

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
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St. Joseph's Lenten SCHEDULE

18TH FEBRUARY	ASH WEDNESDAY 7:55 AM SCHOOL MASS 7:00 PM PARISH MASS
21ST FEBRUARY	SATURDAY 3:30-4:30 PM CONFESSIONS
22ND FEBRUARY	SUNDAY 1:30-3:00 ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 2:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
11TH MARCH	WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
2ND APRIL	THURSDAY 7:00 PM HOLY THURSDAY MASS
3RD APRIL	FRIDAY 12:30 STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH DEACON LARRY 1:00 PM PASSION
4TH APRIL	SATURDAY 8:00 PM EASTER VIGIL
5TH APRIL	SUNDAY 7:30 AM EASTER MASS 9:30 AM EASTER MASS

Church Directory

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 Mr. Alan Calvelage.....419-303-0560
Prayer Line
 Mrs. Laurie Maag.....419-234-6518
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 Mr. Tony Recker419-286-5100
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 Mrs. Sue Knippen.....419-236-9564
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 Mr. Adam Anspach, Chair.....419-771-1747
 Mrs. Mandi Kahle, Vice Chair
 Mrs. Allison Gerdeman, Secretary Mrs. Jenny Smith
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 Mr. Chad Recker, President..... 419-231-1428
 Mr. Adam Krietemeyer, Vice President
 Mrs. Lynn Anspach, Secretary
 Mrs. Jenn Gasser Mr. Scott Gerdeman
 Mrs. Laura Tenwalde Mr. Todd Warnecke
 Mrs. Michelle Menke Mr. Zach Liebrecht

Normal Mass Times

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

BAPTISMS will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Ron or Deacon Larry. 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. 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. Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage. Find Marriage Prep Classes at ToledoMarriagePrep.org.

FAITH ENRICHMENT Classes for the elementary students from August – May. Classes for the Junior High and High School students run September – March.

Scripture Readings

Monday	Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9 Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9-14 Lk 5:27-32

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.

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.

Intentions for Mass

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

Sat, 02/14	5:00 pm	Norm Schimmoeller
Sun, 02/15	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	Ed Hoersten Family
Tue, 02/17	7:00 pm	Marguerite & Urban Wieging
Wed, 02/18	7:00 pm	Jerry Brockman
Thu, 02/19	7:00 pm	Click & Ghnela Schimmoeller
Fri, 02/20	7:55 am	For our Parish
Sat, 02/21	5:00 pm	JoAnn Hohlbein
Sun, 02/22	7:30 am	Bob Heitmeyer
	9:30 am	Alan & Brian Schroeder

Liturgical Ministers: Feb 21 & Feb 22

Servers:

5:00 pm	Chase & Joci German, Jase Metzger
7:30 am	Caleb Von Sossan, Cal & Stella Menke
9:30 am	Madie, Josie & Jacob Anspach

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm	Evan Ellerbrock, Bailey Hile, Sue Knippen, Carla Norbeck, Rose Ann Vetter
7:30 am	Volunteers needed
9:30 am	Calvin Menke, Marilyn Metzger, Karen Maenle, Katie Neidert, Jamie Saum Chad Recker

Ash Wed

7:00pm	Layla Schroeder, Rose Ann Vetter, Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young
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Lectors:

5:00 pm	Lisa Kaverman
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Andrea Recker
7:00 pm	Ash Wed Agnes Krietemeyer

Ushers:

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

Weekday Servers:

Tue, 2/17	Alivia Wrasman, Quinn Askins, Tanner Warnecke-Schroeder	Thu, 2/19	Cece Schroeder, Savannah & Abby Gerdeman
Wed, 2/18	Ash Wed. 7:00 am Weston Swick, Jordyn Buettner, Katie Anspach	Fri, 2/20	Emma Hedrick, Nash Miller, Jacob Myers

Attention Grades 6-8: Join us for our annual gathering of Junior High students from all over the county on Feb. 22. Mass is at 10:30am at St. Nicholas, Miller City. Please start the day off with us there with your family. Lunch and check-ins will follow in the Parish Center across from the church directly after Mass. This short retreat will be filled with activities, small presentations on our faith, and some fun. There is an outline of the day on the registration form. Scan the QR code to access the form.



