

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Missionaries of the Precious Blood
St. George Deanery*



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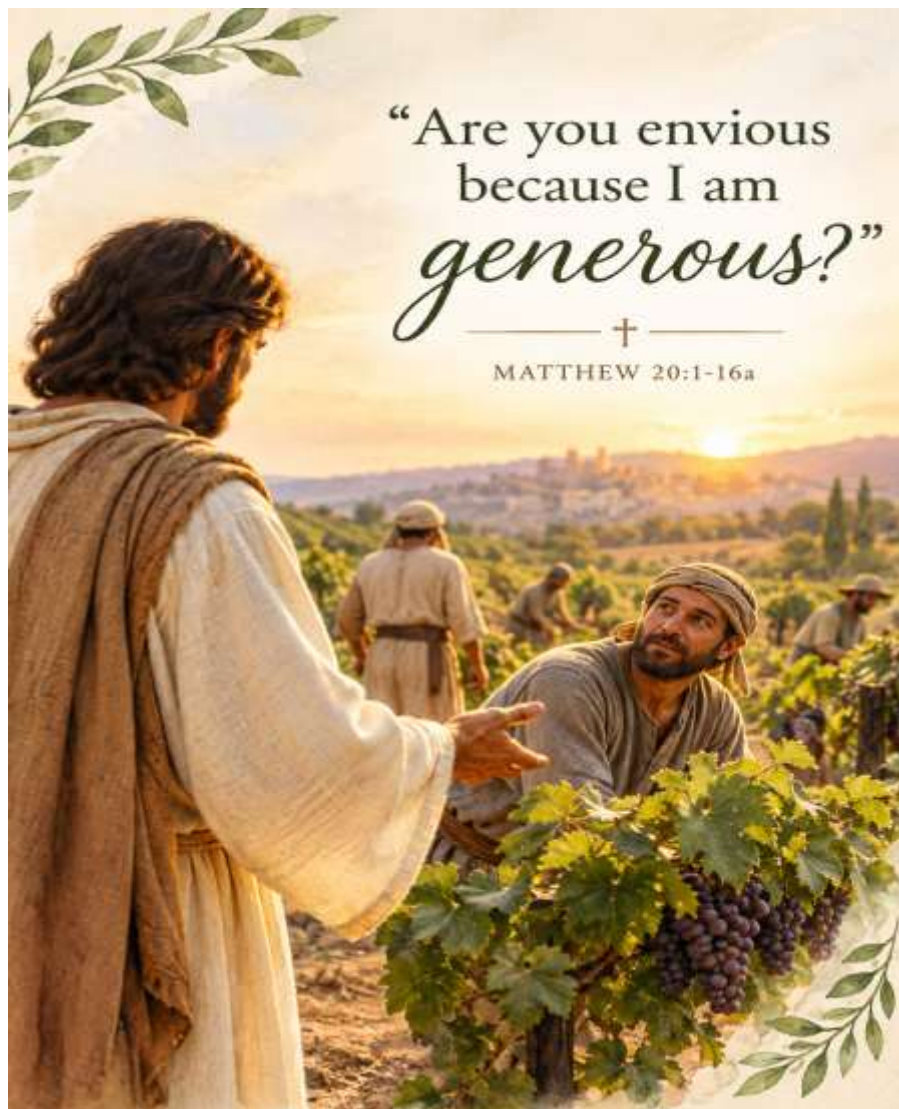
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OUR MISSION

Founded by Jesus Christ, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is the heart of Glandorf. At the heart of our faith are the Sacraments which St. John's is here to evangelize, catechize, and celebrate all of God's people to set their hearts on fire in passionate love of God and neighbor.

OUR VISION

We enable spiritual formation and growth, support discipleship, provide outreach through community service, and build relationships, so we can build the Kingdom of God in Glandorf and around the world. Driven by the Gospel of Jesus Christ; we want to educate and promote respect for the dignity of life, encourage charity and justice, and embody the moral values of the church. Our mission is guided by Scripture and Traditions of our Catholic Faith and aligned with the mission of the Diocese of Toledo to make Holy Disciples, Holy Families, and Holy Vocations.

