St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



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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.

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

DIOCESAN POLICY FOR CYO SPORTS

New policy is coming soon ...

Fr. Matt & Mary Ellen Klear

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT October 5, 2025

www.stjohnglandorf.org

Have you ever prayed and prayed for something or about something and seemed that God was not answering you or doing anything to help the situation? Anyone who has journeyed the journey faith probably has experienced this a time or two in their lives. Rest assured you are not alone and today in our scriptures we are reminded that we are not alone as we hear "How long, O Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2). Not only do we hear these words, but many of us echo these words.



My community the Missionaries of the Precious Blood supports the Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation Center (PBMR) in Chicago. The Ministry of Reconciliation Center in Chicago is in the Back of the Yards Neighborhood of Chicago in the heart of gang violence. At this center our two of our priests along with many others they work with kids in gangs and their families. Along with perpetrators of violence and victims of violence. They work to bring peace; they work to restore what is broken to wholeness again. When I was a seminarian living in Chicago, on a Sunday they had a Mass at the center, and I was invited. Before I go to Mass on Sunday I liked to read the readings ahead of time, I read them and it was these words "How long, O Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2). I am remember thinking how appropriate words for this Mass, for this place, they work and pray for peace, but God seems to not be helping or listening because the violence continues to happen.

One year when I was a seminarian the PBMR decided to sponsor a 100-day spiritual pilgrimage to pray for Peace, beginning on September 15 the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows and ending on December 24, when we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. They offered different prayers to pray for this pilgrimage. They only sponsored this one year but over the last ten years I have journeyed on this/prayed this pilgrimage, praying different prayers for peace and along with I try to pray an extra Rosary each day, and I try to keep a candlelit. A few weeks ago, I began this pilgrimage once again, but there is still violence and I echo these same words "How long, O Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2). Today is Respect Life Sunday, a day where we are called to pray for greater respect for human life from moment of its first conception in the womb, being born taking its first breathe to taking its last

breath dying, and in the tomb. We pray for greater respect for life and peace, but we know of many ways that human life gets disrespected and this is violence. We cry out those same words "How long, O Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2).

We cry out to the Lord for help and at times it seems like the Lord is not doing anything, the Lord is not helping us there is still violence. But in our

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scriptures today Jesus tells us to have faith the size of a mustard seed, and we will move the mulberry tree into the sea. Do we have this faith that size? Do we see the mulberry tree moving? While violence remains in our world, I do see the mulberry tree moving its way to the sea moving towards peace.



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ABOUT OUR PARISH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6~St. Bruno

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7~Our Lady of the Rosary

8:15 am Rosary

8:40 Rita Hermiller

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Alice Siefker

8:30am-9:15am 7B Penance

7:30pm-8:15pm Adoration

7:45-8:15pm Confession

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9~St. Denis

8:15am Rosary

8:40am L/D Arnold Borgelt Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:15am - 7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Len Fortman(AN) Family, Tom Kaufman

12:00pm Rosary

6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal ~Julie Pothast

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11~St. John XXIII

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Mass in Thanksgiving for Steve & Deb Leopold 50th Wedding

Anniversary

8:30am Confession

1:00pm Kosch/Clark Wedding

4:00pm Confession

4:30pm Mass in Thanksgiving for Don & Elainie Inkrott 50th Wedding

Anniversary, Donald and Donna Jean Halker,

L/D Gilbert & Marcella Morman, L/D Mel Hedrick Family,

Hazel (AN) & Roy Leap, Alice Siefker, Bev Siefker

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12~28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mental Health Sunday

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Ken Ellerbrock Family, L/D Mary Agnes Schnipke Family

9:00-10:15am OCIA meeting - Snacks - Tim & Mer Lehman

10:30am Michael Leach, Kennedy Rose Schroeder, Mary Ann Hermiller

SERVERS

Mon 8:00am No Mass

Tue 8:40am Students

Wed 8:00am Gene & Rose Warnecke

Thurs 8:40am Students

Fri 8:00am Ken & Paula Elchinger

Sat 8:00am Ashton Stechschulte, Anderson Lammers, Jack Maag,

Carleigh Maag

Sat 4:30pm Will Faber, Carson Faber, Royce Ellerbrock

Sun 8:00am Owen Morman, Grant Leopold, Jonathan Klear

Sun 10:30am Madison McKee, Mason McKee, Chase Maag

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS

Sat 4:30pm Mary Ellen Halker Aubrey Leopold

Louis Halker Myah Bockrath

Sun 8:00am Deb Burwell Diane Nienberg

Gretchen Schmitz Doug Karhoff

Sun 10:30am Tara Gerding Chris Birkemeier Rose Ellerbrock Mindy Recker

October 2025—September 2026 ministry schedule was sent via email. If you did not receive an email call or stop by the office.

