

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Father Ron Schock 419-722-6817 | Deacon Larry Schimmoeller 419-302-2532



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FOR THE KINGDOM OF  
HEAVEN HAS COME

NEAR  
MATTHEW 4:17



## Church Directory

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 Mrs. Norma Maag.....419-286-2265

**Cemetery**  
 Mr. Alan Calvelage.....419-303-0560

**Prayer Line**  
 Mrs. Laurie Maag.....419-234-6518

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 Mr. Tony Recker .....419-286-5100

**Funeral Luncheon Committee**  
 Mrs. Sue Knippen.....419-236-9564

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 Mr. Adam Anspach, Chair.....419-771-1747  
 Mrs. Mandi Kahle, Vice Chair  
 Mrs. Allison Gerdeman, Secretary      Mrs. Jenny Smith

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 Mr. Chad Recker, President..... 419-231-1428  
 Mr. Adam Krietemeyer, Vice President  
 Mrs. Lynn Anspach, Secretary  
 Mrs. Jenn Gasser                                      Mr. Scott Gerdeman  
 Mrs. Laura Tenwalde                                Mr. Todd Warnecke  
 Mrs. Michelle Menke                                Mr. Zach Liebrecht

### Normal Mass Times

Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	7:30am & 9:30am
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday	7:00pm
Thursday	7:00pm
Friday	7:55am

**BAPTISMS** will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Ron or Deacon Larry. 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. Contact the office to register.

**MARRIAGE** arrangements should be made at least six months ahead of time by calling the parish office. Do not set your wedding date prior to meeting with Fr. Ron. Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage. Find Marriage Prep Classes at [ToledoMarriagePrep.org](http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org).

**FAITH ENRICHMENT** Classes for the elementary students from August – May. Classes for the Junior High and High School students run September – March.

### Scripture Readings

Monday	2 Tim 1:1-8 Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	2 Sm 6:12-15,17-19 Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:21-25
Friday	2 Sm 11:1-4,5-10 Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	2 Sm 12:1-7,10-17 Mk 4:35-41

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)** classes run from Sept. to May. These classes are for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or who wish to join the Church. Contact the office to register.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY** 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. Visitation and Eucharist will be provided by a Eucharistic Minister.

**Please pray for:  
Jeff Luersman**

## Intentions for Mass

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.**

Sat, 01/24	5:00 pm	Carol Hellman
Sun, 01/25	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	Click & Ghnela Schimmoeller
Tue, 01/27	7:00 pm	NO MASS
Wed, 01/28	7:00 pm	Wilma Humpert
Thu, 01/29	7:00 pm	Rev. Stanley S. Szybka
Fri, 01/30	7:55 am	For our Religious Ed Students
Sat, 01/31	5:00 pm	For the Sick of St. Joseph's
Sun, 02/01	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	Carl Metzger

### Liturgical Ministers: Jan 31 & Feb 1

**Servers:**

5:00 pm	Lillian Schroeder, Brooklyn Tumlinson, Carson Uphaus
7:30 am	Reese Hellman, Derek Hark, Wyatt Gasser
9:30 am	Evan Ellerbrock, Hudson & Jeremy Maag

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

5:00 pm	Layla Schroeder, Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter, Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young
7:30 am	Volunteers needed
9:30 am	Tony Recker, Tenley Sarka, Doug Sickels, James Schroeder, Diane Stennett, Kim McCracken

**Lectors:**

5:00 pm	Lisa Kaverman
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Mike Knippen

**Ushers:**

5:00 pm	Ralph Knippen, Kevin Leis
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman

### Weekday Servers:

Tue, 1/27	Ava Maag, Aiden Hoersten, Rylen Hoersten
Wed, 1/28	Mason Osting, Kinsley Farling, Alivia Wrasman
Thu, 1/29	Quinn Askins, Tanner Warnecke- Schroeder, Jordyn Buettner
Fri, 1/30	Weston Swick, Katie Anspach, Cece Schroeder

**OUR SYMPATHY** goes out to the family and friends of Timothy Robert Landwehr, who passed away at the age of 53. Our deepest condolences go out to his wife Annette (Buss,) as well as his three children, Kenzie, Justin and Kailyn Landwehr. May the Lord grant Tim eternal rest and life in the Kingdom of God.

**Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry,** is hosting monthly meetings to accompany women struggling with infertility and loss. Our next meeting will be held Thurs, Feb. 5, at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. All women of the parish & surrounding parishes are invited. \*You do not need to have attended any previous meetings- new faces are welcome at any time!\* For more information, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752. It is our honor to walk with you!

**Fort Jennings American Legion Chicken Fry** will be held Sat, Jan. 31, from 6:00 - 10:00pm. All you can eat chicken, noodles, tossed salad, potato salad, baked beans and a roll. The cost is \$14 Carry-out is available from 4:30-6:00pm and includes 4 pc chicken and 2 sides for \$12.

**Fort Jennings Fire Department Breakfast** will be held Feb. 15, from 8:00 am until supplies last. Carry-out only at the Ft. Jennings American Legion. The breakfast includes: pancakes, sausage, eggs and a cinnamon roll. Cost is a \$5 donation.

**Fort Jennings Lion's Club BBQ Dinner Fundraiser** for the St. Joseph's Food Pantry will be held Sun, Feb. 15, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm Menu includes pulled pork, smoked sausage, baked beans, mac & cheese and roll. Cost is \$15. Drive-Thru or Carry-Out at St. Joseph's church. Tickets are pre-sale only.

**Watch for Scams:** The Parish Office would like to remind you that if you receive a text or email from "Fr. Ron," asking for gift cards or favors, this is a scam. If Father needs help, he will contact you directly.

## This week's Roadmap:

**Sun, Jan 25** - "The Forgotten Way"  
Adoration & Confession 2:00-3:00pm discussion at 3:00pm

**Tues, Jan 27** - NO MASS

**Wed, Jan 28** - 6:00pm Adoration & Confession

**Thurs, Jan 29** - 6:00pm Adoration & Confession

**Sat, Jan 31** - FJ Legion Chicken Fry 6:00-10:00 pm. Cost is \$14.

**Sun, Feb 1** - "The Forgotten Way"  
Adoration & Confession 2:00-3:00pm discussion at 3:00pm

**Thur, Feb. 5** - Springs in the Desert Infertility ministry meeting 7:30 pm, church basement

**Sun, Feb 15** - FJFD breakfast 8:00 am. Cost \$5.

**Sun, Feb 15** - Lions Club BBQ Dinner. Cost is \$15.

## Local News & Events:

**SHE Shall be called Woman** spring session, Wed, Jan 28 at 6:30pm & Sat, Jan. 31, at 8:00am  
Ottoville Parish Center.

**Hope & Healing Masses** will be held at Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation on Feb. 7 at 11:00am. Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated within Mass, and lunch will be available in the Shine cafeteria to follow.  
315 Clay St. Carey, OH.

**Fort Jennings American Legion Auxiliary** is hosting a Casino Bus trip on Sun, March 22, at Firekeepers Casino. Departure will be at 8:00 am from the Fort Jennings American Legion and return time will be approximately 6:00 pm. Cost is \$45 per person and the fee must be paid to reserve your seat. Each person will receive \$20 in free slot play, and will also receive an additional \$5 to be used toward food/drink. To reserve your seat text or call Tricia Halker 419-615-9588.

**Ottoville Immaculate Conception Church Altar Rosary Society** is inviting senior citizens to our second annual FREE Senior Citizens Bingo event. Wed Jan 28th, 1-2 pm in the Ottoville Parish Center Banquet Hall. Entrance off of Church St. East side of the Parish Center building. Snacks provided. RSVP to 419-453-3513. If level 1 snow emergency -Cancelled.



**The Annual Marriage Encounter Celebration** will be on Sun, Feb. 15. Mass will be held at 3:30 at St. Gerard, 240 W Robb Ave. Lima, followed by dinner and dance at the St. Gerard's Hall. A 50/50 drawing and mystery prizes will be in place of the door prizes. The cost is \$40/couple. Please call or text 567-204-4745 with the number of tickets sold by Jan. 26.

**2026 Men's Welcome Retreat** to be held at Glandorf St. John's parish center. Jan. 31 from 8:00 am Saturday morning – 3 pm Sunday. Set aside this weekend to grow deeper in your faith and become a happier, more fulfilled person. This retreat is great for adult men 18+. It's an incredible, life changing experience that will help you discover what you're missing from your life and what to do about it. For more info, and/or to sign up please contact: Travis Tenwalde (419) 236-0324, Cory Fischer(419) 234-4003, Darren Schimmoeller (419) 302-1745, or use QR code to register.



