



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	6/14	5:00 pm	Felix & Evelyn Ricker Families
Sun	6/15	7:30 am	Harry Howbert
		9:30 am	John Gerker
Mon	6/16		
Tues	6/17	7:00 pm	Dan Recker
Wed	6/18	7:00 pm	NO MASS
Thurs	6/19	7:00 pm	Urban & Marguerite Wieging
Fri	6/20	7:55 am	For Our Parish
Sat	6/21	5:00 pm	Norman & Margaret Schimmoeller – 70 th Anniversary
Sun	6/22	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Paul & Rita Hemker

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	6/16	2 Cor 6:1-10	Mt 5:38-42
Tues	6/17	2 Cor 8:1-9	Mt 5:43-48
Wed	6/18	2 Cor 9:6-11	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu	6/19	Saint Romuald, Abbot	
		2 Cor 11:1-11	Mt 6:7-15
Fri	6/20	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30	Mt 6:19-23
Sat	6/21	2 Cor 12:1-10	Mt 6:24-34

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."

We are incredibly sad to see him go and **WE ARE HAVING A PARTY TO SAY "GOODBYE."** Saturday, June 21st at Memorial Hall after 5:30 p.m. Mass we are having a farewell gathering for Fr. Charles. Food will be provided, bring your own beverages (child & adult). We hope that there will be a tremendous turnout to demonstrate to Father how much we appreciate his service the past 12+ years.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, June 17: Cece Schroeder & Addalynn Maenle
 Wed, June 18: Savannah Gerdeman & Austin Askins
 Thu, June 19: Levi & Liam Van Bibber

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: June 21 & 22:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Caleb Von Sossan, Maddie Anspach, Josie Anspach
 7:30 am Sam, Nolan & Adeline Dubé
 9:30 am Ava Knippen, Cal & Stella Menke

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Connor & Christina Hoersten, Dave, Kathy & Alyssa Luersman
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Julie Fischbach, Alex Horstman, Braden & Ava Knippen, Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman, Hudson Maag

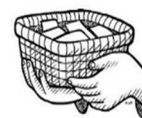
LECTORS:

5:00 pm Jen Neidert
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Cheryl Hellman

USHERS:

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

Please pray for the sick: Tim Luersman



June 8, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,700.00
Loose	\$ 881.00
Maintenance	\$ 795.00
Ascension	\$ 20.00

YTD as of June 8, 2025 = \$ 198,001.78

YTD Over Budget = \$ 10,001.78

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.

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 SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of Esther M. Ellerbrock, to her husband Jerry, her children Trina, Keith, and Renee, her three grandchildren and three step grandchildren. She died May 28 at the age of 74.

ALSO, OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of TOM BULLINGER, to his wife Jill (Meyer), his children Dr. Todd (Katie) Bullinger, Dr. Katie (Dr. Bryan Jewell) Bullinger, Kevin (Erica) Bullinger and Dr. Lindsey (Dr. James Wodicka) Bullinger and to his grandchildren. He died June 7 at the age of 70.

May the Lord grant Esther and Tom eternal rest and life in the Kingdom.

THE COUNTRY STORE is asking for donations of handmade or purchased items to be raffled off at our Annual Parish Festival. Monetary donations can be given thru the collection basket in an envelope marked "country store donation." Please take your items with your name on it to the church basement and place it in the room designated for the Country Store starting Aug 1st through Aug 9th (the sooner the better). Call or Text Mandi Kahle at 419-236-8169 or Lynn Anspach at 419-771-9053 if you any questions. Thank You!

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

"PETER, DO YOU LOVE ME?" John 21:15
Presented by Karen Homan, founder of Do Good in His Name Ministry on Thursday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish Center, 109 N. Main St, Glandorf.

Father Charles' new assignment will begin July 1, 2025 at St. Joseph Church, Monroeville & St. Alphonsus Church, Peru. His address will be:

**Fr. Charles Obinwa
St. Joseph Church
66 Chapel St.**

Monroeville, OH 44847

Please, write him cards of encouragement and a show of prayerful support for his new assignment.

The family of DOUG HOEHN have asked that we announce that a Memorial Service is being held on Saturday, June 28 at 10:30 a.m. Family and friends are invited to attend.

YOUR SUPPORT is till needed: 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.

CEDAR POINT - Join us for a unique opportunity to gather as a faith community for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas at Cedar Point, a place like no other! Sunday, July 27, 11 a.m. at the Convention Center Inside the park. First 100 attendees will receive free Diocesan swag to wear in the park. Season Pass holders welcome. Tickets for the park are only \$34.28. Act fast as discounted tickets are limited and going quickly!
www.toledodiocese.org/cedarpoint. Visit www.cedarpoint.com/save. Username CPTDPD password TDPD.

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 Future dates are July 10, July 31, and August 28. We hope to see all community members attend for fun and socializing.

Fort Fest - The 11th weekly winner for the \$300 giveaway is Lynn Anspach. Congrats to the week 6/9 winner!

FR. ERIC MUELLER PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO: February 10-16, 2026. For more information go to CATHOLICFAITHJOURNEYS.COM/MEXICO2026

The Ottawa Senior Center would like to invite you to LUNCH IN THE PARK on June 19, 2025 from 11:00 AM– 1:00 PM. Location: 1035 East Third St. Ottawa. Menu includes choice of: Homemade Cheesy Potato Soup, Sloppy Joe Sandwich Tray, Brats Sandwich Tray, or Hot Dog (regular or southern style) Tray. (Trays include potato chips, Cole Slaw, and dessert) Carry outs are available by calling 419-523-5593. Save the Dates: **LUNCH IN THE PARK**
July 17, 2025
August 21, 2025



MEN – Join us for “Canal Side Chats”!

This is a casual, relaxed gathering where men can gather, grow in faith and get to know our local priests better. We will meet three times this summer—once each month.

Our first session is **Wednesday, June 25 at 7:30 PM** at *Canal Side Burgers and Brew*, where **Father Charles Obinwa** will speak on: **“Growing Up in the African Culture Vis-à-Vis the Christian Religion.”**

Future talks include:

- **Father George Mahas** (tentatively July 16)
- **Father Phil Smith** (tentatively August 27)

This event is **open to all adult men**. Light appetizers will be provided, and a **cash bar** will be available. Come as you are—and bring a friend!

Position Available ~ K-8 STEM Teacher and Technology Coordinator for Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic School. Position Overview: Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic School seeks a dynamic and innovative individual to serve as a K-8 STEM Teacher and Technology Coordinator. Salary: Negotiable - Interested applicants need to submit a letter of interest, resume, three letters of reference, copy of certification(s), and any other pertinent materials that may be applicable to: Joe Linder, Principal Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic School, 520 W Sycamore St. Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830. jlinder@stanthonyschool.info

St. Anthony of Padua in Columbus Grove is in search of an energetic, faith-filled principal for the 2025-2026 academic year, who will function as the school’s guiding force in spiritual, educational, and administrative matters.

Requirements:

Must be a practicing Catholic, undergo a background check, Possess or be willing to obtain valid Ohio licensure.

Interested applicants need to submit a letter of interest, a resume, three letters of reference, a copy of certification, and any other pertinent materials that may be applicable to:

Father David Ritchie, davritch@aol.com or (419) 234-6976

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. 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 or mail to 601 Jennings Rd. Van Wert, Ohio 45891 by June 13, 2025.