



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





Intentions

Sat	02	5:00 pm	Elwood & Rita Broecker	Sun
	03	7:30 am	Harry Howbert	
		9:30 am	Rita Knott	
			Tony & Kelly Recker	
			40 th Wedding Anniversary	
Mon	04	6:30 pm	Precious Blood Novena	
		7:00 pm	Precious Blood Mass	
Tues	05	7:00 pm	Herman & Vickie Luersman	
Wed	06	7:00 pm	Cleo & Cis Brockman	
Thurs	07	7:00 pm	Milton & Joanne Nichols	
Fri	08	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students	
		7:00 pm	Immaculate Conception	
Sat	09	5:00 pm	Ostendorf Family	
Sun	10	7:30 am	Martha & Julius Neidert	
		9:30 am	Bob Geise	

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	12/04	Saint John Damascene, Priest	
		Is 2:1-5	Mt 8:5-11
Tues	12/05	Is 11:1-10	Lk 10:21-24
Wed	12/06	Saint Nicholas, Bishop	
		Is 25:6-10a	Mt 15:29-37
Thu	12/07	Saint Ambrose, Bishop	
		Is 26:1-6	Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri	12/08	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		Gn 3:9-15, 20	Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
			Lk 1:26-38
Sat	12/09	Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	
		Is 30:18-21, 23-26	Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tuesday, Dec. 5 – Levi Schroeder & Carder Osting
 Wed, Dec. 6 – Adeline Dube & Jase Metzger
 Thursday, Dec. 7 – Austin Askins & Amelia Orwick
 Friday, Dec. 8 – Lacey Meyer & Iris Tenwalde

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: December 9 & 10:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Hudson & Jeremy Maag, Reese Hellman
 7:30 am Evan Ellerbrock, Wyatt & Bryce Gasser
 9:30 am Brody & Connor Leis, Lucas Knippen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Dave, Kathy & Adam Luersman, Rose Ann Vetter, Carla Norbeck
 9:30 am Jamie Saum, Tony & Chad Recker, Doug Sickels, Rhonda Liebrecht, Diane Stennett, Kim McCracken

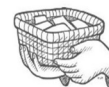
LECTORS:

5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Phil Wurst

USHERS:

5:00 pm Jerry & Jackie Siefker
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht

Please, pray for the sick of the parish-Chloe Wieging, Annette Landwehr, Boston & Layla Korte.



November 19 & 26 Collections Combined

Envelopes	\$	3,624.00
Loose	\$	1,673.00
Maintenance	\$	940.00
Nov. EFT Offertory	\$	3,840.00
Nov. EFT Maintenance	\$	1,015.00
Human Development	\$	60.00
Pew Rent	\$	99.00
Cemetery	\$	120.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	525.00

YTD as of November 26, 2023 = **\$ 88,558.22**

YTD **Under** budget = **\$ 558.22**

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 CLASSES

Contact the Parish Office

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.

Calling all Freshmen! Reminder that this Sunday, December 3, all Freshmen, and youth group are called to Ken and Karan Maenle's barn for cleanup from 4-6. We are usually done early so there is plenty of time to get ready for the Christmas concert at school. There will be pizza and drinks provided. Bring a broom and dress for the weather. Let us prepare a place for our Lord in the Maenle barn and our hearts this Advent season.

Elvera Wiegung and her family would like to thank everyone for sending the lovely cards for her birthday. Reading all your heartfelt birthday wishes made her feel so blessed with love. She received nearly 200 cards! A special thank you to the individuals who took the time to visit during her open house on Saturday. She truly has been blessed by God and this community for 100 years! You all are the best!!!

Fort Jennings Elementary will hold Kindergarten Registration for the 2024/25 school year on school days from December 4-21, 2023. To register your child, please come to the Elementary Office between 8:00am and 2:30pm. Parents are asked to bring their child's birth certificate, social security number, immunization records and any custodial agreements at the time of registration. Children must be five years of age on or before September 30, 2024, to be eligible for kindergarten. Please feel free to call the Elementary Office at 419-286-2762x3100 if you have any questions.