Fall season means harvesting of the crops will be in full swing and our Gospel message today focuses on harvesting of grapes. In Ancient Israel, this time of year was the start of the rainy season and it was also a time to wait until the grapes were the ripest which meant the best tasting grape. Jesus may have had this in His mind when he told the parable of the vineyard owner. Picture the owner waking up in the morning and he sees the sky filled with storm clouds. Sometimes the torrential rain would damage or ruin the crops so he goes to the marketplace to hire his workers. After seeing the rains coming harder, he goes back to the marketplace later on in the day and hires more workers. And he makes enough trips to get all of his grapes harvested. The owner's efforts pay off and he is happy so he decides to celebrate and pay all of his workers a full day's wage, even though some worked only a partial day. Reading between the lines we get the impression that the early workers did not work as hard as they should, as an experienced vineyard owner would not miscalculate the number of workers for the harvest. On the other hand, the owner's decision to pay the part time workers a full day's wage may have indicated they worked extra hard to get the harvesting done. So, when the all-day workers complained about their wage, the owner said to them, "I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Are you envious because I am generous?" So why did Jesus tell this parable? Was he trying to make a point to the people of his time? In other words, who were the full time and who were the part time workers? The part time workers were the sinners and outcasts of the day. They were people who took Jesus' preaching seriously and repented of their sins. The full-time workers were people like the Pharisees who were angered when the sinners repented and entered into God's Kingdom at the last minute. Also in Jesus time, the workers waiting around the marketplace, were good workers but couldn't find work; often times barely making enough to feed their families. The vineyard owner invites us to ask ourselves about our own attitudes towards our needy brothers and sisters. We are all called to work in God's vineyard and we should consider that an immense honor. There is room for everyone, whether we are men or women, young or old, rich or poor. Will you accept Jesus' call to work in the vineyard? I pray that all of you have open and soft hearts for the work that God is calling you to. Have a blessed and faith filled weekend. God bless.

Dcn. Don



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SACRAMENTS BAPTISM

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

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS (by Deacon Mike and Becky Karhoff)

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

Upcoming classes:

September 20, 2026, January 10, 2027,

May 16, 2027, September 19, 2027

MARRIAGES

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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS (REQUIRED)

1-DAY CLASS organized by Dr. Craig and Wendy Imm in the Parish Center Cafeteria
Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 8:00am

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

Friday 7:15am - 7:45am

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

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.

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.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21~St. Matthew

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service– Deacon Don Inkrott

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:15am Rosary

8:40am Ruth Quinn

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23~St. Pius

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Oscar Schnipke

6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration

7:45-8:15pm Confession

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:15am Rosary

8:40am David Mendralla

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:15am-7:45am Confessions

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Healing for Lisa Doecker

12:00pm Rosary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26~Sts. Cosmas & Damian

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Margaret, Bill & Mike Warnecke

8:30am Confessions

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Eulitta Spangler, L/D Ellie Schimmoeller Family,

L/D Lawrence & Eleanor Hermiller Family, Mike

Niese,

Kennedy Rose Schroeder

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27~26th Sunday in Ordinary**Time**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Marilyn Olivo, Tom Kaufman

9:00am Baptism

10:30am Rita & Ray Flaute

SERVERS

Mon 8:00am No Mass

Tue 8:40am Students

Wed 8:00am Cliff Schroeder, Eddie Duling

Thurs 8:40am Students

Fri 8:00am Bart Recker, Greg Nussbaum

Sat 8:00am Levi Hanneman, Kaitlyn Kuhlman, Blake Maag, Jack Maag

Sat 4:30pm Emmitt Miller, Will Faber, Addyson Faber

Sun 8:00am Breyson Trombley, Riley Trombley, Caleb Schroeder

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**LECTORS**

Sat 4:30pm Doug Karhoff

Mary Rose Ellerbrock

Sun 8:00am Deb Schroeder

Deb Burwell

Sun 10:30am Rose Warnecke

Gene Warnecke

Jason Miller (choir)

Doug Karhoff

Mary Rose Ellerbrock

Connie Cassidy

Sharon Meyer

Tim Hansen

Jeanne Schram

2026-2027 Ministry Schedule will be emailed out on Monday, September 21, 2026. If you do not receive the email, you can find it on our website. This schedule will start the weekend of October 3rd and 4th

GIFT BEARERS - To sign up for a Mass click link below
<https://tinyurl.com/2sujmrrn> 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

**SEPTEMBER USHERS**

Sat 4:30pm Kevin Ellerbrock, Alex Ellerbrock

Sun 8:00am Mark Maag, Alan Wrasman

Sun 10:30am Mitch Gable, Charlie Schroeder

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 8**ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Tim & Mer Lehman**

SEPTEMBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Suzanne & Bill Brinkman, Janet & Cliff Schroeder, Paula & Ken Elchinger, Don & Elaine Inkrott, Judy & Dan Siefker, Rachel Nienberg



4 AROUND THE PARISH

WE ARE HIRING

Are you looking for a part-time opportunity?
Do you have some experience with maintenance
and repairs?
Would you like to join the Maintenance Crew
at St John's?
Apply Now

Give Deacon Mike a call to discuss more
details 419-796-0763



ARE YOU READY FOR SNOW?!

