



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

**MARRIAGE** arrangements should be made at least six months ahead of time by calling the parish office. Do not set your wedding date prior to meeting with Fr. Ron.

**FAITH ENRICHMENT** Classes for the elementary students from August – May. Classes for the Junior High and High School students run September – March.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY** 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. Visitation and Eucharist will be provided by a Eucharistic Minister.

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)** classes run from Sept. 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.

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 Mr. Ted Verhoff.....419-286-2480
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 Mrs. Norma Maag.....419-286-2265
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 Mr. Alan Calvelage.....419-303-0560
- Prayer Line**  
 Mrs. Laurie Maag.....419-234-6518
- Maintenance & Hall Manager**  
 Mr. Tony Recker .....419-286-5100
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 Mrs. Sue Knippen.....419-236-9564
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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, 11/22	5:00 pm	Dan Recker
Sun, 11/23	7:30 am	Bob Heitmeyer
	9:30 am	Shirley Mesker
Tues, 11/25	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
	6:00 pm	Confessions
	7:00 pm	Jack Berelsman
Wed, 11/26	6:00 pm	Confessions
	7:00 pm	In Thanksgiving to God
Thu, 11/27	7:00 pm	NO MASS
Fri, 11/28	7:55 am	NO MASS
Sat, 11/29	5:00 pm	Bill Warnecke Sr. Family
Sun, 11/30	7:30 am	Terry Maag
	9:30 am	Tom & Mid Stechschulte

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Mon	11/24	Dn 1:1-6	Lk 21:1-4
Tue	11/25	Dn 2:31-45	Lk 21:5-11
Wed	11/26	Dn 5:1-6	Lk 21:12-19
Thu	11/27	Dn 6 12-28	Lk 21:20-28
Fri	11/28	Dn 7:2-14	Lk 21:29-33
Sat	11/29	Dn 7:15-27	Lk 21:34-36

**Bible Trivia:**

- In what city was the apostle Paul (Saul) born?  
a. Tarsus b. Damascus c. Jerusalem d. Corinth
- What was the apostle Peter's last name?

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

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**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

Tue, 11/25: Liam & Levi Van Bibber, Claire Mistishen  
 Wed, 11/26: Tenley & Addison Sarka, Iris Tenwalde  
 Thu, 11/27: No Mass Happy Thanksgiving.  
 Fri, 11/28: **No Mass**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: November 29 & 30: SERVERS:**

5:00 pm Brody, Connor & Harper Leis  
 7:30 am Christopher & Adelyn Moening, Sophia Osting  
 9:30 am Ryan, Abbie & Leah Kahle

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm Evan Ellerbrock, Bailey Hile, Sue Knippen, Allyssa Luersman, Dave Luersman  
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed  
 9:30 am Roger Luersman, Hudson Maag, Calvin Menke, Marilyn Metzger, Karen Maenle, Trish Moening, Jamie Saum

**LECTORS:**

5:00 pm Dave Luersman  
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed  
 9:30 am Shirley Hammond

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm Rick Maag, Dan Krietemeyer  
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed  
 9:30 am Bryan Hoersten, Michelle Hoersten



**November 2025**

Envelopes	\$ 2,218.00
Loose	\$ 1,087.12
Maintenance	\$ 1,505.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 320.00
Children's Mass	\$ 38.58
Pew Rent	\$ 25.00
Military Offering	\$ 1,555.00

YTD (2025) = \$ **83,285.98**

YTD Over Budget = \$ 3,285.98

**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.

**Our Thanksgiving food drive is in full swing.** If you would like to donate items to our food pantry, feel free to drop them off at our Parish Office Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm or in the narthex at church by the bride's room. We need: cereal, juice, fruit snacks, toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags, laundry detergent, Spaghetti O's, soups, canned beef and chicken, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, boxed potatoes, Hamburger Helper, Stovetop Stuffing and gravy. No canned veggies or Mac-n-cheese is needed. Please keep in mind, when you open your pantry, the items you like to find. Frozen meat donations can be brought to the 7:00 pm Mass this Wed. or dropped off at the parish office.

**The 2026 offertory envelopes are available** in the narthex of church. If you do not have envelopes and would like some, please contact Kelly at the Parish Office.

