



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

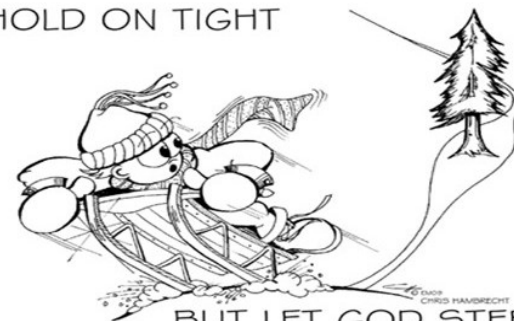
Maintenance & Hall Manager

Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-236-9564

HOLD ON TIGHT



BUT LET GOD STEER

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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.

Sat	2/08	5:00 pm	Dick German	Sun
	2/09	7:30 am	John Gerker	
		9:30 am	Len & Leona Bruskotter	
Mon	2/10			
Tues	2/11	7:00 pm	For World Peace	
Wed	2/12	7:00 pm	Art Michel	
Thurs	2/13	7:00 pm	Marguerite & Urban Wiegling	
Fri	2/14	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students	
Sat	2/15	5:00 pm	Bill Warnecke Sr. & Family	
Sun	2/16	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory	
		9:30 am	Gary & Doris Bockrath	

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	2/10	Saint Scholastica, Virgin	
		Gn 1:1-19	Mk 6:53-56
Tues	2/11	Our Lady of Lourdes	
		Gn 1:20-2:4a	Mk 7:1-13
Wed	2/12	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17	Mk 7:14-23
Thu	2/13	Gn 2:18-25	Mk 7:24-30
Fri	2/14	Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop	
		Gn 3:1-8	Mk 7:31-37
Sat	2/15	Gn 3:9-24	Mk 8:1-10

SACRISTAN NEEDED for all three weekend Masses (Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.) **every third weekend of the month.**

If interested in being a sacristan, please call Mary Luersman at 419-286-2306. Thank you!

Engaged Couples Conference ~ St. Anthony's Engaged Couples Conference will be held Saturday, March 1st, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with donuts & coffee. 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.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues, Feb 11: Claire Mistishen, Liam & Levi Van Bibber
 Wed. Feb 12: Maile Poole, Lacey Meyer, Brooklyn Tumlinson
 Thurs. Feb 13: Jase Metzger, Nash Miller, Loryn Gasser
 Fri. Feb 14: Evelyn Neidert, Harper Leis, Kinsley Farling

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: February 15 & 16:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Morgan Siefker, Sam & Nolan Dubé
 7:30 am Chase & Joci German, Adam Hoersten
 9:30 am Brandt, Cal & Stella Menke

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Sue Knippen, James Schroeder, Dave, Kathy & Alyssa Luersman
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Madie Anspach, Eva Hill, Julie Fischbach, Alex Horstman, Sarah Horstman, Ava Knippen, Braden Knippen

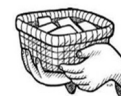
LECTORS:

5:00 pm Dave Luersman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Karan Maenle

USHERS:

5:00 pm Jerry & Jackie Siefker
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker

Please pray for the sick of the parish.



February 2, 2025

Envelopes	\$	1,325.00
Loose	\$	1,066.80
Maintenance	\$	1,320.00
January EFT Offertory	\$	4,775.00
January EFT Maint.	\$	1,215.00

YTD as of February 2, 2025 = **\$ 127,219.97**

YTD Over budget = \$ 7,219.97

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

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.

The parish office received a large check dated 12/19/2024 from National Financial Services LLC. It is a "Retirement Distribution Check". The check had no parishioner name associated with it. If this is yours, please contact the office with the amount of the check to prove it is your donation.

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.

**Ft. Jennings American Legion Post #715
CHICKEN FRY**

Saturday, February 22– Dine in 6 to 10 p.m. All you can eat chicken, noodles, tossed salad, potato salad, baked beans and roll for \$12! Drinks are extra. Carry-out from 4:30-6:00 p.m. includes 4 pieces of chicken, 2 sides, and a roll for \$10.

ANDREW DINNER – This dinner is for all young men high school age interested in the priestly vocation. Dinner is at the Ottawa KofC, Feb. 23rd, 4-6 p.m. For more info or to register, go to ToledoPriesthood.org.