Help St. John's Parish with snow removal!

When it snows, our sidewalks and steps need to be cleared—typically 6–8 AM.

❄️ We need individuals or groups to sign up for snow days. Equipment provided; training provided for lawn tractor blower/blade. Must be 18+ to operate lawn tractors.

❄️ Sign up for one day or multiple days.
No snow = no work!

❄️ Scan the QR code to sign up.
More details are on the
SignUpGenius page.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR PARISH!

Eucharistic Adoration in October

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

ADORATION ON FIRST FRIDAY



<https://>

ADORATION ON FIRST SATURDAY

<https://>

tinyurl.com/4fr7ef99



NEED 2 PEOPLE TO BE WITH
JESUS EVERY HOUR!

SCHEDULE

EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:30 - 7:30PM

FIRST FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 2ND

1:00 - 4:00PM CONCLUDING
WITH BENEDICTION

FIRST SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3RD & 4TH

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

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



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

Catechism Corner

Three Categories of Catholic Virtues

In today's Gospel Jesus uses a parable to teach us about the virtue of generosity. Generosity is one of the capital virtues, and also a fruit of the spirit. Let's begin with a definition of virtues from the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1803:

A virtue is an habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself. The virtuous person tends toward the good with all his sensory and spiritual powers; he pursues the good and chooses it in concrete actions. The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God."

The formal categories of all the virtues in Catholic teaching are:

- **The 3 Theological Virtues** (faith, hope and love)

They are called "theological" (which means having to do with God) because they unite us directly to God, who infuses them into our souls at Baptism with his sanctifying grace. These graces are supernatural, meaning they are given by God directly. We don't acquire these by our own human ability. We can pray God will deepen these in our soul. Great prayers for these virtues are Act of Faith, Act of Hope, and Act of Love.

- **The 4 Cardinal Virtues** (prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance)

The word "cardinal" means "hinge" in Latin. The cardinal virtues are like hinges on which all the other virtues depend. These virtues govern our actions towards ourselves and other persons. We can grow in the cardinal virtues by our own efforts to consciously develop them, but they can also be infused into our souls more deeply by God's grace. Each of the cardinal virtues governs a particular aspect of the human person: Prudence relates to our intellects, helping us know the truth. Justice helps our wills to pursue the good. Fortitude governs our emotions that help us face challenges. Temperance moderates our senses of appetites (for food, drink, and sex) with the help of reason.

- **The 7 Capital Virtues** (also known as the 7 "Lively" Virtues) The capital virtue counteract the Seven Deadly Sins (which we also call capital sins). These virtues are:

Humility counteracts the capital sin of **Pride**

Generosity counteracts the capital sin of **Greed/Avarice**

Chastity counteracts the capital sin of **Lust**

Meekness and **Patience** counteract the capital sin of **Anger**

Temperance counteracts the capital sin of **Gluttony**

Kindness counteracts the capital sin of **Envy**

Diligence counteracts the capital sin of **Sloth**

Human virtues acquired by education, by deliberate acts and by a perseverance ever-renewed in repeated efforts are purified and elevated by divine grace. With God's help, they forge character and give facility in the practice of the good. The virtuous man is happy to practice them. (CCC #1810) It is not easy for man, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance. Christ's gift of salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues. Everyone should always ask for this grace of light and strength, frequent the sacraments, cooperate with the Holy Spirit, and follow his calls to love what is good and shun evil. (CCC #1811)

STEWARDSHIP

September 13, 2026

Offering

Loose	\$	700.00
Adult Envelope	\$	9,939.00
Children	\$	147.00
Maintenance	\$	700.00
Online Offering	\$	2,098.75
Online Maintenance	\$	226.25
Patronal Feast	\$	10.00
Pre School	\$	1,042.00
Total Collection	\$	14,863.00

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.stjohnnglandorf.org

NEED YOUR HELP

HEARTBEAT: Boys and Girls: Diapers – Preemies, Pullups Girls (2T/3T) Winter sleepers- Boys (3T), Girls (4T), Winter pants - Girls newborn—prefer solid colors, Boys Tennis Shoes (size 4, 5, 6, 7) Baby wash, shampoo, diaper ointment, Toothbrushes, sippy cups, teething toys/ rings. There is a box in the south entrance of the Church for Heartbeat donations which will be picked up and taken to the Lima office periodically.

