

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Blessed are the
POOR IN SPIRIT

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 Mrs. Jenn Gasser Mr. Scott Gerdeman
 Mrs. Laura Tenwalde Mr. Todd Warnecke
 Mrs. Michelle Menke Mr. Zach Liebrecht

Normal Mass Times

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| 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.

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

Scripture Readings

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| Monday | Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-540 |
| Tuesday | 2 Sm 18:9-10 Mk 5:21-43 |
| Wednesday | 2 Sm 24:2,9-17 Mk 6:1-6 |
| Thursday | 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12 Mk 6:7-13 |
| Friday | Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29 |
| Saturday | 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34 |

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.

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| 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 |
| Tue, 02/03 | 7:00 pm | Terry Maag |
| Wed, 02/04 | 7:00 pm | James Brockman |
| Thu, 02/05 | 7:00 pm | For Vocations |
| Fri, 02/06 | 7:55 am | For our Religious Ed Students |
| Sat, 02/07 | 5:00 pm | Richard German |
| Sun, 02/08 | 7:30 am | For Our Parish |
| | 9:30 am | John Gerker |

Liturgical Ministers: Feb 7 & Feb 8

Servers:

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| 5:00 pm | Amelia Orwick, Iris Tenwalde, Christopher Moening |
| 7:30 am | Brody, Connor & Harper Leis |
| 9:30 am | Tenley & Addison Sarka, Zach Wagoner |

Eucharistic Ministers:

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| 5:00 pm | Evan Ellerbrock, Bailey Hile, Sue Knippen, Carla Norbeck, Becky Uphaus |
| 7:30 am | Volunteers needed |
| 9:30 am | Rhonda Liebrecht, Denise Sukup, Teresa Wurst, Madie Anspach, Anita Aldrich, Sam Dube', Eva Hill |

Lectors:

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| 5:00 pm | Jen Neidert |
| 7:30 am | Volunteer needed |
| 9:30 am | Karen Maenle |

Ushers:

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

Weekday Servers:

Tue, 2/3 Nash Miller, Savannah & Abby Gerdeman
 Wed, 2/4 Emma Hedrick, Jacob Myers, Mason Kohls
 Thu, 2/5 Levi & Liam Van Bibber, Henry Brokamp
 Fri, 2/6 **First Friday** Anden Maenle, Claire Mistishen,
 Loryn Gasser

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.

The Diocese of Toledo to host the Relic of the Heart of Saint Carlo Acutis during a three-day visit at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral from Sat, Feb. 7 to Mon, Feb. 9. Msgr. Anthony Figueiredo, promoter of St. Carlo's cause, will offer catechesis and reflections drawn from his personal involvement in Carlo's canonization. The faithful are invited to venerate the relic, deepen their faith through prayer, and write prayer intentions that Msgr. Figueiredo will bring to the tomb of St. Carlo in Assisi.

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.

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.



The Serra Club of Lima Area, for the support of vocations to priesthood and religious life, will be meeting Thurs. Feb. 12 at Mercy Health St. Rita's Medical Center. Mass will begin at 5:45 pm in the chapel, followed by dinner and a program. Matt Etkorn will be talking about "Vocation in Health Care." If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Kathy at 419-303-0339 by Feb. 10.

Putnam County Right to Life will be meeting on Tues, Feb. 3, at 7:30 pm in St. Michael's Church basement. All are welcome to attend. Also, a reminder that we are having our annual Garage and Bake Sale March 24-25. Details are coming.

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.

Offertory January 2026

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| Envelopes | \$1,310.00 |
| Loose | \$464.75 |
| Initial Offering | \$5.00 |
| Christmas | \$125.00 |
| Latin America | \$32.00 |
| Children's Mass | \$32.94 |
| YTD Total: | \$131,560.71 |
| YTD over Budget: | \$15,560.71 |

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.

Springs in the Desert, a Catholic infertility ministry, is hosting monthly meeting on 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!

The Ft. Jennings Showmen 4-H club Steak Dinner is Sun, March 15 from 4:00 - 6:00pm at the FJ American Legion, carry-out only. The meal includes: swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, noodles, dinner roll, and dessert. Cost is \$12.00. Members are currently selling tickets, please contact a member or Amy Jo Schumaker at 419-302-7795.

Bridge Update: The Village of Fort Jennings and the Fort Jennings Lions Club want to say thank you to the community and all those who donated towards this project. The fundraising goal raised \$852,000 of our \$850,000 goal. THANK YOU!! Fenson Contracting will be starting the project soon and is scheduled to be completed Spring or Early Summer 2026.

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 Legion and return at approximately 6:00 pm. Cost is \$45 per person Each person will receive \$20 in slot play, and additional \$5 toward food/drink. To reserve text or call Tricia Halker 419-615-9588.

Join the American Legion Auxiliary at their "Paint and Sip" on Thurs, Feb. 26, from 7:00-10:00pm. You will have a choice of four items to paint. Cost is \$40. Stop by the Canteen or contact Cheryl Schnipke (419) 302-1642 to sign up.



