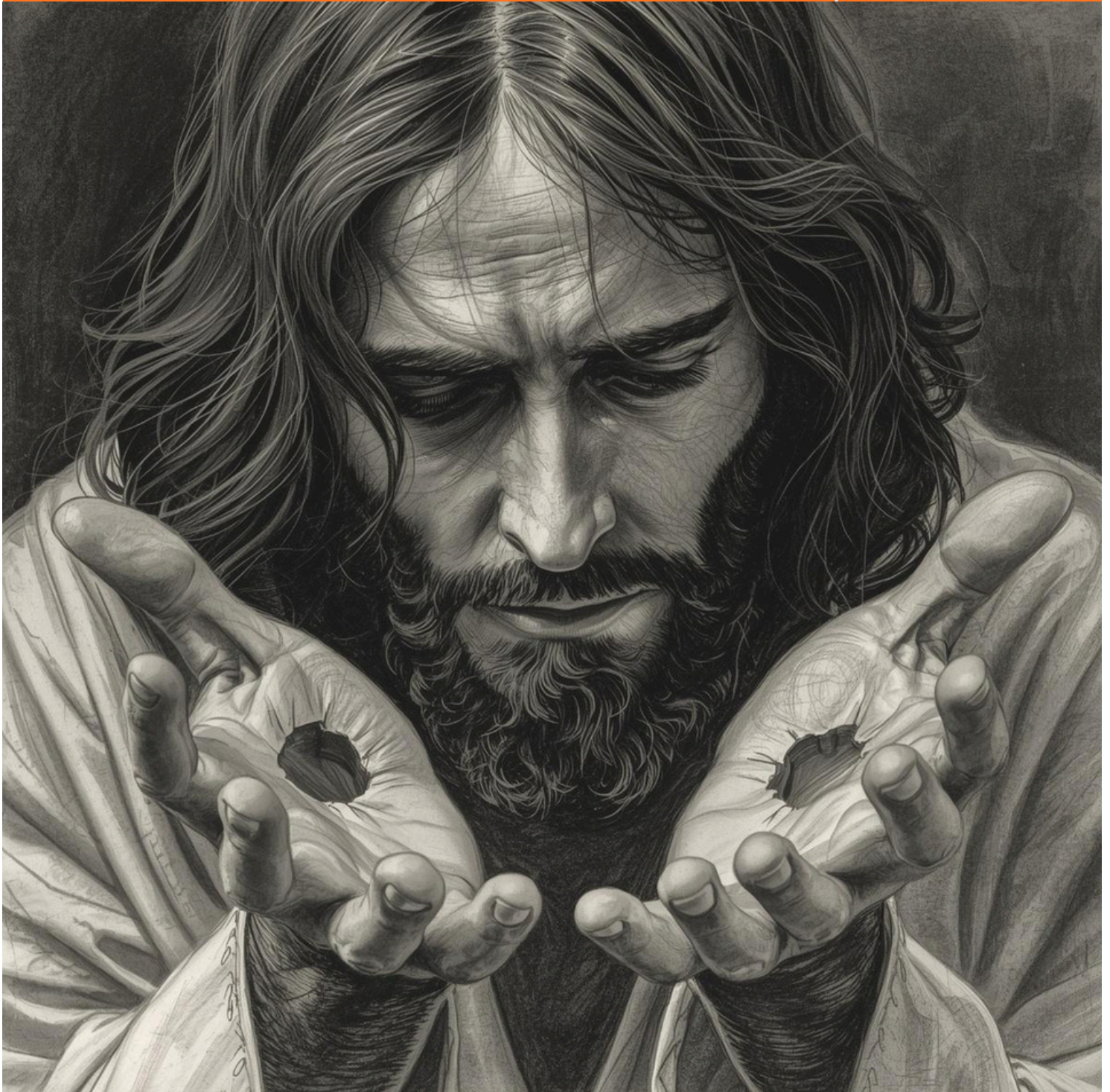


St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Church Directory

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 Mrs. Laurie Maag.....419-234-6518

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 Mrs. Mandi Kahle, Vice Chair
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 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	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am & 9:30 am
Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday	7:00 pm
Thursday	7:00 pm
Friday	7:55 am

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.

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

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Scripture Readings

Monday	Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21

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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 04/11	5:00 pm	Norman Schimmoeller
Sun 04/12	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	Don Meyer
Tue 04/14	7:00 pm	Eva Warnecke Family
Wed 04/15	7:00 pm	Ken Von Sossan
Thu 04/16	7:00 pm	Milton & Joanne Nichols
Fri 04/17	7:55 pm	For Our Religious Ed Students
Sat 04/18	8:00 pm	For Our Parish
Sun 04/19	7:30 am	Harry Howbert
	9:30 am	Joe & Shirley Mesker

Liturgical Ministers: April 18 & 19

Servers:

5:00 pm	Evan Ellerbrock, Amelia Orwick, Ryan Aldrich
7:30 am	Tenley & Addison Sarka, Iris Tenwalde
9:30 am	Brody, Connor, & Harper Leis

