

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

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

Church Directory

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 Mrs. Laurie Maag.....419-234-6518
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 Mr. Tony Recker419-286-5100
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 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	Lv 19:1-2,11-18 Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C:12,14-16 Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:24-28 Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

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, 02/21	5:00 pm	JoAnn Hohlbein
Sun, 02/22	7:30 am	Bob Heitmeyer
	9:30 am	Alan & Brian Schroeder
Tue, 02/24	7:00 pm	Tim Hohlbein
Wed, 02/25		NO MASS
Thu, 02/26		NO MASS
Fri, 02/27	7:55 am	Rev Stanley S Szybka
Sat, 02/28	5:00 pm	Bill Warnecke Sr. Family
Sun, 03/01	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	For Those in Our Parish Who Struggle With Pain & Illness

Liturgical Ministers: Feb 28 & Mar 1

Servers:

5:00 pm	Evelyn Neidert, Ava Knippen, Lillian Schroeder
7:30 am	James, Carly & Levi Schroeder
9:30 am	Sam, Nolan & Adeline Dube'

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm	Alyssa Luersman, Dave & Kathy Luersman Becky Uphaus, Layla Schroeder
7:30 am	Volunteers needed
9:30 am	Tony Recker, Kelly Recker, Addison Sarka James Schroeder, Diane Stennett, Kim McCracken

Lectors:

5:00 pm	Dave Luersman
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Doug Sickels

Ushers:

5:00 pm	Alex Horstman, Kevin Leis
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht

Weekday Servers:

Tue, 2/24	Mason Kohls, Levi & Liam Van Bibber	Thu, 2/26	NO MASS
Wed, 2/25	NO MASS	Fri, 2/27	Olivia Amstutz, Bishop Bruskotter, Ava Maag

Baptized as a new member of the Catholic Church:

Trace Michael Hoersten son of Jared and Emily (Kehres) Hoersten. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the faith with Trace. Congratulations from the Fort Jennings Community.

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.

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



A big thank-you to the Fort Jennings Women's Club for their generous donation to the Food Pantry. We appreciate your help. Your kind action makes our community a better place.

There is one cabin left on the European River Cruise with Father Ron, on April 22-30 to secure your cabin, call Margaret McDaniel today for more information 419-290-8782.

Cancer Prayer Service at the Shrine is offering the St. Peregrine Relic for prayer and veneration. Three times per year a prayer service is held for those who are on a journey with cancer, whether it be as a patient or as a caregiver. The next service will be held on Sun, March 15, at 2:00pm in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. All who have been affected by cancer are encouraged to attend. For those battling cancer, you can submit your name or a loved one's name for prayer. Please contact Caleb Gaier at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or call 419-925-4532. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. John's Rd. in Maria Stein.

MAN SHALL NOT

*live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.*



A look ahead:

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

2:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Wed, Feb. 25 - NO MASS

Thurs, Feb. 26 - NO MASS

Sat, Feb. 28 - 3:30-4:30pm Confessions

Sun, Mar. 1 - 1:30-3:00 Adoration & Confessions

2:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Wed, Mar. 11 - 7:00 PM Parish Penance Service

Please Check Facebook for Mass Cancellations and updates!

Bulletin Submission deadline:
Monday 10:00 am

2026 Woman's Welcome Retreat will be held March 28-29. Discover how a deeper relationship with Jesus can renew your spirit. Register today to save your spot. This retreat is free for all women. For More info, contact Kari Norbeck 567-204-5399 or Linda Knippen 419-236-6298 or use the QR code to register.

Monetary donations are also being accepted if you would like to donate.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Parish Narthex book stand, has been updated for the season of lent. Some of the current titles are : *Did Jesus really rise from the dead?*, *The case for Jesus*, *Robert Barron's book on Prayer*, and Lenten reflection books. The suggested donation is \$3.

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.

FJHS Blood Drive will be held - Thurs, March 12 from 11:00am to 5:00pm at Fort Jennings High School Gym. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: FORTJENNINGSOH Or you can call Becky Uphaus at FJHS 419-286-2238. Walk-ins are always welcome. Thank you for your support.

