



# 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	6/21	5:00 pm	Norman & Margaret Schimmoeller – 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Sun	6/22	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Paul & Rita Hemker
Mon	6/23		
Tues	6/24	7:00 pm	Jack Berelsman
Wed	6/25	7:00 pm	Terry Maag
Thurs	6/26	7:00 pm	Albert & Mabel Berelsman Jean Heitzman
Fri	6/27	7:55 am	Souls in Purgatory
Sat	6/28	5:00 pm	James Brockman
Sun	6/29	7:30 am	Fr. Charles Obinwa
		9:30 am	Bob Meyer Nathan Plummer

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

Mon	6/23	Gn 12 :1-9	Mt 7 :1-5
Tues	6/24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Is 49:1-6	Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wed	6/25	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18	Mt 7:15-20
Thu	6/26	Gn 16:1-12, 15-16	Mt 7:21-29
Fri	6/27	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Ez 34:11-16	Lk 15:3-7
Sat	6/28	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr Gn 18:1-15	Mt 8:5-17

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 24: Claire Mistisshen & Jacob Anspach  
Wed, June 25: Lillian Schroeder & Jase Metzger  
Thu, June 26: Lacey Meyer & Brooklyn Tumlinson

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: June 28 & 29:**

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm Carson Uphaus, Reese Hellman, Derek Hark  
7:30 am James, Carly & Levi Schroeder  
9:30 am Evan Ellerbrock, Zach Wagoner, Ryan Aldrich

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm Becky Uphaus, Carla Norbeck, Addison & Tenley Sarka, Rose Ann Vetter  
7:30 am Volunteers Needed  
9:30 am Calvin Menke, Marilyn Metzger, Karan Maenle, Trish Moening, Jamie Saum, Tony & Chad Recker

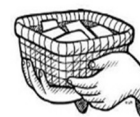
**LECTORS:**

5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer  
7:30 am Volunteer Needed  
9:30 am Mike Knippen

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm Rick Maag & Dan Krietemeyer  
7:30 am Volunteer Needed  
9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker

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



**June 15, 2025**

Envelopes	\$ 2,443.00
Loose	\$ 1,090.35
Maintenance	\$ 240.00
Ascension	\$ 20.00

YTD as of June 15, 2025 = \$ 201,534.13

YTD Over Budget = \$ 9,534.13

**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.

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

**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.

**BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Faith: BEAU THOMAS WITTLER**, son of Joshua & Erica (Saine) Wittler. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Beau. Best Wishes from the Catholic Community in Fort Jennings.

**If there are any Eucharistic ministers that are available to distribute Friday morning Masses here in St. Joseph church, during the UP COMING school year and can be put on that schedule please text/contact Rhonda Liebrecht, 419-796-9044. Mass is at 7:55AM- 8:30AM,**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> through Aug 9<sup>th</sup> (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, 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.

**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.

The FORT JENNINGS LIONS club would like to invite you and your family to join them at the **HOMETOWN HANGOUT event at Freedom Square on July 10; 6 – 9 p.m.** Future dates are July 31, and August 28. We hope to see all community members attend for fun and socializing. **July 10<sup>th</sup> event will have Fat Kid BBQ truck and C & J's Shaved Ice for kids** sponsored by Advanced Insurance Group. **Music by AJ Knepper.**

**FJ FIRE DEPARTMENT "TOUCH A TRUCK"** will be held during the July 10<sup>th</sup> Hometown Hangout.

**Fort Fest** - The 12th weekly winner for the \$300 giveaway is Mike & Doris Nichols. Congrats to the week 6/16 winner!

### **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!

**87<sup>th</sup>  
Annual**

# St. Joseph's Parish Festival

**Fort Jennings, Ohio  
Sunday, August 10, 2025**

★★★ **PRIZES** ★★★

**Big Ticket Raffle**

Cash Prizes - \$1,500 First Prize

**Gas & Grocery Raffle**

\$500 Gas Card & \$500 Grocery Gift Card Package

**Country Store Bucket Raffle**

Over 200 Raffle Prizes

★★★ **FOOD** ★★★

**Hamburger Stand**

**10:30am - 7:00pm**

**Chicken & Beef Dinners**

**10:30am - 1pm & 4pm - 6pm  
Dine-in or Drive-Thru Carry-Out  
(Carry-outs are Adult-Size only)**

**Games  
and  
Entertainment**

**(11am - 6pm)**



**BINGO**

**Kids Games &  
Inflatables**

**Kiddie Tractor Pull**

**Homemade  
Ice Cream**

**Farmers' Market  
(Homemade Items)**

**Country Store  
(100's of Raffle Prizes)**

**And More!**