



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	02	5:00 pm	Arthur Ricker Family
	03	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	In Thanksgiving to God
Mon	04		40 Days Prayer
		6:30 pm	Precious Blood Chaplet
		7:00 pm	Precious Blood Mass
Tues	05	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
		7:00 pm	Irma Vorst Meyer
Wed	06	7:00 pm	Fr. Joseph Przybysz
Thurs	07	7:00 pm	Fr. Tony Borgia
Fri	08	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
Sat	09	5:00 pm	Dick Ricker
Sun	10	7:30 am	Harry Howbert
		9:30 am	Art & Bernice Schnipke 50 th Wedding Anniversary

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	3/4	Saint Casimir	
		2 Kgs 5:1-15ab	Lk 4:24-30
Tues	3/5	Dn 3:25, 34-43	Mt 18:21-35
Wed	3/6	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Mt 5:17-19
Thu	3/7	Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	
		Jer 7:23-28	Lk 11:14-23
Fri	3/8	Saint John of God, Religious	
		Hos 14:2-10	Mk 12:28-34
Sat	3/9	Saint Frances of Rome, Religious	
		Hos 6:1-6	Lk 18:9-14

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues., March 5 – Carder Osting & Evelyn Neidert
 Tues - Be at Church at 6:20 for Stations of the Cross
 Wed., March 6– Lacey Meyer & Adeline Dube
 Thurs., March 7 – Jase Metzger & Adelyn Moening
 Fri., March 8 – Austin Askins & Levi Schroeder

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: March 9 & 10:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Hannah Grote, Caleb Von Sossan,
 Adam Luersman
 7:30 am Mason, Chase & Joci German
 9:30 am Sam, Nolan & Owen Dube

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Dave, Kathy & Adam Luersman,
 Carla Norbeck, Becky Uphaus
 9:30 am Chad Recker, Doug Sickels,
 Rhonda Liebrecht, Diane Stennett,
 Kim McCracken, Denise Sukup,
 Anita Aldrich

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Dave Luersman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Cheryl Hellman

USHERS:

5:00 pm Rick Maag, Dan Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

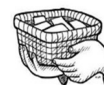
40 Days Novena

Mondays

6:30 p.m. for Precious Blood Chaplet
 7:00 p.m. Precious Blood Mass

Ending on Thursday, March 21st

6:30 p.m. Precious Blood Chaplet
 7:00 p.m. Precious Blood Mass



February 25, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 3,865.00
Loose	\$ 960.51
Maintenance	\$ 1,750.00
February Offertory EFT	\$ 3,915.00
February EFT Mait.	\$ 1,065.00

YTD as of February 25, 2024 = **\$ 140,975.19**

YTD Over budget = **\$ 4,975.19**

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.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration for Families (formerly our Senior Prom) will be held at the Ottawa K of C on March 17th from 2-4 pm. There will be snacks served and music by the Electric Raindrops and only \$5 per person at the door. Put on your fanciest St. Patty's attire and come out for a good time. Hosted by the Youth Groups of Putnam County.

Donation tags for the Women's Welcome Retreat on April 6 and 7 are in the Narthex of church. If you would like to donate towards the retreat, take a tag, and then place the purchased item in the provided tote. Any money donations can be put in an envelope, marked "Women's Retreat" and dropped off at the Parish Office or in the Sunday collection. Thank you very much, we really appreciate your contributions!

If you would like to attend the **Women's Welcome Retreat**, and have an experience that will help you make sense of life, help you develop friendships with other women in the parish, 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 of any age. If you would like to attend, you can sign up by contacting:

April Beining – 419-234-6593

Krista Hoersten – 419-890-6092

Crista Swint – 419-615-7351

EASTER BUFFET at the Fort Jennings Legion Restaurant on Sunday, March 31st from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For reservations calls 419-286-2100 by Friday, March 29th. Ham & Roast Beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, noodles, green beans, salad bar, roll and desserts. Cost \$13, Children 10 and under \$6. Drinks extra. Carry-out meals available from 11 am. To 12 p.m. Legion will be open for breakfast on Easter Morning from 6 to 10 a.m.