Heartbeat Hours: Monday through Thursday
9:00am—5:00pm at
421 S. Cable Rd, Lima, OH 45805.

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

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

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

**2026 GRAND-orf Club**

The September \$500 Parish Center Drawing winners are **Diane M Schroeder, Clete Birkemeier. Congratulations,** and thank you for supporting our Parish Center! The next drawing will be held on **October 11th**, along with **Coffee & Donuts** in room 15, hosted by **Andrea and Doug Giesige**. Extra tickets are available in the racks located in the church vestibules.

Please Include them in your prayers**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Austin and Emily Niese and daughter Holland

BAPTIZED

Ivy Christine, daughter of Jack & Makenna Cavanaugh

Ava Elizabeth, daughter of Jeremy & Kristin Kaufman

Ambrose Franklin Neal, son of Ryan & Breana Ashley

Cooper Alan, son of Jordan & Dana Bockrath

NEWLY WED

Joshua & Jenna(Cotterman) Lutz

WEDDING BANN

I Hanna Lutman, daughter of Ron & Amy Lutman & **Grant Goecke**, of Sts. Peter & Paul, son of Kevin & Marsha Goecke

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

Nathan J Pothast 9/20/08

Alberta L Ruhe 9/20/17

Kathleen Jones 9/20/24

Erma J Deters 9/21/14

Darrell Neuenschwander 9/21/23

Gerald E Gable 9/23/06

Velma P Balbaugh 9/23/21

Sylvia M Wortkoetter 9/24/03

Carol E Brinkman 9/24/08

Mary Ann Hermiller 9/24/25

James H Roof 9/25/00

Harry E Neuenschwander 9/25/01

Russell Dean Chamberlin 9/25/15

Laura V Recker 9/25/21

Lane Jeffery Condon 9/26/20

Kennedy Rose Schroeder 9/26/21

**Perpetuate the Gift**

Please Give in Support of Our Diocesan Priest's Retirement Fund.

September 19-20, 2026

Pick up your envelopes in the back vestibules

Humanitarian Relief Collection for Nepal & Tibet

Our prayers go out to the people of Nepal and Tibet as they search for survivors of a Himalayan glacier collapse that led to a massive deadly flash flood that has killed nearly 600 people thus far. Over 1,900 workers are reported missing at hydropower plants in Nepal. China reports nearly 600 people are missing in Tibet. Many of the missing are religious pilgrims heading to or from Mount Kailash where the glacier collapse and avalanche took place. The death toll is expected to rise as residents and rescuers search for survivors in the devastated river valleys. Upwards of 250,000 people in Nepal need support. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through Caritas Nepal to respond to urgent humanitarian needs in providing emergency safe shelter, food, water, medical care, emergency supplies, and counseling support to those in affected areas. As in past disasters, **Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo** is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Relief Services for this international humanitarian relief effort. **You may donate on our secure website: www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org, /selecting Humanitarian Relief Nepal as your donation designation.** Please make checks out to **Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo**, noting **Humanitarian Relief Nepal**, and mail to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, One SeaGate, Suite 2300, Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you for generously supporting those in need.



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Glandorf
invites you to



The Son Day Funday

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

Next Weekend!

Sunday, September 27, 2026

11:30am - 3:30pm

St. John's Parish Center

GAMES • FOOD • REVERSE RAFFLE

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Deacon Don's turtle soup will be served along with other
food and drinks by OG Jaycees and 1820 Brewwerks.



**Turn in your tickets
for a chance to win!**

**Extra tickets
are in the back
of Church!**



VOLUNTEERS Needed!

The Son Day Funday

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
NEEDS YOUR HELP TO MAKE
THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!

ANY ADULTS OR STUDENTS
in the 8TH THRU 12TH GRADE.

