

# PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF JESUS!

## PENACNE SERVICES

### St. John's

- Every Wednesday 7:15am - 7:45 am, 7:45pm—8:20pm
- Every Friday 7:15am—7:45am
- Every Saturday 8:30am
- Every Saturday 4:00pm—4:20pm
- Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 4:00pm and 7:00pm

### Throughout the area

- Ottoville — Sunday, Dec. 4th 2:00pm
- Kalida— Tuesday, Dec. 13th 4:00pm and 7:00pm
- Ft. Jennings— Wednesday, Dec. 14th 7:00pm

## LECTIO DIVINA

Divine Reading

Every Tuesday

= 9:30am-10:30am

= 7:00pm-8:00pm

11/22/2022, 11/29/2022,  
12/13/2022 & 12/20/2022

St. John's Parish Center Cafeteria



Bring your Catholic Bible and a notebook

Any questions call Jeannette 419-890-3724



### ADVENT LITTLE BLUE BOOKS

Beautiful daily reflections for the Advent season. Please pick up at all exists of the Church and take one per family.

*Advent*  
St. John's the Baptist

### Angel Tree

#### For Heartbeat

By St. John's Outreach

Take an angel from the tree in the back of Church and purchase the item on the angel or make a monetary donation.



Heaven's  
**CHILD**

PEPPER CHOPLIN

Come experience the coming birth of Jesus with the Glandorf community.

Sunday, December 18, 2022  
2:00pm  
Glandorf St. John's Church  
By St. John's Choir

Give the gift of music to your family and children as the Christmas story is put to music.

### Eucharistic Adoration

- December 3rd/4th  
5:30pm until 8:00am
- Every Wednesday  
6:30pm—8:15pm
- Every Friday  
1:00pm—4:00pm  
followed with Benedictions



COME SPEND SOME QUIET TIME WITH YOUR LORD!!

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24, 2022-Christmas Eve  
4:00 pm Children Mass  
10:00 pm Mass During the Night  
Sunday, December 25, 2022 - Christmas Day  
8:00 am and 10:30am Holy Mass

## **ADVENT - ANGEL TREE**

St. John's Outreach group is again sponsoring the Advent-Angel Tree for Heartbeat of Lima and Putnam County. You can pick an **ornament** from our tree or make a **monetary donation**. If you take an ornament, purchase the item, and put it in the Heartbeat box near the tree. The **baby bottles** are also located by the tree and you can use them for cash donations (which are always in much need). Return the bottles to the Heartbeat box by Christmas. *You could also put any cash donations or gift cards in an envelope labeled with "Heartbeat" and put it in the collection basket or in the drop box of the rectory garage.* Thank you very much for helping parents and their children.

Some of the most needed items at Heartbeat right now: winter pajamas or sleepers up to size 4, educational toys and games, gift cards for gas or groceries.

Some of the ways Heartbeat uses financial donations: diapers, formula, medical supplies for pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, client literature, annual expense for the Bright Course lessons, mortgage payment, Internet, utilities, insurance, taxes, employees, and other misc. expenses.



**The Heartbeat Pregnancy Center in Ottawa is  
located at 1225 East Third Street.  
The hours are Mondays 10:00-1:00 and Wednesdays 1:00-4:00.  
Please call 419-523-1150 for appointments.**

# START A NEW HABIT - SPEND TIME WITH GOD'S WORDS

## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT - LECTIO DIVINA – DIVINE PRAYER

*Lectio divina* is a method of praying the Scriptures. What better way to get to know God than by spending time with God's spoken word?

The practice of *lectio divina* traces its roots back to the early centuries in the Church. By the sixth century, [St. Benedict](#) had made it a regular practice in most monasteries. Today *lectio divina* is a widely held practice by many laymen and laywomen.

*Lectio divina* is a slow, rhythmic reading and praying of a Scripture passage. You pick a passage and read it. Notice what arises within you as you read it. Then you read it again, and then again, noticing what words and phrases grab your heart and noticing the feelings that arise. You respond to God about whatever is stirring within as you read and pray with the passage. Finally, you rest and let God respond and speak to you.

