



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

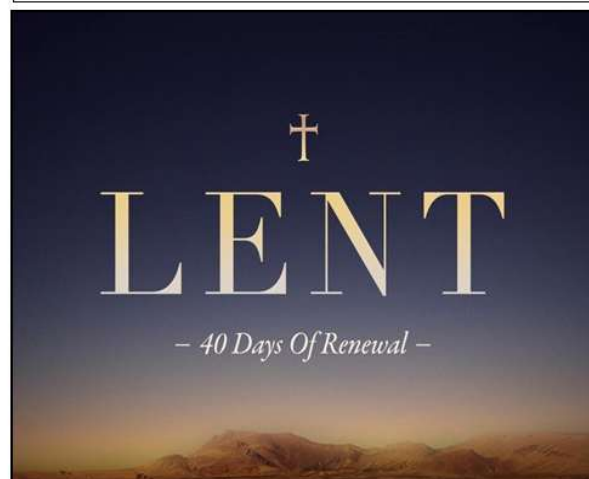
Mr. Alan Calvelage 419-303-0560

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	3/29	5:00 pm	Sandy Klinger
Sun	3/30	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	For Our Parish
Mon	3/31	6:30 pm	Precious Blood Novena
		7:00 pm	Precious Blood Mass
Tues	4/01	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
		7:00 pm	For Our Parish
Wed	4/02	7:00 pm	Dale & Marilyn Ricker
Thurs	4/03	7:00 pm	Edna Wurth
Fri	4/04	7:55 am	FIRST FRIDAY
Exposition after Mass with Closing at Noon			
Sat	4/05	5:00 pm	Eva Warnecke Family
Sun	4/06	7:30 am	Rosie & Lee Wittler
		9:30 am	Albert & Mabel Berelsman
THIS WEEK'S READINGS			
Mon	3/31	Is 65:17-21	Jn 4:43-54
Tues	4/01	Ez 47:1-9, 12	Jn 5:1-16
Wed	4/02	Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit	
		Is 49:8-15	Jn 5:17-30
Thu	4/03	Ex 32:7-14	Jn 5:31-47
Fri	4/04	Saint Isidore, Bishop	
		Wis 2:1a, 12-22	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat	4/05	Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest	
		Jer 11 :18-20	Jn 7 :40-53

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Tuesday of Lent

at 6:30 p.m.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Remove any items from the grass by April 1st.

Anything left on the grass after April 1st 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, Apr 1: Be at Church at 6:20 for Stations of the Cross
Maile Poole, Kinsley Farling, Amelia Orwick
Wed. Apr 2: Harper Leis, Aiden Hoersten, Adeline Dubé
Thurs. Apr 3: Adelyn Moening, Mason Kohls, Iris Tenwalde
Fri. Apr 4: Cece Schroeder, Addalynn Maenle,
Claire Mistisshen

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: April 5 & 6:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Andrew & Ryan Kahle,
Christopher Moening
7:30 am Jarron & Cayden Swick, Wyatt Gasser
9:30 am James, Carly & Levi Schroeder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Connor & Christina Hoersten,
Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter,
Nancy Wiechart
9:30 am Eva Hill, Julie Fischbach, Alex Horstman,
Sarah Horstman, Braden & Ava Knippen,
Hudson Maag

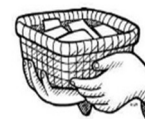
LECTORS:

5:00 pm Dave Luersman
9:30 am Penney Gerdeman

USHERS:

5:00 pm Alex Horstman & Kevin Leis
9:30 am Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht

Please pray for the sick of the parish:
Tim Luersman



March 23, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 1,963.00
Loose	\$ 990.00
Maintenance	\$ 190.00

YTD as of March 23, 2025 = \$ 153,568.97

YTD Over budget = \$ 5,568.97

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.

THANK YOU for your generosity, but please, do not donate perishable items to the food pantry.

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.

Bulletin submissions deadline:
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Dr. John Wood's talk last Wednesday was well received. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event.

Mark your calendars for November 1-5 when our parish hosts Fr. Jim Sichko, a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lexington, KY, and internationally known as a nonstop energetic preacher, evangelist, and motivational speaker for over 25 years.

BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Church: CECIL BRINDLEY BONIFAS, son of Cody and Brindley (Mauk) Bonifas. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Cecil. Best wishes from the Catholic Community of Fort Jennings.

CONGRATULATIONS to our parish youth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday morning at The Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo.

Lenten Mission ~ Sunday, March 30th, 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.

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

St Joseph Parish

Invitation to Adoration

~ First Friday

Date: ***April 4th***

8:30 a.m. through Noon closing



Come and spend ½ hr. or more with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Please, we must assure someone is always present, especially 9:30-11:00 a.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. 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 3rd 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!

We are at \$10,436.36 of our \$14,422.47 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal! Have you sent in your donation yet? We encourage 100% participation. Pledge cards/envelopes are in the pews/exits of church. No gift is too small, even a \$1 donation indicates you are an active member of the parish. Returning the pledge card helps with the parish census. If you prefer to make an online gift, you may do so through the "Give Page" on the Diocesan website listed on the envelope. We recently received a check from \$1,020.50 from the Diocese, which was reimbursement from the 2024 ACA, we receive 50% of donations over our parish goal.

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

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.

St. Catherine's Embrace is an outreach ministry that acknowledges and supports the many families in the St. George Deanery/ Putnam County area who have lost babies through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. We offer prayers, resources and an engraved keepsake box filled with helpful books, artwork and handmade memorial items crafted by parishioners from across the county. There are trained volunteers in this parish who can respond to families directly. If you or someone you love experiences a miscarriage or stillbirth, we are here to help. Simply call the parish office and we will take care of the rest.

Are you interested in volunteering with St. Catherine's Embrace? We have multiple ways to get involved. We need woodworkers, seamstresses, and parish outreach volunteers at this time. Please call or text Mary Beth at (419)980-8065, email scembrace@gmail.com or message us on Facebook if you are interested in learning how your talents and gifts can be used to accompany local families in their time of need. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30 at the Glandorf Parish Hall. Join us!

EASTER BUFFET at the FJ Legion. Sunday, April 20th. 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 18th.

The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote and support vocations to priesthood and religious life, 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. Kent Kaufman, Pastor of Lima St Charles Church. Fr. Kent will be sharing about his recent trip to Bangkok and the presence of the Catholic church in Thailand. 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.

Q: Why can't skeletons play music at church?
A: They have no organs.