

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
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St. Joseph's Lenten SCHEDULE

1ST MARCH	SUNDAY 1:30-3:00 ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 2:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7TH MARCH	SATURDAY 3:30-4:30 PM CONFESSIONS
8TH MARCH	SUNDAY 1:30-3:00 ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 2:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
11TH MARCH	WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
2ND APRIL	THURSDAY 7:00 PM HOLY THURSDAY MASS
3RD APRIL	FRIDAY 12:30 STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH DEACON LARRY 1:00 PM PASSION
4TH APRIL	SATURDAY 8:00 PM EASTER VIGIL
5TH APRIL	SUNDAY 7:30 AM EASTER MASS 9:30 AM EASTER MASS

Church Directory

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Mr. Chad Recker, President..... 419-231-1428

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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.

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	Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10,16-20 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4,12-13 Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

Intentions for Mass

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

Sat, 02/28	5:00 pm	Bill Warnecke Sr. Family
Sun, 03/01	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	For Those in Our Parish Who Struggle With Pain & Illness
Tue, 03/03	7:00 pm	For Vocations
Wed, 03/04	7:00 pm	In Thanksgiving
Thu, 03/05	7:00 pm	For the Caregivers of our Parish
Fri, 03/06	7:55 am	For Our Religious Ed Students
Sat, 03/07	5:00 pm	For Our Parish
Sun, 03/08	7:30 am	Harry Howbert
	9:30 am	Dick & Norene Ricker

Liturgical Ministers: Mar 7 & Mar 8

Servers:

5:00 pm	Carson Uphaus, Cayden Swick, Derek Hark
7:30 am	Evan Ellerbrock, Hudson & Jeremy Maag
9:30 am	Reese Hellman, Brooklyn Tumlinson, Amelia Orwick

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm	Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young, Evan Ellerbrock, Connor & Christina Hoersten
7:30 am	Volunteers needed
9:30 am	Rhonda Liebrecht, Denise Sukup, Teresa Wurst, Madie Anspach, Anita Aldrich, Sam Dube', Eva Hill

Lectors:

5:00 pm	Jen Neidert
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Denise Sukup

Ushers:

5:00 pm	Rick Maag, Dan Krietemeyer
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Bryan & Michelle Hoersten

Weekday Servers:

Tue, 3/3	Aiden Hoersten, Mason Oosting, Alivia Wrasman
Wed, 3/4	Rylen Hoersten, Kinsley Farling, Quinn Askins

Thu, 3/5	Tanner Warnecke- Schroeder, Jordan Buettner, Weston Swick
Fri, 3/6	First Friday Cece Schroeder, Abby & Savannah Gerdeman

Our sympathy goes out to the Family of Alvera B. Miller, her husband, Tony Miller. Alvera is survived by brothers, Phil (Karen) Warnecke of Texas and Bob (Gaya) Warnecke of Ft. Jennings; sisters, Kathie (Lee) Boghart of Columbus Grove and Karen Bensman of New Bremen; and many nieces and nephews. She passed on Feb. 26 at the age of 68.

Sympathy also goes out to the Family of Roger W. Broecker, his wife, Alice (Fisher) Broecker, and his children, Laura (Gary) Shirkey and Todd (Gretchen) Broecker both of Columbus, his six grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren, two brothers, Paul (Jo) Broecker, and Jim (Jeanette) Broecker of Ft. Jennings; one sister, Betty (Rich) Miller of Ft. Jennings. May the Lord grant eternal rest for Alvera & Roger in the Kingdom of God.

A Heartfelt Thank-You to the Fort Jennings Lions Club for your incredibly generous donation to the St. Joseph Food Pantry after a successful BBQ pork dinner. Thanks to all who supported the cause.

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry, is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss. Next meeting is Thur, Mar. 5 at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph, church basement. All women are invited to join us. For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752. It is our honor to walk with you!

Schedule your church Directory photos today:

Pictures will be April 14-18 & April 21-25.

