



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 419-286-2989

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

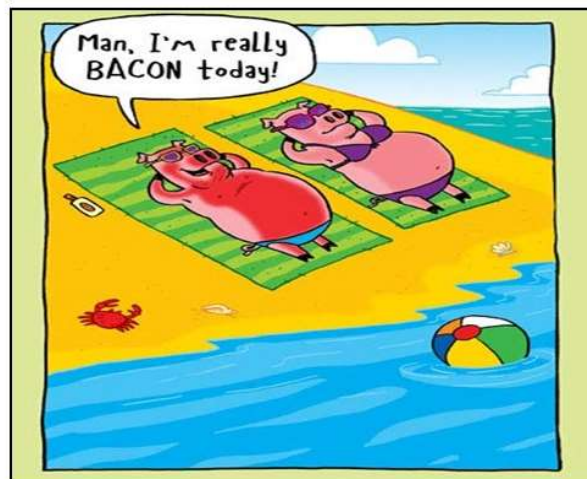
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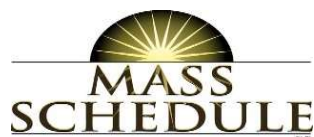
Maintenance & Hall Manager

Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-236-9564





Intentions

Sat	15	5:00 pm	For Our Country
Sun	16	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Len & Pat Recker
Mon	17		
Tues	18	7:00 pm	Jim & Margaret Schimmoeller
Wed	19	7:00 pm	For the Sick of the Parish
Thurs	20	7:00 pm	For Troubled Marriages
Fri	21	7:55 am	For Peace in Families
Sat	22	5:00 pm	For Our Parish
Sun	23	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Dick Ricker

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	07/17	Gn 28:10-22a	Mt 9:18-26
Tues	07/18	Gn 32:23-33	Mt 9:32-38
Wed	07/19	Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a	Mt 10:1-7
Thu	07/20	Saint Henry	
		Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5	Mt 10:1-7
Fri	07/21	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30	Mt 10:16-23
Sat	07/22	Saint Bonaventure, Bishop	
		Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a	Mt 10:24-33

Mailings for elementary, junior high and high school religion went out recently. If you do not receive your mailing, please contact Rhonda Liebrecht at 419-796-9044 or email at stjoereled@bright.net and she will get one sent to you.

SCAMMERS are at it again! People have been receiving texts claiming to be Fr. Charles asking for gift cards. Father will NEVER text asking for gift cards or a favor. Delete any messages like this.

BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Faith:

MAGGIE ROSE HUNSTMAN, daughter of Andrew and Krista (Baldauf) Huntsman. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Maggie. Best wishes from the Catholic Community in Fort Jennings.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues, July 18 – 7 pm Stella Menke & Connor Leis
 Wed July 19 – 7 pm Waylon Meyer & Cayden Swick
 Thurs, July 20 – 7:55 am Nolan Dube & Josie Anspach

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: July 22 & 23:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Jarron Swick, Ian Howbert, Tessa Meyer
 7:30 am Brayden & Ava Knippen, James Schroeder
 9:30 am Tenley & Addison Sarka, Brody Leis

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter, Jodi Von Sossan, Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young
 9:30 am Mike Knippen, Trish Moening, Jamie Saum, Tony & Kelly Recker, Doug Sickels, Rhonda Liebrecht

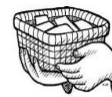
LECTORS:

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

USHERS:

5:00 pm Jerry Vetter & Roger Trentman
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Please, Pray for the Sick of our Parish:
 Chloe Wiegung, Annette Landwehr,
 Boston & Layla Korte



July 9, 2023

Envelopes	\$	3,855.00
Loose	\$	785.00
Maintenance	\$	525.00
Peter's Pence	\$	10.00

YTD as of July 9, 2023 = \$ **6,384.00**

YTD Under budget = \$ **-1,616.00**

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.

THANK YOU for your continued support.

BAPTISMS: To arrange a baptism please
Call the Parish Office or Deacon Larry (cell)
(419) 302-2532 or by email larry@fjsb.com.

BAPTISM CLASSES

Contact the Parish Office

**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 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 through 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 between July 20th to August 1st if possible. Call Mandi Kahle at 419-236-8169 or Lynn Anspach at 419-771-9053 if you have any questions. Thank You!

