

**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	8/09	5:00 pm	Alan & Brian Schroeder	Sun
	8/10	7:30 am	For Our Parish	
		9:30 am	Richard & Irma Warnecke	
Mon	8/11			
Tue	8/12	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	
		6:00 pm	Confessions	
		7:00 pm	Matt Michel	
Wed	8/13	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	
		6:00 pm	Confessions	
		7:00 pm	Terry Maag	
Thu	8/14	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	
		6:00 pm	Confessions	
		7:00 pm	Holy Day Vigil	
			Jeanette & Francis Fischer	
Fri	8/15	7:55 am	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Sat	8/16	5:00 pm	Roger Trentman	
Sun	8/17	7:30 am	For Our Parish	
		9:30 am	Veteran's Mass	

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	8/11	Saint Clare, Virgin	
		Dt 10:12-22	Mt 17:22-27
Tue	8/12	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	
		Dt 31 :1-8	Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wed	8/13	Sts Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Martyrs	
		Dt 34:1-12	Mt 18:15-20
Thu	8/14	Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr	
		Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17	Mt 18:21-19:1
Fri	8/15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab	1 Cor 15:20-27
			Lk 1:39-56
Sat	8/16	Saint Stephen of Hungary; BVM	
		Jos 24:14-29	Mt 19:13-15

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, Aug 12: Iris Tenwalde & Savannah Gerdeman
 Wed, Aug 13: Addalynn Maenle & Austin Askins
 Thu, Aug 14: Levi & Liam Van Bibber
 Fri, Aug 15, 7:55 a.m.: Jacob Anspach & Jase Metzger

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: August 16 & 17:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Ryan, Abbie & Leah Kahle
 7:30 am Tessa, Waylon & Lacey Meyer
 9:30 am Jase Metzger, Caleb Von Sossan, Zach Wagoner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

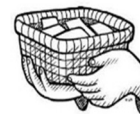
5:00 pm Becky Uphaus, Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young, Evan Ellerbrock, Bailey Hile
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Ava Knippen, Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman, Hudson Maag, Calvin Menke, Marilyn Metzger, Karan Maenle

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Jen Neidert
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Denise Sukup

USHERS:

5:00 pm Jerry Vetter & Adam Luersman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker



August 3, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 1,369.00
Loose	\$ 963.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,255.00
July EFT Offertory	\$ 4,845.00
July EFT Maintenance	\$ 1,185.00

YTD as of August 3, 2025 = \$ **12,219.00**

YTD Under Budget = \$ **604.00**

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.

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

We invite all Veteran and Active-Duty Service member to attend the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 17th as we honor you.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLY DAY MASSES**

Thursday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Servers: Claire Mistisshen & Lacey Meyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Shirley Hammond

Ushers: Alex Horstman & Kevin Leis

Friday, August 15 at 7:55 a.m.

Servers: Jacob Anspach & Jase Metzger

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Denise Sukup

Ushers: Tony & Chad Recker

BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Faith: Emmy Lou Dray, daughter of Tyler and Mikenzie (Zullo) Dray. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Emmy. Best wishes from the Catholic community of Fort Jennings.

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make festival noodles! I am truly humbled by the turnout each year! Again, special thanks to Grote's for the egg donation and to the Schweller's who donated flour! We had volunteer help and supplies from outside our parishioners as well! Many hands do make light work! Again, thank you for all for making this a fun community event!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – Fr. Ron would like all school age children to bring their backpacks and bookbags to Mass the weekend of August 16 & 17, he will bless them at ALL Masses.

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 August 28; 6 – 9 p.m.** We hope to see all community members attend for fun and socializing. **Aug. 28th event will have a food truck and music by Road Trip.**

**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: \$773,950.** 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

On Thursday, August 14 at 9:00 p.m., the faithful are invited to gather in Carey for a beautiful evening of prayer and celebration. The candlelight Rosary procession to the Shrine Park will be immediately followed by the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo, will be the principal celebrant, and Bishop John E. Stowe, OFM Conv., Bishop of Lexington, will preach the homily. The event is expected to draw thousands of pilgrims in this Jubilee Year of Hope and in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Miraculous Statue of Our Lady of Consolation.

