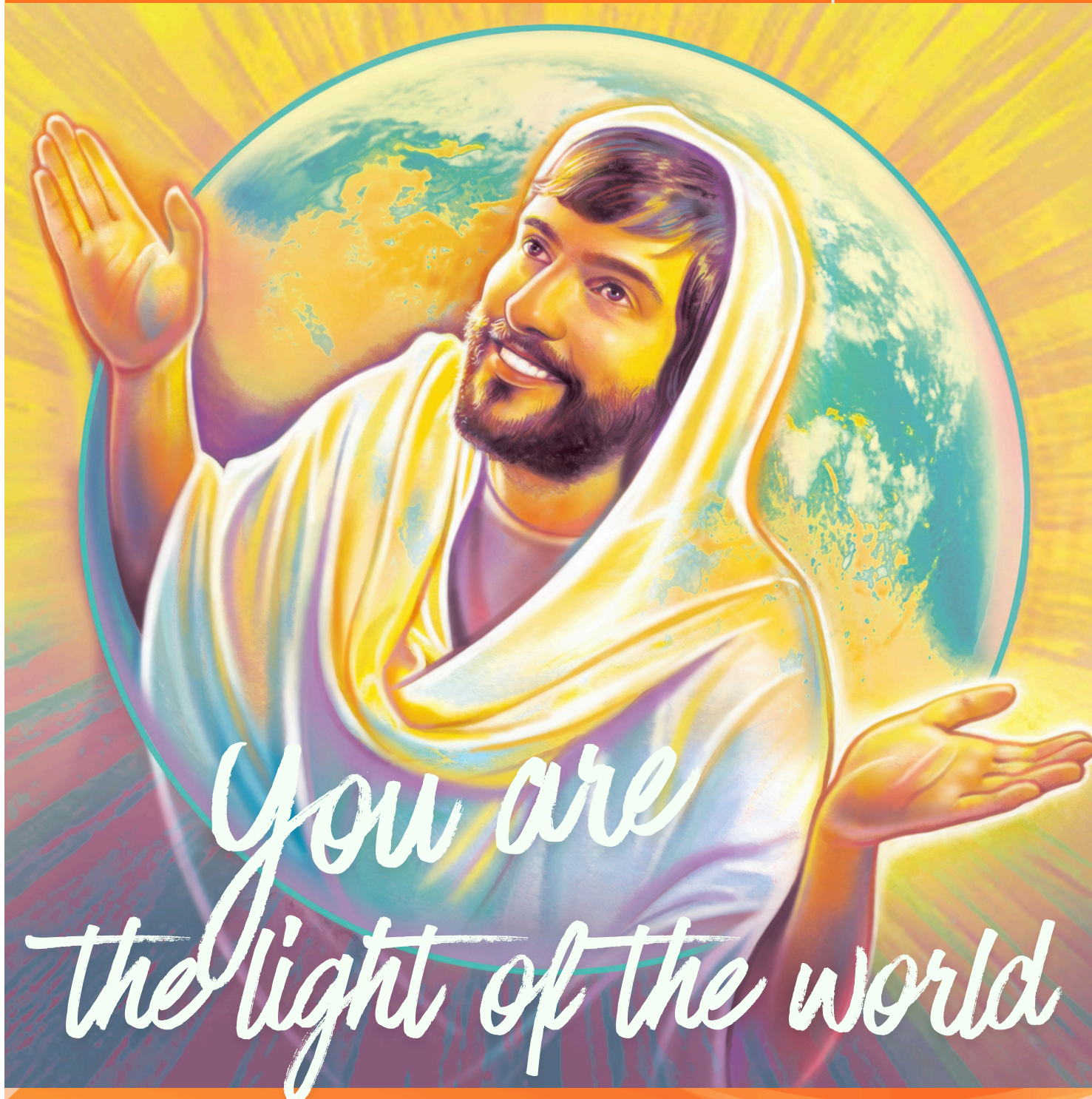


# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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 Mrs. Norma Maag.....419-286-2265  
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 Mr. Alan Calvelage.....419-303-0560  
**Prayer Line**  
 Mrs. Laurie Maag.....419-234-6518  
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 Mr. Tony Recker .....419-286-5100  
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 Mr. Adam Anspach, Chair.....419-771-1747  
 Mrs. Mandi Kahle, Vice Chair  
 Mrs. Allison Gerdeman, Secretary      Mrs. Jenny Smith  
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 Mr. Chad Recker, President..... 419-231-1428  
 Mr. Adam Krietemeyer, Vice President  
 Mrs. Lynn Anspach, Secretary  
 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](http://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	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	1 Kg 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30
Friday	1 Kgs 11:29-32 Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	1 Kgs 12:26-32 Mk 8:1-10

**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.

**Please pray for:  
Jeff Luersman**

## Intentions for Mass

### CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

Sat, 02/07	5:00 pm	Richard German
Sun, 02/08	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	John Gerker
Tue, 02/10	7:00 pm	Eva Warnecke Family
Wed, 02/11	7:00 pm	Fr. Joseph Weigman
Thu, 02/12	7:00 pm	Arthur Michel
Fri, 02/13	7:55 am	For our Religious Ed Students
Sat, 02/14	5:00 pm	Norm Schimmoeller
Sun, 02/15	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	Ed Hoersten Family

