



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

*Christ
is
Risen!*



Intentions

Sat	13	5:00 pm	Ken Von Sossan
Sun	14	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Richard & Dolly Friemoth
Mon	15		
Tues	16	7:00 pm	Joann & Milton Nichols
Wed	17	7:00 pm	NO MASS
Thurs	18	7:00 pm	Virgil & Mary Gerdeman
Fri	19	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
Sat	20	5:00 pm	James Brockman
Sun	21	7:30 am	Harry Howbert
		9:30 am	For Our Country
		11:00 am	ANOINTING of the SICK

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	4/15	Acts 6:8-15	Jn 6:22-29
Tues	4/16	Acts 7:51-8:1a	Jn 6:30-35
Wed	4/17	Acts 8:1b-8	Jn 6:35-40
Thu	4/18	Acts 8:26-40	Jn 6:44-51
Fri	4/19	Acts 9:1-20	Jn 6:52-59
Sat	4/20	Acts 9:31-42	Jn 6:60-69

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 21, 2024, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) website.

HAVE YOU DONATED TO THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL? We are currently at 68% of our parish goal of \$14,398. In the past 10 years we have met our parish goal consistently. If you have not yet donated, please, do so today. There are donation cards/envelopes in the pews, or you can donate online at acatoledo.org.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues., April 16: Levi Schroeder & Jase Metzger
 Wed., April 17: Evelyn Neidert & Adeline Dube
 Thurs., April 18: Adelyn Moening & Amelia Orwick
 Fri., April 19: Harper Leis & Austin Askins

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: April 20 & 21:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Caleb Von Sossan, Andrew & Ryan Kahle
 7:30 am Owen, Sam & Nolan Dube
 9:30 am Brandt, Calvin & Stella Menke

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Dave, Kathy & Adam Luersman,
 Amy Eickholt, Sue Knippen
 9:30 am Chad Recker, Rhonda Liebrecht,
 Denise Sukup, Teresa Wurst,
 Jamie Saum, Sam Dube, Eva Hill
 11:00 am Doug Sickels, Rose Ann Vetter,
 Shirley Hammond

LECTORS:

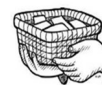
5:00 pm Dave Luersman
 9:30 am Cheryl Hellman

USHERS:

5:00 pm Rick Maag & Dan Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Contact the parish office to be added to the above list.



April 7, 2024

Envelopes	\$	6,962.00
Loose	\$	1,971.00
Maintenance	\$	100.00
Holy Land	\$	523.00

YTD as of April 7, 2024 = **\$ 157,623.26**
 YTD Over budget = **\$ 5,623.26**

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 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.

BAPTISM CLASSES

Contact the Parish Office

Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage.

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

Bulletin submissions deadline:
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Faith:

CAROLINE MARIE MUMMA, daughter of Kevin & Melissa (Sukup) Mumma. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Caroline. Best wishes from the Catholic community of Fort Jennings.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of MABEL BERELSMAN,

to her children: Gary (Stacey) Berelsman, Diana (Dennis) Osting, Jackie (Jerry) Siefker, Tom (Bev) Berelsman, Tony (Cindy) Berelsman, Jean (Dan) Heitzman, Janet (Michael) Freisthler, Sue Fike, her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She died on April 3rd at the age of 91. May the Lord grant Mabel eternal rest and life in the Kingdom. 6286

FORT JENNINGS PARK DRAWING \$300 WINNERS:

1st weekly winner was Cliff & Holly Wiegung
2nd weekly winner was Leon & Maria Burgei

ANDREW DINNER on June 5 from 6 – 8 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Kalida. Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and other local priests for dinner, prayer, and an opportunity to learn more about the Diocesan priesthood. This free event is for young men who are high school or college aged. Participants should be accompanied by their parish priest. If you are interested in going to this dinner contact Father Charles or the Parish Office.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Ottawa. Bereavement Group for all members of the St. George Deanery (Putnam County). Group meets the Second Tuesday of each month from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Meeting Room, enter through the gym doors. All are welcome.

The Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring Day of Renewal on Wednesday, May 8, at Our Lady of Consolation, 315 Clay St., Carey, Ohio 43316. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. The morning speaker, Jeff Wilbarger, will present 'The Daughter Project' about human trafficking. Fr. Rick Friebe, C.P.P.S will speak about addiction to pornography in the afternoon session. The day also includes Mass, lunch, the Rosary, and time to view the Shrine grounds and shop.