Let's consider the formal steps. To begin, you might open with a short prayer, (see Holy Spirit Prayer below). Ask God to guide your prayer time. Try to silence your mind and put off the cares of the day. You could make an act of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Simply; Lord I believe in You help my unbelief, Lord I Hope in You increase my Trust in You, Lord I Love You show me how to love You more. Then do the following:

### Read.

Slowly and thoughtfully, read the Scripture passage the first time.

Did a word or phrase capture your attention and grab your heart? Linger with it whenever this happens.

### Reflect.

Slowly and prayerfully, read the passage again. What is God saying to you in this passage? offering you? asking you? What feelings are arising within you?

### Respond.

Slowly and prayerfully, read the passage again. Respond to God from your heart. Speak to God of your feelings and insights. Offer these to God.

### Rest.

Possibly read the passage another time. Sit quietly in God's presence, asking, "What are you saying to me?" Rest in God's love and listen.

### Concrete resolution.

What is God calling you to do with what He has said to you. Practice a virtue like generosity, apologize to someone, do a kind act for someone who may have come to mind during your prayer time etc.

As you end your prayer period, you might close with an Our Father or another short prayer. It might be helpful to jot down in a journal what arose during this time. What did you say to God, and what did God offer you?

**Come Holy Spirit Prayer:**

*Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful, enkindle in us the fire of your love, send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth  
O God, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit, help us to know what is truly right and always rejoice in his consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Gospel**

**Mt 24:37-44**

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**MASS INTENTIONS/SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

7:35AM Rosary

**8:00AM Communion Service-Don Inkrott**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

7:35AM Rosary

**8:45AM L/D Edwin Brinkman Family,  
Jimmie Bialecki**

**10:30AM Mary Lou Ricker funeral**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 St. Andrew**

7:15AM – 7:45AM Confessions

7:35AM Rosary

**8:00AM L/D Hubert Verhoff Family**

6:30-8:15PM Adoration

7:45PM – 8:20PM Confessions

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

8:15AM Rosary

**8:45AM Fred Schroeder**

**First FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**

7:15AM – 7:45AM Confessions

7:35AM Rosary

**8:00AM Paul Stechschulte**

12:00PM Rosary

1:00PM-4:00PM Adoration/Benediction

**First SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, St. Francis Xavier**

7:35AM Rosary

**8:00AM Oscar Schnipke**

8:30AM Confessions

8:30AM – 4:30 Rosary

4:00PM Confessions

**4:30PM L/D Leander & Alberta Moening Family,  
L/D Amadeus & Marcile Schroeder Family,  
L/D Mary & George Kuhbander Family, Urban Warnecke,  
Dale (Sytx) Warnecke, L/D Gene & Edna Ellerbrock Family,  
Donna Halker, Donald Halker, Gerald Vorst**

5:30PM – 8:00AM Adoration

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

7:25PM Rosary

**8:00AM L/D Norbert & Agnes Sager Family,  
L/D Lawrence, Eleanor & Brenda Utendorf,  
Marilyn Berger, Dorothy Maraziti**

**10:30AM Kevin Schroeder, Leonard & Rosemary Kuhlman,  
Ken Ellerbrock(AN), L/D Virgil & Betty Ellerbrock,  
Virginia McKee, Dave Schroeder**



**From the  
Desk of  
Fr. Matt**

Happy New Year! Today we begin a new liturgical year, and we begin a new liturgical season, the Season of Advent. As we begin this season the day light hours during this time of the year keep getting shorter and shorter each day. We long for more day light hours like what we have in the summer but the light that we long for is for the light of Christ to come present. As part of that longing, we light the candles on our Advent Wreath. At the end of

this season, we anticipate celebrating the birth of Jesus. As journey in this season, we anticipate the coming of Christ. In the scriptures today, we hear Jesus echo the words “you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come” (Matthew 24:44).

