

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

*Missionaries of the Precious Blood*  
*St. George Deanery*



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**Office Closed**

**Monday, September 22, 2025**

**Tuesday, September 23, 2025**

**(We will be at Diocesan Conference on Tuesday)**

Monday—Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm

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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

All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish in order to participate on that parish's team.

### ST. JOHN'S PARISH POLICY FOR HIGH SCHOOL & GRADE SCHOOL CYO SPORTS

Is your child playing a CYO sport this year? Please note the following expectations:

#### High School Students:

Players are expected to attend **both the Fall and Winter sessions** of High School Religious Education Groups *and* attend **weekend Mass** on Saturday or Sunday.

#### Grade School Students:

Participants must regularly attend Grade School CCD classes and weekend Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

This policy applies to all **players, coaches, and their families** participating on any **Putnam County Grade School Boys' & Girls' CYO teams**.

#### Attendance will be monitored and reviewed.

- After **four missed classes**, each additional absence will result in the player sitting out **one game**.
- If your child is ill and cannot attend, please notify Jenn Warnecke at **419-302-8465** via call or text **before class**. We appreciate the cooperation of all families as we uphold this parish policy for the spiritual and communal good of our youth and parish.

Fr. Matt & Mary Ellen Klear



As promised in last week's column and homily, a snake mounted on pole is a modern symbol for what? A snake mounted on a pole is symbol for the medical field. Probably the most notable place where you can see this symbol is alongside an ambulance, you will also see this symbol for doctors and nurses, and last week I even seen this symbol on veterinarian truck. This symbol has it roots in Numbers 21:4b-9 as the Israelites were bitten by serpent and dying, God instructed Moses to take a pole and mount saraph serpent (snake) and if anyone had been bitten looked at the serpent on the pole after having been bitten would be saved. Jesus told Nicodemus "just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up" (John 3:14). Jesus lifted on the cross we look at to be saved just like Moses lifting the serpent in the desert was a source of life for the Israelites.

There is a proverb out there that says be careful of the hand you smack today, because the hand smack today might be the hand you need a favor from or kiss tomorrow. Perhaps you may have heard this saying or proverb before or some varied version of this proverb or saying.

Regardless of what version of this saying or proverb you may have heard the point is to be careful on how you treat people today. It is a warning about how we treat people the person that you treat poorly today is going to be the person that you might need help or a favor from tomorrow. I doubt that the steward in today's scriptures heard this saying. But this steward practiced it in our scriptures today.

Tax collectors and stewards in Jesus culture did not have the be reputation and it was earned their living by taken advantage of people. They were responsible for collecting for a master and then they would collect extra for themselves to provide for their own needs. They would rarely collect just what was needed. And the people in the culture knew this and they did not care like it.

In our scriptures today we hear that it was reported that a steward squandered his master's property and now is in the process of losing his job. We also hear that this steward does not have the strength to dig and does not have the humility to beg but he is also aware that he is going to need help. So, he decides to help his master's debtors by reducing their debt with the hope that after he loses his job, they will help him.

The steward treated people well today because he knew that he would need help from people tomorrow and so it would seem as though they helped him. It is easy to be nice to a person, that I know that I will need help from tomorrow. But the challenge is that today I do not know who I am going to need help from tomorrow. As the saying goes, be careful of the hand you smack today, because the hand smack today might be the hand you need a favor from or kiss tomorrow.



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

7:35am Rosary  
 8:00am Communion Service— Deacon Don  
 8:30am-9:15am Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23~St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

8:15 am Rosary  
 8:00am-8:30am Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction  
 8:40am Oscar Schnipke

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

7:15am - 7:45am Confession  
 7:35am Rosary  
 8:00am L/D Doris Karhoff Family, Mass in Thanksgiving  
 6:30pm-8:15pm Adoration  
 7:45-8:15pm Confession

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

8:15am Rosary  
 8:40am L/D Ken & Ellie Unterbrink Family

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26~ Sts. Cosmas & Damian**

7:15am - 7:45am Confession  
 7:35am Rosary  
 8:00am Tom Lauth  
 12:00pm Rosary

