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# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Missionaries of the Precious Blood St. George Deanery



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### **PARISH OFFICE BUSINESS HOURS**

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### **Updated CYO SPORTS**

Diocesan Policy for CYO Sports--All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish to play on the parish team. St. John's Parish Policy for High School CYO-Playing any sports this year? It is a privilege to play sports for St. John's and not an expectation. You are expected to attend both the Fall and Winter Semesters of High School Religious Education CCD Classes.

- Attendance at these classes will be monitored and reviewed. For each class missed beyond 4 classes you will be sitting out one game per absence.
- Parents, if your child will be absent, please contact or text Ruth Gerding at 567-204-1275 before class.
- All high school players are required to give 5 hours of service to St. John's by January 14,

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Without the gift of the Eucharist, we do not exist as a parish, and you do not have the privilege of playing for

- All coaches and players are required to attend Saturday evening or Sunday Mass. If you miss, we kindly ask that you sit out that week's game.
- All coaches and high school players are to spend one hour in Adoration on Eucharistic Day. If you miss, we kindly ask that you sit out one game.

If you do not have time for the LORD, you do not have time to play sports. We kindly ask the cooperation of all as we implement this policy for the good of our parish and the good of the Church.

(Fr. Matt Keller & Mike Karhoff, Parish Council President)

### **PARISHIONERS**

- **New Members**
- Any status or address chánges
- To keep informed, register for Bulletin and Parish Notifications by email or visit St. John's website

Call or email the Parish Office

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH?

- If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher, Funeral Server, Choir, Spirit and Song Group and any other way.
- If Interested in becoming a member on our Finance Committee or Parish Council Committee. Please call the parish office for more information and to be put on the next ballot.

Call or email the Parish Office.

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# FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT

### www.stjohnglandorf.org

"Are you envious because I am generous?" (Matthew 20:15).

No, I would not say that is not the word I am looking for envious. I am not exactly sure of the word that I am looking for, perhaps you could find it for me. I think the more appropriate words that I am looking for in describing your generosity is that your generosity is ill-advisable, it is not a sound business practice, and does not seem to make sense. I mean you paid laborers to work in your vineyard a full day's wage that did not work for you a full day. Yes, this is generous but not really a good use of your money. Yes, you agreed with the laborers who worked for you the whole day to pay them a day's wage, that seems fair, but paying those who only worked for less than a day, is this being fair to those who worked for you the whole day?

We read this parable as though it were a business lesson, a lesson perhaps as something that you are not supposed to do. We live in a culture that seems to put a value on getting the most bang for your buck. But what I think we tend to forget is that when Jesus shared this parable with the disciples it was not a business lesson. Jesus shares this parable with to help the disciples and us to better understand the kingdom of heaven.

While the practice of generosity on the part of landowner is not the best practice from a business perspective, hours worked should match the amount paid. In the kingdom of heaven things do not work the same way, the generosity of the landowner that we encounter in our scriptures today is the best practice, it is what we need in the kingdom of heaven. In the kingdom of heaven, a landowner is needed that pays not paid according to merit, but one that is generous and pays a full day wage even if it is not earned. In this parable God is the landowner and we are the laborers, and the payment is the reward of heaven. Our tendency is to believe, many of us think of ourselves as being the laborer that works the whole day and earns the day's wage. But if we are honest with ourselves sometimes we do not work the full day, sometimes we get hired at a later hour, and sometimes we can get hired for a full day's work but we can slack off and not work the full-day and yet still at the end of the day we need and want the daily wage and our God

gives it to us not because we earned it but because our God loves us and is generous. It seems to not make sense; we do not understand it and yet we are grateful.

Just as we experience the generosity of our God, our God shares this generosity with others that seem to 'not deserve it'. In these moments it is easy for us to want to grumble about the generosity of God. Rather than, grumbling perhaps let us celebrate the generosity of our God.