Be ready for the unexpected hour is what we are called to do during this season. But I will be honest and say this is not exactly my lived of this season. We live busy lives, if at normal busy speed for life moves at 75 mph, when the Season of Advent comes the speed of life seems to get even faster from 75 mph to 100 mph. Which can seem to make it hard to live up to the expectation of this season is supposed to be.

I remember back in the days when I was a student, the start of Advent coincided with the end of semester. Which meant finishing up final papers and projects and getting ready for final exams. It was a busy and chaotic and sometimes I wonder how I ever got everything done? Much less do anything to prepare for Christ to come. Even my life as a priest in Dayton life during Advent life seemed to get rather busy, so busy I found it hard get my Christmas Shopping done. Life seemed to be so busy, I am not sure if I did anything to prepare for Christ to come. Now I am in Glandorf, I do not anticipate anything being any different. Our lives are busy how can we have time to be prepared?

This week I plan to get away for a few days to go deer hunting and I like to think deer hunting and Advent share some similarities. When I go deer hunting it is important to stay quiet and still and you do not know when the deer will be coming. I typically do not have success in my deer hunting hopefully that changes this week, but I always enjoy the gift of sitting out in nature in silence and studying the gift of God’s creation even if I do not get a deer.

In our scriptures today, Jesus repeats the phrase “one will be taken, and one will be left” (Matthew 24:40). This phrase can make many of us feel uncomfortable, questioning what it means to be taken or what it means to be left. Do I want to be taken or do I want to be left? We are called to be ready for Christ’s coming at the unknown hour. So often we associate our needing be ready to mean that we need to do something extraordinary. Do we really need to do anything extraordinary? Perhaps we do not need to do anything extraordinary. Perhaps it is in doing the ordinary that we can also be ready. In our scriptures today, we hear of two doing work, working in the field and grinding at mill. Work that would seem to be rather ordinary. It is in this ordinary that they were proved to be ready. How in the ordinary things that you do each day are you preparing for the Lord to come?

### **WEEKDAY SERVERS:**

**Tue. 8:45AM:** Students

**Wed. 8:00AM:** Gene & Rose Warnecke

**Thu. 8:45AM:** Students

**Fri. 8:00AM:** Bob & Jackie Luttfriing

**Sat. 8:00AM:** Will Siefker, Maddox Stechschulte, Cameron Tobe

**Next Sunday, December 4**

### **SUNDAY SERVERS:**

**Sat. 4:30PM:** Landyn Schulte, Noah Schroeder, Cy Rump

**Sun. 8:00AM:** Jack Schroeder, Tyler Ruhe, Owen Morman

**Sun. 10:30AM:** Dylan Siefker, Owen Schumaker, Jacob Schimmoeller

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

### **LECTORS**

4:30 Diane Recker

Carole Schroeder

Alicia Nussbaum

Kathy Schmitz

8:00 Mark Schroeder

Nicole Ruhe

Tammy Schroeder

Greg Ruhe

10:30 Jason Kleman

Michelle Schroeder

Julie Pothast

Dawn Giesige

**The Lector Workbooks** for next year are now in the servers’ sacristy. Please pick yours up today. Workbooks will start the this weekend. Thank you!

**COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Gene & Rose Warnecke**

**SUNDAY GIFT BEARERS:**

Sat. 4:30PM: Robert & Sandy Verhoff

Sun. 8:00AM: Steve & Deb Leopold

Sun. 10:30AM: Keith & Deb Kuhlman

**DECEMBER USHERS:**

Sat. 4:30PM: Alex Ellerbrock, Steve Brown

Sun. 8:00AM: Tom Morman, Tony Maag

Sun. 10:30AM: Nathan Schroeder, Al Kaufman

**COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 9**

**ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY:** Edna & Diane Nienberg

**DECEMBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS:** Jo Ann & Roger Schroeder, Diane Nienberg, Connie & Don Dehnart, Jim Recker

**FAMILIES TO LIGHT ADVENT WREATH BEFORE MASS:**

Dec. 3rd, 4:30pm: Carole and Brent Schroeder family

Dec. 4th, 8:00am: Joe and Deb Schroeder family

Dec. 4th, 10:30am: – Tricia and Greg Brinkman

*Thank you to all who so graciously volunteered to light the Advent Wreath! Happy Advent! God bless all of you!*

**PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS**

Sunday, January 8, 2022 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM, in Room 15 in the parish center presented by Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling St. John’s Rectory 419-538-6928.. Next class will be May 21, 2023.

