



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





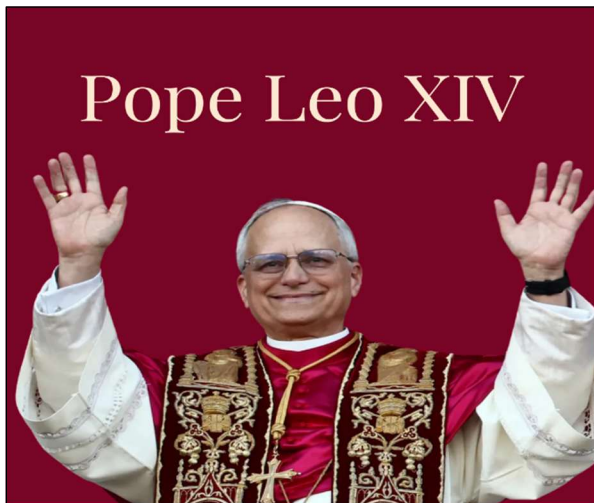
Intentions

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	5/24	5:00 pm	Our Parish
Sun	5/25	7:30 am	Bob Heitmeyer
		9:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
Mon	5/26		
Tues	5/27	7:00 pm	Tom Miehls
Wed	5/28	7:00 pm	NO MASS
Thurs	5/29	7:00 pm	Communion Service
Fri	5/30	7:55 am	Communion Service
Sat	5/31	5:00 pm	Elwood & Rita Broecker
Sun	6/01	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Walt Hoersten

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	5/26	Saint Philip Neri, Priest	
		Acts 16:11-15	Jn 15:26-16 :4a
Tues	5/27	Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	
		Acts 16:22-34	Jn 16:5-11
Wed	5/28	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1	Jn 16:12-15
Thu	5/29	The Ascension of the Lord	
		Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23	Lk 24:46-53
Fri	5/30	Acts 18:9-18	Jn 16:20-23
Sat	5/31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		Zep 3:14-18a	Lk 1:39-56



Pope Leo XIV

“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 27: Claire Mistisshen, Jacob Anspach
 Wed, May 28: Lillian Schroeder, Jase Metzger
 Thu, May 29: Lacey Meyer, Brooklyn Tumlinson

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: May 31 & June 1:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Cal & Stella Menke, Zach Wagoner
 7:30 am Wyatt Gasser, Reese Hellman,
 Evan Ellerbrock
 9:30 am Derek Hark, Hudson & Jeremy Maag

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Connor & Christina Hoersten,
 Sue Knippen, Dave & Alyssa Luersman
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman,
 Hudson Maag, Marilyn Metzger,
 Karan Maenle, Trish Moening,
 Jamie Saum

LECTORS:

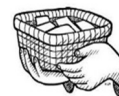
5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Denise Sukup

USHERS:

5:00 pm Rick Maag, Dan Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Please pray for the sick:

Tim Luersman



May 18, 2025

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

YTD as of May 18, 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 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.

2025 Ice Cream Social - The 4th Annual Knights of Columbus Council 1362 Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2025 from 1pm to 3pm at Landeck Church Grounds for the Parish Families of: Delphos St. John –

Landeck St. John - Spencerville St. Patrick –

Fort Jennings St. Joseph

Fun and Games for the Entire Family

Free Ice Cream, Hot Dogs, and other refreshments

Bounce Houses for the Little Ones

Fort Fest 7th weekly \$300 winner is Jake Berelsman, and the 8th weekly winner is Mike and Janet Freisthler. Congrats to the week 5/12 & 5/19 winners.

Putnam County Shred-A-Thon: Community members are invited to join the Putnam County Elder Abuse I-Team for a “Shred-A-Thon” event in honor of Elder Abuse Awareness. This free community event will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025 from 9:00 am to Noon at the Putnam County Council on Aging, 1425 E. 4th St., Ottawa. Community members are invited to drive-thru and dispose of any paper materials that might contain personal information. Wilton Keck Recycling will shred all materials. For more information on this event, please call the Council on Aging at 419-523-4121.

1st/2nd Grade Teacher needed for the 25-26 School Year at St. Mary School, Leipsic. Must hold a valid Ohio teaching license or be eligible for certification. Must be able to pass background checks and have a passion to teach in a Christian environment. Applicant need not be Catholic. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and three reference to Fr. Randy Giesige at rgiesige@toledodiocese.org or by mail at 318 State St., Leipsic, OH 45856. You may also contact Fr. Randy with any questions about the position by phone at 419-943-2688.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, May 26 in Observance of Memorial Day and also closed on Friday, May 30th. Office will be open Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to Noon.

Putnam County Council on Aging

June Activities for Putnam County

Residents aged 60 and better.

To register for any event, call the Council on Aging
419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760

June 5th – 1:00 pm. Bingo at Ft. Haven, Fort Jennings.
RSVP by May 29th

June 11th – 10 a.m. Summer Surprise at Ottawa VFW
212 W. Second St., Ottawa. Something special is brewing. come find out!
RSVP by June 4.

June 13th – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Shred-A-Thon at the
Putnam County Council on Aging.

June 16th- 1:30 p.m. Posting Photos of Grandchildren
Online. Putnam County District Library,
136 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa. Learn what to
know before sharing your grandkids, photos.
online. Come for informative presentation.
RSVP by June 9.

June 18th- 10 a.m. Doing Diabetes Together at the
Continental Legion, 109 S. 5th St.
Join Dr. Tate Church as we learn about
prevention, screening, and a healthy lifestyle
to better manage diabetes. RSVP by June 11.

June 25th- 10 a.m. Singo at Ottoville Parish Center. Be a
part of a lively and interactive game, blending
music knowledge with the excitement of
Bingo. RSVP by June 18.

June 26- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Senior Day at the Fair
Celebrate Senior Day at the Putnam County
Fair with live entertainment, local vendors,
and a complimentary sack lunch.

The 2025 priest jubilarians, join us in praying for them.

- **Most Reverend Bishop Daniel E. Thomas - 40 years**
- **Reverend Vicente Antonio Vera - 40 years**
- **Reverend Theodore J. Miller - 50 years**
- **Reverend David M. Ross - 50 years**
- **Reverend Francis J. Speier - 50 years**
- **Reverend Gerald J. Chmiel - 55 years**
- **Reverend Nicholas Weibl - 60 years**
- **Reverend Frederick J. Duschl - 60 years**