### ABOUT OUR PARISH

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service-Don Inkrott

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 Sts. Cosmas & Damian

8:00am Vesting 1C 8:25am Rosary

8:45am Jeanette Morman

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 St Vincent

7:15-7:45am Confessions

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Rita & Ray Flaute

8:45am Penance 7AC

6:30-8:15pm Adoration

7:45pm-8:20pm Confessions

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence

8:00am-8:30 CCD K-4 Adoration & Benediction

8:25am Rosary

8:45am Paul Schulte

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Nancy & Joan Schmitz

8:40am-9:15 CCD 5-8 Adoration & Benediction

12:00pm Rosary

SATURDAY, SÉPTEMBER 30 St. Jerome

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Poor Souls

8:30am Confessions

4:00pm Confession

4:30pm Mass in Thanksgiving for Donald & Ginnie Riepenhoff 50th Wedding Anniversary, L/D Larry & Jeanette Maag Family,

L/D Tom & Edna Riepenhoff Family, Ed Luersman,

Gusav & Isabel Schuun, Roger Riepenhoff, Craig Verhoff

5:30pm Baptism-Fr. Matt

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1~26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:35am Rosary

8:00am William & Evelyn Palte, Ray & Helen Schroeder,

Harry & Leona Palte, Denny Horstman, Bill Klausing

 ${\bf 10:} {\bf 30am\ L/D\ Don\ Jostpille\ Family,\ L/D\ Lucille\ Ellerbrock\ Family,}$ 

John Wurth, Deb Keeler, Greg Frey

11:30am Baptism - Fr. Matt

**SERVERS** 

Mon 8:00am No Mass Tue 8:45am Students

Wed 8:00am Cliff Schroeder, Eddie Duling

Thu 8:45am Students

Fri 8:00am Ken & Paula Elchinger

Sat 8:00am Abby Recker Emmit Miller, Cassidy Maas
Sat 4:30pm Alaina Klass, Carson Faber, Royce Ellerbrock
Sun 8:00am Grace Kahle, Justin Kahle, Anthony Kahle

Sun 10:30am Megan Brickner, Hannah Brickner, Zachary Birkemeier

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS** 

Sat 4:30pm Lori Schroeder Ken Hanneman

Ruth Gerding Marge Hanneman

Sun 8:00am Mark Schroeder Nicole Ruhe

Tammy Schroeder Elizabeth Ruhe

Sun 10:30am Jason Kleman Michelle Schroeder

Julie Pothast Dawn Giesige

**GIFT BEARERS** 

Sat 4:30pm Riepenhoff Family

Sun 8:00am Rodney & Jenny Warnecke

Sun 10:30am Ian & Lisa Clark

**OCTOBER USHERS** 

Sat 4:30pm Alex Ellerbrock, Steve Brown

Sun 8:00am Tim & Chris Hoehn

**Sun 10:30am** Louis & Mary Ellen Halker

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Gene & Rose Warnecke

**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 9** 

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Henry & Jane Kaufman, Sharon Meyer

OCTOBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Jeff & Jeanne Schram,

Ginnie Riepenhoff, Marie Pothast, Bertie Hermiller, Mike & Judy Niese,

Lee & Diane Recker

### **SACRAMENTS**

### **Baptism**

Instruction is necessary when this is your first child. To arrange a baptism or register for the parental baptism class, please contact the Parish Office

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS (by Deacon Don) Parish Center

Room 15 9:00am -10:30am

Upcoming classes:

February 4, 2024, May 12, 2024 (Room 22), and September 15

Marriage

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 5, 2023 at 8:00am

### Initiation of Adults into the Catholic Faith (RCIA)

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.

### **Reconciliation (Confession)**

Wednesday 7:15am –7:45am, 7:00—8:15pm Friday 7:15am—7:45am

Saturday 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.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

### **Holy Orders and Religious Life**

Contact the vocation office at the Toledo Diocese at 419-244-6711 or e-mail psmith@toledodiocese.org or contact the vocation office at the Missionaries of the Precious Blood 937-228-9263 or e-mail vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org.

