

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
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A painting depicting the Resurrection. Three crosses stand on a grassy hill. The central cross is the tallest and most prominent. To its left and right are two shorter crosses. The background is a bright, golden sun with concentric circles, suggesting a sunrise. The foreground is filled with green grass and small white and red flowers. The overall mood is hopeful and celebratory.

He is *Risen!*

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## Church Directory

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 Mrs. Norma Maag.....419-286-2265  
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 Mrs. Laurie Maag.....419-234-6518  
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 Mr. Tony Recker .....419-286-5100  
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 Mrs. Sue Knippen.....419-236-9564  
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 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	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am & 9:30 am
Tuesday	7:00 pm
Wednesday	7:00 pm
Thursday	7:00 pm
Friday	7:55 am

**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.

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## EASTER SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### Scripture Readings

Monday	Acts 2:14, 22,33 Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15

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**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.

### Intentions for Mass

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

Sat 04/04	5:00 pm	Roger Broecker
Sun 04/05	7:30 am	Norm Schimmoeller
	9:30 am	Joe & Shirley Mesker
Tue 04/07	7:00 pm	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed 04/08	7:00 pm	For the Future of Our Parish
Thu 04/09	7:00 pm	Cory Trenkamp
Fri 04/10	7:55 pm	For Our Religious Ed Students
Sat 04/11	8:00 pm	Norm Schimmoeller
Sun 04/12	7:30 am	For Our Parish
	9:30 am	Don Meyer

### Liturgical Ministers: April 11 & 12

#### Servers:

5:00 pm	Cal & Stella Menke, Carson Uphaus
7:30 am	Brooklyn Tumlinson, Cayden Swick, Wyatt Gasser
9:30 am	Derek Hark, Hudson & Jeremy Maag

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm	Bailey Hile, Sue Knippen, Alyssa Luersman Dave & Kathy Luersman
7:30 am	Volunteers needed
9:30 am	Ava Knippen, Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman, Hudson Maag Cal Menke, Marilyn Metzger, Karan Maenle

#### Lectors:

5:00 pm	Lisa Kaverman
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Andrea Recker

#### Ushers:

5:00 pm	Rick Maag, Dan Krietemeyer
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Bryan & Michelle Hoersten

### Weekday Servers:

**Tue 4/7** - Mason Osting, Rylen Hoersten, Kinsley Farling

**Wed 4/8** - Alivia Wrasman, Quinn Askins  
Tanner Warnecke- Schroeder

**Thu 4/8** - Weston Swick, Jordyn Buettner  
Katie Anpach

**Fri 4/9** - Cece Schroeder, Nash Miller,  
Emma Hedrick

**Schedule your church Directory photos today:**

Pictures will be April 14-18 & April 21-25.

Scan the QR code to book your time!

Enter Code: oh2930

Password: photos2



**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 Thurs, April 9 at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement.

All women are invited to join us. For more info, contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752. It is our honor to walk with you!

**Rosary for the safety and Unity of our Nation**

On the second Mon. of the month, April-Oct. at 7:30 there will be a St. Rita's Rosary Walk starting at 620 E Blake St. Ottawa (near Glandorf Elementary). Led by the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights of Columbus. All are welcome.

**The Putnam County Council on Aging** will be hosting their fall prevention program at the Ottoville Parish Center beginning Wed. April 15, and running through June 5. The class will be held from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. This free program is designed for adults age 60 and older who are interested in improving balance, strength, and confidence while reducing their risk of falls.

**The Serra Club of Lima Area**, will be meeting Thurs. April 9 at Lima Central Catholic High School. We will begin with mass at 5:45 pm in the chapel, followed by dinner and a program. This month's program will feature a panel of Vocation Families who will share experiences on "Welcoming a Religious Vocation into the Family." Persons who have an interest in this topic or the mission of the Serra Club are welcome to attend as guests. If interested in attending, please respond to Kathy at 419-303-0339 no later than Tues, April 7.

**A look ahead:**

**Sun. Apr. 5** - 7:30 am Easter Mass  
9:30 AM Easter Mass

**Tues. Apr. 7** - **NO MASS**

**Wed. Apr. 8** - 6:00 pm  
Adoration & Confession

**Thurs. Apr. 9** - 6:00 pm  
Adoration & Confession

**Sun. May 3** - 9:30 am First  
Communion Mass

**Sat. May 9** - 5:00 pm  
Baccalaureate Mass

**Bulletin Submission deadline:**  
**Monday 10:00 am**

**Putnam County Right to Life** will be meeting on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:30 pm in the basement of Kalida St. Michael's Church. All are welcome.

**Happy  
Easter!**



EASTER SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

*In loving Memory of*

*Virgil & Mary Gerdeman  
Charles & Sue Verhoff  
Bridget Burgei  
Fr. Tony Borgia  
Dennis Ricker  
Bob & Wilma Kumpert  
George & Hilda Ralich  
Earl & Mildred Sarka  
Dave Sarka  
Dan Sarka  
Glenna & David Hammond  
Hoersten & Knippen Families  
Don Horstman  
Ken Schroeder  
Dick Youngpeter  
Carl & Helen Schroeder  
Felix & Evelyn Ricker  
John Gerker  
George Krietemeyer  
Von Sossan Families  
Calvelage Families  
Albert & Mabel Berelsman*

