families, Nancy Rosengarten, Rick Quinn

Thank you to all the people who lead the Divine Mercy Novena each day and Lee and Diane Recker, Jeff Schram and Roger Schroeder for helping as with the Divine Mercy Sunday. Also, thank you to Viana Meyer for singing the Vivine

Mercy Chaphlet, it was beautiful! Also, thank you Fr. Matt for giving us this opportunity.



#### **SERVERS**

ABOUT OUR PARISH

Mon 8:00am No Mass Tue 8:40am Students

Sun

Wed 8:00am Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram Thurs 8:40am Roger Schroeder, Gary Recker

Fri 8:00am Ken & Paula Elchinger

Sat 8:00am Drew Schroeder, Ryland Ellerbrock, Jacob Leopold 4:30pm Austin Koch, Brock Crumrine, Riley Trombley Sat 8:00am Brooke Maag, Ty Wrasman, Grant Leopold Sun

10:30am Parker Heckman, Owen Schumaker, Reese Karhoff Sun

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS**

4:30pm Steve Brown Sat Reagan Miller

Sharon Brown Morgan Miller 8:00am Deb Burwell Diane Nienberg

Gretchen Schmitz Doug Karhoff

Sun 10:30am Tara Gerding Janet Schroeder Rose Ellerbrock

Jay Rump

#### **GIFT BEARERS**

Sat 4:30pm Ushers or ask a family 8:00am Ushers or ask a family Sun Sun 10:30am Ushers or ask a family

#### **MAY USHERS**

Sat **4:30pm** Ray Diemer, Steve Brown, Noah Emmons, Sam

Warnecke, Chase Maag

Sun 8:00am Mark Maag, Alan Wrasman 10:30am Barry Maag, Ken Horstman

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 6

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Ginny Schroeder, Karen Parker

MAY FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Deb & Joe Schroeder, Michelle

Horstman, Alice Diemer, Jerry & Rachel Recker

#### ATTENTION WEEKDAY LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND **ADULT SERVERS**

All School Mass on Tuesday, May 6th for May Crowning. The student's will not be at Mass the rest of the week, so we will need weekday lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, and Adult servers to help with Mass on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Thank You!



Parental Baptism Class Sunday, May 18, 2025

from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in Room 15 in the parish center presented by Mike and Becky Karhoff Pre-register by calling St. John's Rectory 419-538-6928. Next class will be September 28, 2025

> HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH: For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

# **AROUND THE PARISH**





# Your Sponsorship Could Help a Child Come to Know the Word of the Lord!

The hope is for each student in grades 5-8 to receive their own Bible to use in their religion studies, and to keep as their own, so they may foster a love for the Word of God that grows with them. To make this fruitful, your help is needed! Would you like to contribute a monetary donation to sponsor a bible for a child? If so, please fill out your name and address below, and drop this form off, along with your donation, in the collection basket or to the rectory. You will be given the name of the child you are sponsoring and a note from them in return. We would also ask for you to pray for the child, as they will be encouraged to pray for you as well. If you have any questions, please contact St. John's Religious Education Department at 419.538.6897. God bless you!

Name				
Address				

NEXT WEEKEND
MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 11TH
AT ALL MASSES

PELIGIOUS ILEMS

FOR EVERYONE
IN THE PARISH
ESPECIALLY FOR
FIRST
COMMUNION
ITEMS
RECEIVED.

# PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP	April 27, 2025		
<u>Offering</u>			
Loose	\$	815.00	
Adult Envelope	\$	5,830.46	
Children	\$	111.00	
Maintenance	\$	170.00	
Online Offering	\$	2,555.00	
Online Maintenance	\$	211.25	
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$	210.00	
Easter	\$	1,280.00	
Catholic Home Mission	\$	275.00	
Total Collection	\$	11,457.71	

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.stjohnglandorf.org

**Heartbeat** needs Baby Wipes, Baby Lotion and powder, Diapers - size 4, 5, and 6 and Baby Formula

Heartbeat Hours: Tuesday 1-5pm and located on 1225 E. Third St. in Ottawa.