The latest issue of *Graceful Living* is out! Parishes receive a small number by mail, and 40,000 copies are direct mailed to Catholics across NW Ohio. The magazine highlights the incredible people and places in our Diocese, like native son of the Diocese of Toledo, Bishop Dennis Walsh. We also highlight Ingrid Cooper of Toledo, Sean Beeson of Crawford County, and much more!

Anyone can sign up to receive future issues to their home by emailing glmagazine@toledodiocese.org with your full name and address. You can see the digital version at: toledodiocese.org/GracefulLiving

Save the Date. We are having our annual Right to Life Garage & Bake Sale in April at the Ottawa K of C Hall. Drop off of gently used items and bake goods. April 6 & 7 with sale days April 8 & 9. More details soon.

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thursday February 13 at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45PM followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Matthew Etzkorn, VP of Mission for Mercy Health-Lima speaking on "Vocation in Health Care". Persons who have an interest in this topic or the mission of the Serra Club are welcome to attend as guests. If interested in attending, please respond to Kathy at 419-303-0339 no later than Tuesday, Feb 11.

**28th Annual Putnam County Hospice
Benefit - Run for the Roses
February 15, 2025**

Ottawa K of C - Doors Open at 5 p.m. Dinner Served at 6 p.m. Tickets: \$50 per person. Call 419-523-4449 to purchase tickets. Horse Racing, Live Auction, Raffles, and More!! Prizes will be awarded for the best Kentucky Derby attire. If you or your business are interested in donating. Please call 419-532-4449 for more information.

The Practice of wearing a Chapel Veil

Basic Explanation and Instruction

Women and girls have worn head coverings during Mass and prayer for the entirety of the Church's history and even before that if you consider the Old Covenant from which we came. The practice went out of style with Vatican II in the early 70's. To say that the practice went out of style is because it was not actually taken away, forbidden, discouraged, or even offered as a personal choice within the Vatican II document, even though many were instructed that this was the case. Due to the fact that the Church in the United States, our Diocese, and our parish allow a ladies' head to remain uncovered in church absolves any of us from culpability if we do so. However, if you feel that veiling is something you would like to do, you absolutely are permitted and encouraged to do it.

In the last year or more, many of our ladies, especially our younger ladies, are drawn to the idea of wearing a chapel veil. This is not a "look at me being so holy because I wear a chapel veil" thing, this is recognizing that we are to imitate our Blessed Mother, we are to follow the teachings of the bible with trust and humility, and to recognize that there is something greater above us.

What is a chapel veil and what makes a chapel veil?

- Chapel veils are meant to cover a lady's head. They should be light so that they are easy to secure. They can be secured with bobby pins or a comb sewn into the top. Some ladies do not secure theirs and that is okay as long as it is not a distraction. You should be able to wear your veil and not touch it during Mass too much. The color is at your discretion. At one time, married ladies wore black and unmarried ladies wore other lighter colors, but that was just a fashion of the time. However, it should not be a distraction to others attending Mass, so having something bejeweled or flashy should be avoided. Even a lovely scarf tied under the back of the hair is acceptable. Whatever style or color that you choose, your veil should be something that is set aside for the purpose of worshipping our Lord. For example, if one should forget her veil, it would not be appropriate to substitute her winter scarf as a veil.
- A veil should be put on before entering the church where a tabernacle or altar resides. In our church, you would not need it on in the Narthex or the basement but should be on in the body of the church or the chapel. If possible, it should be on before entering these areas.
- There is no age minimum, this is at the child's parents' discretion.
- If you choose to veil, please consider the rest of your outfit. Not that the colors coordinate, but that you are dressed modestly. You all know what that means, please be mindful of that. Your outside should be a reflection of your inside, or at least a reflection of what you would like your inside to be.

If you do wish to purchase a chapel veil, they have some for sale at The Mustard Seed or Always Blessed. And there is Amazon, they have lots to choose from and most are between \$10 and \$20. A quick tip is to keep your veil, especially those of your children, in a mesh or cloth bag in the car, it will be less likely to be forgotten when going to church.

Please understand that this is merely opening the door for those who choose to wear a chapel veil. No one is expressing that we all absolutely should run out and purchase a chapel veil right away. It is a personal choice for those who would like to embrace this beautiful tradition of our faith.

"I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the traditions just as I passed them on to you. But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head—it is the same as having her head shaved. For if a woman does not cover her head, she might as well have her hair cut off; but if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, then she should cover her head. A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. It is for this reason that a woman ought to have authority over her own head, because of the angels. Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God."