**ENGAGED COUPLES GETTING MARRIED IN 2023**

6 months before your wedding you need to make an appointment with Fr. Matt to begin your marriage preparation.

**Adult Faith Information**

**Jeanette Schroeder – Coordinator, Diana Meyer, Jeanne Schram, Marlene Kleman, Deacon Don and Elaine Inkrott**

**DEEPEN YOUR ADVENT**

**COME EXPERIENCE LECTIO DIVINA – DIVINE READING**

**Tuesdays in the Parish Center: 11/22, 11/29, 9:30am and 7:00pm**

**12/6 there is no session, 12/13, & 12/20 9:30am and 7:00pm**

**EACH SESSION LASTS ABOUT AN HOUR.**

**Bring your Catholic Bible and a notebook. Questions call Jeanette 419-890-3724**

**“Because the Bible is the story of how we are saved it is an essential part of our dialogue with God. Lectio Divina is important because it leads to an “encounter with Christ, the living Word of God.” Far from mere reading, it’s an engagement with divinity.” Matthew Leonard**

**To Create a new FORMED account**

Go to [FORMED.org](https://www.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://www.formed.org) . Click Sign In - upper right corner Have questions? Call 419-890-3724



### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THE FIRST SATURDAY IN**

**DECEMBER** after 4:30 Mass until 8:00 on Sunday mornings.

**Saturday/Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>.** Sign-up sheet is available on the radiator in the back of church or sign up on line using the following link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4eaaab2ba7f85-adoration10>. 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.

### **OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of **Marvin Heitmeyer and Mary Lou Ricker**. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Dolores Goecke and Art Heitmeyer on the death of their brother, Marvin.

### **RCIA (Christian Initiation of Adults) INTEREST**

Monday, Nov 28, 6:00 – 7:30pm in the cafeteria. **Snack by Wendy Imm**

**Topic: Explanation of the Liturgical Year and the Season of Advent**

These sessions are open to all interested persons – those wishing to become a Catholic and for Catholics who wish to up-date themselves. We welcome you. If you are interested, please call the rectory 419-538-6928 to sign up.



### **WELCOMING OUR RCIA CANDADITES**

Next Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> we will welcome into our Church Community our RCIA Candidates. Wade Lee Neal , Emily Marcella Siefker, Manalo Geavannie Carrillo will receive the Rite of Acceptance and become catechumens. Jessika Marie Behrns will receive the Rite of Welcoming.

**Please pray for them as they continue this journey to study the Word of God and grow in the faith of Jesus Christ.**

### **THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY)**

**Attention ALL MEN!!!!** Join us on for That Man Is You (TMIY)

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm in room 22 OR Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6-7:30am in the Cafeteria**

For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ [mbkarhoff@bright.net](mailto:mbkarhoff@bright.net), 419-796-0763

**TMIY "THE LIGHT OF MEN" - Pray Like a Saint (Sat. 12/3, Wed. 11/30) (session 11)**

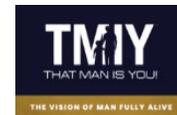
Speaker: Matthew Leonard, The Goal isn't to Finish, the Goal is God, We are made to become partakers of the divine nature, Developing an Authentic Life of Prayer, Prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours, 3

Stages of Prayer: Vocal,

Meditative and Contemplative, Meditative Prayer is a Quest,

Growth in Faith and Prayer Takes Time. *Scripture: 1 John 3:22,*

*Religiosa: Catechism #2559-2565*



### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to June Gerdeman and her helpers for the delicious meal, to the Meadows of Ottawa for donating the desserts and to the 7th graders who did a marvelous job serving the meal. Also, thank you to all of our precious volunteers for making this parish a wonderful place to worship God! God bless you all! Fr. Matt & Staff

