



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





Intentions

Sat	04	5:00 pm	In Repentance for our Sins
Sun	05	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Pat Geckle
Mon	06		
Tues	07	7:00 pm	Special Intention
Wed	08	7:00 pm	Father Tony Borgia
Thurs	09	7:00 pm	Father Joseph Przybysz
Fri	10	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
Sat	11	5:00 pm	Elwood & Rita Broecker
Sun	12	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	John Gerker

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	02/06	St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	
		Gen 1:1-19	Mk 6:53-56
Tues	02/07	Gn 1:20-2:4a	Mk 7:1-13
Wed	02/08	St. Jerome Emiliani	
		St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	
		Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17	Mk 7:14-23
Thu	02/09	Gn 2:18-25	Mk 7:24-30
Fri	02/10	St. Scholastica, Virgin	
		Gn 3:1-8	Mk 7:31-37
Sat	02/11	Our Lady of Lourdes	
		Gn 3:9-24	Mk 8:1-10
		World Day of the Sick	

Confirmation student's parents, sponsor, Godparents, grandparents, siblings or anyone else that would like to write your Confirmation student words of encouragement through this special sacrament, please **put it in an envelope with the students name on the outside.** There will be a yellow box in the back of church for you to drop it in or you can slide it under Rhonda's office door, mail it to St. Joseph Church PO Box 25 Ft. Jennings, OH 45844. These must be turned in by March 5th. These can be a handwritten letter, a card or anything encouraging.

There will be **NO High School RELIGION class Wednesday evening, February 15,** due to girls' basketball tournament game. Good luck girls!

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues, Feb 7 – 7 pm Abby & Leah Kahle
 Wed, Feb 8 – 7 pm Josie Anspach & Kaylee Zimmerman
 Thurs, Feb 9 – 7 pm Lucas Knippen & Connor Leis
 Fri, Feb 10 – 7:55 am Alyza Pothast & Cayden Swick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: February 11 & 12 SERVERS:

5:00 pm Adysen Grothouse, Tessa Meyer,
Madalynn Anspach
 7:30 am Wyatt & Bryce Gasser, Danielle Weyrauch
 9:30 am Carley Von Sossan, Alysann Myers,
Madelynn Myers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Kathy & Dave Luersman, Becky Uphaus,
Rose Ann Vetter, Jodi Von Sossan
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Denise Sukup, Lisa Wisner, Teresa Wurst,
Gilbert Burgei, Anita Aldrich,
Brad Eickholt, Eva Hill

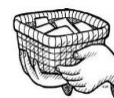
LECTORS:

5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Andrea Recker

USHERS:

5:00 pm Jerry Vetter & Roger Trentman
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

**Please, Pray for the Sick of our Parish:
Boston & Layla Korte**



January 29, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1,873.00
Loose	\$ 506.20
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Jan Offertory EFT	\$ 4,372.50
Jan Maintenance EFT	\$ 1,197.50
Latin America	\$ 30.00

YTD as of January 29, 2023 = **\$ 119,053.07**

YTD **Under** budget = **\$ - 946.93**

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.

**Fr. Charles
LENTEN SPIRITUAL BOOK
RECOMMENDATION**

**“MY IMITATION OF CHRIST”
BY
THOMAS A’KEMPIS**

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes on February 4 & 5. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

BAPTIZED as new members of the Catholic Church: JADEN MICHAEL RECKER, son of Chad and Andrew (Ricker) Recker.

LUCILLE SUE RECKER, daughter of Brian and Samantha (Downey) Recker.

May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Jaden & Lucille. Best wishes from the Catholic Community of Fort Jennings.



**SENIOR CLASS
BREAKFAST**

in our parish Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 5th, 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Carry-outs available. Cost is \$8.00. Pre-sale tickets available through

all seniors and walk-ins available. All proceeds go to help fund the Senior Class Trip. Meal includes scrambled eggs, sausage links, hash browns, cinnamon rolls, fruit, coffee, and juice. Come to support the Fort Jennings Senior Class of 2023!



VALENTINE’S DINNER at the FJ Legion on February 10th from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Chicken Parmesan for \$12.