GIFT BEARERS

Sat 4:30pm Ushers or ask a family

Sun 8:00am Ushers or ask a family

Sun 10:30am Ushers or ask a family

OCTOBER USHERS

Sat 4:30pm Kevin Ellerbrock, Alex Ellerbrock

Sun 8:00am Tom Morman, Tony Maag

Sun 10:30am Mitch Gable, Charlie Schroeder

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 2

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Ginny Schroeder, Karen Parker

OCTOBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Jeff & Jeanne Schram,

Ginnie Riepenhoff, Bertie Hermiller, Mike & Judy Niese, Lee & Diane

Recker

EXCITING NEWS!

ST. JOHN'S PARISH PICTORIALS ARE HERE!

If your family had your picture taken with the company, then your free pictorial can be picked up in the back of Church.

** MAKE SURE YOU PICK UP A BOOK WITH YOUR NAME ON IT. IF YOU PICKED UP A BOOK AND IT DOES NOT HAVE YOUR NAME ON IT. PLEASE BRING IT BACK AND GET YOUR BOOK WITH YOUR NAME ON IT. THANK YOU!

Remember, if you submitted a picture or ordered extra pictorials, you owe \$25.00 for each book. Available pick up schedule is below. Come to the rectory garage for pick up.

AVAILABLE TIMES TO PICK UP YOUR PICTORIAL ARE MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH FROM 3:00PM - 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH FROM 1:00PM - 3:00PM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH FROM 2:00PM - 4:00PM

** ALL ST. JOHN'S PICTORIAL NEED TO BE PICKED UP BY OCTOBER 1911. AFTER THAT YOU WILL NOT BE GUARNETEE A BOOK.

OCTOBER MASS COUNT 2025

We need to report Saturday and Sunday Mass attendance to the Toledo Dioceses. Starting next weekend Saturday, October 4th and 5th, the ushers will count all people present at every Mass. This will includes servers, Fr. Matt, Deacon Don, choir & babies in arms.

Thank you very much!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION (PRE CANA CLASS)

Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 8:00am.

This is a mandatory, 1-day class. If you haven't registered for this class at the office please do so by e-mailing admin@glandorfstjohns.com.

PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP	September 21, 2025	
<u>Offering</u>		
Loose	\$	745.00
Adult Envelope	\$	7,617.00
Children	\$	144.00
Maintenance	\$	810.00
Online Offering	\$	2,233.00
Online Maintenance	\$	169.00
Preschool	\$	35.00
Catholic University	\$	260.00
Total Collection	\$	12,013.00

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

Give Online Today!

Visit our website to get the E-Giving Form to fill out and return to the Parish Office. It is located in the left side above the Menu options. www.stjohnglandorf.org

Heartbeat needs Diapers - size 5 or 6, Formula—any kind is helpful, Baby wipes.

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.



Perpetuate the Gift

Please give in support of Our Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. If you want to contribute, the envelopes are located in the back vestibules on either side.

Thank you for your support!

2025 GRAND-orf Club



2025 GRAND-orf Club drawing will be **October 12th** by **Andrea and Doug Giesige** with Coffee and Donuts after the 8;00am and 10:30am Masses. Extra tickets are in the racks in the Church vestibules.



Newsletters are available in the back of Church.

Please Include them in your prayers

OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of our faithful departed. Our sincere sympathy is extended to their families, relatives, friends & neighbors.

KENNETH WEHRI PATRICK MORMAN

NEWLY WED

Connor & Aubrey (Schnipke) Niese

WEDDING BANN

III Megan Kosch, of this parish, daughter of Brent & Jane Kosch & Jacob Clark, of Our Lady of Victory, son of Marten and Tina Clark

I Emily Annesser of this parish, daughter Ryan & Denise Annesser & Jacob Dible, of Sts. Peter & Paul, son of Todd & Diane Dible

BAPTIZED

Maeve Marie, daughter of Nolan & Mikayla Niese Mason John, son of Drake & Kylie Lammers

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

The past 20 years

Alice J Palte 10/5/21
Katherine E Birkemeier 10/6/07
Beatrice D Nienberg 10/7/02
Karl H Kleman 10/7/16
Edna C German 10/7/23
Thomas E Hanneman 10/8/12

St 20 years
Harold J Brinkman 10/8/15
John J Macke 10/9/04
Kimberly Langhals 10/10/11
Kenneth Maag 10/10/17
Juanita E Blankemeyer 10/10/18
Arthur T Landwehr 10/11/16



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:

September 28, 2025, January 11, 2026, May 17, 2026, September 27, 2026

MARRIAGES

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS (REQUIRED)

1-DAY CLASS organized by Dr. Craig and Wendy Imm in the Parish Center Cafeteria Sunday, November 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 419-214-4945 or e-mail 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.

