



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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A member of the St. George Deanery

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon

NORMAL MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am and 9:30 am

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Thursday: 7:00 pm

Friday: 7:55 am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Saturdays 4:30 pm

Anytime by request

BAPTISMS

Baptisms will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Charles or Deacon Larry. For BAPTISM INSTRUCTION date and time check the bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE

Make arrangements at least six months ahead of time by calling the parish office. Do not set wedding date prior to contacting the parish office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA classes run from September to May. These classes are for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or who wish to join the Church. Call the parish office to register.

FAITH ENRICHMENT

Religious Education Classes for the elementary students from August through May. Classes for the Junior High and High School students run September through March. Adult Enrichment: Bible Study, Spiritual development, missions and retreats. Check the bulletin for details.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY

Visitation and Eucharist will be provided by a Eucharistic Minister. A priest is available if needed. Notify the parish office about people in the hospital or shut-ins. If you are, or will be hospitalized because of a surgery or serious illness, contact the pastor to receive the Sacrament of Healing.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to our St. Joseph Parish Family, please call or visit the parish office to register.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Director of Music & Liturgy Chairperson

Mrs. Joyce Gasser 419-286-2989

Sacristans

Ms. Mary Luersman 419-286-2306

Mr. Dave Luersman 419-286-2489

Youth Minister

Mrs. Julie Fischbach 419-905-8472

Finance Council Chairman

Mr. Larry Schimmoeller 419-286-2170

Maintenance Chairman

Mr. Ted Verhoff 419-286-2480

Friends of Hope and Communion to Homebound

Mrs. Norma Maag 419-286-2265

Cemetery

Mr. Alan Calvelage 419-303-0560

Prayer Line

Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

Maintenance & Hall Manager

Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-236-9564





MASS SCHEDULE Intentions

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

One family per mass only. Do not put mass intentions requests in the offertory before speaking to the office.

Sat	1/11	5:00 pm	Don Ostendorf Family
Sun	1/12	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	For Our Parish
Mon	1/13		
Tues	1/14	7:00 pm	For the Unborn
Wed	1/15	7:00 pm	Dan Recker
Thurs	1/16	7:00 pm	Albert & Mabel Berelsman
Fri	1/17	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
Sat	1/18	5:00 pm	Carol Hellman
Sun	1/19	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Jack Berelsman

PRAY FOR PEACE DAY

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	1/13	Saint André Bessette, Religious	
		1 Jn 3:22-4:6	Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues	1/14	Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest	
		1 Jn 4:7-10	Mk 6:34-44
Wed	1/15	1 Jn 4:11-18	Mk 6:45-52
Thu	1/16	1 Jn 4:19-5:4	Lk 4:14-22
Fri	1/17	1 Jn 5:5-13	Lk 5:12-16
Sat	1/18	1 Jn 5:14-21	Jn 3:22-30

PRAY FOR PEACE DAY

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Begins with Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Rosary times:

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

& 4:30 p.m.

Closing at 5:00 p.m.

THANK YOU for your very generous donations to the parish during the Christmas season.

Thanks to your generosity our parish continues to thrive, spreading the message of the Christ child throughout the community.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues, Jan 14: Levi & Lian Van Bibber, Lillian Schroeder
Wed. Jan 15: Jase Metzger, Nash Miller, Loryn Gasser
Thurs. Jan 16: Evelyn Neidert, Maile Poole, Harper Leis
Fri. Jan 17: Cece Schroeder, Amelia Orwick, Adeline Dubé

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: January 18 & 19:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Abby & Leah Kahle, Ian Howbert
7:30 am Brandt, Cal & Stella Menke
9:30 am Ava & Braden Knippen, Adam Hoersten

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Amy Eickholt, Evan Ellerbrock, Bailey Hile, Connor & Christina Hoersten
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Madie Anspach, Sam Dubé, Eva Hill, Julie Fischbach, Alex Horstman, Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Jen Neidert
7:30 am Volunteer Needed
9:30 am Shirley Hammond

USHERS:

5:00 pm Jerry Vetter & Roger Trentman
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker

Please pray for this sick of our parish: Kathy Fischer



January 5, 2025

Envelopes	\$	1,855.50
Loose	\$	1,572.00
Maintenance	\$	948.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	608.00
Initial Offering	\$	153.00
Latin America	\$	10.00
Christman Envelope	\$	40.00

YTD as of January 5, 2025 = \$ 106,891.63

YTD Over budget = \$ 2,891.63

Sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer to have your contributions deducted directly from your bank account.

Forms on our parish website or contact the parish office.

THANK YOU for your continued support.

BAPTISMS: To arrange a baptism please
Call the Parish Office or Deacon Larry (cell)
(419) 302-2532 or by email larry@fjsb.com.

BAPTISM

If you are a parent wanting a baptism, contact the parish office as soon as possible to start the Godparent paperwork. No baptisms will be scheduled until the Godparent eligibility paperwork is submitted.

Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage.

Find Marriage Prep Classes at
<http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org>

Bulletin submissions deadline:
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Our Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of JOHN “JACK” BERELSMAN, to his wife Shirley (Wieging), his children David (Barbara), Janet, Timothy (Amy), Bernie (Dawn) Deb (Scott) Grothouse his 16 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren & his sister Phyllis (John) Von Sossan. Jack died on December 29th at the age of 87. May the Lord grant Jack eternal peace and life in the Kingdom.