**It's time to make noodles for the church
festival again!**

**We will be making noodles on
Saturday, August 5th at 8:30 a.m.** No experience is necessary for this project! If you would like to help, we gladly give on-the-job training! Come and help for the morning or just for an hour! We end our morning quality checking the noodles for lunch. We are also in need of noodle machines and fans if you have one we could use. Seventeen 5# bags of flour will be needed for this project. If you are able to donate flour, please give me a call with # of bags you would like to donate. I would like to thank the Tony and Tina Grote family for donating the 60 dozen eggs needed to complete this project again this year. Thank you in advance to all who make this project possible! Contact Cheryl Sickels (419-286-5683 or 419-296-5648) with any questions.

Fort Fest giveaway winners: Week of 6/26 is Ron Schimmoeller & Week of 7/3 is Brian Koenig

**Due to the increased cost of store- bought
pies we really NEED YOUR HELP MAKING
PIES & DESSERTS for the church festival.**

We are asking our parishioners to pitch in and make a pie. or a cake... or cookies... or brownies or any dessert for the Church festival this year. Pie tins are in the brides' room for you to use. Please, be sweet and make something sweet to support your parish.

**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.

**Come join your fellow community
members** to help clean up, fix up, and update your community. We will be meeting at the FJ Park at 7 pm on **Wednesday July 20**. We will have projects in the park and around the community to complete. This is a community event, so all are welcome to attend and help. If you have any questions, contact Zach Liebrecht 419-796-9044.

**2023 Diocesan Celebration of
Wedding Anniversaries**

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral

October 22, 2023 | 3:00 p.m.

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2023 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit:

www.toledoanniversarymass.org

2023 PUTNAM COUNTY SENIOR EXPO – Friday, Aug. 4th, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ottawa Elementary School, 123 Putnam Parkway.

Complimentary Lunch, Health Screenings, Door Prizes, Shuttle Services, Many Exhibitors, Free Medication Disposal. New this year ONU Mobile Clinic which will do a BP Check, A1C, Blood Glucose, Cholesterol, Vitamin Check (12 hour fasting recommended but not required). Entertainment by Country Gentleman.

LUNCH IN THE PARK at Ottawa Senior Citizens Center, 1035 East Third St., Ottawa. July 20th from 11:00 to 1:00.

Lunch Menu includes choice of: Smoked Pork Chop with scalloped potatoes, green beans and roll, Brats Platter with chips, applesauce and dessert, or Hot Beef Platter with chips, applesauce, and dessert. Assorted desserts and Drink. Sponsored by Ted's Market in Pandora. Music in the park by Bob Clark. Dine in our air-conditioned hall or eat outside in the park. Call 419-523-5593 for carryout.

The Friends of the Putnam County District Library is sponsoring a **bus trip to LaComedia Dinner Theater** in Springboro, OH on Thursday, October 19, 2023. Cost is \$100.00 which includes a buffet luncheon and center seating to enjoy “Grumpy Old Men, The Musical”. We will leave Ottawa at 8:30AM and return by 5:00PM. RSVP by September 11, 2023 to Nancy by calling or texting at 419 231 0531.

Ottoville Rosary Altar Society **Bus Trip to Holmes County.** Wednesday, September 13. Cost is \$100 which includes several shopping places such as Berlin Antique Mall, Berlin Craft Mall, Tis the Season of Christmas Shop, David Warthen’s wood carving shop and museum, and Ohio’s market in Berlin. Lunch is at the Berlin Farmstead restaurant (the buffet). Also, the world’s largest cuckoo clock. Reservation deadline is August 31. Please call Sharon Meyer at 419-453-3789 or Diane Bendele at 815-4551-0454.

Truth & Light Town Hall

Be Prepared to Defeat Ohio’s Pro-Abortion Constitutional Amendment

Wednesday, July 19 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall, Kalida

Protect the Sanctity of Every Human Life

Come and find out what this extreme abortion amendment says.

What it means to us Ohioans.

How it will affect parental rights.

How it will expand abortions in all nine months.

How it will hurt the health and safety of women and children and what will happen to our existing laws to protect life.

We need to defeat this amendment in the November election.

Also, come and find out why we need to support Issue 1 which raises the threshold to pass a constitutional amendment in Ohio from the present simple majority of 50% plus one to 60%.

Vote for Issue 1 on August 8.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

1. Who is called the patroness saint of missions even though she never left her convent?
2. What future apostle stood by watching the stoning of the Church’s first martyr, Stephen?
3. What colors are the papal flag?
4. What does “Easter Duty” mean?
5. What is the name of the large, colored vestment the priest wears for Mass?

Have you spent time with Jesus lately? He’s here the first Friday of every month. Immediately following 7:55 a.m. Mass until to Noon. Sign up in the back of church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We need individuals to spend time with Jesus... he wants to see you.