



# 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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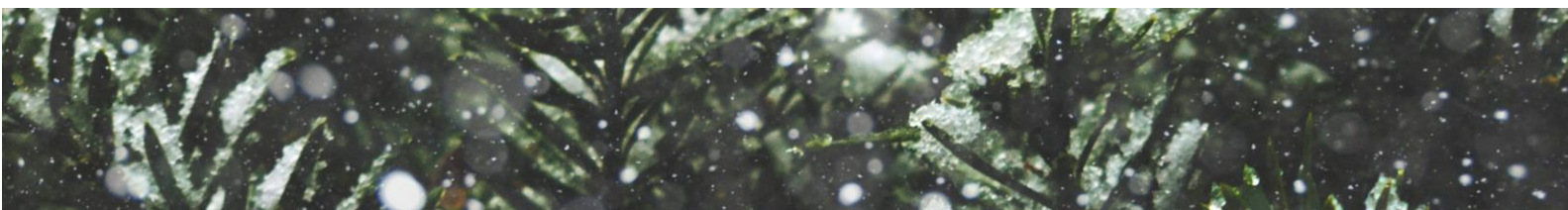
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Michelle Menke Zach Liebrecht



# Intentions for Mass

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.**

Sat, 12/27	5:00 pm	Albert & Mabel Berelsman, Jean Heitzman
Sun, 12/28	7:30 am 9:30 am	Terry Maag For Our Parish
Tues, 12/30	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Adoration/Confessions Hubert & Helen Kaverman
Wed, 12/31	5:00 pm	Norm Schimmoeller Ida & Lawrence Schimmoeller Family
Thu, 01/01	9:30 am	For Our St. Joseph Parishioners
Fri, 01/02	9:00 am	Father Robert Kill
Sat, 01/03	5:00 pm	Alan & Brian Schroeder
Sun, 01/04	7:30 am 9:30 am	For Our Parish Joe Gasser Family

## Scripture Readings

Monday	1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18
Thursday	Nm 6:22-27 Lk 2:16-21
Friday	1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28
Saturday	1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Dec. 31- Jan. 1

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm	Rose Ann Vetter, Karen Young, Evan Ellerbrock, Bailey Hile, Sue Knippen
9:30 am	Ava Knippen, Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman, Hudson Maag, Calvin Menke, Karen Maenle, Trish Moening

**LECTORS:**

5:00 pm	Agnes Krietemeyer
9:30 am	Doug Sickels

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm	Ralph Knippen, Kevin Leis
9:30 am	Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Jan. 3 & 4

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm	Amelia Orwick, Ryan Aldrich, Iris Tenwalde
7:30 am	Tenley & Addison Sarka, Austin Askins
9:30 am	Brody, Connor & Harper Leis

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm	Alyssa Luersman, Kathy Luersman, Dave Luersman, Connor Hoersten, Christina Hoersten
7:30 am	Volunteers Needed
9:30 am	Marilyn Metzger, Jamie Saum, Chad Recker, Tony Recker, Addison Sarka, Doug Sickels

**LECTORS:**

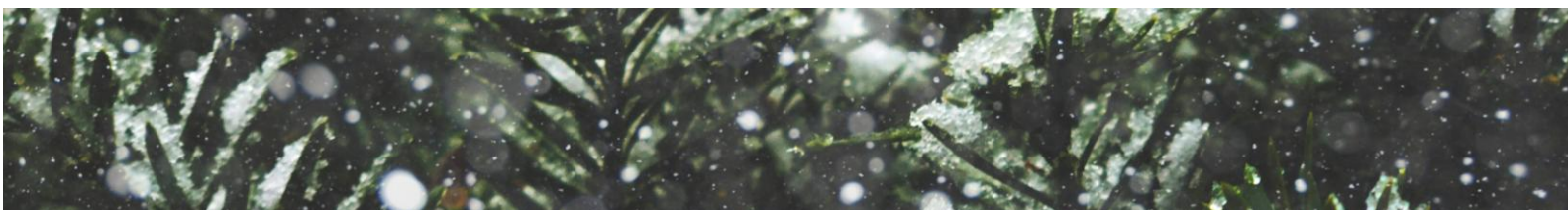
5:00 pm	Dave Luersman
7:30 am	Volunteer Needed
9:30 am	Denise Sukup