MEET & GREET COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES Wednesday, March 6th at 7 p.m. at the Ottoville Municipal Building. Four candidates seeking election for Putnam County Commissioner. Written questions from the audience will be taken. General public is invited to attend. Hosted by the Ottoville Chamber of Commerce. Call 419-890-5194 for further information.

Putnam County Right to Life will be meeting on Tuesday, March 5, at 7:30 pm in St. Michael's Church basement. Please come in from the front of church. All are welcome!

Adoration, Worship, Prayer, Music and Confession on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at St. John's Parish Center Gymnasium in Glandorf, Ohio from 7:00pm -8:30pm. Music will be by Damascus Praise and Worship. Come and bring your own chairs and blankets and worship our Lord!

Leipsic St. Mary Lenten Mission with Dominick Albano. March 4, 5, & 6 at 7 p.m. each night. The theme is **FINDING HAPPINESS, GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR HAPPY LIFE**. All are welcome.

Fertility Awareness - Marriage is forever.

Learn how to keep it that way and grow in your relationship at the same time by checking out natural family planning! A class series is starting Thursday evening, March 7th. For more information contact Jeff & Bridget Bockey, delphosnfp@gmail.com or 419-233-1600 or go to www.ccli.org to register!

ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancakes, served w/Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Cinnamon Roll & Refreshments on Sunday, March 3rd from 8 – 12 at the Ottoville Parish Center. Hosted by Ottoville K of C Council 2238. Free Will Donation, all donations are greatly appreciated. Proceeds will be directed to the parish center roof repair project. Please come in and enjoy breakfast with your family and friends.

Join MCCR for our **NIGHT OF HEALING** at St John, 510 Jackson Ave, Defiance, OH 43512. Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 7:00-8:30 pm. WORSHIP | WITNESS | WORD | HEALING | ADORATION | RECONCILIATION. Be open to Jesus and His Holy Spirit for healing and gifts - come unite with us in prayer!

Putnam County Right to Life will be holding our annual **Garage and Bake Sale** at the Ottawa K of C Hall, 10759 Road H, Ottawa in April. On Monday, April 8 donated gently used items and baked goods can be dropped off from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Sale days are Tuesday, April 9 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and Wednesday, April 10 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Help us support all life.

Quick and Nutritious Healthy Food for One or Two

– Presenter Mona Lisa Hoffman, OSU Extension Office. March 27, at 10:00 a.m. at Putnam County Educational Service Center, Classroom 2, 124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa. Seating is limited. Call the Putnam County Council on Aging at 419-523-4121 to register by March 20.

EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH in Music and Art at First Lutheran Church, 7 West Main St., Leipsic. Wednesdays from 6 – 8 p.m.

- Mar. 6 Featured Musician – Pastor Julie Parsell
Featured Artist – Andrw Paavola & Gabrielle Wooley
- Mar. 13 Featured Musician – Jack Myers
Featured Artist – Anita Bidlack Rieman
- Mar. 20 Featured Musicians –
The Rainbow Dulcimers
Featured Artist – The Bubbly Arts Club
Bruce Stowe, Mike Sarka, Gary Krouse,
Heather Vennekotter, & other artists displaying their art each week.

6TH ANNUAL SILVER BIRCH DINNER & AUCTION

for the Council on Aging. will be taking place this year on Thursday, April 18th at the UNOH Event Center. Tickets will be on sale beginning February 1st. You can be a part of something big and help us reach the funding needed to help others in our community that have nowhere else to turn. This year we are reaching for \$40,000 and can get there with your help. Visit <https://SBF2024givesmart.com> for more information. The purpose of the Silver Birch Foundation is to fund and support the mission of the Area Agency on Aging 3.