

**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)

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BINGO

**Kids Games &
Inflatables**

Kiddie Tractor Pull

**Homemade
Ice Cream**

**Farmers' Market
(Homemade Items)**

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

And More!



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	7/26	5:00 pm	Dick German
Sun	7/27	7:30 am	For Our Parish
		9:30 am	Jack Berelsman
Mon	7/28		
Tues	7/29	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Albert & Mabel Berelsman Jean Heitzman
Wed	7/30	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Mary Lou Krietemeyer
Thurs	7/31	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	George Krietemeyer Janice Tenwalde
Fri	8/01	7:55 am	For Our Parish
Sat	8/02	5:00 pm	Todd Bidlack, Tony Davis, Michael Klein
Sun	8/03	7:30 am	Brickner & Krietemeyer Families
		9:30 am	Norm & Catherine Wiegung

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	7/28	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34	Mt 13:31-35
Tues	7/29	Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Jn 11:19-27
Wed	7/30	Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop	Ex 34:29-35 Mt 13:44-46
Thu	7/31	Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Mt 13:47-53
Fri	8/01	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop	Lv 23 :1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Mt 13 :54-58
Sat	8/02	Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop	Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
		Lv 25:1, 8-17	Mt 14:1-12

65th Annual St. Joseph Festival Monroeville, Ohio. Pastor Fr. Charles Obinwa invites you to join us!

Sunday, August 3rd Festival with fun for the whole family! 11am until 7pm Dine in (11am - 4pm) or carry out (11am - 6pm) Enjoy Glenn's Famous BBQ Chicken or John's Famous BBQ Rib dinners \$14 Adults \$8 Children 1/4 Beef Raffles, Reverse Raffle for \$12,500 will begin at 5:00pm. Silent Auction all day in the school. Musical entertainment open jam session 1:30 until 4:30pm bring your instrument and voice! Bounce house 1-5pm, fish pond, games of chance, quilt raffle, bingo, face painting, ice cream, lemonade, cotton candy, kid's games, cake booth, burgers, brats , fries and refreshments.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, July 29: Evelyn Neidert & Nash Miller
 Wed, July 30: Loryn Gasser & Harper Leis
 Thu, July 31: Maile Poole & Amelia Orwick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: August 2 & 3:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Reese Hellman, Hudson & Jeremy Maag
 7:30 am Carson Uphaus, Ryan Aldrich,
 Evan Ellerbrock
 9:30 am Cayden Swick, Addison & Tenley Sarka

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Connor & Christina Hoersten,
 Dave, Kathy, & Alyssa Luersman
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Doug Sickels, James Schroeder,
 Rhonda Liebrecht, Kim Mc Cracken,
 Diane Stennett, Denise Sukup,
 Teresa Wurst

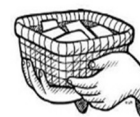
LECTORS:

5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Andrea Recker

USHERS:

5:00 pm Jerry Vetter & Adam Luersman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Please pray for the sick: Tim Luersman



July 20, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 1,822.00
Loose	\$ 841.00
Maintenance	\$ 155.00

YTD as of July 20, 2025 = **\$ 9,142.00**

YTD Under Budget = **\$ 2,858.00**

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.

FJHS Class of 1970 - 55th Class Reunion

Saturday, August 16, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Whiskey, Wine & Roses

Casual dinner and great memories - \$20/person

RSVP to mustard.karen@yahoo.com by July 31

**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 walks 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: \$707,150.** 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.

Save the Date! Men's Welcome Retreat

A Dynamic Catholic Experience January 31 – February 1, 2026 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church – Glandorf, OH

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.**

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. Please consider donating items your children enjoy, including snacks or toys. Any outside donations can be placed in the bride's room and will be collected on July 30th as well. Thank You!!

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.

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.

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 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.

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- a place to acknowledge the pain and complex emotions associated with infertility. **Our next meeting will be held Thursday, August 7th** 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- fresh faces are welcome* For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752. It is our honor to walk with you!

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., Kids activities and raffles.

St. Catherine's Embrace Annual Outreach Volunteer Training - a local ministry that acknowledges and supports the many area families 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.

ROCK for CHRIST CONCERT: hosted by Landeck, St. John the Baptist Church. **Saturday, Aug. 2nd** at the Landeck Shelter House, Delphos, Ohio from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Music by Landeck Praise & Worship, Spencerville Trinity United Methodist Praise Band, Justified, & Erastus Family Band.



Hello friends! This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the power of persistence in prayer. Jesus tells us, "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

God doesn't get annoyed when we keep knocking. In fact, He loves our persistence, especially when it's rooted in trust.

We are encouraged to approach God boldly and honestly. Whether you're praying for healing, guidance, or strength to face another day, know this: God hears you. He may not always answer in our timing, but He always answers in love. As we reflect on the Gospel, let's commit to becoming a people of prayer—daily, bold, and persistent prayer.

This Monday through Wednesday, I'm looking forward to joining our Vacation Bible School! A big thank you to Riley and her team for all the preparation and planning. Please keep the children and volunteers in your prayers as we help our young ones grow in their faith.

I also want to express my gratitude to everyone who contributed to our second collection for Central Texas flood victims. Your generosity raised over \$2,700 for Catholic Charities, helping those who are struggling right now. If you would still like to contribute, feel free to send donations to the parish office.

Lastly, a friendly reminder: next Sunday, August 2nd, St. Joseph Parish in Monroeville will host their annual parish festival. If you're able to attend, I know Father Charles would be grateful for your support and the chance to visit with you. The famous BBQ chicken and ribs dinner starts at 11:00 a.m. and continues until 7:00 p.m. If you need more information, just ask—I'd be happy to help!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Ron

"Don't FORGET: YOU are a SAINT in the MAKING!"