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

Angels: Who and What Are They?

This past week, on Sept. 29th and Oct. 2nd, the Church celebrated the Archangels and Guardian Angels. This begs one to wonder, what does the Church teach about angels? Who are they and what is their purpose? The Catechism of the Catholic Church states in Paragraphs 329: "With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they "always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven" they are the "mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word". And paragraph 330 states: "As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness."

Christian doctrine thus teaches that the angels are spiritual beings who were created by God to serve Him. They can appear in human form and interact with us, but those bodies are only temporary illusions and pass away when their interaction with certain humans ends sin. Are there female angels? No, and technically there are not any male either. Since they are spirits and do not have bodies, they do not have a gender and thus they cannot be male or female. They are created apart from humans as their own creation; thus humans do not become angels once they die. Psalm 8:4-5 asks God, "What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor." This passage distinguishes there is a difference in creation between humans and angels. One is not the other.

The purpose of all of the angels is to serve God, praise God, worship God, and pray to God. In the process of serving God, they also protect us, pray for us, inspire us, encourage us, and guide us during our journey on Earth. Some early Christian traditions indicate that even after our death, the angels continue to guide us in our journey to our final place, whether it is to Heaven or to Hell. It is speculative that those who have to go through the final state of purification on the way to Heaven known as Purgatory might also have their guardian angels (Psalm 91:9-12; Matthew 18:1-4,10) with them during their time of purification of sin

Everyone has a guardian angel. As Paragraph 336 of the Catechism tells us: "From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession." Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God." Our Guardian Angels love us and do everything within God's Will to protect us from harm. Sometimes though we reject God's protection, and by consequence theirs, when we reject God and we have to deal with the consequences of our sins when we do not repent. Angels also pray for us. We see in Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 4:8 that the angels continue to sing and pray to God, "Holy, holy." We also see in Tobit 12:12 and Revelation 5:8 and 8:3 that along with the Saints who are in Heaven, the angels serve as intercessors for us in prayer to God. For this reason, Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:10 not to despise or bring harm to children, "for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven."

There are nine choirs of angels organized in a heavenly hierarchy: The Seraphim, Cherubim, and Thrones mediate upon the Person, Wisdom, and Judgment of God. The Dominions, Powers, and Virtues govern the forces of nature and the Universe as a whole. Finally, Principalities are guardians of nations and cities, Archangels are guardians of special people, and Angels are guardians and messengers to us all. And we know the names of the archangels who lead the angelic host as mentioned in Scripture (Tobit 12:15, Revelation 8:2). They are Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael.

Angels are all around us even if we do not see them. For every human being present in a room, there is at least one angel present, if not more. They are the perfect examples of love, loyalty, and fortitude. Take time to thank God for giving you the gift of your angel that has been in care of you from all eternity and knows you with an intimacy that is greater than your own.

Source: From www.catholic365.com, "The Catholic Teachings On The Angels", Alex Brittain, 7/31/2015

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Attention ALL MEN!!!!
Join us on for That Man Is
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Saturday, Oct 11th, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria or Wednesday, Oct 8th, 7-8:30pm in room 22.

For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ mbkarhoff@bright.net

BECOMING A
MAN AFTER
GOD'S OWN
HEART" –
Steadfast
Leadership



Presenter: Michael Gormley. Clarity of Thought and Integrity of Action. King Solomon's Rise and Fall. Remaining Steadfast in Thought and Action. Mother Theresa as an Example. Saints Have to Start Somewhere. 1 Kings 2:24, 3:5:



GRIEF SUPPORT

Presented by Pamela K. Sager, CNP

Pam is the former Executive Director of Putnam County
Homecare and Hospice. She is also a former Critical Care
& Pulmonary CNP (Certified Nurse Practitioner) and has
worked in Geriatric Care.

