



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

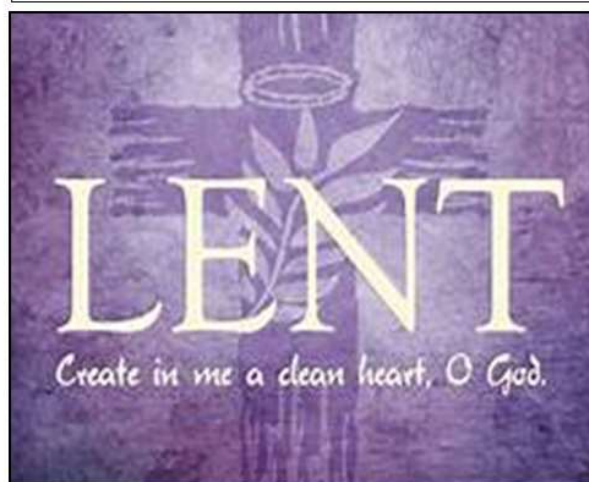
Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

Maintenance & Hall Manager

Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-236-9564





Intentions

Sat	11	5:00 pm	In Thanksgiving to God Sun
	12	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Girl Scout Sunday
Mon	13	6:30 pm	Precious Blood Novena
		7:00 pm	Precious Blood Mass
Tues	14	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
		7:00 pm	For the Sins of the World
Wed	15	7:00 pm	PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
Thurs	16	7:00 pm	Jim & Margaret Schimmoeller
Fri	17	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
Sat	18	10:00 am	Confirmation with Bishop Thomas
		5:00 pm	Fr. Herman Fortman (Died in 1994)
Sun	19	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Jim, Rita & Gary Knott

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	03/13	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab	Lk 4:24-30
Tues	03/14	Dn 3:25, 34-43	Mt 18:21-35
Wed	03/15	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Mt 5:17-19
Thu	03/16	Jer 7:23-28	Lk 11:14-23
Fri	03/17	Saint Patrick, Bishop Hos 14:2-10	Mk 12:28-34
Sat	03/18	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop Hos 6:1-6	Lk 18:9-14

Fr. Charles' LENTEN SPIRITUAL BOOK RECOMMENDATION

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

WOMEN’S WELCOME RETREAT GIVING

TREE If you picked a tag from the tree, please place the item you purchased in the tub in the Narthex. Any monetary donations can be placed in the offertory baskets in an envelope marked “Welcome Retreat.”

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues, Mar 14 – 7 pm Abby & Leah Kahle
(Tuesdays of Lent the servers are asked to come at 6:30 PM)
for stations of the cross and Mass after 7 p.m.
Wed, Mar 15 – Nolan Dube & Kaylee Zimmerman
Thurs, March 16 – 7 pm Waylon Meyer & Josie Anspach
Fri, March 17 – 7:55 Levi Schroeder & Cayden Swick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: March 18 & 19 SERVERS:

5:00 pm Rachel Von Sossan, Chase Neidert,
Emily Luersman
7:30 am Wyatt & Bryce Gasser,
Christopher Moening
9:30 am Andrew & Ryan Aldrich,
Adam Hoersten

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Allison Uphaus, Becky Uphaus,
Jodi Von Sossan, Eva Von Sossan,
Nancy Wiechart
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Jennifer McElroy, Trish Moening,
Erin Osting, Jamie Saum,
Tony & Kelly Recker, Karan Maenle

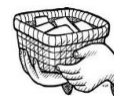
LECTORS:

5:00 pm Dave Luersman
7:30 am Volunteer Needed
9:30 am Mike Knippen

USHERS:

5:00 pm Kevin & Mandi Kahle
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

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



March 5, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 1,737.00
Loose	\$ 732.45
Maintenance	\$ 2,034.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 25.00

YTD as of March 5, 2023 = **\$ 136,294.53**

YTD **Under** budget = **\$ -3,705.47**

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.

That Man is You (TMIY), Men, do you want to grow in your faith? Groups meet each week from September to May. Meetings are going on now and all are men are welcome to join in.

Join any meeting at the following locations/times.

Sat - 6 a.m. in Col. Grove Church Basement (season 7)

Sat - 6 am at the Glandorf Parish Center (season 8)

Wed - 7 p.m. at the Glandorf Parish Center (season 8)

Sat - 6:30 a.m. at Miller City Parish Hall (season 1)

Sat - 6:30 a.m. at SPPS school (new wing) (Season 8)

Fort Fest FJ Park Giveaway tickets are currently being sold. Please contact a Fort Fest member to get your tickets or call 419-286-3200

Fort Jennings High School will be presenting the musical, Disney's "MOANA, JR", on Friday, March 24th and Saturday, March 25th -- 7 pm -- in the Auditoria. Pre-sale tickets will be sold Monday, March 20th thru Friday, March 24th, 8 am to 1 pm, in the High School Office. Ticket prices are \$7.00 - pre-sale or at the door.

