



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. 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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- Adam Anspach, Chair.....419-771-1747
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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, 11/29	5:00 pm	Bill Warnecke Sr. Family
Sun, 11/30	7:30 am	Terry Maag
	9:30 am	Tom & Mid Stechschulte
Tues, 12/02	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
	6:00 pm	Confessions
	7:00 pm	Jim, Rita & Gary Knott
Wed, 12/03	7:55 am	For Our Parish (School MASS)
	7:00 pm	Parish Penance Service
	7:00 pm	NO MASS
Thu, 12/04	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
	6:00 pm	Confessions
	7:00 pm	Eva Warnecke Family
Fri, 12/05	7:55 am	For Our Religious Ed Students
Sat, 12/06	5:00 pm	Herman & Vickie Luersman
Sun, 12/07	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	Todd Bidlack, Tony Davis & Michael Klein
	12 - 3 pm	Adoration/Confessions

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon	12/01	Is 4:2-6	Mt 8:5-11
Tue	12/02	Is 11:1-10	Lk 10:21-24
Wed	12/03	Is 25:6-10	Mt 15:29-37
Thu	12/04	Is 26:1-6	Mt 7:21,24-27
Fri	12/05	Is 29:17-24	Mt 9:27-31
Sat	12/06	Is 30:19-21, 23-26	Mt 9:35-10:1

Bible Trivia:

1. What did God do to Moses' hand briefly in-order to show his power?
2. Under OT law, what percentage of a man's wealth was given to God?

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

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.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, 12/02: Loryn Gasser, Madelyn Neidert, Bishop Bruskotter
 Wed, 12/03: Aiden Hoersten, Ava Maag, Rylen Hoersten
 Thu, 12/04: Mason Osting, Kinsley Farling, Alivia Wrasman
 Fri, 12/05: **First Friday** Quinn Askins, Tanner Warnecke-Schroeder, Weston Swick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: December 6 & 7:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Austin Askins, Lucas Knippen, Jase Metzger
 7:30 am Tessa, Waylon & Lacey Meyer
 9:30 am Chase & Joci German, Caleb Von Sossan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Carla Norbeck, Becky Uphaus, Evan Ellerbrock, Karen Young, Rose Ann Vetter
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Chad Recker, Tony Recker, Kelly Recker, Addison Sarka, Doug Sickels, James Schroeder

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Jen Neidert
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Cheryl Hellman

USHERS:

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



November 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,085.00
Loose	\$ 1,600.63
Maintenance	\$ 65.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 412.00
Children's Mass	\$ 4.46
Human Development	\$ 100.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 10.00

YTD (2025) = \$ **86,971.61**

YTD Over Budget = \$ 2,971.61

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.

Happy Thanksgiving



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.

This year's annual Barn Mass and Live Nativity will be on December 7th at 6pm on the Ken and Karan Maenle Farm. All are invited to come and worship, sing Christmas songs, and pray together in a place that helps us to remember the humble beginnings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Mass will be followed with doughnuts and hot chocolate!

The Parish Bookstand has new items for the Advent season. Some of the new titles include *Advent Gospel Reflections* by Bishop Robert Barron, *Joy to the World* by Scott Hahn, *The Mystery of Christmas* by Fr. Larry Richards, and *Lectio Prayer* by Tim Gray. The suggested donation is \$3.00.

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!

Our Youth Group along with the St. George Deanery are heading to the Steubenville Youth Conferences July 17-19 where they will explore their faith with other teens, attend Mass, listen to dynamic speakers, experience Adoration, and meet the Holy Spirit! The theme this year is "Worthy". This is open to incoming Freshman to outgoing Seniors in high school and the total cost before fundraising is \$275. Registration is now open, but it will be closing soon. Call Julie Fischbach for more information or to reserve your teen's spot!

Parish reminders:

NEW Bulletin submissions deadline: Tues. at 10 a.m.

Dec. 3 – Mass will be 7:55 am

Dec. 3 - Parish Confessions, at 7:00 pm

Dec. 8 – Mass will be at 7:55 am & 7:00 pm

Kindly pray for 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.

Diocese of Toledo Night with the Toledo Walleye is Jan. 9, 2026 at 7:15 pm at the Huntingdon Center. Cheer on the Walleye as they take on the Iowa Heartlanders in matchup perfect for families, parish groups, and sports fans alike. Get your tickets today and be part of the excitement!

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 be April 22-30, 2026. Several cabin options are available. Cost will vary. Please see flyers at the back of church.

Rev. Robert Joseph Kill, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Sun, Nov. 16, 2025. Please remember him in your prayers. Fr. Kill was born June 12, 1944, at home in Landeck, and was ordained April 3, 1971, in Columbus, OH. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Thank God for All He's Given Us

REFLECTIONS *of a Country Priest*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we step into the beautiful season of Advent, the Church invites us to slow down, breathe a little deeper, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. One of the most beloved traditions of this season is the Advent wreath. Each of the four candles carries a spiritual meaning that leads us week by week toward the joy of Christmas.

The first candle, often called the *Prophet's Candle*, symbolizes hope—the deep trust that God always fulfills His promises.

The second candle, the *Bethlehem Candle*, represents faith and reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle, the rose-colored *Shepherd's Candle*, signifies joy, lifting our eyes to the nearness of Christ's birth. The fourth candle, the *Angel's Candle*, symbolizes peace, as the angels proclaimed: "Peace on earth, goodwill to all."

The circular wreath reminds us of God's unending love; the evergreen branches symbolize our eternal life in Christ; the gradual lighting each week reflects the growing light of Christ breaking into our world.

The Gospel this weekend calls us to be spiritually awake and alert. Jesus urges us not to drift, not to coast, and not to let our hearts become weighed down by the noise of life. Advent is our yearly wake-up call. It's the Church gently tapping us on the shoulder saying, "Look up. Lift your

head. The Lord is near."

So what do we do? We watch. We pray. We prepare our souls with intention rather than rushing through these weeks with anxiety or distraction. A few small disciplines...quiet time, fewer screens, intentional kindness...can open surprising space for God to act.

As we begin Advent, there is no better step than the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Parish Penance Service will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 PM here at St. Joseph. Several priests from the area will join us to hear confessions beginning at 7:30 PM. Afterward, we will continue with confessions for our junior high and high school students as well as any parishioners who wish to stay. Begin this season with a clear heart and renewed grace. It truly is one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself.

Next Sunday, December 7, we will offer Adoration and Confessions from Noon to 3:00 PM. I will be in the confessional for the full three hours, and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar for peaceful prayer, reflection, and rest in the Lord's presence.

I hope to see you there as we allow Christ to prepare our hearts for His coming.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ron

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

Looking around the Community:

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.

The Serra Club of Lima Area, in support of vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thurs. Dec. 11 at LCC HS. Mass will begin at 5:45 pm followed by dinner and a program. This month's program will be a panel discussing "Deacons and Their Wives - It's a Team Effort." If you are interested, please respond to Kathy at 419-303-0339 by Tues, Dec. 9.

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.

At an hour
you do not
expect, the
SON OF MAN
will come

Matthew 24:44