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm	Jerry Vetter, Adam Luersman
7:30 am	Volunteer Needed
9:30 am	Brain Hoersten, Micelle Hoersten

## WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, 12/30: (7pm)	Alivia Wrasman, Emma Hedrick
Wed, 12/31: (5pm)	Jordyn Buettner, Weston Swick, Katie Anspach
Thurs, 1/01: (9:30am)	Mason Kohls, Savannah & Abby Gerdeman
Fri, 1/02 FIRST FRIDAY (9am)	Jacob Meyer, Levi & Liam Van Bibber



**Parish reminders:**

**Normal Bulletin submission deadline:**  
**Monday at 10:00 am**

**Please pick up your envelopes and calendars in the back of church!**

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:**  
**Hayden Anthony Klaus** son of Jason and Kaitlyn (Schwieterman) Klaus. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the faith with Hayden. Congratulations from the Fort Jennings Community.

**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. Thank you! Steve and Carol Hoersten & Family

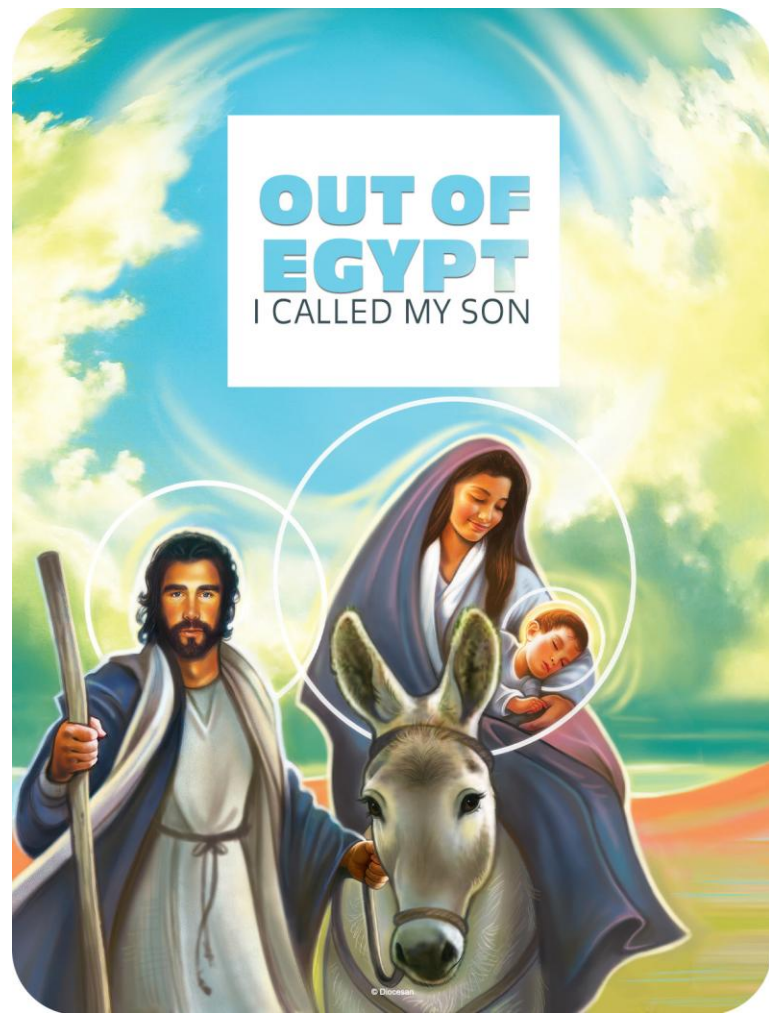


**The 23rd Msgr. Jerome E. Schmit Youth Foundation** Dinner on Thurs. Feb. 19, featuring Tim Berta, survivor of the 2007 Bluffton University baseball bus crash and author of *Fielder's Choice: Honoring Fallen Teammates from Bluffton University* - will be held at the Pinnacle in Maumee. Tickets are \$60 and may be ordered on the Catholic Club website, [www.CatholicClub.org](http://www.CatholicClub.org).