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- Ottawa— Monday, Dec. 19th at 4:00pm and 7:00pm

### *Grade School CCD Information*

Message from Tammy Schmitz for Grade School K-4 Religious Education email at [k4ccd@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:k4ccd@glandorfstjohns.com)

### *Jr. High CCD Information*

Message from Mindy Recker for Jr. High Coordinator email at [jrhighccd@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:jrhighccd@glandorfstjohns.com)

**All CCD Families**, please remember to send in your family information sheet for our Christmas gift by Wednesday, November 30th. The information was attached to the November newsletter and sent home in your child's progress note. If you need further information, please contact Mindy Recker or Tammy Schmitz. We are hoping for 100% participation. Thank you for your participation!

### *High School CCD Information*

Message from Ruth Gerding Coordinator of High School CCD email at [hscdd@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:hscdd@glandorfstjohns.com)



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A special Thank You to Roger Brickner and Tim Hansen for sharing their Faith journey while serving in the Military, at our Veteran CCD night. May we past and present in our prayers of thanksgiving.



Thanksgiving season, a grateful THANK YOU the generous HS CCD students who last week 150 items to our Veterans and this week, donated 600 food items to the Ottawa Food Pantry. Thank sharing your many gifts for those who are less than our families.

Youth choir practice will be held after HS CCD on Wednesday, November 30th in preparation for upcoming Holy Days. Any questions, please let me know,  
Ruth Gerding, 567-204-1275 Coordinator of HS CCD



## HURRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Need your help with Lighting the Advent Wreath. Below are the spots that are still open.

**12/18/2022 at 10:30am Mass**

Please call the rectory (419.538.6928) or email me at [admin@glandorfstjohns.com](mailto:admin@glandorfstjohns.com) or click on the link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA9AF2FA1FFC25-lighting1> or scan the QR code if you are able to help us out! Thank you for those families that have already signed up to help.



### *Christmas Mass Schedule*

**Saturday, December 24, 2022-Christmas Eve**

**4:00 pm - Children Mass**

**10:00 pm- Mass During the Night**

**Sunday, December 25, 2022 - Christmas Day**

**8:00 am and 10:30am - Holy Mass**



**2022 GRAND-orf Club** drawing along with coffee & donuts by **Lori and Mark Klausing** will be, December 11<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 or 10:30 Mass., in the cafeteria. Extra blue tickets are in the racks in the church vestibules. Thanks.

**FIRST FRIDAY, DEC 2<sup>ND</sup>**, 8:00 am Mass, Novena, & Divine Mercy 12:00 pm Rosary; 1:00 – 4:00 Public Adoration of the Eucharist. Ending with Benediction at 4:00pm.

**FIRST SATURDAY, DEC 3<sup>RD</sup>**, 8:00am Mass and 8:30am Confessions. Remember the all-day rosary. If you need a sub for praying the rosary, there is a list of subs back on the bulletin board in the center vestibule.

**ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS SATURDAY**, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm

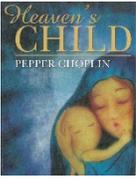
St. Michael Catholic Church, 312 N Broad Street, Kalida, OH 45853. SUNDAY, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm, St. Mary Catholic Church, 414 Madison Street, Decatur, IN 46733, SATURDAY, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. SUNDAY, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm \*Followed by Evening Prayer with the sisters at 5pm\* The Monastery of the Visitation, 1745 Parkside Blvd, Toledo, OH 43607. THESE EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL. For more info, email Jessica Schuster, Director [jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.schuster.155@gmail.com)

**St. Nicholas will be visiting the Maria Stein Shrine** to entertain kids with crafts, games, activities, cookies and hot cocoa on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 3pm! Register online at [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org), cost is \$10 per child. This event is best geared towards children between the ages of 5 and 10, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Last day to register is **NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**GLANDORF CLC/ALTAR ROSARY INVITES ALL THE LADIES OF THE PARISH TO THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Wed., Dec. 7, 2022 in the parish center cafeteria. Cocktail hour at 5:30pm. Ham loaf dinner, potatoes, vegetables & salad, includes dessert. Serving dinner at 6:30pm. Entertainment- 50/50 drawing – euchre tournament. Cost \$8.00 at the door. Please invite your friends and neighbors to celebrate the Christmas season with us. RSVP Alice Diemer 419-538-6616 by December 1, 2022.

