

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Be a **LIGHT**

For all to see. Matthew 5:16



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Normal Mass Times

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am & 9:30 am
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.

Scripture Readings

Monday	Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Jn 15:9-17
Friday	Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23-28

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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 05/09	5:00 pm	Rosie & Lee Wittler
Sun 05/10	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	Joe & Shirley Mesker
Wed 05/13	7:00 pm	Jim & Lois McKowen & Eva Warnecke Family
Thu 05/14	7:00 pm	Dan Stechschulte
Fri 05/15	7:55 am	For Our Religious Ed Students
Sat 05/16	5:00 pm	Elwood & Rita Broecker
Sun 05/17	7:30 am	Bob Heitmeyer
	9:30 am	For Our Parish

Liturgical Ministers: May 16 & 17

Servers:

5:00 pm	Abby Leah & Ryan Kahle
7:30 am	Wyatt Gasser, Kayden Swick
9:30 am	Reese Hellman, Jeremy & Hudson Maag

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm	Rose Ann Vetter, Christina & Connor Hoersten Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young
7:30 am	Volunteers needed
9:30 am	Marilyn Metzger, Karen Maenle, Trish Moening, Katie Neidert, Jamie Saum, Chad Recker, Tony Recker

Lectors:

7:00 am	(May 14) Karen Maenle
5:00 pm	Lisa Kaverman
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Denise Sukup

Ushers:

7:00 pm	(May 14) Bryan Hoersten, Michelle Hoersten
5:00 pm	Rick Maag, Dan Krietemeyer
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Tony Recker, Chad Recker

Weekday Servers:

Wed 5/13	- Jordyn Buettner, Katie Anspach, Cece Schroeder
Thu 5/14	- Nash Miller, Savannah & Abby Gerdeman
Fri 5/15	- Emma Hedrick, Mason Kohls, Logan Krietemeyer

The Piasecki family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, kind words & food during this difficult time. Your kindness is much appreciated.

All Junior High & High School students are invited to Father Ron's last Children's Mass on Friday, May 15 at 7:55 am. Please have your parents write a note and submit it to the office prior to that Friday.

The 2026 Y.E.S. Project is looking for volunteers!! will be held at Ft. Jennings High School beginning Thurs., June 4 at 5:30 pm. Students entering 7th grade - graduating seniors are encouraged to join this weekend service retreat. This meaningful 3-day experience will conclude with 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sat., Jun. 6 at our Church. Registration forms are available from Julie Fischbach or on the tables at the church entrance and are due by May 22. Bring your friends—the opportunities are endless! We are also seeking adult team leaders and assistant leaders (college freshmen through retirees) to help guide and support our youth throughout the weekend. If you enjoy helping those in need and sharing your faith with the young Church, we would love to have you join us. For questions or to register as a participant or team leader, please contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472 (evenings or weekends). Answer His call today—the opportunities are endless, and the reward is eternal!

The St Joseph's Youth Group would like to extend heartfelt thanks to a generous parish family for completely sponsoring their opportunity to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference this year. Your kindness and support will make it possible for these 7 young ladies (and their chaperone) to grow in faith, deepen their relationship with Christ, and experience the beauty of our faith in a powerful way. Please know of our sincere gratitude and our prayers for you and your family.

The Mustard Seed at St. John's is NOW OPEN! The Catholic gift and book store is located at 150 Church St in Glandorf. All old gift certificates dated Jan-June 2025 and old loyalty cards expire May 30, 2026. Store hours: Tues, Thurs, Fri 9-5, Wed 10-6, Sat 8-1. Phone 419-538-7220.

IF YOU LOVE ME

Keep my commands.



A look ahead:

Tues. May 12 - NO MASS

Wed. May 13 - 6:00 pm Adoration & Confession

Thurs. May 14 - 6:00 pm Adoration & Confession

The Ascension of the Lord

Fri. May 15 - 7:55 am All Junior High & High School Students are invited to Mass

Thurs. May 21 - Last day of SCHOOL Please watch for kids on bikes & scooters!