**The 4th grade religion class will be hosting** our annual fundraiser to help support local organizations in need. Each student will be selling little Mother Mary figurines for \$2 pc. This fundraiser will end Jan 12. Thank you in advance for your support. For information on who's selling, please text or call Erica at 419-979-9892.

**FJ Women's Club and JMA is hosting Handbag Hoedown**, with designer purses and fine jewelry on Friday, Feb 6, at Delphos Eagles. Cost is \$30 a ticket. Contact Stacy Warnecke or Katie Gerdeman for tickets. Tickets are also available at Reflections Family Hair.

**Need a last-minute gift? 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.



**Thank you all for the blessings,** kindness, effortless planning and delicious luncheon in honor of Betty Calvelage. Fr. Ron, thank you for the beautiful homily in her memory. Deacon Larry, thank you for the parish wake service. Also, a very special thank you to Norma Maag & Karen Heitmeyer for planning & Shirley Hamond for the Mass programs. God Bless you All.  
 – The family of Elizabeth L. Calvelage.

**Due to the bulletin deadline** being earlier than the collection counting, there is **no Offertory Financial report** this week. You will find the information in the Jan. 4 bulletin.

**If you would like to take advantage of tax deduction for your 2025 taxes, please make your donation before Dec. 31.**

If you have not already picked up your gift from Fr. Ron, there are books titled, *"The Forgotten Way,"* by Matthew Kelly in the back of church. Please kindly take one per family. Father will be doing an in-person study over this book in the upcoming months. Dates and times TBD.

## Bible Christmas Trivia:

1. What was the name of the prophetess who approached Mary and Joseph in the temple and thanked God for the baby Jesus?
2. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the Wise Men saw the Star in the....?
  - a. North b. East c. West
3. In the Gospel of Luke, what is the city of David called?
4. How many times is the actual term “swaddling clothes” mentioned in the bible?
5. Which angel appeared to Zacharias?
6. In the Gospel of Matthew, who was Jesus’ earthly grandfather?
7. Which item was NOT one of the gifts from the Wise Men?
  - a. Gold b. Myrrh c. Silver

Answers can be found on page 7 of the bulletin.

## Student of the Week

Aiden Spence was nominated by his religious Ed teacher Ms. Stacy Warnecke as the student of the week. “Aiden is a quiet and respectful young man. He arrives to class everyday ready to work. He listens, pays attentions, is respectful to others, and is the first person to ask for help if he needs it.”



**Aiden Spence**

Aiden is in the third grade at Ft. Jennings Elementary and loves attending religion class. His kindness is evident, as he starts each day. “Every morning, he walks his little brother to his classroom and gives him a hug. He is a great big brother,” mentioned Rhonda Liebrecht.

### Aiden’s Most recent God Sighting:

“I know God is there because I hadn’t seen a loved-one in awhile, and I thought a lot about that person. Randomly, after thinking about them, I ran into that loved one.”

Aiden loves to attend Mass with his family on the weekends, and he also loves the closeness of praying with his family before every meal. He is also very excited for his upcoming first reconciliation!

**Favorite food:** Burgers

**Favorite color:** red

**Favorite activity:** playing with my siblings

**Favorite prayer:** St. Michael

**Favorite part of religion class:** EVERYTHING

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

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

Doc's Dance Hall  
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Delphos, Ohio 45833

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*In Loving Memory*



Norman & Alice Knippen  
Dan Kleman  
Connie Ricker  
Norm & Helen Wiechart  
Daniel Schimmoeller  
Grant Siefker  
Eva Warnecke  
Roger & Melissa Trentman  
Erickson & Wallenhorst Families  
Alan & Brian Schroeder  
Ferd Lucke Family  
Edmund Schimmoeller Family  
Walt Hoersten  
Dane Gasser  
Len Hoersten  
Joe & Lucille Gasser  
Ed & Catherine Hoersten  
Dan Stemen  
Jim & Janice Kleman  
Earl Call  
Herman & Vickie Luersman  
Dick & Irma Warnecke  
Mallory & Nathan Gasser  
Cletus, Alice & Terry Maag  
Robert & Irma Vorst  
John Gerker  
Dan & Eileen Calvelage  
Ken Schroeder  
Dick Youngpeter  
Carl & Helen Schroeder Family  
Felix & Evelyn Ricker Family  
Melvin & Thelma Grote  
Don Meyer  
Ken Von Sossan  
Art Gasser  
Bob & Ruth Kleman  
Ben & Mary Sergeant

