



# 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.**

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| Sat   | 5/03 | 5:00 pm | Elwood & Rita Broecker                       |
| Sun   | 5/04 | 7:30 am | Souls in Purgatory                           |
|       |      | 9:30 am | Alphonse & Angela Schroeder<br>Len Hermiller |
|       |      | 1:00 pm | First Communion                              |
| Mon   | 5/05 |         |  |
| Tues  | 5/06 | 7:00 pm | For Our Parish                               |
| Wed   | 5/07 | 7:00 pm | Terry Maag                                   |
| Thurs | 5/08 | 7:00 pm | Albert & Mabel Berelsman<br>Jean Heitzman    |
| Fri   | 5/09 | 7:55 am | Religious Ed Students                        |
| Sat   | 5/10 | 5:00 pm | Class of 2025                                |
| Sun   | 5/11 | 7:30 am | Souls in Purgatory                           |
|       |      | 9:30 am | Joe & Shirley Mesker                         |

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

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| Mon  | 5/05 | Acts 6:8-15                                 | Jn 6:22-29 |
| Tues | 5/06 | Acts 7:51-8:1a                              | Jn 6:30-35 |
| Wed  | 5/07 | Acts 8:1b-8                                 | Jn 6:35-40 |
| Thu  | 5/08 | Acts 8:26-40                                | Jn 6:44-51 |
| Fri  | 5/09 | Acts 9:1-20                                 | Jn 6:52-59 |
| Sat  | 5/10 | Saint John of Avila, Priest<br>Acts 9:31-42 | Jn 6:60-69 |

**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.**

**Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet** at the FJ Legion, Sunday, May 11, 8 am to Noon. Buffet includes bacon, sausage, ham, home fries, sausage gravy & biscuits, French toast, scrambled eggs, fruit & breakfast rolls. Adults \$13, under 10 \$7, beverages extra. Call 419-286-2100 for reservations by May 9.

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

Tue, May 6: Iris Tenwalde, Cece Schroeder, Addalyn Maenle  
 Wed, May 7: Carder Osting, Savannah Gerdeman, Claire Mistisshen  
 Thu, May 8: Liam & Levi Van Bibber, Austin Askins  
 Fri, May 9: Jacob Anspach, Jase Metzger, Nash Miller

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: May 10 & 11:**

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm Derek Hark, Ava Knippen, Carson Uphaus  
 7:30 am Wyatt Gasser, Tenley & Addison Sarka  
 9:30 am Ryan Aldrich, Brody & Connor Leis

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm Braden Knippen, Rhonda Liebrecht, Monica Bruskotter, Connor Hoersten, Christina Hoersten  
 9:30 am Trish Moening, Jamie Saum, Tony, Kelly, & Chad Recker, Denise, Sukup, James Schroeder

**LECTORS:**

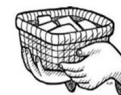
5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman  
 9:30 am Denny Osting

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm Jerry Vetter, Adam Luersman  
 9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

**Please pray for the sick:**

Mike Schuerman & Tim Luersman



**April 27, 2025**

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| Envelopes             | \$ 1,887.00 |
| Loose                 | \$ 983.00   |
| Maintenance           | \$ 60.00    |
| April EFT             | \$ 4,160.00 |
| April EFT Maintenance | \$ 1,065.00 |
| Easter                | \$ 685.00   |
| Home Missions         | \$ 130.00   |
| Holy Land             | \$ 20.00    |

YTD as of April 27, 2025 = \$ 174,996.41

**YTD Over Budget = \$ 10,996.41**

**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](mailto: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>

**OUR YOUTH NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!**

Our Youth Group is going to the Steubenville Youth Conference, this summer on July 11-13! We have several students attending. We are asking our generous parishioners to consider donating to ease the cost. There is a donation board in the Narthex, with more information on the conference itself and what you would be graciously supporting. 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. Feel free to take as many envelopes as you want. Thank you in advance for your generosity and making it possible for our kids to learn more about how to live their faith. Anything given above the amount needed will be reserved for retreats or conferences like this in the future.

