



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	1/04	5:00 pm	Elwood & Rita Broecker
Sun	1/05	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Terry Maag
Mon	1/06		
Tues	1/07	5:00 pm	Eva Warnecke & Family
Wed	1/08	9:30 am	Dale & Marilyn Ricker
Thurs	1/09	7:00 pm	For Peace in the World
Fri	1/10	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
Sat	1/11	5:00 pm	Don Ostendorf Family
Sun	1/12	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	For Our Parish

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	1/06	Saint André Bessette, Religious	
		1 Jn 3:22-4:6	Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues	1/07	Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest	
		1 Jn 4:7-10	Mk 6:34-44
Wed	1/08	1 Jn 4:11-18	Mk 6:45-52
Thu	1/09	1 Jn 4:19-5:4	Lk 4:14-22
Fri	1/10	1 Jn 5:5-13	Lk 5:12-16
Sat	1/11	1 Jn 5:14-21	Jn 3:22-30

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues, Jan 7: Mason Kohls, Claire Mistisshen, Cece Schroeder
 Wed. Jan 8: Carder Osting, Addalyn Maenle, Jacob Anspach
 Thurs. Jan 9: Iris Tenwalde, Adelyn Moening,
 Savannah Gerdeman
 Fri. Jan 10: Austin Askins, Brooklyn Tumlinson, Lacey Meyer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: January 11 & 12:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Caleb Von Sossan, Chase & Joci German
 7:30 am Jocie & Madie Anspach, Morgan Siefker
 9:30 am Sam & Nolan Dubé, Carson Uphaus

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter,
 Jodi Von Sossan, Nancy Wiechart,
 Karen Young
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Addison Sarka, Doug Sickels,
 Rhonda Liebrecht, Diane Stennett,
 Kim McCracken, Denise Sukup,
 Teresa Wurst

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Penney Gerdeman


USHERS:

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

PRAY FOR PEACE DAY
Sunday, January 19, 2025
Begins with Mass at 9:30 a.m.
Closing at 5 p.m.
 Check back for more details

There are still a few 2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES in the Narthex. If they are not picked up by January 31, they will be removed.

THANK YOU for your very generous donations to the parish during the Christmas season.
 Thanks to your generosity our parish continues to thrive, spreading the message of the Christ child throughout the community.



December 29, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 14,141.00
Loose	\$ 4,304.54
Maintenance	\$ 3,470.00
Dec. EFT Offertory	\$ 4,322.50
Dec. EFT Maintenance	\$ 1,132.50
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00
Initial Offering	\$ 29.00

YTD as of December 29, 2024 = **\$ 95,435.63**
YTD Over budget = \$ 3,464.13

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

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.

BAPTIZED as new member of the Catholic Faith:
ROBERT JOSEPH CAPKA, son of Joseph & Kelli (Schimmoeller) Capka. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Robert. Best wishes from the Catholic Community of Fort Jennings.

Save The Date! 2025 Women's Welcome Retreat
Ottoville, Cloverdale, and Fort Jennings Women
March 29-30, 2025 At Ottoville Parish Center

Putnam County Right to Life will be meeting on
Tuesday, January 7 at 7:30 pm in St. Michael's
church basement. All are welcome.

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to
promote and support vocations to priesthood and
religious life, will be meeting Thursday January 9 at
Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin
at 5:45PM followed by dinner and a program. This
month's speaker will be Brother Dan Hall, CSsR,
who serves at Lima St. Gerard Parish. Brother Dan
will be speaking on: "Living the Vocational Call as
a Brother with the Redemptorist Order." 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, Jan. 7.

THANK YOU for your very generous
donations to the poorest of the poor in my
hometown. I am overwhelmed each year at how
generous the parishioners of St. Joseph are in
response to my plea for donations. Your
generosity is literally the difference between life
and death in some instances, paying for health
care of the sick, putting a roof over the head of
individuals and making sure that a child can pay
the required fees to go to school. Thank you, I
pray the Lord reward you for your generosity.

**In just a few weeks, both the "TMIY" AND "SHE"
programs will be starting back up!** We are very
excited to announce that we will now be offering
both of these programs on Wednesday evenings
(6:25 - 7:25) in addition to the regular Saturday
mornings. This will give an opportunity for those
to attend who cannot on Saturday mornings.
Contact Beth Schnipke at 419-230-5740 with any
questions on both programs.

