

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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TO APPRECIATE THE
BEAUTY OF A

Snowflake

IT IS NECESSARY TO
STAND OUT IN THE COLD.

-Aristotle

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Normal Mass Times

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| Saturday | 5:00pm |
| Sunday | 7:30am & 9:30am |
| Tuesday | 7:00pm |
| Wednesday | 7:00pm |
| Thursday | 7:00pm |
| Friday | 7:55am |

BAPTISMS will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Ron or Deacon Larry. 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. Contact the office to register.

MARRIAGE arrangements should be made at least six months ahead of time by calling the parish office. Do not set your wedding date prior to meeting with Fr. Ron. Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage. Find Marriage Prep Classes at ToledoMarriagePrep.org.

FAITH ENRICHMENT Classes for the elementary students from August – May. Classes for the Junior High and High School students run September – March.

Scripture Readings

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| Monday | 1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22 |
| Tuesday | 1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28 |
| Wednesday | 1 Sm 17:32-33,37 Mk 3:1-6 |
| Thursday | 1 Sm 18:6-9,19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12 |
| Friday | 1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19 |
| Saturday | 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12 Mk 3:20-21 |

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA) classes run from Sept. to May. These classes are for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or who wish to join the Church. Contact the office to register.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY Fr. Ron will visit the Homebound monthly. 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. Visitation and Eucharist will be provided by a Eucharistic Minister.

**Please pray for:
Jeff Luersman**

Intentions for Mass

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

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| Sat, 01/17 | 5:00 pm | Frank & Catherne Hohlbein Aloysius & Evelyn Mueller |
| Sun, 01/18 | 7:30 am | For Our Parish |
| | 9:30 am | John Gerker |
| Tue, 01/20 | 7:00 pm | Ken VonSossan |
| Wed, 01/21 | 7:00 pm | Fr. Joseph Weigman |
| Thu, 01/22 | 7:00 pm | Eva Warnecke Family |
| Fri, 01/23 | 7:55 am | For our Religious Ed Students |
| Sat, 01/24 | 5:00 pm | Carol Hellman |
| Sun, 01/25 | 7:30 am | For Our Parish |
| | 9:30 am | Click & Ghnela Schimmoeller |

Liturgical Ministers: Jan 24 & 25

Servers:

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| 5:00 pm | James, Carly & Levi Schroeder |
| 7:30 am | Sam, Nolan & Adeline Dube' |
| 9:30 am | Cal & Stella Menke, Cayden Swick |

Eucharistic Ministers:

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| 5:00 pm | Sue Knippen, Alyssa Luersman, Dave Luersman, Kathy Luersman, Carla Norbeck |
| 7:30 am | Volunteers needed |
| 9:30 am | Roger Luersman, Hudson Maag, Marilyn Metzger, Karen Maenle, Trish Moening Jamie Saum, Chad Recker |

Lectors:

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| 5:00 pm | Lisa Kaverman |
| 7:30 am | Volunteer needed |
| 9:30 am | Mike Knippen |

Ushers:

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| 5:00 pm | Rick Maag, Dan Krietemeyer |
| 7:30 am | Volunteer needed |
| 9:30 am | Bryan Hoersten, Shelley Hoersten |

Weekday Servers:

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| Tue, 1/20 | Jacob Meyer, Mason Kohls, Henry Brokamp |
| Wed, 1/21 | Levi & Liam Van Bibber, Logan Krietemeyer |
| Thu, 1/22 | Anden Maenle, Claire Mistisshen, Oliva Amstutz |
| Fri, 1/23 | Loryn Gasser, Madelyn Neidert, Bishop Bruskotter |

Fort Jennings Students grades 7-12 are invited to the Rally for Life at St. John's in Glandorf on Sun, Jan.18. They have a seasoned pro-life warrior coming in to speak and I think it is a great way to kick off the New Year for Youth Ministry. The event is from 2:00-4p but we can meet at the St. Joseph's parking lot by 1:15. We will need adult drivers! This event is not just for youth, all ages are invited. Any questions, please contact Julie Fischbach.

St. Joseph's Youth Group has a small group of teens representing St. Joseph's leaving for the National March for Life in Washington DC on Thursday, Jan. 22-24. Any and all prayers are appreciated for both a safe trip as well as joining your prayers to theirs as we let our government and community know that all life is precious.

Jennings Local Elementary will hold kindergarten registration for the 2026-2027 school year from Jan. 12 through Jan. 23. To register your child, please go to jenningslocal.org; click on Students & Parents and then click on Forms. This will then direct you to Final Forms where you will be able to register your child. Children must be 5 years of age prior to Sept. 30, 2026 to be eligible for kindergarten. Please feel free to contact the elementary office at 419-286-2238x3100 if you have any questions.

Please consider placing your loved-one's name on the back of our bulletin in their loving memory. The cost of adding a name is \$75 for the year. Contact the Parish Office, or place an envelope in the offertory with "In Loving Memory" and the Name.

