



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

Now that spring is here for most of the US...

I need to shave.





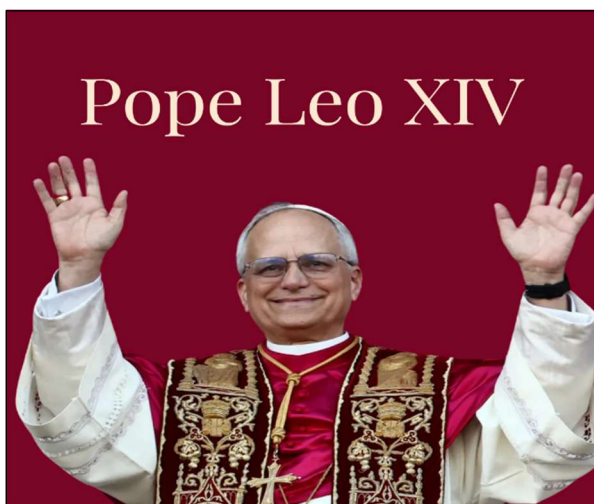
Intentions

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	5/17	5:00 pm	Dan Recker
Sun	5/18	7:30 am	Terry Maag
		9:30 am	Norman Meyer
		11:00 am	Anointing of the Sick
Mon	5/19		
Tues	5/20	7:00 pm	Otto & Marie Wiegung Family
Wed	5/21	7:00 pm	Marriages in Turmoil
Thurs	5/22	7:00 pm	Pope Leo XIV
Fri	5/23	7:55 am	Bishop Daniel Thomas
Sat	5/24	5:00 pm	Our Parish
Sun	5/25	7:30 am	Bob Heitmeyer
		9:30 am	Souls in Purgatory

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	5/19	Acts 14:5-18	Jn 14:21-26
Tues	5/20	Saint Gernardine of Siena, Priest	
		Acts 14:19-28	Jn 14:27-31a
Wed	5/21	Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs	
		Acts 15:1-6	Jn 15:1-8
Thu	5/22	Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious	
		Acts 15:7-21	Jn 15:9-11
Fri	5/23	Acts 15:22-31	Jn 15:12-17
Sat	5/24	Acts 16:1-10	Jn 15:18-21



“Habemus Papam” — We have a pope!

United with all the priests, deacons, consecrated religious, and lay faithful in our diocese and throughout the world, we rejoice in the election of our new Holy Father, **Pope Leo XIV**. Please join us in praying for Pope Leo XIV—that the Lord will strengthen him with wisdom, courage, and love as he shepherds the flock of Christ across the world.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, May 20: Carder Osting, Cece Schroeder, Austin Askins
 Wed, May 21: Iris Tenwalde, Adelyn Moening, Addalyn Maenle
 Thu, May 22: Savannah Gerdeman, Liam & Levi Van Bibber

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: May 24 & 25:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Sam, Nolan, Adeline Dubé
 7:30 am Madie & Josie Anspach
 9:30 am James, Carly, & Levi Schroeder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Rose Ann Vetter, Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young, Evan Ellerbrock, Bailey Hile
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Anita Aldrich, Eva Hill, Julie Fischbach, Alex Horstman, Sarah Horstman, Ava Knippen, Braden Knippen

LECTORS:

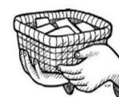
5:00 pm Jen Neidert
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Andrea Recker

USHERS:

5:00 pm Jerry Vetter, Adam Luersman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker

Please pray for the sick:

Tim Luersman



May 11, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,104.00
Loose	\$ 1,276.00
Maintenance	\$ 615.00
Home Missions	\$ 20.00

YTD as of May 11, 2025 = \$ 181,553.53

YTD Over Budget = \$ 9,553.53

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>

Bulletin submissions deadline:
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

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.

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."

2025 PARISH COUNCIL

Adam Krietemeyer, Jenn Gasser, Laura Tenwalde, Lynn Anspach, Michelle Menke, Scott Gerdeman, Todd Warnecke, Zach Liebrecht

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

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.

RAYS of HOPE GRIEF CAMP: June 24-26 at Camp Clay, 9196 Liberty-Union Rd., Van Wert. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ages 6-17 (grades K-12) who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one. Register at ComHealthPro.org/events-page. Register by June 6.

