



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	4/12	5:00 pm	For Our Parish
Sun	4/13	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Richard & Dolly Friemoth Mon
Mon	4/14	7:00 pm	For the Sick of our Parish
Tues	4/15	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
		7:00 pm	Terry Maag
Wed	4/16	7:00 pm	For Our Parish
Thurs	4/17	7:00 pm	Greg Fields
Fri	4/18	12:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
		1:00 pm	Good Friday Service With Singing of the Passion
Sat	4/19	8:00 pm	Milton & Joanne Nichols
Sun	4/20	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	In Thanksgiving to God

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	4/14	Is 42 :1-7	Jn 12 :1-11
Tues	4/15	Is 49:1-6	Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed	4/16	Is 50:4-9a	Mt 26:14-25
Thu	4/17	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14	1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Fri	4/18	Is 52:13-53:12	Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
Sat	4/19	Gn 1:1-2:1 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 55:1-11 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28	Gn 22:1-18 Is 54:5-14 Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Rom 24:1-12 Lk 24:1-12

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

TUESDAY at 6:30 p.m.

Join to enrich your Lenten Journey

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

DONATIONS must be received by April 14th to have your loved one's name included in the bulletin on Easter.

If you do not have collection envelopes, place your donation and the names of your loved ones, in a plain envelope marked "Easter Flowers" in the offertory at any Mass next weekend.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

- Tue Apr 15: **Be at Church at 6:20 for Stations of the Cross**
Nash Miller, Kinsley Farling, Loryn Gasser
- Wed. Apr 16: Amelia Orwick, Evelyn Neidert,
Aiden Hoersten
- Thu. Apr 17: Iris Tenwalde, Adeline Dubé, Mason Kohls
- Fri. Apr 18: Christopher & Adelyn Moening,
Cece & Levi Schroeder

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: April 19 & 20:

SERVERS:

- 8:00 pm Ryan, Abby & Leah Kahle
- 7:30 am Chase & Joci German, Zach Wagoner
- 9:30 am Tessa & Waylon Meyer, Caleb VonSossan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 8:00 pm Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young,
Evan Ellerbrock, Bailey Hile,
Sue Knippen
- 9:30 am Jamie Saum, Chad & Tony Recker,
James Schroeder, Diane Stennett,
Kim McCracken, Sam Dubé

LECTORS:

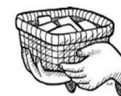
- 8:00 pm Dave Luersman
- 9:30 am Cheryl Hellman

USHERS:

- 8:00 pm Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht

Please pray for the sick of the parish:

Mike Schuerman & Tim Luersman



April 6, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 1,638.00
Loose	\$ 946.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,703.00
Easter Donation	\$ 10.00
Home Missions	\$ 20.00
Holy Land	\$ 30.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 939.00

YTD as of April 6, 2025 = \$ 161,288.41

YTD Over budget = \$ 9,288.41

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.

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

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.

Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage.

Find Marriage Prep Classes at <http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org>

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday

Servers:

Iris Tenwalde, Adeline Dubé, Mason Kohls

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sue Knippen, Dave, Kathy & Alyssa Luersman, Carla Norbeck, Addison & Tenley Sarka

Lector: Agnes Krietemeyer

Ushers: Ralph Knippen & Kevin Leis

Good Friday:

Servers: Christopher & Adelyn Moening, Cece & Levi Schroeder

Eucharistic Ministers:

Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter, Madie Anspach

Lector: Lisa Kaverman

Usher: Rob Weber

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Wednesday, April 16 and Friday, April 18.



FOURTH GRADE RELIGIOUS FUNDRAISER

The above keychains are being sold by our 4th grade religion students for \$2 each until April 23rd. If you are interested in a keychain, ask any 4th grade religion student, the teacher, Erica Maenle or email the parish office your name & phone number.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: Thank you to all who have donated to the 2025 ACA. Our parishioners have donated \$12,615.14 of our \$14,422.47 goal. **PLEASE, if you have not yet donated, consider doing so.** Make your gift in the parish collection by using an envelope that are in each pew, or send to: Perpetuate The Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo OH 43697 or donate online at www.acatoledo.org.

Fort Fest 2nd weekly \$300 winner is Beverly Schnipke. Congrats to the week 4/7 winner!



EASTER EGG HUNT: Saturday, April 15, 2025; 1:00 p.m. at the FJ Park. Ages 0-12. *In case of inclement weather, the egg hunt will be at the FJ Old Gym. If the event is moved, it will be posted on the Fort Jennings Women's Club Facebook page.

The Putnam County Council on Aging will be hosting a Senior Citizen's Day Celebration on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at the Columbus Grove Legion from noon to 2:00 p.m. The celebration will include a sit-down lunch catered by Ted's Market, along with entertainment by the Leipsic and Columbus Grove High School Choirs. Ticket price is \$10.00. Tickets may be reserved by calling 419-523-4121 or by visiting the Council on Aging office at 1425 E. 4th St., Ottawa. RSVP's are needed by April 30th.

St. Catherine's Embrace is an outreach ministry that acknowledges and supports families in the St. George Deanery/ Putnam County area who have lost babies through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. 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 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.

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.

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

*Palm Sunday is one fine occasion
to take heaps of inspiration from Christ
and become a pure soul like him.*

Putnam County Hospice is seeking volunteers to share time with patients facing a life-limiting illness. Volunteers do not provide personal care but do offer a warm smile, a caring presence, through friendly visits. Training and orientation will be provided. For more information, contact Kaylee Wilhelm, Volunteer Coordinator, at 419-523-4449 or kwilhelm@pchh.net.

FATIMA, SPAIN & LOURDES PILGRIMAGE with Fr. Scott Perry. October 15-24, 2025. For more information you can call Vicki Demuth at 513-515-2210 or online at www.206tours.com/frscottperry.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

PUTNAM COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING MAY ACTIVITIES

**RSVP by calling 419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760
Activities for ages 60 and older**

May 14 – 10 a.m. Memorable Mothers at Trinity United Methodist Church, 137 N. Pratt St. Ottawa. Join the fun as we honor and celebrate all the wonderful mothers. Take part in games, conversation, as well as light snacks and drinks. RSVP by May 7th.

May 20 – July 24 – 9:00 a.m. Bingocize at Col. Grove Community Center 17524 Road 8-P. A fun 10 week program that combines exercise with bingo. Attend the class twice a week for 10 weeks to get the benefits of improved physical fitness, improved cognitive function all while having fun. Limited to first 20 people that RSVP by May 13th.

May 21 – 10 a.m. Friendly Feud Just for Fellas – Men ONLY event. Northside Lion's Den Shelter House, 429 Northland Dr., Kalida. Join us for a light hearted, fun competition. RSVP by May 14th.

May 28 – 10 a.m. Warning Signs of Alzheimer's and Dementia at Lilac House at the Meadows of Leipsic, 901 E Main St. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. RSVP by May 21st.