



# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday — 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

## 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. **ALL ARE WELCOME HERE**



## 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	9/27	5:00 pm	Alber & Mabel Berelsman, Jean Heitzman
Sun	9/28	7:30 am	For Our Parish
		9:30 am	Hubert & Helen Kaverman
Mon	9/29		
Tue	9/30	7:00 pm	For the Deceased Members of Our Parish
Wed	10/1	7:00 pm	<u>NO MASS</u>
Thu	10/2	7:00 pm	<u>NO MASS</u>
Fri	10/3	7:55 am	For Religious Ed Students
Sat	10/4	5:00 pm	Don Ostendorf, Sandy Klinger & Paul
Sun	10/5	7:30 am	For Our Parish
		9:30 am	John Gerker

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	9/29	Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Dn 7 :9-10, 13-14	Jn 1:47-51
Tue	9/30	St. Jerome Zec 8:20	Lk 9:51-56
Wed	9/24	St Therese Neh 2:1-8	Lk 9:57-62
Thu	9/25	The Holy Guardian Angels Neh 8:1-5	Mt 18:1-5
Fri	9/26	Bar 1 :15-22	Lk 10 :13-16
Sat	9/27	St. Francis of Assisi Bar 4:5-12	Lk 10:17-24

### Bible Trivia:

1. Who told Joseph to take Mary & Baby Jesus to Egypt?
2. What famous instructions can be found in Exodus Chapter 20?

Answers can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

### What are the sources of income for a retired priest?

As a Parish, we have an opportunity to say thank you to retired priests who have celebrated Mass, baptized our children, buried our loved ones, and helped us to grow in our faith. The Perpetuate The Gift appeals is an opportunity to support priest in retirement. Make your gift in the parish collection or send it to Perpetuate The Gift , PO BOX 954, Toledo OH 43697, or toledodiocese.org/perpetuate-the-gift.

### WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tue, 9/30: Anden Maenle, Oliva Amstutz,  
Logan Krietemeyer  
 Wed, 10/1: **NO MASS**  
 Thu, 10/2: **NO MASS**  
 Fri, 10/3: Bishop Bruskotter, Kinsley Farling,  
Alivia Wrasman

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS: October 4 & 5:

#### SERVERS:

5:00 pm Tessa, Waylon & Lacey Meyer  
 7:30 am Jase Metzger, Caleb Von Sossan,  
Evelyn Neidert  
 9:30 am James, Carly & Levi Schroeder

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Addison Sarka, Tenley Sarka, Sue  
Knippen, Carla Norbeck, Beckey Uphaus  
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed  
 9:30 am Alex Horstman, Sarah Horstmas,  
Ava Knippen, Mike Knippen, Roger  
Luersman, Hudson Maag, Calvin Menke

#### LECTORS:

5:00 pm Dave Luersman  
 7:30 am Volunteer Needed  
 9:30 am Brandt Menke

#### USHERS:

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



### September 21, 2025

Envelopes	\$ 2,405.00
Loose	\$ 995.00
Maintenance	\$ 35.00
Perpetuate the Gift	\$ 133.00
Children's Mass	\$ 1.01

YTD as of September 21, 2025 = \$ 49,957.52

YTD Over Budget = \$ 1,957.52

**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.

**OUR SYMPATHY** goes out to the family and friends of NORMAN P. SCHIMMOELLER, to his wife of 70 years, Margaret "Mickie", his three children, Deacon Larry (Jan) Schimmoeller, Dale (Joyce) Schimmoeller, Ann (Ray) Kaverman, his siblings Jack (Marianne) Schimmoeller, Louis (Eileen) Schimmoeller, Betty (Orville) Neidert, his 10 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren. He died September 13th at the age of 94. May the Lord grant Norm eternal rest and life in the Kingdom.

**Baptized as a new member of the Catholic Church: JOSEPHINE ANN SEALTS** daughter of Aaron and Makenzie (Smith) Sealts. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the faith with Josephine. Congratulations from the Fort Jennings Community.

**Sunday School classes for 2025/26 will begin** on Sunday, Nov. 2 and run through Mar. 29. Classes are held during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass, and all children ages 3-PreK are welcome to attend. Enrollment forms are available at all church entrances. Forms are due **Oct. 26**. For more information/questions, contact Laura Tenwalde at 419-303-5752 or lauratenwalde@gmail.com. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for your child to learn about God's love & presence in their life!

**Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry**, is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss. There will be a guest speaker on October 2<sup>nd</sup> during our regularly scheduled 7:30 pm meeting in the St. Joseph's church basement. Edward Luersman, MA, LPCC is the owner of "Blessed Are They" Grief Counseling and will be joining us to offer his unique perspective as a counselor on various topics related to the hidden grief of infertility. All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are invited to join us. New faces are welcome at any time. For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde (419)303-5752.

**Join Fr. Charles on Pilgrimage to the Shrines of ITALY** July 13 - 22, 2026 with 206 tours. Cost is \$6,474/person from Cleveland/Detroit Airports.

