



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

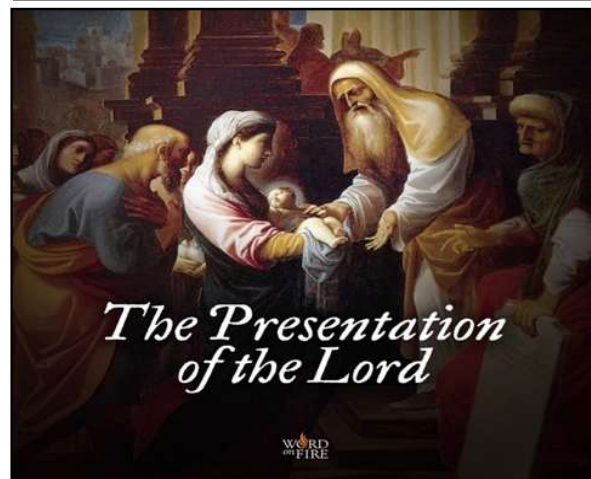
Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

Maintenance & Hall Manager

Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-236-9564



WORD
OF FIRE



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 2/01 5:00 pm Sylvester & Angela Hellman
 Sun 2/02 7:30 am Souls in Purgatory
 9:30 am Carl Metzger

Mon 2/03
 Tues 2/04 7:00 pm Jackie Trenkamp
 Wed 2/05 7:00 pm For the Sick of the Parish
 Thurs 2/06 7:00 pm Terry Maag
 Fri 2/07 7:55 am **FIRST FRIDAY**

**** ADORATION after Mass with Closing at Noon ****

Sat 2/08 5:00 pm Dick German
 Sun 2/09 7:30 am John Gerker
 9:30 am Len & Leona Bruskotter

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon 2/03 Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
 Saint Ansgar, Bishop
 Heb 11:32-40 Mk 5:1-20
 Tues 2/04 Heb 12:1-4 Mk 5:21-43
 Wed 2/05 Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
 Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Mk 6:1-6
 Thu 2/06 Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
 Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Mk 6:7-13
 Fri 2/07 Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-29
 Sat 2/08 Saint Jerome Emiliani
 Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
 Heb 13 :15-17, 20-21 Mk 6 :30-34

**INVITATION TO ADORATION
 FIRST FRIDAY**

February 7, 2025

8:30 A.M. – Closing at Noon

***Come and spend a half hour or more with
 Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament***

**Please, we must assure that someone is
 always present, especially 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

SACRISTAN NEEDED for all three weekend Masses (Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.) **every third weekend of the month.**

If interested in being a sacristan, please call Mary Luersman at 419-286-2306. Thank you!

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues, Feb 4: Amelia Orwick, Aiden Hoersten, Mason Kohls
 Wed. Feb 5: Adeline Dubé, Adelyn Moening,
 Cece Schroeder
 Thurs. Feb 6: Addalynn Maenle, Savannah Gerdeman,
 Austin Askins
 Fri. Feb 7: Carder Osting, Jacob Anspach, Lillian Schroeder

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: February 8 & 9:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Tessa & Waylon Meyer,
 Christopher Moening
 7:30 am Zach Wagoner, Caleb Von Sossan,
 Ian Howbert
 9:30 am Sophia Osting, Madie & Josie Anspach

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

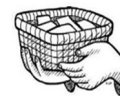
5:00 pm Karen Young, Amy Eickholt,
 Connor & Christina Hoersten
 Evan Ellerbrock,
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Rhonda Liebrecht, Tenley Sarka,
 Diane Stennett, Kim McCracken,
 Denise Sukup, Teresa Wurst, Sam Dubé

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Brandt Menke

USHERS:

5:00 pm Ralph Knippen & Rick Horstman
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman,
 Adam Luersman



January 26, 2025

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| Envelopes | \$ 2,865.00 |
| Loose | \$ 1,058.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 1,045.00 |
| Initial Offering | \$ 6.00 |
| Latin America | \$ 29.00 |

YTD as of January 26, 2025 = **\$ 120,053.17**

YTD Over budget = \$ 4,053.17

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.

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.

Fort Jennings Women's Club and JMA Handbag Hoedown. - February 7, 2025 @ Delphos Eagles \$30 a ticket- get a reserved seat with ticket, 20 games- first game at 7:00pm. For tickets contact Stacy Warnecke 419-302-7870 or Missy Wieging 419-296-9049 or any women's club member.

