



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

ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 6:00 pm

Fridays: 7:00 am

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

Anytime by request

BAPTISMS

Baptisms will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Ron 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 meeting with Fr. Ron.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

OCIA 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. 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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to our St. Joseph Parish Family, please call or visit the parish office to register.

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

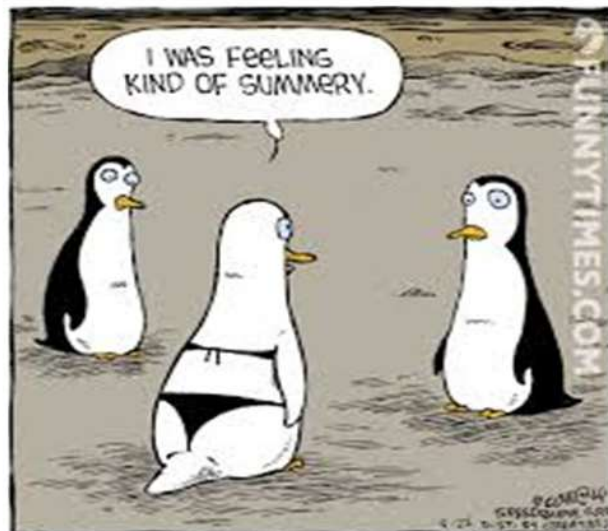
Mr. Alan Calvelage 419-303-0560

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	7/12	5:00 pm	Esther Ellerbrock
Sun	7/13	7:30 am	For Our Parish
		9:30 am	Norbert & Loretta Morman
Mon	7/14		
Tues	7/15	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	For Our Parish
Wed	7/16	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Eva Warnecke Family
Thurs	7/17	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	For Texas Flood Victims
Fri	7/18	7:55 am	Souls in Purgatory
Sat	7/19	5:00 pm	Jerry Brockman
Sun	7/20	7:30 am	Dick Ricker
		9:30 am	Norbert & Rita Schnipke
			60 th Anniversary

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	7/14	St, Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin	
		Ex 1:8-14, 22	Mt 10 :34-11
Tues	7/15	St. Bonaventure, Bishop	
		Ex 2:1-15a	Mt 11:20-24
Wed	7/16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	
		Ex 3:1-6, 9-12	Mt 11 :25-27
Thu	7/17	Ex 3:13-20	Mt 11:28-30
Fri	7/18	Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest	
		Ex 11 :10-12 :14	Mt 12 :1-8
Sat	7/19	Ex 12 :37-42	Mt 12 :14-21

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS: Due to decreasing attendance at Saturday 5 o'clock mass the parish council will be holding a Parish vote on a potential time change. There will be 3 times to consider on the ballot. 4pm, 4:30pm, or 5pm. The goal of this is to keep our parishioners in our church. After speaking with several parishioners, it seems that several attend an earlier mass at neighboring parishes. While we love the support of all catholic churches, we would like to have a schedule that is more convenient for the members of St. Joseph's. The vote will be held at a mass within the next couple of weeks.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UPDATES: Saturday, July 12th – 9 a.m., Wednesday, July 30th – 7 p.m. Meet at the park rec club. Your help is needed and appreciated.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, July 8: Amelia Orwick & Adeline Dubé
 Wed, July 9: Aiden Hoersten & Adelyn Moening
 Thu, July 10: Mason Kohls & Cece Schroeder

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: July 19 & 20:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Sam & Nolan Dubé, Ava Knippen
 7:30 am Cal & Stella Menke
 9:30 am Madie, Josie & Jacob Anspach

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Sue Knippen, Carla Norbeck, Addison & Tenley Sarka, Becky Uphaus
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Rhonda Liebrecht, Doug Sickels, Roger Luersman, Hudson Maag, James Schroeder, Marilyn Metzger, Karan Maenle

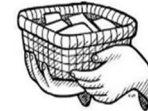
LECTORS:

5:00 pm Jen Neidert
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Brandt Menke

USHERS:

5:00 pm Rick Maag & Dan Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Please pray for the sick: Tim Luersman



July 6, 2025

Envelopes	\$	1,754.00
Loose	\$	967.00
Maintenance	\$	970.00

YTD as of July 6, 2025 = **\$ 2,721.00**

YTD Under Budget = **\$ 1,280.00**

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.

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:

Wednesday at 10 a.m.

CLEANER NEEDED FOR THE RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE: If you are interested, contact the parish office at stjoeparishofc@bright.net or 419-286-2132.

OFFERTORY GIFTS If the Mass Intention for a weekend Mass is your loved one, please bring up the offertory gifts. If you cannot do offertory gifts, inform the ushers.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you have money on the books for Mass Intentions and do not have them scheduled for specific dates, they will be put on the schedule when we have open spots.

Eucharistic Ministers needed during the school year at Friday morning Masses. please text/contact Rhonda Liebrecht, 419-796-9044.

Exciting New Project for Fort Jennings!



The Village of Fort Jennings and the Fort Jennings Lions Club are proud to announce a NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE coming in 2025/2026!! This walk bridge will connect Freedom Square to our Community Park, with ADA-accessible passage for all

residents and visitors. The total estimated cost is \$850,000 for this project. **Total funds secured to date:** \$660,000. We ask if your donations could be made or communicated to a committee member by August 1st, 2025. Scan the QR code for more information and ways to donate.

