

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Father Ron Schock 419-722-6817 | Deacon Larry Schimmoeller 419-302-2532



## *St. Joseph's Lenten* SCHEDULE

8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	SUNDAY 1:30-3:00 ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 2:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
11 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
14 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	SATURDAY 3:30-4:30 PM CONFESSIONS
15 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	SUNDAY 1:30-3:00 ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 2:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
2 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	THURSDAY 7:00 PM HOLY THURSDAY MASS
3 <sup>RD</sup> APRIL	FRIDAY 12:30 STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH DEACON LARRY 1:00 PM PASSION
4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	SATURDAY 8:00 PM EASTER VIGIL
5 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	SUNDAY 7:30 AM EASTER MASS 9:30 AM EASTER MASS

# Church Directory

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**Youth Minister**  
 Mrs. Julie Fischbach.....419-905-8472

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**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

**Finance Council**  
 Mr. Adam Anspach, Chair.....419-771-1747  
 Mrs. Mandi Kahle, Vice Chair  
 Mrs. Allison Gerdeman, Secretary      Mrs. Jenny Smith

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 Mr. Chad Recker, President..... 419-231-1428  
 Mr. Adam Krietemeyer, Vice President  
 Mrs. Lynn Anspach, Secretary  
 Mrs. Jenn Gasser                                      Mr. Scott Gerdeman  
 Mrs. Laura Tenwalde                                Mr. Todd Warnecke  
 Mrs. Michelle Menke                                Mr. Zach Liebrecht

Normal Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	7:30am & 9:30am
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday	7:00pm
Thursday	7:00pm
Friday	7:55am

**BAPTISMS** will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Ron or Deacon Larry. 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. Contact the office to register.

**MARRIAGE** arrangements should be made at least six months ahead of time by calling the parish office. Do not set your wedding date prior to meeting with Fr. Ron. Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage. Find Marriage Prep Classes at [ToledoMarriagePrep.org](http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org).

**FAITH ENRICHMENT** Classes for the elementary students from August – May. Classes for the Junior High and High School students run September – March.

**Scripture Readings**

Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15 Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25,34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1,5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)** classes run from Sept. to May. These classes are for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or who wish to join the Church. Contact the office to register.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY** Fr. Ron will visit the Homebound monthly. 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. Visitation and Eucharist will be provided by a Eucharistic Minister.

**Intentions for Mass**

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.**

Sat, 03/07	5:00 pm	For Our Parish
Sun, 03/08	7:30 am	Harry Howbert
	9:30 am	Dick & Norene Ricker
Tue, 03/10	7:00 pm	Jackie Trenkamp
Wed, 03/11	7:00 pm	<b>Parish Penance Service</b>
Thu, 03/12	7:00 pm	Hubert & Helen Kaverman
Fri, 03/13	7:55 am	For Our Religious Ed Students
Sat, 03/14	5:00 pm	Allen ‘Doc’ Wittler
Sun, 03/15	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	Virgil & Mary Gerdeman

**Liturgical Ministers: Mar 14 & Mar 15**

**Servers:**

5:00 pm	Brody, Connor, Harper Leis
7:30 am	Wyatt Gasser, Ryan Aldrich, Iris Tenwalde
9:30 am	Tenley & Addison Sarka, Austin Askins

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

5:00 pm	Alyssa Luersman, Dave & Kathy Luersman Bailey Hile, Sue Knippen
7:30 am	Volunteers needed
9:30 am	Julie Fischbach, Alex Horstman, Calvin Menke, Ava Knippen, Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman, Hudson Maag

**Lectors:**

5:00 pm	Agnes Krietemeyer
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Penney Gerdeman

**Ushers:**

5:00 pm	Ralph Knippen, Kevin Leis
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman

**Weekday Servers:**

Tue, 3/10	Katie Anspach, Nash Miller, Emma Hedrick	Thu, 3/12	Liam & Levi Van Bibber, Logan Krietemeyer
Wed, 3/11	Jacob Myers, Mason Kohls, Henry Brokamp	Fri, 3/13	Claire Mistishen, Anden Maenle, Olivia Amstutz

**There will be a table set up at the back of church** after Masses on March 8 for anyone who would like help scheduling their Directory photos.