**LAND OF PEACE MISSION:** Our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission- a nonprofit organization will be visiting our Parish speaking about the Christians and the ongoing situation in the Holy Land. They will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem, to raise funds to help support our fellow brothers and sisters. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of

this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have “something” authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. Please visit our website: [www.landofpeace.org](http://www.landofpeace.org)



Come experience the coming birth of Jesus with the Glandorf community on Sunday, December 18th at 2:00 PM in the Glandorf church as the choir presents the Christmas Cantata, "Heaven's Child". Give the gift of music to your family and children as the Christmas story is put to music. Singing begins at 2:00.



**INSIDE DECORATING COMMITTEE:** We will be decorating the inside of the Church on December 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 6:30pm.

**The Glandorf Garden Club** would like to announce the following 2022 Garden Club Members of The Year. Roger Ellerbrock, Denny & Mick Brickner. They have been serving since the Garden Club was established in 1990 and continue to be a part of our great volunteers of the Garden Club. They have donated 32 years of volunteerism and still growing with the Garden Club helping to shape the Glandorf Park into what it is today. The Glandorf Mayor has indicated that he gets praises from other communities that ask, “How do you maintain such a beautiful park?” He comes back with the comment, “You have to have great volunteers such as the Garden Club and Lions Club to have a park such as ours.” The Garden Club is an organization that is made up of 18-20 volunteers and helps trim trees, maintains flower beds, putt putt golf course, children’s play equipment, benches, plaques, mulching and many other great projects in the Park. When you see Roger, Denny and Mick on the street, please give them a shout for all they have contributed and a special thanks for making our community a better place for our kids. That’s what the Garden Club is about, “Making this community a better place for our kids” and if you would like to become a part of this great volunteerism please contact Dave Kleman at 419-615-2932

**SERVICE MEN & WOMEN** we are updating our military list. Please inform the rectory 419-538-6928 of any son/daughter if they are still active/inactive/or going to be active, any change of personnel or address changes. Thank you!

**This is the list from last year of our Military ( Away from Home)**

**Lt Anthony Maher**, B Co/1-35 AR/2-1 AD, Unit # 61375, APO AE, 09877

**Alexander Closson**, 1035 INSIGNIA, Apt. 102, Bremerton, WA 98310

**Lt. Col. Darek Schmiedebusch**, 6314 Chaucer View Circle, Alexandria, VA 22304

**Justin McFarland**, 283 Twin Lakes Dr. Destin, Fl. 32541

**Tyler McFarland**, 116 Hightower Lane. Aberdeen NC 28315

Lois Hermiller’s son:

**SGT Jacob Zmyslo**; Combat Logistics Battalion 31; Maintenance Plt; Unit 38465; FPO, AP 96385 (new address)

**Evan Barrett**, 205 Jumpers Pass, Oak Grove, KY 42262 (new address)

### **ADDRESSES**

Father Tony Fortman: 1000 W Wenger Rd Englewood, OH 45322

Eric Kaufman(SCM): St. Joan of Arc Parish, 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd. Toledo, OH 43614

**Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us -November 27-December 3**

John George Hoffman 11/27/05  
Richard B Spangler 11/30/11  
Carolyn S Schmersal 12/1/18  
Martin K Westrick 12/2/01

Lucy P Rieman 12/2/04  
Gerald T Utrup 12/3/18  
Marciel L Schroeder 12/3/20

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS** Special thanks goes out to all of our St. John's volunteers that served the needy families of the area at the Ottawa Food Pantry during their distribution days (2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 10:00--2:00) in October. If you are recently retired or if you are available on Tuesdays, we invite you to join our team. Contact Annette McKee at 538-6501 to volunteer or for more information.

