



# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Pastor: Father Ron Schock 419-722-6817

Deacon Larry Schimmoeller 419-302-2532



**Normal Mass Times**

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30am & 9:30 am
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday	7:00pm
Thursday	7:00pm
Friday	7:55am

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

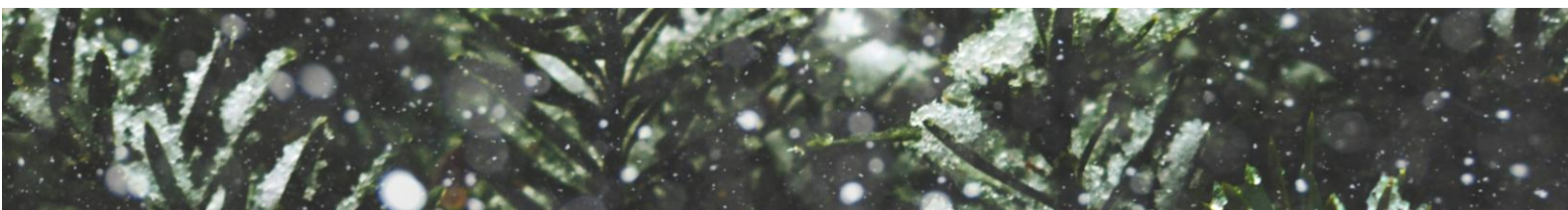
**MARRIAGE** arrangements should be made at least six months ahead of time by calling the parish office. Do not set your wedding date prior to meeting with Fr. Ron.

**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. Dave Luersman.....419-286-4641
- Youth Minister**  
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 Recker .....419-286-5100
- Funeral Luncheon Committee**  
Mrs. Julie Kopp .....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



# Intentions for Mass

## CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

Sat, 12/20	5:00 pm	Bill Warnecke Sr. Family
Sun, 12/21	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	Dan Schimmoeller & Grant Siefker
	12-3 pm	Adoration & Confession
Tues, 12/23	7:55 am	Tim Michel
Wed, 12/24	4:00 pm	Jerry & Carol Meyer Family
	10:30 pm	Gerald & Leona Youngpeter
Thu, 12/25	9:30 am	John Gerker
Fri, 12/26		<b>No MASS</b>
Sat, 12/27	5:00 pm	Albert & Mabel Berelsman, Jean Heitzman
Sun, 12/28	7:30 am	Terry Maag
	9:30 am	For Our Parish

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Dec. 24 & 25

### SERVERS:

4:00 pm	Bishop Bruskotter, Henry Brokamp, Weston Swick, Rylen Horsten
10:30 pm	Brooklyn Tumlinson, Derek Hark, Evan Ellerbrock
9:30 am	Hudson & Jeremy Maag, Wyatt Gasser

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00 pm	Calvin Menke, Rhonda Liebrecht, Karen Maenle, Jamie Saum, Chad Recker, Tony Recker, James Schroeder
10:30 pm	Rose Ann Vetter, Karen Young, Evan Ellerbrock Bailey Hile, Sue Knippen
9:30 am	Addison Sarka, Tenley Sarka, Doug Sickels, Marilyn Metzger, Diane Stennett, Kim McCracken, Denise Sukup

### LECTORS:

4:00 pm	Children's Mass
10:30 pm	Dave Luersman
9:30 am	Denny Osting

### USHERS:

4:00 pm	Troy Weber, Scott Gerdeman
10:30 pm	Jerry Vetter
9:30 am	Jim Gerdeman

### WEEKDAY SERVERS

**Tue, 12/23:** Quinn Askins, Tanner Warnecke-Schroeder, Cece Schroeder

## Scripture Readings

Monday	1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday	Mal 3:1-4 Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday	2 Sm 7:1-5 Lk 1:67-79
Thursday	Mt 1:1-25 Jn 1:1-18
Friday	Act 6:8-10 Mt 10:17-22
Saturday	1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Dec. 27 & 28

### SERVERS:

5:00 pm	James, Levi & Carly Schroeder
7:30 am	Wyatt & Lauren Gasser, Evelyn Neidert
9:30 am	Sam, Nolan & Adeline Dube'

