



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

ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 6:00 pm

Fridays: 7:00 am

Saturdays: 4:00 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

Adam Anspach, Chair 419-771-1747

Mandi Kahle, Vice Chair

Allison Gerdeman, Secretary

Jenny Smith

Parish Council

Chad Recker, President 419-231-1428

Adam Krietemeyer, Vice President

Lynn Anspach, Secretary

Jenn Gasser

Laura Tenwalde

Michelle Menke

Scott Gerdeman

Todd Warnecke

Zach Liebrecht

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



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	8/30	5:00 pm	Albert & Mabel Berelsman Jean Heitzman
Sun	8/31	7:30 am	For Our Parish
		9:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Mon	9/01		
Tue	9/02	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Tom Miehl
Wed	9/03	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	Elizabeth Wilson
Thu	9/04	6:00 pm	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
		6:00 pm	Confessions
		7:00 pm	For Vocations
Fri	9/05	7:55 am	FIRST FRIDAY
			Exposition after Mass with Closing at Noon
Sat	9/06	5:00 pm	Father Ron Installation Mass Joe & Shirley Mesker
Sun	9/07	7:30 am	For Our Parish
		9:30 am	Jack Berelsman

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	9/01	1 Thes 4 :13-18	Lk 4 :16-30
Tue	9/02	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11	Lk 4:31-37
Wed	9/03	St. Gregory the Great, Pope	
		Col 1:1-8	Lk 4:38-44
Thu	9/04	Col 1:9-14	Lk 5:1-11
Fri	9/05	Col 1:15-20	Lk 5:33-39
Sat	9/06	Col 1:21-23	Lk 6:1-5

Saturday, September 6 at the 5 p.m. Mass, Bishop Daniel Thomas will be here to install Fr. Ron as our Pastor. A reception with cookies and punch will follow in the Narthex.

Mark your calendar!

Fr. Sichko will be coming to our parish for weekend Masses on November 1 & 2 with evening talks November 3rd through 5th

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, Sept 2: Adelyn Moening & Mason Kohls
Wed, Sept 3: Cece Schroeder & Savannah Gerdeman
Thu, Sept 4: Addalynn Maenle & Claire Mistisshen
Fri, Sept 5: Levi & Liam Van Bibber

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: September 6 & 7:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm James, Carly, & Levi Schroeder
7:30 am Carson Uphaus, Amelia Orwick, Jase Metzger
9:30 am Cayden Swick, Reese Hellman, Brooklyn Tumlinson

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

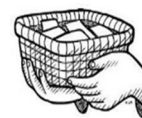
5:00 pm Sue Knippen, Rose Ann Vetter, Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young, Evan Ellerbrock
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Sam Dubé, Eva Hill, Julie Fischbach, Alex Horstman, Ava Knippen, Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Jen Neidert
7:30 am Volunteer Needed
9:30 am Cheryl Hellman

USHERS:

5:00 pm Rick Maag & Dan Krietemeyer
7:30 am Volunteer Needed
9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten



August 24, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 5,528.00
Loose	\$ 904.00
Maintenance	\$.00
Assumption	\$ 60.00

YTD as of August 24, 2025 = \$ 34,632.00

YTD Over Budget = \$ 2,632.00

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.

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.



FJ BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday, SEPT.

3rd from noon till 6 pm at the FJ Legion Hall.

To set up an appointment, please go on-line at www.redcrossblood.org, then SIGN-IN

and type in zip code 45844. Or you can call Alice Wieging, 419-234-7293, or Dianne Miehl, 419-863-0067. Walk-ins are always welcome. Any donation of cookies is also appreciated. They can be dropped off at the Legion or call Alice or Dianne for pick-up. THANK YOU for your support.

I wish to thank everyone who sent me cards and gifts for my 90th birthday. My children had an open house birthday party at Memorial Hall, and I thank everyone who came to it. May God Bless all of you.

~Mary Lou Krietemeyer

Putnam County Right to Life will be hosting our first fall meeting on Tuesday, September 2, at 7:30 p.m. in Kalida, St. Michael's church basement. All are welcome to come.

FT JENNINGS LIONS CLUB CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE:

Saturday, Sept. 13 at Delphos Country Club. Shotgun start at 10 a.m. (registration at 9:30) 4-person scramble, \$240 per team. Proceeds go toward community projects. Info: Simon at 419-230-1538.

Mark your calendars - MOVIE NIGHT at the Park!

September 13@ FJ Park. Freedom Square is hosting Flick on the Field. Free movie, donations appreciated. There will be concessions. Join us for a fun, family event. Gates will open at 6:30pm, movie will start at dusk.

