



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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A member of the St. George Deanery

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon

NORMAL MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am and 9:30 am

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Thursday: 7:00 pm

Friday: 7:55 am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Saturdays 4:30 pm

Anytime by request

BAPTISMS

Baptisms will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Charles or Deacon Larry. For BAPTISM INSTRUCTION date and time check the bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE

Make arrangements at least six months ahead of time by calling the parish office. Do not set wedding date prior to contacting the parish office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA 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. Call the parish office to register.

FAITH ENRICHMENT

Religious Education Classes for the elementary students from August through May. Classes for the Junior High and High School students run September through March. Adult Enrichment: Bible Study, Spiritual development, missions and retreats. Check the bulletin for details.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY

Visitation and Eucharist will be provided by a Eucharistic Minister. A priest is available if needed. 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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to our St. Joseph Parish Family, please call or visit the parish office to register.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Director of Music & Liturgy Chairperson

Mrs. Joyce Gasser 419-286-2989

Sacristans

Ms. Mary Luersman 419-286-2306

Mr. Dave Luersman 419-286-2489

Youth Minister

Mrs. Julie Fischbach 419-905-8472

Finance Council Chairman

Mr. Larry Schimmoeller 419-286-2170

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





CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.
One family per mass only. Do not put mass intentions requests in the offertory before speaking to the office.

Sat	12/14	5:00 pm	Todd Bidlack, Tony Davis, Mike Klein
Sun	12/15	7:30 am	Paul & Mary Lou Menke
		9:30 am	Dennis Siefker Family
Mon	12/16	7:00 pm	Protection in the New Year
Tues	12/17	7:00 pm	Urban & Marguerite Wieging
Wed	12/18	7:00 pm	Young Family
Thurs	12/19	7:00 pm	Lee & Rosie Wittler
Fri	12/20	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
Sat	12/21	5:00 pm	Mary Klausung
Sun	12/22	7:30 am	Bob Heitmeyer
		9:30 am	Dan Schimmoeller Grant Siefker

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	12/16	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a	Mt 21:23-27
Tues	12/17	Gn 49:2, 8-10	Mt 1:1-17
Wed	12/18	Jer 23:5-8	Mt 1:18-25
Thu	12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a	Lk 1:5-25
Fri	12/20	Is 7:10-14	Lk 1:26-38
Sat	12/21	Saint Peter Canisius, Priest	
		Sg 2:8-14	Lk 1:39-45

Pray for the Sick of the Parish: Kathy Fischer

CEMETERY PLOT PRICES INCREASING
 beginning January 1, 2025. To purchase lots,
 contact Alan Calvelage at 419-303-0560.

PRAY FOR PEACE DAY
Sunday, January 19, 2025
Begins with Mass at 9:30 a.m.
Closing at 5 p.m.
 Check back for more details

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues. Dec 17: Maile Poole, Harper Leis, Kinsley Farling
 Wed. Dec 18: Amelia Orwick, Aiden Hoersten,
 Adeline Dubé
 Thurs. Dec 19: Adelyn Moening, Mason Kohls,
 Carder Osting
 Fri. Dec 20: Cece Schroeder, Iris Tenwalde,
 Addalyn Maenle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: December 21 & 22:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Morgan Siefker, Andrew, & Ryan Kahle
 7:30 am Braden & Ava Knippen
 9:30 am Brandt, Cal, & Stella Menke

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Amy Eickholt, Evan Ellerbrock,
 Bailey Hile, Connor & Christina Hoersten,
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman,
 Hudson Maag, Calvin Menke,
 Marilyn Metzger, Karan Maenle,
 Trish Moening

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Brandt Menke

USHERS:

5:00 pm Rick Maag & Dan Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten



December 8, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 3,445.00
Loose	\$ 1,006.40
Maintenance	\$ 1,140.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 225.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 156.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 62.00
Human Development	\$ 5.00

YTD as of December 8, 2024 = \$ **87,312.23**

YTD **Under** budget = \$ **-687.77**

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.

THANK YOU for your continued support.

BAPTISMS: To arrange a baptism please
Call the Parish Office or Deacon Larry (cell)
(419) 302-2532 or by email larry@fjsb.com.

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.

**Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class
before your marriage.**

Find Marriage Prep Classes at
<http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org>

Bulletin submissions deadline:
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

I am once again asking for donations to the

NIGERIAN MISSION PROJECT

Your donations will go to pay for healthcare, rent, school fees and necessities for the wretchedly poor in my homeland.

Donations can be placed in the parish collection marked "Nigerian Mission" on the envelope, dropped off at the Parish Office or mailed to St. Joseph Church, P.O. Box 68.

I am extremely grateful to all of you for your prayers and very generous contributions to this fund in the past. May the good Lord bless you and replenish your stocks.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are in the Narthex. If you would like envelopes, and there are none out for you, please contact the parish office. Email: stjoeparishofc@bright.net or phone 286-2132.

