



# 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





**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	3/08	5:00 pm	Louis & Louise Brockman
Sun	3/09	7:30 am	Rosie & Lee Wittler
		9:30 am	Walt Hoersten
Mon	3/10	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Precious Blood Novena</b>
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Precious Blood Mass</b>
Tues	3/11	6:30 pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
		7:00 pm	Tom Miehl
Wed	3/12	7:00 pm	<b>Parish Penance Service</b>
Thurs	3/13	7:00 pm	Eva Warnecke Family
Fri	3/14	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
Sat	3/15	5:00 pm	Dick Ricker
Sun	3/16	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	<b>BLUE MASS</b>

**For First Responders**

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Mon	3/10	Lv 19 :1-2, 11-18	Mt 25 :31-46
Tues	3/11	Is 55:10-11	Mt 6:7-15
Wed	3/12	Jon 3:1-10	Lk 11:29-32
Thu	3/13	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Mt 7:7-12
Fri	3/14	Ez 18 :21-28	Mt 5 :20-26
Sat	3/15	Dt 26:16-19	Mt 5:43-48

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Every Tuesday of Lent**

**at 6:30 p.m.**

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Another letter from the Pastor will be sent to those who donated previously to the ACA but have not yet responded. This will provide another opportunity to share your gifts with those in need during the year.

**BLUE MASS for First Responders**  
**Sunday, March 16 at 9:30**  
**All First Responders are Invited**

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

Tues, Mar 11: Be at Church at 6:20 for Stations of the Cross  
 Levi & Liam Van Bibber, Claire Mistisshen  
 Wed. Mar 12: NO MASS  
 Thurs. Mar 13: Lacey Meyer, Brooklyn Tumlinson,  
 Nash Miller  
 Fri. Mar 14: Harper Leis, Evelyn Neidert, Maile Poole

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: March 15 & 16:**

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm Abbie & Leah Kahle, Caleb Von Sossan  
 7:30 am Madie & Josie Anspach  
 9:30 am Chase & Joci German, Morgan Siefker

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm Connor & Christina Hoersten,  
 Jodi Von Sossan, Becky Uphaus,  
 Rose Ann Vetter  
 9:30 am Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman,  
 Hudson Maag, Calvin Menke,  
 Marilyn Metzger, Karan Maenle,  
 Trish Moening

**LECTORS:**

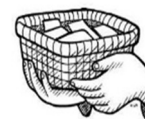
5:00 pm Jen Neidert  
 9:30 am Andrea Recker

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm Rick Maag & Dan Krietemeyer  
 9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

**Please pray for the sick of the parish:**

Contact the Parish Office to be added to the bulletin.



**March 2, 2025**

Envelopes	\$	1,575.00
Loose	\$	902.50
Maintenance	\$	1,480.00
February EFT	\$	4,095.00
Feb. Maintenance EFT	\$	1,055.00
Catholic Relief	\$	20.00
Eastern Europe	\$	30.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$	20.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	60.00

YTD as of March 2, 2025 = **\$ 142,198.04**

YTD Over budget = **\$ 6,198.04**

**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](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>

**PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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

**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 Lenten reading a few years ago.

Sons of the Legion **LENTEN FISH FRY** every Friday during Lent \$12 dine in or carry-out. 4:30 – 6:30.

**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, Mar. 6<sup>th</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- 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!

**40 Days Novena**

**EVERY Monday**

**6:30 p.m. Precious Blood Chaplet**

**7:00 p.m. Precious Blood Mass**

**Ends on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Chaplet at 6:30 p.m.**

**Mass at 7:00 p.m.**

**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](mailto:caebert13@gmail.com)), or Julie Eickholt (419-615-5753).



2025 Welcome Registration

**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

**SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER** at St. John, Landeck on Sunday, March 9 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. Dine in or carry out. Free will offering. Venedocia sausage 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](http://www.lukespehar.com). All are welcome.

# 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 - 50% of the collection goes toward the Dragon Slayer Retreat for our second grade Sacrament children.

## Mini Spring Bazaar Bake Sale and Lunch

March 20, 2025

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Lunch from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sponsored by the Ottawa Senior  
Citizens Association  
1035 East 3rd Street  
Ottawa, Ohio 45875

Lunch Choices Include:

- Homemade Cheesy Potato Soup
- Bar-b-que Pulled Pork
- Sandwich Platter
- Hot Beef Sandwich Platter
- Assorted Desserts
- Drinks

Come join us and check out our new craft items, homemade baked goods, and lunch. You can eat in or call 419-523-5593 to order a carryout meal.

## 40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign Is going on NOW! March 5 – April 13

Join in this powerful witness to end abortion through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil. Here's how you can get involved:

**Sign up** for an hour to pray outside the abortion facility in Toledo.

**Pray & Fast** – every prayer matters!

**Spread the Word** – invite friends, family, and fellow church members to join in.

**Trust in God** – He is working through our prayers!

Register at:

[40DaysForLife.com/Toledo](http://40DaysForLife.com/Toledo)



## 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](http://toledodiocese.org/safe-haven-sunday)