



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

**Go out into the world and twist Scriptures
so that no one is offended.**





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	2/15	5:00 pm	Bill Warnecke Sr. & Family
Sun	2/16	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Gary & Doris Bockrath
Mon	2/17		
Tues	2/18	7:00 pm	Dennis Gasser
Wed	2/19	7:00 pm	Jack Berelsman
Thurs	2/20	7:00 pm	Albert & Mabel Berelsman
Fri	2/21	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
Sat	2/22	5:00 pm	Dan Recker
Sun	2/23	7:30 am	Bob Heitmeyer
		9:30 am	Alphonse & Angela Schroeder Len Hermiller

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	2/17	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	
		Gn 4:1-15, 25	Mk 8:11-13
Tues	2/18	Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10	Mk 8:14-21
Wed	2/19	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22	Mk 8:22-26
Thu	2/20	Gn 9 :1-13	Mk 8:27-33
Fri	2/21	Saint Peter Damian, Bishop	
		Gn 11:1-9	Mk 8:34-9:1
Sat	2/22	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle	
		1 Pt 5:1-4	Mt 16:13-19

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues, Feb 18: Amelia Orwick, Aiden Hoersten, Adeline Dubé
 Wed. Feb 19: Adelyn Moening, Mason Kohls, Cece Schroeder
 Thurs. Feb 20: Iris Tenwalde, Carder Osting, Austin Askins
 Fri. Feb 21: Levi & Liam Van Bibber, Addalynn Maenle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: February 22 & 23:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Braden & Ava Knippen, Carson Uphaus
 7:30 am James, Carly & Levi Schroeder
 9:30 am Jarron & Cayden Swick

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Rose Ann Vetter, Jodi Von Sossan, Carla Norbeck, Bailey Hile, Evan Ellerbrock
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman, Hudson Maag, Calvin Menke, Marilyn Metzger, Karan Maenle, Trish Moening

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Jen Neidert
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Andrea Recker

USHERS:

5:00 pm Rick Maag, Dan Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Please pray for the sick of the parish:

Contact the Parish Office to be added to the bulletin.

40 Days Novena

Begins on Sunday, March 2nd

Do Precious Blood Chaplet at home on Sunday, March 2nd **No Mass that evening**

Mass EVERY Monday

beginning on Monday, March 3rd

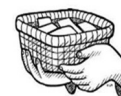
6:30 p.m. Precious Blood Chaplet

7:00 p.m. Precious Blood Mass

Ends on Thursday, April 10th

Chaplet at 6:30 p.m.

Mass at 7:00 p.m.



February 9, 2025

Envelopes	\$	1,461.00
Loose	\$	857.51
Maintenance	\$	115.00
Initial Offering	\$	3.00

YTD as of February 9, 2025 = \$ 129,538.54

YTD Over budget = \$ 5,538.54

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

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.

FISH DINNER at Ft. Jennings American Legion on Ash Wednesday, March 5th from 4 to 6 p.m. Menu is 3 pieces of fish, baked potato, coleslaw & roll for \$12. To reserve dinners call: 419-286-2100 by Sunday, March 2nd. Carry-out only (use drive thru carry-out).

Sons of the Legion **LENTEN FISH FRY** will begin on Friday, March 7. \$12 dine in or carry-out. 4:30 – 6:30.

The Ft. Jennings Showmen 4-H club is selling their annual Steak Supper tickets. The steak supper is Sunday, March 16, 2025, from 4-6 pm, carry-out only, at the FJ Legion. The meal served is: Swiss steak, noodles, green beans, mashed potatoes, and gravy; meals are \$12.00. You can contact any 4-H member or Amy Jo Schumaker 419-302-7795 for tickets.

**Ft. Jennings American Legion Post #715
CHICKEN FRY**

Saturday, February 22– Dine in 6 to 10 p.m. All you can eat chicken, noodles, tossed salad, potato salad, baked beans and roll for \$12! Drinks are extra. Carry-out from 4:30-6:00 p.m. includes 4 pieces of chicken, 2 sides, and a roll for \$10.

You are invited to attend the Women's Welcome Retreat on March 29 & 30 and have an incredible experience that will help you make sense of life, help you develop friendships, and fill you with a newfound energy and purpose. A stronger relationship between Jesus and you give a positive effect, on not only you, but your family as well.

Free for all Women. If you would like to attend, you can register by 3/10/25 using the QR code below or by contacting: Sara Beining (419-230-5823), Chelsea Ebert (caebert13@gmail.com), or Julie Eickholt (419-615-5753).



Online Giving Option for
Women's Welcome
Retreat

The Women's Welcome Retreat will be held at the Ottoville Parish Center on March 29 & 30. Any monetary donations can be put in the envelopes provided and placed in the donation box in the church narthex. There is also an option of using the QR code attached to the envelope (or below). Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated!



2025 Welcome Registration

Ottoville K of C Council 2238 **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**, all you can eat pancakes, served w/sausage, scrambled eggs, cinnamon roll & refreshments at the Ottoville Parish Center on Sunday, March 2nd from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free will donation. Proceeds go to refurbishing the Church Steeple Crosses.

SAVE THE DATE! Students for Life are hosting their first Dinner for Life at the American Legion Hall in Ottawa on Saturday, March 29. Doors open at 5 pm, with dinner and program at 6 pm. Cost is \$15 per meal. Josh Williams, a state representative from the Toledo area will be one of the speakers. People of all ages are invited. Come support Students for Life. Call Chase Maag for tickets at 567-376-5382.

SOUP & SANDWICK SUPPER at St. John, Landeck on Sunday, March 9 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. in the church basement. Homemade chicken noodle, chili, German cabbage, and potato soup along with Venedocia Sausage or shredded chicken sandwiches. Ice cream & cookies for dessert. Dine in or carry out. Free will offering. Venedocia 2 lb. packages available for purchase

Engaged Couples Conference ~ St. Anthony's Engaged Couples Conference will be held Saturday, March 1st, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with donuts & coffee. The cost of the day is \$40.00 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.

ORDINARY LIVES EXTRAORDINARY MISSION

WITH AUTHOR & SPEAKER JOHN R. WOOD



19 MARCH 2025

7:00PM



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH:

135 N WATER STREET, FORT JENNINGS, OHIO 45844



TOPIC

THE VIRTUES OF ST. JOSEPH: HOW TO HAVE A LIFE CHANGING LENT

"I believe John is one of the great emerging Catholic voices of our time. John Wood has a passion that is contagious... make an effort to go and hear him speak!"
Matthew Kelly | The Dynamic Catholic Institute