



# 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

"Quarrels end,  
but words once  
spoken never die"

-African Proverb



**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.**

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|-------|------|---------|--|
| Sat   | 2/22 | 5:00 pm | Dan Recker                                   |
| Sun   | 2/23 | 7:30 am | Bob Heitmeyer                                |
|       |      | 9:30 am | Alphonse & Angela Schroeder<br>Len Hermiller |
| Mon   | 2/24 |         |  |
| Tues  | 2/25 | 7:00 pm | For the Sick of Our Parish                   |
| Wed   | 2/26 | 7:00 pm | Terry Maag                                   |
| Thurs | 2/27 | 7:00 pm | For the Grieving                             |
| Fri   | 2/28 | 7:55 am | Religious Ed Students                        |
| Sat   | 3/01 | 5:00 pm | Bob Geise                                    |
| Sun   | 3/02 | 7:30 am | Harry Howbert                                |
|       |      | 9:30 am | Wid & Irene Stechschulte                     |

**START 40 DAYS NOVENA**  
(NO MASS, do Novena at home)

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

|      |      |                             |              |
|------|------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Mon  | 2/24 | Sir 1:1-10                  | Mk 9:14-29   |
| Tues | 2/25 | Sir 2:1-11                  | Mk 9:30-37   |
| Wed  | 2/26 | Sir 4:11-19                 | Mk 9:38-40   |
| Thu  | 2/27 | St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot |              |
|      |      | Sir 5:1-8                   | Mk 9:41-50   |
| Fri  | 2/28 | Sir 6:5-17                  | Mk 10 :1-12  |
| Sat  | 3/01 | Sir 17 :1-15                | Mk 10 :13-16 |

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

Tues, Feb 25: Savannah Gerdeman, Claire Mistisshen,  
Jacob Anspach  
 Wed. Feb 26: Lillian Schroeder, Jase Metzger, Lacey Meyer  
 Thurs. Feb 27: Nash Miller, Kinsley Farling, Maile Poole  
 Fri. Feb 28: Brooklyn Tumlinson, Loryn Gasser,  
Evelyn Neidert

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: March 1 & 2:**

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm Andrew & Ryan Kahle, Reese Hellman  
 7:30 am Garrett & Derek Hark, Wyatt Gasser  
 9:30 am Hudson & Jeremy Maag, Evan Ellerbrock

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm Karen Young, Nancy Wiechart,  
Connor & Christina Hoersten,  
Becky Uphaus  
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed  
 9:30 am Jamie Saum, Tony, Kelly & Chad Recker,  
Addison & Tenley Sarka, Doug Sickels

**LECTORS:**

5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer  
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed  
 9:30 am Doug Sickels

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm Jerry & Jackie Siefker  
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed  
 9:30 am Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Mass EVERY Monday**

beginning on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

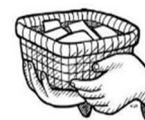
**6:30 p.m. Precious Blood Chaplet**

**7:00 p.m. Precious Blood Mass**

**Ends on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Chaplet at 6:30 p.m.**

**Mass at 7:00 p.m.**



**February 16, 2025**

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| Envelopes   | \$ | 1,707.00 |
| Loose       | \$ | 890.00   |
| Maintenance | \$ | 220.00   |

YTD as of February 16, 2025 = **\$ 1352,135.54**

**YTD Over budget = \$ 4,135.54**

**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](mailto: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.

**BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Church, BRIAR NICOLE WIEDEMAN**, daughter of Tyler and Elaina (Maag) Wiedeman. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Briar. Best Wishes from the Catholic Community of Fort Jennings.

**THANK YOU to Fr. Charles, our friends, neighbors, and community members** who visited, sent cards, said prayers, and thought of us at such a difficult time. Your thoughtfulness means more than you will ever know.

- The family of Sandy (Ostendorf) Klinger

**INVITATION TO ADORATION  
FIRST FRIDAY**

**March 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.**

FJ High School National Honor Society will be having a community wide **Blood Drive on Thursday, Feb. 27th** from noon until 6 pm in the auxiliary gym at the high school. Walk-ins are welcome or make an appointment online or call Heather Harmon at the high school 419-286-2238 ext. 2507.

**Fr. Charles recommended reading for Lent is “My Daily Bread” by Fr. Anthony J. Paone, S.J.** This can be purchased on Amazon. Please, get a copy now. Some of you may already own this book as it was used as the suggested Lenten reading a few years ago.

**Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry**, is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss. We offer a place of respite and solidarity- a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility.

**Our next meeting will be held Thursday, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement.**

All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are invited to join us.

\*You do not need to have attended any previous meetings to join in- new faces are welcome at any time!\* For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752 or Wendy Schimmoeller at (419)236-0522. It is our honor to walk with you!

**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. Monetary donations** can be put in the envelopes provided and placed in the donation box in the church narthex. Or use the QR code attached to the envelope (or here). Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated!



2025 Welcome Registration

**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.*

**FISH DINNER** at Ft. Jennings American Legion on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free will donation. Proceeds go to refurbishing the Church Steeple Crosses.

**All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Chicken Fry** sponsored by the St. Barbara/Cloverdale Holy Name Society. *Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>* in the Parish Center (4:00 p.m. until we run out). Adults-\$12, Kids (12 & under)-\$5. Carry-outs available. Altar-Rosary Bake Sale. In case of inclement weather, it will be held the following Sunday.

**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 & SANDWICH 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

**A PILGRIM'S WAY 3-Day Lenten Mission** featuring Luke Spehar is being held at Leipsic, St Mary Parish. March 31 – April 2 at 7 p.m. each evening. Admission is free and it is family friendly/parish wide. More information at [www.lukespehar.com](http://www.lukespehar.com). All are welcome.

**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**

**EXTRAORDINARY  
MISSION**  
HOPE - HEAL - FRE