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# PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP	September 17, 2023
<u>Offering</u>	
Loose	\$ 1,165.00
Adult Envelope	\$ 6,595.00
Children	\$ 134.00
Maintenance	\$ 615.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,290.00
Assumption	\$ 20.00
Preschool	\$ 108.00
Total Collection	\$10,927.00

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 size 3 Diapers & <u>NEW HOURS</u> for Heartbeat starting July 31st Open Tuesday's 1-5pm and Thursday 9-1pm

Foods Needed at the Ottawa Food Pantry: pineapple, mandarin oranges, pears, ready to eat soup, pancake mix, pop tarts or breakfast bars, boxed or canned potatoes, rice, dry beans, canned pasta, egg noodles, condiments, salad dressing, sloppy joe sauce, hamburger helper, spaghetti sauce, snacks. Note: Monetary gifts are appreciated, as well (Ottawa Food Pantry, Trinity United Methodist Church, Ottawa).

### 2023 GRAND-orf Club

Only the drawing on October 8th with no Coffee and Donuts due to SONday Fun Day. Doug and Andrea Giesige will dray the winners. Extra

tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules.

### HOUSEKEEPING

If the Main Entrance doors to the Church are locked, please check the side doors to enter.

### MEDJUGORJE PRAYER BOX

There is a box in the back of the church for your petitions that will be brought to Medjugorje. The box will be there from September 18 - October 2.

### A Priesthood Sunday Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help them, and all priests, to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal

Priest

Amen

### Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Sylvia M Wortkoetter 9/24/03 Carol E Brinkman 9/24/08 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 Jordan M Schimmoeller 9/27/08 Logan Robert Brickner 9/27/15 Richard L Kindle 9/28/07 Kenneth A Heckman 9/28/18 Dolores T Recker 9/29/01 Mary Christine Chia 9/29/15 Karen S Fortman 9/30/13

### Please Include them in your prayers

### **WEDDING BANN**

**I Marisa Meyer** of this parish, daughter of Tony & Lisa Meyer and **Troy Csomos**, of St. Nicholas, Miller City, son of Jason & Amy Niese

### **NEWLY WEDDED**

Eric & Brandi (Maag) Parys

### THANK YOU

This was in the Heartbeat Lima & Putnam County September Newsletter

Jeanne Schram has been a volunteer at Heartbeat since about 2012. Jeanne and Rose Ellerbrock taught religion classes together in Glandorf. Each year they had a "Shower for Jesus" and would collect gifts for Heartbeat. Jeanne read in the newsletter that Heartbeat needed volunteers to help with Cherished Heart classes. That's all it took. She has been a volunteer since then. Jeanne grew up in Delphos with 10 siblings. She now lives near Glandorf with her husband, Jeff, of 46 years. They have 5 children and 12 grandchildren. They are members of St. John's Church in Glandorf. She was a teacher in the Glandorf schools for 35 years teaching elementary education. The Catholic Church built a parish center in 1950 and worked together with the public schools to have religion classed for the children. Jeanne and Jeff both teach religion classes today. They have outreach meeting once a year and Jeanne will share about what Heartbeat offers. Jeanne has volunteered at the Ottawa office since it opened over 5 years ago. She teaches classes and helps to keep the office running. She says that she has had a lot of Blessings in her life and wants to pass that along to others. She says helping the girls has taught her a lot.

# **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS & SONday FUN DAY**

# High School Corner

HS (CD on Wednesday night at 7:00 PM in Parish Center. If your child will not be attending, please text or contact me.

Ruth Gerding, coordinator of HS (CD, 567-204-1275)

### **SAVE THE DATE!**



St. John's Preschool Fall Quarter Auction

Friday November 3, 7PM Parish Center cafeteria

Details soon to follow. Enjoy a fun night out!

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

CCD Religious Education Open House

St. John's Preschool Open House

Kids' Games & Blow Up Fun

OG Jaycee's Hamburgers & Food Trucks

Parish Ministry Information

Scavenger

Parish Grounds Glandorf • Ohio

Sunday, October 8 Following the 10:30 Mass until 3:30 pm

This event is an opportunity to enjoy your family, Parish Family, and Community Family while helping to raise funds to support the Parish Center!



