

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
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# Church Directory

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 Mrs. Norma Maag.....419-286-2265

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 Mr. Alan Calvelage.....419-303-0560

**Prayer Line**  
 Mrs. Laurie Maag.....419-234-6518

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 Mr. Tony Recker .....419-286-5100

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 Mrs. Sue Knippen.....419-236-9564

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 Mr. Adam Anspach, Chair.....419-771-1747  
 Mrs. Mandi Kahle, Vice Chair  
 Mrs. Allison Gerdeman, Secretary      Mrs. Jenny Smith

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 Mr. Chad Recker, President..... 419-231-1428  
 Mr. Adam Krietemeyer, Vice President  
 Mrs. Lynn Anspach, Secretary  
 Mrs. Jenn Gasser                                      Mr. Scott Gerdeman  
 Mrs. Laura Tenwalde                                Mr. Todd Warnecke  
 Mrs. Michelle Menke                                Mr. Zach Liebrecht

Normal Mass Times	
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am & 9:30 am
Tuesday	7:00 pm
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](http://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	Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21

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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.

*Whoever eats my flesh*  
**and drinks  
 my blood has  
 eternal life.**

## Intentions for Mass

### CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

Sat 05/02	5:00 pm	For the Boy Scouts
Sun 05/03	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	For the First Communicants
Wed 05/06	7:00 pm	Norm Schimmoeller
Thu 05/07	7:00 pm	For Those Who Serve Our Country
Fri 05/08	7:55 am	For Our Religious Ed Students
Sat 05/09	5:00 pm	Rosie & Lee Wittler
Sun 05/10	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	Joe & Shirley Mesker

## Liturgical Ministers: May 9 & 10

### Servers:

5:00 pm	Adeline Dube', Stella Menke, Addison Sarka
7:30 am	Carson Uphause, Derek Hark, Brooklyn Tumlinson
9:30 am	Lillian Schroeder, Evelyn Neidert, Amelia Orwick

### Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm	Calvin Menke, Evan Ellerbrock, Tenley Sarka Madie Anspach, James Schroeder, Bailey Hile
7:30 am	Volunteers needed
9:30 am	Eve Hill, Julie Fischbach, Ava Knippen, Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman, Hudson Maag, Alex Horstman

### Lectors:

5:00 pm	Evan Ellerbrock & Sam Dube'
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Mike Knippen

### Ushers:

5:00 pm	Alex Horstman, Kevin Leis
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht

### Weekday Servers:

<b>Wed 5/6</b>	- Mason Osting, Loryn Gasser, Madelyn Neidert
<b>Thu 5/7</b>	- Rylen Hoersten, Kinsley Farling, Alivia Wrasman
<b>Fri 5/8</b>	- Ava Maag, Aiden Hoersten, Bishop Bruskotter

**All Junior High & High School students are invited to Father Ron's last Children's Mass on Friday, May 15 at 7:55 am. Please have your parents write a note and submit it to the office prior to that Friday.**

**Youth Elect Service (Y.E.S) Project Would like to thank all Parishioners who donated to make this service possible!**

**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 entering 7th grade - graduating seniors are encouraged to join this weekend service retreat. This is a wonderful opportunity, have fun, grow in faith, and be the hands and feet of Christ in your community. 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. Bring your friends—the opportunities are endless! We are also seeking adult team leaders and assistant leaders (college freshmen through retirees) to help guide and support our youth throughout the weekend. If you enjoy helping those in need and sharing your faith with the young Church, we would love to have you join us. 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!

**The St Joseph's Youth Group** would like to extend heartfelt thanks to a generous parish family for completely sponsoring their opportunity to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference this year. Your kindness and support will make it possible for these 7 young ladies (and their chaperone) to grow in faith, deepen their relationship with Christ, and experience the beauty of our faith in a powerful way. Please know of our sincere gratitude and our prayers for you and your family.

**St. Anthony's will be having their garage sale** on April 30 – May 2, Thurs. and Fri., 9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. and Sat. 9:00 - Noon. This replaces garage sale during the festival.