Watch for Scams: The Parish Office would like to remind you that if you receive a text or email from "Fr. Ron," asking for gift cards or favors, this is a scam. If Father needs help, he will contact you directly.

This week's Roadmap:

Tues, Jan 13 - 6:00pm Adoration & Confession

Wed, Jan 14 - 6:00pm Adoration & Confession

Sun, Jan 18 - "The Forgotten Way" Adoration & Confession 2:00-3:00pm discussion at 3:00pm

Sun, Jan 25 - "The Forgotten Way" Adoration & Confession 2:00-3:00pm discussion at 3:00pm

Sat, Jan 31 - FJ Legion Chicken Fry 6:00-10:00 pm

Sun, Feb 1 - "The Forgotten Way" Adoration & Confession 2:00-3:00pm discussion at 3:00pm

Sun, Feb 15 - FJFD breakfast 8:00 am. Cost \$5.

Sun, Feb 15 - Lions Club BBQ Dinner. Cost is \$15.

Local News & Events:

SHE Shall be called Woman spring session, Wed, Jan 21 at 6:30pm & Sat, Jan. 24, at 8:00am
Ottoville Parish Center.

Hope & Healing Masses will be held at Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation on Feb. 7 at 11:00am. Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within Mass, and lunch will be available in the Shine cafeteria to follow.
315 Clay St. Carey, OH.

Fort Jennings American Legion Chicken Fry will be held Sat, Jan. 31, from 6:00 - 10:00pm. All you can eat chicken, noodles, tossed salad, potato salad, baked beans and a roll. The cost is \$14 Carry-out is available from 4:30-6:00pm and includes 4 pc chicken and 2 sides for \$12.

Fort Jennings Fire Department Breakfast will be held Feb. 15, from 8:00 am until supplies last. Carry-out only at the Ft. Jennings American Legion. The breakfast includes: pancakes, sausage, eggs and a cinnamon roll. Cost is a \$5 donation.

Fort Jennings Lion's Club BBQ Dinner Fundraiser for the St. Joseph's Food Pantry will be held Sun, Feb. 15, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm Menu includes pulled pork, smoked sausage, baked beans, mac & cheese and roll. Cost is \$15. Drive-Thru or Carry-Out at St. Joseph's church. Tickets are pre-sale only.

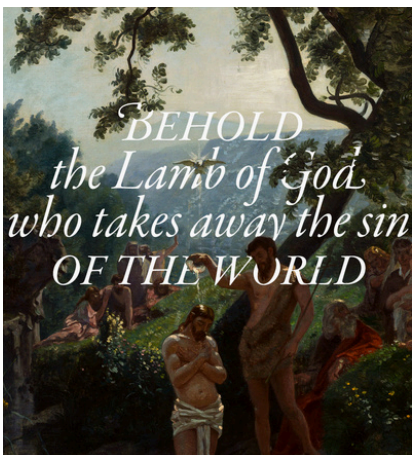
Ottoville Immaculate Conception Church Altar Rosary Society is inviting senior citizens to our second annual FREE Senior Citizens Bingo event. Wed Jan 28th, 1-2 pm in the Ottoville Parish Center Banquet Hall. Entrance off of Church St. East side of the Parish Center building. Snacks provided. RSVP to 419-453-3513. If level 1 snow emergency -Cancelled.

The Annual Marriage Encounter Celebration will be on Sun, Feb. 15. Mass will be held at 3:30 at St. Gerard, 240 W Robb Ave. Lima, followed by dinner and dance at the St. Gerard's Hall. A 50/50 drawing and mystery prizes will be in place of the door prizes. The cost is \$40/couple. Please call or text 567-204-4745 with the number of tickets sold by Jan. 26.

2026 Men's Welcome Retreat to be held at Glandorf St. John's parish center. Jan. 31 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, Cory Fischer(419) 234-4003, Darren Schimmoeller (419) 302-1745, or use QR code to register.



Dr. John Wood to speak in Kalida on Wed, Jan 21, at 7:00 pm in the St. Michael's Church basement. John is a nationally known speaker and bestselling author of the Dynamic Catholic book, "Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission." All are welcome to attend.



I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky...



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026
In the event of a cancellation due to weather, the makeup date is **March 28**.
A retreat designed to bring hope and healing to caregivers.
Presented by Carol Kurivial & Kristen (Kurivial) Hug of Luminous Ministries.

RETREAT: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
LUNCH INCLUDED


LOCATION: ST. JOSEPH PARISH MINISTRY CENTER WORKSHOP
204 W. WAYNE STREET, MAUMEE, OH 43537

REGISTER: [HTTPS://TOLEDODIOCESE.REGFOX.COM/CARETAKERS-RETREAT](https://toledodiocese.regfox.com/caretakers-retreat) OR SCAN THE QR CODE

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Meet the Ladies Who Decorate Our Church

If you've ever walked into church and felt welcomed by the beauty of the seasonal décor, you have Lori Kohli and Elaina Wiedeman to thank.