**FJ FIRE DEPARTMENT
BREAKFAST** on Sunday, February 12th from 8 – 11 a.m. **Carry-out only** at the Legion. \$5/meal. Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, and cinnamon rolls.

The MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Mass, Dinner and Dance will be held on Sunday February 12, 2023. Delphos, St. John's Catholic Church will be hosting the Celebration. 3:00 p.m. MASS - at Delphos St. John's Catholic Church. Dinner and Dance to follow / at the Delphos Eagles. Dance music provided by Elaine Wehri, Art Schnipke, Warren Bowery, & Chuck Peters. Square dancing, polka's, line dancing and much more. Just like the good ole' days. For tickets contact Nancy and Spike Wiechart at 419-605-6765. \$25.00 / couple. PRE-SALE tickets only. Tickets will not be available at the door. Cut-off date is Jan. 30th.

Putnam County Right to Life will be having our next meeting on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30 pm in St. Michael's church basement in Kalida. **All are welcome.**

Engaged Couples Conference at St. Anthony's, Columbus Grove on **Saturday, March 4th** from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$40.00 per couple. To register, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263. Payment can be dropped off, mailed to the parish, or made the morning of the conference.

NIGHT of HEALING on Wednesday, February 15th at St. Mary, Bluffton from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Adoration, Witness, Reconciliation. For more information call the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal at 734-888-8197 or visit www.mccrholyspirit.org

Ash Wednesday FISH FRY at the FJ Legion. Wednesday, February 22nd from 4 – 6 p.m. **Reserve meals by calling 419-286-2100. Carry-out only.** Use Drive-Thru pick-up. Cost is \$10 for 3 pieces fish, baked potato, coleslaw & roll.

CHICKEN FRY at the FJ Legion on Saturday, February 25th from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$12 for all you can eat chicken, noodles, tossed salad, potato salad, baked beans & roll. Drinks extra. Carry-outs available from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for \$10 which includes 4 pieces of chicken, 2 sides & roll.

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, will be holding their next meeting on Thursday, February 9 at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45PM in the chapel, followed by dinner and a program. Guests are invited to attend. If interested in attending, please call Kathy McGraw @ 419-303-0339 by February 7. The program for this meeting will be Deacon Jeff Compton, Managing Director of Holy Family Radio, and Deacon at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ottawa. His topic will be: "Using Radio & Media to Encourage Evangelism & Growth in Vocations."

Communications Coordinator position opening at St. Charles Parish in Lima, OH. We are looking for an energetic and technically sound individual with office administration experience. Duties include but are not limited to: helping with parishioner needs on the phone and in person, managing the parish bulletin, website and social media and managing parish calendars including room reservations. Contact us by calling the Parish Office at (419)228-7635 or emailing wilkersona@stcharleslima.org with a request for an application.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: After the incredible success of the inaugural Ohio March for Life, Center for Christian Virtue (CCV) is partnering again with the March for Life Education and Defense Fund to host another march in Columbus this fall! Here are the details so far:

Friday, October 6 • 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Ohio Statehouse • 1 Capitol Square, Columbus, OH

TRIVIA

Last Week's Answers

- Which of these artists were not Catholic?
 - Rembrandt
- Which was not created by a Catholic?
 - Return of the Prodigal Son
- Which great Italian painter created sketches and plans for a helicopter, tank, calculator, solar power, and the double hull centuries before they were introduced to the world?
 - Leonardo da Vinci
- Which country is home to a famous painting of the Virgin Mary with the Christ Child that was believed to have been painted by St. Luke, author of the third Gospel?
 - Poland
- In 1854, Pope Pius IX, donated a marble block for the construction of a U.S. building. Which building?
 - The Washington Monument

Trivia

- What language is spoken by more Catholics today than any other language?
- In Iraq, some Masses are still said in the native language of Jesus. What is the language?
- What business was founded in 1960 by a man who is not a devout Catholic philanthropist?

a Starbucks	b Domino's Pizza
c Applebee's	d Subway
- What food, once forbidden during Lent, was brought to the table on Easter Day to symbolize the joy of the Resurrection?

a. Chocolate	b. lamb
c. eggs	d. ice cream
- By which name is Norma McCorvey better known?