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27~St. Vincent de Paul**

7:35am Rosary  
 8:00am Herman J. Wolke  
 8:30am Confession  
 4:00pm Confession  
 4:30pm Don Riepenhoff, Ray & Rita Flaute, Joyce Smith  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28-26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:35am Rosary  
 8:00am Stephanie Crumrine, L/D Edwin & Luella Maag,  
 L/D Henry Eugene & Lois Doty Family,  
 L/D Lawrence & Martha Meyer Family,  
 L/D Ralph & Helena Breece Family,  
 L/D George & Margaret Gingenbaugh Family  
 9:00-10:15am OCIA meeting - Snacks - Sharon Meyer  
 10:30am Velma Balbaugh, L/D Ellie Schimmoeller Family,  
 L/D Tobe/Ellerbrock Families, John E. Kahle,  
 Phyllis Moening, Thomas Wilhelm  
 11:30am Baptism

**SERVERS**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue</b>	<b>8:40am</b>	Students
<b>Wed</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Cliff Schroeder, Eddie Duling
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>8:40am</b>	Students
<b>Fri</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Bart Recker, Greg Nussbaum
<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Morgan Grime, Nolan Grime, Jake Nienberg, Max Nienberg
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Ayvrie Schulte, Izak Schimmoeller, Emmitt Miller
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Kamryn Schroeder, Ella Schroeder, Jade Sarka
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Owen Schumaker, Asher Rump, Abby Recker

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Mike Karhoff Mary Rose Warnecke	<b>LECTORS</b> TBD Mary Rose Warnecke
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Deb Schroeder Deb Burwell	Connie Cassidy Sharon Meyer
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Rose Warnecke Gene Warnecke	Tim Hansen Jeanne Schram

**GIFT BEARERS**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Ushers or ask a family
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Ushers or ask a family
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Ushers or ask a family

**SEPTEMBER USHERS**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Ray Diemer, Steve Brown, Noah Emmons
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Bryan Kaufman, Amy Kaufman
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	Barry Maag, Ken Horstman

**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 9****ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Edna & Diane Nienberg**

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

**THANK YOU**

I would like to say Thank You! To Fr. Matt, the Parish Staff, St. John the Baptist Choir, parishioners, family, friends, and so many more who helped or joined us for any part of my Ordination to the Diaconate, my First Mass as assisting Deacon, and the receptions! Thank you so much for all your love, prayers, cards, gifts, kind words, and support. Your support helped make diaconal formation and this past weekend extra special. Words cannot express how blessed I am to be part of this parish. You are truly amazing! I am humbled to be able to serve at St John the Baptist in Glandorf and the whole Church.

Thank you!

Deacon Mike Karhoff



**EXCITING NEWS!**  
**ST. JOHN'S PARISH**  
**PICTORIALS ARE HERE!**  
*The pictorials will be available at*  
*Sunday Fun Day or they will be*  
*available to pick up after all Masses*  
*next weekend, September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.*  
*If you submitted a picture or ordered*  
*extras someone will be there to collect*  
*your money.*

**\*\* THE PARISH PICTORIALS WILL NOT BE**  
**AVAILABLE TO PICK UP AT THE OFFICE AT THIS**  
**TIME.**



# 4 PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP

September 14, 2025

### Offering

Loose	\$	751.00
Adult Envelope	\$	8,692.00
Children	\$	75.00
Maintenance	\$	310.00
Online Offering	\$	2,233.00
Online Maintenance	\$	169.00
Preschool	\$	1,017.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,247.00</b>

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

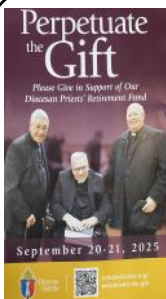
### Give Online Today!

Visit our website to get the E-Giving Form to fill out and return to the Parish Office. It is located in the left side above the Menu options. [www.stjohnsglandorf.org](http://www.stjohnsglandorf.org)

**Heartbeat** needs Diapers - size 3, 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!**



## 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.

**BARBARA BIRMINGHAM**  
**BRIAN ELLERBROCK**  
**FLORENCE SCHROEDER**

### WEDDING BANN

**II Aubrey Schnipke**, of this parish, daughter of Steve & Misty Schnipke & **Connor Niese**, of Sts. Peter & Paul, son of Kevin & Connie Niese

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

## Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

### The past 20 years

Erma J Deters 9/21/14	Russell Dean Chamberlin 9/25/15
Darrell Neuenschwander 9/21/23	Laura V Recker 9/25/21
Gerald E Gable 9/23/06	Lane Jeffery Condon 9/26/20
Velma P Balbaugh 9/23/21	Kennedy Rose Schroeder 9/26/21
Sylvia M Wortkoetter 9/24/03	Irene Kaufman 9/26/23
Carol E Brinkman 9/24/08	Jordan M Schimmoeller 9/27/08
James H Roof 9/25/00	Logan Robert Brickner 9/27/15
Harry E Neuenschwander 9/25/01	Thomas J Lauth 9/27/24

## 2025 GRAND-orf Club



September winners are: **Marilyn Ellerbrock and Ross Beckman**. **CONGRATULATIONS!** The next 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.

