



# 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	5/31	5:00 pm	Elwood & Rita Broecker
Sun	6/01	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Walt Hoersten
Mon	6/02		
Tues	6/03	7:00 pm	Hubert & Helen Kaverman
Wed	6/04	7:00 pm	Jack Berelsman
Thurs	6/05	7:00 pm	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
Fri	6/06	7:55 am	For the Sick of the Parish
Sat	6/07	5:00 pm	Don Ostendorf
			Sandy Klinger & Paul
Sun	6/08	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	For Our Parish

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Mon	6/02	Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs	Acts 19 :1-8	Jn 16 :29-33
Tues	6/03	Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	Acts 20:17-27	Jn 17:1-11a
Wed	6/04		Acts 20:28-38	Jn 17:11b-19
Thu	6/05	Saint Boniface, Bishop, and Martyr	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11	Jn 17:20-26
Fri	6/06	Saint Norbert, Bishop	Acts 25:13b-21	Jn 21:15-19
Sat	6/07		Acts 28:16-20, 30-31	Jn 21:20-25

**THANK YOU for Fr. CHARLES:**

**An Account has been set up at the Fort Jennings State Bank for Fr. Charles. This is to help him purchase a vehicle in the future. If you would like to donate, as a sign of appreciation for his wonderful years of service to our parish, you can do so at the bank or you can drop an envelope in collection marked "Fr. Charles Gift"**

**COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DATES:** Join the Lion's Club in service to our wonderful community. There will be clean up dates on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> - 7 p.m., Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – 9 a.m., Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> – 9 a.m., Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m. Meet at the park rec club. Your help is needed and appreciated to keep our town looking beautiful.

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

Tue, June 3: Nash Miller & Loryn Gasser  
 Wed, June 4: Evelyn Neidert & Maile Poole  
 Thu, June 5: Harper Leis & Kinsley Farling

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: June 7 & 8:**

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm Ryan Aldrich, Tenley & Addison Sarka  
 7:30 am Christopher & Adelyn Moening  
 9:30 am Brody, Connor & Harper Leis

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm Carla Norbeck, Addison & Tenley Sarka, Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter  
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed  
 9:30 am Tony & Kelly Recker, Chad Recker, Doug Sickels, James Schroeder, Rhonda Liebrecht, Denise Sukup

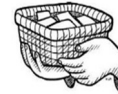
**LECTORS:**

5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman  
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed  
 9:30 am Penney Gerdeman

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm Ralph Knippen, Volunteer Needed  
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed  
 9:30 am Darren Beining & Charlie Gerdeman

**Please pray for the sick:**  
 Tim Luersman



**May 25, 2025**

Envelopes	\$ 1,674.00
Loose	\$ 992.25
Maintenance	\$ 1,100.00
Ascension	\$ 20.00

YTD as of May 25, 2025 = \$ 186,765.78

**YTD Over Budget = \$ 6,765.78**

**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>

**Bulletin submissions deadline:**  
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

**The family of Mike Schuerman** would like to thank Father Charles for all of his support and any community members who sent cards, gifts, and prayers during this difficult time.

**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."

**THANK YOU to Connor Hoersten of Hoersten Power Washing Solutions!** Connor donated his services cleaning the stains off of the Rectory. Your generous service is appreciated, Connor!



**Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry,** is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss. We offer a place of respite and solidarity- a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement.

All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are invited to join us.

\*You do not need to have attended any previous meetings- new faces are welcome at any time!\*

For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752 or Wendy Schimmoeller at (419)236-0522. It is our honor to walk with you!

The FORT JENNINGS LIONS club would like to invite you and your family to join them at the future **HOMETOWN HANGOUT** events at Freedom Square **Blackhoof Creek will be performing on June 12, there will also be a food truck available.** Future dates are July 10, July 31, and August 28. We hope to see all community members attend for fun and socializing.

**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** - The 9<sup>th</sup> weekly winner for the \$300 giveaway is Lisa Von Lehmden-Zidek. Congrats to the week 5/26 winner!.

**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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School in Van Wert, is seeking a faith-filled, mission-driven, and qualified Elementary School Principal-Minister** to lead their K+–Grade 6 elementary school. St. Mary of the Assumption is rooted in the rich tradition of Catholic education, committed to academic excellence, character formation, and vibrant spiritual life.

The Elementary School Principal-Minister serves as the educational and spiritual leader of the school community. The successful candidate will be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the school, advancing the mission of Catholic education, and fostering a faith-filled environment of learning and growth. This is an excellent opportunity for a passionate Catholic educator to continue and enhance a tradition of excellence.

Those interested can submit their cover letter, resume, and letters of recommendation to Father Chris Bohnsack via email at [info@stmarysvanwert.com](mailto:info@stmarysvanwert.com) or mail to 601 Jennings Rd. Van Wert, Ohio 45891 by June 13, 2025.

**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](http://ComHealthPro.org/events-page). Register by June 6.

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>** – 1:00 pm. Bingo at Ft. Haven, Fort Jennings. RSVP by May 29<sup>th</sup>

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** – 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 13<sup>th</sup>** – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Shred-A-Thon at the Putnam County Council on Aging.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**- 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 18<sup>th</sup>**- 10 a.m. Doing Diabetes Together at the Continental Legion, 109 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Join Dr. Tate Church as we learn about prevention, screening, and a healthy lifestyle to better manage diabetes. RSVP by June 11.

**June 25<sup>th</sup>**- 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.