



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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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





Intentions

Sat 24 5:00 pm Paul Krietemeyer
 25 7:30 am Bob Heitmeyer
 9:30 am Jim & Margaret Schimmoeller

Mon 26 **40 Days Prayer**
6:30 pm Precious Blood Chaplet
7:00 pm Precious Blood Mass

Tues 27 **6:30 pm Stations of the Cross**
 7:00 pm Len, Pat & Rick Recker

Wed 28 7:00 pm **PENANCE SERVICE**

Thurs 29 7:00 pm For Our Country

Fri 01 7:55 am **FIRST FRIDAY**

Exposition after Mass with Closing at Noon

Sat 02 5:00 pm Arthur Ricker Family

Sun 03 7:30 am Souls in Purgatory

9:30 am Carol Hellman

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon 2/26 Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38

Tues 2/27 Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot
 Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12

Wed 2/28 Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28

Thu 2/29 Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31

Fri 3/01 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat 3/02 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

FIRST FRIDAY MASS, BENEDICTION, & EXPOSITION

The Church recommends that on the first Friday of the month we as Catholics, go to Confession, attend Mass and receive the Eucharist worthily. First Friday Mass is for the Sacred Heart of Jesus that bleeds each time we sin. On first Friday we pray for the healing of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our own sins, and the sins of the world. First Friday Mass is at 8 a.m. followed by Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with closing at Noon.

40 Days Novena

We will Congregate every Monday,
 6:30 p.m. for Precious Blood Chaplet
 7:00 p.m. Precious Blood Mass

Ending on Thursday, March 21st

6:30 p.m. Precious Blood Chaplet
 7:00 p.m. Precious Blood Mass

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues., Feb. 27 – Jase Metzger & Levi Schroeder
 Tues - Be at Church at 6:20 Stations of the Cross
 Wed., Feb. 28 – NO SERVERS
 Thurs., Feb. 29 – Amelia Orwick & Harper Leis
 Fri., Mar. 1 – Jacob Anspach & Iris Tenwalde

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: **March 2 & 3:**

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Abby & Leah Kahle, Christopher Moening
 7:30 am Tessa & Waylon Meyer, Sophia Osting
 9:30 am Brody & Connor Leis, Ryan Aldrich

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Jodi Von Sossan, Nancy Wiechart,
 Karen Young, Amy Eickholt, Sue Knippen
 9:30 am Marilyn Metzger, Karan Maenle,
 Trish Moening, Jamie Saum,
 Kelly & Tony Recker

LECTORS:

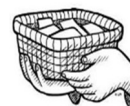
5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Shirley Hammond

USHERS:

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

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Call the parish office to add a person to the bulletin.



February 18, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 2,079.00
Loose	\$ 685.00
Maintenance	\$ 140.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 401.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 45.00
Easter Europe Missions	\$ 30.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 50.00

YTD as of February 18, 2024 = \$ 133,879.19

YTD Over budget = \$ 1,879.19

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 CLASSES

Contact the Parish Office

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 Faith

NOAH DANIEL SAUM, son of Craig & Tiffany (Barber) Saum. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Noah. Best wishes from the Catholic Community of Fort Jennings.

We want to thank all of our Parishioners who joined together in pledging their gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not made your commitment, today would be a convenient opportunity to do so. Pledge cards, envelopes, and pencils are available in pews. Once completed, kindly place your pledge card in the offertory. Every gift is so significant. Thank you for your generosity.

The Fort Jennings High School National Honor Society is hosting a BLOOD DRIVE on Thursday, Feb. 29th from 12pm - 6pm in the auxiliary gym at the high school. Appointments can be scheduled online or by calling Heather Harmon at 419-286-2238 ext. 2507.

10 WARNING SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S presentation on Tuesday, February 27th, 6 - 7 p.m. at the Meadows of Delphos. What to watch for in yourself and others will be covered. Registration is required. To register, please call 419-419-5858 or email matorsell@alz.org.

LUNCH & LEARN at the Meadows of Delphos on Thursday, February 29th 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Join us at The Meadows of Delphos for a free lunch, as well as education around: Why socialization is important for seniors and how adult day and respite services decrease caregiver burnout. Please RSVP to Samantha Kerner at 419-979-2472.

JR. HIGH GATHERING is on March 3, 2024, in Kalida this year and is open to grades 6-8. Since this is the year of Eucharistic Revival, our theme will be focusing in on the Mass and the Eucharist. This is a great way to start your Jr. High student on his or her path to Confirmation. Registration forms are at the back of the church on the table under the holy water fonts. Please get them turned in this weekend so that we can get food ordered (KFC-style chicken bowls). You can either mail them to Kalida or get them to Rhonda Liebrecht or Julie Fischbach.