Thirteen men were **ordained to the permanent diaconate** by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas today, Saturday, September 13, 2025. **Please keep our newest deacons in your prayers:**

- Michael S. Claar (Sandusky, Holy Angels)
- Donny R. Dix, Jr. (Sandusky, Holy Angels)
- Jason L. Endlish (Huron, St. Peter)
- Donald J. Fritsch, Sr. (Assumption, Holy Trinity)
- Christopher A. Harvey (Bowling Green, St. Aloysius)
- Michael R. Karhoff (Glandorf, St. John the Baptist)
- Carl J. Parran (Toledo, St. Joseph)
- Brian L. Rhodes (Attica, Our Lady of Hope)
- Benjamin M. Schroeder (Columbus Grove, St. Anthony of Padua)
- Christopher J. Solly (Toledo, Most Blessed Sacrament)
- Michael D. Ugljesa (Toledo, Christ the King)
- Brian J. Whitta (Findlay, St. Michael the Archangel)
- Gregory A. Zeller (Kalida, St. Michael)

**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

**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

Wednesday 7:15am –7:45am, 7:45pm-8:15pm

Friday 7:15am—7:45am

Saturday 8:30am, 4:00pm—4:15pm

**ANointing OF THE SICK**

Please call the Parish Office if you need a Priest for Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites. If a Sacramental Emergency call 419-778-9339.

**HOLY ORDERS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE**

Contact the vocation office at the Toledo Diocese at 419-214-4945 or e-mail [dkidd@toledodiocese.org](mailto:dkidd@toledodiocese.org) or contact the vocation office at the Missionaries of the Precious Blood 937-228-9263 or e-mail [vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org](mailto:vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org).

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Wednesday 6:30pm—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****Baptism: What About Godparents?**

Every parent dreams of seeing their young child grow to become someone of good character – a solid citizen and a productive member of society. Your Church has similar hopes for your child. Your Church dreams of seeing your child grow in faith and character to become a mature Christian living a faith-filled life in Christ. To that end, the Church supports you in your role as Christian parents and looks to the godparents you choose for your child to support you, as well. The most serious responsibility a godparent has is to assist the parents of the baptized child in assuring they receive the proper instruction in the faith, particularly when the parents are unable to do so. Should the parents die or become unable to teach their child the faith, it is the responsibility of the godparent to ensure that the child learns and loves the faith. Godparents are given a big task in fulfilling this duty, so they should be carefully chosen to make sure they can and will comply with this duty. Godparents are also called upon to provide a living example of the Catholic Faith the baptized person. In addition to knowing the Faith, they must *live* the Faith. Their example should prompt the baptized person to think, “I want to live my life like they do.” Godparents do this not only teaching with words, but through the witness of their lives. They should follow the commands of the Church, believe its teachings, and strive to build it up.

Godparenting is not just an honorary role. It is serious stuff – with serious implications for your child’s future! This is why Church law (called Canon law) establishes some specific qualifications for anyone who wishes to be a godparents. (See the chart for clarity.) It is the goal of St. John’s to be in compliance with the requirements of Canon Law. Therefore, we do adhere to strive for all godparents to meet the eligibility requirements of serving as a godparent, as set forth by Canon Law §874.

If for some reason you are not eligible, based on the responses from above, we would willingly help you become eligible in the following ways:

If you have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation – We can help you to acquire these.

If you were married in a different faith without a dispensation – We would be happy to help convalidate your marriage.

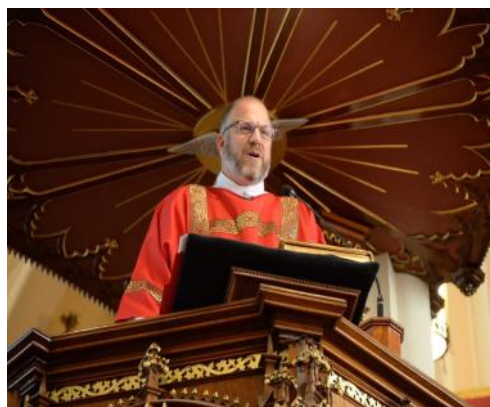
If you have had a divorce and not had an annulment – We can help you with that.

