



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 4/26 5:00 pm Milton & Joanne Nichols
 Sun 4/27 **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

7:30 am Harry Howbert
 9:30 am Jack Berelsman
2:15 pm Confessions
2:50 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Mass

Mon 4/28
 Tues 4/29 7:00 pm Eva Warnecke Family
 Wed 4/30 7:00 pm Dale & Marilyn Ricker
 Thurs 5/01 7:00 pm Richard & Edna Wurth
 Fri 5/02 7:55 am Norbert & Anna Hofstetter
First Friday Adoration after Mass, Closing at Noon

Sat 5/03 5:00 pm Elwood & Rita Broecker
 Sun 5/04 7:30 am Souls in Purgatory
 9:30 am Alphonse & Angela Schroeder
 Len Hermiller
 1:00 pm First Communion

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon 4/28 Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr
 Saint Louis Grignon de Monfort, Priest
 Acts 4 :23-31 Jn 3:1-8
 Tues 4/29 Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin
 Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15
 Wed 4/30 Saint Pius V, Pope
 Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21
 Thu 5/01 Saint Joseph the Worker
 Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36
 Fri 5/02 Saint Athanasius, Bishop
 Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15
 Sat 5/03 Saints Philip and James, Apostles
 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 27
Confessions at 2:15 p.m.
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:50 p.m.
Mass at 3:00 p.m.

Rice Bowls: The Elementary Religious Education Students collected \$560.01 in their rice bowls which will be sent to Catholic Relief Services to help the poor. Great Job students!!

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, Apr 29: Jase Metzger, Nash Miller, Loryn Gasser
 Wed, Apr 30: Harper Leis, Evelyn Neidert, Maile Poole
 Thu, May 1: Mason Kohls, Adelyn Moening, Adeline Dube
 Fri, May 2: Kinsley Farling, Aiden Hoersten, Amelia Orwick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: May 3 & 4:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Adam Hoersten, Carson Uphaus, Reese Hellman
 7:30 am Brandt, Cal, & Stella Menke
 9:30 am Jarron & Cayden Swick, Evan Ellerbrock
 1:00 pm Jase Metzger, Austin Askins, Nash Miller, Jacob Anspach

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Rose Ann Vetter, Karen Young, Nancy Wiechart, Bailey Hile, Sue Knippen
 9:30 am Alex Horstman, Sarah Horstman, Roger Luersman, Hudson Maag, Marilyn Metzger, Karan Maenle, Doug Sickels

LECTORS:

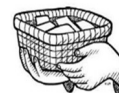
5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer
 9:30 am Pat Liebrecht

USHERS:

5:00 pm Ralph Knippen, Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman

Please pray for the sick:

Mike Schuerman & Tim Luersman



April 20, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 6,384.00
Loose	\$ 3,293.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 582.00
Home Missions	\$ 50.00
Holy Land	\$ 110.00
YTD as of April 20, 2025 = \$ 167,131.41	

YTD Over budget = \$ 7,131.41

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.

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>

OUR YOUTH NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

Our Youth Group is going to the Steubenville Youth Conference, this summer on July 11-13! We have several students attending. We are asking our generous parishioners 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.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of JOE MESKER, to his children Kevin, David, and Sarah (Daniel) Landwehr and to his grandchildren. Joe died on April 20th at the age of 89. May the Lord grant Joe eternal rest and Life in the Kingdom.

Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet at the FJ Legion, Sunday, May 11, 8 am to Noon. Buffet includes bacon, sausage, ham, home fries, sausage gravy & biscuits, French toast, scrambled eggs, fruit & breakfast rolls. Adults \$13, under 10 \$7, beverages extra. Call 419-286-2100 for reservations by May 9.

YES (Youth Elective Service) On Saturday, June 14, 2025, teens & adults from the St. George Deanery will be volunteering to help people throughout Putnam County with various jobs around their homes as they participate in the annual YES project. Current 7th grade students through graduating seniors are encouraged to join us for this day of service. You will meet teens from throughout the St. George Deanery, have fun, and be the hands and feet of Christ in your community. Registration forms are available in the High School office on the table at the back of church, or you can get one from Julie Fischbach. Registrations are due by May 23, 2025.

YES JOB SITES: If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with jobs around your home, please contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472. Work can include anything from mulching, weeding, to washing your car, or just some spring cleaning around your yard! Please call soon, so we can make sure to have a team available to help at your house.

CREW LEADER Help Needed for YES: Adult crew leaders must be at least 21. Registration forms are available on the table at the back of church or contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472. Registrations are due by May 23, 2025.

YES PROJECT DONATIONS: Monetary donations and work supplies are always appreciated. Please contact Tanya Ellerbrock for ideas of what supplies we need most. Monetary donations can be sent to Sts. Peter & Paul, 307 Locust St. Ottawa, OH 45875 or call Julie Fischbach at 419--905-8472 to arrange a pick-up or drop off for your donation. Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: We are at \$12,921.48 of our \$14,422.47 goal (89.59%). If you have not yet sent in your annual donation, please, do so today! We consistently meet our parish goal, and we ask that you give generously to make this happen again in 2025. You can donate online at toledodiocese.org or pick up an envelope in the pew and drop in the collection.

St. Joseph Vacation Bible School

July 28-30 from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m.

Ages: 4 (potty trained) - 5th grade

Location: St. Joseph Fellowship Hall
(basement)

Basic Registration: 1 child = \$15, 2= \$25, 3= \$40,
4+ = \$50

Shirts: will be provided in registration cost as
part of a craft

Money payable to: St Joseph Catholic Church
P.O. Box 25 Fort Jennings, Oh 45844

Registration DUE by: June 1, 2025

ONLINE REGISTRATION

<https://tinyurl.com/2s4cxkss>



if you would like to donate to help offset the
cost of VBS for the kids, please send to PO BOX
25 or put in the collection basket marked "VBS."

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry, is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss. Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, May 1st at 7:30 pm** in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are invited to join us. Fresh 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!

Challenged Champions Equestrian Center: Come Volunteer in our spring session! Challenged Champions serves disabled individuals in our county to provide horse therapy. Volunteers are needed! Monday to Friday they have morning, afternoon, and evening classes. **No Horse Experience Required!** Volunteers must be at least 14 years old to participate. Located at 11913 Road 6, Ottawa. Contact the volunteer coordinator at 419-235-0626.

Fort Fest fourth weekly \$300 winner is Bronson Metzger. Congrats to the week 4/21 winner!

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. RSVPs are needed by April 30th.

St. Catherine's Embrace is an outreach ministry that supports families in the St. George Deanery/ Putnam County area who have lost babies through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. 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 Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30 at the Glandorf Parish Hall. Join us!

St. Mary School in Leipsic is seeking a 1st, 2nd, 3rd/4th combined grade Teachers for the 2025-2026 school year. Successful candidates must hold a valid Ohio teaching license or be eligible for certification. Qualified candidates must also be able to pass background checks and have a passion to teach in a Christian environment. Applicant need not be Catholic. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Fr. Randy Giesige at rgiesige@toledodiocese.org or by mail at 318 State Street, Leipsic, OH 45856. Contact Fr. Randy with any questions at 419-943-2688.

Putnam County Right to Life meeting Wed, May 7 at 7:30 pm in St Michael's, Kalida Church basement.

Childhood and school-required vaccines Make sure you and your children are up to date on immunizations. Call the Putnam County Health Department today at 419-523-5608 to schedule an appt for childhood, back-to-school, and adult immunizations.