



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	12/07	5:00 pm	Martha & Julius Neidert
Sun	12/08	7:30 am	Harry Howbert
		9:30 am	Gerald & Leona Youngpeter
Mon	12/09	7:55 am	Immaculate Conception
		7:00 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Tues	12/10	7:00 pm	Dan Recker
Wed	12/11	7:00 pm	Annie Saum
Thurs	12/12	7:00 pm	Tim Michel
Fri	12/13	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	12/09	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		Gn 3:9-15, 20	Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Tues	12/10	Our Lady of Loreto	
		Is 40:1-11	Mt 18:12-14
Wed	12/11	Saint Damasus I, Pope	
		Is 40:25-31	Mt 11:28-30
Thu	12/12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	
		Zec 2:14-17	Lk 1:26-38
Fri	12/13	Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	
		Is 48:17-19	Mt 11:16-19
Sat	12/14	Saint John of the Cross, Priest	
		Sir 48:1-4, 9-11	Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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

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.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

- Mon. Dec 9: 7:55 am Carder Osting, Addalynn Maenle, Savannah Gerdeman
- Tues. Dec 10: Austin Askins, Levi & Liam Van Bibber
- Wed. Dec 11: Claire Mistisshen, Jacob Anspach, Lillian Schroeder
- Thurs. Dec 12: Jase Metzger, Lacey Meyer, Brooklyn Tumlinson
- Fri. Dec 13: Nash Miller, Loryn Gasser, Evelyn Neidert

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: December 14 & 15

SERVERS:

- 5:00 pm Waylon & Tessa Meyer, Zach Wagoner
- 7:30 am Caleb Von Sossan, Sam & Nolan Dubé
- 9:30 am Sophia Osting, Chase & Joci German

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 pm Becky Uphaus, James Schroeder, Jodi Von Sossan, Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Sam Dubé, Eva Hill, Julie Fischbach, Alex Horstman, Sarah Horstman, Ava & Braden Knippen

LECTORS:

- 5:00 pm Jen Neidert
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Karan Maenle

USHERS:

- 5:00 pm Jerry & Jackie Siefker
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker

Pray for the Sick of the Parish: Kathy Fischer



December 1, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 2,075.00
Loose	\$ 1,044.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,200.00
Nov. Offertory EFT	\$ 4,305.00
Nov. Maintenance EFT	\$ 1,120.00
Christmas Flowers	\$.00

YTD as of December 1, 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.

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

Join us for the 46th Delphos Community Christmas Worship Service presented by the Delphos Ministerial Association on Monday, December 9th at 7 pm at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Scripture readings and songs will guide our thoughts and prayers. Jefferson and St. John's high school choirs as well as local church choirs and soloists will be participating. Prepare your hearts for Christmas this Advent season!

Christmas Music Presentation: The Adult Choir will be singing their Christmas Eve prelude music before the 9:30 Mass on December 15, 2024. We will start our music at approximately 8:55 am. For those who do not come to the 10:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass, this will be an opportunity to hear the music. Come and listen and celebrate this beautiful Christmas season with the Choir.

THANK YOU to the Fort Jennings High School Student Council Members. The Student Council donated \$350 to the St. Joseph Food Pantry from funds they raised during their annual Corn Stall!

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.

The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance.

Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish, and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth.

The last 3-year audit was conducted in September 2024 and all audited Articles within the Charter were found to be compliant. The next on-site audit will be conducted in 2027.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thursday December 12 at Lima Central Catholic. Mass will begin at 5:45PM followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Fr. Simon Herrmann, OSB. Fr. Simon is a native of Findlay, Ohio, and professed vows as a Benedictine monk in 2016. He is currently the Director of Youth and Young Adult Engagement at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana. He will be speaking on his own vocation path and young adult ministry. Persons who have an interest in this topic or the mission of the Serra Club are welcome to attend as guests. If interested in attending, please respond to Kathy at 419-303-0339 no later than Tuesday, Dec. 10.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY on December 10th at 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish, meat provided. \$10 gift exchange optional. Legion members and Sons are invited to eat with the Auxiliary.

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

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.