While your current status may not make you eligible at this time to serve as a godparent, we can help you to meet those eligibility requirements. Please contact the rectory for assistance.

# Catechism Corner Continued

The Question ....		... And Your Response.	
		YES	NO
1.	Is the person at least 16 years old?	Proceed to #2.	Unfortunately, this person cannot be a godparent until they are of age.
2.	Is the person a parent or spouse of the person to be baptized?	He or she cannot be godparent to the person to be baptized. You must choose someone else.	So far, so good. Proceed to #3.
3.	Has the person been baptized, confirmed in the Catholic faith, and received Eucharist?	Good! Proceed to #4.	Unfortunately, he or she cannot be a godparent until they have received all of these sacraments.
4.	Is the person a practicing Catholic?	Good! Proceed to #5.	That's unfortunate. Catholics whose personal beliefs are in conflict with Church teaching or who have turned away from the Church (perhaps even to the point of attending a non-Catholic church) cannot be godparents until they have fully reconciled with the Catholic faith.
5.	Is the person attending mass regularly?	Good! Proceed to #6.	That's unfortunate. It is important that the godparent provide the example of regular worship at mass. This person might be able to be a godparent once they resume regular mass attendance.
6.	Is the person unmarried?	Proceed to #7.	Proceed to #8.
7.	Is this unmarried person living in a co-habiting relationship?	That's unfortunate. The Church teaches that sex outside of marriage is a sin. As such, co-habitation must not be endorsed through the example of the godparent. This person might be able to be a godparent once the co-habitation ceases.	Good! Proceed to #9.
8.	Has this person's marriage been blessed ("validated") by the Church? If they were married in a Catholic church, by a Catholic priest, the answer is yes.	Wonderful! Proceed to #9.	That's unfortunate. Catholics are expected to have their marriages blessed (validated) by the Church. It certainly may be possible for this person to have their marriage blessed by the Church (they should meet with a priest to start the process), but they cannot be a godparent until their marriage has been blessed by the Church.
9.	Does this person agree that accepting the role of godparent obligates them to stay in contact with the baptized for the rest of his or her life?	Great! This person should qualify to be a godparent. <u>However, they must seek a Sponsor Form from their pastor to confirm this.</u>	That's unfortunate. Being a godparent requires a life-long commitment to provide spiritual support and encouragement for the person to be baptized. After some reflection, perhaps they will see this and agree.









**TURN IN YOUR  
RAFFLE  
TICKETS  
FOR A CHANCE  
TO WIN!**

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

**Sunday, September 21, 2025**  
**11:30am - 3:30pm**  
**St. John's Parish Center**  
109 N MAIN STREET, GLANDORF, OHIO

**GAMES - FOOD - INFLATABLES  
SAINT PARADE - 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 BREWWORKS

**EXTRA  
TICKETS ARE  
IN THE BACK  
VESTIBLES.**

## TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S UP FOR GRABS!







# THANK YOU SPONSORS

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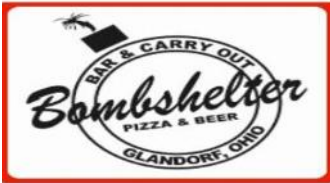
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Builders, LLC



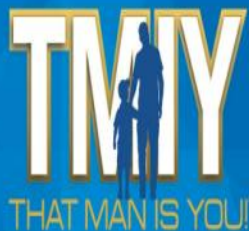




**Attention ALL MEN!!!!**  
Join us on for That Man Is  
You  
Saturday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30am in  
the Cafeteria or  
Wednesday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm  
in room 22  
For more information, contact  
Mike Karhoff  
@ [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net)

**SESSION 3 (Sat 9/27  
Wed. 10/1)**

**BECOMING A  
MAN AFTER  
GOD'S OWN  
HEART" – The Four  
Leadership Roles  
of Men**



Presenter: Mike DiCosola.  
Origin and Hierarchy of the  
Four Leadership Roles.  
Fruits of Fulfilled Leadership  
Roles. Marriage is Good for  
Your Bottom Line. Shaping  
the Foundation for the  
Future. Joys and Blessings  
of Marriage. Peace is in the  
Balance. Genesis 1:28, 2  
Samuel 12:1-14, 1  
Chronicles 22:8.