We Have Different Shifts,
PICK THE ONE THAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
St. John's Parish Center

SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT (OR BOTH!) AND JOIN US IN
CREATING A FUN-FILLED DAY
for Our Parish Families!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA9AF2FA1FFC25-65427449-sonday>

TOGETHER, WE BUILD COMMUNITY. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

LOOKING FOR DESSERTS FOR THE BAKED GOODS WHEEL

PLEASE CHECK THE BACK OF
THE CHURCH FOR THE SIGN-UP
SHEET.

DESSERTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF
BETWEEN 8AM AND 10:30AM ON
THE DAY OF THE EVENT
(SEPTEMBER 27TH).

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO
MAKE SUNDAY FUNDAY
POSSIBLE!

A FEW SUNDAY FUN DAY REVERSE RAFFLE TICKETS REMAIN.

IF SOMEONE WOULD LIKE TO
PURCHASE ONE THEY COST \$100
EACH. PLEASE CALL TAMMY
SCHMITZ AT 419-615-5651 OR
JOE SCHROEDER
AT 567-376-0567



Parish History Committee Project: Maria Camp (Schroederville) Historical Marker

The parish history committee is currently raising funds for a stone historical marker for the site of the former Precious Blood Mission House and Convent, called Maria Camp. In addition to the stone marker, a crucifix shrine will also be installed to help commemorate the site. If you are interested in donating towards this project and other future History Committee projects, please mail or drop off a donation at the rectory anytime, or drop off a donation at the History Committee booth at Sunday Funday. Checks can be made out to St. John's Parish, with parish history/museum group written on the memo line. Thank you in advance for the help in preserving and passing on our local history.- St. John the Baptist Parish Historical Committee

Sneak Peak at some of



Our Fabulous Raffle Baskets



8 AROUND THE PARISH



TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Join us for That Man Is You!


Saturday, September 26
 6:00-7:30 AM
Cafeteria




Wednesday, September 30
 7:00-8:30 PM
Room 22

SESSION 3:
"REVELATION OF THE FATHER"
To Till and to Keep

Presenter: **Mark Hartfiel**

To till and keep. Strength ordered toward love.
 Guarding what is sacred. Cultivation and protection.
 Passivity versus mission. Christ restores man's calling.

*Genesis 2:8-15, 3:24; CCC 409; Luke 9:51;
 John 18:4-6; Matthew 5:44-45; Ephesians 5:25*



For more information, contact
Deacon Mike Karhoff
mkarhoff@GlandorfStJohns.com





Just SHOW UP AND Fill Your Cup

A TIME TO CONNECT. BE ENCOURAGED.
AND BE REFRESHED.

September Schedule

SEPT 5TH	No JSU&FYC - enjoy Glandorf Parkfest with your families!	
SEPT 12TH	Just show as you are <i>Summer edition</i> SMALL TALK	
SEPT 19TH	Jean Ann Bialecki - <i>Raising a child with a disability</i>	
SEPT 26TH	Father Eric Kaufman - <i>The Sacrament of Healing: penance & the anointing of the sick.</i>	

Bring a friend, your coffee,
and an open heart.

 St. John the Baptist
Parish Center

 Room 15

 Saturdays at 8:45
after 8 o'clock Mass



We can't
wait to see
you!

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

A 100-DAY Pilgrimage FOR PEACE

PRAY • TRUST • HOPE



DAY 6 – PRAYER FOR PEACE

Today is day 6 of our 100-day pilgrimage praying for Peace.
 As we at the beginning of this pilgrimage I would like to share this prayer for Peace.
 It comes from the Saint Xavier University Prayer for Peace.

Leader: *"They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hook:
 nation shall not lift sword against nation neither shall they learn war
 anymore." (Isiah 2:4)*

All: Merciful Lord, as we recall the prophetic word of your servant Isiah, we turn to you
 to fulfill in our day and in our time in our hearts and in our nations these ancient
 words of promise and hope.
 Instead of a beacon on a hill the light of faith has become for some a blistering torch
 that threatens and destroys.
 In your Mercy, Lord teach us the ways of Peace.
 Defend the powerless strengthen those whose faith and whose very lives are threatened;
 Give them the sure confidence that you are with your people even at the moment of their
 greatest peril; Teach us tolerance and compassion; Fill us with respect for the faith of
 others for all genuine faith leads to you.
 May the blood of martyrs, past, and present, water the seed of faith and unity and fill us
 with the deep peace that surpasses understanding and that comes only from the wounded
 hand of Christ, the Lord.
Amen.