50/50 Drawing & Gift Basket Raffles

Reverse Raffle

Photo Booth & Face Painting

Church Historical Tours

Saint Parade Featuring CCD students

Baked Goods Wheel

DD are wellcomed
(Note: SONday Fun day will replace St. Bonifest.)

### Glandorf Cub Scouts

### **Current and Potential Scouts**

Come join us for our first meeting of the year to get a taste of the Cub Scouts. September 28th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Putnam County YMCA. We will have a short meeting at 6:30 and the boys can open swim from 7:00 - 8:00. This invitation is for boys in grades K-5 and is free. You can sign up for scouts at this time or just come to see what it is about. Can't make this date? No problem! While the fall is the typical time to register, boys can register any time at <a href="https://www.beascout.org">www.beascout.org</a>. Type in the zip code and select Pack3229. Or contact Matt Hanneman at 419-969-0295 or by email

at glandorfpack229@gmail.com

# Volunteers needed

Calling any adults or high school students!

### AVAILABLE SHIFTS

Set Up (Adults & Students)
Raffle Tickets- Overseer (Adult)
Carnival Games- Overseer (Adult)
Hamburger Stand (Adults & Students)
Inflatable Blow Up Kids Games
Face Painting
Baked Good Wheel
Prize Table
Carnival Games
Craft Activities
Photo Booth

To sign up please use the link or QR code or call the office.

https://www.signupgenius.com/qo/10C0F4FA9AF2FA1FFC25-sonday





Clean Up (Adults & Students)



T-Shirt Fundraiser Order Form





# **SONDOY** Fun Day

If anyone is interested in making baked goods for the Baked Goods Wheel. There is a sign up sheet in the back of Church.

On October 8, 2023, please drop off your dessert in the parish center cafeteria from 9:00am - 11:30am.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORTO

### Can still order T-shirts!!

We just cannot guarantee the shirts to be ready by the pick up date on October 1, 2023. We will call and arrange a time to pick up your shirts.

There will also be some shirts available to buy on October 8, 2023 or order on October 8th

Reminder, t-shirit pick up on October 1, 2023.

### AROUND THE PARISH

Attention ALL MEN!!!! Join us on for That Man Is You Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm in room 22 OR Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30am in the cafeteria. For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ mbkarhoff@bright.net, 419-796-0763



TMIY "WORTHY OF THE CALL" - Staying Awake in the Woke Culture (Sat. 9/30, Wed. 9/27) (session 3)Presenter: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers: Honor and praise God by how you live, as your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. Follow the first commandment; don't let the culture rule over you. Fight against things in our culture that go against our faith, while loving and respecting others. Always put on the mind of Christ. Worship and serve the Creator, not the creature. Surrender to God's will for your life; place yourself in His loving care. <a href="Scripture: Matthew 5:16">Scripture: Matthew 5:16</a>, Mark 8:35-38, Psalm 27.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**



### First Friday, Oct 6th

1:00pm - 4:00pm. Benediction starting at 4:00pm

Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator back in church or sign up on line using the following link <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4EAAAB2BA7F85-friday#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4EAAAB2BA7F85-friday#/</a>



### First Saturday, Oct 7th and 8th

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

Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator back in church or sign up on line using the following link <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4EAAAB2BA7F85-adoration20/82364055#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4EAAAB2BA7F85-adoration20/82364055#/</a>



We would like at least two people signed up for each hour. If you can't make it to church to sign in, please call Katie Verhoff 480-236-7305.

When you bring your children to Eucharist Adoration, there are "My Adoration Book" that they can read, color or write messages to God in the back vestibules of the Church.





# Engaged Couple



**Need to contact Fr. Matt 6 months before your marriage** to start your marriage preparation. It is your responsibility to call for an appointment or can't promise you a wedding here at St. John's.

### **GLANDORF CLC**

Tuesday, October 3, 2023
6:00pm in the Parish Center Cafeteria.
Soup & Salad, meeting & Cards to follow.
Bring a salad or dessert to share. Come and visit with sister members. Invite a friend or neighbor - they are most welcome.



