



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. 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
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 Mrs. Sue Knippen.....419-236-9564
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- Parish Council**
 Chad Recker, President 419-231-1428
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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	11/01	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
		7:00 pm	Missionary of Mercy
Mon	11/03	7:00 pm	Missionary of Mercy
Tue	11/04	7:00 pm	Missionary of Mercy NO MASS
Wed	11/05	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	For Our Parish
Thu	11/06	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Steven Maag
Fri	11/07	7:55 am	For Our Religious Ed Students
Sat	11/08	5:00 pm	Alan & Brian Schroeder
Sun	11/09	7:30 am	For Our Parish
		9:30 am	Joe & Shirley Mesker

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon	11/03	Rom 11:29-36	Lk 14:12-14
Tue	11/04	Rom 12 :5-16	Lk 14 :15-24
Wed	11/05	Rom 13:8-10	Lk 14:25-33
Thu	11/06	Rom 14:7-12	Lk 15:1-10
Fri	11/07	Rom 15:14-21	Lk 16:1-8
Sat	11/08	Rom 16:9-15	Lk 16:9-15

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, 11/04: Emma Hedrick, Alivia Wrasman, Quinn Askins
 Wed, 11/05: Cece Schroeder, Katie Anspach, Nash Miller
 Thu, 11/06: Savannah & Abby Gerdeman, Mason Kohls
 Fri, 11/07: **FIRST FRIDAY** Levi & Liam Van Bibber, Henry Brokamp

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: November 8 & 9 :

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Sophia Ostin, Jase Metzger, Lillian Schroeder
 7:30 am Chase & Joci German, Carson Uphaus Neidert
 9:30 am Maddie, Josie & Jacob Anspach

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young, Evan Ellerbrock, Bailey Hile, Sue Knippen
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Jamie Saum, Chad Recker, Tony Recker, Kelly Recker, Addison Sarka, Tenley Sarka, Anita Aldrich

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Jen Neidert
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Doug Sickels

USHERS:

5:00 pm Jerry Vetter, Adam Luresman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Bryan Hoersten, Michelle Hoersten



October 26, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,431.00
Loose	\$ 1,029.00
Maintenance	\$ 120.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 20.00
Propagation of Faith	\$ 404.00
Cemetery	\$ 420.00

YTD (2025) = \$ 68,789.36

YTD Over Budget = \$ 789.36

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:

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

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.

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 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.

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.

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:** \$838,750. Scan the QR code for more information and ways to donate.



GriefShare is a biblically based program created to assist those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, regardless of the cause of that loss. We cordially invite anyone in our area to join us for the Second Annual "Surviving the Holidays" program Sunday, Nov. 23, at 2:00 p.m. at the Delphos K of C Hall and to our full GriefShare sessions to begin January 8, 2026 at the St. John's Annex in Delphos. Programs are free to attend. For more info, contact Kathy Ulm 419-516-3994.

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.

Bible Trivia:

- Which kind of creature is mentioned as touching Jesus somewhere in the NT?
 - Camel
 - Dove
 - Dog
 - Horse
 - Swine

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

REFLECTIONS *of a Country Priest*

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend's Gospel tells us about Zacchaeus—the little man who climbed a tree to see Jesus. He was short in stature, but his curiosity and desire to encounter Christ were taller than the tallest sycamore. And sure enough, Jesus saw him, called him by name, and brought salvation to his home that very day.

Sometimes, like Zacchaeus, we need to climb out of our routines, our fears, and even our comfort zones to see Jesus more clearly. He's always looking for us, calling us by name, and inviting Himself into our homes and hearts—if only we'll make room.

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Jim Sichko, who is preaching our Parish Mission, "60 Minutes for Jesus." Fr. Jim is known across the country for his humor, his heart, and his gift for connecting faith to real life. I strongly encourage everyone—young and old alike—to attend the mission sessions: Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at 7:00 PM here at St. Joseph Church. Each night stands on its own, so even if you can only come one evening, come! You'll walk away renewed, uplifted, and spiritually recharged.

In the days ahead, I will be undergoing a series of infusion treatments for CRPS (Complex Regional Pain Syndrome)—a nerve condition I've battled since my ankle surgery. This treatment is designed to "reset" the nerves and, God willing, reduce the burning, tightness, and painful sensations that often feel like walking on glass.

I'll be out of the office from November 10–14 for these infusions. During that time, we'll have visiting priests covering weekday Masses Tuesday through Friday. Please note: There will be no Adoration or Confessions during those days.

This therapy is considered experimental, and while there are no guarantees, I'm hopeful—and deeply grateful for your prayers, understanding, and support. You are truly my parish family, and I carry each of you in my prayers as well.

May this week remind us that Jesus still looks up at each of us—calling us by name, inviting us down from whatever tree we're hiding behind, and saying, "Today I must stay at your house."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ron

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

Looking around the County:

St. John the Baptist, Landeck Kraut dinner - Sunday Nov. 2, from 3:00-6:30 pm. Carry-out and dine-in Tickets are \$13.

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Fall Festival Ottawa, OH, Sunday, Nov. 2, from 11:30- 3:00 pm, Adults \$13 Children \$6.

Election Day Adoration, Glandorf, St. John's Tuesday, Nov. 4 from 7 am - 7 pm.

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

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

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



"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friend." John 15:13