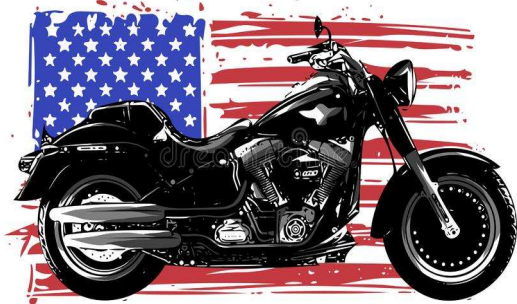
LAYLA'S CANCER CARE CLUB COLOR

RUN/WALK: September 20th at the Fort Jennings Park. Registration begins at 9 a.m., kids run at 9:30 a.m., 5k walkers begin at 9:30 a.m., 5k runners begin at 10. Registration online through September 18. Registration the day of the event \$20. Wear white and sunglasses, color powder will be thrown. There will also be raffles.

Sports passes for the 2025 Soccer Season will be on sale in the HS Office on August 13th from 8-10 am and 1-3 pm and during school hours beginning August 19th. They will also be on sale during the Home Soccer games on August 18th, 19th, and 21st. Basketball only passes will be sold later.

Prices are:

Student All Season - \$50 - Adult All Season - \$160
Senior Citizen All Season (60 years of age or older) - \$100 - Adult Fall Season Pass (Soccer Only) - \$60
Senior Citizen Season Pass (Soccer Only - 60 years if age or older) - \$50



Fort Fest Biker Escort Arrival Friday, August 15. We would like to get as many residents as possible to show their support for our military and first responders. Please, help us welcome the motorcycle and Huey escorts as they enter our village. Let's show everyone how much we appreciate our fallen heroes and show that their sacrifices are always remembered here in Fort Jennings.

WEAR YOUR RED, WHITE AND BLUE!!!

Flags are again being donated by the Fort Jennings State Bank. The escort is expected to arrive around 5:30. They will be coming in on St. Rt. 190, as they have in previous years. We would like to have the streets lined **BY 5:00**. Flags will be available to pick up in front of the bank, starting at 4:15. This is a great opportunity to teach our children the importance of showing our pride and support for our military. We encourage all community groups to get as many members as possible to attend this kick-off to Fort Fest 2025.

Reflections of a Country Priest

This weekend, our Gospel reminds us to “be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come” (Luke 12:40). Jesus calls us to live with a readiness of heart—not in fear, but in joyful expectation—keeping our eyes and lives focused on Him.

And speaking of joyful expectation and preparation, today is a day we've been looking forward to for a long time—our Parish Festival! What a blessing it is to gather for food, games, fellowship, the kiddie tractor pull, the country store, and so much more. This is one of those special times when our parish family comes together not only to raise funds, but also to strengthen the bonds of community and to welcome neighbors and visitors alike.

A huge thank you to everyone who turned out last Saturday for noodle making day—I hear this year was a record-breaker, with all the noodles completed in under two hours! That doesn't happen without many hands and joyful hearts. And to the countless volunteers, leaders, and especially our Parish Council, your tireless efforts year after year make this festival such a success. May God bless you for the time, talent, and love you pour into this tradition.

Looking ahead, next weekend our town will be bustling with visitors for Fort Fest. Let's take the opportunity to share our St. Joseph hospitality—a smile, a kind word, or even a helping hand can go a long way in showing Christ's love.

Also, next weekend we will have our Blessing of Backpacks at all Masses. Whether you are in preschool, pre-kindergarten, elementary, junior high, high school, college, or even heading off to work—bring your backpack with you! If you forget it, no worries—come forward anyway and receive the blessing. We want to send all our students and workers into the year ahead covered in prayer.

Let's be ready for the Lord—not just with our hearts, but in the way we welcome, serve, and love one another.

Finally, one item to put on your upcoming calendar. Bishop Thomas will be here on Saturday September 6 at the 5 pm Mass to install me as your Pastor. It is quite a moving experience for both the parish and pastor alike.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Ron

“Don't forget—you are a SAINT in the MAKING.”