END-OF-LIFE ISSUES
PRESENTED BY
PAT OEDY MURRAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
9:00 - 12:00
ST. JOHN'S PARISH CENTER
109 N MAIN ST.

### What will be covered:

· Overview of Catholic Church teaching that affects end of life decisions.

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- . End of Life Documents
- . Case Studies and Q & A session

Pat completed a year-long certification program in Catholic Bioethics from the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She serves on a hospital ethics committee and also on senior facilities ethics committees.

HAVE QUESTIONS! WANT ANSWERS! THEN PLEASE JOIN US TO GET THE FACTS!



# COAST TO COAST ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY

COME SAY THE ROSARY
IN THE MARIAN SHRINE
ACROSS THE STREET FROM
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
OCTOBER 7, 2023, 2:00PM

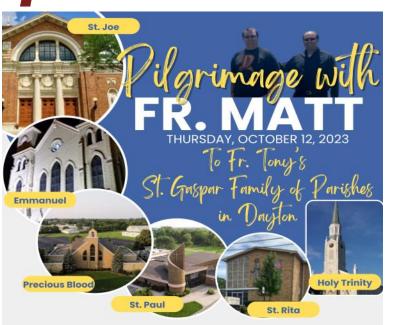
IF IT RAINS JOIN US IN CHURCH

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

SOUP & PIE DAY
September 28, 2023
11:00 – 2:00
Ottawa Senior Citizens Center
1035 East Third Street
Ottawa, Ohio 45875
Musical Entertainment by Bob Clark

Dine in or call 419-523-5593 to place an order for pick-up.

# AROUND THE PARISH AND AREA



or text Mary Beth Weisenburger at (419)980-8065, Ruth Gerding at (567)204-1275 or

**DEPARTURE: ST. JOHN'S PARKING LOT AT** 9:30AM

**NOON MASS AT ST. JOE'S** 

AFTER MASS LUNCH WITH FATHER TONY

VISIT HOLY TRINITY, EMMANUEL, ST. RITA, PRECIOUS BLOOD, AND ST. PAUL

**BACK IN GLANDORF AROUND 6:00PM** 

**CARPOOLING FOR** THOSE WHO NEED A
RIDE.
RSVP BY TEXTING OR
CALLING
JEANETTE SCHROEDER 419-890-3724 IF YOU FORGET TO RSVP, JUST SHOW UPTHE DAY OF THE

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION (PRE CANA CLASS)

Sunday, November 5, 2023 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.



The Glandorf St. John's outreach group is sponsoring a bus to take parishioners to the March for Life in Columbus Ohio on October 6th. Please support life by going on this worthy cause. For more details, call Deacon Don 419-615-0892.



### MISCARRIAGE AND INFANT LOSS MEMORIAL MASS OCTOBER 29 Did you or someone you love lose a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death? Come receive spiritual consolation at the third annual St. Catherine's Embrace Memorial Mass. It will be held on Sunday, October 29 at 1:00 p.m. at St John The Baptist Church in Continental. 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 to support families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss), call



### ROSARY RALLY - SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2023

ST JOHNS CATHOLIC CHURCH - GLANDORF Location: At the Shrine / Time: 12:00 Noon \*\*This is near the time the Miracle of the Sun took place in Fatima 106 years ago witnessed by 70,000 people. A ROSARY FOR OUR MOTHER # AS SHE REQUESTED!

Bring a lawn chair if you wish to sit while praying. Call with questions - Sandi Glanz 419-969-4260

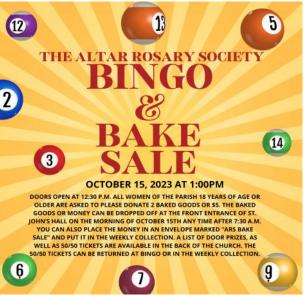


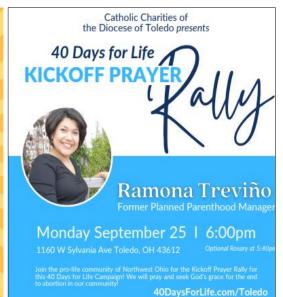
Jill Streicher at (419)796-0637.

