



# 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	3/22	5:00 pm	Raymond Brockman
Sun	3/23	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Don Meyer
Mon	3/24	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Precious Blood Novena</b>
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Precious Blood Mass</b>
Tues	3/25	6:30 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
		7:00 pm	Dan Recker
Wed	3/26	7:00 pm	Herman & Vickie Luersman
Thurs	3/27	7:00 pm	Terry Maag
Fri	3/28	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
Sat	3/29	5:00 pm	Sandy Klinger
			<b>CONFIRMATION at the Cathedral</b>
Sun	3/30	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	For Our Parish

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Mon	3/24	2 Kgs 5:1-15b	Lk 4:24-30
Tues	3/25	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	
		Is 7:10-14, 8:10	Lk 1:26-38
Wed	3/26	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Mt 5:17-19
Thu	3/27	Jer 7:23-28	Lk 11:14-23
Fri	3/28	Hos 14:2-10	Mk 12:28-34
Sat	3/29	Hos 6:1-6	Lk 18:9-14

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Every Tuesday of Lent  
at 6:30 p.m.**

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP**

Remove any items from the grass by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Anything left on the grass after April 1<sup>st</sup> will be removed.

Items will be by the cemetery garage for a brief time but will eventually be disposed of.

**NOTHING** can be in the grass, for ease of mowing, including shepherds' hooks.

Everything must be on the cement footer or gravestone.

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

- Tues, Mar 25: Be at Church at 6:20 for Stations of the Cross  
Addalynn Maenle, Savannah Gerdeman,  
Jacob Anspach
- Wed. Mar 26: Levi & Liam Van Bibber, Lacey Meyer
- Thurs. Mar 27: Lillian Schroeder, Jase Metzger,  
Brooklyn Tumlinson
- Fri. Mar 28: Loryn Gasser, Evelyn Neidert, Nash Miller

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: March 29 & 30:**

**SERVERS:**

- 5:00 pm Braden & Ava Knippen
- 7:30 am Evan Ellerbrock & Ryan Aldrich
- 9:30 am Addison & Tenley Sarka

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

- 5:00 pm Carla Norbeck, Sue Knippen,  
Dave, Kathy, & Alyssa Luersman
- 9:30 am Doug Sickels, Diane Stennett,  
Kim McCracken, Denise Sukup,  
Teresa Wurst, Madie Anspach, Sam Dubé

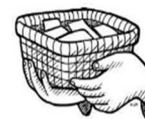
**LECTORS:**

- 5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman
- 9:30 am Denise Sukup

**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:**  
Tim Luersman



**March 16, 2025**

Envelopes	\$ 4,419.00
Loose	\$ 1,175.00
Maintenance	\$ 275.00

YTD as of March 16, 2025 = \$ 150,615.97

**YTD Over budget = \$ 6,615.97**

**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](mailto: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>

**PRAY for our Confirmation Candidates**, they will be traveling to the Cathedral in Toledo on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> for Confirmation.

**FORT JENNINGS GARAGE SALE MAPS** are being prepared. Community Garage Sales will be on 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 1<sup>st</sup> throughout town. The 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.

**Lenten Mission** ~ Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Columbus Grove. **"Forensic Investigation of the Shroud of Turin"**, will be presented by Terry Cousino, Retired Police Detective.

**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

**Fort Jennings High School's Musical, Frozen, Jr.** will be performed March 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. Presale tickets are available on March 24 & 25 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and March 26 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the High School Office. Tickets are also available at the door. You are encouraged to purchase pre-sale tickets to guarantee a seat for the much-anticipated show. All tickets are \$8.00. Showtimes: March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m. and March 30<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.

**40 Days Novena**

**EVERY Monday**

**6:30 p.m. Precious Blood Chaplet, 7:00 p.m. Mass**  
**It ends on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Chaplet at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7:00 p.m.**

**A PILGRIM'S WAY 3-Day Lenten Mission** featuring Luke Spehar 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](http://www.lukespehar.com). All are welcome.

**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, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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- fresh 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!

**Ottoville Stroke Awareness Presentation** on May 4, 2025, Time: 11:30 a.m. – following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the : Ottoville Parish Gym

\*The goal is to educate the public in stroke awareness and how to manage medical emergencies within our communities. The presentation will be presented by Brian Hilvers and will take about 60-90 minutes.

**GOSPEL SHOW** at Doc's Dance Hall, 311 N. Main St., Delphos on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Gospel artist Rusty Rierson performing. Good will donation.



**Night of Healing**  
WORSHIP WORD HEALING

**Diocese of Toledo**  
 Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal

TUESDAY APRIL 8 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**St. Joseph - Fort Jennings**  
135 N Water St, Fort Jennings, OH 45844  
Fr. Charles Obinwa | Fr. James Brown | Fr. Kevin Moebius

ADORATION WITNESS RECONCILIATION

Group healing and personal prayer teams

For more info call the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal  
734-888-8197 or visit website: [www.mccrholyspirit.org](http://www.mccrholyspirit.org)

**EASTER BUFFET at the FJ Legion.** Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Dine-in 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Carry-out 11 a.m. – Noon. Cost is \$14 for Adults, Kids under 10 is \$7. Beverages extra. For reservations call 419-286-2100 by Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**FIREWORKS are returning to Fort Jennings!** Brad Klima is bringing back his wonderful fireworks display this year and is asking for community support. Please consider donating to the **Fireworks show to be held on June 14, 2025.** You can mail checks to Brad Klima at 23242 St. Rte. 189, FJ, or you can donate at the Fort Jennings State Bank, let the teller know it is for "Brad Klima's FJ Fireworks". Brad also has Venmo which is Bradley Klima@FJFireworks, please put a firework emoji in the Venmo comment line. 100% of donations will go toward the show.



**Putnam County Council on Aging**  
**April Activities**

We invite any Putnam County resident age 60 and better, to join the fun!

**April 1st- 10:00 a.m. Truth or Dare**  
Ottoville Parish Hall 189 Church Street, Ottoville  
Please RSVP by March 21st

**April 3rd- 10:00 a.m. Bingo Sponsored by Bridge Home Care and Hospice**  
Fort Haven Apartments 145 Fourth Street, Fort Jennings  
Please RSVP by March 24th

**April 7th- 1:30 p.m. QR Codes and You With Addie Kaple-Sguerra**  
Ottawa District Library 136 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa  
Please RSVP by March 31st

**April 10th- 10:00 a.m. The Price is Wrong**  
United Methodist Church 300 North Main Street, Continental  
Please RSVP by April 1st

**April 14th- 10:00 a.m. Art Socialization Group with Area Agency on Aging 3**  
United Methodist Church 300 North Main Street, Continental  
Please RSVP by April 7th

**April 15th- 10:00 a.m. Single and Ready to Mingle**  
Church of the Good Sheperd 224 South Elm, Columbus Grove  
Please RSVP by April 4th

**April 22nd- 10:00 a.m. Pinwheel Surprise**  
Norhtside Lions Den Shelter House 429 Northland Drive, Kalida  
Please RSVP by April 11th

To register please call the Council on Aging  
at 419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760



**Thank you for your generosity but please, do not donate Perishable food items to the Food Pantry.**

**The Serra Club of Lima Area**, , will be meeting Thursday April 3 at Lima Central Catholic High School. Mass will begin at 5:45PM followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Fr. Tony Fortman, CPPS, pastor of St. Gaspar Family of Parishes in Dayton speaking on "Highs and Lows of Ministry within the Family Model." . People 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, April 1.