### Liturgical Ministers: Feb 14 & Feb 15

#### Servers:

5:00 pm	Abby, Leah & Ryan Kahle
7:30 am	Tessa, Waylon, & Lacey Meyer
9:30 am	Austin Askins, Sophia Osting, Lucas Knippen

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

10:00 am	<b>Anointing Mass:</b> Rose Ann Vetter
5:00 pm	Alyssa Luersman, Dave & Kathy Luersman, Connor & Christina Hoersten
7:30 am	Volunteers needed
9:30 am	Julie Fischbach, Alex Horstman, Sarah Horstman, Ava Knippen, Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman, Hudson Maag

#### Lectors:

10:00 am	<b>Anointing Mass:</b> Shirley Hammond
5:00 pm	Dave Luersman
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Denny Ostin

#### Ushers:

5:00 pm	Rick Maag, Dan Krietemeyer
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Tony Recker, Chad Recker

### Weekday Servers:

Tue, 2/10	Logan Krietemeyer, Bishop Bruskotter, Madelyn Neidert
Wed, 2/11	Olivia Amstutz, Ava Maag, Aiden Hoersten
Thu, 2/12	Mason Ostin, Rylen Hoersten, Kinsley Farling
Fri, 2/13	<b>No School</b>

**Baptized as a new member of the Catholic Church:**

Henry Thomas Kohli son of Brandon and Lori (Bruskotter) Kohli. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the faith with Henry. Congratulations from the Fort Jennings Community.

**Thanks for all your prayers and cards** when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I put everything in God's hands and he did an awesome job. I don't need chemo or radiation, and I feel like my old self again.

Love, Mary Lou Krietemeyer

**Legion Lenten Fish dinner is on Ash Wednesday,**

Feb 18 from 4:00-6:00 pm Menu includes 3 pieces of fish, baked potato, coleslaw, & roll. Cost is \$12, carry-out only. Reserve your meal by Feb. 15 by calling 419-286-2100.

**Legion Chicken Fry** will be Sat. Feb. 21 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. All you can eat chicken, noodles, salad, potato salad, baked beans, & roll. Cost is \$14. Carry-outs available for \$12.00

**Legion Auxiliary is hosting a "Paint and Sip"** on

Thurs, Feb. 26, from 7:00-10:00pm. You will have a choice of four items to paint. Cost is \$40. Stop by the Canteen or contact Cheryl Schnipke (419) 302-1642 to sign up.

**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.

**In Loving Memory Add:  
Cost is \$75 (for the year)**

*Please consider placing your loved one's name  
on the back of our bulletin.*

**ANOINTING  
OF THE SICK**



Mass will be held Saturday,  
Feb. 14 at 10:00 am.

**This week's Roadmap:**

**Sun, Feb. 8** - 9:30am Blue Mass

**Tues, Feb. 10** - 6:00pm Adoration  
& Confession

**Wed, Feb. 11** - 6:00pm Adoration  
& Confession

**Thurs, Feb. 12** - 6:00pm  
Adoration & Confession

**Sat. Feb 14** - 10:00 am Anointing  
of the Sick Mass

**Sun, Feb. 15** - FJFD breakfast  
8:00 am. Cost \$5.

**Sun, Feb. 15** - Lions Club BBQ  
Dinner. Cost is \$15.

**Wed, Feb 18** - 7:55am, 7:00pm Ash  
Wednesday Masses

**Bulletin Submission deadline:**  
Monday 10:00 am

**Local News & Events:**

**SHE Shall be called Woman**  
spring session, Wed, Feb 11 at  
6:30pm & Sat, Feb. 15, at 8:00am  
Ottoville Parish Center.

**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.

**The Annual Marriage Encounter Celebration** will be on Sun, Feb. 15. Mass will be held at 3:30 at St. Gerard, 240 W Robb Ave. Lima, followed by dinner and dance at the St. Gerard's Hall. A 50/50 drawing and mystery prizes will be in place of the door prizes. The cost is \$40/couple. Please call or text 567-204-4745 with the number of tickets sold by Jan. 26.

**Healing for a Caregivers Heart**, a retreat designed to bring hope and healing will be held on Sat, Feb. 21, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Lunch will be included. Location: St. Joseph Parish Ministry Center Workshop, 204 W. Wayne St. Maumee, OH 43537. Please register using the QR code.



**The Serra Club of Lima Area**, for the support of vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thurs. Feb. 12 at Mercy Health St. Rita's Medical Center. Mass will begin at 5:45 pm in the chapel, followed by dinner and a program. please RSVP to Kathy at 419-303-0339 by Feb. 10.