Scan the QR code to book your time!

Enter Code: oh2930

Password: photos2



Cancer Prayer Service at the Shrine on Sun, March 15, at 2:00pm in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. Please contact Caleb Gaier at c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org or call 419-925-4532. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. John's Rd. in Maria Stein.

Fort Jennings American Legion Fish Fry, every Fri. 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Cost is \$12. Dine-in and Carry-Out available.

THIS IS MY SON

*Whom I love;
with him I am well pleased.
Listen to him!*



A look ahead:

Sun, Mar. 1 - 1:30-3:00 Adoration & Confessions

2:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Tues, Mar. 3 - 6:00 Adoration & Confession

Wed, Mar. 4 - 6:00 Adoration & Confession

Thurs, Mar. 5 - 6:00 Adoration & Confession

Sat, Mar. 7 - 3:30-4:30pm Confessions

Sun, Mar. 8 - 1:30-3:00 pm

Adoration & Confessions

2:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Wed, Mar. 11 - 7:00 pm Parish Penance Service

Please Check Facebook for Mass Cancellations and updates!

Bulletin Submission deadline:

Monday 10:00 am

2026 Woman's Welcome Retreat will be held March 28-29. Discover how a deeper relationship with Jesus can renew your spirit. Register today to save your spot. This retreat is free for all women. For More info, contact Kari Norbeck 567-204-5399 or Linda Knippen 419-236-6298

or use the QR code to register.

Monetary donations are also being accepted if you would like to donate.



FJHS Blood Drive will be held - Thurs, March 12 from 11:00am to 5:00pm at Fort Jennings High School Gym. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: FORTJENNINGSOH Or you can call Becky Uphaus at FJHS 419-286-2238. Walk-ins are always welcome. Thank you for your support.

Engaged Couples Conference will be held Sat, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. until Mass at 4:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's. Cost of the day is \$50.00 per couple. Any couples interested, please call the parish office at 419-659-2263.

2nd Annual Ottawa–Glandorf Students for Life Dinner on Sat, March 14. Doors open at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, at the Ottawa American Legion. Featuring Pastor Lorenzo Sewell, pastor at 180 Church in Detroit, Michigan, (delivered prayer at President Trump's inauguration.) Tickets are adult (individual) \$30, couple \$50, student: \$15. Please dress formally. Tickets can be purchased at Ottawa Ordnance and We'll Grounded Café. For more info, contact Chase Maag at 567-376-5382.

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. Cost is \$12.00. Members are currently selling tickets, please contact a member or Amy Jo Schumaker at 419-302-7795.

Landeck St. John Soup & Sandwich Supper on Sun, March 15 from 3:30 to 7:00. We will be featuring Venedocia Sausage or Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Noodle, Chili, German Cabbage and Potato Soup, cornbread, veggies, ice cream and cookie. Dine in or carry out. This is a Free Will Offering event.

Putnam County Right to Life will be meeting on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 pm in Kalida St. Michael's Church basement. All are welcome. Also the Putnam Co Right to Life garage sale will be on March 22.

MCCR Life in the Spirit Retreat Weekend

Aug. 14-16, at Maria Stein Retreat Center, Come make or renew a personal commitment to Jesus through your openness to the Holy Spirit and His gifts.



The Diocese of Toledo's Pastoral Center offices have officially relocated from 1933 Spielbusch Avenue to a new temporary downtown location. All diocesan staff are now serving the faithful from the 23rd floor of One Seagate (One Seagate, Suite 2300, Toledo, Ohio 43604). Until notified otherwise, mail should still be sent to 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. The main phone number remains the same: 419-244-6711.

MINISTRIES AT OUR CHURCH:

Teaching our youth truly is rewarding and a meaningful way to give back to our church. Helping to form young hearts and minds toward their faith at a young age really sets the foundation of each child. Our students, grades K-6, gather before school. The teachers get the opportunity to fill their minds with bible stories, prayer and virtue, which helps shape their understanding of how faith can play a major role in their daily lives. Children ask honest, profound questions and often trust God in a simple, wholehearted way.