**This weekend we are blessed to be hosting a priest representing Cross Catholic Outreach.** This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Donation envelopes will be provided. Please be generous and be sure to say hi after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to [CrossCatholic.org/outreach](http://CrossCatholic.org/outreach).

**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 '25/26. This walk bridge will connect Freedom Square to our Community Park, with ADA-accessible passage for all residents and visitors.



**Fundraising Status**

The total estimated cost is \$850,000  
Total funds secured to date: \$817,550  
Scan the QR code for more information and ways to donate.

**Diocesan Publications will be helping Our Parish** by publishing an 8-page, full color bulletin. You can help us by purchasing an advertisement, which will cover the printing cost. If you own a business or would like to personally support the bulletin, please contact the parish office. Representatives from Diocesan Publications will also be visiting our parish soon to invite advertisers to support our new bulletin. In addition, we are creating a new section on the back cover of the bulletin titled "In Memory Of." If you would like your loved ones remembered, you may sponsor a line for \$75 per year. Please note, space is limited. Contact the parish office for more information.

**A message from our Diocese:**

The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance.

Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth.

The last 3-year audit was conducted in September 2024 and all audited Articles within the Charter were found to be compliant. The next on-site audit will be conducted in 2027.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.

**OATH OF FIDELITY ON ASSUMING AN OFFICE  
TO BE EXERCISED IN THE NAME OF THE CHURCH**

I, Reverend Ronald A. Schock, in assuming the office of Pastor, Saint Joseph Parish, Fort Jennings, promise that in my words and in my actions I shall always preserve communion with the Catholic Church.

With great care and fidelity, I shall carry out the duties incumbent on me toward the Church, both universal and particular, in which, according to the provisions of the law, I have been called to exercise my service.

In fulfilling the charge entrusted to me in the name of the Church, I shall hold fast to the deposit of faith in its entirety; I shall faithfully hand it on and explain it, and I shall avoid any teachings contrary to it.

I shall follow and foster the common discipline of the entire Church and I shall observe all ecclesiastical laws, especially those which are contained in the Code of Canon Law.

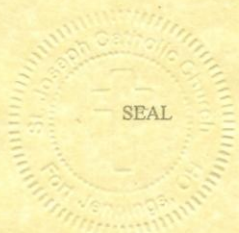
With Christian obedience I shall follow what the Bishops, as authentic doctors and teachers of the faith, declare, or what they, as those who govern the Church, establish. I shall also faithfully assist the Diocesan Bishops, so that the apostolic activity, exercised in the name and by mandate of the Church, may be carried out in communion with the Church.

So help me God, and God's Holy Gospels, on which I place my hand.

*Reverend Ronald A. Schock*  
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*+Daniel E. Thomas*  
Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo

*6 September 2025*



**Christ the King Center, Ottawa** – On Sunday, September 28, Experience a Slice of Holy Land. At 2:00 pm activities include fishing derby bible bingo, face painting, chalk drawing, outdoor games, prizes, and drawings. Outdoor Mass at 4:00 pm under that tent, 5:00 pm dinner, 6:15 pm Family Rosary Walk, and at 7:00 pm sunset and campfire. Questions: [contact@christthekingcenter.org](mailto:contact@christthekingcenter.org). 620 E. Blake St., Ottawa.

**Putnam County Habitat for Humanity** is now accepting applications for Critical Home Repair (CHR). Applicants must be at or below 80% of the current low-income limits and repairs are limited to the home living space. Interested Putnam County residents must complete the Critical Home Repair application located at [www.putnamohhabitat.org](http://www.putnamohhabitat.org) and the proper documentation should be submitted.

**Annual Miscarriage and Infant Loss Memorial Mass to be held Sunday, October 26.** If you or someone you love lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death, please come receive spiritual consolation at the annual St. Catherine's Embrace Memorial Mass. It will be held on Sunday, October 26 at 1:30 p.m. at Leipsic St. Mary's Catholic Church, 320 State Street, Leipsic. All are welcome at this special Mass. Those outside Putnam County are also warmly invited. This Mass will fulfill the regular Sunday obligation. For questions, call or text Mary Beth Weisenburger at (419)980-8065 or email [scembrace@gmail.com](mailto:scembrace@gmail.com). Find us on Facebook: St. Catherine's Embrace Putnam County.

**Annual Walk for Life** will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Ottawa Rex Pavillion. Speeches begin at 10:00 am. Walk begins at 11:00 am. Come support the Pro-life Movement.

**Putnam County Council on Aging** is offering bingo at Fort Haven Apartments in Fort Jennings on October 2 at 1:00 pm. They will also be hosting Medicare Bingo at the Kalida Fish and Game, in Kalida on Oct. 8 at 10:00 am.

**Mark your calendar** for Saturday, October 11 at 12:00 pm for an Outdoor Rosary Rally in Honor of our Lady of Fatima, at Continental, St. Joseph.

**Landeck St. John the Baptist Church: breakfast** on Sunday, Sept 28 from 9:00 am to noon in the Landeck Church Basement. Meal: sausage, pancakes, eggs, burritos, toast, coffee, and juice. Free Will Offering.