### SAVE THE DATE!

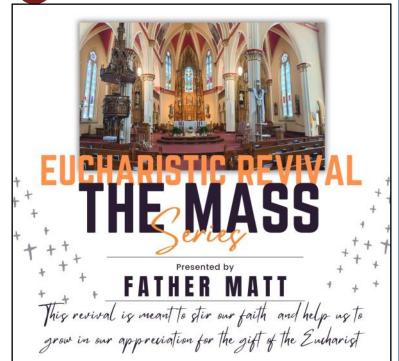
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### **EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**



### ON SUNDAY'S AT 9:30AM IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

OCTOBER 1 - PRE MASS AND INTRODUCTORY RITES OCTOBER 15 - LITURGY OF THE WORD OCTOBER 22ND - OFFETORY **NOVEMBER 12TH - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER NOVEMBER 19TH - COMMUNION RITE AND CONCLUDING RITE** 



ST. PADRE PIO Feast Day: September 23

### This is a prayer Padre Pio composed and recited after receiving Holy Communion.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often. Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without meaning and hope. Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness. Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will. Stay with me, Lord, so that I can hear Your voice and follow you. Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You ever more, and to be always in Your company. Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be always faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I wish it to be a place of consolation for You, a dwelling of Your love. Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late; the days are coming to a close and life is passing. Death, judgement and eternity are drawing near. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way, for that I need You. It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need you, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Stay with me, Jesus, because in the darkness of life, with all its dangers, I need You. Help me to recognize You as Your disciples did at the Breaking of the Bread, so that the Eucharist Communion be the light which disperses darkness, the power which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart. Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death I want to be one with You, and if not by Communion, at least by Your grace and love. Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolations because I do not deserve them, but I only ask for the gift of Your Presence. Oh yes! I

Stay with me, Lord, for I seek You alone, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and I ask for no other reward but to love You more and more, with a strong active love. Grant that I may love You with all my heart while on earth, so that I can continue to love you perfectly throughout all eternity, dear Jesus.



**ORDER** TICKETS BY FRIDAY 9/29 SEE LINK BELOW

### Wednesday, July 17 - Sunday, July 21, 2024 Indianapolis, Indiana

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas invites you to join him to witness what God has in store for his Church in the U.S. through the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024! The Diocese of Toledo is forming a delegation to represent our local Church in this historic event at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN, where 80,000 Catholics are expected to gather to deepen our understanding of, love for, and living out the great mystery of the Eucharist.

The Diocese of Toledo has reserved a limited number of tickets for this pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress. Tickets are on a first-come, first-serve basis

### CONGRESS TICKET INFORMATION ORDER TICKETS BY FRIDAY 9/29 SEE LINK BELOW

- Adult Congress Ticket & Bus Transportation: \$325.00 Child Congress Ticket (ages 2-17): \$99.00 (tickets to be purchased through the Eucharistic Congress website)
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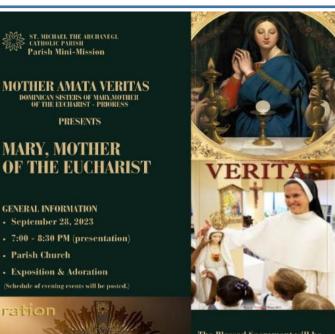
### Hotel Information

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- The cost of these hotel rooms is not included in registration; a credit card will need to be provided for your room(s) upon arrival at the conference.
- Register for the Congress and Transportation
- By clicking on the link below, you will register for a Congress Ticket, Bus Transportation, and reserve a hotel room.

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Contact information: If you have any questions, please contact Bret Huntebrinker at bhuntebrinker@toledodiocese.org or 419-214-4865.



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed throughout the night for adoration ending with the celebration of the Mass at 6:45 a.m. for the Feast of St. Michael.