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm	Carla Norbeck, Rose Ann Vetter, Becky Uphaus, Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young
7:30 am	Volunteers needed
9:30 am	Trish Moening, Katie Neidert, Jamie Saum Chad Recker, Tony & Kelly Recker, Addison Sarka

Lectors:

5:00 pm	Jen Neidert
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Doug Sickels

Ushers:

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

Weekday Servers:

Tue 4/14 - Abby & Savannah Gerdeman
Mason Kohls

Thu 4/16 - Henry Brokamp, Anden Maenle,
Logan Krietemeyer

Wed 4/15 - Bishop Bruskotter, Levi & Liam
Van Bibber

Fri 4/17 - Loryn Gasser, Olivia Amstutz,
Claire Mistisshen

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



Our parishioners have donated \$12,778.33 toward our \$14,149.39 Annual Catholic Appeal goal. Have you made your donation yet? If not, there are pledge cards & envelopes in church or you can donate online at acatoledo.org.

Rosary for the safety and Unity of our Nation

On the second Mon. of the month, April-Oct. at 7:30 there will be a St. Rita's Rosary Walk starting at 620 E Blake St. Ottawa (near Glandorf Elementary). Led by the 4th degree Knights of Columbus. All are welcome.

The Putnam County Council on Aging will be hosting their fall prevention program at the Ottoville Parish Center beginning Wed. April 15, and running through June 5. The class will be held from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. This free program is designed for adults age 60 and older who are interested in improving balance, strength, and confidence while reducing their risk of falls.

LAST WED. RELIGION 2026



PEACE 
be with you

A look ahead:

Sun. Apr. 12 - 2:00-3:00 pm
Adoration & Confession

Tues. Apr. 14 - 6:00 pm
Adoration & Confession

Wed. Apr. 15 - 6:00 pm
Adoration & Confession

Thurs. Apr. 16 - 6:00 pm
Adoration & Confession

Effective April 21 - No Tues.
evening Mass

Sun. May 3 - 9:30 am First
Communion Mass

Sat. May 9 - 5:00 pm
Baccalaureate Mass

Bulletin Submission deadline:
Monday 10:00 am

**Week 1 Fort Fest Winner
is Jerry Slattman.**

Congrats to the week
3/30 winner!