SAT, OCT. 18 9:00AM - 10:30AM

St. John's Parish Center Glandorf, OH

OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults The Journey of Faith

OCIA is a process to introduce non-Catholics, or non-Christians to Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church. The goal is to lead others into a personal relationship with Christ and a conversion of heart from a life of sin to a life of grace. We assist them in being fully initiated into the Church – if Christ leads them down this path. Inquirers can start at any time throughout the year, whenever God is calling.

Contact Mindy Recker for more information. Rectory #419.538.6928 • Cell # 419.615.8926



OCIA Snack

We are looking for volunteers to bring breakfast-type snacks for our Sunday learning sessions. If you enjoy sharing your favorite treats or simply want to contribute, this is a great way to help out! Snack ideas may be cinnamon rolls, boiled eggs, donuts, bagels, muffins, granola bar, fresh fruit, juice, etc. Any snack would be appreciated!

The meetings will be on Sundays at 400 am in the church basement ("undercroft"), starting September 7th You will need to provide snacks for 10 people. Snacks can be dropped off at 845am. Any leftovers or containers should be picked up after the 1030 Mass around 1130am.

To sign up to bring a snack, click the OR code and choose your date.

Thronk you for your generosity!





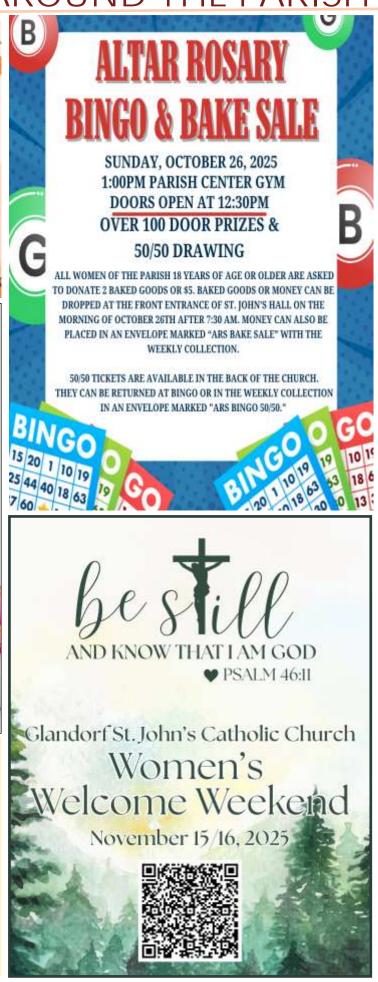






"We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth... We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Respect Life Reflection: "Life: Our Sign of Hope"



2ND GRADE PARENTS

IST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH AT 6:30PM - 8:00PM . IN THE PARISH CENTER CAFETERIA



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Glandorf Youth Group Grades 7-12

Where Glandorf Park behind the fire station When October 19th Time 6-8 pm What Bonfire and Pumpkin Carving / Painting Bring your own chairs Free Snacks









SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 AT 2:00 PM AT ST. JOHN'S OFFICIATING WILL BE REVEREND MONSIGNOR WILLIAM KUBACKI

Rehearsal for Candidates (students) and Sponsors will be Saturday.

November 8th, immediately following the 8:00 am Mass.

Please mark your calendars and notify your sponsors of this information.

Let us all pray for hearts to be fully opened to receive the graces the Holy Spirit will be pouring out upon these youth. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful!



FOR LIFE

Speeches at 10am Walk at Ilam

Speakers Nichalas Cech, Peter Range, Ohio Supreme Court Justice Pat Fischer, more speakers to be announced

Located at the Ottawa Rex Pavillon

More information to come

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October Catechists Birthdays

Heather Haselman 1st Katie Verhoff 22 Michelle Horstman 25th Carole Schroeder 31st

Prayer Garden is Started!









Upcoming events

-Oct. 1st: 8th grade NET Confirmation Retreat 1:30-7:30 -Oct. 4th: Overnight Eucharistic

Adoration

-Oct. 9th: 1st Reconciliation parent meeting 6:30-8 in Cafe -Oct. 21st: 3rd grade scapular enrollment in Church during CCD

-Oct. 24th: NO SCHOOL

-Oct. 31st: All-School Mass 8:00 am to celebrate All Saint's Day

Save the Date! Stocking Stuffing for the Homeless

Thursday, November 13th



Listen quietly if a classmate is upset and saying unkind things, instead of reacting in anger.

Stay calm when teased or insulted choose not to retaliate or gossip in return.

Forgive quickly when a friend makes a mistake or hurts your feelings.

Pray for the person who wronged you instead of holding a grudge.