This week's Roadmap:

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

Tues, Feb. 3 - 6:00pm Adoration & Confession

Wed, Feb. 4 - 6:00pm Adoration & Confession

Thurs, Feb. 5 - 6:00pm Adoration & Confession

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

Sun, Feb. 8 - 9:30am Blue Mass

Sat. Feb 14 - 10:00 am Anointing of the Sick Mass

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

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

Wed, Feb 18 - 7:55am, 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Masses

Local News & Events:

SHE Shall be called Woman spring session, Wed, Feb 4 at 6:30pm & Sat, Feb. 7, 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.

Leading the Flock

WE'RE MOVING

We've all had that familiar life experience: making a move. It may have been the move after marriage into your first home, or after ordination into your first parish assignment. Perhaps the move was from one home to another, even one state or country to another. It may have been a move from high school to college, or from college to a first job, or from one job to the next.

Whatever the moves we've experienced, such transitions are never easy, and often marked by challenges. Statistics report that of the top causes of stress in one's life in a year, a major move ranks in the top five! As I write this column, "we're moving!" The long-anticipated sale of our Diocesan Pastoral Center to the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department has been finalized, as announced publicly in November, and as foreseen, our major move to a temporary location is underway. We anticipate being up and running in our temporary space by Tues, Feb. 3. Diocesan and Catholic Charities services will not be interrupted while in our temporary space.

Our diocesan team had examined and evaluated several possible temporary locations, within the city and beyond, seeking the most accommodating, suitable, economical and practical space we could find. Now we are delighted to announce that we are moving to our temporary space at the Fifth Third Building - One Seagate in downtown Toledo, where our entire Pastoral Center staff will occupy just one floor, the 23rd floor. Our work from this temporary location, for which we have a two-year lease, will also come at significant cost savings! The Diocesan Pastoral Center has long served as the central administrative and ministry offices for all our nineteen-county diocese.

But before I continue, a bit of history is in order. It was in 1957 that Bishop George Rehring sold the then existing diocesan offices elsewhere in the city to consolidate diocesan ministries at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, where the Pastoral Center has been located since. That building was enhanced and enlarged by Bishop James Hoffman in 2002 with a two-story addition connected to the seven-story building.....

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas

Bishop of Toledo (January 23, 2026)

To read the entire column please visit:

<https://toledodiocese.org/diocesan-news/moving>

FIREMAN'S BREAKFAST



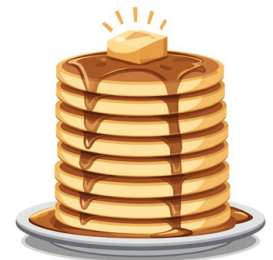
Feb. 15

**8:00am until SOLD OUT
Carry-Out ONLY**

**Ft. Jennings
American Legion**

Cost: \$5

**Includes:
pancakes,
sausage, eggs
& cinnamon roll**



LIONS CLUB BBQ DINNER

Feb. 15

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Drive Thru/Carry-Out

St. Joseph's Church

Cost: \$15

**Includes: pulled
pork, smoked
sausage, baked
beans, mac &
cheese and roll**





Reflections of a country Priest

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week we reflected on the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith, and many of you shared how helpful it was to slow down and think again about what the Eucharist truly is: not a symbol, not a memory, but Jesus Himself, truly present.

This week we take the next step and ask a simple but important question: What actually happens when we come to Mass, and how do we take part in it?

It is easy, especially if we have been coming to church for many years, to slip into a routine. We know when to stand, sit, and kneel. Sometimes, without realizing it, we can begin to go through the motions rather than fully enter into what is happening.

The Mass is not something the priest does while everyone else watches. The Church teaches that at every Mass, Christ's one sacrifice on the Cross is made present to us. As the Catechism reminds us, "The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice" (CCC 1367).

That means when we come to Mass, we are stepping onto holy ground. We are entering into something far greater than ourselves. We are invited not just to be present, but to participate with our minds, our hearts, and even our bodies. How we enter the church, how we pray, how we listen, and how we receive Holy Communion all express what we believe. Our gestures matter, not because we are trying to follow rules, but because they help shape our relationship with the Lord.

Most of us learned these things gradually over time. Sometimes we forget why we do what we do. This catechesis is simply an invitation to remember, to reconnect our actions with our faith and our faith with a living relationship with Jesus.

As we continue this journey together, my hope is that coming to Mass feels less like a habit we keep and more like an encounter we look forward to, one that nourishes us and sends us back into the world strengthened and renewed.

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

Week Two Reflection Questions

- When you come to Mass, do you see yourself more as an observer or as an active participant?
- What helps you pray more deeply during Mass, and what sometimes distracts you?
- How do your actions and gestures at Mass express what you believe about Jesus and the Eucharist?
- What is one small way you could be more intentional the next time you come to church?

As we continue 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!