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# A NOTE FROM SEM. ERIC KAUFMAN

### + Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto

(September 2023)

Greetings Everyone,

Continued prayers for all of you, and thank you for your prayers and support for me and all religious vocations. Thank you also for encouraging other young men and women to consider that God might be calling them to religious life and for your continued support of the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal.

I hope that everyone had a great summer. Mine was jam-packed with several different adventures, all helping to provide growth in the areas of human, pastoral, and spiritual dimensions. From diaconate and priesthood ordinations of seminary friends of mine to homeless ministry in Dayton, Ohio, with missionaries from the group Christ in the City (https://christinthecity.org), to working with Catholic Charities in the Toledo Diocese (https://catholiccharitiesnwo.org), and to taking a church management and leadership course at Villanova University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the summer was go, go, go. But, the high point of the summer was being able to take a pilgrimage, through the seminary, to the Holy Land.

If you ever have an opportunity to take a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I recommend you go. It was safe, the food was delicious, and the weather was great. It's hot in July, but beautiful. With an open heart to God on a pilgrimage, you will be blessed with many graces, and the scriptures will come alive. It was unbelievable to be able to follow in Jesus's footsteps, visiting what seemed like every holy site possible. From the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum (where the scriptures really came alive to me), Mt. Tabor (Transfiguration), the cave of the Annunciation, in Nazareth, and Caesarea Philippi - where Jesus asked his apostles, who do people say that I am? And St. Peter said you are the Christ. And Peter is then told he is the rock, and on this rock, Jesus will build his church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. We also saw the Mt. of Temptations and the desert oasis of En Gedi (where David wrote Psalm 23 – The Lord is my Shepherd). In Jericho we took a camel ride and swam (floated) in the Dead Sea, and we saw even more.

The whole pilgrimage was wonderful, but the time spent at the sites in Bethlehem and Jerusalem was exceptional; from the Church of the Nativity, the Mount of Olives, and Temple Mount, to the spot where St. Peter denied Christ, all the sites packed a punch, but most of all the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre is one building built over the hill of Calvary and the tomb of Jesus' Resurrection. Being able to visit, pray, and reverence the spots of the Lord's crucifixion, death, and resurrection is an experience that I will not forget. The one feeling that keeps coming back to me as I think of those moments is how humbling it was to be there, where God, because of His love for every person - past, present, and future, saved us all. He gave everything. What do I give Him in return? Do I do what He asks of me? Do I follow what He taught us? Do I serve the Lord and others? Do I have the courage to spread His word and boldly live out the Catholic faith?

Many other thoughts came to me throughout the pilgrimage, from stories and explanations of the scriptures and notes for future sermons, to a deeper love for God. There is so much more that I would love to share, but overall, if you can go on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, please GO! You will not regret it. I know I look forward to going back someday.

So now that summer is over, school is back in session, and having been on internship the last school year, I have been gone from the seminary for about fifteen months, and like starting anything new or, in this case, somewhat restarting, there is always a period of adjustment. So, as I return to the seminary this year, I am entering my third year of theology, and if everything goes well and if the bishop gives his okay and calls me to orders, then deacon ordination will be coming up in the spring. But for now, classes are up and running. This semester, my classes are the Gospels of Mark & Matthew, Catholic Epistles, Patristic Theology, Theology of the Eucharist, Theology of Marriage, Marriage in Canon Law, and Catholic Social Doctrine. So, as I heard on a podcast once, you can only pass on what you know. It is true. To pass on the faith, we must first know (and continuously learn) the faith ourselves.

If you are ever in Cincinnati, please stop by the seminary to visit. Take care, and God Bless!

### Sem. Eric Kaufman

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Pictured left to right:
The Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Tomb of Jesus (site of the Resurrection), & the skyline of Jerusalem.



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### **Good News for all Parents**

Have you heard the good news? In July, Ohio joined several other states across the country that have adopted a universal parental choice scholarship program. This new law allows for every Ohio family to be eligible for a scholarship for each child, which may be used at any private school of their choosing. Students in kindergarten through senior year of high school are eligible for a full or partial scholarship based on the family's household income. This is indeed good news for parents whose vocation includes choosing the best possible means of educating their children. Now parents who choose to send their children to private schools will justly, by means of the state's financial support, be on comparable footing with parents who choose other options for the education of their children.