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

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 (sometimes even ridiculous) things about the Catholic Church. Rest assured, the Catholic Church is first and foremost about being disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior – and in faithfully living and handing on the truth of His teachings from generation to generation. We live in uncertain times, and everything seems to be changing. Even traditional morality seems to be up for grabs. Times may change, but the Truth, Jesus Christ, is always the same – yesterday, today, and forever.

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.

The Putnam County Community Thrift Store needs your help to prepare metal for recycling on 9/6/25, 8:30 a.m.

to 11:30 a.m. at our warehouse located on the Putnam County Fairgrounds. Enter through gate #5. As you pass the first warehouse, you will see a sign pointing to the alley on your right. Turn right and proceed down the alley until you see two large roll-off containers on your left. Our garage door is between the roll-off containers. If you have a portable drill/driver, it would be a good tool for you to bring. For those who do not have tools, we have tools for you to use. Call Tim Macke with questions 419-969-0211.

She Shall Be Called Woman is a transformative journey designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. Our program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Through authentic conversations, vibrant speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, we equip you with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey. Join us for food, fellowship, and faith beginning weekly on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings at the Ottoville Parish Center. Our Fall session starts Wednesday 9/24@6:30pm in the Chamber room or Saturday 9/27@8am in the K of C room. Sessions are not progressive, come when you can. Babysitting available upon request, contact Beth at 419-230-5740. All women are welcome! Learn more at www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever noticed how quickly people rush for the best seat at a banquet or event? Today's Gospel (Luke 14:1, 7–14) reminds us that “everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

This week, we cannot ignore the tragic events at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis, where a gunman opened fire during Mass, killing two children and injuring many others. In the midst of fear, acts of courage and humility shined: children shielding classmates, staff calmly leading others to safety. As one survivor put it: “We practice what to do in school, but not in church.” Their witness reminds us that true greatness is found in humble service, not in power.

The Gospel and this tragedy converge on the same truth: humility and love are stronger than pride and violence. Jesus calls us not to seek recognition, but to give of ourselves—especially for those who cannot repay us.

Speaking of people who we will not be able to repay, our Parish Finance Council. Upon arrival to the Parish, it is my duty to appoint a Finance Council.

According to diocesan policy, council members typically serve 3–5 years, renewable once. Our outgoing members, in their generosity, served well beyond those guidelines—something we are truly grateful for. With that in mind, I prayerfully discerned it was time to appoint a new Finance Council. This transition allows us to both honor their remarkable years of service and invite new members to share in this important work. I want to thank our outgoing council members—Deacon Larry Schimmoeller, Mark Grone, Mary Menke, and Rose Ann Vetter—for their many years of faithful service. Mark generously served for more than 18 years, while Deacon Larry, Mary, and Rose Ann each gave over 30 years of dedicated leadership to our parish. Their commitment has been a blessing, and their guidance has helped bring our parish to where it is today. This past Tuesday, our newly formed parish finance council held its organizational meeting. Members include:

- Chairman: Adam Anspach
- Vice Chair: Mandi Kahle
- Secretary: Allyson Gerdeman
- Member: Jennifer Smith

Together, this new council and I will strive to be faithful stewards of the resources you entrust to us, always seeking to build upon the strong foundation laid by those who have gone before us.

Next weekend will be a very special moment for me and for our parish family: my formal Installation Mass as Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas. The Mass will be held on Saturday, September 6th at 5:00 p.m. I sincerely hope you can join us for this occasion. Following Mass, there will be cookies and punch served in fellowship. Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to grow together in faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Ron

"Don't forget you are a Saint in the Making!"

3rd Annual Putnam County Suicide Awareness Event: 5k race/walk ON September 14th. To register go to: runsignup.com and search “Putnam County Suicide Awareness Prevention” Register by September 1st to receive a t shirt.

Cloverdale Cascade Park Benefit – Saturday, September 13th enjoy a day of family fun at Cascade Park. BBQ Chicken Dinners served at 11:00 am until sold out. Live Music, Raffles, & 50/50. Registration for the Canoe Poker Run is 11-11:45 am. throughout the year.



Layla's Cancer Care Club first annual 5k color run September 20, 2025 at Fort Jennings Park. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Kids fun run (age 9 & under) begins at 9:30 – no cost. 5k color fun run ages 10-17 \$10. Ages 18 & up \$15. Walkers begin at 9:30. Runners begin at 10. Day of registration is \$20. All paid runners will receive raffle entry ticket. All proceeds benefit Layla's cancer care club a non profit created by Layla Korte, who was diagnosed with cancer at 7 years old. Register with the QR code.