**Foods Needed at the Ottawa Food Pantry:** pineapple, salad dressing, jelly. Note: Monetary gifts are also welcome. (Send in care of Trinity UM Church, 137 N. Pratt, Ottawa)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT THIS YEAR! WE HAVE MET OUR GOAL FOR OUR ACA GOAL OF \$43,645.64.

TOTAL GIVEN TO DATE \$49,914.59 114.36% OF GOAL

TUDNE UNIT FOR UNITE DONDTIONS

#### C.PP.S. major superiors monthly prayer request

May: Guinea-Bissau Mission

#### Blood of Christ: Hope of the World Prayer for the 2025 General Assembly of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

Compassionate God, we give you thanks and praise for your wonderful, yet suffering creation, as we share the healing and reconciling presence of the Precious Blood of Jesus, your Son.

Open our eyes and enlighten our hearts so that we may know what is the hope to which You have called us, the hope that does not disappoint.

Reawaken our desire and commitment to serve Your holy people as we journey together, fellow pilgrims on the Way of Your Kingdom.

May the wisdom and anointing of your Holy Spirit rain down upon us as we discover visionary commitments and leaders, who in the spirit of Saint Gaspar and Blessed Giovanni Merlini, will empower our congregation to be a dynamic force for renewal in the Church.

As we raise the cup of salvation, and call upon Your name, may we then pour out our lives each day to advance that "new order of things that Christ brought about in the shedding of his Precious Blood."

Amen.

#### May prayer for Precious Blood vocations

Prayer for Ourselves and Our Vocations In the water of baptism, Lord God, Your voice called out,

"You are my beloved sons and daughters, with whom I am well pleased."

You breathed your Spirit upon us, and washed us in the saving blood of the Lord. Open our ears to hear Your Word, our minds to understand Your call, our hearts to respond faithfully. Give us courage to answer, strength to persevere,

and a willingness to be sent. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ, in whose blood we have been saved. Amen.

#### May prayer list

- 1. Fr. Aloys Ebach
- 2. Fr. Linus Evers
- 3. Fr. Gregory Evers
- 4. Pray for vocations5. Fr. Barry Fischer
- 6. Br. Joseph Fisher
- 7. Fr. Anthony Fortman
- 8. Fr. James Franck
- 9. Fr. Richard Friebel
- 10. Fr. James Gaynor
- Pray for living and deceased C.PP.S. members
- 12. Fr. Patrick Gonyeau
- 13. Fr. Michael Goode
- 14. Fr. Thomas Hemm
- 15. Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn
- 16. Fr. Tam Minh (Peter) Hoang
- 17. Fr. Mark Hoying
- 18. Pray for those in formation
- 19. Fr. David Hoying
- 20. Fr. William Hubmann
- 21. Fr. Matthew Jozefiak
- 22. Fr. Raymond Kaele
- 23. Fr. Matthew Keller
- 24. Fr. David Kelly
- Pray for living and deceased Companions and Amici
- 26. Fr. Dennis Kinderman
- 27. V. Rev Jeffrey Kirch
- 28. Fr. Timothy Knepper
- 29. Fr. Scott Kramer
- 30. Fr. George (Yuri) Kuzara

# Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us The past 20 years

Arnold H Borgelt 5/4/17 Virginia M Frueh 5/5/04 Susan Ann Kimmet 5/5/08 Carolyn S Deters 5/5/23 Patricia L Hovest 5/5/23

Jimmie Bialecki 5/6/07

Victor L Bockrath 5/6/19
Paul J Brinkman 5/7/07
Dorothy M Hoehn 5/7/07
Mildred M Brinkman 5/7/10
Margaret M Nienberg 5/8/07
Ann M Bockrath 5/8/22