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 6:25pm-7:25pm in
the parish banquet room

**Join Fr. Charles on a PILGRIMAGE to IRELAND,
in the Footsteps of St. Patrick. July 20th - 29th,
2025.** \$4,997 per person which includes round-trip
airfare from Fort Wayne airport, all hotel rooms, daily
breakfast, 5 dinners, transfers per itinerary, local
guides, sightseeing admission fees, daily Mass &
spiritual activities, luggage handling (1 per person),
flight bag & digital pdf confirmation of all travel
documents. Learn more at

www.206tours.com/frobinwa/ireland

Booking Code: CO072025

Contact: cara@206tours.com - silvia@206tours.com

Why Christmas is not over yet? Christmas has become so heavily commercialized that it bears no repeating how the celebration has lost much of its meaning. Many people assume Christmas starts the day after Thanksgiving. That erroneous belief is due to the marketing blitz that begins on Black Friday. In the Church, however, Christmas begins December 24th. Since many people assume the Christmas season begins after Thanksgiving, they mistakenly assume it is over on December 26th.

When To Take Down The Christmas Tree

You might notice, or you may be a Catholic who leaves their Christmas tree up and keeps celebrating until January 3rd when the Church celebrates the feast of “Epiphany.” The feast of the Epiphany commemorates the mysterious visit of the magi to the Baby Jesus. This coincides with the 12 days of Christmas idea from the secular Christmas carol “Twelve Days of Christmas”

However, according to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, Ordinary Time doesn’t officially begin until the Monday after the [Feast of the Baptism of the Lord](#), which usually falls on the Sunday *after* Epiphany (January 3rd). This means that the Christmas season actually extends beyond the popular “Twelve Days of Christmas.”

Others still, wait till [Candlemas](#), also known as the [Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ](#) and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22–40.

But the celebration doesn’t stop there! After Epiphany, the revelry continues until the Baptism of the Lord, the first Sunday after January 6th. This year, Catholics may very well wish to keep their decorations up through January 12th.

And if you want to be really traditional, you can celebrate what the faithful called “Christmastide” before the liturgical reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council. In the old rite, or what we today call the Extraordinary Form, Christmastide lasted for 40 days to correspond with the 40 days of Lent, and the 40 days from Easter to Ascension Thursday.

Whatever the tradition Christmas is not over just yet.

GRIEFSHARE - Are you searching for hope and healing after the death of a loved one? The GriefShare program, sponsored by Delphos St. John the Evangelist, Landeck St. John the Baptist and Spencerville St. Patrick, will offer a 12-week session beginning on Thursday evening, January 9, 2025 thru March 27, 2025 from 6:30- 8:00 p.m. at the Delphos St. John Annex.

To register or get more information on how GriefShare may be of benefit to you or someone close to you, contact the St. John’s Ministry Center in Delphos (419-695-4050), The Landeck Church office (419-692-0636) or a CORE leader of our GriefShare team. Kathy Ulm 419-516-3994 Christy Schwinnen 419-234-3727 Tamie Reindel 419-236-4052

Putnam County Council on Aging

Registration: 419-523-4121 or 877-796-1760

January 9 – Puzzle Day at Northside Lion’s Den Shelter House, 429 Northland Drive, Kalida from 10 – 11:30 a.m. RSVP by January 3

January 14 – Coffee & Conversation at Columbus Grove American Legion from 10 – 11:30 a.m. RSVP by January 8.

January 16 – Beating the Winter Blues Presentation at Ottawa Senior Center from 10 – 11:30 a.m. RSVP by January 10.

January 21 – Joking Jeopardy at Northside Lion’s Den Shelter House, 429 Northside Drive, Kalida from 10 – 11:30 a.m. RSVP by January 14.

January 30 – Color My World Coloring Gathering at Good Shepherd Church, 224 South Elm St, Columbus Grove from 10 – 11:30 a.m. RSVP by January 23.

Maria Stein Shrine Annual Christmas Nativities November 29th – January 12th. Enjoy Nativities from different cultures. Upper Room on the Third Floor (Elevator available). Exhibit is free and open to the public during normal Shrine Hours.

– dominic@206tours.com or call (800) 206-8687.