



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

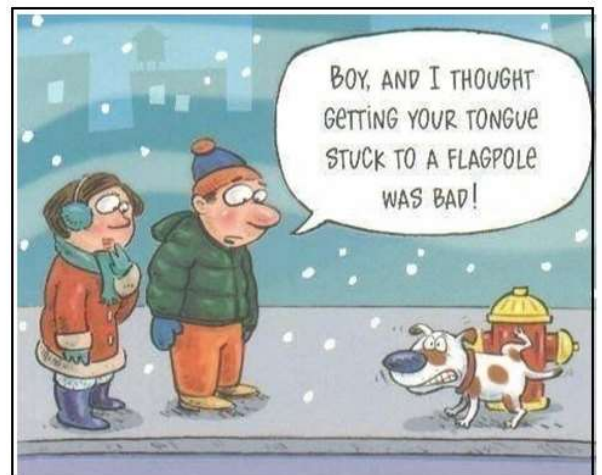
Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

Maintenance & Hall Manager

Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-236-9564





Intentions

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| Sat | 20 | 5:00 pm | Father Tony Borgia |
| | 21 | 7:30 am | Souls in Purgatory |
| | | 9:30 am | Joann Von Lehmden |
| Mon | 22 | | |
| Tues | 23 | 7:00 pm | For Peace in the World |
| Wed | 24 | 7:00 pm | For Our Country |
| Thurs | 25 | 7:00 pm | For the Catholic Church |
| Fri | 26 | 7:55 am | Religious Ed Students |
| Sat | 27 | 5:00 pm | Richard German |
| Sun | 28 | 7:30 am | Souls in Purgatory |
| | | 9:30 am | Elvera Wiegung |

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| Mon | 1/22 | Day of Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 | Mk 3:22-30 |
| Tues | 1/23 | Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 | Mk 3:31-35 |
| Wed | 1/24 | Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop 2 Sm 7:4-17 | Mk 4:1-20 |
| Thu | 1/25 | The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle Acts 22:3-16 | Mk 16:15-18 |
| Fri | 1/26 | Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 | Mk 4:26-34 |
| Sat | 1/27 | Saint Angela Merici, Virgin 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 | Mk 4:35-41 |

Faith, Fitness and Fun!!! Ladies, are you looking for something to do this winter? Join me, Jen Neidert, beginning Monday evening February 5th @ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for scripture, exercise, prayer and mostly FUN!!!! I'm looking forward to getting us all moving both physically and spiritually! Bring your bible, an exercise mat or blanket to sit on and a joyful spirit!! **WOMEN OF ALL AGES AND FITNESS LEVELS ARE WELCOME**

Philippians 4:13 "I have the strength for everything through Him who empowers me."

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for 2024 that were not picked up, are in the parish office. If you would like your envelopes, you can contact Kelly to have them put in the back of church. Email her at stjoeparishofc@bright.net.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues., Jan 23 – Austin Askins & Adeline Dube
Wed., Jan 24 – Amelia Orwick & Lacey Meyer
Thurs., Jan 25 – Evelyn Neidert & Carder Osting
Fri., Jan 26 – Iris Tenwalde & Harper Leis

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: January 27 & 28:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Sophia Osting, Caleb Von Sossan, Adam Luersman
7:30 am Zach Wagoner, Maddie & Josie Anspach
9:30 am Hannah Grote, Isabella Heitman, Ian Howbert

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Karen Young, Amy Eickholt, Sue Knippen, Dave & Kathy Luersman
9:30 am Jamie Saum, Chad Recker, Denise Sukup, Rhonda Liebrecht, Diane Stennett, Kim McCracken, Anita Aldrich

LECTORS:

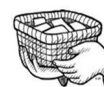
5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer
7:30 am Volunteer Needed
9:30 am Doug Sickels

USHERS:

5:00 pm Jerry Vetter & Roger Trentman
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Layla Korte, Chloe Wiegung, Annette Landwehr



January 14, 2024

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| Envelopes | \$ | 1,746.00 |
| Loose | \$ | 735.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ | 4,145.00 |
| Initial Offering | \$ | 37.00 |

YTD as of January 14, 2024 = **\$ 112,516.27**

YTD **Over** budget = **\$ 516.27**

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 CLASSES

Contact the Parish Office

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.

WALK FOR LIFE on Sunday, January 21st at 2 p.m. Park at Lima Central Catholic High School, 720 S. Cable Road, Lima. Walk to Heartbeat of Lima and back. Prayerful, loving, and inspiring signs will be available, or bring your own! Refreshments and tours will be available. Several pastors and priests will provide blessings and prayers all along the way. Handicap parking is available at Heartbeat, 421 S. Cable.

Putnam County Right to Life is hosting a **Rally for Life** on **Sunday, January 28**, at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center cafeteria of St. John's Catholic Church in Glandorf.

Join us and be inspired to help us protect all life from conception to natural death. Cookies and drinks provided. All are welcome.



St. Nicholas and Holy Family parishes are offering a Joy-Filled Marriage Engaged Couples Retreat on **March 2 & 3, 2024** at St. Nicholas Parish Center.