If you would like to memorialize your loved one by donating to our Annual Christmas Flower Campaign and you do not have Offertory Envelopes, please write on the front of a plain envelope "**Christmas Flower Fund**" and write the names of your loved ones to be printed on the bulletin, on the envelope or provide a list inside the envelope.

Save The Date! 2025 Women's Welcome Retreat

Ottoville, Cloverdale, and Fort Jennings Women

March 29-30, 2025 At Ottoville Parish Center

Contact: Sara Beining 419.230.5823

Chelsea Ebert 419.296.5897

Julie Eickholt 419.615.5753

A big THANK YOU to our wonderful Church Decorator, Lori Kohli, and her talented team of volunteers. The church once again looks amazing for the Christmas season. Your hard work and creativity are appreciated by all who visit our church this wonderful, Holy season.

Join Fr. Charles on a PILGRIMAGE to IRELAND, in the Footsteps of St. Patrick. July 20th – 29th, 2025. \$4,997 per person which includes round-trip airfare from Fort Wayne airport, all hotel rooms, daily breakfast, 5 dinners, transfers per itinerary, local guides, sightseeing admission fees, daily Mass & spiritual activities, luggage handling (1 per person), flight bag & digital pdf confirmation of all travel documents. Learn more at

www.206tours.com/frobinwa/ireland

Booking Code: CO072025

Contact: cara@206tours.com – silvia@206tours.com
– dominic@206tours.com or call (800) 206-8687.

Leipsic St Mary Church is seeking a part-time, 20-24 hours a week **Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation.** The primary objective will be to collaborate with the pastor in implementing a parish Adult Faith Formation program that furthers the mission of the parish, which is making faithful disciples who make faithful disciples.

Salary is competitive and commensurate with education/experience. Position open immediately.

To apply: Send Resume and three references to: Rev. Randy Giesige Address: 318 State St. Leipsic, OH 45856 Phone: 419-943-2688

Email: rpgiesige@gmail.com

Deepen your faith this ADVENT season starting December 1st with the good news of the gospel. The parish book stand in the Narthex has been updated with Advent books and CDs. We have the 2024 Daily Gospel REFLECTIONS from Bishop Robert Barron and other new titles are available. Suggested donation of \$3. This would be a good resource to share with friends and family.

GRIEFSHARE - Are you searching for hope and healing after the death of a loved one? The GriefShare program, sponsored by Delphos St. John the Evangelist, Landeck St. John the Baptist and Spencerville St. Patrick, will offer a 12-week session beginning on Thursday evening, January 9, 2025 thru March 27, 2025 from 6:30- 8:00 p.m. at the Delphos St. John Annex.

No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful, confusing process. A GriefShare group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this support group program, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. No matter how long it's been, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling.

If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, you are invited to attend. You may attend all of the sessions, or come when you can; however, the more sessions you attend the better your experience will be.

Volunteers will facilitate this program. To register or get more information on how GriefShare may be of benefit to you or someone close to you, contact the St. John's Ministry Center in Delphos (419-695-4050), The Landeck Church office (419-692-0636) or a CORE leader of our GriefShare team.

Kathy Ulm 419-516-3994 Christy Schwinnen 419-234-3727 Tamie Reindel 419-236-4052

Maria Stein Shrine Annual Christmas Nativities November 29th - January 12th. Enjoy Nativities from different cultures. Upper Room on the Third Floor (Elevator available). Exhibit is free and open to the public during normal Shrine Hours.

The Shrine is again hosting a Nativity Exhibit from the donated collection of Tim and Katheleen Nealeigh. You will be able to view more than 60 nativity sets and see how the simple scene of Christ in the manger with Mary and Joseph has been interpreted in many cultures over the years. The Relic Shrine's Upper Room will be filled with sets from differing periods, cultures, and artistic mediums. It is a wonderful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas as well as a way to foster discussion about how this holiday has been observed by many different cultures from across the globe.

Putnam County Council on Aging January Activities

Registration: 419-523-4121 or 877-796-1760

January 9 - Puzzle Day at Northside Lions Den Shelter House, 429 Northland Drive, Kalida from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

RSVP by January 3

January 14 - Coffee & Conversation at Columbus Grove American Legion from 10 - 11:30 a.m. RSVP by January 8.

January 16 - Beating the Winter Blues Presentation at Ottawa Senior Center from 10 - 11:30 a.m. RSVP by January 10.

January 21 - Joking Jeopardy at Northside Lions Den Shelter House, 429 Northside Drive, Kalida from 10 - 11:30 a.m. RSVP by January 14.

January 30 - Color My World Coloring Gathering at Good Shepherd Church, 224 South Elm St, Columbus Grove from 10 - 11:30 a.m. RSVP by January 23.