ANDREW DINNER – This dinner is for all young men high school age interested in the priestly vocation. Dinner is at the Ottawa KofC, Feb. 23rd, 4-6 p.m. For more info or to register, go to ToledoPriesthood.org.

The latest issue of *Graceful Living* is out! Parishes receive a small number by mail, and 40,000 copies are direct mailed to Catholics across NW Ohio. The magazine highlights the incredible people and places in our Diocese, like native son of the Diocese of Toledo, Bishop Dennis Walsh. We also highlight Ingrid Cooper of Toledo, Sean Beeson of Crawford County, and much more!

Anyone can sign up to receive future issues to their home by emailing glmagazine@toledodiocese.org with your full name and address. You can see the digital version at: toledodiocese.org/GracefulLiving

LOS ANGELES WILDFIRE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND. Our prayers go out to all who perished, their families, and untold numbers of people who lost their homes and businesses and are suffering from the devastation wrought by wildfires ravaging Los Angeles, California.

Your generous contributions can help provide essential food, shelter, and financial assistance during this critical time to aid displaced families and individuals. You have two options.

You can donate directly to Catholic Charities of Los Angeles' 2025 Wildfires Disaster Relief Fund.

Please click DONATE NOW. From the dropdown menu under Designation, select Disaster Relief Fund—WILDFIRES 2025. Or checks can be made out to Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc., with a notation designating 2025 Wildfires, and mailed to: Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc., Development and Communications, 1531 James M. Wood Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90015.

As in past disasters, Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to Catholic Charities agencies in impacted areas for this disaster relief effort. You may donate on our secure website: www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org, noting 2025 Wildfires as your donation designation. Checks made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, with a notation designating 2025 Wildfires, can be mailed to: Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604.



Infertility can be an isolating experience, impacting our marriage and other relationships, and testing our faith. If this is your experience, you're not alone! We invite you to join with others walking this path in a small group for women. We will be guided by materials from Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry, and our group will be a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility and loss through prayer, sharing, and reclaiming our identities as beloved daughters of God.

We will be hosting an introductory "Come and See" meeting on **Thursday, Feb. 6th at 7:30 pm** in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. Subsequent meetings will then be held on the first Thursday of each month. All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are welcome!

For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752/ lauratenwalde@gmail.com or Wendy Schimmoeller at (419)236-0522/ itwendy@gmail.com. It is our honor to walk with you!

2025 MEN'S WELCOME RETREAT

We invite men in the parish and all surrounding parishes to come join us for the 2025 Men's Welcome retreat, to be held at Glandorf St. John's parish center. **February 8-9**, from 8:00 am Saturday morning – 3 pm Sunday. Set aside this weekend to grow deeper in your faith and become a happier, more fulfilled person. This retreat is great for adult men 18+. It is an incredible, life-changing experience that will help you discover what you're missing from your life and what to do about it. For more info, and/or to sign up please contact:

Travis Tenwalde (419) 236-0324, Adam Schnipke (419) 303-9759, Darren Schimmoeller (419) 302-1745, or use QR code to register.



Putnam County Right to Life is hosting a Rally for Life on Sunday, February 2, from 2 to 4 pm, in St. John's Parish Center cafeteria in Glandorf.

Our guest speaker is Peter Range from Center for Christian Virtue. We will also have some Students for Life to update us on their activities.

We invite all ages to join us for pro-life inspiration.

Save the Date. We are having our annual Right to Life Garage & Bake Sale in April at the Ottawa K of C Hall. Drop off of gently used items and bake goods. April 6 & 7 with sale days April 8 & 9. More details soon.

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thursday February 13 at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45PM followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Matthew Etkorn, VP of Mission for Mercy Health-Lima speaking on "Vocation in Health Care". 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, Feb 11.

28th Annual Putnam County Hospice Benefit - Run for the Roses February 15, 2025

Ottawa K of C - Doors Open at 5 p.m. Dinner Served at 6 p.m. Tickets: \$50 per person. Call 419-523-4449 to purchase tickets. Horse Racing, Live Auction, Raffles, and More!! Prizes will be awarded for the best Kentucky Derby attire. If you or your business are interested in donating. Please call 419-532-4449 for more information.