



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: 4:30 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	7/05	5:00 pm	Raymond Brockman
Sun	7/06	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Joe & Shirley Mesker Mon 7/07
Tues	7/08	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Eva Warnecke Family
Wed	7/09	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Alan Schroeder
Thurs	7/10	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Denise Jaylene Wuller Hohlbein
Fri	7/11	9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
Sat	7/12	5:00 pm	Esther Ellerbrock
Sun	7/13	7:30 am	For Our Parish
		9:30 am	Norbert & Loretta Morman

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	7/07	Gn 28 :10-28a	Mt 9 :18-26
Tues	7/08	Gn 32 :23-33	Mt 9 :32-38
Wed	7/09	Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest And Companions, Martyrs Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a Mt 10:1-7	
Thu	7/10	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Mt 10:7-15	
Fri	7/11	Saint Benedict, Abbot Gn 46 :1-7, 28-30 Mt 10 :16-23	
Sat	7/12	Gn 49 :29-32, 50 :15-26a Mt 10:24-33	

OFFERTORY GIFTS will start being brought up again this weekend at all Masses. If the Mass Intention for a weekend Mass is your loved one, please bring up the offertory gifts. If you cannot bring up offertory gifts, inform the ushers so they can get someone to do it.

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. Most likely this will be weekday Masses.

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 12 & 13:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Abby, Leah, & Ryan Kahle
7:30 am Tessa & Waylon Meyer
9:30 am Sophia & Carder Osting, Joci German

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Connor & Christina Hoersten,
Dave, Kathy, & Alyssa Luersman
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Madie Anspach, Anita Aldrich,
Same Dubé, Eva Hill, Julie Fischbach,
Alex Horstman, Mike Knippen

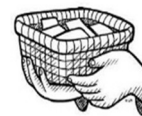
LECTORS:

5:00 pm Dave Luersman
7:30 am Volunteer Needed
9:30 am Karan Maenle

USHERS:

5:00 pm Alex Horstman & Kevin Leis
7:30 am Volunteer Needed
9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker

Please pray for the sick: Tim Luersman



June 29, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,320.00
Loose	\$ 1,049.50
Maintenance	\$ 120.00
June EFT Offertory	\$ 4,307.50
June EFT Maintenance	\$ 1,157.50
Peter's Pence	\$ 55.00

YTD as of June 29, 2025 = \$ 212,423.63

YTD Over Budget = \$ 12,423.63

THANK YOU for your continued support.

Due to your continued generosity we have once again ended the fiscal year over budget on Offertory! Thank you again for your continued support of the Parish.

BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Faith:

EVERLY ANN EICKHOLT, daughter of Brad & Kelsey (Hoersten) Eickholt. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Everly. Congrats!

To our Ft. Jennings Community, family & friends; the family of Tom “Bulldog” Bullinger would like to thank you for your kind thoughts, prayers, flowers, gifts, donations, cards, texts, hugs and kinds words during this difficult time. We are grateful to the many wonderful people who helped us through this difficult time. Thanks, you to Fr. Charles, Deacon Larry, Norma, Rose Ann, Shirley and the Friends of Hope, Joyce & the funeral choir. To the funeral luncheon ladies and those who donated desserts. We will be forever grateful to the fire department, EMS, Ohio State Patrol, family, friends, and everyone else who helped us during this difficult time. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and ask you to keep our family in your prayers.

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.

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!



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.

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.

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.** 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.

MEN – Join us for “Canal Side Chats”! A casual, relaxed gathering where men can gather, grow in faith and get to know our local priests better.

- **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.

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry, is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss. 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. For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752.



Dear Parish Family of St. Joseph,

As of July 1, I officially began my assignment here as your new pastor—and what a blessing it has already been. On June 30, my family helped me move in, and immediately I was welcomed by the parish staff and so many kind-hearted parishioners. Thank you for your warm hospitality and the many smiles and greetings—I am truly grateful.

While I am still settling in (and yes, still unpacking!), I've already had the privilege of visiting the hospital, making home visits, and celebrating the Eucharist with you. And yet, this is just the beginning. I genuinely desire to get to know each and every one of you—not just as names on a roster, but as brothers and sisters in Christ on a shared journey toward heaven.

To help us begin this journey together, I would love to come and visit your neighborhood or your home. If you'd be open to hosting a small gathering—just a few families, neighbors, or friends—please call the parish office and speak with Kelly. We'll get something on the calendar. These casual gatherings are a wonderful way for me to learn your names, hear your stories, and listen to your hopes and dreams for our parish. Let me know what you love about St. Joseph's, and what you'd like to see flourish in the future.

This weekend's Gospel from Luke 10 reminds us of how Jesus sent His disciples out two by two to enter homes and offer peace. “Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this household.’” (Luke 10:5) That is truly my desire as your pastor: to carry the peace of Christ into every corner of this parish, into every home and every heart. I do not come with all the answers, but with an open heart ready to listen, to serve, and to walk with you.

We have much to look forward to! I'm especially excited about our St. Joseph Parish Festival on the second weekend of August, and Fort Fest the weekend after that. I've already heard that Fort Jennings knows how to celebrate—and I'm looking forward to being part of it all.

One of my primary goals as your pastor is to help you get to heaven. That's why I offer Adoration and Confessions one hour before each weekday Mass, and why I'm available for spiritual direction. If you're looking for a deeper spiritual walk, or just need someone to talk with about your faith, please don't hesitate to call the parish office to schedule a time to meet.

Finally, one important note: if you or a loved one is in the hospital, please contact the parish office directly. Due to privacy laws (HIPAA), I cannot access patient information without your help. Unlike Fr. Charles, who served as hospital chaplain with access to patient rosters, I rely entirely on your calls. Let's work together to ensure no one feels forgotten during a time of illness or need.

Thank you again for your incredibly warm welcome. I am humbled and honored to be here, and I am praying for all of you daily. Please keep me in your prayers as well.

Let us walk together—as disciples sent forth, just like in today's Gospel—bringing peace, healing, and joy wherever we go.

God bless you all,

Fr. Ron Schock

“Don't forget... YOU are a SAINT in the MAKING!”