Fort Fest: 14th weekly \$300 winner is Aaron & Morgan Schnipke. Congrats!

This year for VBS the kids will be putting on a short program July 30th at 7:40pm up in the Church. All are welcome to come hear the kids sing their praise and worship songs they learned during the week. This is also where you will pick up your children at the end of the VBS week.

Also, again this year for VBS the children will be collecting loose change to support The Heartbeat of Putnam County. Your child can bring in spare change each night and place it in the tube that corresponds to group. We will tally up the money each night and announce the winner on Wednesday's send off. In addition to bringing in money for donations we encourage you to bring in diapers, non-perishable food items, and gently used or new baby clothes. This is a great opportunity to have a conversation with your child(ren) about other's basic needs and how we all can help out. Please consider donating items your children enjoy, including snacks or toys. We are always amazed at the generosity of our parish and the pride the kids feel when they hear how much they have raised to help others. Any outside donations can be placed in the bride's room and will be collected on July 30th as well. Thank You!!

St. Catherine's Embrace Annual Outreach Volunteer Training - St. Catherine's Embrace is a local outreach ministry that acknowledges and supports the many families in the St. George Deanery/ Putnam County area who have lost babies through miscarriage or stillbirth. Through trained volunteers from each parish, we provide resources and an engraved Keepsake Box filled with helpful books, artwork and handmade memorial items crafted by parishioners from across the county. Are you interested in becoming an outreach volunteer in your parish? It's simple—and very rewarding. We have a meeting followed by a training session scheduled for Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30 p.m. in Glandorf. Please call or text Mary Beth Weisenburger at (419)980-8065 or email scembrace@gmail.com to register. See our FB page and our website www.stcatherinesembrace.org for more information about this important local ministry!

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.

St. Anthony of Padua Annual Parish Festival, Columbus Grove: Sat, Aug. 2 & Sun, Aug 3. Garage sale from 9:00 to 6:00 on **Saturday:** Beer Stand & Hamburger Stand available after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. EXPLOIT DELUXE from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. under the Bingo Tent, FREE Admission. NO COOLERS, bring lawn chairs! **Sunday:** beef or pork chop dinners. Dinners served outside, seating available on the grounds. Carry outs 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. Drive thru 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Activities: Bingo in church basement, 12:00 to 9:45 p.m., Garage Sale 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Bounce houses, Kids' games, Duck Races, Country Store, Bakery Wheel, Kiddie Tractor Pull for children ages 4-9, Paul Smock County 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Cash prizes totaling \$2,500, Chance to win \$20,000 towards a new car or \$15,000 cash. Come and help us celebrate our parish festival.

The FARMER'S MARKET is again asking for donations of homemade baked goods, snacks, canned goods & produce for the Farmers Market stand at the Annual Parish Festival. Items can be put in a room marked for the Country Store in the church basement (**clearly marked as Farmers Market**) or dropped off the day of the festival at the stand. The past couple of years, the sweets are what sells the best – cookies, pies, pans of cinnamon rolls, brownies, crisps and cobblers as well as breads. Any questions, please contact Marianne Von Sossan, 419-302-6693.

WE NEED YOUR HELP MAKING PIES & DESSERTS for the church festival. We are asking our parishioners to pitch in and make a pie or cake, cookies, brownies or any dessert for the Church festival. Pie tins are in the brides' room for you to use.

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.

Lunch in the Park: July 17, 11 – 1 at 1035 East Third St. Ottawa. All are invited, hosted by Ottawa Senior Citizens Center: Options are Smoked Pork Chop, Hot Beef, or Brats Platters. Carry outs available by calling 419-523-5593. Entertainment by Bob Clark.



Gospel (Luke 10:25–37): In the familiar parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus teaches that loving our neighbor means crossing every boundary—social, ethnic, or religious—to offer compassion and care to anyone in need. It's not enough to offer words; true love shows itself in action.

Like the priest and the Levite who passed by, we too can feel paralyzed by fear, busyness, or uncertainty when confronting suffering. Yet Jesus points us to the Good Samaritan, he saw the victim, felt compassion, tended to wounds and ensured long term care. In our time, that neighbor might be someone who has been affected by the flooding and tragedy of the flash flooding in Central Texas. These people are our neighbors. Those who lost loved ones to drowning, complete destruction of property, or even the voices of children crying out for help.

To this end in helping neighbor, we will be helping our neighbors in Central Texas by taking up a second collection. All proceeds will go to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo who will forward 100% of the money to those people in most desperate need. If you would like to write a check please do so or your cash donations are gratefully accepted as well,

My friends, let us pray for our neighbors and one another as we grow in love of God and neighbor.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ron

"Don't forget, You are a Saint in the Making!"

Share your voice in the 2025 Putnam County Community Health Assessment by going to the health department's website, www.putnamhealth.com, and completing the Community Health Survey, which should take approximately 15 minutes. The data collected will be used to improve the health and quality of life in Putnam County. A healthier community starts with you!