



# 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	1/25	5:00 pm	Bob Hellman
Sun	1/26	7:30 am	Terry Maag
		9:30 am	Rosie & Lee Wittler
Mon	1/27		
Tues	1/28	7:00 pm	Tom Miehls
Wed	1/29	7:00 pm	Dale & Marilyn Ricker
Thurs	1/30	7:00 pm	For Peace in the World
Fri	1/31	7:55 am	For Our Parish
Sat	2/01	5:00 pm	Sylvester & Angela Hellman
Sun	2/02	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Carl Metzger

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Mon	1/27	Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder	
		Heb 9:15, 24-28	Mk 3:22-30
Tues	1/28	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest	
		Heb 10:1-10	Mk 3:31-35
Wed	1/29	Heb 10:11-18	Mk 4:1-20
Thu	1/30	Heb 10:19-25	Mk 4:21-25
Fri	1/31	Saint John Bosco, Priest	
		Heb 10:32-39	Mk 4:26-34
Sat	2/01	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19	Mk 4:35-41

**SACRISTAN NEEDED** for all three weekend Masses (Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.) **every third weekend of the month.**

If interested in being a sacristan, please call Mary Luersman at 419-286-2306. Thank you!

**INVITATION TO ADORATION  
FIRST FRIDAY**

**February 7, 2025  
8:30 A.M. – Closing at Noon**

***Come and spend a half hour or more with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament***

**Please, we must assure that someone is always present, especially 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

Tues, Jan 28: Jacob Anspach, Lillian Schroeder, Nash Miller  
 Wed. Jan 29: Jase Metzger, Brooklyn Tumlinson, Loryn Gasser  
 Thurs. Jan 30: Lacey Meyer, Evelyn Neidert, Harper Leis  
 Fri. Jan 31: Maile Poole, Kinsley Farling, Iris Tenwalde

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: February 1 & 2:**

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm Andrew & Ryan Kahle, Addison Sarka  
 7:30 am Brody & Connor Leis, Ryan Aldrich  
 9:30 am Jarron & Cayden Swick, Evan Ellerbrock

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm James Schroeder, Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter, Jodi Von Sossan, Nancy Wiechart  
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed  
 9:30 am Trish Moening, Hudson Maag, Jamie Saum, Doug Sickels, Tony & Kelly Recker, Chad Recker

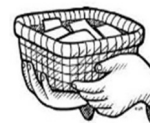
**LECTORS:**

5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer  
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed  
 9:30 am Mike Knippen

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm Jerry & Jackie Siefker  
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed  
 9:30 am Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht

**Please pray for this sick of our parish: Kathy Fischer**



**January 19, 2025**

Envelopes	\$ 4,365.54
Loose	\$ 2,305.00
Maintenance	\$ 5,260.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 50.00

YTD as of January 19, 2025 = **\$ 116,130.17**

YTD Over budget = **\$ 4,130.17**

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**Ft. Jennings American Legion Post #715  
CHICKEN FRY**

**Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, February 22–**  
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 Wiegling 419-296-9049 or any women's club member.

**LOS ANGELES WILDFIRE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND.** Our prayers go out to all who perished, their families, and untold numbers of people who lost their homes and businesses and are suffering from the devastation wrought by wildfires ravaging Los Angeles, California. Twenty-five people are known to have died (as of Jan. 15, 2025), with the tally likely to rise as strong winds threaten to expand the scope of uncontained fires in the region.

Your generous contributions can help provide essential food, shelter, and financial assistance during this critical time to aid displaced families and individuals. You have two options.

You can donate directly to Catholic Charities of Los Angeles' 2025 Wildfires Disaster Relief Fund.

Please click DONATE NOW. From the dropdown menu under Designation, select Disaster Relief Fund—WILDFIRES 2025. Or checks can be made out to Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc., with a notation designating 2025 Wildfires, and mailed to: Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc., Development and Communications, 1531 James M. Wood Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90015.

Or if you prefer, as in past disasters, Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Charities agencies in impacted areas for this disaster relief effort. You may donate on our secure website: [www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org),

noting 2025 Wildfires as your donation designation. Checks made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, with a notation designating 2025 Wildfires, can be mailed to: Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you for compassionately supporting those in need!

**The family of Jack Berelsman** would like to thank Fr. Charles for the wonderful funeral Mass, Joyce Gasser and the funeral choir, the Friends of Hope Funeral Liturgy planning committee for all of their help, the funeral luncheon ladies for a delicious meal, and all who said prayers, sent cards/gifts. Your caring and concern during this difficult time means more than words can express. – Shirley & family





**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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lauratenwalde@gmail.com) or Wendy Schimmoeller at (419)236-0522/ [itwendy@gmail.com](mailto:itwendy@gmail.com). It is our honor to walk with you!

### **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.



**The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thursday February 13** at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45PM followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Matthew Etzkorn, VP of Mission for Mercy Health-Lima speaking on "Vocation in Health Care". Persons who have an interest in this topic or the mission of the Serra Club are welcome to attend as guests. If interested in attending, please respond to Kathy at 419-303-0339 no later than Tuesday, Feb 11.

### **That Man Is You! (TMIY):**

Wednesdays from 6:25pm-7:25pm in the Ottoville Rectory basement.

Saturdays from 6:30am-7:30am in the Ottoville Parish Center KofC room.

### **"SHE" Shall Be Called Woman Starts:**

Saturdays from 8:00am-9:00am in the Ottoville Parish Center KofC room.

Wednesdays 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.

### **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Hospice Benefit - Run for the Roses February 15, 2025**

Ottawa K of C - 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.