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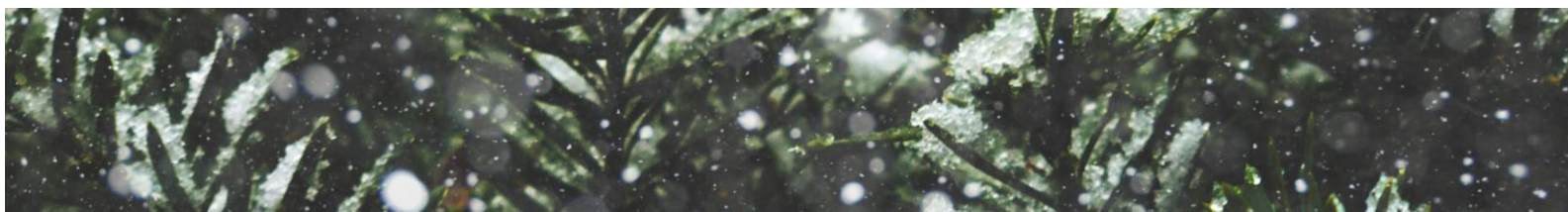
5:00 pm	Alyssa Luersman, Kathy Luersman, Dave Luersman, Carla Norbeck, Becky Uphaus
7:30 am	Volunteers Needed
9:30 am	Teresa Wurst, Madie Anspach, Anita Aldrich, Same Dube', Eva Hill, Julie Fischbach, Alex Horstman

### LECTORS:

5:00 pm	Jen Neidert
7:30 am	Volunteer Needed
9:30 am	Brandt Menke

### USHERS:

5:00 pm	Alex Horstman, Kevin Leis
7:30 am	Volunteer Needed
9:30 am	Tony Recker, Chad Recker



**Parish reminders:**

**Christmas Bulletin submission deadline:**

Jan. 4 bulletin deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 8:00 am

Dec. 21 – Adoration & Confession 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Dec. 24 – Children’s Mass will be at 4:00 pm

Evening Mass with Adult Choir at 10:30 pm

Dec. 25 – Christmas Mass 9:30 am

Dec. 26 – No Mass

Dec. 31 – New Year’s Eve Mass at 5:00 pm

Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day Mass 9:30 am

**Baptized as a new member of the Catholic Church:**

**Charlotte Marie Horstman daughter** of Alex and Sarah (Hellman) Horstman. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the faith with Charlotte. Congratulations from the Fort Jennings Community.

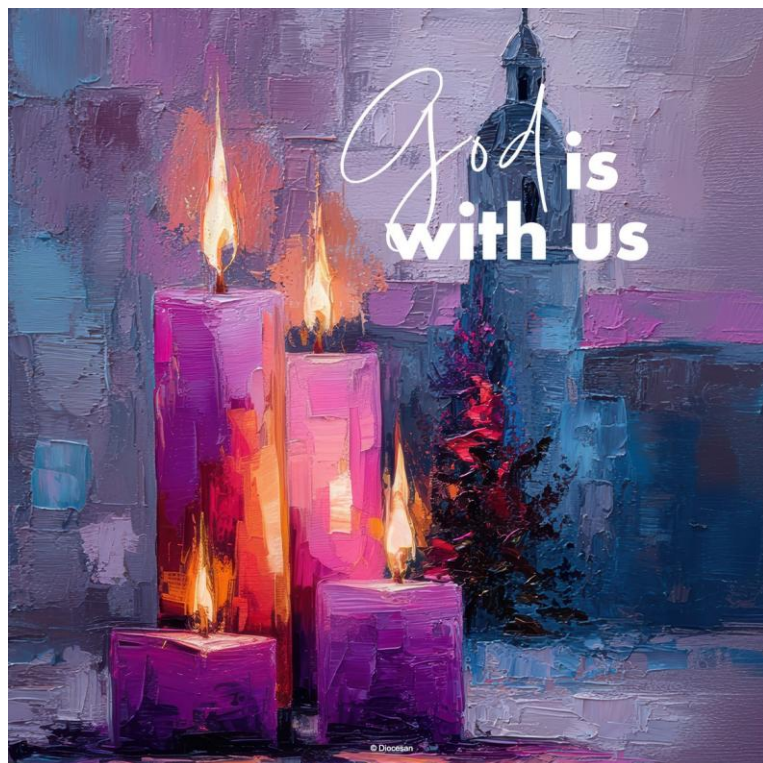
**OUR SYMPATHY** goes out to the family and friends of

Ghnelda J. Schimmoeller. To her children, Patricia (Mike Keeney) Harter of Marion, Nancy (Joe) Will of Fort Jennings and Kimberly (Gary) Fortman of Kalida; seven grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren may you find comfort in this hard time. She died Dec. 13, at the age of 92. May the Lord grant Betty eternal rest and life in the Kingdom of God.