WE BEGIN
September 15
*Feast of Our Lady
 of Sorrows*



WE END
December 24
*As we celebrate the
 Birth of the Prince of Peace*

HOW TO PARTICIPATE





**SIMPLY PRAY
 ONE ROSARY EACH DAY**
 for peace, asking Our Lady, Queen of Peace,
 to pray for us as we pray for peace in our
 families, our communities, our nation,
 and throughout the world.

ONE ROSARY. ONE INTENTION. 100 DAYS. TOGETHER FOR PEACE.



Our Lady, Queen of Peace,
PRAY FOR US!




"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."


2ND GRADE PARENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**FIRST
RECONCILIATION
PARENT MEETING:**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
AT 6:30PM IN THE
PARISH CENTER
CAFETERIA.**Joyful Tuesdays**
(and Catholic and Patriotic!)**Faith, Fun and Fellowship!***Love of God, Love of Neighbor, Love of Country*

Ten weeks of Fall, 2026 Tuesday evening events of faith, fellowship and fun at the Parish Cafeteria at Glandorf St. John the Baptist Church parish center. Faith Focus will be at 6:30 pm and then Fellowship Focus from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. The Faith Focus will vary per night. There will be a main Fellowship Focus for each night, but stay around and chat, adults can walk and talk in the hallways, play cards, or pray some more, etc. There is room for everyone!

Tues., Sept. 22**6:30 pm Faith Focus: "Quo Vadis, America"**
- Fulton Sheen Video**7:00 pm Fellowship Focus: Game/Card Night**

Cards: Euchre, Solo, Pinochle or Five-Cents-Per-Chip poker. Everything you need will be provided (except your coins).
Games: Hillbilly Bingo, Trivia, Improv Games, Fun Trivia, Farkle, Karaoke, or bring your own game.

Tues., Sept. 29**6:30 pm Faith Focus: "Catholic Patriotic
Heroes I" Videos**

Charles Carroll, only Catholic signer of Declaration of Independence; Father William Corby (Gettysburg/Notre Dame); Fulton Sheen; Mother Angelica

7:00 pm Fellowship Focus: Bourbon Tasting
Participants must be 21 or older. Bring your ID.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**FAMILY
FELLOWSHIP**

COME AND JOIN US!

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
AFTER 4:30PM MASSFELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES
FAMILY ADORATION
FREE PLAY
PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS PROVIDEDWHAT IS FAMILY
ADORATION?

- Enjoy this special opportunity to introduce your children of all ages to adoring Jesus with other parish families
- You can stay as long as you'd like!
- Crying, soft whispers, & fidgeting is OK! Jesus wants ALL the little children to come to Him!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

BROOKE CASSIDY @ 419-233-4312
SHANA DULING @ 419-615-8988OCTOBER 3RD - PARISH CENTERNOVEMBER 7TH - PARISH CENTERDECEMBER 5TH - ADORATION ONLYJANUARY 2ND - ADORATION ONLYFEBRUARY 6TH - PARISH CENTERMARCH 6TH - PARISH CENTERAPRIL 3RD - GLANDORF PARKMAY 1ST - PARISH CENTER*Box of Joy*

BY CROSSCATHOLIC OUTREACH

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MASS FOR LIFE

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Celebrated by:



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G. Casey
Archdiocese of
Cincinnati



Most Rev. Earl
K. Fernandes
Diocese of
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Most Rev. Daniel
E. Thomas
Diocese of
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THE BEAUTY AND POWER OF THE ROSARY

ONE-DAY RETREAT



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026
9:00 A.M. - 2:45 P.M.

The Sorrowful Mother Shrine

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RETREAT PRESENTER

Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, C.P.P.S.



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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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Archbishop Emeritus of Detroit
as guest celebrant and homilist



Join In Preparation

SEPT. 28 - OCT. 6:

Pray a Rosary Novena for
Hope in preparation
for the Feast Day

Join In Celebration

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7, 2026:

6:30 p.m.: Holy Rosary led
by Archbishop Allen
Vigneron,

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas,
and a parish family

7:00 p.m.: Holy Mass,
Archbishop Allen Vigneron
and Bishop Daniel E. Thomas

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2535 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo

Wednesday, Oct. 7

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Introductory Note



Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals.

(Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 66)

As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote.

But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

We propose once more the moral framework of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions. This document is not based on personalities or partisanship, the latest news cycle, or what's trending on social media. Instead, it reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite

worth and dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Not sure what these mean? We invite you to read a copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and learn more.