All Fort Junior High and High School Religious Ed students are invited to the 7:55 am Mass on Ash Wed. so you can attend the girls tournament game that evening.

Engaged Couples Conference will be held Sat, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. until Mass at 4:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's. Cost of the day is \$50.00 per couple. Any couples interested, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263. Payment can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office or can be made the morning of the conference.

St. Joseph's church would like to thank the Fort Jennings's Student Council for their \$300.00 donation to the food pantry. Every dollar makes a difference!

If you are finished with your *Forgotten Way* book and you will no longer be using it, Please consider donating it back to the Parish. We will be offering them to our Jr. High and High School students as a way to engage more fully on the Lenten Season. The students will be ask to begin reading on Ash Wednesday. There will be a small table in the Narthex.

Schedule your church Directory photos today:

Pictures will be April 14-18 & April 21-25.

Scan the QR code to book your time!

Enter Code: oh2930

Password: photos2



ASH WED MASS
7:55 AM & 7:00 PM



This week's Roadmap:

Tues, Feb. 17 - 6:00pm Adoration & Confession

Wed, Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday

7:55 AM School Mass

7:00 pm Parish Mass

Wed, Feb. 19 - 6:00pm Adoration & Confession

Thurs, Feb. 20 - 6:00pm Adoration & Confession

Sun, Feb. 15 - FJFD breakfast 8:00 am. Cost \$5.

Sun, Feb. 15 - Lions Club BBQ Dinner. Cost is \$15.

Wed, Feb 21 - 3:30-4:30 Confessions

Sun, Feb 22 - 1:30-3:00 Adoration & Confession

2:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Bulletin Submission deadline:
Monday 10:00 am

Local News & Events:

SHE Shall be called Woman spring session, Wed, Feb 18 at 6:30pm & Sat, Feb. 21, at 8:00am Ottoville Parish Center.

Legion Lenten Fish dinner is on Ash Wednesday, Feb 18 from 4:00-6:00 pm Menu includes 3 pieces of fish, baked potato, coleslaw, & roll. Cost is \$12, carry-out only. Reserve your meal by Feb. 15 by calling 419-286-2100.

Legion Chicken Fry will be Sat. Feb. 21 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Carry-out 4:00-6:00 pm All you can eat chicken, noodles, salad, potato salad, baked beans, & roll. Cost is \$14. Carry-outs available for \$12.00

Legion Auxiliary is hosting a "Paint and Sip" on Thurs, Feb. 26, from 7:00-10:00pm. You will have a choice of four items to paint. Cost is \$40. Stop by the Canteen or contact Cheryl Schnipke (419) 302-1642 to sign up.

Legion Auxiliary is hosting a Casino Bus trip on Sun, March 22, at Firekeepers Casino. Departure will be at 8:00 am from the Legion and return at approximately 6:00 pm. Cost is \$45 per person Each person will receive \$20 in slot play, and additional \$5 toward food/drink. To reserve text or call Tricia Halker 419-615-9588.

Ft. Jennings Showmen 4-H club Steak Dinner is Sun, March 15 from 4:00 - 6:00pm at the FJ American Legion, carry-out only. The meal includes: swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, noodles, dinner roll, and dessert. Cost is \$12.00. Members are currently selling tickets, please contact a member or Amy Jo Schumaker at 419-302-7795.

Healing for a Caregivers Heart, a retreat designed to bring hope and healing will be held on Sat, Feb. 21, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Lunch will be included. Location: St. Joseph Parish Ministry Center Workshop, 204 W. Wayne St. Maumee, OH 43537. Please register using the QR code.



Jennings Local School District has a high school building secretary position opening for the 2026-2027 school year. Expected start date and training period is negotiable. Deadline to apply is February 27, 2026. Application procedure and job description available at: <https://www.jenningslocal.org/home/employment>

**In Loving Memory Add:
Cost is \$75 (for the year)**

Please consider placing your loved one's name on the back of our bulletin.

2026 Women's Welcome Retreat

What's missing in your life? Join us **March 28-29** for the **Women's Welcome Retreat!** Discover how a deeper relationship with Jesus can renew your spirit and provide the energy you've been seeking. Come experience a weekend of meaningful friendships and faith-filled discovery with a newfound purpose.