Thomas F Schmiedebusch 5/8/22

#### 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 the families, relatives, friends & neighbors of ....

#### **JOYCE SISPERA**

#### **WEDDING BANNS**

**II Renee Schroeder** of St. Anthony's, Columbus Grove, daughter of Jeff & Lorann Schroeder & **Jordan Diemer** of this parish. son of Ray & Lisa Diemer

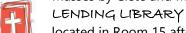
#### PARISH CENTER ACTIVITIES

#### **Every Second Sunday of the Month** May 11, 2025



COFFEE AND DONUTS AND GRAND-ORF

located in Room 15 after 8:00am and 10:30am Masses by Clete and Mary Birkemeier



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



PARISH MUSEUM Visitation Hours from 9:00am—12:00pm ocated in Hallway.



## Summer Faith Adventure

#### Calling All Volunteers!

Join Us for the Summer Faith Adventure Program! We're looking for enthusiastic, faith-filled volunteers to help make this summer's Faith Adventure Program a joyful and meaningful experience for our children!

Whether you can assist with leading small groups, helping with crafts and games, or just being a smiling presence-we'd love to have you on the team!

- Dates: June 10, 17, 24 and July 8, 15, 22
- Location: Parish Center
- Time Commitment: 8am-1pm

Who Can Volunteer? Adults, high school teens, and middle school students with a heart for serving and sharing the love of Jesus.

Let's work together to create a week filled with faith, fun, and unforgettable moments.

- If you're interested in volunteering or would like more info, please contact:
- Nichole Schroeder at 419-303-7252. Thank you for being part of our mission to lead children closer to Christ! 🔠 🔇



Thank you to all those that joined us for TMIY "APOSTLES OF THE **NEW SPRINGTIME", YEAR 12.** 

Fall Sessions will start back up in September, watch the bulletin for details.

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!

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 @ mbkarhoff@bright.net.

#### OCIA

(Order of Christian Initation of Adults)

Monday, May 5 St. John's Parish Room 15

**Topic: Vices & Virtues** Snack person: Dora Hunt

All our welcome. If interested, call the office to

register.

to move mountains

#### **CLC MEETING**

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 In the Parish Center Cafeteria

- 6:00pm Meeting
  - ♦ Pizza/Salad
- Join us in celebrating members with 70th birthdays this year.
  - Rosary for recently deceased members.
    - BINGO WITH CASH PRIZES.
      - 50/50 drawing.

## 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





# BAKE SALE

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO MADE OUR 3RD GRADE CCD BAKE SALE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER! WE ARE SO BLESSED TO LIVE IN SUCH A GREAT COMMUNITY!







## Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

(use from Wednesday, May 7 until a new Pope is elected)

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

# **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**



## Putnam County Right to Life

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 7 at 7:30 pm in St Michael's Church basement.

All are welcome.

Youth Group

Meeting

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When May 18 Time 6:00 pm

What Sidewalk chalk

around town

Bring your favorite bible

verses or ideas!





## **CYO VOLLEYBALL**

ANY GIRL WHO WOULD LIKE TO PLAY
5TH OR 6TH GRADE CYO VOLLEYBALL IN
THE FALL MUST HAVE THEIR PARENT
COMPLETE THE REMIND LINK THAT WAS
SENT OUT BY THE CCD TEACHERS. THIS
INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED
AND SUBMITTED BY THE END OF MAY.
THANK YOU!
REMINDER YOU MUST ATTEND CCD IN
ORDER TO PLAY
IN THE CYO PROGRAM

June 2-5, 6-8pm

2025 Glandorf St. John's Vacation Bible School

> VBS Adult and Student Volunteers:

There will be a meeting
Sunday, May 18
after 10:30 mass
in the Parish Center cafeteria.