Virtue and Works of Mercy of the Month

Truthful-Being honest in our words and actions

Bear Wrongs Patiently- Endure unfair treatment with love and without resentment

Speak gently instead of raising your voice when you feel frustrated. Avoid complaining when you're assigned a chore or task you didn't want. Offer kindness to someone who has treated you unfairly, showing them God's love.

Wait patiently
when group
work doesn't
go your way
or others
aren't
cooperating.







Glandorf Park Fest: Parade









Eucharistic Procession with Classroom Blessing

Today we gather for a special moment in our faith journey: the Blessing of the Classrooms and Adoration. When we bless our classrooms, we invite God to be part of our everyday learning—to fill our spaces with wisdom, kindness, and joy. It's a way of reminding ourselves that every lesson, every friendship, and even every challenge can be touched by His grace!





Eucharistic Adoration

Following this, we enter into Adoration, a quiet time to be in the loving presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. In that silence, we open our hearts, listen for His voice, and let His peace guide us. Together, these moments help us remember that God is with us in our work, our play, and our prayers—shaping us to grow in faith and love each day!









Stocking Stuffing for Homeless

Would you like to help our Religious Education program stuff stockings for Fr. Eric Kaufman's Parish in Mansfield? A list of suggested items is below!

In the back of Church (on the same side as Mary's altar) there is a box for donations. Thank you in advance for helping us serve others in need!

Food & Drink

- Small bottles of water (8-12
- Trail mix
- Granola bars
- Gummy snacks
- Peanut butter crackers
- Beef jerky or meat sticks
- Nuts or mixed nuts
- Dried fruit or raisins
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Hot chocolate packets

Practical & Hygiene Items

- Gallon Ziploc Bags
- Plastic Bags
- Band-Aids
- Small deodorants
- Toothbrush + travel-size toothpaste
- Travel-size tissues
- Lip balm
- Travel-size hand sanitizer or cleansing wipes
- Small lotion

Faith & Encouragement

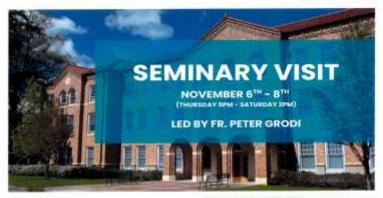
- Prayer cards
- Small Religious items
- Small Rosary
- Pocket prayer booklets
- Handwritten encouragement notes

Comfort & Warmth

- Winter hat
- Winter gloves
- Winter socks
- Hand warmers
- Feet/toe warmers
- Rain poncho
- warmer
- Thermal socks
- Nice hiking bag (small)
- Pocket-sized notebook +

- Fleece scarf or neck
- Reusable water bottle





WHAT IS IT?

ioin Fr. Peter Grodi and young men from around the Diocese for a three-day visit to Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit to see what it is like to live the life of a seminarian studying for the priesthood. We will depart together from St. Thomas More Parish in Bowling Green on Nov 6" at 5pm and return by 2pm on November 8th,



WHAT WILL WE DO?



Join the seminarians for their normal schedule of prayer



Get a taste of a normal day of study for a seminarian



Socialize Eat, hangout, and play with the seminarians.

Questions? Want to donate for the trip? Email fr.petergrodi@sttomsbg.org

VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS

Meeting Thursday, October 16, 2025

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thursday October 16 at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45PM followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Fr. Tony Fortman, CPPS pastor of St. Gaspar Family of Parishes in Dayton/Englewood. He will be speaking on "The Highs and Lows of Ministry within the Family Model." Persons who have an interest in this topic or the mission of the Serra Club are welcome to attend as guests. If interested in attending, please respond to Kathy at 419-303-0339 no later than Tuesday, October 14.

MISSIONARIES OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD UNITED STATES PROVINCE

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT AT ST. CHARLES CENTER, **CARTHAGENA, OHIO**

NOVEMBER 8TH AND 9TH

This retreat is for men 18 years and older who want to learn more about a possible call to consecrated life and how to discern such a vocation. For further information, visit preciousbloodus.org and click on the Vocations tab or email



vocation@preciousbloodus.org.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

with Father David Kidd, Director Office for Diocesan Priestly Vocations

November 21, 2025 5pm -November 23, 2025 1pm

DeSales Retreat Center 1198 DeSales Drive, Brooklyn, MI 49230



For Catholic men. ages 18 to 35, who are open to considering a call to the priesthood or religious life.

This day of reflection is an opportunity for young adults to learn practical methods of prayer and discernment that will help them better understand God's plus for their life.

