



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

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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

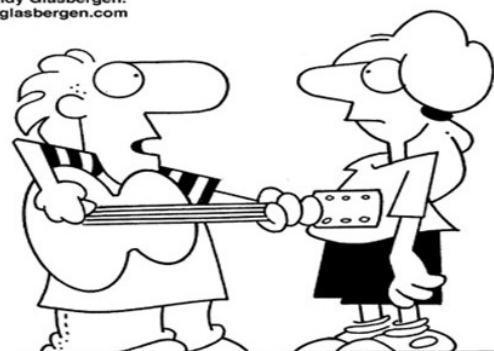
Maintenance & Hall Manager

Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-236-9564

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"Writing hymns is harder than I thought!
I can't think of anything that rhymes with
'Hallelujah' except 'glad I knew ya'
and 'we'll tattoo ya!'"



Intentions

Sat	30	5:00 pm	Louis & Loise Brockman
Sun	01	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Jerry & Carol Meyer
Mon	02		
Tues	03	7:00 pm	Eva Warnecke & Family
Wed	04	7:00 pm	Fr. Norbert Howe
Thurs	05	7:00 pm	For Our Country
Fri	06	7:55 am	FIRST FRIDAY
			For the Religious Ed Students
Sat	07	5:00 pm	Harry & Anna Becker
Sun	08	7:30 am	Collin Wieging
		9:30 am	John Gerker
			Bob Meyer Family

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	10/02	The Holy Guardian Angels	
		Zec 8:1-8	Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tues	10/03	Zec 8:20-23	Lk 9:51-56
Wed	10/04	Saint Francis of Assisi	
		Neh 2:1-8	Lk 9:57-62
Thu	10/05	Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin	
		Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest	
		Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12	Lk 10:1-12
Fri	10/06	Saint Bruno, Priest	
		Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin	
		Bar 1:15-22	Lk 10:13-16
Sat	10/07	Our Lady of the Rosary	
		Bar 4:5-12, 27-29	Lk 10:17-24

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REPORT ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER CHANGES, CHANGE IN REGISTRATION STATUS, MARRIAGES/CHANGES FOR ADULT CHILDREN.



It's back to school time! Sunday School classes for 2023/24 will begin on Sunday, Nov. 5th and run through Mar. 24th. Classes are held during the 9:30am Sunday mass, and all children ages 3-PreK are welcome to attend. Enrollment forms are available at all church entrances. Please fill out the form and return by **Oct. 29th**. For further information/questions, contact Laura Tenwalde at 419-303-5752 or lauratenwalde@gmail.com. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for your child to learn about God's love & presence in their life!

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tuesday, Oct. 3 – Amelia Orwick & Adeline Dube
 Wednesday, Oct. 4 – Adelyn Moening & Austin Askins
 Thursday, Oct. 5 – Carder Osting & Levi Schroeder
 Friday, Oct. 6 – Jacob Anspach & Harper Leis

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: **October 7 & 8:**

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Cayden & Jarron Swick, Alyza Pothast
 7:30 am Carly & James Schroeder
 9:30 am Brandt, Calvin & Stella Menke

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Amy Eickholt, Deena Walsh, Sue Knippen, Adam Luersman, Rose Ann Vetter
 9:30 am Anita Aldrich, Gilbert Burgei, Brad Eickholt, Eva Hill, Norm & Kathy Fischer, Julie Fischbach

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Dave Luersman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Shirley Hammond

USHERS:

5:00 pm Todd & Jodi Von Sossan
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker

Please, Pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Chloe Wieging, Annette Landwehr, Boston & Layla Korte



September 24, 2023

Envelopes	\$	2,078.00
Loose	\$	679.00
Maintenance	\$	1,205.00

YTD as of September 24, 2023 = **\$ 46,338.39**
 YTD **Under** budget = **\$ - 5,661.61**

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.

**JOIN FR. CHARLES
on a 2024 Spiritual Pilgrimage**

In the Footsteps of St. Paul to Greece &
Greek Isle 3 days Cruise. Thessaloniki,
Philippi, Delphi, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, &
more!

\$4,899 per person, from Fort Wayne Airport
July 19-29, 2024 (11 days). Organizing
Company: 206 Tours.

For Additional Details & to Book Now Visit:

www.206tours.com/frobinwa

Telephone 1-800-206-8687

Email: Sales@206tours.com

Calling All Young Adults in the Area!

Social Gathering for you on Tuesday, Oct. 3
from 6:30 - 8:30pm on the Holy Family
Catholic Church grounds, 7359 St. Rt. 109, 5
miles north of Ottawa. Bonfire, Smores,
Chili, Friends (old & new), Gaga Ball, Corn
Hole. Bring your own beverages and a chair.
All young adults are welcome!

Putnam Catholic Young Adults - now has a
page on Facebook, please join if you are a young
adult for all the happenings around the area for
you! Gatherings are beginning to happen on 1st
& 3rd Tuesday evenings for this age group, post-
high school, 20's & 30's. There will be lots of
different things just for you!