## Joint Parish/Finance Council Meeting August 12, 2025

### Grounds Committee

- Pedestrian Crossing in front of church: Application from ODOT for a program that would help fund project -> grant passed to cover cost at 100%. Crossing is now in the hands of the town council.
- Upgraded PA System for the Parish Center: update - almost completely installed throughout building as of this date. System is the same as OG Schools and is capable of connecting to Glandorf Elementary if we would like to pursue in the future for any reason.
- Church Gutters need replaced, still working on reviewing quotes. Set to possibly start summer of 2026. Currently have 3 quotes, will need to write a letter to the Bishop for approval to move forward.
- Landscaping committee: Julie Roof has volunteered to help with upkeep around the grounds in regard to landscape. We are looking for more volunteers to join her. She is working with Ed Wurth to decide what is best needed for different areas around the grounds.
- Cemetery update: 2 Columbaria's were set in the cemetery, they will be available for purchase this fall.
- Emergency lighting to be addressed yet for our church. Inverter option lasting ~ 90 mins with cost at \$28-29,000 vs generator cost at ~ \$80,000. Deciding on what is the best option currently. Request from maintenance for improvements to get submitted for insurance purposes.
- Assessment needed of unlevel drop offs of sidewalk to grass areas by rectory and mustard seed to avoid falls/injuries.
- Boiler head/steam pipe replacement required in July at cost of \$28,000 in the parish center. Inspection was approved and ready for use.

4) **Musical Garden Statue Donation from St. Johns:** St. Cecilia statue was never bought by previous owners due to Mustard Seed sale. Needs to be ordered yet. Statue with height of 48" ranges from \$5400-6200 and 60" height ranges from \$6500-7300. Plaques to be made also. To be possibly placed in garden next spring. Motion passed – all present in favor of 60" statue. Discussion was had about blessing statue upon placement next spring after a 10:30 Sunday mass.

5) **Mustard Seed-** The diocese would like to see return on investment within 5 years. Update: Have not received a new company legal structure set up for name, vendor license, EIN from diocese as of this date. St. Johns has hired Carole Schroeder to be the Store Manager and has also hired Mary Rose Ellerbrock to be in charge of the bookkeeping with oversight by Ashley for both. Doing cosmetic upgrades during down of waiting.

6) **Sunday Funday-** Scheduled September 21, 2025. Tara Gerding is helping to oversee the event with along with the Parish Staff who has run the event the past couple of years. Parish Council will assist with drinks and Finance Council with counting money. Sign up Genius to be send out for time slots available that need volunteers to help.

7) **Mike Leach High Alter:** Historical Committee is in support and has agreed to take the lead on this project. The diocese supports the plan. Recommended to further look into 3 different companies for pricing. St Joseph in Wapak performed their high alter renovation at cost of ~\$300,000 for their project but our cost will not be this high and cost will be covered by Mike Leach Estate

8) **Park Fest Float:** Kim Ansley and Alicia Nussbaum will be leading the design/creation of the float. Will be meeting on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 in the middle bay of rectory garage to work on the float for whoever can help. Bryan Kaufman will provide the tractor and wagon.

9) **New Business** Diocese sent out guidelines for mass intentions to be only 2x/wk and to have 1 mass on the weekend offered to parish, along with Holy Days offered to Parish per cannon law. To be implemented in 2026





## Parental Baptism Class

Sunday, September 28, 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.

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.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday  
6:30-7:30pm

First Friday, October 3rd

1:00-4:00pm concluding with Benediction

First Saturday, October 4th and 5th

After 4:30pm Mass until 8:00am on Sunday morning.

Holy Hour

9:00am - 10:00am concluding with Benediction at 9:55am

Theme: TBD

\*\*\*Sign up sheet are available on the radiators in the back of Church or sign up on line

First Friday

<https://tinyurl.com/mtshhuwt>

First Saturday

<https://tinyurl.com/bdfkbdty>



Join Us!

We need 2 people signed up for each hour. If you need help signing up call Katie Verhorff  
480-236-7305

## The Piecemaker's Sewing Group

TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 23RD,  
FROM 7:00PM - 8:30PM  
IN THE OLD SCIENCE ROOM

We will be stringing ribbons through bags and putting together kits, and possibly cutting out bag patterns. We still accept colorful cotton fabric and dark colored flannel fabric, colored washcloths, and gallon plastic bags but not zipper top bags. Anyone interesting in helping is always welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Diana Meyer at 419-538-6437. Thanks for all you do to help those in need!

