



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 419-236-0816

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

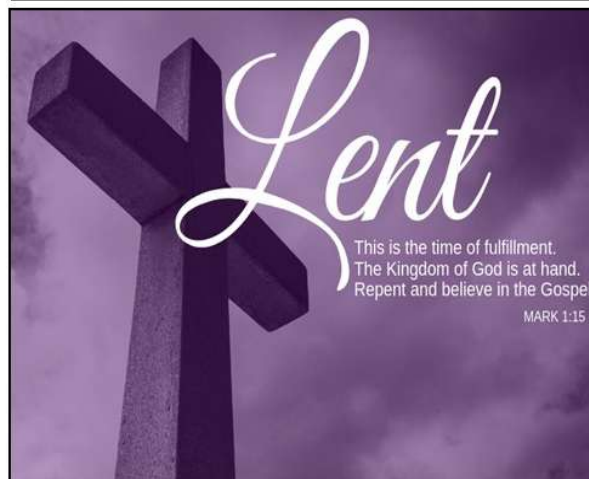
Mr. Alan Calvelage 419-303-0560

Prayer Line

Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

Maintenance & Hall Manager

Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100





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	3/15	5:00 pm	Dick Ricker
Sun	3/16	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	BLUE MASS
			For First Responders
Mon	3/17	6:30 pm	Precious Blood Novena
		7:00 pm	Precious Blood Mass
Tues	3/18	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
		7:00 pm	Jim, Rita, & Gary Knott
Wed	3/19	6:00 pm	Mass - Jack Berelsman
		7:00 pm	JOHN WOOD SPEAKER
Thurs	3/20	7:00 pm	Albert & Mabel Berelsman
Fri	3/21	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
Sat	3/22	5:00 pm	Raymond Brockman
Sun	3/23	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	For Our Parish

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	3/17	Saint Patrick, Bishop	
		Dn 9:4b-10	Lk 6:36-38
Tues	3/18	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop	
		Is 1:10, 16-20	Mt 23:1-12
Wed	3/19	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin	
		2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	Mt 1:16, 18-21
Thu	3/20	Jer 17:5-10	Lk 16:19-31
Fri	3/21	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	
			Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat	3/22	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Tuesday of Lent

at 6:30 p.m.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Another letter from the Pastor will be sent to those who donated previously to the ACA but have not yet responded. This will provide another opportunity to share your gifts with those in need during the year.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues, Mar 118: Be at Church at 6:20 for Stations of the Cross
Loryn Gasser, Kinsley Farling, Adeline Dubé
Wed. Mar 19: Amelia Orwick, Mason Kohls, Iris Tenwalde
Thurs. Mar 20: Aiden Hoersten, Adelyn Moening,
Cece Schroeder
Fri. Mar 21: Carder Osting, Austin Askins, Claire Mistisshen

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: March 22& 23:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Brandt, Cal, & Stella Menke
7:30 am Sam & Nolan Dubé
9:30 am Ian Howbert, Adam Hoersten,
Carson Uphaus

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Bailey Hile, Nancy Wiechart,
Karen Young, Amy Eickholt,
Evan Ellerbrock
9:30 am Jamie Saum, Chad, Kelly, & Tony Reker,
Addison & Tenley Sarka,
Rhonda Liebrecht

LECTORS:

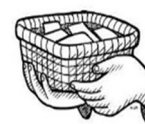
5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer
9:30 am Doug Sickels

USHERS:

5:00 pm Ralph Knippen, Rick Horstman
9:30 am Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman,
Adam Luersman

Please pray for the sick of the parish:

Contact the Parish Office to be added to the bulletin.



March 9, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,059.00
Loose	\$ 764.93
Maintenance	\$ 35.00

YTD as of March 9, 2025 = **\$ 145,021.97**

YTD Over budget = **\$ 5,021.97**

THANK YOU for your continued support.

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.

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>

BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Church: KASEN JOSEPH NEIDERT, son of Jeremy & Ashley (Amstutz) Neidert. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Kasen. Congratulations from the Catholic Community in Fort Jennings.