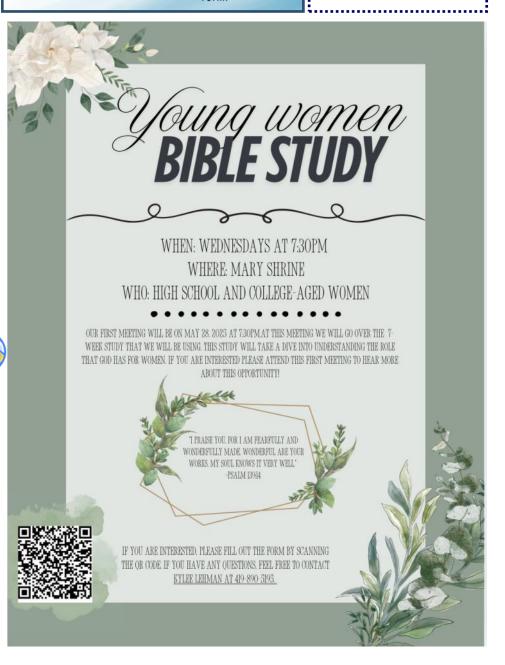
Crew leaders will be receiving crew member lists and instruction packets. Student volunteers will be signing a 'Standards and Guidelines' form.

# **SENIORS**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

## BACCALAUREATE MASS

May 18, 2025 at 10:30am
Luncheon to follow.
Be on the look out for your invitation in the mail.



# **10** AROUND THE AREA

#### 1st Grade Teacher - St. Mary School, Leipsic

Our small school family of St. Mary School in Leipsic is seeking a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Successful candidates must hold a valid Ohio teaching license or be eligible for certification. Qualified candidates must also be able to pass background checks and have a passion to teach in a Christian environment. Applicant need not be Catholic. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Fr. Randy Giesige at <a href="mailto:rejeeige@toledodiocese.org">rejeeige@toledodiocese.org</a> or by mail at 318 State Street, Leipsic, OH 45856. You may also contact Fr. Randy with any questions about the position by phone at 419-943-2688.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher – St. Mary School, Leipsic

Our small school family of St. Mary School in Leipsic is seeking a 2nd Grade Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Successful candidates must hold a valid Ohio teaching license or be eligible for certification. Qualified candidates must also be able to pass background checks and have a passion to teach in a Christian environment. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Fr. Randy Giesige at <a href="mailto:rgiesige@toledodiocese.org">rgiesige@toledodiocese.org</a> or by mail at 318 State Street, Leipsic, OH 45856. You may also contact Fr. Randy with any questions about the position by phone at 419-943-2688.

#### Combined 3rd/4th Grade Teacher - St. Mary School, Leipsic

Our small school family of St. Mary School in Leipsic is seeking a Combined 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Even though the class is combined, the number of students is still small. Successful candidates must hold a valid Ohio teaching license or be eligible for certification. Qualified candidates must also be able to pass background checks and have a passion to teach in a Christian environment. Applicant need not be Catholic. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Fr. Randy Giesige at <a href="mailto:rgiesige@toledodiocese.org">rgiesige@toledodiocese.org</a> or by mail at 318 State Street, Leipsic, OH 45856. You may also contact Fr. Randy with any questions about the position by phone at 419-943-2688.

JOB POSTING: St. Nicholas & Holy Family Parishes are seeking a full-time Youth, Young Adult, & Family Minister. This person will work closely with the Coordinator of Religious Education, the Pastor, Parish Staff, and volunteers to continue to build up our ministry and outreach to these three groups. This position is eligible for benefits. A full job description can be found at <a href="https://www.stnicholasholyfamily.org">www.stnicholasholyfamily.org</a>. To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter

# LUNCH IN THE PARK May 15, 2025 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Location: 1035 East Third St. Ottawa, Ohio

Menu includes choice of: Taco Salad, Fruity Chicken Salad Croissant Tray, Brats Tray, Hot Dog (regular or southern style) Tray (Trays include potato chips, cole slaw & dessert) Also available: Drinks & dessert Carry outs are available by calling 419-523-5593

#### Dooryard Garden Club Plant Sale

Thursday, May 15
9:00am to 6:00pm
Location at Ottawa
Waterworks Park
1035 East Third St.
Ottawa, OH
In conjunction with the
Ottawa Senior Citizens
Center luncheon, don't
forget to grab lunch there!
Perennials, herbs,
succulents, unique garden
treasures, bulbs, and great
advice from local

seasoned gardeners!