St. Joseph's Youth Group News

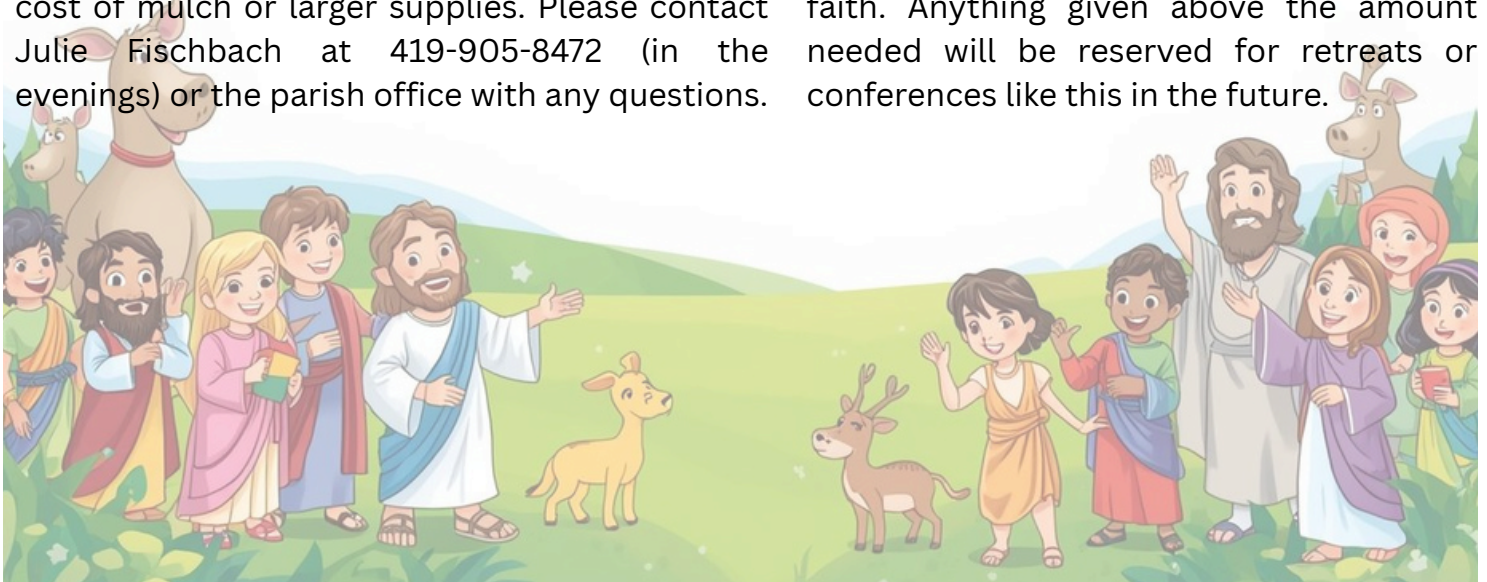


Y.E.S. – Youth Elect Service Project Donations

needed The 2026 Y.E.S. project is hosted by St. Joseph's in Fort Jennings June 4-6 and involves high school youth and adults helping those in need with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or many other tasks that are just too difficult for our area residents to do. The ultimate goal is to spread the love of Christ and His message of Hope to those who need it most. Our work consists of helping private homeowners without family members nearby who are unable to maintain or improve their homes. Work sites are all over the county and supplies are needed. All of the work done is at no cost to those being helped. The youth and adults are asked to contribute a fee to cover the cost of a t-shirt, food and their supplies. We are asking residents, businesses and organizations to contribute as you can. If you would like to make a donation of supplies, we can always use cleaning supplies, small tools, water, soda or snacks. A monetary donation is appreciated as well to help cover the cost of mulch or larger supplies. Please contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472 (in the evenings) or the parish office with any questions.

Checks may be payable to St. Joseph's Catholic Church- YES and sent to P O Box 68, Ft. Jennings, OH 45844. Thank you for your support of this project that teaches being of service to others offers long term benefits! The rewards are eternal!

Our Youth Group is going to the Steubenville Youth Conference, this summer on July 17-19! We have several students attending. We are asking our generous parish to consider making a donation to ease the cost. There is a donation board in the Narthex, with more information on the conference itself and what you would be graciously supporting. Please take an envelope and send your donation in the mail to the parish office or drop it in the collection baskets at any Mass. Feel free to take as many envelopes as you want. Thank you in advance for your generosity and making it possible for our kids to learn more about how to live their faith. Anything given above the amount needed will be reserved for retreats or conferences like this in the future.



Student of the week

Amaya Reed was nominated by her teacher Erica Maenle as the student of the week.



“I nominated Amaya because she is always coming to class ready and with a smile plastered on her face. Amaya stands out to me because she listens when there's chaos around her, she's focused during lessons and she is just the sweetest girl. I've never seen her be rude, she's just a ray of sunshine.” mentioned Erica.

Amaya describes herself as helpful and kind, and she loves to watch movies.

“My favorite part of religion class is probably when it start in the morning, the reward box, and the new things I learn,” shared Amaya.

Her favorite prayer is one she learned in her forth grade religion class and goes like this:

Dear Father,
hear me when I pray, guide my steps throughout this day, help me to be kind and true, in everything I say and do. Amen

She loves spending time with her family.

“Every night after dinner, we play a game. Uno No Mercy is my favorite,” finished Amaya.



Offertory April 2026

Envelopes	\$5,656.00
Loose	\$3,055.00
Maintenance	\$1,437.00
Holy Land	\$733.00
YTD Total:	\$175,060.74
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YTD over Budget:	\$19,060.74

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.

TIME TO *Refresh & Renew*

CATHOLIC ROAD TRIP

Lancaster County & Gettysburg, PA

JULY 27 - 31
5 DAYS, 4 NIGHTS
\$1,148

Highlights Include:
Amish Country, 2 nights
Gettysburg, 2 nights
Included Meals: 4 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 1 Dinner
Group Seating for the JOSHUA performance at Sight & Sound Theater
Celebrate America 250 Gettysburg Tour
National Center for St. Padre Pio
National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tanger Outlet Malls near Lancaster, PA
Kitchen Kettle Village stores, Amish Country
Flight 93 National Memorial
Luxury Motor Coach transportation and more!

Deadline:
Mon, April 20

For complete details, contact
Diane Utrup 419-306-5588
letsgotravelclub2@gmail.com

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Last Sunday we celebrated the joy of the Resurrection, and today the Church invites us to step even deeper into that mystery through Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy Sunday comes from the revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, to whom Jesus revealed His desire that the Sunday after Easter be dedicated to His mercy. In the year 2000, St. John Paul II established this feast for the entire Church, placing it exactly where Jesus asked—on the Sunday after Easter. And it makes perfect sense. The Cross is mercy. The Resurrection is mercy fulfilled. Divine Mercy Sunday is our invitation to receive that mercy personally.

In today's Gospel, the risen Jesus says, "Peace be with you," and shows His wounds not to condemn, but to heal. Then He gives the Church the gift of mercy: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." Divine Mercy is not distant—it is for you, right now. All He asks is trust: Jesus, I trust in You.

I invite all of you to join us this Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Adoration and Confessions in church, followed at 3:00 p.m. by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

Thank you to all who have already signed up for our pictorial directory. If you have not yet done so, it is not too late. Please see the bulletin for details. Pictures will begin next week. This will be a great gift to our parish, especially for our future pastor to connect names with faces.

Thank you also for your continued prayers. Following my recent infusion treatments for CRPS, there was some brief improvement, but symptoms have returned. I will follow up in early May to determine next steps. I have also received a diagnosis of early-onset Alzheimer's and will be undergoing further testing to determine the best course of treatment to help slow its progression. This has been difficult news, and I humbly ask for your continued prayers, patience, and understanding. Your support means more than I can say.

With that being said, it is with a heavy heart that I have decided to discontinue Tuesday evening Masses. With more appointments and the challenges of travel, I am hoping this helps me to be able to keep the remaining Mass times as scheduled.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Ron

"Don't forget you are a saint in the making!"