



# 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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- Youth Minister**  
 Mrs. Julie Fischbach.....419-905-8472
- 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
- Finance Council**  
 Adam Anspach, Chair.....419-771-1747  
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 Allison Gerdeman, Secretary Jenny Smith
- Parish Council**  
 Chad Recker, President ..... 419-231-1428  
 Adam Krietemeyer, Vice President  
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**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 | 11/08 | 5:00 pm | Alan & Brian Schroeder         |
| Sun | 11/09 | 7:30 am | For Our Parish                 |
|     |       | 9:30 am | Joe & Shirley Mesker           |
| Mon | 11/10 | 7:00 pm |                                |
| Tue | 11/11 | 6:00 pm | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
|     |       | 6:00 pm | Confessions                    |
|     |       | 7:00 pm | Hubert & Helen Kaverman        |
| Wed | 11/12 | 6:00 pm | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
|     |       | 6:00 pm | Confessions                    |
|     |       | 7:00 pm | Norm Schimmoeller              |
| Thu | 11/13 | 7:00 pm | <b>NO MASS</b>                 |
| Fri | 11/14 | 7:55 am | Collin Wiegung                 |
| Sat | 11/15 | 5:00 pm | Esther Ellerbrock              |
| Sun | 11/16 | 7:30 am | George Krietemeyer             |
|     |       | 9:30 am | Millie Metzger                 |

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

|     |       |               |             |
|-----|-------|---------------|-------------|
| Mon | 11/10 | Wis 1:1-7     | Lk 17:1-6   |
| Tue | 11/11 | Wis 2:23-3 :9 | Lk 17:7-10  |
| Wed | 11/12 | Wis 6:1-11    | Lk 17:11-19 |
| Thu | 11/13 | Wis 7:22b-8:1 | Lk 17:20-25 |
| Fri | 11/14 | Wis 13:1-9    | Lk 17:26-37 |
| Sat | 11/15 | Wis 18:14-16  | Lk 18:1-8   |

## 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, 11/11: Claire Mistisshen, Anden Maenle, Logan Krietemeyer  
 Wed, 11/12: Loryn Gasser, Madelynn Neidert, Bishop Bruskotter  
 Thu, 11/013: **NO MASS**  
 Fri, 11/014: Ava Maag, Mason Osting, Quinn Askins

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS: November 15 & 16:

### SERVERS:

5:00 pm Sam, Nolan & Adeline Dube'  
 7:30 am James, Carly & Levi Schroeder  
 9:30 am Cal & Stella Menke, Cayden Swick

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Alyssa Luersman, Kathy Luersman, Dave Luersman, Carla Norbeck, Nancy Wiechart  
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed  
 9:30 am James Schroeder, Doug Sickels, Rhonda Liebrecht, Diane Stennett, Kim, McCracken, Denise Sukup, Teresa Wurst

### LECTORS:

5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer  
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed  
 9:30 am Denise Sukup

### USHERS:

5:00 pm Alex Horstman, Kevin Leis  
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed  
 9:30 am Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht



## October 26, 2025

|                      |    |          |
|----------------------|----|----------|
| Envelopes            | \$ | 1,856.00 |
| Loose                | \$ | 1,403.50 |
| Maintenance          | \$ | 1,435.00 |
| All Saints Offering  | \$ | 369.00   |
| Propagation of Faith | \$ | 25.00    |
| Cemetery             | \$ | 95.00    |
| Children's Mass      | \$ | 32.00    |
| Pew Rent             | \$ | 60.00    |
| Candle Money         | \$ | 257.26   |

YTD (2025) = **\$ 72,887.12**

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

**Bible Trivia:** 1. How many sons did Jacob have? 2. When Aaron stretched his rod over the river, what did the water change into?

## REMEMBERING ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US:

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Tom Miehl, 83           | 12-15-24 |
| John Berelsman, 87      | 12-28-24 |
| Karen Sue Warnecke, 76  | 01-04-25 |
| Roger Trentman, 65      | 02-22-25 |
| Joseph Mesker, 89       | 04-20-25 |
| Esther Ellerbrock, 74   | 05-28-25 |
| Thomas Bullinger, 70    | 06-07-25 |
| Norman Schimmoeller, 94 | 09-13-25 |

**Fr. Ron's European River Cruise Pilgrimage** combines the leisurely and scenic experience of a river cruise with visits to sacred locations and historic churches in a relaxing and reflective manner. The cruise will take place April 22-30, 2026. Several cabin options are available. Cost will vary based on cabin. Please see flyers in the back of church.

**Fr. Jim reached out to express his gratitude** for your participation in his #60Mins4Jesus. He was able to leave St. Joseph's with a total of \$6,843. Your contribution is not only financial, but a partnership in making a real difference. The Adult Faith Formation Group also appreciates your attendance at the event. If you would like to join the group, contact Jenny McElroy.

**Our prayers go out to those who perished**, their families, and untold numbers of people who are displaced and suffering from Hurricane Melissa. Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Relief Services for this international humanitarian relief effort. If you would like to make a donation for these efforts, a collection will be taken at all Masses Nov. 15 & 16.