For more information, contact

Father David Kidd, Diocese of Toledo Office of Diocesan Priestly

dkidd@toledodiocese.org

To register, contact:

Maria Theis 419-214-4920



RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT October 2025 Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

With great joy we celebrate October as Respect Life Month amid the Church's Jubilee Year of Hope. This Jubilee Year "offers us the opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama." The life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation of our hope. Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious.

Yet, the daily headlines remind us of how desperately our world is thirsting for the hope that only God can provide. Every day we witness the overwhelming disregard for human life: through rising rates of abortion and assisted suicide; the killing of innocent school children, even at prayer; the mistreatment of our immigrant sisters and brothers as they endure an environment of aggression; and political and ideological violence inflicted against unsuspecting victims. These attacks threaten life precisely when it is most vulnerable and in need of protection.

Despite these realities, the gift of human life exists as a sign of hope to our world today, defying the powers of darkness and the culture of death. It is of the utmost importance that we work to ensure that every life, in every stage and circumstance, is protected in law.

Earlier this year, history was made when Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for one year. I thank Catholics across the country who "The gift of human life exists as a sign of hope to our world today, defying the powers of darkness and the culture of death."

have embraced a <u>nationwide call to prayer</u> for the end of all taxpayer funding of abortion centers, and I ask that we continue those prayers throughout the month of October.

This Jubilee Year we are challenged to be agents of hope to those whose hearts are burdened by trial, difficulty, or suffering, offering them the hope that comes from Christ Jesus alone. Walking with Moms in Need and Project Rachel Ministry are just two examples of how the Church continuously reaches out with love, compassion, and mercy to those most in need of a message of hope.

As we begin Respect Life Month, together we embrace the words of Pope Leo XIV, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today." Each of us is called to be a witness to the Gospel of Life, proclaiming in word and deed the innate goodness and dignity of every human person.

For information on Respect Life Month, visit https://www.respectlife.org/.

¹ Pope Francis, Spes non confundit, 20.

Pope Leo XIV, Vatican News, May 26, 2025: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-africa-day-pilgrimage-blessing-vatican-basilica.html.



The Ottawa Food Panty, located at Triety United Methodist Cherch in Ottawa, consists of 6 local charches. It includes the Catholic charches of Kalida, Glandorf, and Ottawa, and Ottawa's Lathoran, Prosbyterian, and Methodist charches. Since there are six charches, each charch takes care of 2 different meetles. St. John's menths are April and October. Seeing that it will seen be our turn again, we need your support (volunteer hours). The Food Panty is open to needly families on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the meeth, this consist menth being Oct. I and Oct 28. There is prop work to be done on the Mondays before those dates, as well, but no clients come until Tuesday menting. Here is a number of what happens each day and where we need YOU.

MONDAYS Preparation Days (9:30 - 12

Get empty hoses from local businesses (to carry each family's groceries)

Pick up food order from Lima Food Bank (Need a pickup truck and a trailer)

Unload and put away tood from the Lima Food Sank (Men are needed, for the cases and boxes are beavy.)

Set up tables in Trially's accombly half for distributing eggs, batter, produce, broad, pastry flores, rehigerated inters, slightly acpived inters, etc., Set up chains for walking clients.

Sort, check expiration dates, and put away items that have recently been desisted (for example-asything from the bee in the back of our charab)

TUESDAYS Distribution Days (9:30 - 2:00)

Stand behind the tables set up on Monday in the assembly hall (control how much each client can take restock as the tables ometry).

Walk along with clients, perhaps gushing their carts for them and filling their boxes, as they choose items from our "choice paritry". It is called a choice paritry because the room is set up like a small grocery store, and clients choose what they want. We control the amount they take, depending upon the size of their family. For example, a large family may take 5 canned vegetables, 3 faults, 1 ready-to-out soup and 1 condensed soup, 2 meat packages, 1 baking item, etc. (A clipboard with the amounts each client can take of each category is provided for you, and you check off each food group as it is chosen.)

Stay in the choice paritry and restock shelves as certain items get low.

Carry out and load food boxes into customers' cars.

Make lunch for the Glandorf voluntoers

Clean up the assembly hall (put leftover food away, stack chairs, put tables back in their original places, stack and store remaining boxes, wash dawn the tables, clean up the kitchen from lanch, etc.)

NOTE: Glandorf St. John's is also in need of a person/couple willing to:

Attend 3 – 4 meetings per year, along with representatives from each church, to make decisions for the partry and to keep each parish informed of any changes being made.

Call to remind/line up parish voluntoers.

Write thank you notes to generous donors.