Aeriel Brandon Kohli  
Hoersten & Knippen Families  
Tom (Bulldog) Bullinger  
Amelia & Richard Bullinger  
Norma & Day Meyer  
Mike & Jenny Smith Family  
Todd Bidlack  
John Gerker  
Harry & Helen Liebrecht  
Art, Mary, Ed, Tim and Matt  
Michel  
Ray & Louella Maenle  
Tom & Agnes Swick  
Virgil & Mary Gerdeman  
Charles & Sue Verhoff  
Bridget Burgei  
Fr. Tony Borgia  
Bob & Wilma Humpert  
Albert & Mabel Berelsman  
Bill & Grace Morris  
Ashley Berelsman  
Elmer & Barb Calvelage  
Drew Knippen  
Kaydence Knippen  
David & Glenna Hammond  
Wieging/Maag Families  
Donald & Coletta Schimmoeller  
Ted Sealts  
Gebhard Gasser

Kimberly Buettner  
Thomas Buettner  
Ron Schweller  
Dan Becker  
Paul Krietemeyer  
Mike & Tracey Schuerman  
Kathy Schuerman  
Gerald & Leona Youngpeter  
Richard & Dolly Friemoth  
Frank & Leona Metzger  
Alfred & Jean Miller  
Mona Kay Aldrich  
Lee & Rosie Witler  
Allen (Doc) Witler  
James Grothouse  
Harry Howbert  
Loretta & Cappy Leatherman  
Norbert & Belva Berelsman  
Rose Heck  
Leslie Moening  
Nick Knebel  
Beatrice Berelsman  
Richard & Norene Ricker  
Family  
Dale & Marilyn Ricker Family  
Don Horstman  
Steven Maag  
Bill Warnecke Sr.  
Carol & Bob Hellman



*We are truly grateful to the donors for making it  
possible to decorate our church this Christmas  
Season.*





Our second graders participated in the Dragon Slayer's sacramental retreat at SPPS in Ottawa. The retreat is a fun and engaging way to learn about Reconciliation and most Holy Eucharist. It powerfully impacts parents in leading their families in faith and helps them rediscover the power of Reconciliation and the most Holy Eucharist along-side their child. Our second graders are truly excited to experience their sacraments in the up-coming months.



## Reflections of a country Priest

Dear friends in Christ,

Merry Fourth Day of Christmas! I pray that you and your families have had a wonderful Christmas celebration so far. Remember, it is not just one day, it is the Twelve Days of Christmas, which means we still have eight more official days of Christmas joy yet to celebrate.

This weekend, the Church invites us to turn our attention to the Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. At first glance, we might be tempted to think, "Well, of course they were holy, look who they were." But when we listen closely to the Gospel, we discover something very comforting and very real. The Holy Family knew uncertainty, disruption, and the need to trust God one day at a time.



In the Gospel, Joseph is warned in a dream to take Mary and Jesus and flee to Egypt. There is no long explanation, no detailed plan, just trust, obedience, and love. The Holy Family teaches us that holiness is not about having a perfect home or a problem free life. Holiness is found in faithfulness, showing up for one another, listening to God, and doing the next right thing, even when the road ahead is not clear.

One simple way we might live out this Gospel in our own families this coming week is by choosing one intentional moment each day to be fully present with one another, a shared meal, a short prayer, or a conversation without distractions. Small acts of love, done consistently, are where God often does His greatest work.

Looking ahead, this coming week we will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Masses will be held Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to come out to celebrate this beautiful feast and to place the new year ahead under the loving care of our Blessed Mother.

I pray that you and your families continue to stay healthy and blessed. I would also like to sincerely thank you for the very generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts, so many unexpected surprises. Please know how truly grateful I am for your kindness and support.

Thanks again, and may God bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Ron

"Don't forget you are a Saint in the making!"

## 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.