BAPTIZED as new member of the Catholic Faith: Louis Arthur Wurst, son of Brian and Andrea (Heitmeyer) Wurst. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Louis. Best wishes from the Catholic Community of Fort Jennings.

Fort Jennings Kindergarten registration will run from January 13 - 24, 2025. All children who will turn 5 years of age before October 1, 2025 are eligible to attend. To register please go to the Jennings Local Website at www.jenningslocal.org, then click on Students and Parents, click on Forms and then complete the registration.

Save The Date! 2025 Women’s Welcome Retreat
Ottoville, Cloverdale, and Fort Jennings Women on
March 29-30, 2025 At Ottoville Parish Center

THANK YOU for your very generous donations to the poorest of the poor in my homeland. I am overwhelmed each year at how generous the parishioners of St. Joseph are in response to my plea for donations. Your generosity is literally the difference between life and death in some instances, paying for health care of the sick, putting a roof over the head of individuals and making sure that a child can pay the required fees to go to school. Thank you, I pray the Lord reward you for your generosity.

2025 MEN’S WELCOME RETREAT

We invite men in the parish and all surrounding parishes to come join us for the 2025 Men’s Welcome retreat, to be held at Glandorf St. John's parish center. **February 8-9**, from 8:00 am Saturday morning – 3 pm Sunday. Set aside this weekend to grow deeper in your faith and become a happier, more fulfilled person. This retreat is great for adult men 18+. It’s an incredible, life-changing experience that will help you discover what you’re missing from your life and what to do about it. For more info, and/or to sign up please contact:

Travis Tenwalde (419) 236-0324, Adam Schnipke (419) 303-9759, Darren Schimmoeller (419) 302-1745, or use QR code to register.



FAITH, FAMILY, FOOTBALL Men...mark your calendars! Former University of Michigan quarterback Elvis Grbac will be at St. John the Evangelist in Delphos on January 12th to talk about the role of a father's faith on his family. He will discuss the evolution of his faith through a football career that reached the peak of a Pro Bowl selection and as a member of a Super Bowl winning team. Elvis Grbac will discuss the importance of faith in raising his own family, through the highs and lows of serious illness and his journey to rediscovering and embracing his Catholic Faith.

Sunday, January 12th at p.m.

That Man Is You! (TMIY) Starts:

Wednesday January 15th from 6:25pm-7:25pm
in the Rectory basement.

Saturday January 18th from 6:30am-7:30am in
the Ottoville Parish Center KofC room.

“SHE” Shall Be Called Woman Starts:

Saturday January 18th from 8:00am-9:00am in
the Ottoville Parish Center KofC room.

Wednesday January 22nd from 6:30pm-7:30pm
in the Ottoville parish center banquet room.

**ALL are welcome! These sessions are not
progressive.** If you miss one it's okay or if you
have never come, PLEASE join us, and see what
it's all about!

For parking on Wednesday evenings please
use west parking lot and street parking.

Contact Beth Schnipke at 419-230-5740 with any
questions on both programs.

**Fort Jennings Women's Club and JMA
Handbag Hoedown.**

February 7, 2025 @ Delphos Eagles

**\$30 a ticket- get a reserved seat with ticket
20 games- first game at 7:00pm**

For tickets contact Stacy Warnecke 419-302-7870 or
Missy Wieging 419-296-9049 or any women's club
member.

**Defiance is hosting a March for Life on
Wednesday, January 22, at noon.** It begins at
Triangle Park-Clock Tower at 655 Clinton St.
Marchers will walk to the Monument of the
Unborn near St. John's Catholic Church. The event
continues in St. John's Church basement for hot
chocolate and to listen to speakers with pro-life
messages. All are welcome.

28th Annual Putnam County Hospice

Benefit - Run for the Roses

February 15, 2025

Ottawa Knights of Columbus

Doors Open at 5 p.m.

Dinner Served at 6 p.m.

Tickets: \$50 per person

Call 419-523-4449 to purchase tickets

Horse Racing, Live Auction, Raffles, and More!!

Prizes will be awarded for
the best Kentucky Derby attire

If you or your business are interested in donating.
Please call 419-532-4449 for more information.

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA BEGINS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH.** This is the U.S.

Catholic bishop's annual novena surrounding the
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn
Children.

You can get this daily novena sent to you via text or
email.

Go to this website to sign up:

<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship
Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14**

Location: Delphos St John's All Saints Building

Date: January 20, 2025

Time: 12:30 to 3:30

Sponsor: Delphos Knights of Columbus

**Join Fr. Charles on a PILGRIMAGE to IRELAND,
in the Footsteps of St. Patrick. July 20th – 29th,
2025.** \$4,997 per person which includes round-trip
airfare from Fort Wayne airport, all hotel rooms, daily
breakfast, 5 dinners, transfers per itinerary, local
guides, sightseeing admission fees, daily Mass &
spiritual activities, luggage handling (1 per person),
flight bag & digital pdf confirmation of all travel
documents. www.206tours.com/frobinwa/ireland

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