**Schedule your church Directory photos today:**

Pictures will be April 14-18 & April 21-25.

Scan the QR code to book your time!

Enter Code: oh2930

Password: photos2



**Cancer Prayer Service at the Shrine** on Sun, March 15, at 2:00pm in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel. Please contact Caleb Gaier at [c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org](mailto:c.gaier@mariasteinshrine.org) or call 419-925-4532. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. John's Rd. in Maria Stein.

**The family of Roger Broecker would like to thank** Fr. Charles Obinwa, Deacon Larry, Joyce and the Funeral Choir, Norma Maag and the Friends of Hope, Sue Knippen and the Funeral Luncheon Committee for the beautiful funeral service. Thank you to our family, friends and community members who said prayers, gave us food and gifts and had a kind word when we needed it most. The kindness we have been shown during this difficult time has been a blessing.

**FJHS Blood Drive will be held** - Thurs, March 12 from 11:00am to 5:00pm at Fort Jennings High School Gym. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code: FORTJENNINGSOH Or you can call Becky Uphaus at FJHS 419-286-2238. Walk-ins are always welcome. Thank you for your support.

**Ft. Jennings Showmen 4-H club Steak Dinner** is Sun, March 15 from 4:00 - 6:00pm at the FJ American Legion, carry-out only. Cost is \$12.00. Members are currently selling tickets, please contact a member or Amy Jo Schumaker at 419-302-7795.

**2026 Woman's Welcome Retreat** will be held March 28-29. For More info, contact Kari Norbeck 567-204-5399 or Linda Knippen 419-236-6298 or use the QR code to register.



## WHOEVER DRINKS

*the water I give them will  
never thirst...*



### A look ahead:

**Sun, Mar. 8** - 1:30-3:00 Adoration & Confessions

2:30 PM Stations of the Cross

**Tues, Mar. 10** - **NO Adoration & Confession**

**Wed, Mar. 11** - Parish Penance Service

**Thurs, Mar. 12** - 6:00 Adoration & Confession

**Sat, Mar. 14** - 3:30-4:30pm Confessions

**Sun, Mar. 15** - 1:30-3:00 pm Adoration & Confessions  
2:30 PM Stations of the Cross

**Please Check Facebook for Mass Cancellations and updates!**

**Bulletin Submission deadline:**  
**Monday 10:00 am**

**Fort Jennings American Legion Fish Fry**, every Fri. 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Cost is \$12. Dine-in and Carry-Out.

**Legion Easter Buffet** will be held Sun. April 5. Dine in 10:30- 12:30 Carry-out 11:00-Noon. Menu includes: ham, roast beef, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, salad bar, roll & assorted desserts. Adults:\$15, kids under 10 are \$7.50. For Reservations call 419-286-2100 by April 3.

**2nd Annual Ottawa–Glandorf Students for Life Dinner** on Sat, March 14. Doors open at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, at the Ottawa American Legion. Featuring Pastor Lorenzo Sewell. Tickets are adult (individual) \$30, couple \$50, student: \$15. Please dress formally. Tickets can be purchased at Ottawa Ordnance and We'll Grounded Café. For more info, contact Chase Maag at 567-376-5382.

**Landeck St. John Soup & Sandwich Supper** on Sun, March 15 from 3:30 to 7:00. We will be featuring Venedocia Sausage or Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Noodle, Chili, German Cabbage and Potato Soup, cornbread, veggies, ice cream and cookie. Dine in or carry out. This is a Free Will Offering event.

**MCCR Life in the Spirit Retreat Weekend** Aug. 14-16, at Maria Stein Retreat Center, Come make or renew a personal commitment to Jesus through your openness to the Holy Spirit and His gifts.



<b>Offertory March 2026</b>	
Envelopes	\$1,084.00
Loose	\$1,107.02
Maintenance	\$1,135.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$20.00
Children's Mass	\$14.80
<b>YTD Total:</b>	<b>\$156,851.33</b>
<b>YTD over Budget:</b>	<b>\$20,851.33</b>

**THANK YOU** for your continued support.  
 Sign up Electronic Funds Transfer to have your contribution's deducted directly from your bank account. Forms are on our parish website or contact the parish office.

**Putnam County Right to Life Garage Sale** will be on Tues. March 24 at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus.



