



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	6/28	5:00 pm	James Brockman
Sun	6/29	7:30 am	Fr. Charles Obinwa
		9:30 am	Bob Meyer Nathan Plummer
Mon	6/30		
Tues	7/01	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Eva Warnecke
Wed	7/02	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Dale & Marilyn Ricker
Thurs	7/03	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Jack Berelsman
Fri	7/04	9:00 am	For Our Country
Sat	7/05	5:00 pm	Raymond Brockman
Sun	7/06	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Joe & Shirley Mesker

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	6/30	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church	
		Gn 18:16-33	Mt 8:18-22
Tues	7/01	Saint Junipero Serra, Priest	
		Gn 19 :15-29	Mt 8 :23-27
Wed	7/02	Gn 21:5, 8-20a	
		Mt 8:28-34	
Thu	7/03	Saint Thomas, Apostle	
		Eph 2:19-22	Jn 20:24-29
Fri	7/04	Independence Day	
		Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67	Mt 9:9-13
Sat	7/05	Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest	
		Saint Elizabeth of Portugal	
		Gn 27 :1-5, 15-29	Mt 9 :14-17

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.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, July 1: Nash Miller & Loryn Gasser

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: July 5 & 6:

SERVERS:

- 5:00 pm Brody, Connor & Harper Leis
- 7:30 am Wyatt Gasser, Hudson & Jeremy Maag
- 9:30 am Tenley & Addison Sarka,
Christopher Moening

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 pm Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young,
Rose Ann Vetter, Evan Ellerbrock,
Bailey Hile
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Doug Sickels, James Schroeder,
Rhonda Liebrecht, Diane Stennett,
Kim Mc Cracken, Denise Sukup,
Teresa Wurst

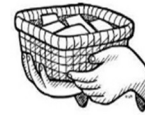
LECTORS:

- 5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman
- 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
- 9:30 am Pat Liebrecht

USHERS:

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

Please pray for the sick: Tim Luersman



June 22, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,108.00
Loose	\$ 1,104.50
Maintenance	\$ 305.00

YTD as of June 22, 2025 = \$ 204,746.63

YTD Over Budget = \$ 8,746.63

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.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL APOSTLES

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.

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 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, 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.

St. Barbara Parish Festival/Cloverdale - Sunday, July 13th. BBQ Chicken/Pork Dinners (served 10:30 am-5:00 pm). Carry-outs available. Big Ticket Grand Prize-\$1,000 (drawing-6:00 pm). Lunch Stand, Beer Tent, Kid's Games, Raffle Booth, Bingo, Cash Drawings, Bicycle Drawings & more.

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 10th 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 10th Hometown Hangout.

Fort Fest - The 13th weekly winner for the \$300 giveaway is Beth Hellman. Congrats to the week 6/23 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.

- **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!

2025 PUTNAM COUNTY SENIOR EXPO

Friday, August 1st 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Elementary, 123 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa. Free Community Event – door prizes, exhibitors, complimentary breakfast, health screenings, shuttle service, free medication disposal.

Schedule:

8:30 – 11:00 a.– Visit Vendors & Medication Disposal
8 :30 – 10 :00 – Breakfast served in the cafeteria
10:30 – 11:30 – Jason Abbott, Comedian & Magician

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 as a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility. Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, July 10th 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. For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752.

**87th
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!