For example, a family of four that makes \$135,000 or less annually is eligible for a scholarship of \$6,165 for students in grades K-8 and \$8,407 for students in grades 9-12. The scholarship award amounts decrease as a family's income increases; however, all families who apply receive a scholarship.

From a Catholic perspective, this good news allows for the Good News to be proclaimed more widely! It is a momentous occasion to celebrate the recognition of parental rights and a new opportunity to help form thousands of young people through the gift of Catholic education! The Church has long taught that parents have the

primary and inalienable right to educate their children in concert with their moral convictions and religious beliefs. As a result of this principle, the Church has advocated for systems of educational pluralism to ensure parents have choices as opposed to an educational monopoly with few or no options. Today in Ohio, parents have more educational options than ever.

Catholic schools are at the heart of the Church and are now a much more viable and affordable option for many families. The then Congregation for Catholic Education, in a 1997 document, taught that "the Catholic school participates in the evangelizing mission of the Church and is the privileged environment in which Christian education is carried out."1 Another way to consider this metaphor is that Catholic schools are the main muscle through which new life circulates throughout the body, the Church. Until this summer, the financial weight of a Catholic education was a cost-prohibitive endeavor for many families. With the universal parental choice scholarship program, it becomes all the more possible for parents to consider sending their children to a Catholic school.

As parents evaluate what is best for their children, it is my sincere hope and prayer that our Catholic schools will stand out as good partners for all parents. If you are or know a new parent who has a younger child just beginning their formal education, I encourage you to reach out to your

parish or local Catholic school to learn about the education offered in the preschool or primary grades. If you are or know a homeschool parent, I encourage you to reach out to your parish or local Catholic school to learn about what options, programs, and courses may most benefit your child. If you are or know a parent who has never

considered a Catholic school as an option, I encourage vou to engage with your parish or local Catholic school to understand how this partnership may work. Or if you are or know a current Catholic school parent, I encourage you to take advantage of and tell your family members, friends, coworkers, colleagues, and neighbors about this new opportunity for all. As a product of

Catholic schools myself, I can assure you that Catholic education provides what secular options cannot, a faith based education which strives to form the whole person in body, mind, and spirit. I am forever grateful for the Catholic education I was so blessed to receive.

The philosophy of Catholic education is what allows our schools to perform extraordinarily well as compared with other educational options. While college and career readiness are good and noble endeavors, necessary for a productive society, Catholic schools are inspired by a supernatural vision which goes beyond by preparing good citizens for the world and good citizens for heaven, the next generation of saints! schools create Catholic strong, communities that recognize each student as made in the image of God. They build character and instill in each student the desire to live a life of virtue. They witness to those first and fundamental commandments: to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength; and to love your neighbor as yourself. They exist to make Jesus Christ known, loved, and served, by teaching truth, beauty, and goodness across all disciplines. This unwavering commitment to the Truth in Catholic

schools is becoming all the more valuable and necessary as we witness around us the collapse of our culture.

Our parishes and local Catholic schools have worked this summer to assist families with applying for the parental choice scholarship. The application is just one page and only takes a few minutes

to complete. Our administrators and staff stand ready to facilitate the admissions process and answer your questions. Most of all I ask you to spread the good news far and wide that our Catholic schools stand ready to encourage current families to take advantage of this new opportunity, to welcome new families to our schools, so that the Good News may continue to be announced. proclaimed and lived here in our nineteen counties! How powerful are the words which appear on signs that grace the entrances of many of our Catholic schools: "Let it be known to all who enter here that Jesus Christ is the reason for this school, the unseen but ever-present teacher in all its classes, the model of its faculty, and the inspiration for its students." Good news indeed!

+ Devict & Gleoman

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas Bishop of Toledo August 31, 2023

<sup>1</sup>Congregation for Catholic Education. (1997). *The Catholic School on the Threshold on the Third Millennium*. The Holy See. Paragraph 11. vatican.va