**Fr. Ron asks that everyone bring their phones to Mass** next weekend, Nov. 15 & 16 for a quick tutorial on downloading and using Formed & myParish apps. Both are free to use through our parish subscription and are great Catholic resources for the entire family.

**CLC Members welcome to gather & celebrate Thanksmas.** We will be celebrating on Monday, Nov. 10, in St. Joseph church basement. Doors will open: 5:30 pm. Dinner: 6:00 pm.

**The Village of Fort Jennings and the Fort Jennings Lions Club** are proud to announce a new pedestrian bridge coming in 25/26! Fundraising Status The total estimated cost is \$850,000. Total funds secured to date: \$838,750. Scan the QR code for more information and ways to donate.



**Fort Jennings Schools invite you to our Veteran's Day Assembly**, Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 8:30-10:30 am. Honoring all who served, veterans and spouses are invited to the high school for donuts, coffee and a presentation of our school. RSVP is not required but appreciated. HS office: 419-286-2238, or [j\\_gasser@jenningslocal.org](mailto:j_gasser@jenningslocal.org).

**Fort Jennings American Legion Restaurant** is open for Thanksgiving Day breakfast from 6:00 am until 10:00 am. They will also be hosting a Thanksgiving Day Buffet on Thursday, Nov. 27 from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Carry ours will be offered 10:30 until noon. The menu includes turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, noodles, dressing, vegetable, tossed salad, roll & assorted desserts. The cost is \$14 for adults and children under 10 - \$7. Call 419-286-2100 to reserve by Nov. 21. Leave a message stating your name, number of adults and children in your party, reservation time, and dine-in or carry-out with phone number.

# REFLECTIONS *of a Country Priest*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Hello my friends! In our Gospel Reading this weekend, we hear the account of The Healing of Bartimaeus.

A blind man cries out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" Others try to silence him, but he calls out all the louder — and Jesus stops.

This Gospel reminds us that faith is persistent trust. Bartimaeus may not have been able to see Jesus with his eyes, but he recognized Him with his heart. Faith opened his eyes long before the miracle did.

Jesus asks him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

That's the same question the Lord asks each of us today. Do we have the courage to tell Him what we truly need — not just what we want? Do we believe He can heal the blindness in our own hearts, our fears, resentments, indifference, or distractions that keep us from seeing others and God clearly?

Like Bartimaeus, we're called not only to be healed but to follow Jesus on the way. Faith always moves us from sitting on the roadside to walking beside the Lord.

Let's bring our prayers to Him this week with the same trust and boldness:

- "Lord, open my eyes to recognize You in the everyday."
- "Give me courage to cry out when I need You most."
- "Help me rise up and follow You with joy."

Next, I want to thank Fr. Jim Sichko for coming to our parish and presenting an engaging parish mission. It was wonderful to see such a full church! My takeaways for us as

a parish to ponder:

- Tune In: Listen for the voice of the Lord. He's speaking — in prayer, in Scripture, in others. Are we truly listening?

- Tune Up: Strengthen your spiritual life through prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, and Reconciliation. A tune-up keeps the heart running on grace, not fumes.

- Turn Out: Once we've tuned in and tuned up, we go out — to our families, workplaces, and community — bringing Christ's love with us.

Fr. Jim reminded us that everything we do is for the greater glory of God, not for applause or recognition. May his words continue to echo in our hearts and actions! So this week let us:

1. Tune In – Take 10 quiet minutes each morning. Ask: "Lord, where are You leading me today?"
2. Tune Up – Make time for Confession or Adoration. Let the Lord realign your heart.
3. Turn Out – Perform one deliberate act of love this week for someone outside your usual circle (family, friends neighbor, etc)

Let's answer that call with faith, joy, and persistence. As a reminder, I will be out this week for my IV Infusion Therapy. I plan on being back to celebrate Mass with you next weekend.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ron

"Don't forget—you are a saint in the making!"

## Looking around the County:

**Andrews Dinner** will be held this Sunday Nov. 9 at St. Nicholas Parish, Miller City from 5:00-7:00 pm This dinner is meant for young men who feel the calling of Christ.

**KrautFest 2025** Immaculate Conception Church Ottoville, OH, Sunday, Nov. 9 from 4:00-6:00 pm Cost \$12.

**Putnam County Right to Life** will be meeting on Tues, November 11, at 7:30 pm in Kalida St. Michael's church basement.

**Leipsic St. Mary's Bazaar & Craft show**, Nov. 15, from 9-2pm. Admission is free. 320 State Street, Leipsic.

**GriefShare** 2nd Annual "Surviving the Holidays" program Sun, Nov. 23, at 2:00 p.m. at the Delphos K of C. Program is free. For more info, contact Kathy Ulm 419-516-3994.

**2026 Men's Welcome Retreat** Glandorf St. John's parish center. Jan. 31 through Feb. 1. For more info contact: Travis Tenwalde (419) 236-0324.



*"Happy are those  
concerned for the weak;  
the Lord delivers them  
in times of trouble. The  
Lord protects and  
preserves them—they  
are counted among the  
blessed in the land."  
Psalm 41:1-3*