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another." 1 Peter 4: 10

# 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



## Just Show Up and Fill Your Cup

Beginning Saturday, September 13th, 2025

St. John the Baptist Parish Center – Room 15

8:45 AM (following the 8:00 AM Mass)

Join us for fellowship, faith, and inspiration each  
Saturday morning!

### September Topics:

- September 13th: Catholic Speed Friending Meeting
- September 20th: Finding Peace Through Silence and Stillness

Guest: Christine Schroeder

- September 27th: The 7 Sorrows of Mary

Guest Speaker: Reagan Godsil

Come as you are - grow in faith, friendship, and community.





# 12 AROUND THE PARISH

## CLC MEETING

OCTOBER MEETING HAS BEEN  
RESCHEDULED FOR  
**SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**  
**AT 6:00PM**

IN THE PARISH CENTER CAFETERIA.  
SOUP AND SALAD NIGHT

BRING A DISH TO SHARE.  
INVITE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR TO  
JOIN US.  
SHORT MEETING AND EUCHERE TO  
FOLLOW

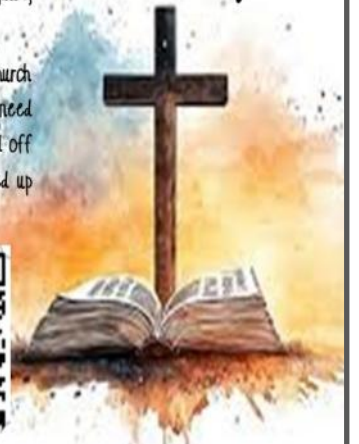
## OCIA *Snack Help*

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 9:00 am in the church basement ("undercroft"), starting September 7<sup>th</sup>. You will need to provide snacks for 10 people. Snacks can be dropped off at 8:45am. Any leftovers or containers should be picked up after the 10:30 Mass around 11:30am.

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

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## BLESSING FOR YOUR PETS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025**  
**AT 12:30PM**

**IN FRONT OF THE PARISH CENTER**  
**BY THE SIGN.**  
**FOR THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI,**  
**FR. MATT WILL BLESS YOUR PETS!**

**\*\*TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL, PLEASE HAVE  
YOUR PET ON A LEASH OR SECURED IN A CRATE.**



*be still*  
AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD  
♥ PSALM 46:11

Glandorf St. John's Catholic Church  
**Women's  
Welcome Weekend**

November 15/16, 2025





# THE OTTAWA FOOD PANTRY

IT'S OUR TURN TO HELP



The Ottawa Food Pantry, located at Trinity United Methodist Church in Ottawa, consists of 6 local churches. It includes the Catholic churches of Kalida, Glandorf, and Ottawa, and Ottawa's Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Methodist churches. Since there are six churches, each church takes care of 2 different months. St. John's months are April and October. Seeing that it will soon be our turn again, we need your support (volunteer hours). The Food Pantry is open to needy families on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, this coming month being Oct. 14 and Oct 28. There is prep work to be done on the Mondays before these dates, as well, but no clients come until Tuesday morning. Here is a rundown of what happens each day and where we need YOU.

## MONDAYS Preparation Days (9:30 – 12:30)

Get empty boxes 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 food from the Lima Food Bank (Men are needed, for the cases and boxes are heavy.)

Set up tables in Trinity's assembly hall for distributing eggs, butter, produce, bread, pastry items, refrigerated items, slightly expired items, etc.,  
Set up chairs for waiting clients.

Sort, check expiration dates, and put away items that have recently been donated (for example anything from the box in the back of our church)

## 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 empty).

Walk along with clients, perhaps pushing their carts for them and filling their boxes, as they choose items from our "choice pantry". It is called a choice pantry 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 fruits, 1 ready-to-eat 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 pantry and restock shelves as certain items get low.

Carry out and load food boxes into customers' cars.

Make lunch for the Glandorf volunteers

Clean up the assembly hall (put leftover food away, stack chairs, put tables back in their original places, stack and store remaining boxes, wash down the tables, clean up the kitchen from lunch, 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 pantry and to keep each parish informed of any changes being made.

Call to remind/line up parish volunteers.

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@yahoo.com](mailto:ammckee53@yahoo.com).

# WE NEED YOU!



# 14 AROUND THE PARISH AND AREA

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

COME AND JOIN US!