Allowing your conscience to be stretched and formed by these reflections can give you peace! They point to Jesus' challenge to show mercy to those in need, just as the Good Samaritan. As Pope Francis writes, "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 70). Let this be in our hearts when we talk about politics and make political choices.

Some might be tempted to say: yes, of course, we will be the ones who help by promoting good and opposing evil. But when confronted with so much good at risk and so much evil, it is a great challenge to avoid fear and anger. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone. Other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, and human trafficking. There is also the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom at home and abroad, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, wars and famines around the world, racism, the need for greater access to healthcare and education, care for our common home, and more. All threaten the dignity of the human person.

So *precisely how* we promote good and oppose evil is an essential part of answering the Lord's call, of being a disciple. As St. Paul reminds us:

Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ (Eph. 4:29-32).

Thus, Pope Francis exhorts us to “genuine dialogue and openness to others,” by which we may “be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 203). This applies to the faithful both as voters and as candidates—we must consider not only candidates’ positions on these issues, but their character and integrity as well.

How can we meet this challenge? Again, St. Paul gives us a way: Put on “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16). Take time away from social media and spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament. Turn off the TV and the podcast, and listen in silence. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a crisis pregnancy center. Serve the poor, the needy, the outcast. Pray often, letting faith inform your political participation.

Participation in political life also requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ. Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.¹ The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best

to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions.

We must also seek wisdom, as Holy Scripture instructs:

Wisdom from above is first of all innocent. It is also peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruits, impartial and sincere. The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace (Jas. 3:17-18).

The teachings of the Church, moreover, offer a vision of hope, where justice and mercy abound, because God is the infinite source of all goodness and love. With this wisdom and hope, we can find a way to bend down as the Good Samaritan did, through the fear and divisions, to touch and heal the wounds.

May God bless you as you consider and pray over these challenging decisions. May God bless our nation with true wisdom, peace, and mutual forgiveness, that we may decide together, through our democratic processes, to uphold the dignity of life and the common good.

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¹ *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.

The Role of the Church in American Political Life



The Church is the body of Christ, who reigns as king over all Creation. Everything, including political life, belongs to Jesus Christ, and so participation in political life belongs to the mission of the Church. Our mandate is to 'go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation' (Mk 16:15). . . . Here, 'the creation' refers to every aspect of human life. . . 'Nothing human can be alien to it.'

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 181, quoting *Aparecida Document*, no. 380

Our national tradition of religious freedom permits and encourages all people of faith to bring the insights of their religious traditions to bear on political matters. As Pope Francis affirmed during his visit to the U.S., "Religious liberty, by its nature, transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families.... Religion itself, the religious dimension, is not a subculture; it is part of the culture of every people and every nation."¹

"If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth. . . . A society is noble and decent not least for its support of the pursuit of truth and its adherence to the most

basic of truths" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 207). The truths that guide public life can be known by natural reason. The sanctity of human life, the equal dignity of all individuals, the obligation to protect the vulnerable, the nature and purposes of sex, marriage, and family—these are not exclusively "religious" truths, but truths that all people of goodwill can come to know without the aid of revelation. Our Catholic faith sheds light on these truths, and so we have a duty to bring that light to our nation.

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"The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true."
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Many Parts, All One Body

The bishops and their pastoral collaborators each have distinct roles in the Church's mission. The bishops have the responsibility to govern the society of the Church, hand

on doctrine and tradition, and administer the sacraments. The laity are called to bring the gospel to bear on the world. While many laity are involved in roles of leadership and service within the Church, it remains primarily the role of the laity to advocate for justice, to serve in public office, and to inform daily life with the gospel. “The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful” (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 29).

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It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions. These decisions should take into account a candidate’s commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. Thus equipped, and further impelled by our sense of patriotism, we exercise our right and duty to vote and otherwise to participate actively in public life.³ By forming our consciences for faithful citizenship, we can better pursue the common good and thus obey the command of our Lord to love our neighbors.

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1 Pope Francis, Meeting for Religious Liberty with Hispanic Community and Other Immigrants, September 26, 2015.

2 *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.

3 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 2239-40.

A Full Day's Wages

Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells a story of several men who were hired to work at a vineyard. The owner of the vineyard went out at different times to find men to work. At the end of the day, he gave each man a whole day's wages, even though some had only worked for a little while!

WOW! HE PAID US A FULL DAY'S WAGE!



