



# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday — 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

## 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**

## ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 6:00 pm

Fridays: 7:00 am

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

Anytime by request

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Ron 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 meeting with Fr. Ron.

## 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. 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. 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.

## 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 419-236-0816

## Sacristans

Ms. Mary Luersman 419-286-2306

Mr. Dave Luersman 419-286-2489

## Youth Minister

Mrs. Julie Fischbach 419-905-8472

## 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

Adam Krietemeyer, Vice President

Lynn Anspach, Secretary

Jenn Gasser

Laura Tenwalde

Michelle Menke

Scott Gerdeman

Todd Warnecke

Zach Liebrecht

## 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

**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	10/4	5:00 pm	Don Ostendorf, Sandy Klinger & Paul
Sun	10/5	7:30 am	For Our Parish
		9:30 am	John Gerker
Mon	10/6		
Tue	10/7	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Harry Leibrecht
Wed	10/8	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Collin Wieging
Thu	10/9	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Urban & Marguerite Wieging
Fri	10/10	7:55 am	Bob Meyer
Sat	10/11	10:00 am	For the Sick
		5:00 pm	Harry & Anna Becker Family
Sun	10/12	7:30 am	For Our Parish
		9:30 am	Don Meyer

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Mon	10/6	Jon 1 :1- 2 :2	Lk 10 :25-37
Tue	10/7	Our Lady of the Rosary	
		Jon 3:1-10	Lk 10:39-42
Wed	10/8	Jon 4:1-11	Lk 11:1-4
Thu	10/9	St. Denis	
		Mal 3:13-20	Lk 11:5-13
Fri	10/10	Jl 1 :13-15, 2 :1-2	Lk 11 :15-26
Sat	10/11	St. John XXIII	
		Jl 4:12-21	Lk 11:27-28

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

- Tue, 10/7: Claire Mistisshen, Quinn Askins, Cece Schroeder
- Wed, 10/8: Weston Swick, Jordyn Buettner, Nash Miller
- Thu, 10/9: Katie Anspach, Savannah & Abby Gerdeman
- Fri, 10/10: Henery Brokamp, Levi & Liam Van Bibber

**Bible Trivia:**

1. How did John the Baptist die?
2. How many books did David write?

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: October 11&12:**

**SERVERS:**

- 10:00 am **Anointing of the Sick:** Bishop Bruskotter  
Liam & Levi Van Bibber
- 5:00 pm Cal & Stella Menke & Lillian Schroeder
- 7:30 am Sam, Nolan & Adeline Dube
- 9:30 am Carson Uphaus, Hudson & Jeremy Maag

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

- 10:00 am Karen Manle, Rose Ann Vetter
- 5:00 pm Connor Hoersten, Christina Hoersten, Alyssa Luersman, Kathy Luersman, Dave Luersman
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Marilyn Metzger, Trish Moening, Jamie Saum, Chad Recker, Tony Recker, Kelly Recker, Doug Sickels

**LECTORS:**

- 10:00 am Shirley Hammond
- 5:00 pm Jen Neidert
- 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
- 9:30 am Denny Osting

**USHERS:**

- 10:00 am Volunteer Needed
- 5:00 pm Ralph Knippen, Jerry Vetter
- 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
- 9:30 am Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman



**September 28, 2025**

Envelopes	\$ 3,336.00
Loose	\$ 964.93
Maintenance	\$ 1,140.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00

YTD as of September 28, 2025 = \$ 54,258.45

YTD Over Budget = \$ 2,258.45

**THANK YOU for you for your continued support.**

**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.

"Don't forget, you are a Saint in the making!"

# Blessing of the Pets



**Join Father Ron for his blessing of the pets!**

Where: Outside the Church Rectory

When: October 5, at 1:00 pm

All pets welcome, big and small. (stuffed pets too!)

**Exciting New Project for Fort Jennings!** The Village of Fort Jennings and the Fort Jennings Lions Club are proud to announce a NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE coming in '25/26. 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: \$817,550

Scan the QR code for more information and ways to donate.

**Join Fr. Charles on Pilgrimage to the Shrines of ITALY** July 13 - 22, 2026 with 206 tours. Places of interest on this Pilgrimage: Rome: Papal Audience, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Basilicas of St. Peter, John, Paul Mary Holy Stairs, Vatican Museum/Garden, Sistine Chapel, Appian Way, Catacombs, Monte Cassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Mont Sant' Angelo, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi Orvieto, etc. Cost is \$6,474/person from Cleveland/Detroit Airports.

**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 to attend. Enrollment forms are available at all church entrances. Forms are due Oct. 26. For more 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!



**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. 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. For more info or to sign up please contact: Travis Tenwalde (419) 236-0324 or use QR code to register.

**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.

**The Legion is asking all Auxiliary members to donate desserts before 2:00 pm on November 4.**

# Greetings from Italy



Father Ron and his sisters, Ruth and Becky at the Benedictine Monastery, overlooking Norcia.



Father in front of the altar that honors the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena "A priest who doubted in the true presence, had Jesus Bleed from the host and drops fell onto the corporal. That Corporal still can be seen on Christmas, Easter and Feast of Corpus Christi."

# Catholic Mass

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Altar	Choir	Organ	Procession
Missal	Kneeling	Offering of Gifts	Lector
Priest	Congregation	Hymns	Communion
Wine	Bread	Consecration	Nicene Creed
Final Blessing	Sign of Peace	Washing of Hands	Presentation of Gifts
Eucharist	Liturgy of the Word	The Lord's Prayer	Entrance Rite

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**Putnam County Habitat for Humanity** is now accepting applications for Critical Home Repair (CHR). Applicants must be at or below 80% of the current low-income limits and repairs are limited to the home living space. Interested Putnam County residents must complete the Critical Home Repair application located at [www.putnamohhabitat.org](http://www.putnamohhabitat.org) and the proper documentation should be submitted.

**Annual Miscarriage and Infant Loss Memorial Mass to be held Sunday, October 26.** If you or someone you love lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death, please come receive spiritual consolation at the annual St. Catherine's Embrace Memorial Mass. It 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. Those outside Putnam County are also warmly invited. This Mass will fulfill the regular Sunday obligation. For questions, call or text Mary Beth Weisenburger at (419)980-8065 or email [scembrace@gmail.com](mailto:scembrace@gmail.com). Find us on Facebook: St. Catherine's Embrace Putnam County.

**Annual Walk for Life** will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Ottawa Rex Pavillion. Speeches begin at 10:00 am. Walk begins at 11:00 am. Come support the Pro-life Movement.

**Putnam County Council on Aging** is offering bingo at Fort Haven Apartments in Fort Jennings on October 2 at 1:00 pm. They will also be hosting Medicare Bingo at the Kalida Fish and Game, in Kalida on Oct. 8 at 10:00 am.

**Mark your calendar** for Saturday, October 11 at 12:00 pm for an Outdoor Rosary Rally in Honor of our Lady of Fatima, at Continental, St. John's.