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.

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>



How do I get involved WITH MY CHURCH FOR LENT

Building an active faith community is a beautiful part of living out our Catholic faith. The Catholic Church teaches that we are not meant to journey alone—we grow closer to Christ by walking together. Lets talk about some of the ways you can do your part for our Parish during this Lenten Season.

1. Start with Sunday Mass

Attending Mass regularly is the heart of parish life. Even just showing up consistently helps you become familiar with the community and allows your faith to grow.

- 2. After getting back into the routine of attending Mass, the next step is to become more involved.**

Take time to notice the many roles that make the liturgy possible—such as lectors, ushers, choir members, and others—and prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to serve.

- 3. Go to a Retreat. Give more to your faith.**

- 4. Each of us has been given gifts of time, talent, and treasure that can strengthen our parish community and deepen our own spiritual growth. Consider how your unique skills, background, or professional experience might serve your parish.**

Whether it's financial expertise, organizational ability, teaching, music, or hospitality, your talents can meet real needs and make a meaningful impact.

Offertory February 2026

Envelopes	\$2,101.00
Loose	\$1,241
Maintenance	\$230.00
Church in Eastern Europe	\$40.00
YTD Total:	\$142,208.71
YTD over Budget:	\$14,208.71

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.

Youth Safety Is Our Top Priority

To report any sexual abuse of a minor by Diocesan personnel (priest, deacon, consecrated religious brother/sister, or lay person), immediate contact should be made with local civil authorities, and with the Diocese of Toledo's Victim Assistance Coordinator who can be reached at 419-244-6711, ext. 4880 in the Toledo calling area, or 1-419-214-4880. To report any sexual abuse of a minor by a bishop, or a bishop's interference in an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, immediate contact should be made with local civil authorities and by going to ReportBishopAbuse.org or calling (800) 276-1562.

*Pray More
Worry Less!*



Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the past four weeks, we have taken time together to reflect on the great gift of the Eucharist—who Jesus truly is, what happens when we come to Mass, how He remains with us in the tabernacle, and how we are sent to live what we receive.

I would like to thank you for walking through this time of catechesis and prayer so faithfully. Even in small and quiet ways, I have already begun to see fruit. In my own prayer, I have been learning again to draw my attention first to Jesus present in the tabernacle when I enter the church. I am still learning this myself. I have also noticed some parishioners doing the same—turning their gaze first toward the Lord who is truly present among us.

Much of this fruit is quiet and hidden, and that is often how God works. While few words may have been spoken outwardly, the deeper work of grace is frequently happening within the heart. So where do we go from here?

The next step is not simply to learn more, but to pray more deeply and to spend time with the Lord who waits for us. During the Sundays of Lent, I invite you to join me each week from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for a simple Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration. This will be a peaceful time of silence before Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the entire Holy Hour.

Following adoration, we will pray the Stations of the Cross from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Lent invites us to pray, fast, and have conversations of the heart. These holy hours are meant to give us space to pray, to listen, and to allow the Lord to gently purify anything within us that might keep us from seeing clearly. In this way, confession can help free us from hidden biases so that our discernment may be guided more fully by the Holy Spirit.

After the Lenten season, as we enter into the joy of Easter, we will begin a quiet period of listening and discernment as a parish. Having first learned and prayed together, we will then take time to listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit, asking how Jesus is inviting us to grow in reverence, unity, and love for His Eucharistic presence among us.

My deepest hope for our parish is simple: that we continue to keep Jesus in the Eucharist at the center of everything we do, and that all we undertake flows from prayer, peace, and trust in the Lord who remains with us.

Thank you for walking this journey of faith together.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ron

“Don’t forget, You are a Saint in the Making!”

During these next two week, due to Father’s planned, extended, hospital stays, please check Facebook for any Weekday Mass cancellations or changes. (Please see below for surrounding parish Mass times.)

Ottoville: the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tues (of the month): 7:00 pm, Wed & Thurs 8:10am,
Delphos: Mon-Fri 8:00am & Wed 12:15pm, **Kalida:** Thurs 7:30pm, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:00am