THAT'S NOT FAIR - THEY GOT A WHOLE DAY'S PAY!

Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like this too: some people spend their whole lives working for God, and some people only turn to Him at the last minute. God opens Heaven to all the people who choose to love Him.

At first this doesn't seem fair. After all, some people give their whole lives to God and some give hardly any! But here is why it is fair: the only reason that any of us turns to God is because He gave us that grace. Some people have to live their whole lives without God's grace until the very end, but some of us have been given grace all our lives.

I PAID YOU AS MUCH AS I SAID I WOULD.

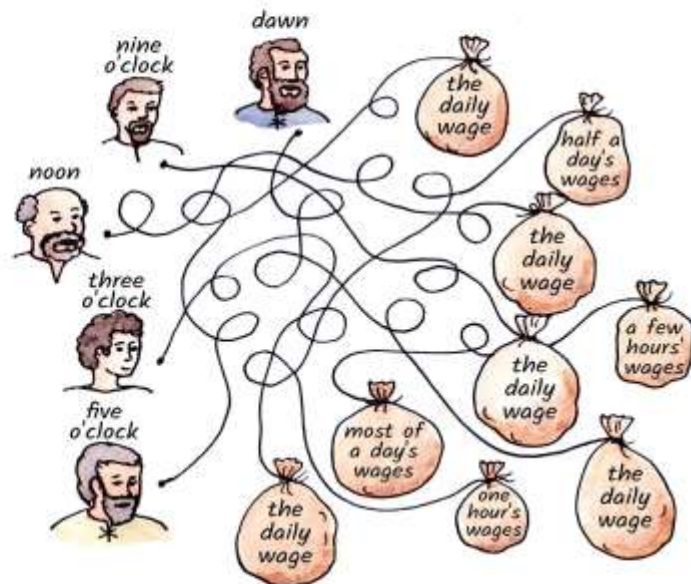


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Inside page - Christ.

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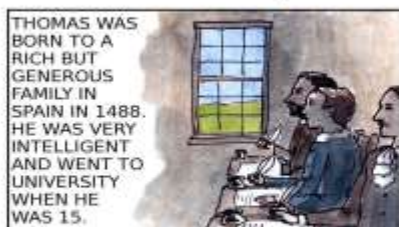
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20th, 2026



In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day.

At the end of the day,
how much did each man get paid?
Follow the wiggly lines to see!

Saint Thomas of Villanova September 22



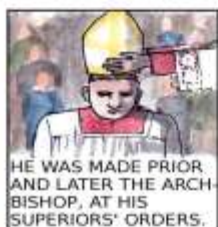
THOMAS WAS BORN TO A RICH BUT GENEROUS FAMILY IN SPAIN IN 1488. HE WAS VERY INTELLIGENT AND WENT TO UNIVERSITY WHEN HE WAS 15.



SOON HE HAD LEARNED SO MUCH THAT HE WAS MADE A PROFESSOR.



BUT HE DECIDED TO BECOME AN AUGUSTINIAN MONK AND A PRIEST.



HE WAS MADE PRIOR AND LATER THE ARCH-BISHOP, AT HIS SUPERIORS' ORDERS.



THE MONEY HE GOT IN THIS POSITION WAS GIVEN TO THE POOR.

Here, go buy some food for your family!



ST. THOMAS STARTED HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS. HE TAUGHT THE PEOPLE WELL.



Here, come in! I have a bed for you!

ST. THOMAS LIVED SIMPLY, WEARING AN OLD HABIT HE MENDED HIMSELF. WHEN HE WAS DYING HE GAVE HIS BED TO A POOR MAN. HE DIED AT AGE 77.

PEOPLE CRITICIZED ST. THOMAS BECAUSE HE WOULD GIVE TO ANYONE WHO ASKED, AND BECAUSE HE WAS GENTLE WITH SINNERS. BUT HE KNEW THAT HE COULD WIN MORE SOULS TO GOD BY BEING GENEROUS AND KIND. WE CAN IMITATE ST. THOMAS' GENEROSITY BY SHARING OUR GOOD THINGS.

Fill in the blanks:

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks, and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.



Brothers and _____⁵_____, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and _____²_____ is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means _____⁴_____ labour for me. And I do not know which I shall _____¹_____. I am caught _____⁶_____ the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for _____³_____ benefit.

between
death
sisters
your
fruitful
choose

Like Saint Paul, we
should be ready to
either live or die for
_____.
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