

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
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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.

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Scripture Readings

Monday	Gn 3:9-15  Jn 19:25-34 
Tuesday	1 Pt 1:10-16 Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	1 Pt 1:18-25 Mk 10:32-45
Thursday	1 Pt 2:2-5,9-12 Mk 10:46-52
Friday	1 Pt 4:7-13 Mk 11:11-26
Saturday	Jude 17,20-25 Mk 11:27-33

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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 05/23	5:00 pm	Roger Broecker
Sun 05/24	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	For the Future of Our Parish
Wed 05/27	7:00 pm	For Our First Responders
Thu 05/28	7:00 pm	For Those With Mental Illness
Fri 05/29	7:55 am	For the Farmers
Sat 05/30	5:00 pm	Felix & Evelyn Ricker Families and Veleta Wallenhorst
Sun 05/31	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	For the Future of Our Parish

Liturgical Ministers: May 30 & 31

Servers:

5:00 pm	Joci German, Caleb Von Sossan, Jase Metzger
7:30 am	Josie & Jacob Anspach, Evelyn Neidert
9:30 am	Sophia Osting, Austin Askins, Lucas Knippen

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm	Addison Sarka, Tenley Sarka, Becky Uphaus Rose Ann Vetter, Nancy Wiechart
7:30 am	Volunteers needed
9:30 am	Teresa Wurst, Madie Anspach, Anita Aldrich, Sam Dube', Eva Hill, Julie Fischbach, Sarah Horstman

Lectors:

5:00 pm	Jen Neidert
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Penney Gerdeman

Ushers:

5:00 pm	Alex Horstman
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Aarron & Heather Sarka

Weekday Servers:

Wed 5/27- Tanner Warnecke-Schroeder & Weston Swick

Thu 5/28 - Jordyn Buettner & Cece Schroeder

"From the rising of the sun to it's going down

the Lord's Names is to be praised." Psalm 113:3

We would like to recognize **ALL** the students who remembered and chose to bring in their envelopes during our Friday morning Masses this past school year. There is one class in particular that stood out over all the other grades; this is our 1st grade class. The 1st graders did an awesome job remembering their offertory envelopes. Their teacher, Ms. Meghann also said there was one student in particular that remembered almost every Friday, **Eleanor Miller**, our little first grader who was a great example for her peers, her consistent dedication shines as a beautiful reminder of the joy of giving and the importance of stewardship at any age. Thank you all!

Are you needing some help? The 2026 Y.E.S. project is hosted by St. Joseph's Parish in Ft. Jennings and involves high school youth and adults helping those in need with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or many other tasks that are just too difficult for our area residents to do. The ultimate goal is to spread the love of Christ and His message of Hope to those who need it most. The project takes place on June 5 & 6. If you would like a team of youth and adults to help with jobs around inside or outside of your home, please contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472. Deadline to submit a request is May 24.

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 7th grade - seniors are encouraged to join. 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. 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!

Rays of Hope, camp for kids ages 6-17 dealing with loss, will be held on June 8-10 from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm at Camp Clay (YMCA) 9196 Liberty-Union Rd., Van Wert. Complete the application at Comhealthpro.org/event or call 419-238-9223. Camp is free. You must be pre-registered. Snacks are provided.

PEACE

be with you



A look ahead:

Sun. May 24 - 12:00 pm Memorial Day Service @ Memorial Hall

Wed. May 27 - 6:00 pm Adoration & Confession

Thurs. May 28 - 6:00 pm Adoration & Confession

Sat. & Sun June 27 & 28 - Father Ron's Last weekend Masses
Please Join us in sending him off at Mass.

Bulletin Submission deadline:
Monday 10:00 am

Offertory March 2026

Envelopes	\$2,046.00
Loose	\$1,158.00
Maintenance	\$455.00
Cath. Comm. Camp	\$40.00
Children's Mass	\$7.61
Ascensions	\$114.00
YTD Total:	\$201,191.54
YTD over Budget:	\$25,191.54

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.



Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend our nation pauses to observe Memorial Day, a day set aside to remember and honor the men and women who gave their lives in military service to our country. Their sacrifice reminds us that freedom is never free. It has been purchased and protected by countless individuals willing to place the good of others before themselves. We remember them with gratitude, pray for their families, and ask God to reward them for their generosity and courage.

At the same time, the Church celebrates one of her greatest feasts: Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and transformed frightened disciples into courageous witnesses of Jesus Christ. Before Pentecost, the Apostles remained behind locked doors, fearful and uncertain. After receiving the Holy Spirit, they boldly proclaimed the Gospel to the world, willing even to give their lives for Christ.

There is a powerful connection between these two observances. Both remind us that authentic love always involves sacrifice. The soldiers we honor this weekend gave themselves for the freedom of others.

The Apostles, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, gave themselves for the salvation of souls. Jesus Himself gave everything upon the Cross so that we might have eternal life.

The same Holy Spirit poured out at Pentecost has been given to each one of us through Baptism and Confirmation. The Spirit is not merely a symbol or a memory from long ago. The Holy Spirit is God's living presence within us today... guiding, strengthening, comforting, and calling us to holiness. The Spirit gives us courage when we are afraid, wisdom when we are uncertain, and strength when discipleship becomes difficult.

As we gather for Mass this weekend, let us thank God for the gift of those who have served and sacrificed for our nation. Let us also ask the Holy Spirit to renew His gifts within our hearts. Our world still needs courageous witnesses of faith, hope, and charity. It needs people willing to stand for truth, forgive generously, serve selflessly, and live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with His fire, and may we never forget the sacrifices that allow us to worship God in freedom.

Have a blessed and safe Memorial Day weekend. Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ron

Don't forget, *You are a Saint in the Making!*