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
AFTER 4:30PM MASS

FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES  
FAMILY ADORATION  
FREE PLAY  
PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS PROVIDED

GATHERINGS WILL BE IN THE PARK:

OCTOBER 4TH  
NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> (WEATHER PERMITTING-OTHERWISE IN THE PARISH CENTER)

NO FELLOWSHIP IN DECEMBER!

WHAT 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 @ 419-615-8988  
WENDY IMM @ 614-634-1043



Save the Date

St. John's Preschool's

## FALL QUARTER AUCTION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Tickets will be available for purchase soon!



 **Christ the King Center**

**A FAMILY DAY**  
**KEEPING THE SABBATH HOLY**  
**& THE FAMILY TOGETHER**

**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> \* 2:00 till Dusk \***  
**620 E. Blake St., Ottawa OH**  
**Parking assist Provided**

Questions: [contact@christthekingcenter.org](mailto:contact@christthekingcenter.org)



**2:00pm Activities for Young and Old**  
**Fishing Derby - Bible Bingo - Face Painting -**  
**Chalk Drawing - Outdoor Games - Take a walk ...**  
**Prizes \* Drawings**

**4:00pm OUTDOOR MASS UNDER THE TENT**

**5:00pm Dinner \* Sample some Do Good Restaurant Food. \***  
**Grab a Brat, Hot dog, Salads, Desserts, Ice Cream.**  
**Drinks: Bring a cooler...Lemonade & water provided.**  
**Some Seating available or bring your lawn chairs.**

**6:15pm Family Rosary around the Rosary Path.**  
**7:00pm Watch the Sunset and sit around a campfire**





## The Transitus of Saint Francis

Come and pray as we mark the *transitus*, or "passing," of Francis to eternal life.

Friday, October 3, 2025  
7:00 pm  
Original Shrine Church

All are invited!  
A reception will follow in the Office Building.

Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation  
315 Clay St., Carey, OH 43316



## Solemnity of Saint Francis of Assisi

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Hope & Healing Mass  
11:00 am in the Upper Basilica

Full Shrine Devotions  
2:00 pm in the Upper Basilica

Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within Mass. Following Mass, all may receive a blessing with the Relic of the True Cross.

Lunch, served by the Knights of Columbus, will be available from 11:30am-1:30pm in the Shrine Cafeteria. A donation of \$7.00 is suggested.

Celebrating 150 Years of the Miraculous Statue of Our Lady and the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church



### 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](mailto:ronjoyceverhoff@gmail.com)

### 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.



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/2dss8wpv>



Celebrating 50 years of friendship with our German Family across the Big Pond!

# Glandorf Germany

June 22 - June 30, 2026  
Including 2 days in Heidelberg area, then 4 Nights in a host family's home!



**Information Meeting**  
**Mon, Oct. 6 at 7:30pm**  
**Glandorf Parish Center**

#### Contacts:

Craig Duling 419-615-2211  
Anita Stechschulte 419-957-0036  
Fr. Eric Kaufman 419-796-8753



OPTIONAL - TO CONTINUE TRAVELS THRU THE ALPS OF SWITZERLAND, GERMANY & AUSTRIA + THE DOLOMITES & VENICE, ITALY

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### CREATE AN ACCOUNT

- Go to [FORMED.org](https://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](https://FORMED.org).
- Click Sign In - upper right corner

Have questions?  
Call 419-890-3724

### 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 CREIGHTON MODEL Fertility Care™ System

to Empower Women and Couples to UNDERSTAND, MAINTAIN, and APPRECIATE their Health and Fertility in a way that is cooperative with our Catholic faith.

Contact Wendy Imm, BSN CFCEP for more information at 614-634-1043 or [divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com](mailto:divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com)





# Being a Good Steward



Jesus tells the story of a steward who looked after a rich man's wealth. When he was about to lose his job, he quickly made friends by letting the rich man's debtors pay less than what they owed. Then when he couldn't work anymore these friends would look after him.

What Jesus is telling us through this parable is that we should use the money and things we have on earth to make friends with God and the saints so that they will be happy to take us into Heaven when we die and have nothing left.

How can you make friends with God using your money? First of all, God wants us to be good stewards. That means spending money when it is good or necessary, and not foolishly. We can also please God by giving money to the Church and the poor. He wants us to show that we can do well looking after small things like money so that He can trust us with bigger jobs.