**DO NOT LET  
YOUR HEART BE  
TROUBLED**



*You believe in God!*

## **A look ahead:**

**Sun. May 3** - 9:30 am First  
Communion Mass

**Tues. May 5** - NO MASS

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

**Thurs. May 7** - 6:00 pm Adoration  
& Confession

**Fri. May 8** - 7:55 am Children's Mass

**Sat. May 9** - 5:00 pm  
Baccalaureate Mass

**Tues. May 12** - NO MASS

**Fri. May 15** - 7:55 am All Junior  
High & High School Students are  
invited to Mass

**Bulletin Submission deadline:**  
**Monday 10:00 am**

**Week 4 & 5 Fort Fest  
Winner is Ralph Koester  
& Abby Ellerbrock.  
Congrats to the winners!**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Offertory March 2026**

Envelopes	\$1,559.00
Loose	\$921.00
Maintenance	\$250.00
Catholic Home Min.	\$70.00
Children's Mass	\$8.26
YTD Total:	\$186,388.74
YTD over Budget:	\$22,388.74

**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.

**Springs in the Desert's** next meeting will be held Thurs., May 7 at 7:30 pm. in the St. Joseph, church basement. All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are invited to join us. \*You do not need to have attended any previous meetings! For more info, contact Laura Tenwalde 419-303-5752. It is our honor to walk with you!

**Legion Is hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast** Buffet on Sun. May 10, from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The Breakfast includes: bacon, sausage, ham, home fries, sausage gravy & biscuits, French toast, scrambled eggs, fruit, & breakfast rolls. Cost is \$13 for adults and children under 10 are \$7. Call 419-286-2100 for reservations by May 8.

**The Serra Club of Lima Area** will be meeting Thurs., May 14 at LCC High School. Mass is at 5:45pm in the chapel, followed by dinner and a program. This month's speaker will be Mr. Nicholas Cech, Students for Life Ohio Regional Coordinator sharing about his ministry with Students for Life. If interested in attending, please RSVP at 419-303-0339 by May 12.

**Putnam County Right to Life's** next meeting will be Wed. May 6 at 7:30 in Kalida St. Michael's Church basement. All are welcome.

**Local organizations in Putnam Co.** put together a survey for those who care for adults. Your feedback will help guide future support, services and resources.



[www.surveymonkey.com/r/caregiversurvey2026](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/caregiversurvey2026)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
**COFFEE**  
 DEJA BREW BY CASSEY

Thursday, May 7, 2026  
 8:30 - 10:00

at Jennings Local Schools  
 Muffins and Donuts will also be available for purchase



**Local Mass:**

**Ottoville:** Tues. 12:00 pm. & Wed. Thurs. & Fri. 8:00 am.

**Delphos:** Mon-Fri 8:00 am & Wed 12:15 pm

**Kalida:** Thurs 7:30 pm, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:00 am



The Velvet Vipers, a group of 4th grade boys, performed an original "Gods Laws" in front of the rest of the elementary students at religion class this past week. They did an excellent job and we are excited and hope they continue to pursue a Christian music career Way to go boys!

# First Holy COMMUNICANTS

- Stella Ann Amstutz
- Macie Michelle Krietemeyer
- Jesse Alan Michaud
- Thomas Andrew Michaud
- Lillian Grace Neidert
- Tobias Lee Orwick
- Quinn Rae Rainey
  
- Reagan Mae Sarka
- Annie Lorraine Schroeder
- Daphne Ann Tenwalde
- Madeline Elizabeth Wagner
- Taylee Elizabeth Warnecke
- Jaxon Alfred Wrasman

## RELIGION CLASS WITH NO POWER!





Hello Friends in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks words many hearts need to hear: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled.' We all carry worries about family, health, and the future. Yet Jesus does not merely offer advice...He offers Himself: 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.' Sometimes we want God to hand us a map; Jesus offers His hand.

How fitting that this Sunday thirteen of our children receive First Holy Communion, receiving Jesus Himself...the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Congratulations to Stella Ann Amstutz, Macie Michelle Krietemeyer, Jesse Alan Michaud, Thomas Andrew Michaud, Lillian Grace Neidert, Tobias Lee Orwick, Quinn Rae Rainey, Reagan Mae Sarka, Annie Lorraine Schroeder, Daphne Ann Tenwalde, Madeline Elizabeth Wagner, Taylee Elizabeth Warnecke, and Jaxon Alfred Wrasman.

Thank you to Rhonda Liebrecht, Lynn Anspach, Joyce Gasser, our Children's Choir, parents, and catechists who helped prepare these children. Their joy reminds us of the wonder and reverence we are called to bring to the Eucharist.

Next Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass we celebrate May Crowning. All students are invited and may bring religious items to be blessed.

And perhaps we return to Jesus' words one more time: Do not let your hearts be troubled. Whatever lies ahead, Christ remains the Way. If we stay close to Him, we are never lost.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Ron Schock  
Don't Forget, "You are a Saint in the Making!"