**The Diocese of Toledo to host** the Relic of the Heart of Saint Carlo Acutis during a three-day visit at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral from Sat, Feb. 7 to Mon, Feb. 9. The faithful are invited to venerate the relic, deepen their faith through prayer, and write prayer intentions that Msgr. Figueiredo will bring to the tomb of St. Carlo in Assisi.

**The Ottawa Senior Citizens Association** is looking for a new exercise coach. This would be a completely volunteer position. The times would be Mon. and Wed. from 9:00 a.m.-9:30a.m. If you are looking for a lovely and loving group of people to have fun with and get in a little exercise time, this would be the volunteer position for you. Please let me know by stopping in at the center or calling Sue Barnhart, Director at 419-523-5593.

**2026 Women's Welcome Retreat**

What's missing in your life? Join us **March 28-29** for the **Women's Welcome Retreat!** Discover how a deeper relationship with Jesus can renew your spirit and provide the energy you've been seeking. Come experience a weekend of meaningful friendships and faith-filled discovery with a newfound purpose.



**Register today to save your spot! Free for all women.** For more info, and/or to sign up contact Kari Norbeck (567-204-5399) or Linda Knippen (419-236-6298) or use the QR code (right) to register.



Online Giving Option For Women's Welcome Retreat

Want to donate to the **Women's Welcome Retreat**? Any monetary donations can be put in the envelopes provided and placed in the donation box in the church narthex. Online donation is available using the QR code (left). Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated!



St. Joseph's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders had first reconciliation with Father Ron, in preparation for the upcoming First communion.

# FIREMAN'S BREAKFAST

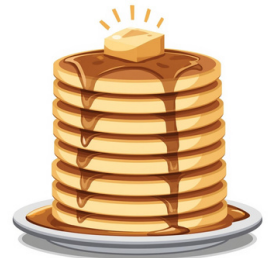


**Feb. 15**  
**8:00 am - SOLD OUT**  
**Carry-Out ONLY**

**Ft. Jennings**  
**American Legion**

**Cost: \$5**

**Includes:**  
**pancakes,**  
**sausage, eggs**  
**& cinnamon roll**



## Offertory February 2026

Envelopes	\$2,492.00
Loose	\$1,263.00
Maintenance	\$1,409.00
Children's Mass	\$25.41
Latin America	\$8.00
Black/Indian Missions	\$20.00
<b>YTD Total:</b>	<b>\$135,315.71</b>
<b>YTD over Budget:</b>	<b>\$15,315.71</b>

**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.

# LIONS CLUB BBQ DINNER

**Feb. 15**  
**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
**Drive Thru/Carry-Out**

**St. Joseph's Church**

**Cost: \$15**

**Includes: pulled**  
**pork, smoked**  
**sausage, baked**  
**beans, mac &**  
**cheese and roll (Proceeds go to**  
**St. Joseph's Food Pantry!)**





## Reflections of a country Priest

Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the past two weeks, we have reflected on what the Eucharist truly is and what happens when we come to Mass. This week, we take another important step by reflecting on something both simple and profound: Jesus remains with us.

After Mass ends and the church grows quiet, Jesus does not leave. When the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle, Christ remains truly present, waiting for us, praying with us, and staying close to His people.

The tabernacle is not simply a sacred object or a symbol. It is the dwelling place of Jesus Himself, truly present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. As the Church teaches, “Christ’s Eucharistic presence endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1377).

When we enter our church, many of us naturally look toward the altar. The altar is holy and deserves our reverence. However, when the Eucharist is reserved in the tabernacle, there is something even more sacred present, the living Lord Jesus Christ. This is why the Church invites us to genuflect toward the tabernacle when we enter or leave the church. A bow is a sign of respect. A genuflection is a sign of adoration. It is a simple gesture, but it quietly proclaims what we believe: “Jesus, You come first.” This is not about doing things perfectly or worrying about making mistakes. It is about gently training our hearts, and even our bodies, to recognize the presence of the Lord among us.

Our gestures help shape our faith, just as our faith gives meaning to our gestures.

When we walk into someone’s home, we naturally look for the person who lives there before we admire the space. The same is true in church.

Before we take in the beauty of the building, we are invited to acknowledge the One who dwells there. As we continue this time of catechesis and discernment, my hope is that our awareness of Jesus in the tabernacle grows, not out of obligation, but out of love. The more we recognize His presence, the more naturally reverence will follow.

### **Week Three Reflection Questions**

- When you enter church, where do your eyes and heart go first?
- What does it mean to you personally that Jesus remains present in the tabernacle?
- How do simple gestures, such as genuflecting or moments of silence, help you pray?
- How might greater awareness of Jesus’ presence change the way we act in church?

### **Parish Discernment Prayer**

Heavenly Father,

You have given us Your Son,

truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist,

as the source and summit of our life together.

Send forth Your Holy Spirit upon our parish

as we pray, reflect, and discern.

Purify our intentions, calm our hearts,

and unite us in love for Jesus present among us.

Grant us wisdom to understand Your Church’s teaching,

humility to listen to one another,

and patience to move at the pace of grace.

May everything we do honor Your Son,

strengthen our unity,

and lead us always closer to You.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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