THANK YOU to Father Charles, Deacon Larry, Friends of Hope Committee, Joyce Gasser, Mass Servers, the Choir and the Funeral Luncheon Committee. A big thanks also to all who send flowers, cards, donations, provided food, visited and said prayers. The kindness and support was very much appreciated at this difficult time.

- The Family of Roger Trentman

Fr. Charles recommended reading for Lent is “My Daily Bread” by Fr. Anthony J. Paone, S.J. This can be purchased on Amazon. Please, get a copy now. Some of you may already own this book as it was used as the Lenten reading a few years ago.

FORT JENNINGS GARAGE SALE MAPS are being prepared. Community Garage Sales will be the weekend of April 9-12. If you would like to be included on the map, please contact Cherie Luersman at Reflections Hair Salon. Leave your name and number and she will return your call, 419-286-2288 or private message Cherie on Facebook. Maps will be handed out April 1st throughout town. Deadline to be added to the map is March 28.

Sons of the Legion **LENTEN FISH FRY** every Friday during Lent \$ 12 dine in or carry-out. 4:30 – 6:30.

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry, is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss. We offer a place of respite and solidarity- a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Mar. 6th at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are invited to join us.

You do not need to have attended any previous meetings to join in- new faces are welcome at any time! For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752 or Wendy Schimmoeller at (419)236-0522. It is our honor to walk with you!

The Women’s Welcome Retreat. Monetary donations can be put in the envelopes provided and placed in the donation box in the church narthex. Or use the QR code attached to the envelope (or here). Thank you! Your contributions are greatly appreciated!



Online Giving Option for Women's Welcome Retreat

A PILGRIM’S WAY 3-Day Lenten Mission featuring Luke Spehar is being held at Leipsic, St Mary Parish. March 31 – April 2 at 7 p.m. each evening. Admission is free and it is family friendly/parish wide. More information at www.lukespehar.com. All are welcome.

40 Days Novena

EVERY Monday

6:30 p.m. Precious Blood Chaplet

7:00 p.m. Precious Blood Mass

Ends on Thursday, April 10th

Chaplet at 6:30 p.m.

Mass at 7:00 p.m.

ORDINARY LIVES EXTRAORDINARY MISSION

WITH AUTHOR & SPEAKER JOHN R. WOOD



19 MARCH 2025
7:00PM



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH:
135 N WATER STREET, FORT JENNINGS, OHIO 45844



**TOPIC THE VIRTUES OF ST. JOSEPH: HOW TO HAVE A
LIFE CHANGING LENT**

Good will donation - 50% of the collection goes toward the Dragon Slayer Retreat for our second grade Sacrament children.

**MARCH 29
TRIVIA NIGHT!**
ST. ROSE PARISH HALL

Doors open 6:30pm
Games begin 7pm

Limited amount of tables (10)
8 people to a table

We are supporting a 50/50
online
use the link below.

Your \$20 ticket includes cold
hors' d'oeuvres and
2 drink tickets.

Hot snacks will be
available for purchase.

Please use the link below to
purchase tickets and 50/50
<https://www.flyhighbirds.com/HTtickets>

There will be raffle items!!
Contact the school office if
you have any questions
(419) 223-6361.

Prizes will be given to the
winning table

The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance.

Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth.

The last 3-year audit was conducted in September 2024 and all audited Articles within the Charter were found to be compliant. The next on-site audit will be conducted in 2027.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.

**Mini Spring Bazaar
Bake Sale & Lunch**

March 20, 2025
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Lunch from 11:00
AM - 1:00 PM
Sponsored by the
Ottawa Senior
Citizens Association

Lunch Choices:

- Homemade Cheesy
Potato Soup
- Bar-b-q Pulled Pork
Sandwich Platter
- Hot Beef Sandwich
Platter
- Assorted Desserts
- Drinks

Come join us and
check out our new
craft items,
homemade baked
goods, and lunch.
You can eat in or call
419-523-5593 to
order a carryout
meal.