In 2021, Lori Kohli was approached by a parishioner and asked to take over the process of decorating the inside of the church. After prayerful consideration, Lori agreed to step into the role. Knowing that decorating for the liturgical seasons is both a joy and a responsibility, she invited Elaina Wiedeman to join her.

Together, Lori and Elaina work behind the scenes to transform the church throughout the year. From Advent and Christmas to Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time, their thoughtful designs help reflect the meaning of each season and enhance our worship experience.

"My two favorite parts are when we change the seasons with all new decorations, and when the church is all lit up at Christmas time." Said Lori. "A big thank- you to me mom (Jeanne) and Rhonda Liebrecht for helping us out with watering the flowers."

We are grateful for the time, care, and love Lori and Elaina pour into this ministry. Their work is a beautiful reminder that serving the church can take many forms—and that even quiet efforts can have a powerful impact on our faith community.

"We always could use help during the Christmas Season with decorating/tearing down, especially men. We always make it fun, and it's a great way to get involved with the church." mentions Elaina.




Offertory January 2026

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| Envelopes | \$2,027.00 |
| Loose | \$966.50 |
| Maintenance | \$225.00 |
| Children's Mass | \$5.75 |
| Christmas Offering | \$100.00 |
| Initial Offering | \$13.00 |
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| YTD Total: | \$125,387.61 |
| YTD over Budget: | \$17,387.61 |

THANK YOU for your continued support.

Sign up Electronic Funds Transfer to have your contribution's deducted directly from your bank account. Forms are on our parish website or contact the parish office.


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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Reflections of a country Priest

"The Eucharist at the Heart of Our Parish"

Dear friends in Christ,

At the very center of our Catholic faith is a simple and profound truth: Jesus Christ is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Not symbolically, not figuratively, but really and substantially, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Everything we do as a parish flows from this sacred reality and leads us back to it.

Because Christ is truly present, the Church has always taken great care in how the Eucharist is celebrated, reserved, and honored. The tabernacle, which houses the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass, is meant to be placed in a location that is worthy, prayerful, and helps the faithful recognize the Lord's abiding presence among us. Its purpose is not simply to be seen, but to draw us into reverence, silence, and prayer.

The Church allows for more than one legitimate placement of the tabernacle, recognizing that church buildings differ in design and that pastoral needs vary. What matters most is that the placement helps the faithful know where the Lord is present, orient their prayer toward Him, and enter the church with a sense of sacred awareness. Architecture, visibility, and prayerful atmosphere all serve this deeper goal.

Over the past two weeks, I have invited reflection on our worship space not because something is "wrong," but because it is always good for us to pause and ask how our church helps us pray, reverence the Eucharist, and grow together in faith. Sacred spaces shape sacred habits, and sacred habits shape our hearts. These are not small questions, nor are they questions to be rushed.

In that spirit, I want to share openly with you that I have been in communication with our Bishop. He has granted permission to study, reflect, and consult on the placement of the tabernacle, particularly in light of our church's fan-shaped design. This permission is for

conversation and discernment only. No decisions have been made, and no changes are planned at this time. Any future steps would involve careful catechesis, consultation, and diocesan guidance.

This is where I need to apologize. I mentioned there would be a vote in the future. After prayer, reflection, and consultation with Bishop Thomas, I recognize that this language was hasty and did not adequately reflect how the Church approaches matters touching the Eucharist and our worship space. For that, I take responsibility.

What we are entering into now is not a decision making process and not a vote. It is a period of discernment. Discernment in the Church is prayerful, grounded in catechesis, attentive to the lived faith of the people, and always guided by our diocesan bishop. Bishop Thomas has granted permission to study, reflect, and consult only.

This discernment begins with renewed catechesis on the Eucharist and the Church's teaching on sacred space, and it requires listening, listening to devotion, experience, and concern. Unity, peace, and reverence for Jesus truly present in the Eucharist must always come first.

Thank you for your patience, your faith, and your love for the Lord. I ask for your prayers as we move forward carefully and prayerfully together.

Speaking of prayer, I want to warmly invite you to join me this Sunday afternoon, Jan. 18 in St Joseph Church. From 2:00–3:00 p.m., we will have Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, giving us time to be still with the Lord, to listen, and to receive His mercy.

At 3:00 p.m., we will gather for a discussion of the first week's reflections from Matthew Kelly's book *The Forgotten Way*, focusing on chapters one through seven. If you are unable to attend please connect via Livestream to be a part of the conversation.

I pray you can join me, not simply to talk, but to pray, reflect, and grow together as a parish rooted in Christ truly present among us.

In Christ,

Fr. Ron

"Don't forget: you are a saint in the making."