Periodically submit church bulletin announcements:

Is there any capacity where you would be willing to help? If so,Contact Annette McKee at 419-615-8699 or ammckee53@vahoo.com.

WE NEED YOU!

Faith and Fellowship!

Putnam Heritage Assisted Living, at 1380 N. Locust St. Ottawa, is "Open to the Community":

Chapel Available to the Community:

The Divine Mercy chapel, including a weekday rosary at 10:30 am, is open to serve the faithful of the community.

FUN and FREE Community Fellowship:

Tuesday evening fellowship events start at 6:30 pm and end at 8:00 pm with ready-to-serve-yourself beverages. For ANYONE and EVERYONE, ages 15 and up.

For more information, visit putnamheritage.com/events/

Tues., Sept 30 Improv Games

Tues., Oct 7 American Sign Language Class - I

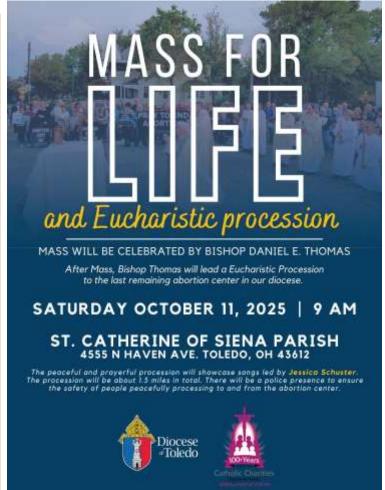
Tues., Oct 14 American Sign Language Class - II

Tues., Oct 21 Euchre Tournament

Tues., Oct 28 "Hillbilly" Card Bingo













HELP SAVE LIVES IN TOLEDO!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1.000.000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 25,000 saved babies
- · Over 270 abortion workers converted
- . Over 170 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- Vigil location: Public right-of-way outside Toledo Women's Center: 1160 W Sylvania Ave, Toledo OH 43612
- Vigil hours: 7am to 7pm daily
- Local contact: Kevin Jorrey
 Email: kjorrey@toledodiocese.org
 Phone: 419-214-4933
- Learn more and sign up for prayer times.
 by visiting our website below!

2025 OUTDOOR ROSARY RALLY

Please join us at a public rosary rally in honor of our Lady of Fatima at 12:00 noon on **Saturday October 11**, **2025 at Continental St John the Baptist Church.** We will pray for the repentance and conversion of our great nation, asking God to save America through the rosary of his most Holy Mother.

Please bring your own lawn chair. If you have any questions contact Joyce Verhoff at 419-601-5566 or ronjoyceverhoff@gmail.com

Want to take the night off cooking? Sunday, October12th 11.30am-2.30 pm

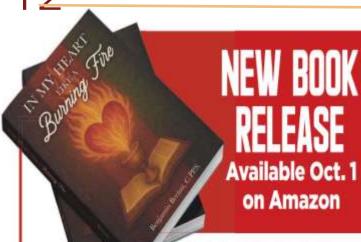
Come support Glandorf's own Chase Maag in his Eagle Scout project funding for a chicken BBQ on Sunday Oct 12th 11.30-2.30 all drive thru, how convenient! Rear of Glandorf Parish Center. You can text Chase @567-376-5382 or get tickets at the scoop on main or the Bombshelter! Your support is greatly appreciated!!



ANNUAL MISCARRIAGE AND INFANT LOSS MEMORIAL MASS TO BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Did you or someone you love lose a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death? Come receive spiritual consolation at the annual St. Catherine's Embrace Memorial Mass. It will be held on Sunday, October 26 at 1:30 p.m. at Leipsic St. Mary's Catholic Church, 320 State Street, Leipsic. All are welcome at this special Mass, whether your loss was recent or years ago. Those outside Putnam County are also warmly invited. This Mass will fulfill the regular Sunday obligation. If you have questions about the Mass or St. Catherine's Embrace (an outreach ministry in Putnam County that supports families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss), call or text Mary Beth Weisenburger at (419)980-8065 or Jill Streicher at (419)796-0637 or email scembrace@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook: St. Catherine's Embrace Putnam County.





In this inspiring collection, Rev. Dr. Benjamin Berinti, C.PP.S., draws from the full richness of the Church's liturgical seasons and Sunday readings to offer reflections that echo the living voice of God. Through these carefully chosen selections, readers are invited to experience the breadth and depth of Scripture-God's Word that, once spoken, never returns empty but brings transformation to those who listen and respond.