Sons of the Legion All you can eat FISH FRY will be held every Friday during Lent from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. \$10 for dine in or carry out at the Fort Jennings American Legion.

Ft. Jennings Showmen 4-H club Steak Supper is March 17th, 4-6pm, carry-outs only @ the FJ Legion. If you need tickets, contact Amy Jo Schumaker 419-302-7795. Limited tickets at the door.

Fertility Awareness - Marriage is forever. Learn how to keep it that way and grow in your relationship at the same time by checking out natural family planning! A class series is starting Thursday evening, March 7th. For more information contact Jeff & Bridget Bockey, delphosnfp@gmail.com or 419-233-1600 or go to www.ccli.org to register!

We had three families utilize the food pantry recently. We are in need of more canned/boxed foods. We have plenty of paper and hygiene items. THANK YOU for your continued support of this mission.

Leipsic St. Mary Lenten Mission with Dominick Albano. March 4, 5, & 6 at 7 p.m. each night. The theme is **FINDING HAPPINESS, GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR HAPPY LIFE.** All are welcome.

ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancakes, served w/Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Cinnamon Roll & Refreshments on Sunday, March 3rd from 8 – 12 at the Ottoville Parish Center. Hosted by Ottoville K of C Council 2238. Free Will Donation, all donations are greatly appreciated. Proceeds will be directed to the parish center roof repair project. Please come in and enjoy breakfast with your family and friends.

CLEAN COMEDY SHOW – Andy Beningo Comedy on Saturday, March 2nd at 9:00 a.m. at the Shannon Theatre in Bluffton. Tickets are \$10. For more information call 937-243-4484. Andy Beningo hailed for his clean and “every man” style. He has been named one of the 40 best up and coming comedians in the country as well as “Best Comedian” by Detroit Metro Times and Detroit Hour Magazine.

Quick and Nutritious Healthy Food for One or Two – Presenter Mona Lisa Hoffman, OSU Extension Office. March 27, at 10:00 a.m. at Putnam County Educational Service Center, Classroom 2, 124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa. Seating is limited. Call the Putnam County Council on Aging at 419-523-4121 to register by March 20.

HELP SAVE LIVES by praying to end abortion in the Diocese of Toledo. The 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign begins in Toledo, February 14 – March 24. Can you commit just one hour per week? Captains are needed to fill each hour of a day at the Toledo Abortion Center. To learn more about volunteering for the Toledo 40 Days for Life campaign, email Kevin Jorrey at kjorrey@toledodiocese.org

Join MCCR for our **NIGHT OF HEALING** at St John, 510 Jackson Ave, Defiance, OH 43512. Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 7:00-8:30 pm. **WORSHIP | WITNESS | WORD | HEALING | ADORATION | RECONCILIATION.**

Putnam County Right to Life will be holding our annual **Garage and Bake Sale** at the Ottawa K of C Hall, 10759 Road H, Ottawa. in April. On Monday, April 8 donated gently used items and baked goods can be dropped off from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Sale days are Tuesday, April 9 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and Wednesday, April 10 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Help us support all life.

St. Rita’s Spiritual Health is seeking Eucharistic Ministers of the Holy Communion interested in distributing communion to our patients. If you feel called to this incredibly special ministry, please contact our Spiritual Health Department at 419-226-9481 for more information. We look forward to hearing from you

The Diocese of Toledo is looking to recruit individuals who are certified in **American Sign Language** for occasional interpretation for diocesan events, weddings, funerals, and/or graduations. ASL interpreters are compensated for their mileage and time (including travel time). Please contact Accessibility Ministries Specialist, Lynn Priest at lpriest@toledodiocese.org or 419.214.4886, if you are interested or would like more information.

EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH in Music and Art at First Lutheran Church, 7 West Main St., Leipsic. Wednesdays from 6 – 8 p.m.

- Feb. 28 Featured Musician – Paul & Joyce Gruetter
Featured Artist – Cheryl Hagemeyer
- Mar. 6 Featured Musician – Pastor Julie Parsell
Featured Artist – Andrw Paavola & Gabrielle Wooley
- Mar. 13 Featured Musician – Jack Myers
Featured Artist – Anita Bidlack Rieman
- Mar. 20 Featured Musicians –
The Rainbow Dulcimers
Featured Artist – The Bubby Arts Club

Bruce Stowe, Mike Sarka, Gary Krouse, Heather Vennekotter, along with other artists displaying their art each week.

