



# 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

Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

## Maintenance & Hall Manager

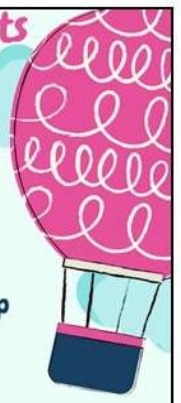
Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

## Funeral Luncheon Committee

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-236-9564

## A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your enduring love, give them confidence and grace, and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials. Bless their teachers with wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve, as they embark on the journey together! Amen!





# Intentions

Sat	26	5:00 pm	Herman & Vickie Luersman Father Elmer Wurth
	27	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Gerri Bailey
Mon	28		
Tues	29	7:00 pm	For the Sick of the Parish
Wed	30	7:00 pm	Hubert & Agnes Horstman
Thurs	31	7:00 pm	Milton & Joanne Nichols Bill Warnecke Sr. & Family
Fri	01	7:55 am	<b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> For the Religious Ed Students

**\*Exposition After Mass with Closing at Noon\***

Sat	02	5:00 pm	Cleo & Cis Brockman
Sun	03	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Virgil & Mary Gerdeman Lou & Eileen Schimmoeller 65 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Mon	08/28	Saint Augustine, Bishop 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10	Mt 23:13-22
Tues	08/29	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist 1 Thes 2:1-8	Mk 6:17-29
Wed	08/30	1 Thes 2:9-13	Mt 23:27-32
Thu	08/31	1 Thes 3:7-13	Mt 24:42-51
Fri	09/01	1 Thes 4:1-8	Mt 25:1-13
Sat	09/02	1 Thes 4:9-11	Mt 25:14-30

**There are many myths and misunderstandings in our society about the Catholic Church.** Many people of good will, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, believe outrageous things about the Catholic Church. Rest assured, the Catholic Church is about being disciples of Jesus Christ, and in faithfully living the truth of His teachings.

If you have ever thought about becoming Catholic but were unsure of some of the things you've heard the Catholic Church teaches, perhaps it's time to learn what Catholicism is all about from the inside.

**RCIA will begin in September. If interested, please call Karan Maenle at 419-286-2877.**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: September 2 & 3:**

**SERVERS:**

- 5:00 pm Maddie & Josie Anspach, Tessa Meyer
- 7:30 am Brandt, Calvin & Stella Menke
- 9:30 am Braden & Ava Knippen, James Schroeder

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

- 5:00 pm Karen Young, Amy Eickholt, Deena Walsh, Sue Knippen, Adam Luersman
- 9:30 am Marilyn Metzger, Jennifer McElroy, Karan Maenle, Trish Moening, Jamie Saum, Tony & Kelly Recker

**LECTORS:**

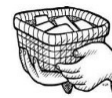
- 5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman
- 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
- 9:30 am Andrea Recker

**USHERS:**

- 5:00 pm Rick Maag, Dan Krietemeyer
- 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
- 9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker

**Please, Pray for the Sick of our Parish:**

**Chloe Wieging, Annette Landwehr,  
Boston & Layla Korte**



**August 20, 2023**

Envelopes	\$	2,032.00
Loose	\$	1,021.00
Assumption Collection	\$	401.00

YTD as of August 20, 2023 = **\$ 28,510.71**

YTD **Under** budget = **\$ - 3,489.29**

**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.

**PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>.** Will be open Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

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



On Sept 30 - Oct 1, St John's in Glandorf will be hosting the **Women's Welcome Retreat**. You do not have to be a member of St John's to attend. The free two-day retreat does not require an overnight. If you have any questions, please reach out to Haley Rhodes at 419-770-0808 or scan the QR code. Thank you!

**Putnam County Right to Life and Henry County Right to Life are hosting a Pro-Life Town Hall on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.** at 6:30 pm in the Ottawa K of C Hall.

All are welcome to attend. The wording of the abortion amendment that is on the November 7 ballot will be explained; we will hear about abortion procedures that the desired result is the death of an unborn baby; and how we need to get involved to stop this amendment. This is not a Democrat issue, not a Republican issue, nor is it a union issue. It is a moral issue! It is about the sanctity of every human life. It is about protecting our children from abortion and the transgender movement. It is about the possibility of losing our current laws protecting life. And it is about keeping our parental rights. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Do not hinder them. The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14. God said, "Thou shalt not kill." Exodus 20:13. Our state motto says, "With God all things are possible." **Say NO to the abortion amendment!** Protect our children from all evil!