Bulletin Submission deadline:

Monday 10:00 am

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.” Matthew 24:42





This years 4th grade fundraiser raised \$480 and proceeds went to Cherie & Jeff Luersman to help support them in their time of need. Well done kids!

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

The Serra Club of Lima Area will be meeting Thurs., May 14 at LCC High School. Mass is at 5:45pm in the chapel, followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Mr. Nicholas Cech, Students for Life Ohio Regional Coordinator sharing about his ministry with Students for Life. If interested in attending, please RSVP at 419-303-0339 by May 12.

Local organizations in Putnam Co.

put together a survey for those who care for adults. Your feedback will help guide future support, services and resources.



www.surveymonkey.com/r/caregiversurvey2026

Part-Time Coordinator of Religious Education

Ottoville is seeking a faith-filled and organized individual to serve as a part-time Coordinator of Religious Ed. This role is a vital ministry dedicated to forming our youth and supporting families in their journey of faith, along with some adult faith formation. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Ottoville Parish at 419-453-3513 or oricbusiness@icchurchottoville.org.

Seniors 2026

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| Ryan Aldrich | Chase German |
| Madalynn Anspach | Bailey Hile |
| Hayden Bidlack | Taylor Jackson |
| Kyle Britton | Calvin Menke |
| Rayne Burgei | Kailey Meyer |
| Landon Calvelage | Tenley Sarka |
| Tiffany Coller | Dylan Schaefer |
| Madilyn Crawford | James Schroeder |
| Samuel Dube | Reilly Stegaman |
| Evan Ellerbrock | Brooklyn Stone |

Offertory March 2026

Envelopes	\$1,153.00
Loose	\$1,740.65
Maintenance	\$1,340.00
Catholic Home Min.	\$20.00
Children's Mass	\$3.13
Ascensions	\$20.00
YTD Total:	\$193,367.39
YTD over Budget:	\$25,367.39

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.



Front Row: Quinn Rainey, Lillian Neidert, Tobias Orwick, Taylee Warnecke, Madeline Wagner
Row Two: Jesse Michaud, Macie Krietemeyer, Annie Schroeder, Thomas Michaud, Reagan Sarka
Row Three: Deacon Larry Schimmoeller, Stella Amstutz, Jaxon Wrasman, Daphne Tenwalde, And Father Ronald Schock



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this Sixth Sunday of Easter, the Church gives us a consoling and quietly powerful passage from the Gospel of John (John 14:15–21). Spoken at the Last Supper, on the night before His Passion, Jesus' words are not filled with fear...but with promise.

He speaks directly to the deepest anxiety of the human heart: "I will not leave you orphans." This is more than reassurance...it is a revelation of how God remains with His people.

Jesus first connects love with action: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Christian love is not merely sentiment; it is lived. It is expressed in daily fidelity, in choices both seen and unseen, in the steady commitment to follow Christ even when it costs something.

He then promises "another Advocate," the Holy Spirit, who will remain with us. The Spirit is not distant or abstract, but personal—our guide, our strength, and the one who reminds us of all that Jesus has taught. Through the Holy Spirit, the risen Lord continues His presence and work within us.

Finally, Jesus reveals a profound

communion: "I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you." This is the heart of our faith. We are not followers from afar...we are drawn into the very life of God. We are not abandoned. We belong.

Two questions to carry with you this week:

- Where is Christ inviting me to turn love into concrete action?
- Am I attentive to the quiet guidance of the Holy Spirit in my daily life?

We see this promise of Christ alive in a special way in our parish this weekend.

We joyfully celebrate our second graders who will crown Mary during our annual May Crowning. In their simple and beautiful witness, we are reminded of the Blessed Mother's gentle presence and her constant call to lead us closer to her Son.

We also offer our heartfelt congratulations to our high school seniors as they celebrate their Graduation Mass. As they mark this important milestone, we entrust them to the care of the Holy Spirit, praying that they remain rooted in faith and confident in the knowledge that they are never alone.

Because of Easter, we never walk alone.

Fr. Ron

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