**Rev. Joseph A. Weigman**, a retired Priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, after a long-fought battle with Multiple Sclerosis. Please remember him in your prayers. 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.

**Kidney donor is needed.** Steve Hoersten of Ottoville is looking for a kidney donor. Steve has a rare autoimmune disease that attacked his kidneys and is now on home dialysis. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie 419-233-0273. Survey takes 15 minutes to determine if you qualify for the next steps. Thank you!

Steve and Carol Hoersten & Family



**December 2025**

Envelopes	\$ 2,276.00
Loose	\$ 829.00
Maintenance	\$ 840.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 120.00
Christmas	\$ 200.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 636.00
The Needy	\$ 20.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 125.00
Children's Mass	\$ 16.86
All Saints	\$ 10.00
Pew Rental	\$ 60.00
Catholic Camp.	\$ 10.00

YTD (2025) = **\$ 95,450.61**

YTD Over Budget = **\$ 549.39**

**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.

**Addresses you may need:**

**Mr. Jeremy Smith**  
6616 Beechmont Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45230

**Mr. Jeremy Smith**  
22407 Road U20  
Ft. Jennings, OH 45844  
December 12 – Jan. 4.

**Fr. Charles Obinwa**  
66 Chapel St.  
Monroeville, OH 44847

**Deacon Larry Schimmoeller**  
17940 St. Rt. 190  
Ft. Jennings, OH 45844

Did you Know?

The Christmas season is filled with subtle biblical themes and references. The word 'Christmas' comes from old English, *the Mass of Christ* or *Christ's Mass*. Even the word 'holiday' is derived from the phrase 'Holy Day'. The candy cane is shaped as a shepherd's staffs, because Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Candy canes are traditional red and white striped, with the white symbolizing the purity of Jesus, the sacrificial lamb, and the red symbolizing the blood the Lamb shed for our sins.

The stripes call to mind the prophecy of Isaiah "by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

The use of holly at Christmas reflects the Passion. The holly bush used for wreaths is a thorny bush, which symbolizes the crown of thorns Jesus wore during His Passion. The red berries of the holly represent the drops of His blood. The Christmas trees, the evergreen, symbolize God's everlasting love. The star we traditionally place on top of the tree symbolizes the star of Bethlehem. Bethlehem in English means "House of Bread"

"I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never go hungry". (John 6:35)



CHALLENGED CHAMPIONS

Volunteer in the winter session

- CLASSES HELD MONDAY - FRIDAY
- MORNING, AFTERNOON, & EVENING
- VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- NO HORSE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!
- MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD TO PARTICIPATE

LOCATION: 11913 ROAD 6, OTTAWA, OH  
CONTACT OUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR  
FOR MORE INFO: (419)235-0626

**Bible Trivia:**

- In the book of Matthew, who told Joseph that the baby was to be called Jesus?**

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

**Care Access |**

**Learn your health risks, so you can take action.**

Free Heart and Kidney Health Screening at Doc's Dance Hall

This blood test can give you critical insights into your risk of heart attack, heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease, and more. It's especially helpful if you have a family history of health problems.

Note: Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Please bring a government-issued photo ID card and an email address.

January 14, 2026  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Doc's Dance Hall  
311 N Main St.  
Delphos, Ohio 45833

a.ellerbrock@careaccess.com



# Year End Balance Sheet

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025



## Current Assessment

### Checking/Savings

#### CASH (Restricted)

Maintenance CD	\$7,062.51
Restricted – Other	\$8.54
Money Market Maintenance	\$262,765.35
CD Maintenance	\$259,800.59
CD Religious Ed	\$7,730.40
CD Religious Ed	\$12,381.56
<b>Total · Restricted</b>	<b>\$549,748.95</b>

#### Checking

Operating	\$79,160.87
<b>Total · CHECKING</b>	<b>\$79,160.87</b>

#### Savings

##### Non-Diocesan

CD	\$264,183.91
CD	\$64,171.32
CD St. Joseph	\$53,910.33
CD St. Joseph	\$22,250.20
<b>Total · Non-Diocesan</b>	<b>\$404,515.76</b>