With over four decades of priestly ministry as a Missionary of the Precious Blood, Fr. Berinti brings a wealth of experience as a pastor, professor, and

spiritual leader. His thoughtful insights aim not only to illuminate the sacred texts but to stir the heart and awaken a deeper commitment to discipleship.

In My Heart like a Burning Fire

Benjamin Berinti, C.PP.S.

Whether you journey through Advent's expectant hope, Lent's call to conversion, or the Ordinary Time of everyday faithfulness, this book seeks to help you hear God's voice with new clarity. More than just hearing, it urges you to act-to become not only a listener but a doer of the Word. May these reflections help the Word of Christ dwell richly within you and empower you to live it boidly in the world.

Living With Hope

Time for Hope and Reflection

Scief Support Gathering

Saturday, October 25

8:30-Noon

Sts. Peter & Paul Church

Come and take time for yourself!

Please bring a picture of your loved one.

All are Welcome

If you have questions,

please call (419) 523-5216

Grief/Bereawevent Ministry of Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Johns Glandorf,

Anchored in Hope Bereavement Team of St. Nicholas - Holy Family



Did you know that volunteering as a family to bring up the offertory at Mass is a beautiful way to deepen you connection to God and to each other? Parishioners can sign up today by scanning QR code:

https://tinyurl.com/2dss8wp







CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY CRAFT SHOW

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



SACRED HEART CHURCH SCHOOL HALL

NEW BAVARIA

S.R. 108 SOUTH OF HOLGATE TO ROAD Y

FREE ADMISSION BAKED GOODS

CRAFTERS RAFFLE BASKETS

LUNCH ALL DAY SANTA

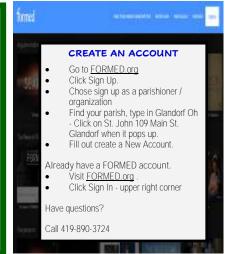
ALSO FEATURING...... "TWICE BUT NICE" GARAGE SALE

> PROCEEDS FROM GARAGE SALE GO TO SACRED HEART C.C.D. SERVICE PROJECTS

CATHOLIC COUNSELING SERVICES

Feeling depressed during the Christmas season? Struggling with the loss of a loved one? Dealing with marital problems? Experiencing gender identity issues? If you or someone you love might benefit from counseling, confidential professional Catholic counseling, rooted in our Catholic faith, is now available at Findlay St. Michael Parish.

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





The mission of

St. Catherine's Embrace

is to reach out to, assist and embrace all families in the St. George Deanery, regardless of faith affiliation, who have lost a child from miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death.

> Please call the rectory 419-538-6928



Providing Education on the CREIĞHTON MODEL Fertility Care™ System to Empower Women and Couples

UNDERSTAND, MAINTAIN, and APPRECIATE their Health and

Fertility in a way that is cooperative with our Catholic faith. Contact Wendy Imm, BSN CFCP for more information at 614-634-1043 or

divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.co

faith...

In today's Gospel we learn a little bit about faith. In fact, Jesus says we only need a tiny bit of faith to do amazing things. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, He said, you can tell a tree to throw itself into the sea and it will!

But what is faith? Faith is believing. We have faith in our parents and teachers. That means that we believe what they tell us and we trust them. We have faith in our friends too. Faith in God is a little bit different, though. It is a gift He gives us so that we can believe in Him.

When we are baptized God gives us the gift of faith. Then it's up to us to use it. We use that gift when we decide to believe in God and what He tells us in the Church and the Bible.



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Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

October 6









WAS THE HOUSE.

BROTHER, A PRIEST

SHE WAS KIND TO EVERYONE BUT VERY STRICT WITH HERSELF.





BUT SHE DID WHAT SHE WAS ASKED ANYWAY SHE TOOK THE NAME MARIE-ROSE AND WORKED VERY HARD TO TEACH AND RUN THE ORDER.

BLESSED MARIE-ROSE LIVED ONLY SIX MORE YEARS. SHE DID MUCH PENANCE AND WAS QUITE STRICT WITH THE OTHER SISTERS. THEY WERE POOR AND OFTEN PEOPLE SPOKE BADLY ABOUT THEM BUT SHE WOULD NOT GIVE UP HER WORK TO BRING CHILDREN TO GOD. SISTER MARIE-ROSE DIED WHEN SHE WAS 38.

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The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 5th, 2025

What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading when the apostles asked Him to give them more faith?

> Sort out the letters by number and put them in the spaces below.



"If you have faith the size of a

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you. Luke 17:5-10

Mustard Seed Word-Find

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Here is part of today's Gospel reading.
See if you can find all the words written in CAPITALS.
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