COME AND SEE – DAMASCUS WORSHIP ADVENT MISSION on December 3rd at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Ottawa. A powerful time of prayer, reflection & worship with the Damascus Worship Team. Let's prepare our hearts for Jesus!

OTTAWA--Riley Creek United Methodist Church invites the community to its 52nd annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 3, at 7 p.m. The historic rural church at the bend of Riley Creek will be decorated for the season for the event. The program will give everyone the opportunity to sing traditional carols together, as well as listen to readings from Scripture about Jesus' birth, special performances by the Pandora United Methodist Church Choir, Ottawa Saints Peter and Paul Choir and a candle-lighting ceremony. Since 1972, this special service in a little church built by pioneers has provided an uplifting way to get into the Christmas spirit.

The church is located southeast of Ottawa and northwest of Pandora at the intersection of Putnam County Roads M and 7-L (7102 County Road M, Ottawa OH 45875), across from Putnam National Lima & Stone Co. Weekly Sunday morning worship is at 11:15 AM. Marcella Ciccotelli is pastor.

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish has started a Bereavement Group that is open to anyone that is suffering from the loss of a loved one. They will meet Thursday, December 14 from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. (Use the gym entrance)

Feeling depressed during the Christmas season? Struggling with the loss of a loved one? Dealing with marital problems? Experiencing gender identity issues? If you or someone you love might benefit from counseling, confidential professional Catholic counseling, rooted in our Catholic faith, is now available at Findlay St. Michael Parish. To inquire, please contact the main parish office @ 419-422-2646 and ask to be transferred to the Catholic Counseling services.

Save the Date!! The Marriage Encounter Mass, Dinner, Dance will be held at Glandorf Saint John the Baptist Parish on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024. Mass at 3:00. Dinner and dance to follow.

****CLC MEMBERS**** Let's celebrate our **CHRISTMAS** cheer together! Our FJ/KALIDA CLC Christmas Party will be held at **Dick's Steak House, Kalida, on Wednesday, Dec. 13**. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Please **RSVP** to SHELLEY HOERSTEN by Friday December 8th. Please text Shelley at 419-302-5420 (be sure to leave your name) or you can leave a message on the answering machine at 419-286-2383.

Save the Date: Christmas Cantata by St. John's Choir on December 10, 2023, at 2:00 pm in St. John's the Baptist Church in Glandorf, OH. The Christmas Cantata is telling the Christmas story from the vantage point that God's ways are not typically our ways. May you welcome Bethlehem's Child into your heart this Advent and Christmas season!

On Monday, December 11 at 7:00 pm at Delphos St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Delphos Ministerial Association will present an evening of music and reflections to prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth. Soloists and groups from various churches are involved as well as young people from Jefferson and St. John high schools. Come and prepare your heart for Christmas!

JOIN FR. CHARLES

on a 2024 Spiritual Pilgrimage

In the Footsteps of St. Paul to Greece & Greek Isle 3 days Cruise. Thessaloniki, Philippi, Delphi, Athens, Corith, Ephesus, & more!

\$4,899 per person, from Fort Wayne Airport July 19-29, 2024 (11 days). Organizing Company: 206 Tours.

For Additional Details & to Book Now Visit:

www.206tours.com/frobinwa

Telephone 1-800-206-8687

Email: Sales@206tours.com

This is a reminder for junior high and high school students and parents to make sure you purchase you and your students tickets for this event. Students are expected to go to this in place of religion classes on Dec. 13, it is preferred that you go with a parent. All students should get tickets for \$5.



STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
307 NORTH LOCUST STREET
OTTAWA, OH 45875



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ONE DAY - TWO TALKS \$25
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PURIFIED
A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT FOR FAMILIES (AGES 13+)

GENDER & THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY (AGES 13+)

WEDNESDAY
December 13, 2023
6:00 - 7:30 PM

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The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours. This chastity presentation is for teens, parents and adults.

What's the meaning of sex, gender, and the human body? The truth of masculinity and femininity are being questioned like never before. Discover how your body as a man or woman reveals your identity and calling.

Break 7:30-7:45 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration 8:30-9:00 PM

Tickets: chastity.com/purified
Info: yyafm@stnicholasholyfamily.org