The cost for the day is \$35 per person which includes a Continental breakfast and lunch. Checks may be made payable to Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and mailed to St. Ignatius Parish, Attn: Sue Hopkins, 212 North Stadium Road, Oregon, Ohio 43616. Please include your phone number and email address along with your name and parish. For more information and/or questions, please contact Rita Borgelt at 419-796-9168 or hborgelt@bright.net. Registration closes April 21.

The Lima Chapter of Magnificat, a Ministry for Catholic Women, will be on May 18, 2024. LOCATION: St. Charles Church Basement, 2200 W. Elm St., Lima. Our speaker will be Louann Wrasman, Presentation on "The Holy Spirit & Discipleship." Contact: Marianne Farley, Treasurer at 419-234- Cost is \$15.00.
Registration starts at 9:30 AM – Breakfast at 10:00 AM

The Putnam County Council on Aging will be hosting a Senior Citizen Day Celebration on **Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at the Kalida K of C from noon to 2:00 p.m.** The celebration will include a sit-down lunch along with entertainment by the Country Gentlemen. 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. RSVPs are needed by May 1st.

GARDENING in the GOLDEN YEARS – Speaker: Beth Scheckelhoff of the OSU Extension Office at the Leipsic Community Center on May 14, at 10 a.m. Lunch is included, and reservations are required. RSVP by May 3 to the Putnam County Council on Aging, 419-523-4121.

CHALLENGED CHAMPIONS located outside of Ottawa is a nonprofit therapeutic horseback riding center that helps over 450 individuals with special needs. Challenged Champions requires a lot of volunteers to run the program. NO horse experience required. Must be 14 years old to participate. Morning/Afternoon/Evening volunteer opportunities available. If interested please contact the volunteer coordinator, Olivia at 419-235-0626. Challenge Champions is located at 11913 Road 6, Ottawa, OH.

All are invited to enjoy a spring afternoon with a session of culture and fun. The annual *Prose, Poetry, and Potpourri* program is offered in person and via livestream from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

John McNaughton, Creative Director at the Croswell Opera House in Adrian, will open the session by sharing his career at the Croswell and as a graphic artist, actor, and more. Enjoy prose, poetry, music, and songs from various presenters – and bring your creations as well.

The event is free and open to all. No registration is required. The livestream link is <https://webercenter.org/poetry/>

The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance.

Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish, and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth.

The last 3-year audit was conducted in October of 2021. The next on-site audit will be conducted in September of 2024.

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 by 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 ONE-ON-ONE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING. If you need assistance with your computer, smart phone, tablet/I-Pad, schedule your one hours, one-on-one technology assistance training with our technology trainer. There are limited time slots available and are on a first come, first served basis. **APPOINTMENTS are REQUIRED.** They are not able to accommodate walk-in clients. Please call the council on Aging at 419-523-4121 to schedule an appointment. **Ottoville-Fort Jennings Area** are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month.

April 24 – May 8 – May 22 – June 12 – June 26. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ottoville Village Offices, 150 Park Drive, Ottoville.

Kalida Area 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month.

April 23 – May 14 – May 28 – June 11 – June 25

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Kalida Village Offices, 205 W. Main St., Kalida.

Young Single Catholic Women Invited to Discern Religious Life and Participation in Environmental Service

Single Catholic women ages 19 to 25 are invited to a weekend of discernment for religious life and optional participation in a week of environmental service and learning.

During the discernment weekend – Saturday and Sunday, May 11-12, 2024 – participants gather at the Motherhouse of the Adrian Dominican Sisters to learn about discernment and the life of Dominican Sisters, spend time in prayer and contemplation, and meet and pray with Adrian Dominican Sisters. The discernment weekend is offered free of cost.

Participants in the discernment weekend are invited to extend their stay at the Motherhouse to spend the following week – Monday to Saturday, May 13-18, 2024 – learning and serving in the Environmental Leadership Experience. They join students and faculty members of Siena Heights University in Adrian and Barry University in Miami, Florida, for a week of environmental education, stewardship, and hands-on activities. The cost for the Environmental Leadership Experience is \$250. Scholarships are available.

Reserve your space today by contacting Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, at tdeyonker@adriandominicans.org. Reservations are due by Friday, May 3, 2024