**THANK YOU to the parishioners who donated
the bench and flowerpots** to be used to enhance
the landscaping of the church. Your generous
donation is much appreciated.

**We are no longer allowed to have more than
one family's intentions per Mass.** Therefore, if
there is already someone scheduled for a Mass, we
will not be adding another intention to it. If you have
Masses you would like to schedule for your loved
ones, we suggest you contact the parish office to do
so, as slots will fill up quickly. Any double intentions
in the future were scheduled previously. A family may
have Mass said for more than one person, but we
cannot have multiple families request intentions for
the same Mass. Feel free to contact the parish office
with any questions.

The Fort Jennings High School "Senior Class of
2024" will be presenting their **Senior Class
Play "How to Get into College"** on Friday,
October 13th and Saturday, October 14th - 7pm -
in the High School Auditoria. Tickets are \$6.00 at
the door.

**Putnam County Right to Life has vote NO
yard signs about Issue 1,** the abortion
amendment. If you would like one, contact Putnam
County Right to Life at 419-532-3662.

**Putnam County Right to Life will be meeting on
Tuesday, October 3** at 7:30 pm in St. Michael's
Church basement. All are welcome. Also,

**Allen County Right to Life will be hosting their
annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 1, from 2 to
3 pm, in Delphos,** rain or shine. Meet at the corner
of East 2nd and Franklin St. (St. John playground).
They will line the streets for a silent, prayerful witness.
Bring a chair. The event is open to all.

Immaculate Conception Trivia Night - Saturday,
Oct. 14 in the Parish Center. Doors open at 6 pm,
Trivia begins at 6:30. The cost is \$160 per team (8
people max). BYOB (alcohol permitted) light snacks
provided. Babysitting available. 50/50 side games.
Registration forms are available at the Ottoville Parish
Office lobby, church exits and local businesses

St. Nicholas & Holy Family Parishes will be hosting a **Parish Mission with Catholic speaker Matthew Leonard** the evenings of **Sunday, October 15 & Monday, October 16 at 7:00 pm**. Both talks will be at Holy Family Church. The **Eucharistic Miracles of the World Poster Display** will be available for viewing before and after the talks in the Holy Family Parish Hall (church basement). For more information about Matthew, you can visit his website: matthewsleonard.com.

Please join the Putnam County Council on Aging, Putnam County Homecare and Hospice and the Putnam County Health Department at our upcoming event on **Compassion Care: Everything You Need to Know About Palliative and Hospice Care and the Grief Recover Method**. The event is on Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 1:00 – 2:30 pm at the Leipsic Community Center. RSVPs are not required but appreciated by calling 419-523-4121 or toll-free 1-877-796-1760. Light refreshments will be provided.

CONNECTING POINT is a cancer support group for men and women. Whether you have just been diagnosed, are currently in treatment, or you're a cancer survivor or caregiver – you are welcome to join the group at any time.

The evening will allow patients, caregivers, volunteers, and survivors affected by cancer to take some time away and enjoy comradery while not focusing on cancer's impact. Connecting Point will offer games, social time, and experiential education at times. It will be held the 3rd Wed of each month, located in the St Rita's Hospital Resource Center. The Resource Center is on the 1st floor of the main hospital, to the right of the receptionist desk. We will begin the Oct 18th evening at 6:00 pm and will close by 8:00 pm. Participants utilizing valet services may need to leave earlier, which is understandable.

For more information, please contact Aimee Kuhlman at 567-204-6755 or Maggie Wannemacher at 419-996-5606.

Marriage Encounter Weekend at Maria Stein Renewal Center November 3 -5. The weekend is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and get that newlywed feeling back. Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>. For more info contact Any & Melanie at 859-653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit sharing.org.

The parish Office will be closed Friday, October 6th.

Join us for the 2023 Ohio March for Life at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus on Friday, October 6! The pre-rally worship concert begins at 10:00 am, the rally begins at 11:00 am, and the official march begins at noon. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone to learn about the principles of effective lobbying, the specific and current issues Ohio is facing, and what you can do right now to champion pro-life policies to your Ohio elected representatives. This rally and march are suited for all levels of experience and comfort with advocacy.

TRIVIA

1. What is the vessel called that is used to expose the Sacred Host for adoration?
2. What is the ceremonial hat of a bishop called?
3. What is Noah's ark a symbol of?
4. What is the title bestowed on a Roman Catholic Church because of its age or importance?
5. What is the name of the unleavened bread used at the time of Jewish Passover?

Two cannibals were eating dinner and one said, "You know these missionaries don't seem to taste as good as they used to, I just can't figure out why." The other cannibal asked, "How did you cook them?" "I boil and bake them," the first answered. The second one asked, "Where did you get them?" "I found them down by the bend in the river. They were wearing brown robes with a white cord around their waists, and they all had a bald spot on top of their heads," he answered. "Do you realize that you made a great mistake?" the second cannibal asked. "You definitely shouldn't have boiled and baked them because they were friars."