# SAINTS OF HOPE









Celebrate the Holy Year at the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics with guided meditations on Saints whose lives give witness to hope in our world. Meditations include:

#### Bl. Carlo Acutis, St. Monica, St. Rita Cassia, and St. Francis of Assisi.

Be a Pilgrim of Hope in 2025 by coming to the Maria Stein Shrine! These guided meditations are free and will last approximately 45 minutes.

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SUNDAY, MAY 4TH 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM
THURSDAY, MAY 8TH 10:00 AM
FRIDAY, MAY 9TH 2:00 PM

\*SAME PILGRIMAGE IS OFFERED AT EACH TIME

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# YES (Youth Elect Service) JOB SITES

On Saturday, June 14, 2025, teens &adults from the St. George Deanery will be volunteering to help people throughout Putnam County



with various jobs around their homes as they participate in the annual YES (Youth Elect Service) project. If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with jobs around your home, please contact Nichole Schroeder at jrhighccd@glandorfstjohns.com or call 419-538-6897. Work can include anything from mulching, weeding, to washing your car, or just some spring cleaning around your yard! Please call soon, so we can make sure to have a team available to help at your house.

#### **YOUTH VOLUNTEERS**

Saturday, June 14, 2025 The 2025 YES service project will be hosted by Ottawa Sts. Peter & Paul. Current 7th grade students through graduating seniors are encouraged to join us for this day of service. You will meet teens from throughout the St. George Deanery, have fun, and be the hands and feet of Christ in your community. Registration forms are

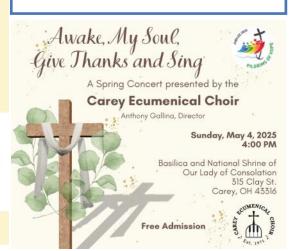
available in the back of Church in the south vestibule of the Church or contact Nichole Schroeder at jrhighccd@glandorfstjohns.com. Registrations are due by May 23, 2025.

#### **ADULT (Crew Leader) HELP Needed**

Do you like to spend time helping those in need? We'd love for you to join us as an ADULT CREW LEADER for the YES Service Project on Saturday, June 8, 2025 hosted by Sts. Peter & Detail Parents, Orange and working throughout the county. Adult crew leaders must be at least 21. Parents, Grandparents and Confirmation Sponsors: it would be great to work on a team with your child or grandchild. Nothing is more rewarding than sharing your time and faith with the Young Church of Today! Registration forms are available in the south vestibule of the Church or contact Nichole Schroeder at jrhighccd@glandorfstjohns.com or call 419-538-6897. Registrations are due by May 23, 2025.

#### PROJECT DONATIONS

Donations are always appreciated! Nothing is more rewarding than sharing your time and faith with others, but if you are unable to help on YES Project Work Day, maybe you would be willing to help support our Project? Monetary donations and work supplies are always appreciated. Maybe you could donate a case of water or a case of paper towels, etc. Please contact Tanya Ellerbrock for ideas of what supplies we need most. Monetary donations can be sent to Sts. Peter & Paul, 307 Locust St. Ottawa, OH 45875 or call your parish's Youth Minister Nichole Schroeder at 419-538-6897 to arrange a pick-up or drop off for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.



# **GENERAL INFORMATION**



WATCH MOVIES, KIDS SHOWS, AUDIO BOOKS, BIBLE STUDIES AND A LOT MORE THIS LENT!