**Healing for a Caregivers Heart**, a retreat designed to bring hope and healing will be held on Sat, Feb. 21, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Lunch will be included. Location: St. Joseph Parish Ministry Center Workshop, 204 W. Wayne St. Maumee, OH 43537. Please register using the QR code.



**Please consider placing your loved-one's name on the back of our bulletin in their loving memory. The cost of adding a name is \$75 for the year. Contact the Parish Office, or place an envelope in the offertory with "In Loving Memory" and the Name.**

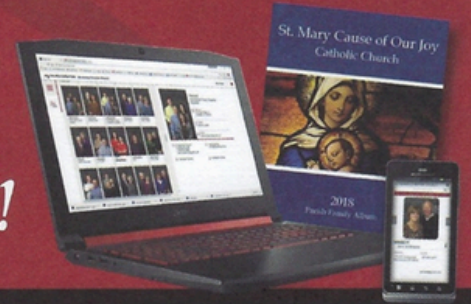
**Offertory January 2026**

Envelopes	\$3,323.00
Loose	\$1,075.35
Maintenance	\$258.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00
Initial Offering	\$26.00
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YTD Total:	\$129,785.96
YTD over Budget:	\$17,785.96

**THANK YOU** for your continued support.

Sign up Electronic Funds Transfer to have your contribution's deducted directly from your bank account. Forms are on our parish website or contact the parish office.

*Dear Church family,  
It's time for a New Directory!*



*Celebrating faith.  
Connecting families.  
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

*Directory Committee*

## Connections Event

***Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.***

- **Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.** If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- **Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**
- **Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!** You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

**Set your appointment with Universal today!**

*Gathering families,  
Connecting generations.*



Church Directory Pictures will be **April 14-18 & April 21-25**  
Scan the QR code above to book your times!

Enter Code: oh2930  
Enter Church password: photos2



## Reflections of a country Priest

Dear Friends in Christ,

As promised, I invite you to join me as we begin a time of prayer and discernment together as a parish. Over the next four weeks, we will be reflecting on the Eucharist and why Jesus, truly present there, must remain at the center of our lives and our parish family.

Here is the heart of it, said simply:

At the center of our Catholic faith is not an idea, a symbol, or a memory. It is a Person, and that Person is Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

The Church teaches, “The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1324). In everyday language, that means everything in our faith flows from the Eucharist, and everything leads back to it.

Those of us who live in rural communities understand something important. If the foundation is not solid, the house will not stand. It does not matter how nice it looks on the outside—if the center is weak, things eventually begin to crack.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Eucharist is “the source from which the Church’s life flows and the summit toward which it is directed” (Lumen Gentium, 11). Our prayer, our service, our moral choices, and our worship all depend on our relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist.

When we come to Mass, we are not simply remembering something Jesus did long ago. We are made present to His one sacrifice on the Cross. As the Catechism reminds us, “The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice” (CCC 1367).

That is why the Church treats the Eucharist with such reverence. That is why the tabernacle matters. That is why the sanctuary lamp is always burning. That is why we genuflect. Because Jesus is really here. And because He remains with us after Mass, the Church reserves the Eucharist so that we may adore Him, and so that Holy Communion may be brought to the sick

and homebound. As the Catechism teaches, “Christ’s Eucharistic presence endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist” (CCC 1377).

Before praying together, I invite you to reflect on the following questions, either on your own or with your family:

Week One Reflection Questions

- When you come to Mass, do you see it more as an obligation or as an encounter with Jesus truly present?
- How does believing that Jesus is really here in the Eucharist affect the way you enter church, pray, or receive Holy Communion?
- In what moments of your life, difficult or joyful, has the Eucharist been a source of strength?
- What might change in our parish if we more intentionally kept Jesus in the Eucharist at the center of everything we do?

As we begin this time of catechesis and discernment, we will pray the following prayer each week, asking the Holy Spirit to guide our hearts and our parish.

Parish Discernment Prayer

Heavenly Father,

You have given us Your Son, truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist, as the source and summit of our life together. Send forth Your Holy Spirit upon our parish as we pray, reflect, and discern.

Purify our intentions, calm our hearts, and unite us in love for Jesus present among us. Grant us wisdom to understand Your Church’s teaching, humility to listen to one another, and patience to move at the pace of grace. May everything we do honor Your Son, strengthen our unity, and lead us always closer to You. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ron

“Don’t forget—you are a Saint in the Making!