

**87th
Annual**

St. Joseph's Parish Festival

**Games
and
Entertainment**

(11am - 6pm)

BINGO

**Kids Games &
Inflatables**

Kiddie Tractor Pull

**Homemade
Ice Cream**

**Farmers' Market
(Homemade Items)**

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

And More!

**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)



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	8/02	5:00 pm	Todd Bidlack, Tony Davis, Michael Klein
Sun	8/03	7:30 am	Brickner & Krietemeyer Families
		9:30 am	Norm & Catherine Wieging
Mon	8/04		
Tue	8/05	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Harry Liebrecht
Wed	8/06	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Hubert & Helen Kaverman
Thu	8/07	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Linda Long
Fri	8/08	7:55 am	Dennis Gasser
Sat	8/09	5:00 pm	Alan & Brian Schroeder
Sun	8/10	7:30 am	For Our Parish
		9:30 am	Richard & Irma Warnecke

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	8/04	Saint John Vianney	
		Nm 11:4b-15	Mt 14:13-21
Tue	8/05	The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major	
		Nm 12:1-13	Mt 14:22-36
Wed	8/06	The Transfiguration of the Lord	
		Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	2 Pt 1:16-19
Thu	8/07	Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest	
		Nm 20:1-13	Mt 16:13-23
Fri	8/08	Saint Dominic, Priest	
		Dt 4:32-40	Mt 16:24-28
Sat	8/09	Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr; BVM	
		Dt 6:4-13	Mt 17:14-20

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, fishpond, games of chance, quilt raffle, bingo, face painting, ice cream, lemonade, cotton candy, kids' games, cake booth, burgers, brats, fries, and refreshments.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, Aug 5: Kinsley Farling & Adeline Dubé
 Wed, Aug 6: Aiden Hoersten & Mason Kohls
 Thu, Aug 7: Cece Schroeder & Adelyn Moening

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: August 9 & 10:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Brody, Connor, & Harper Leis
 7:30 am Christopher Moening, Austin Askins, Lucas Knippen
 9:30 am Sophia Osting, Joci & Chase German

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

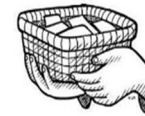
5:00 pm Sue Knippen, Carla Norbeck, Addison & Tenley Sarka, Rose Ann Vetter
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Madie Anspach, Anita Aldrich, Sam Dubé, Eva Hill, Julie Fischbach, Alex & Sarah Horstman

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Dave Luersman
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Doug Sickels

USHERS:

5:00 pm Alex Horstman & Kevin Leis
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed
 9:30 am Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht



July 27, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 1,999.00
Loose	\$ 1,078.00
Maintenance	\$ 70.00

YTD as of July 27, 2025 = **\$ 12,219.00**

YTD Under Budget = **\$ 3,781.00**

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.

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.

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.

BAPTIZED as a new member of the Catholic Faith: HOLDEN LEE HOWBERT, son of Adam and Vaness (Wallenhorst) Howbert. May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the Faith with Holden. Congratulations!

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: \$716,950.** 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

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

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.

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.**

We would like to give a special thank you to those individuals and businesses that donated to VBS this year. We appreciate your generosity in giving back to the youth of St. Joseph and surrounding parishes. Please know the children look forward to this event each year and without your help VBS would not be possible.

The American Legion Fort Jennings State Bank

Menke Brothers Construction The Flower Fort

Countryside Excavating Fort Jennings Women's Club

Jennings-Gomer Equity Fort Jennings Propane

James Smith Accounting Nationwide Insurance

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.

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.

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.

In this Sunday's Gospel from Luke 12:13-21, Jesus tells the parable of a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. So abundant, in fact, that the man decides to tear down his barns to build bigger ones to store all his grain and goods. He tells himself to "rest, eat, drink, be merry," only to hear the chilling words from God: "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you."

Jesus doesn't condemn the man for being successful. Rather, the warning lies in where the man placed his security — not in God, but in possessions. He was "rich in things but poor in soul." The parable reminds us that life does not consist in an abundance of possessions but in being rich toward God. It's a powerful moment to check our own spiritual priorities. Are we building bigger barns in our lives — focusing on wealth, worry, or worldly success — while neglecting to build a deeper relationship with Christ and neighbor?

In a world of "more is better," Jesus challenges us to reflect on what truly matters. The barns of this world will rot and fall. But love, mercy, forgiveness, faith, and generosity — these last forever. Those are the barns worth building.

A Huge Thank You for Vacation Bible School!

This past week, the church grounds were filled with joy, laughter, and lots of learning as over 65 children participated in Vacation Bible School! I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Riley and her entire team of volunteers and staff who made this week so special. From the crafts to the skits, songs, snacks, games, and stories of faith — every detail was beautifully done. Thank you for planting seeds of faith in the lives of our young people. Truly, a great time was had by all, and I'm grateful to each and every one of you who played a part in it.

Parish Festival – Come One, Come All!

Mark your calendars for next Sunday, August 10th — it's time for our Parish Festival! It's a day for community, good food, fun, and fellowship. I'm looking forward to enjoying the famous chicken and beef dinners, sampling hamburgers, stopping by the country store, and trying my luck with the raffles.

Throughout the day, you'll find me on my front porch with nine or ten chairs set up — so if you need a spot to sit, chat, or just catch your breath in the shade, come on by. Everyone is welcome to stop and say hello!

Festivals are a great time to build community and simply enjoy being part of this beautiful parish family. Let's make this year's celebration one to remember!

Final Thoughts: This week, as we hear Jesus' words, may we reflect not just on how full our barns are, but how full our hearts are. Let's be rich toward God, generous with others, and joyfully present in the blessings right before us.

See you at the Festival!

God bless you always,

Fr. Ron

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