Eucharistic Miracle Display and Veneration of 1st Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be in the Parish Center at St. John, Glandorf on Sunday March 26 thru Sunday April 2nd. To see full schedule of times and events for the week check out parish website stjohnglandorf.org or pick up a flyer with full schedule on the back at the exits of the church. Please Come and See the exhibit and join us for some of the activities planned during the week.

Leipsc St. Mary Parish Lenten Mission – Down to Earth with Keith Nester, March 27 – 29 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. Kevin Nester is a former pastor/youth pastor with more than 20 years in full-time ministry. Keith served in United Methodist, Assemblies of God, and Evangelical Free churches. In 2017, after 20 years long discernment process, Kevin resigned his full-time ministry positions and joined the Catholic Church.

DISPENSATION from Lenten Abstinence on Friday, March 17, 2023. Bishop Daniel Thomas has dispensed from the obligation to abstain from meat on the memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop, which will be observed this year on Friday, March 17. Those who choose to make use of the dispensation are strongly encouraged to abstain from meat on some other day that week as part of their penitential practices during Lent.

LENTEN 40 DAYS NOVENA PRAYER

to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

Every Monday, with Closing on Friday, March 31st

**Precious Blood Rosary - 6:30 p.m.
Precious Blood Mass - 7 p.m.**

TIME & TALENT SURVEYS have been mailed. Please make sure to fill out and return by placing in the offertory baskets at Mass or mail back to the parish office.



BLUE MASS for firemen/first responders will be on Sunday, March 26th at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All first responders are invited to this Mass to be recognized for the vital services they provide our community. God Bless our First Responders!

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE will be on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. High School religious ed students will be going to confession starting at 7:30 p.m. You may want to be here before then to avoid the crowd!



FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY of LENT at the FJ American Legion. 4:30 to 6:30, \$10 each. Carry-outs available includes 3-pc fish and two sides. Dine in or Carry-Out.

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, March 23 at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45 PM 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 March 21. **The program for this meeting will be Pat Oedy-Murray**, Theology/Philosophy Instructor at Lourdes University, speaking on "Lighting the Fire of Faith."

ADOPTION NOVENA - In 2023, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on March 20th. This occasion is an opportunity to highlight the gift of adoption by seeking the intercession of St. Joseph for the many people whose lives are touched by adoption. Novena started Sat. March 11 but you can still join by Signing up at <https://www.respectlife.org/adoption-novena> to have the Novena emailed/text to you daily.

The annual Garage and Bake sale sponsored by Putnam County Right to Life will be on Tuesday, March 28, from 9 am - 7 pm & Wednesday, March 29, from 9 am - 3 pm. Donation drop off day is Monday, March 27, from 9 am - 6 pm for baked goods and gently used items at the Ottawa K of C Hall.

MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH - The American Red Cross is in urgent need of volunteers to support our mission in a variety of ways in Putnam County.

Link for anyone to volunteer at the Red Cross. www.redcross.org/

***Disaster Action Team Members (Most Urgent Need)** Respond to local disasters and provide immediate assistance, including shelter, food and comfort following a home fire or other emergency.

***Blood Donor Ambassadors** (Quarterly Volunteer Positions available in Putnam County) Greet, check in and thank blood donors at blood drives.

***Service to the Armed Forces:** Adult Reconnection Workshop Facilitator (Northern Ohio Only/Remote Volunteer Position)

TRIVIA

How much do you know? Challenge your family to see who knows the most answers!

Last Week's Answers

- 1 Name the Emmy Award winner who is regarded as America's first television preacher of significance. A. Archbishop Fulton Sheen who hosted a TV show during primetime that competed against Milton Berle and Frank Sinatra and held its own.
 - 2 Which Academy Award-winning actor – who was ranked 13th on the list of "greatest male stars of all time" – was baptized a Catholic two days before his 1979 death? A. John Wayne
 - 3 In 1981, the world's largest Catholic television broadcast station was founded. Name the station. A. EWTN founded by Mother Angelica
 - 4 Who founded Catholic Answers, the most recognized name today among Catholic apologetics organizations in North America? A. Karl Keating. He founded Catholic Answers in 1979 in response to anti-Catholic propaganda tract left on cars parked outside Mass.
 - 5 What historic 14-foot-long relic is housed at the Turin Cathedral in Italy? A. The Shroud of Turin or piece of linen cloth bearing the image of a crucified man is reputed to be the cloth that covered Jesus in His tomb.
- 1 Name the path in Jerusalem that is thought to have been walked by Jesus on the way to His Crucifixion.
 - 2 Whose mother had a church built over the site believed to be the place of Jesus' birth?
 - 3 What job in Vatican City would require you to be at least 5'9" tall, single, male, and Catholic?
 - 4 The Canterbury Tales by Chaucer feature tales told by pilgrims on their way to the shrine of which English saint and martyr at Canterbury Cathedral?
 - 5 Name the Irish playwright and novelist who was baptized and received into the Catholic Church on his deathbed in 1900.