On Friday mornings, the students attend Mass. This Mass is a fantastic time for the younger kids to look up to the older ones as role models, as they sing in the choir, read the petitions, and readings and take up offertory. Friday mornings build students up and show each one of them the important role they play in the church.

On Wednesday evenings, our junior high and high school religious students meet for an hour to build on that foundation from elementary. Teaching junior high and high school may be seen as a “more challenging” position, but those classes are forming our next generation of parishioners. Today’s students become tomorrow’s leaders. Teaching also doesn’t have to be perfect. Most of our teachers would tell you that they grow spiritually themselves throughout the year alongside the students. Preparing lessons, studying Scripture, and answering questions pushes them to understand their faith more deeply. Teaching becomes a path of personal spiritual growth, not just a service. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to mentor the youth of our Parish! Please contact Rhonda for more information, and consider your impact on our church’s future.

Meet Our teaching staff

K-Kelly Stant, Melissa Rau, & Laurie Maag

1- Meghann Myers

2 -Lynn Anspach

3 -Stacy Warnecke

4 -Erica Maenle

5 -Tony Recker

6 -Renee Neidert

7- Laurie Maag

8- Heather Sarka

9- Julie Fischbach

10- Doug Sickles

11- Josh & Jenny McElroy

12- Monica Bruskotter

Offertory February 2026

Envelopes	\$5,380.00
Loose	\$1,516.60
Maintenance	\$195.00
Timeless Love Blooms	\$30.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$25.00
Children’s Mass	\$38.25
YTD Total:	\$154,660.31
YTD over Budget:	\$22,660.31

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.



Reflections of a country Priest

Dear Friends in Christ,

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain, and there His glory is revealed. They see Him as He truly is. And from the cloud, the Father speaks these simple but powerful words, “This is my beloved Son... listen to Him.” (Matthew 17:5)

The moment on the mountain was not meant to last forever. They could not stay there. They had to come down and continue the journey. But they came down changed — because they had seen Jesus more clearly.

Over the past several weeks, our parish has been on a similar journey. We have reflected on Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. We have learned together. We have prayed together. And last Sunday, many of us began spending quiet time before Him during our Holy Hour of Adoration. Perhaps, in small ways, we too are learning to see Him more clearly...

This Sunday, and throughout Lent, we will continue our Holy Hour from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available throughout the entire hour. At 2:30 p.m., we will pray the Stations of the Cross together. These moments of prayer allow us to go up the mountain, to be still before the Lord, and to listen. Lent invites

us to prayer, fasting, and conversion. As we spend time in adoration, and approach the Lord in confession, we allow Him to purify our hearts so that we may discern more clearly and follow Him more faithfully.

I also encourage you to follow our Lenten reflection series, Carrying It Differently, which is available for anyone who would like to go deeper during this season. You can find it on the parish Facebook page, on my personal page, Ronald Schock, on Instagram at Father Ronnie Schock, or on TikTok at The Catholic Priest.

Next week, I was supposed to be out for infusions treatments, but pending last week’s test results from my previous hospital stay, I will be celebrating Mass on our normal schedule. Please continue to check the bulletin for changes in Mass times, and thank you to our neighboring parishes for helping provide opportunities for all of us to attend Mass.

As we continue this Lenten journey, may we, like Peter, James, and John, allow ourselves to see Jesus more clearly — and then come down the mountain ready to live what we have heard.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ron

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

Due to Father’s uncertainties with appointments, please check Facebook for any Weekday Mass cancellations or changes.

Ottoville: the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tues (of the month): 7:00 pm, Wed & Thurs 8:10am,

Delphos: Mon-Fri 8:00am & Wed 12:15pm, **Kalida:** Thurs 7:30pm, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:00am