Answers to Cross-word: Across: 1. will 5. devoted 7. one 8. you 13. serve 14. the 15. mammon 16. hate Down: 2. love 3. God 4. no 5. despise 6. two 9. masters 10. servant 11. he 12. cannot

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# The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 21st, 2025



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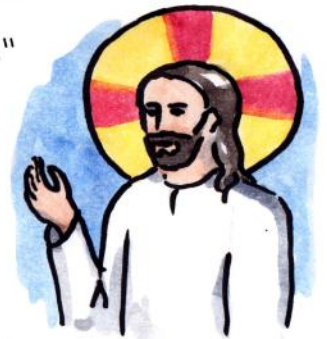
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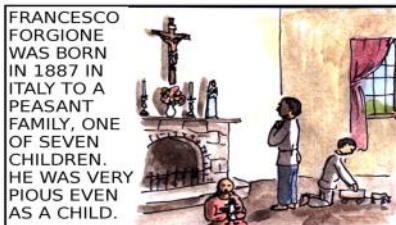


Luke 16:1-13

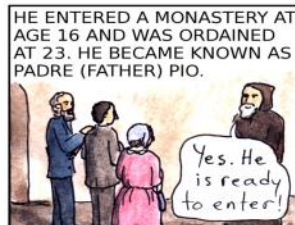
Look in the mirror to find out one of the lessons Jesus taught from today's parable.

## Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

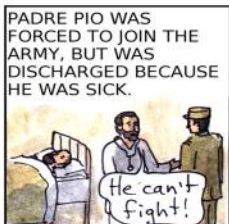
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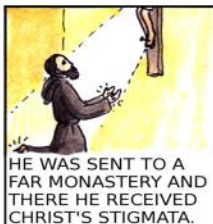
FRANCESCO FORGIONE WAS BORN IN 1887 IN ITALY TO A PEASANT FAMILY, ONE OF SEVEN CHILDREN. HE WAS VERY PIOUS EVEN AS A CHILD.



HE ENTERED A MONASTERY AT AGE 16 AND WAS ORDAINED AT 23. HE BECAME KNOWN AS PADRE (FATHER) PIO.



PADRE PIO WAS FORCED TO JOIN THE ARMY, BUT WAS DISCHARGED BECAUSE HE WAS SICK.



HE WAS SENT TO A FAR MONASTERY AND THERE HE RECEIVED CHRIST'S STIGMATA.



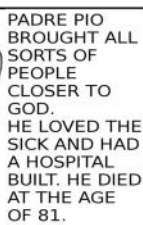
PADRE PIO SUFFERED GREATLY FROM THE WOUNDS BUT HE WAS STILL CHEERFUL.



SOON THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE COMING TO ST. PIO FOR CONFESSION. HE COULD SEE WHAT WAS IN THEIR SOULS.



PADRE PIO BROUGHT ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOD. HE LOVED THE SICK AND HAD A HOSPITAL BUILT. HE DIED AT THE AGE OF 81.



SAINT PIO SUFFERED MUCH DURING HIS LIFE, BUT HE KNEW THAT SAVING SOULS WAS WORTH IT. HE SPENT HUNDREDS OF HOURS HEARING CONFESSIONS TO HELP BRING PEOPLE BACK TO GOD. HAVE YOU GONE TO CONFESSION LATELY? IF YOU HAVEN'T, GO THE NEXT TIME YOU HAVE THE CHANCE!

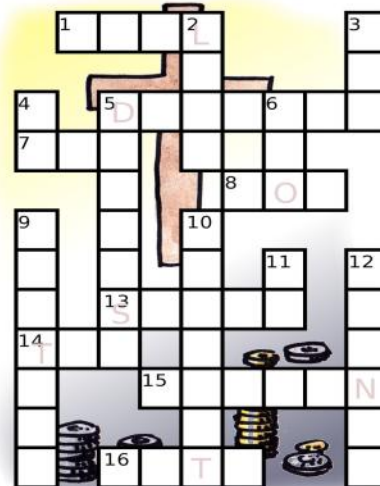
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## Whom Do You Serve?

### Cross-Word

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and fit them into the puzzle.

A=Across D=Down



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HATE  
MASTERS  
SERVANT  
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\_\_\_\_\_; 9D for either \_\_\_\_\_ 11D will \_\_\_\_\_ 16A  
the one and \_\_\_\_\_ 2D \_\_\_\_\_ 14A other, or he  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1A be \_\_\_\_\_ 5A to the \_\_\_\_\_ 7A  
and \_\_\_\_\_ 5D the other. \_\_\_\_\_ 8A  
\_\_\_\_\_ 12D \_\_\_\_\_ 13A \_\_\_\_\_ 3D and  
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