**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.

**Kindly Remember in prayer all our Priests** serving in the Diocese of Toledo, as they gather on Mon, Dec. 1 for the annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through our prayers, and the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may the Lord grant them spiritual grace, renewed fidelity, consolation and joy in ministry.

**Parish reminders:**

- Bulletin submissions deadline: Wed. at 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 3 – Mass will be 7:55 am
- Dec. 3 - Parish Penance Service at 7:00 pm
- Dec. 8 – Holy Day Mass will be at 7:55 am & 7:00 pm

**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 ours will be offered 10:30- noon. Reservations are required.

**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 Thur. Dec. 4 at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. All women are invited to join. For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752. It is our honor to walk with you!

If you are someone you know is having a difficult time this holiday season, we are here to help. Please contact the Parish Office to request assistance with Christmas gifts or food.

**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



# REFLECTIONS *of a Country Priest*

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It's the Church's way of reminding us, right before Advent, that no matter what swirls around us, Christ remains the One true King: not a ruler who dominates, but a King who lays down His life, heals the wounded, restores the lost, and gathers us into a Kingdom built on mercy.

Every time we place our lives under His kingship, our decisions, our worries, our families, our future, we rediscover something the world can't provide, peace. A King who reigns from the Cross never seeks to oppress us; He seeks to lead us home.

It's beautifully fitting that Thanksgiving follows just four days after this feast. A grateful heart is one of the clearest signs that Christ's reign is taking root within us. Gratitude opens our eyes to God's daily providence, even when life feels heavy.

As your pastor, I want to share what I'm personally grateful for this year:

- First, I thank God for the privilege of serving Him as a priest. Every day brings new opportunities to love, to listen, and to offer Christ's mercy.

- Second, I'm grateful for my family, especially my mom, whose faith and love continue to form me.

- Third, I'm grateful for you, my parish family, past, present, and future. Your faith, generosity, humor, and resilience inspire me daily. Even with my own challenges, serving you remains one of the greatest blessings of my life.

We will gather this Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for our parish Thanksgiving celebration. I invite every family to bring items for our St. Joseph Food Pantry. Any overflow will be donated directly to the Ottawa Food Pantry. Place your items near the altar when you arrive. It's a powerful witness of gratitude expressed through charity.

As we honor Christ our King and move toward Thanksgiving Day, may gratitude reign in our hearts. A thankful soul becomes a joyful soul, and a joyful soul is already living in the Kingdom. Let's give Him thanks together.

Gratefully yours in Christ,  
Fr. Ron

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

## Looking around the Community:

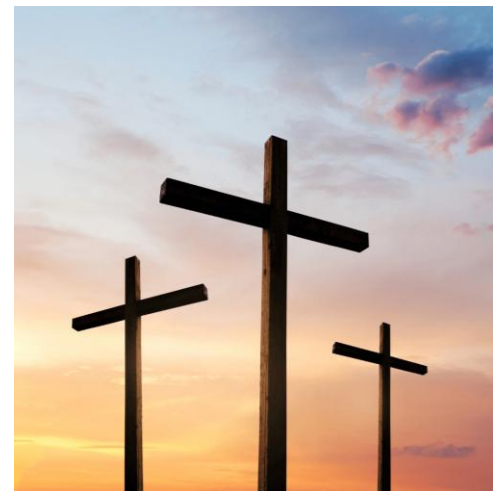
**GriefShare** 2nd Annual "Surviving the Holidays" program Sun, Nov. 23, at 2:00 p.m. at the Delphos K of C. Program is free. For more info, contact Kathy Ulm 419-516-3994.

**Maria Stein Shrine Brunner Bake Shop** Opens Friday, Nov. 28, 9:30am - 2:00 pm. Simply email your bakery orders to [contact@mariasteinshrine.org](mailto: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 7:00 pm. Event is free or good-will donation to support Samaritan Fund.

**Landeck St. John the Baptist will be having "Breakfast with Santa"** on Sun. Dec. 7 from 9:00 – noon in the church basement. Santa will be available to listen to your child's wish-list. This event will be Free-Will offering.

**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.



*"Amen, I say to you,  
today you will be  
with me in Paradise."*