



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
- 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 Recker419-286-5100
- 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
 Adam Krietemeyer, Vice President
 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.

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| Sat | 11/15 | 5:00 pm | Esther Ellerbrock |
| Sun | 11/16 | 7:30 am | George Krietemeyer |
| | | 9:30 am | Millie Metzger |
| Mon | 11/17 | 7:00 pm | |
| Tue | 11/18 | 6:00 pm | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
| | | 6:00 pm | Confessions |
| | | 7:00 pm | In Thanksgiving |
| Wed | 11/19 | 6:00 pm | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
| | | 6:00 pm | Confessions |
| | | 7:00 pm | Jack Berelsan |
| Thu | 11/20 | 6:00 pm | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
| | | 6:00 pm | Confessions |
| | | 7:00 pm | Albert & Mabel Berelsman, Jean Heitzman |
| Fri | 11/21 | 7:55 am | For the Religious Ed Students |
| Sat | 11/22 | 5:00 pm | Dan Recker |
| Sun | 11/23 | 7:30 am | Bob Heitmeyer |
| | | 9:30 am | Shirley Mesker |

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| Mon | 11/17 | 1Mc 1:10-15 | Lk 18:35-43 |
| Tue | 11/18 | Acts 28:11-16 | Mt 14:22-33 |
| Wed | 11/19 | 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 | Lk 19:11-28 |
| Thu | 11/20 | 1 Mc 2:15-29 | Lk 19:41-44 |
| Fri | 11/21 | 1 Mc 4:36-37 | Lk 19:45-48 |
| Sat | 11/22 | 1 Mc 6:1-13 | Lk 20:27-40 |



November 2025

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| Envelopes | \$ | 2,204.00 |
| Loose | \$ | 973.12 |
| Maintenance | \$ | 540.00 |
| All Saints Offering | \$ | 5.00 |
| Children's Mass | \$ | 34.23 |
| Pew Rent | \$ | 210.00 |
| Military Offering | \$ | 1,116.94 |

YTD (2025) = \$ 79,980.98

YTD Over Budget = \$ 3,980.98

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.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, 11/18: Tanner Schroeder-Warnecke, Weston Swick, Jordyn Buettner
 Wed, 11/19: Cece Schroeder, Katie Anspach, Nash Miller
 Thu, 11/20: Emma Hedrick, Mason Kohls, Jacob Meyer
 Fri, 11/21: Savannah & Abby Gerdeman, Claire Mistisshen

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: November 22 & 23 & THANKSGIVING MASS Wed, Nov. 26, 7:00 pm:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Reese Hellman, Zach Wagoner, Brooklyn Tumlinson
 7:30 am Wyatt Gasser, Evan Ellerbrock, Ryan Aldrich
 9:30 am Hudson & Jeremy Maag, Amelia Orwick
 7:00 pm Tenley & Addison Sarka, Iris Tenwalde

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Connor Hoersten, Christina Hoersten, Rose Ann Vetter, Beckey Uphaus, Karen Young
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Madie Anspach, Sam Dube, Eva Hill, Julie Fischback, Sarah Hellman, Ava Knippen, Mike Knippen
 7:00 pm Tony Recker, Kelly Recker, Addison Sarka, Tenley Sarka, Carla Norbeck

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Penney Gerdeman
 7:00 pm Cheryl Hellman

USHERS:

5:00 pm Ralph Knippen, Jerry Vetter
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Tony Recker, Chad Recker
 7:00 pm Volunteer Needed

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.

Bible Trivia:

1. With what two things did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?

REMEMBERING ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US:

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| Tom Miehls, 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 |

First Grade Finishes the First Quarter Strong! Our first graders ended the first quarter on a high note. They showed great responsibility and teamwork by being the class to offer up the most envelopes during Friday morning Mass. We're so proud of their leadership, faith, and enthusiasm! Way to go, first grade!

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 at the back of church.

Fort Jennings American Legion Restaurant is open for Thanksgiving Day breakfast from 6-10 am. They will also be hosting a Thanksgiving Day Buffet on Thurs, Nov. 27 from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Carry outs will be offered 10:30- 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.

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.

Please keep Mary Lou Krietemeyer in your prayers. She underwent surgery on Wed. Nov. 12. May God comfort her and bless her with strength as she recovers in the upcoming weeks.

Parish reminders:

Bulletin submissions deadline: Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Dec. 3 – Mass will be 7:55 am

Parish Confessions will be on Dec. 3, at 7:00 pm



Vocations talk for Religious Ed Students

Sr. Catherine Paul and Sr. Francis Rose from Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist out of St. Michael's, in Findlay, came to speak about vocations to the Religious Ed students last Wednesday evening. The Sisters answer many questions and shared about their day-to-day lives. After a formal introductory session in the Fellowship Hall, the gentleman went with Fr. George Mahas, from Ottoville, to speak more about his call from our Lord to become a priest.

A big THANK-YOU to Fr. George, Sr. Catherine Paul and Sr. Francis Rose for coming to speak on vocations to our students. May the Lord guide all students to a vocation in accordance to His Will.

REFLECTIONS *of a Country Priest*

Hello Dear Friends in Christ!

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks honestly about turbulence in the world — wars, divisions, and the kinds of uncertainties that shake our confidence. Yet right in the middle of these warnings, He says something quite astonishing: "Do not be terrified."

Jesus knows that fear can grip us quickly, but He reminds us that fear is not meant to be the ground we stand on. He is. When He tells the disciples that "not a hair on your head will be destroyed," He isn't promising an easy life. He is promising a faithful presence, one that stands firm even when the world feels unsteady. When He adds, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives," He is inviting us into a life of steady, patient commitment to the good, even when progress is slow or the way forward feels uncertain.

We see a beautiful example of this kind of perseverance right here in Fort Jennings. Since I arrived, I have noticed our Lions Club and the Park Board have taken on the ambitious goal of building a new pedestrian bridge across the river...a safe, lasting way for families and children to cross from one side of the village to the other.

There was no single moment of instant success, just faithful work, event by event, gift by gift, and the shared conviction that this bridge would serve not only today's residents but generations yet to come. Through their dedication and the generous spirit of our area, the community has raised \$838,750 of the \$850,000 needed. Just \$11,250 remains. That is perseverance in action — quiet, consistent, hopeful, determined.

If you feel called to help bring this project to its final steps, it would be a wonderful way to support the safety and wellbeing of our village for many years ahead. In life, each of us crosses many kinds of bridges — spiritual, emotional, and practical. How fitting it is that our community is so close to completing a very real one, a visible sign of hope and unity. As we listen to Jesus' words this week, may Christ remain our steady foundation, and may we continue building paths of faith and hope for those who come after us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Ron

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

Looking around the County:

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.

Maria Stein Shrine Brunner Bake Shop Opens Friday, Nov. 28, 9:30am - 2:00 pm. Simply email your bakery orders to contact@mariasteinshrine.org. Minimum 1 doz. Per item. Menu includes cookies, scones, and cinnamon rolls with choice of icing.

Delphos Ministerial Association presents: An evening of music and reflections to prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth. On Dec. 1, soloists and groups from various churches, Jefferson & St. John's High Schools will be performing at St. John's church in Delphos, at 7:00pm. Event is free or good-will donation to support Samaritan Fund.

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.

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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.