**JOIN OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS AT CHALLENGED CHAMPIONS EQUESTRIAN CENTER!** We are a nonprofit therapeutic horseback riding center that helps over 450 individuals annually with special needs. We need a lot of people to help these individuals during our riding lessons. The volunteers participate in classes by being horse leaders (keeping the horse on task throughout the lesson) or sidewalkers (aiding the rider with balance, communication or encouragement). There is NO horse experience needed, volunteers must be 14 years or older and be able to walk for an hour. Classes are offered in the mornings, afternoons and evenings Monday through Friday. Contact 419-235-0626 for more information, 11913 Road 6, Ottawa, OH.

**A big "THANK YOU" to Joyce Gasser** for her many years of doing children's choir. Joyce has retired from leading the children's choir this year. **Therefore, we are looking for someone to step up and lead this ministry.** Playing piano is not a requirement. We need someone willing to work with religious education students, leading them in songs. Interested persons should contact our director of religious ed, Rhonda Liebrecht, by calling or text at 419-796-9044. Thank you for considering teaching children to praise God in song, this is a very important ministry the kids need.



**BLOOD DRIVE** - Wednesday, SEPT. 6th from noon till 6:00pm at the FJ Legion Hall. For an appointment, please go on-line @ [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), or call Alice Wieging, 419-286-2774 or Dianne Miehls, 419-863-0067. Walk-ins are welcome. As we can now serve food your donation of cookies would be greatly appreciated. You can drop them off at the Legion or call Alice or Dianne for pick-up. **THANK YOU** for your support."

**ATTENTION former Welcome (CRHP) givers and receivers:** Finding yourself looking for more? Looking for ways to grow in your faith? This year we will be re-structuring meetings to provide some different opportunities. The first part of each meeting will focus on spiritual growth/faith formation and the second half will be devoted to preparing for the 2024 retreat. All are welcome to attend one or both parts of the meeting. We will also be alternating locations & times to accommodate more schedules. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the FJ church basement. If you have questions or want to know more, contact April Beining at 419-234-6593 or Laura Tenwalde at 419-303-5752.

**Delphos, St. John's BINGO IS BACK** at the Delphos Knights of Columbus Hall. Every Wednesday beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Early Birds at 6:45 p.m. Regular Bingo at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$15. Food and Drink available for purchase.

Fall is right around the corner. It's a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is like autumn because it's full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family.

It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy time away.

**The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experience is November 3-5 at Maria Stein Renewal Center** in Maria Stein. The weekend experience is for those who wish to enrich their marriage and get that newlywed feeling. Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>. For more questions or more details contact: Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859- 653-8464, [application@esharing.org](mailto:application@esharing.org) or visit [esharing.org](http://esharing.org)

### Lunch and Learn in Honor of Fall Prevention Awareness Day

Are you an older adult who worries about the risk of falling? Do you want to stay active, independent and safe in your home? If so, make plans to attend a free Lunch and Learn Program in celebration of Fall Prevention Awareness Day. The Putnam County Council on Aging, Health Department, Home Care and Hospice, and the Meadows of Leipsic, Kalida and Ottawa will be hosting a Lunch and Learn program on Thursday, September 21, 2023, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Leipsic Community Center, 120 E. Main Street, Leipsic. The program will include a presentation by Angie Brinkman with PT Services on "Don't Be Trippin' – Better Balance for Healthy Aging". A free lunch will be provided by the Meadows of Kalida, Leipsic and Ottawa. Seating is limited and RSVP's are required. Please call the Council on Aging at 419-523-4121 or 1-877-796-1760 to register for the program.

**Do you have a loved one who has left the faith?** On Sunday, August 27th, at 2 pm, the Maria Stein Shrine will host a St. Monica Prayer Service for those who have strayed from the faith, just as she prayed for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine.

The prayer service will include scripture reading, reflection on the life of, and prayer with the relic of St. Monica.

We ask for St. Monica's intercession so we can say to our loved ones Welcome Home!

## TRIVIA

1. What apostle replaced Judas?  
A. Matthias
  2. What is the movement among Christian Churches to become united?  
A. Ecumenism
  3. What are the short stories Jesus used to teach and reveal religious truths?  
A. Parables
  4. Who was both the first non-Italian pope since 1523 and the first Polish pope?  
A. Pope John Paul II
  5. What is a stigmata?  
A. The wounds of Jesus. (St. Frances and Padre Pio received them)
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1. Who climbed a tree to see Jesus?
  2. What is the name for the body of laws that govern the Church?
  3. Who are the knights of Columbus?
  4. What is the sign in a church that the Blessed Sacrament is reserved there?
  5. What Catholic explorer's ship was named Santa Maria after the Blessed Virgin Mary?



**HAVE A  
SUPER  
SCHOOL  
YEAR!**