#### **HOW TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT**

Go to 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 . Click Sign In upper right corner Have questions? Call 419-890-3724



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/2dss8wpy



#### **BLUETOOTH HEARING ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE** WILLIAMS



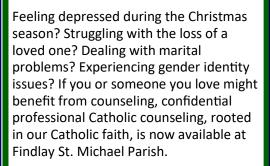
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- Download the WaveCAST APP
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- The channel St. Johns Sound will be on the home page of the app. Click St. Johns Sound & adjust volume accordingly.

For any question and for those who do not have Bluetooth capabilities with their hearing aids and would like to use a hand held receiver during mass please contact the rectory office 419-538-6928 and ask for Ashley.

#### **CATHOLIC COUNSELING SERVICES**



To inquire, please contact the main parish office @ 419-422-2646 and ask to be transferred to the Catholic Counseling services.



#### STS. PETER & PAUL **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

Meets the on the Second Wednesday of the Month at 9:15am - 10:15am in the Sts. Peter and Paul Side Chapel. If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet up with others who have, please join us. For all members of the St. George Deanery.



Mustard Seed Gift Shop normal business hours Tues, Thurs, & Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm; Wed 10:00am - 6:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 1:00pm

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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

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to Empower Women and Couples to UNDERSTAND, MAINTAIN, and APPRECIATE their Health and

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### Do You Love Me?



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Peter was a bit offended that Jesus asked him the same thing three times. After all, Jesus knew everything- so He knew that Peter loved Him.

But think back to a few weeks ago: on Holy Thursday night some people asked Lord, You Peter if he even knew Jesus, and he know I said "No!" three times! Maybe Jesus was trying to show Peter that it's easy to say "I love you," but it's harder to really love Him.



If Jesus asked you today, "Do you love me?"



what would you say to Him? What would you do to show Him that you really do love Him? The best ways to love Jesus are talking to Him every day in prayer, and being good to the people around you- they are taking Jesus' place for you. Are

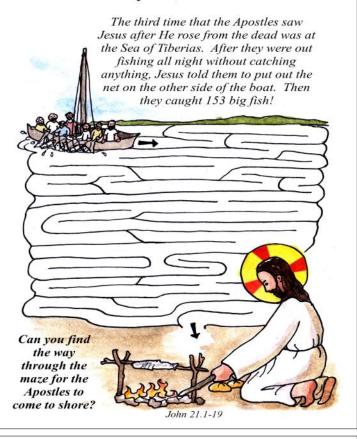
you ready to show your love for Jesus?

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# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter May 4th, 2025



# Saint Damien of Molokai















GOT LEPROSY HIMSELF WHEN HE WAS 45. HE CONTINUED TO WORK WITH THE PEOPLE AS LONG AS HE COULD. HE DIED AT AGE 49 AND WAS BURIED ON THE ISLAND

FATHER DAMIEN

ST. DAMIEN KNEW THAT THE PEOPLE IN MOLOKAI NEEDED GOD, JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. HE DECIDED TO GO THERE EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY GET THE DEADLY DISEASE OF LEPROSY. HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THOSE PEOPLE. WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE POOR OR SICK TODAY?

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# Psalm 30 Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the Psalm

and the puzzle	2.
ANGER	GOD
HELPER	DAWN
WEEPING	LET
REJOICING	AT
OVER	LORD
PRAISE	BE
HOLY	TO
<b>FOREVER</b>	ON
MOMENT	ME
GIVE	IN
MOURNING	MY
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I will extol you,		,10D for you drew me clear	
and did not	7D	17D enemies rejoice	21A me.
O Lord, you brou	ight	18D up from the netherwo	rld;
You preserved m	e from	among those	
going down	12	D the pit.	

and	11A thanks	19D his	9D name.
For his	13D las	sts but a	;17A
A lifetime	, his good will.		· ·
15D n	ightfall	2A enters	, 8A
But with	the ,14A		. 6A

Hear, O L	ord, and have pity	16D me;
O Lord,	20D my	.9A
You chan	ged my	1D into dancing;

O Lord my \_\_\_\_\_, 4D 5D I will give you thanks.