318 STATE STREET  
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**MAR 9-11**  
Sessions starts at 7pm

2026 ST. MARY PARISH

# LENTEN MISSION

NIGHT 1: EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES  
 NIGHT 2: EUCHARISTIC SAINTS  
 NIGHT 3: HOPE

# MINISTRIES AT OUR CHURCH:

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is another great way to get involved with our Parish. The kids get so excited each year, and watching them grow in their faith is a priceless experience. Our VBS program is run by Riley Dickrede.

"It all started when I volunteered back in 2022, and the next thing I knew, I was taking it over. It was a total *Holy Spirit Thing*," mentioned Riley.

Riley plans the event along side Renee Neidert and Michelle Wannemacher. Last year, these ladies created a world within our church basement to dive into the mysteries of the rosary. They visited the Land of the Lighthouse as they explored the luminous mysteries. This year VBS will focus on the stories of the sorrowful mysteries and the Ultimate Superhero, Jesus, the Sacred Avenger.

"We are so excited to invite your kids and grandkids to see The Sacred Avenger, as He overcomes the evil of sin through his suffering and death on the cross." said Dickrede. "We understand

that people have busy schedules, but we are trying something a little different this year."

VBS will be May 26-28 from 9:00 - 11:15 AM. in hopes to beat the heat, and avoid family vacations that happen later in the summer.

"We are in need of station and crew leaders! Older brothers and sisters, parents and grandparents are all welcome. If you work and cannot find the time to help, we always need snack donations, among other items for crafts and games. We will have each item listed on the giving tree in the back of church," added Riley. "My favorite part is watching the kid's program at the end of the week. They work hard all week to learn the songs, and the meaning behind them. Watching them filled with joy, and praising God together is the cherry-on-top that truly brings tears to my eyes every year!"

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this special event for our youth. Even a small part makes a huge difference, and encourages our youth to be closer to HIM!

**THE SACRED AVENGER**  
AND HIS SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

**ST. JOSEPH VBS**  
May 26-28  
9:00 am - 11:15 am

THE EPIC TRIUMPH OF GOOD OVER EVIL



Reflections of a country Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday we hear the beautiful Gospel of the Woman at the well.

Jesus meets her in the middle of the day — tired, thirsty, carrying her past. He speaks to something deeper than physical thirst.

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again... but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.”

*At the heart of this Gospel is a question: What are we really thirsty for?*

As a parish, we continue our prayerful discernment regarding the reverence and placement of the Eucharist in our church. This is not merely about furniture or location. It is about desire. It is about recognizing that what we receive at the altar is not symbolic refreshment — it is Jesus Himself.

*The Eucharist is the Living Water.*

Every one of us comes to Mass thirsty. Thirsty for peace. Thirsty for strength. Thirsty for hope. And Jesus does not meet us with theory — He meets us with Himself.

That is why our discernment must remain prayerful, unhurried, and rooted in reverence. We are not rearranging a space. We are deepening our awareness of Who dwells among us.

I also want to thank you for the outpouring of support this past weekend following the news

I shared regarding my medical retirement effective July 1. I know the announcement brought shock and disbelief to many of you. Your kindness, prayers, and words of encouragement have meant more than I can adequately express.

Please continue to pray for the future pastor who will be sent to shepherd the good people of St. Joseph, Fort Jennings. Pray that the Lord sends the right man at the right time. And I ask you to continue praying for me as I attend ongoing appointments at the Cleveland Clinic in the weeks ahead.

Finally, please mark your calendars for this Wednesday, March 11. Our parish Lenten Penance Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., our junior high and high school religion students will join us, but all are welcome to remain. We will have several visiting priests available and will hear confessions until the final one is heard.

If this Gospel teaches us anything, it is that Jesus is not afraid of our thirst. He waits for us at the well.

Come and let Him satisfy what nothing else can.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ron

“Don’t forget, You are a Saint in the Making!”

Due to Father’s uncertainties with appointments, please check Facebook for any Weekday Mass cancellations or changes.

**Ottoville:** the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Tues (of the month): 7:00 pm, Wed & Thurs 8:10am,  
**Delphos:** Mon-Fri 8:00am & Wed 12:15pm, **Kalida:** Thurs 7:30pm, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:00am