



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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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

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



“You’re doing a good job as an usher,
but its called an offering, not a sin tax.”



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	7/19	5:00 pm	Jerry Brockman
Sun	7/20	7:30 am	Dick Ricker
		9:30 am	Norbert & Rita Schnipke 60 th Anniversary
Mon	7/21		
Tues	7/22	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Dan Recker
Wed	7/23	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Terry Maag
Thurs	7/24	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Hubert & Helen Kaverman
Fri	7/25	7:55 am	Souls in Purgatory
Sat	7/26	5:00 pm	Dick German
Sun	7/27	7:30 am	For Our Parish
		9:30 am	Jack Berelsman

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	7/21	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest	
		Ex 14:5-18	Mt 12:38-42
Tues	7/22	St. Mary Magdalene	
		Sg 3:1-4b	Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wed	7/23	St. Bridget, Religious	
		Ex 16:1-5, 9-15	Mt 13:1-9
Thu	7/24	St. Sharbel Makhluof, Priest	
		Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b	Mt 13:10-17
Fri	7/25	St. James, Apostle	
		2 Cor 4 :7-15	Mt 20 :20-28
Sat	7/26	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		Ex 24:3-8	Mt 13:24-30

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS: Voting on changing the Saturday, 5 p.m. Mass time has been postponed. Father Ron and Parish Council met on Thursday night, July 17th and discussed this issue surrounding Mass times. It was thought best to wait until after the October Mass Count to look at the numbers from this year versus the numbers from previous years. Discussion will be had after that time to see if any changes will be brought forward for your consideration. If you have any questions or comments contact Father Ron or any of the Parish Council members.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, July 15: Iris Tenwalde & Addalynn Maenle
 Wed, July 16: Savannah Gerdeman & Claire Mistisshen
 Thu, July 17: Levi & Liam Van Bibber

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: July 26 & 27:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Zach Wagoner & Caleb Von Sossan
 7:30 am Derek Hark & Wyatt Gasser
 9:30 am James, Carly & Levi Schroeder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Rose Ann Vetter, Nancy Wiechart,
 Karen Young, Evan Ellerbrock,
 Bailey Hile
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Trish Moening, Jamie Saum,
 Tony, Kelly, & Chad Recker,
 Braden & Ava Knippen

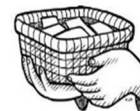
LECTORS:

5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Denny Osting

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



July 13, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,736.00
Loose	\$ 1,022.00
Maintenance	\$ 550.00

YTD as of July 13, 2025 = **\$ 6,479.00**

YTD **Under** Budget = **\$ 1,521.00**

THANK YOU for 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.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DATE: Wednesday, July 30th at 7 p.m. Meet at the park rec club. Your help is needed and appreciated.

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.

The 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!!

BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Faith:
QUINN SUSAN RICKER, daughter of Ian and Hannah (Warn) Ricker. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Quinn. Congrats!

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: \$704,650.** 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.

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.

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.

It’s time to make noodles for the church festival again! We will be making noodles on Saturday, August 2nd at 8:30 am. 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 them. I would like to thank Tony and Tina Grote for donating the 60 dozen eggs, and Ron and Mary Jean Schweller for donating the 80 pounds of flour needed to complete this project this year! Thank you in advance to all who make this project possible! Contact Cheryl Sickels (419-296-5648) with any questions.

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.

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

St. Catherine’s Embrace Annual Outreach Volunteer Training - a local ministry that acknowledges and supports the many families in the Putnam County area who have lost babies through miscarriage or stillbirth. Through trained volunteers, 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? 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. Check FB page and website www.stcatherinesembrace.org for information.

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 31; 6 – 9 p.m.** Future date is August 28. We hope to see all community members attend for fun and socializing. **July 31st event will have Taco Movil Food Truck, music by Zach Diemer.**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Imagine arriving at a friend’s home, eager to help—cleaning, cooking, serving. But halfway through, while you’re busy, your friend simply sits with the guest, drinking in the conversation. In Luke’s Gospel, Martha does exactly that—she’s absorbed in serving—while Mary “sat at the Lord’s feet, listening to him” (Lk 10:39–42) .

This scene contrasts two approaches:

- Martha: compassionate and service-oriented yet weighed down by anxiety about “many things” .
- Mary: chooses presence, priorities, and the deeper nourishment of Jesus’ word.

Jesus reminds us: “One thing is necessary,” and Mary has chosen it rightly (Lk 10:42).

This coming week, think, Am I Martha-focused...or Mary focused? Take time to pause at Jesus’ feet and consider how Jesus is calling you.

In particular, let’s take 10 minutes in silence, prayer, the quiet of the house before checking your device. Secondly, at the dinner table share with your loved ones or call a friend on the phone and talk about the experience of sitting with Jesus before jumping into a task. Lastly, choose one act of service. Strive to root that act of service in prayer, not anxiousness.

A special thanks to all who donated to the 2nd collection this weekend to assist those in need in Central Texas. Let us keep our “neighbors” in thought and prayer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ron

“Don’t forget, You are a Saint in the Making!”