Devoted married couples from our parishes will present valuable information on the truly Catholic Church perspective on practical life skills for married couples and sound theological teachings on the joy and beauty of marriage as God intended. To register for the retreat, please go to the following link with the Diocese of Toledo:

<https://toledodiocese.org/engaged-couples-workshop> and click on the St. Nicholas, Miller City link. If you have any questions you can contact Deacon Doyle Erford at 419-890-8533.

Save the Date

What: 2024 Women's Welcome Retreat
Who: Fort Jennings, Ottoville & Cloverdale Women

When: April 6-7, 2024

Where: Fort Jennings St. Joseph's
Contact: Laura Tenwalde 419-303-5752
Crista Swint 419-615-7351
More info coming soon!

FJ FIRE DEPARTMENT CARRY-OUT BREAKFAST

February 18 8:00 a.m. -until supplies last. Carry out ONLY @ Legion. \$5/ meal which includes Pancakes, sausage, eggs and cinnamon rolls.

FISH DINNER – at the Fort Jennings American Legion on Wednesday, February 14th. 4 – 6 p.m. Menu: 3 pieces of fish, baked potato, coleslaw & roll. Cost is \$10. To reserve dinners call 419-286-2100 by Sunday, February 11th. Carry-out only.. Please use the Drive-thru carry-out for fish dinner pickup.

Sons of the Legion **FISH FRY** will begin on Friday, February 16th. \$10 dine in or carry-out. Fish Fries will be held every Friday during Lent from 4:30 – 6:30 pm.

Fort Jennings American Legion **CHICKEN FRY** on Saturday, January 27th from 6 to 10 p.m. Price is \$12 per person, drinks are extra. All you can eat chicken, noodles, tossed salad, potato salad, baked beans & roll. Carry-outs available from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for \$10. Carry-out meal includes four pieces of chicken, two sides and a roll.

2024 Men's Welcome Retreat

Do you feel something is missing in your life? Do you feel if you weren't so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, or just maybe a better person? Then come to the next men's Welcome weekend at Glandorf, St. John's. It's an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it. It is February 3-4, 2024, Saturday 8 am - Sunday 3 pm @ Glandorf, St. John's parish center. For more information, and/or to sign up, contact:

Travis Tenwalde (419) 236-0324
Josh McElroy (419) 235-3349

We invite the **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER COUPLES** to join us on SUNDAY - February 11, 2024. For MASS at 3 p.m. St. John The Baptist Catholic Church, Glandorf. DINNER following at 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. DANCE from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. TICKETS - \$40.00 per couple. For tickets, please call Elaine & Bob Wehri 419-234-2254

27th Annual Putnam County Hospice Benefit HEARTS OF HOSPICE Casino themed event this year! Saturday, February 17th. At the Ottawa K of C Hall, Doors open at 5 pm. & Dinner at 6 p.m. Activities include Blackjack/Craps/Poker/Roulette/Silent Auctions/Live Auction & More. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed. For tickets or to donate, please call 419-523-4449. Cash or Check accepted as payment.

HOPE & HEALING MASS at The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey. February 3, May 4 & Oct 5 at 11:00 am in the Upper Basilica. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within Mass. Following Mass, all present are invited to receive a blessing with the Relic of the True Cross. Additional Hope & Healing Masses will be held on May 4th and October 5th at 11:00 a.m.

An SD Card with Ottoville Immaculate Conception First Communion pictures was found outside of our church. If this is yours, contact the parish office to retrieve it. Office number is 419-286-2132 or email stjoeeparishofc@bright.net.



RETRouvaille – A Lifeline for Married Couples
 The Retrouvaille program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships. Northwest Ohio Chapter has scheduled a weekend, January 26 – 28. For weekend reservations go to <https://HELPOURMARRIAGE.ORG>

The program is presented by three married couples and a priest. The team couples who have experienced disillusionment, pain, anger, and conflict, offer hope as they share their personal stories of struggle, reconciliation, and healing. You will find courage and strength in the realization that you are not alone in your struggle.

The weekend is not a spiritual retreat, not a social gathering, not a seminar, nor is it counseling.

You will not be asked to share your problems with anyone else. However, you will be encouraged to put the past behind you, to look beyond the hurt and pain, in order to rediscover each other in a new and positive way.

DID YOU KNOW? There is a HEARTBEAT PREGNANCY CENTER in Putnam County?

The Heartbeat location is in Ottawa at 1225 E. Third St. Heartbeat has services for not only single mothers but also low-income families. Heartbeat helps until the child is three years old!

Services Heartbeat provides:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Parenting Classes
- Adoption Referrals
- Emergency Diaper/Formula
- Help connecting with Abortion pill reversals, home goods & clothing resources, finding OB/GYN care, counseling referrals, depression screening and more.
- 24/7 nurse chat from the website or texting 419-949-8118

Ottawa location hours are Tuesday, 1-5 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Phone 419-523-1150

At Heartbeat mothers who take parenting classes earn “Baby Bucks” which they can redeem for all sorts of childcare goods.

Heartbeat of Lima Main Office is at 421 S. Cable Road, Lima. The Lima location does Ultrasounds as well. Phone 419-222-7945.