**Project Rachel Healing Retreat** - A one-day healing retreat for women who are hurting after an experience with abortion will be offered in the Diocese of Toledo on Saturday, June 14, 2025. To register or learn more, contact Kerstin, Project Rachel Coordinator in the Diocese of Toledo, at [kpakka@toledodiocese.org](mailto:kpakka@toledodiocese.org) or 419-260-5811.

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**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, 2025**

**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."**

**ONE DAY RETREAT at Our Lady of Consolation, Carey.** Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Day of Renewal, Wednesday, May 14.

"Live a Wonderful Life" 8:15-9 a.m. registration. Speaker "God's Recipe for a Wonderful Life" Ed Van Buskirk. Rosary and Closing 2:10-2:30. Cost \$35 per person and includes Continental breakfast and lunch. Call the OLC Office at 419-396-7107 to register by May 7. Make checks payable to TDCCW.

**Fatima, Spain, & Lourdes Pilgrimage** with Fr. Scott Perry, October 15-24, 2025. Information meeting will be on Tuesday May 20 @ 7 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish Hall. RSVP or questions, call Vicki Demuth 513-513-2210. [www.206tours.com/frscottperry](http://www.206tours.com/frscottperry)

**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.** Work can include anything from mulching, weeding, to washing your car, or just some spring cleaning around your yard! Please call soon, so we can make sure to have a team available to help at your house.

**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. Please contact Tanya Ellerbrock for ideas of what supplies we need most. Monetary donations can be sent to Sts. Peter & Paul, 307 Locust St. Ottawa, OH 45875 or call Julie Fischbach at 419--905-8472 to arrange a pick-up or drop off for your donation. Thank you for your generosity!

**Childhood and school-required vaccines** Make sure you and your children are up to date on immunizations. Call the Putnam County Health Department today at 419-523-5608 to schedule an appt for childhood, back-to-school, and adult immunizations.

**Diocese of Toledo Transitional Diaconate and Priesthood Ordinations** You are invited to attend two joyful celebrations in the Diocese of Toledo this May:

**On Saturday, May 17, 2025,** at 10:00am at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will ordain Andrew Messer to the Transitional Diaconate.

**On Saturday, May 24, 2025,** at 10:00am at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will ordain Deacons Travis Kahle, Eric Kaufman, and Kevin McGraw to the Priesthood.

The ordinations will also be live-streamed. If you cannot join us in person, watch at [toledopriesthood.org](http://toledopriesthood.org). **Please join us in praying for these four men each day!**

**Challenged Champions Equestrian Center: Come Volunteer in our spring session!** Challenged Champions serves disabled individuals in our county to provide horse therapy. Volunteers are needed! Monday to Friday they have morning, afternoon, and evening classes. **No Horse Experience Required!** Volunteers must be at least 14 years old to participate. Located at 11913 Road 6, Ottawa. Contact the volunteer coordinator at 419-235-0626.

**Fort Fest** fifth weekly \$300 winner is Kathleen & Keith Schimmoeller. Congrats to the week 4/28 winner!

**St. Mary School in Leipsic is seeking a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> combined grade Teachers for the 2025-2026 school year.** Successful candidates must hold a valid Ohio teaching license or be eligible for certification. Qualified candidates must also be able to pass background checks and have a passion to teach in a Christian environment. Applicant need not be Catholic. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to Fr. Randy Giesige at [rgiesige@toledodiocese.org](mailto:rgiesige@toledodiocese.org) or by mail at 318 State Street, Leipsic, OH 45856. Contact Fr. Randy with any questions at 419-943-2688.

**Putnam County Right to Life meeting Wed, May 7** at 7:30 pm in St Michael's, Kalida Church basement.