



# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Normal Mass Times:**

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
 Sunday: 7:30 am & 9:30 am  
 Tuesday: 7:00 pm  
 Wednesday: 7:00 pm  
 Thursday: 7:00 pm  
 Friday: 7:55 am

**Adoration & Confessions:**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
 6:00 pm  
 Saturday: 4:00 pm  
 By request

**BAPTISMS**

Baptisms will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Ron or Deacon Larry. Contact the office to register.

**MARRIAGE**

Make marriage arrangements at least six months ahead of time by calling the parish office. Do not set wedding date prior to meeting with Fr. Ron.

**FAITH ENRICHMENT**

Religious Education Classes for the elementary students from August through May. Classes for the Junior High and High School students run September -- March.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND**

**ELDERLY** Visitation and Eucharist will be provided by a Eucharistic Minister. Fr. Ron will visit the Homebound monthly. 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.

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- Mrs. Julie Fischbach.....419-905-8472
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- 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
- Finance Council**
- Adam Anspach, Chair.....419-771-1747
- Mandi Kahle, Vice Chair
- Allison Gerdeman, Secretary Jenny Smith
- Parish Council**
- Chad Recker, President ..... 419-231-1428
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- Lynn Anspach, Secretary
- Jenn Gasser Scott Gerdeman
- Laura Tenwalde Todd Warnecke
- Michelle Menke Zach Liebrecht

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS** If you would like to join our St. Joseph Parish Family, please call or visit the parish office.



**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**

# Intentions for Mass

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

- Sat 10/25 5:00 pm Hubert & Helen Kaverman
- Sun 10/26 7:30 am For Our Parish  
9:30 am Lawrence Schimmoeller Family
- Mon 10/27
- Tue 10/28 6:00 pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
6:00 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Herman & Vickie Luersman
- Wed 10/29 6:00 pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
6:00 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Bob & Dan Hoersten
- Thu 10/30 6:00 pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
6:00 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Carol Meyer
- Fri 10/31 7:55 am Deb Dukes
- Sat 11/01 9:00 am For All the Angels and Saints  
5:00 pm For Our Beloved Deceased
- Sun 11/02 7:30 am Bob Heitmeyer  
9:30 am For Our Beloved Deceased

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| Mon 10/27 | Rom 8 :12-17  | Lk 13 :10-17 |
| Tue 10/28 | Eph 2 :19-22  | Lk 6 :12-16  |
| Wed 10/29 | Rom 8:26-30   | Lk 13:22-30  |
| Thu 10/30 | Rom 8:31b-39  | Lk 13:31-35  |
| Fri 10/31 | Rom 9:1-5     | Lk 14:1-6    |
| Sat 11/01 | Rv 7:2-4,9-12 | Mt 5:1-12a   |

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

OCIA 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. Contact the office to register.

**Adult Enrichment:** Bible Study, Spiritual development, missions and retreats. Check the bulletin for details.

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## WEEKDAY SERVERS

- Tue, 10/28: Liam & Levi Van Bibbr, Cece Schroeder
- Wed, 10/29: Rylen Hoersten, Oliva Amstutz, Madelyn Neidert
- Thu, 10/30: Aiden Hoersten, Ava Maag, Mason Osting
- Fri, 10/31: Kinsley Farling, Weston Swick, Jordyn Buettner

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS: November 1 & 2 :

### SERVERS:

- 9:00 pm Emma Hedrick, Alivia Wrasman, Quinn Askins
- 5:00 pm Ryan, Abbie & Leah Kahle
- 7:30 am Lucas Knippen, Maile Poole, Evelyn Neidert
- 9:30 am Tessa, Waylon & Lacey Meter

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 pm Carla Norbeck, Addison Sarka, Tenley Sarka, Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Mike Knipen, Roger Luersman, Hudson Maag, Calvin Menke, Marilyn Metzger, Karen Maenle, Trish Moening

### LECTORS:

- 5:00 pm Dave Luersman
- 7:30 am Tina Warnecke
- 9:30 am Shirley Hammond

### USHERS:

- 5:00 pm Alex Horstman, Kevin Leis
- 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
- 9:30 am Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman



## October 12, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,727.00
Loose	\$ 1,282.93
Maintenance	\$ 205.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 110.00
Society 7 Propagation	\$ 40.00
Cemetery	\$ 30.00
Children's Offering	\$ 32.60

YTD (2025) = \$ 65,329.36

YTD Over Budget = \$ 1,329.36

THANK YOU for you for your continued support.

**Sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer**  
Forms on our parish website or contact the parish office.

**Remembering all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:** The crosses on the wall in the narthex, list the names of our parishioners who have died since last All Soul's Day. The crosses will remain on the wall until our annual **Mass for All Souls' at 9:30 am on Sunday, Nov. 2.** At that Mass, the crosses will be given to the family members. Our deceased loved ones are still part of our Communion of Saints, and they remain in our prayers as we do in theirs. Their life has not ended; it has only changed.

**Baptized as a new member of the Catholic Church: ELLIS JOSEPH VETTER** son of Sam and Kestley (Hulihan) Vetter. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the faith with Ellis. Congratulations from the Fort Jennings Community.