**Total Checking/Saving** \$1,033,425.58

**Total Current Assets** \$1,033,425.58

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$1,033,425.58

## LIABILITIES & EQUITY

### Current Liabilities

#### Other Current Liabilities

Designated Collections	\$95.00
Other Liabilities	\$196.98
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$101.98</b>

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## Equity

32000 · Net Assets	\$1,040,842.73
Net Income	\$7,519.13
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$1,033,323.60</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>\$1,033,323.60</b>

## Ordinary Income

Christmas & Easter Collections	\$31,962.54
Other Collections & Offerings	\$70,184.57
Stipends & Stole Fees	\$3,630.21
Religious Education Income	\$11,985.86
2024 Homecoming Festival	\$78,903.65
Youth Ministry	\$693.00
Other Income	\$72,230.10
Sunday & Holyday Collections	\$214,107.63
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$483,697.56</b>

## Ordinary Expense

Pastor Salary	\$43,265.04
Clergy Help	\$1,519.10
Bonus- Pastor	\$39,475.00
Administrative/Office Salary	\$13,287.84
Other Salary Expense	\$54,140.15
Payroll Taxes & Fringe Benefits	\$8,950.45
Administrative/Office Expenses	\$10,782.47
Rectory/Household	\$12,789.30
Transportation & Seminars	\$800.00
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	\$20,025.21
Parish Charities	\$6,975.15
Religious Education	\$40,706.13
Parish Activities & Homecoming	\$36,374.10
Youth Ministry	\$12,676.52
Other Parish Operations	\$5,068.17

# Year End Balance Sheet

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 Cont.

## Ordinary Expense cont.

Utilities	\$43,874.30
Building Expense	\$61,842.02
2024 Diocesan Assess.	\$34,839.11
Payments to Cemetery	\$10,700.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$458,090.06</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$25,607.50</b>

## Other Income

Income - Restricted	\$39,562.58
Income - Non Restricted	\$694.63
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$40,257.21</b>

## Other Expense

Land & Building Expenses	\$61,155.85
Furniture & Equip. Expense	\$10,518.00
Computer Expenses	\$1,709.99
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>\$73,383.84</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>\$33,126.63</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$7,519.13</b>

**If you have questions about finances,  
please contact Kelly 419-235-2667.**

## Help Wanted

**SERVERS  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
LECTORS  
USHERS  
CHOIR MEMBERS  
SACRISTANS  
COUNTERS  
FUNERAL LUNCHEON HELP**

Contact [stjosephjbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephjbulletin@gmail.com) for  
more information on getting involved.

## Reflections of a country Priest

Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ!

This weekend we find ourselves in a familiar place, almost to Christmas, but not quite yet. The Fourth Sunday of Advent always feels a little like standing at the gate. We can see Christmas just ahead of us, and everything around us tells us to hurry up and get there. But the Church gently reminds us: don't rush past this moment.



Advent, especially these last few days, is about waiting with purpose. Like Mary, we're asked to trust that God is at work even when things feel quiet, unfinished, or in-between. In rural life, we understand that. Crops don't grow overnight, animals aren't rushed, and the best things take time. God works the same way in our hearts.

And yet, Christmas really is just days away. Our church already shows signs of it, the decorations, the music, the sense that something holy is about to happen. I want to take a moment to say thank you to so many people who have poured their time and love into this season. Thank you to everyone who helped decorate our church, making it a place that feels warm, welcoming, and ready for Christmas. Thank you to Joyce and our choir who help us pray through song each week. Thank you to all who serve in our ministries, and to everyone who continues to support our parish in so many ways. Your faithfulness does not go unnoticed.

As we make these final preparations, I also want to invite you to take care of your spiritual house. Today, Sunday, December 21, We will offer Adoration/Confessions from noon until 3:00 PM, or until the last confession is heard. If it's been a while, don't worry. Just come. The Lord is always ready to meet us where we are.

These last days of Advent are a gift. Let's not rush through them. Let's take a breath, make room, and let Christ come to us, so that when Christmas arrives, our hearts are ready. Wishing you peace, gratitude, and God's blessing as we move from Advent into Christmas together.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ron

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



**Bible Trivia Answers: 1. An Angel**

