



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

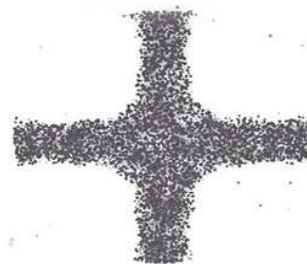
Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

Maintenance & Hall Manager

Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-236-9564



**GET YOUR
ASH
IN CHURCH
ON WEDNESDAY**



**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	3/01	5:00 pm	Bob Geise
Sun	3/02	7:30 am	Harry Howbert
		9:30 am	Wid & Irene Stechschulte
Mon	3/03	6:30 pm Precious Blood Novena	
		7:00 pm Precious Blood Mass	
Tues	3/04	7:00 pm	Eva Warnecke & Family
Wed	3/05	ASH WEDNESDAY	
		7:55 am	In Repentance for our sins
		7:00 pm	Jack Berelsman
Thurs	3/06	7:00 pm	Dale & Marilyn Ricker
Fri	3/07	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
Sat	3/08	5:00 pm	Louis & Louise Brockman
Sun	3/09	7:30 am	Rosie & Lee Wittler
		9:30 am	Walt Hoersten

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	3/03	Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin	
		Sir 17:20-24	Mk 10:17-27
Tues	3/04	Saint Casimir	
		Sir 35 :1-12	Mk 10:28-31
Wed	3/05	Ash Wednesday	
		Jl 2:12-18	2 Cor 5:20-6:2
			Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu	3/06	Dt 30:15-20	Lk 9:22-25
Fri	3/07	Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	
		Is 58:1-9a	Mt 9:14-15
Sat	3/08	Saint John of God, Religious	
		Is 58:9b-14	Lk 5:27-32

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers

Servers: High School Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Ann Vetter,
Jodi Von Sossan, Amy Eickholt,
Evan Ellerbrock, Bailey Hile

Lector: Denise Sukup

Ushers: Volunteers Needed

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues, Mar 4: Adeline Dubé, Amelia Orwick, Aiden Hoersten
Wed. Mar 5: **(Morning)** Harper Leis, Adelyn Moening,
Mason Kohls
Thurs. Mar 6: Iris Tenwalde, Cece Schroeder, Carder Osting
Fri. Mar 7: Addalynn Maenle, Savannah Gerdeman,
Austin Askins

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: March 8 & 9:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Brody & Connor Leis, Addison Sarka
7:30 am Christopher Moening, Ryan Aldrich,
Sophia Osting
9:30 am Tessa & Waylon Meyer, Zach Wagoner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Dave, Kathy & Alyssa Luersman,
Sue Knippen, Carla Norbeck
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Maddie Anspach, Sam Dubé, Eva Hill,
Julie Fischbach, Alex Horstman,
Braden & Ava Knippen

LECTORS:

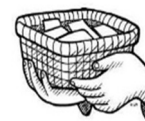
5:00 pm Dave Luersman
7:30 am Volunteer Needed
9:30 am Denny Osting

USHERS:

5:00 pm Jerry Vetter & Roger Trentman
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker

Please pray for the sick of the parish:

Contact the Parish Office to be added to the bulletin.



February 23, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,302.00
Loose	\$ 1,218.00
Maintenance	\$ 208.33

YTD as of February 23, 2025 = **\$ 135,655.54**

YTD Over budget = \$ 3,655.54

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

A letter from Bishop Thomas was sent to you, asking for your gift and/or pledge to support the ministries of the Diocese of Toledo. This letter gives all registered parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the Annual Catholic Appeal **themed Together for Good**. The ACA will be successful if every member of our parish carefully considers their circumstances and truly strives to give a significant gift. Please give prayerful consideration to your level of support to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by the Appeal. To learn more, visit acatoledo.org. Thank you! There are envelopes in the pews if you have not received one by mail.

BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Church: VERA JANE DICKREDE, daughter of Clint and Riley Dickrede. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Vera. Best Wishes from the Catholic Community in Fort Jennings.

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12th at 7:00 p.m.

JR/SR HIGH will have Religion Classes and will also go to Confession.

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.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of ROGER TRENTMAN, to his wife Diane (Dray), his children Renee (Stephen) Jacquemin, Travis (Melinda) Trentman, Bradley (Taylor) Trentman, to his grandchildren, siblings, and in-laws. He died February 22nd at the age of 65. May the Lord grant Roger eternal rest and life in the Kingdom.

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 suggested Lenten reading a few years ago.

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 held 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!

You are invited to attend the Women’s Welcome Retreat on March 29 & 30 and have an incredible experience that will help you make sense of life, help you develop friendships, and fill you with a newfound energy and purpose. A stronger relationship between Jesus and you give a positive effect, on not only you, but your family as well.

Free for all Women. If you would like to attend, you can register by 3/10/25 using the QR code below or by contacting: Sara Beining (419-230-5823), Chelsea Ebert (caebert13@gmail.com), or Julie Eickholt (419-615-5753).



Online Giving Option for Women's Welcome Retreat

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!



2025 Welcome Registration

**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 after talk. 50% of the collection goes toward the Dragon Slayer Retreat for our second grade Sacrament children.

FISH DINNER at Ft. Jennings American Legion on Ash Wednesday, March 5th from 4 to 6 p.m. Menu is 3 pieces of fish, baked potato, coleslaw & roll for \$12. To reserve dinners call: 419-286-2100 by Sunday, March 2nd. Carry-out only (use drive thru carry-out).

Sons of the Legion **LENTEN FISH FRY** will begin on Friday, March 7. \$12 dine in or carry-out. 4:30 – 6:30.

Ottoville K of C Council 2238 **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**, all you can eat pancakes, served w/sausage, scrambled eggs, cinnamon roll & refreshments at the Ottoville Parish Center on Sunday, March 2nd from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free will donation. Proceeds go to refurbishing the Church Steeple Crosses.

All-You-Can-Eat Fish & Chicken Fry sponsored by the St. Barbara/Cloverdale Holy Name Society. *Sunday, March 2nd* in the Parish Center (4:00 p.m. until we run out). Adults-\$12, Kids (12 & under)-\$5. Carry-outs available. Altar-Rosary Bake Sale. In case of inclement weather, it will be held the following Sunday.

Students for Life are hosting a **Dinner for Life** at Ottawa, American Legion on Saturday, March 29. Doors open at 5 pm, dinner and program at 6 pm. Cost is \$15 per meal. Josh Williams, a state representative from the Toledo area will be one of the speakers. All ages are invited. Call Chase Maag for tickets at 567-376-5382.

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER at St. John, Landeck on Sunday, March 9 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. in the church basement. Homemade chicken noodle, chili, German cabbage, and potato soup along with Venedocia Sausage or shredded chicken sandwiches. Ice cream & cookies for dessert. Dine in or carry out. Free will offering. Venedocia 2 lb. packages available for purchase

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.



**MAKE YOUR HOME
A SAFE HAVEN**

CELEBRATE A SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

YEAR 1: Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children

The Diocese of Toledo will observe Safe Haven Sunday on the weekend of March 23, 2025 and continue annually at or near the third weekend of lent.

In today's digital age, the need for greater pastoral care on internet safety has never been more important. As part of our commitment to supporting individuals, marriages, and families, we are introducing Safe Haven Sunday—an initiative designed to provide education, awareness, and practical resources to help safeguard our homes from the harmful effects of pornography.

Join parishes across the diocese in equipping families to live porn-free.



toledodiocese.org/safe-haven-sunday