**"NEEDY FAMILIES"** Since this is the time for thanksgiving and giving we would like to help our needy families. If you know of a needy family who would like to be included in the parish "Needy Families Collection" please call the rectory. Thank you!

**Society for the Propagation of the Faith:** Please remember to return your envelope for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Extra envelopes in racks in church vestibule.

**STEWARDSHIP (November 13, 2022 Collection)**  
Adults \$8,735.51 Auto Electronic Giving \$1,931.25  
Loose \$638.0 Children \$124.00 Total: \$11,428.76

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! We are most grateful!

**Heartbeat Needs:** baby safety gates, size 5 Pampers Pure Protection or Hello Bello diapers, newborn Pampers or Huggies, boys blanket sleepers size newborn, 0-3 month, 3-6 month, girls blanket sleepers size 18 month and 24 month/2T **Ottawa Food Pantry** needs the following items canned mandarin oranges, boxed potatoes all varieties plus mashed, pasta (no spaghetti), rice-a-Ronni, Knorr – side dishes, peanut butter, condiments

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The mission of St. Catherine's Embrace is to reach out to, assist and embrace all families in the St. George Deanery, regardless of faith affiliation, who have lost a child from miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death. Please call the rectory 419-538-6928.

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
GLANDORF, OHIO**

Sunday, November 27, 2022

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

**Pastor:** Rev Matthew Keller, C.P.P.S. **Deacon:** Don Inkrott **Business Manager:** Ashley Duling **Administrative Assistant:** Michelle Horstman **Music:** Dan Ellerbrock **Maintenance:** Joe Schroeder **Janitors:** Mark Klausing (Church), Mark Kaufman (Parish Center) **Cemetery Caretaker-Manager:** Jeff Gerding



**OFFICE HOURS** Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm, Closed for lunch 12:30pm – 1:30pm

**REGISTRATION**-New members should register as soon as possible. Moving out? - please inform the rectory.

**INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR PARISH?** If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher or in any other way please call the rectory 419-538-6928.

**PARENT SESSIONS** are required by the Toledo Diocese for Infant Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist, and First Penance.

**PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS** – Next classes will be **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:30AM, in room 15, in the parish center** - presented by Deacon Don Inkrott. Pre-register by calling rectory.

**WEDDINGS:** The Toledo Diocese requests all dates be set at the rectory at least 6 months in advance. **Pre-Marriage Class required.** Parties who recently joined our parish who do not live within our parish boundaries, or who do not belong to a family already registered in the parish; need to be aware that we cannot schedule a wedding date until six months after the time of registration. The normal six-month preparation period would apply from that point. Normally only parishioners and those related to our parishioners marry here. Any other person needs prior permission of his/her pastor.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS** Glandorf St. John's will be having a 1—day class here in our cafeteria **on Sunday, November 5, 2023** starting with the 8:00am Wendy Mass. This is a mandatory, 1-day class. Please register by calling the rectory.

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT COMPLETED? DID YOU REMEMBER YOUR PARISH, ST. JOHN'S?**

**DIOCESAN POLICY FOR CYO SPORTS** – All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish in order to play on the parish team.

**PARISH POLICY FOR HIGH SCHOOL CYO** Playing any sports this year? You are expected to attend both the Fall & Winter sessions of High School Religious Education Groups or Grade School CCD Classes---plus weekend Saturday or Sunday Mass. This includes all players, coaches and their families. Attendance at these groups/classes will be monitored and reviewed. For each class missed, beyond 4 classes you will be sitting out one game.

Parents, if your child is sick, please call or text Ruth Gerding at 567-204-1275 before class. This also includes the **PUTNAM COUNTY GRADE SCHOOL BOY'S & GIRL'S CYO SPORTING TEAMS.** We kindly ask the cooperation of all concerned as we implement this church policy for the good of our parish. (Fr. Matt--pastor & Mike Karhoff – Parish Council Pres.)

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