*Ray & Louella Maentle  
Tom & Agnes Swick  
Drew & Kaydence Knippen  
Herman & Vickie Luersman  
Wallenhorst Families  
Erickson Families  
Fed Sealts  
Gebhard Gasser  
Norm & Helen Wiechart  
Eve Warnecke  
Doyle Wittler  
Paul & Bernadette Hasenkamp  
Elmer & Lucille Wittler  
Edmund Schimmoeller Family  
Ferd Lucke Family  
Don Meyer  
Alan & Brian Schroeder  
Dan Kleman  
Norman & Alice Knippen  
Thomas Buettner  
Kimberly Buettner  
Melvin & Thelma Grote  
Donald & Coletta Schimmoeller*

*Roger Trentman  
Melissa Trentman  
Dan Schimmoeller  
Grant Siefker  
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Michls  
Mr. Mrs. Leonard Klaus  
Paul Krietemeyer  
Deceased of St. Joseph's Parish  
Bill Warnecke Sr.  
Otto & Marie Wieging  
Steven Maag  
George Krietemeyer  
Janice Jenwalde  
Beatrice Berelsman  
Jean Heitzman  
Craig Fike  
Norbert & Belva Berelsman  
Cappy & Loretta Leatherman  
Bill & Grace Morris  
Ashley Berelsman  
Elmer & Bob Calvelage  
Carol & Bob Hellman*



**Diocese of Toledo Announces Three New Initiatives to Restore and Enhance** Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Following upon the success of the diocesan-wide Living Christ capital campaign and the extraordinary generosity of so many donors, the Diocese of Toledo is excited to announce three new initiatives to restore and enhance the mother church of the Catholic diocese, located on Collingwood Blvd in Toledo. Work is now able to begin on three major projects that, each planned to come to fruition in the near future.

The first project is the addition of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, to be depicted on the five vaults of the ceiling of the Cathedral Narthex (vestibule)...

The second project concentrates on the interior of the Cathedral, restoring its theological, artistic and architectural integrity. This will include the rearrangement of several integral elements including restoring the baptismal font to its original location in the baptistry; restoring the current free-standing altar to its original location under the baldacchino; restoring the tabernacle to its original location; introducing a new free-standing altar in front of the baldacchino; refurbishing and restoring the original Cathedra to its original position; and, enhancing the lighting throughout the Cathedral.

According to Reverend Nathan Bockrath, the Cathedral's rector, "There are multiple motivations for these changes with the overall goal of maintaining and enhancing our Cathedral as a worthy space to celebrate the Sacraments, to lift minds and hearts in prayer and to offer fitting worship to our Lord."

The third project is to install air conditioning throughout the Cathedral which has long been a hoped-for addition. It is important to maintain a controlled temperature and environment to preserve the art and the recently restored historic Skinner organ, and to provide for the comfort of worshippers.

Thanks to the great generosity of the faithful, all of these projects together will ensure that the Cathedral continue to serve our local church far into the future...

## Offertory March 2026

Envelopes	\$2,505.00
Loose	\$1,294.00
Maintenance	\$150.00
Catholic Relief	\$50.00
Easter Flowers	\$530.00
<b>YTD Total:</b>	<b>\$170,823.24</b>
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<b>YTD over Budget:</b>	<b>\$18,823.24</b>

**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.

TIME TO *Refresh & Renew*

# CATHOLIC ROAD TRIP

**JULY 27 - 31**  
5 DAYS, 4 NIGHTS  
\$1,148

Lancaster County & Gettysburg, PA



**Highlights Include:**  
 Group Seating for the JOSHUA performance at Sight & Sound Theater  
 Amish Country, 2 nights  
 Gettysburg, 2 nights  
 Celebrate America 250 Gettysburg Tour  
 National Center for St. Padre Pio  
 National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
 Tanger Outlet Malls near Lancaster, PA  
 Kitchen Kettle Village stores, Amish Country  
 Flight 93 National Memorial  
 Luxury Motor Coach transportation and more!



Praying for increased vocations to the Priesthood & for our country to return to Christian values and prayer.

For complete details, contact  
 Diane Utrup 419-306-5588  
 letsgotravelclub2@gmail.com



## Reflections of a country Priest

Hello Friends in Christ,

The tomb is empty. Not partially open, not symbolic, not a nice idea to make us feel better—empty. And that changes everything. On that first Easter morning, Mary Magdalene ran to the tomb expecting to find death. Instead, she found life. Darkness did not win. Sin did not win. Death did not win. Christ is risen.

And if He is risen, then nothing in our lives is beyond redemption—not our past, not our struggles, not even the places in our hearts that still feel buried. Easter is not just something that happened to Jesus. It is something that wants to happen in us, right now. The same power that rolled away the stone is still at work in your life, your family, and this parish. So today is not just a celebration—it is an invitation. Come out of the tomb. Step into the light. He is not finished with you yet.

As we celebrate this great day, I want to express my deep gratitude. Thank you to all who helped prepare our church throughout Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Thank you to Joyce and our choir for your dedication and hard work in leading us in prayer through music. You lift our hearts in a way words alone never could. Thank you to all of our ministers who generously served in so many ways. Thank you to all who participated in the journey of Holy Week. You showed up, you prayed, and you walked with the Lord.

Please remember to sign up for our pictorial directory. Picture days are coming soon—see the bulletin for details. This will be a great gift to our parish and especially helpful for our future pastor to connect names with faces.

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. All are invited from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Adoration and Confessions. At 3:00 p.m., we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

On behalf of myself and our entire parish staff, I wish you and your family a very blessed and joyful Easter. Christ is risen. Hope is alive.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Ron  
“Don’t forget you are a saint in the making.”

