



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





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	1/18	5:00 pm	Carol Hellman
Sun	1/19	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Jack Berelsman
Mon	1/20		
Tues	1/21	7:00 pm	Annie Saum
Wed	1/22	7:00 pm	For the Unborn
Thurs	1/23	7:00 pm	Eva Warnecke & Family
Fri	1/24	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
Sat	1/25	5:00 pm	Bob Hellman
Sun	1/26	7:30 am	Terry Maag
		9:30 am	Rosie & Lee Wittler

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	1/20	Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr Saint Sebastian, Martyr Heb 5:1-10	Mk 2:18-22
Tues	1/21	Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr Heb 6:10-20	Mk 2:23-28
Wed	1/22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Heb 7:1-3, 15-17	Mk 3:1-6
Thu	1/23	Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin Heb 7:25-8:6	Mk 3:7-12
Fri	1/24	Saint Frances de Sale, Bishop Heb 8:6-13	Mk 3:13-19
Sat	1/25	Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle Acts 22:3-16	Mk 16:15-18

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues, Jan 21: Kinsley Farling, Aiden Hoersten, Adelyn Moening
 Wed. Jan 22: Mason Kohls, Iris Tenwalde, Carder Osting
 Thurs. Jan 23: Levi & Liam Van Bibber, Savannah Gerdeman
 Fri. Jan 24: Addalynn Maenle, Austin Askins, Claire Mistisshen

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: January 25 & 26:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Garrett & Derek Hark, Reese Hellman
 7:30 am Wyatt Gasser, Jeremy & Hudson Maag
 9:30 am James, Carly, & Levi Schroeder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Sue Knippen, Dave & Kathy Luersman, Alyssa Luersman, Carla Norbeck
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Sarah Horstman, Ava & Braden Knippen, Calvin Menke, Marilyn Metzger, Karan Maenle, Addison Sarka

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Dave Luersman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Cheryl Hellman

USHERS:

5:00 pm Rick Maag & Dan Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Please pray for this sick of our parish: Kathy Fischer



January 12, 2025

Envelopes	\$	1,545.50
Loose	\$	983.00
Maintenance	\$	675.00
Initial Offering	\$	6.00
Christman Envelope	\$	50.00

YTD as of January 12, 2025 = \$ 109,419.63

YTD Over budget = \$ 1,419.63

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.

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.

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.

UNITED in HOLY MATRIMONY on January 4th:
GRACE MAE FISCHBACH and RYAN SCOTT EDINGER. Grace is the daughter of Kenny and Julie (Hicks) Fischbach; Ryan is the son of Kevin Edinger and Josephine Dougherty. May God bless Grace and Ryan with many happy, Holy years together. Congratulation from the Catholic community of Fort Jennings.-

BAPTIZED as new member of the Catholic Faith:
LANE URBAN MCMANAWAY, son of Tyler & Katie (Schnipke) McManaway. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Lane. Best wishes from the Catholic Community of Fort Jennings.

The first Ft. Jennings Showmen Cloverbuds meeting is Sunday, January 19th at 1:00pm at Ft. Haven. Cloverbuds is a 4-H program designed for kids in Kindergarten-2nd grade. We do crafts, science, games, and other fun activities. Come check us out at our 1st meeting. If you have any questions, please call Reagan Ricker 567-376-0215 or Danielle Swint 419-615-9213.



Infertility can be an isolating experience, impacting our marriage and other relationships, and testing our faith. If this is your experience, you're not alone! We invite you to join with others walking this path in a small group for women. We will be guided by materials from Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry, and our group will be a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility and loss through prayer, sharing, and reclaiming our identities as beloved daughters of God.

We will be hosting an introductory "Come and See" meeting on **Thursday, Feb. 6th at 7:30 pm** in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. Subsequent meetings will then be held on the first Thursday of each month. All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are welcome!

For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752/ lauratenwalde@gmail.com or Wendy Schimmoeller at (419)236-0522/ itwendy@gmail.com. It is our honor to walk with you!

The Ft. Jennings Showmen 4-H club is selling their annual Steak Supper tickets. The steak supper is Sunday, March 16, 2025 from 4-6 pm, carry-out only, at the FJ Legion. The meal served is: Swiss steak, noodles, green beans, mashed potatoes, and gravy; meals are \$12.00. You can contact any 4-H member or Amy Jo Schumaker 419-302-7795 for tickets.

CHICKEN FRY

Saturday, January 25th – Dine in 6 to 10 p.m. All you can eat chicken, noodles, tossed salad, potato salad, baked beans and roll for \$12! Drinks are extra. Carry-out from 4:30-6:00 p.m. includes 4 pieces of chicken, 2 sides and a roll for \$10.

**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 Wiegand 419-296-9049 or any women's club member.

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.

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.



Save The Date! 2025 Women's Welcome Retreat

Ottoville, Cloverdale, and Fort Jennings Women on March 29-30, 2025 At Ottoville Parish Center Ft. Jennings American Legion

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.

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.

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