



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





MASS SCHEDULE Intentions

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	12/21	5:00 pm	Mary Klausung
Sun	12/22	7:30 am	Bob Heitmeyer
		9:30 am	Dan Schimmoeiller Grant Siefker
Mon	12/23	7:00 pm	Protection in the New Year
Tues	12/24	4:00 pm	Jerry & Carol Meyer Family
		10:30 pm	Fr. Tony Borgia
Wed	12/25	9:30 am	Eva Warnecke Family
Thurs	12/26	7:00 pm	For World Peace
Fri	12/27	7:55 am	Souls in Purgatory
Sat	12/28	5:00 pm	Bill Warnecke Sr. Family
Sun	12/29	7:30 am	Albert & Mabel Berelsman
		9:30 am	Elvera Wiegung

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	12/23	Saint John of Kanty, Priest	
		Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	Lk 1:57-66
Tues	12/24	2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12, 14a, 16	Lk 1:67-79
Wed	12/25	The Nativity of the Lord	
		Is 52:7-10	Heb 1:1-6
			Jn 1:1-18
Thu	12/26	Saint Stephen, The First Martyr	
		Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59	Mt 10:17-22
Fri	12/27	Saint John, Apostle, and Evangelist	
		1 Jn 1:1-4	Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sat	12/28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	
		1 Jn 1:5-2:2	Mt 2:13-18

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

New Year's Eve Mass: December 31 at 5 p.m.
New Year's Day Mass: January 1 at 9:30 a.m.

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.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Thurs. Dec 26 : Levi and Liam Van Bibber,
Savannah Gerdeman
 Fri. Dec 2: No School

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: December 28 & 29:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm James, Carly & Levi Schroeder
 7:30 am Jarron & Cayden Swick, Wyatt Gasser
 9:30 am Reese Hellman, Jeremy & Hudson Maag

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm James Schroeder, Becky Uphaus,
Karen Young, Jodi Von Sossan,
Nancy Wiechart
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Teresa Wurst, Madie Anspach,
Anita Aldrich, Sam Dubé, Eva Hill,
Julie Fischbach, Alex Horstman

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Andrea Recker

USHERS:

5:00 pm Kevin & Mandi Kahle
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Jerry & Jackie Siefker

Pray for the Sick of the Parish: Kathy Fischer



December 15, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 2,639.00
Loose	\$ 1,033.00
Maintenance	\$ 430.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 110.00
Christman Envelopes	\$ 775.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 92.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 10.00
Pew Rent	\$ 90.00

YTD as of December 15, 2024 = \$ 95,435.63

YTD **Under** budget = \$ -564.37

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES
Liturgical Ministers

Servers:

- 4:00 pm – Jake Anspach, Austin Askins,
Jase Metzger, Harper Leis
- 10:30 pm – Ian Howbert, Adam Hoersten,
Carson Uphaus
- 9:30 am – Garrett & Derek Hark, Evan Ellerbrock

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 4:00 pm - Ava, Braden & Michelle Knippen,
Addison Sarka, Jamie Saum,
Rhonda Liebrecht, Madie Anspach
- 10:30 pm - Dave, Kathy & Alyssa Luersman,
Sue Knippen, Carla Norbeck
- 9:30 am – Kelly, Tony, Chad Recker, Doug Sickels,
Diane Stennett, Kim McCracken,
Denise Sukup

Lectors:

- 4:00 pm – Students
- 10:30 pm – Dave Luersman
- 9:30 am – Denny Osting

Ushers:

- 4:00 pm – Troy Weber, Scott Gerdeman
- 10:30 pm – Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am – Volunteers Needed

RECENTLY BAPTIZED as new members of the Catholic Faith:

JOHN TOBIAS KNIPPEN, son of Mike and Jill Poepelman Knippen.

MACKENZIE LEIGH AMICK, daughter of Sean and Jamie (Allen) Amick.

ADELINE ANN BURGEI, daughter of Alex and Allison (Gariety) Burgei.

May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with John, Mackenzie, and Adeline. Best wishes from the Catholic Community in Fort Jennings.

Save The Date! 2025 Women's Welcome Retreat
Ottoville, Cloverdale, and Fort Jennings Women
March 29-30, 2025 At Ottoville Parish Center

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

The Ft. Jennings Showmen 4-H club will have the first meeting on Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 1:00pm at Ft. Haven. Sign up info will be handed out for new and returning members. If you have any questions, contact Amy Jo Schumaker at 419-302-7795.

*The Following Loved Ones are Remembered through our Annual Christmas Memorial Appeal
We are Grateful to the Donors for Making It Possible to Decorate our Church this Christmas Season*

Stephen Maag
Otto & Marie Wieging Family
Todd Bidlack
Dan Stemen
Marvelle & Melvin Niese
Mary & Cletus Schuerman
Walt Hoersten
Len Hoersten
Dave Gasser
Joe & Lucille Gasser
Ed & Catherine Hoersten
Arthur, Mary, Ed, & Tim Michel
Gerald & Leona Youngpeter
Richard & Dolly Friemoth
Earl Call
Jim & Janice Kleman
Richard & Irma Warnecke
Howbert & Wieging Families
Carol Hellman
Bob Hellman
Calvelage & Von Sossan Families
George Krietemeyer
Janice Tenwalde
Aeriel & Brandon Kohli
Gebhard Gasser
Ted Sealts
John Gerker
Helen Liebrecht
Jim, Rita, & Gary Knott
Pete Vetter
Donald Meyer
Bob & Ruth Kleman
Ben & Mary Sergeant
Art Gasser
Inkrott Family
Bradley Schnipke
Maria Pierce
Angela Pierce
Nathaniel Neal
Michael & Sharon (Bowersock) Mull Family
Virgil & Mary Agnes (Knueve) Recker Family
Cletus & Alice Maag
Terry Maag
Bob & Irma Vorst
Kaydence Knippen
Drew Knippen
Michelle 'Mikey' Metzger
Keith Hamel
Paul Krietemeyer

Albert & Mabel Berelsman
Beatrice Berelsman
Cappe & Loretta Leatherman
Nobert & Belva Berelsman
Elber & Barb Calvelage
Edwin & Gerry Grubenhoff
Charles, Mary Helen, & Jane Schweller
Henry & Lucille Luersman
Harry Howbert
Don Horstman
Richard Ricker Family
Eva Warnecke
Elmer & Felicia Dickman
Doyle Wittler
Paul & Bernadette Hasenkamp
Elmer & Lucille Wittler
Robert Lammers
Dan Schimmoeller
Grant Siefker
Ken Schroeder
Dick Youngpeter
Felix & Evelyn Ricker Family
Carl & Helen Schroeder Family
David & Glenna Hammond Family
Alan Schroeder
Melissa Nicole Trentman
Carl & Milly Metzger
Joe & Bertha Lindeman
Toby Fields
Edward & Gladys Fields
Joseph & Eskiel Baker
Norman & Alice Knippen
Thomas Buettner
Kimberly Buettner
Melvin & Thelma Grote
Donald & Coletta Schimmoeller
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Miehl
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Klaus
James & Margaret Schimmoeller
Wallenhorst & Erickson Families
Bill Warnecke Sr.
Tom, Mid, & Dan Stechschulte
Paul & Mary Lou Menke
Len & Leona Bruskotter
James Grothause
Allen 'Doc' Wittler
Lee & Rosie Wittler
Ray & Louella Maenle
Tom & Agnes Swick