Register today to save your spot! Free for all women. For more info, and/or to sign up contact Kari Norbeck (567-204-5399) or Linda Knippen (419-236-6298) or use the QR code (right) to register.



Want to donate to the **Women's Welcome Retreat?** Any monetary donations can be put in the envelopes provided and placed in the donation box in the church narthex. Online donation is available using the QR code (left). Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated!



March for Life in DC 2026 - This year we had 3 girls attend the March for Life in Washington DC! It was a wonderful trip and the weather was amazing! We attended Mass, prayed together, adventured around DC together, and of course, let our government know that the sanctity of life should be protected in our country's legislation.

FIREMAN'S BREAKFAST

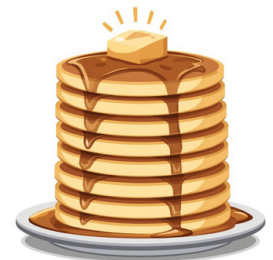


Feb. 15
8:00 am - SOLD OUT
Carry-Out ONLY

Ft. Jennings
American Legion

Cost: \$5

Includes:
pancakes,
sausage, eggs
& cinnamon roll



Offertory February 2026

Envelopes	\$2,426.00
Loose	\$1,125.00
Maintenance	\$545.00
Home Missions	\$100.00
YTD Total:	\$138,866.71
YTD over Budget:	\$14,866.71

THANK YOU for your continued support.

Sign up Electronic Funds Transfer to have your contribution's deducted directly from your bank account. Forms are on our parish website or contact the parish office.

LIONS CLUB BBQ DINNER

Feb. 15
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Drive Thru/Carry-Out

St. Joseph's Church

Cost: \$15

Includes: pulled pork, smoked sausage, baked beans, mac & cheese and roll (Proceeds go to St. Joseph's Food Pantry!)





Reflections of a country Priest

Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the past few weeks, we have reflected on the great gift of the Eucharist: who Jesus truly is in the Eucharist, what happens when we come to Mass, and how Christ remains with us in the tabernacle. This week, we come to the heart of it all and ask an important question: How does the Eucharist change the way we live?

The Mass does not end when we walk out the church doors. In fact, it is just the beginning. At the end of Mass, we are told, “Go forth, the Mass is ended.” Those words are not a dismissal, but a sending. We are sent to live what we have received.

When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we are united more closely to Him. The Church teaches that the Eucharist strengthens us to love as Christ loves and to carry His presence into our daily lives. What we receive at the altar is meant to shape how we speak, how we forgive, how we serve, and how we care for one another.

This is especially true in the ordinary moments of life. The Eucharist gives us patience when we are tired, courage when doing the right thing is difficult, and compassion when others are hurting. It helps us carry Christ into our homes, our workplaces, our schools, and our community.

The Eucharist also draws us together as a parish family. When we receive the Lord, we are united not only to Christ, but to one another. This unity calls us to treat each other with charity, understanding, and respect, even when it is not easy.

During this time of catechesis and discernment, my hope is that our love for the Eucharist continues to grow and bear fruit. The more we center our lives on Jesus present in the Eucharist, the more our

parish will reflect His love to the world around us.

I invite you now to reflect on the following questions, either on your own or with your family:

Week Four Reflection Questions

- How does receiving Jesus in the Eucharist influence the way you live your daily life?
- In what ways is the Lord inviting you to carry His presence to others this week?
- How can our parish more clearly reflect Eucharistic love through our words and actions?
- What is one concrete way you can live out what you receive at Mass?

Parish Discernment Prayer

Heavenly Father, You have given us Your Son, truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist, as the source and summit of our life together. Send forth Your Holy Spirit upon our parish as we pray, reflect, and discern. Purify our intentions, calm our hearts, and unite us in love for Jesus present among us.

Grant us wisdom to understand Your Church’s teaching, humility to listen to one another, and patience to move at the pace of grace. May everything we do honor Your Son, strengthen our unity, and lead us always closer to You.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ron

P.S.

Check out the front of the bulletin each week for all of our parish’s, Lenten activities

“Don’t forget—you are a Saint in the Making!”