



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	5/10	5:00 pm	Class of 2025
Sun	5/11	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Joe & Shirley Mesker
Mon	5/12		
Tues	5/13	7:00 pm	Pete Vetter
Wed	5/14	7:00 pm	Dan Stechschulte
Thurs	5/15	7:00 pm	Eva Warnecke Family
Fri	5/16	7:55 am	Richard & Edna Wurth Family
Sat	5/17	5:00 pm	Dan Recker
Sun	5/18	7:30 am	Terry Maag
		9:30 am	Norman Meyer

11:00 am ANNOINTING OF SICK

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	5/12	Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs Saint Pancras, Martyr	Acts 11:1-8	Jn 10:1-10
Tues	5/13	Our Lady of Fatima	Acts 11:19-26	Jn 10:22-30
Wed	5/14	Saint Matthias, Apostle	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26	Jn 15:9-17
Thu	5/15	Saint Isidore	Acts 13:13-25	Jn 13:16-20
Fri	5/16	Acts 13:26-33	Acts 13:44-52	Jn 14:1-6
Sat	5/17	Acts 13:44-52		Jn 14:7-14

Please pray for the sick:
Tim Luersman

The FORT JENNINGS LIONS club would like to invite you and your family to join them and kick off the summer season and come to the **HOMETOWN HANGOUT** at Freedom Square on May 22, 2025. Fat Kid BBQ will have food for purchase, there will be live music from the band Road Trip from 6-9PM. Hope to see you there.

Additional "Hometown" Summer Events will be on May 22, June 12, July 10, July 31, and August 28. We hope to see all community members attend for fun and socializing.

Fort Fest sixth weekly \$300 winner is Claire Mistisshen. Congrats to the week 5/5 winner!

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, May 13: Lillian Schroeder, Lacey Meyer, Loryn Gasser
 Wed, May 14: Brooklyn Tumlinson, Evelyn Neidert, Kinsly Farling
 Thu, May 15: Maile Poole, Amelia Orwick, Aiden Hoersten
 Fri, May 16: Harper Leis, Mason Kohls, Adeline Dubé

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: May 17 & 18:

SERVERS:

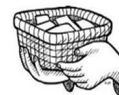
5:00 pm Hudson & Jeremy Maag, Christopher Moening
 7:30 am Tessa & Waylon Meyer
 9:30 am Sophia Osting, Joci German, Caleb Von Sossan
 11:00 am Abby, Leah, & Ryan Kahle
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
 5:00 pm Evan Ellerbrock, Carla Norbeck, Dave, Kathy & Alyssa Luersman
 9:30 am Calvin Menke, Rhonda Liebrecht, Diane Stennett, Kim McCracken, Teresa Wurst, Madie Anspach, Sam Dubé
 11:00 am Addison & Tenley Sarka, Becky Uphaus

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Dave Luersman
 9:30 am Brandt Menke
 11:00 am Doug Sickels

USHERS:

5:00 pm Kevin Leis, Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht
 11:00 am Volunteer Need



May 4, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 1,624.00
Loose	\$ 1,553.12
Maintenance	\$ 1,240.00
Cath Communication	\$ 30.00
Easter	\$ 50.00
Ascension	\$ 20.00

YTD as of May 4, 2025 = \$ 174,996.41

YTD Over Budget = \$ 10,173.53

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>

BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Church: CREW WILBUR WALLENHORST, son of Connor & Rachel (Schroeder) Wallenhorst. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Crew.

The Joe Mesker family would like to thank Fr. Charles, the Friends of Hope, Joyce & the choir, and funeral luncheon ladies for their help during this time. To all our friends and family that prayed, sent gifts, attended the funeral/visitation; thank you for your support, it truly touched our hearts.

OUR YOUTH NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

Our Youth Group is going to the Steubenville Youth Conference, July 11-13! We have several students attending. We are asking parishioners to consider donating to ease the cost. There is a donation board in the Narthex, with more information on the conference itself. 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.

Position Available ~ K-8 STEM Teacher and Technology Coordinator for Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic School. Position Salary: Negotiable - Interested applicants need to submit a letter of interest, resume, three letters of reference, copy of certification(s), and any other pertinent materials to: Joe Linder, Principal Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic School, 520 W Sycamore St., Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830. jlinder@stanthonyschool.info

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. 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."

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.

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. Monetary donations can be sent to Sts. Peter & Paul, 307 Locust St. Ottawa, OH 45875 or call Julie Fischbach at 419--905-8472



Fort Jennings First Holy Communion
May 4, 2025

Front L to R: Matthew Gerdeman, Ramona Bonifas, Thomas Kaverman, Mya Metzger, Beau Metzger
Middle: Harrison Louth, Mya Maag, James Buettnner, Grace Brokamp, Evan Askins
Back: Grayson Rue, Logan Saum, Demi Bartley, Rhett Weber, Owen Goins
Father Charles Obinwa, Lynn Anspach, Rhonda Liebrecht, Deacon Larry Schimmoeller