



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 | 27 | 5:00 pm | Richard German |
| | 28 | 7:30 am | Souls in Purgatory |
| | | 9:30 am | Elvera Wieging |
| Mon | 29 | | |
| Tues | 30 | 7:00 pm | Arthur Ricker & Family |
| Wed | 31 | 7:00 pm | For Our Country |
| Thurs | 01 | 7:00 pm | Dan Stemen |
| Fri | 02 | 7:55 am | FIRST FRIDAY MASS |
| *Exposition after Mass with Closing at Noon* | | | |
| Sat | 03 | 5:00 pm | Irma Meyer |
| Sun | 04 | 7:30 am | Souls in Purgatory |
| | | 9:30 am | Meyer-Bockrath Families |

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| Mon | 1/29 | 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16-5-13 | Mk 5:1-20 |
| Tues | 1/30 | 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 | Mk 5:21-43 |
| Wed | 1/31 | Saint John Bosco, Priest 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 | Mk 6:1-6 |
| Thu | 2/01 | 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 | Mk 6:7-13 |
| Fri | 2/02 | The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 | |
| Sat | 2/03 | Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr Saint Ansgar, Bishop 1 Kgs 3:4-13 | Mk 6:30-34 |

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."

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, February 2, 2024 and in parishes over the weekend of February 3, 4 2024. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on this special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues., Jan. 30 – Jacob Anspach & Lacey Meyer
 Wed., Jan. 31 – Evelyn Neidert & Iris Tenwalde
 Thurs., Feb. 1 – Adeline Dube & Austin Askins
 Fri., Feb. 2 – Carder Osting & Jase Metzger

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: February 3 & 4:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Mason, Chase & Joci German
 7:30 am Owen, Sam & Nolan Dube
 9:30 am Brandt, Calvin & Stella Menke

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Carla Norbeck, Becky Uphaus,
 Rose Ann Vetter, Jodi Von Sossan,
 Nancy Wiechart
 9:30 am Teresa Wurst, Eva Hill, Julie Fischbach,
 Sarah Horstman, Braden Knippen,
 Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman

LECTORS:

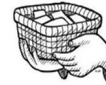
5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Denise Sukup

USHERS:

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

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Layla Korte, Chloe Wieging, Annette Landwehr



January 21, 2024

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| Envelopes | \$ | 1,787.00 |
| Loose | \$ | 1,075.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ | 108.00 |
| Initial Offering | \$ | 8.00 |
| Cemetery | \$ | 20.00 |

YTD as of January 21, 2024 = **\$ 115,378.27**

YTD **Under** budget = **\$ - 621.73**

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.

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 for the **2024 Women's Welcome Retreat**. April 6-7, 2024, at Fort Jennings St. Joseph's. Contact Laura Tenwalde 419-303-5752 *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.

All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Chicken Fry, Sunday, February 11th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the St Barbara Parish Center/Cloverdale. Adults-\$10.00, Children-\$5.00, 5 & under-free. Carry-outs available. Altar-Rosary Society Bake Sale. In case of inclement weather, it will be held the following Sunday, February 18th.

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.



Wednesday, July 17 - Sunday, July 21, 2024 Indianapolis, Indiana

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." -John 6:51

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas invites you to join him to witness what God has in store for his Church in the U.S. through the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024! The Diocese of Toledo is forming a delegation to represent our local Church in this historic event at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN, where 80,000 Catholics are expected to gather to deepen our understanding of, love for, and living out the great mystery of the Eucharist.

Congress and Transportation Information

Adult Congress Ticket and Bus Transportation: \$325.00

Child (Ages 2-18) Congress Ticket: \$99.00

Child (Ages 2-18) Bus Transportation: \$100.00

Child (<2) Congress Ticket and Bus Transportation: \$0.00

Hotel Information

Hilton Indianapolis Hotel & Suites

\$179 + taxes per Night for Four Nights (Total: \$716 + taxes)

The Diocese of Toledo has reserved a limited number of tickets for this pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress. Tickets are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information and to register, go to toledodiocese.org/congress.



BEREAVEMENT GROUP will meet at Sts. Peter & Paul on Thursday, February 8 from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. (Use the gym entrance)

JOIN MCCR FOR OUR NIGHT OF HEALING AT ST JOHN, 510 JACKSON AVE, DEFIANCE, OH 43512. TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 FROM 7:00-8:30 PM. WORSHIP | WITNESS | WORD | HEALING | ADORATION | RECONCILIATION. BE OPEN TO JESUS AND HIS HOLY SPIRIT FOR HEALING AND GIFTS - COME UNITE WITH US IN PRAYER!