**CLC Members welcome to gather & celebrate Thanksmas.** We will be celebrating on Monday, November 10, 2025 in St. Joseph church basement, Fort Jennings. Doors will open: 5:30 p.m. Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Menu: Meal - Chicken, sides, dessert & drink The price is \$15 each. Please RSVP to Shelley Hoersten by Nov. 3, 2025. Please mark your calendars & join us for Thanksgiving and Christmas cheer!

**Fort Jennings American Legion Auxiliary Election night supper** will be held on Tuesday, November 4, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Drive-thru, carry-out only is available. The menu includes baked steak, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, roll and dessert. The cost is \$12. Call the American Legion (419-286-2100) to reserve your meal. Reservations must be made by October 31.

**Sunday School classes for 2025/26 will begin** on Sunday, Nov. 2 and run through Mar. 29. Classes are held during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass, and all children ages 3-PreK are welcome. Enrollment forms are available at all church entrances. Forms are due this Sunday, Oct 26.

**Ottoville Rosary Altar Society Craft Show** will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Please contact Marie Warnecke at (419) 453-3055 for additional information.

**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: Wednesday at 10 a.m.

**Watch for Scams:** The Parish Office would like to remind you that if you receive an email from "Fr. Ron, asking for gift cards or favors, this is a scam. If Father needs help, he will contact you directly to ask for help.

**Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry** is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss. We offer a place of respite and solidarity- a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility. Our next meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are invited to join us. \*You do not need to have attended any previous meetings- new faces are welcome at any time!\* For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752. It is our honor to walk with you!

**The Village of Fort Jennings and the Fort Jennings Lions Club** are proud to announce a NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE coming in 2025/2026!! This walk bridge will connect Freedom Square to our Community Park, with ADA-accessible passage for all residents and visitors. **Fundraising Status** The total estimated cost is \$850,000. **Total funds secured to date:** \$822,550. Scan the QR code for more information and ways to donate.



**On Tuesday, November 4, Election Day,** Glandorf St. John's will have Eucharistic Adoration from 7 AM - 7 PM. Come and join us in prayer for our country and its leaders.

**Bible Trivia:**

- 1. **The woman who was bleeding for 12 years was healed when she touched what?**
- 2. **What kind of water did Jesus offer the woman at Jacob's well?**

Answers can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

**16 Large lights and 44 flood / spotlights are available.**

- First come first service
- Goodwill donation

# REFLECTIONS *of a Country Priest*

Dear friends in Christ,

This weekend, our hearts turn toward all the faithful departed as we celebrate the Feast of All Souls. It's a time when the Church, in her tender wisdom, invites us to pray for our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. In the words of Scripture, "The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them" (Wisdom 3:1).

At our 9:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, we will remember and honor each of our parishioners who have died this past year. Their names, faces, and stories remain deeply etched in our community's heart. May this celebration remind us that love is stronger than death and that our prayers truly help those journeying toward the fullness of Heaven.

Our readings this weekend remind us that death is not the end, but a doorway. Jesus' words, "Everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day" (John 6:40), anchors us in hope. We grieve, but not as those without faith. We await that promised day when every tear will be wiped away and we shall be reunited forever.

Finally, we are also blessed this weekend to welcome Fr. Jim Sichko, a Missionary of Mercy priest from the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. Fr. Jim travels the country and world sharing the message of God's love, forgiveness, and joy through his inspiring presentation, "60 Minutes for Jesus." He will be preaching at all the weekend Masses, and then our mission presentations will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings. Please note that there will be no evening Mass on Tuesday, only the mission presentation. This is a wonderful opportunity to pause, be renewed, and invite God's mercy more deeply into our hearts. I encourage every parishioner to make time to attend and to bring a friend or family member along. You will be blessed!

As we remember the souls of our departed loved ones and open our hearts to God's mercy through this mission, may we be strengthened in faith, anchored in hope, and renewed in love. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them...

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Ron

Don't Forget You are a Saint in the Making

**Annual Miscarriage and Infant Loss Memorial Mass to be held Sunday, October 26.** Mass will be held on Sunday, October 26 at 1:30 p.m. at Leipsic St. Mary's Catholic Church, 320 State Street, Leipsic. All are welcome at this special Mass. This will fulfill the regular Sunday obligation. For questions, call or text Mary Beth Weisenburger at (419)980-8065.

**Landeck St. John the Baptist** is having their annual Sauerkraut Sausage Dinner on Nov. 2. Menu includes homemade sauerkraut and sausage with pancakes, mashed potatoes, applesauce and pie. Dinner is dine-in or carry-out from 3:00-6:30 pm. Tickets are \$13.00.

**2026 Men's Welcome Retreat:** We invite men in the parish and all surrounding parishes to come join us for the 2026 Men's Welcome retreat, to be held at Glandorf St. John's parish center. Jan. 31 through Feb. 1, from 8:00 am Saturday morning until 3 pm Sunday. For more info or to sign up please contact: Travis Tenwalde (419) 236-0324.

**KHS Blood Drive on Thursday, October 30.** The drive will be held at the Kalida High School gymnasium, from 12:00 – 6:00pm. Appointments are highly recommended. To schedule an appointment, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**KrautFest 2025** Immaculate Conception Church is hosting their annual Sauerkraut Fest on Sunday, Nov. 9. The menu includes homemade kraut, whole hog sausage links, mashed potatoes, applesauce & pretzel roll. Scan the QR code for tickets.

