St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

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BAPTISMS will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Tony 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. Tony. 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.

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

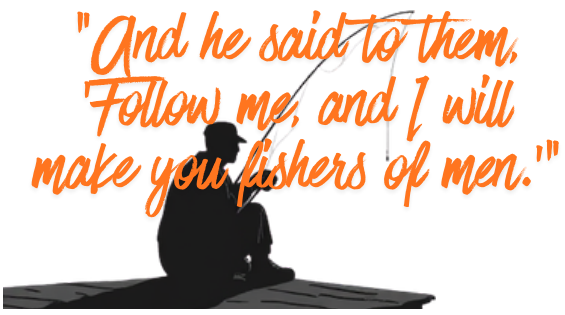
MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY Fr. Tony will visit the Homebound monthly. Notify the parish office about people in the hospital or shut-ins. If you are or will be hospitalized because of a surgery or serious illness, contact the pastor to receive the Sacrament of Healing. Visitation and Eucharist will be provided by a Eucharistic Minister.

Normal Mass Times

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am & 9:30 am
Monday	8:00 am
Wednesday	7:00 pm
Thursday	7:00 pm
Friday	7:55 am

Scripture Readings

Mon	Is 1:10-17 Mt 1:34-11:1
Tues	Is 7:1-9 Mt 11:20-24
Wed	Is 10:5-7,13-16 Mt 11:25-27
Thurs	Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 Mt 11:28-30
Fri	Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 Mt 12:1-8
Sat	Mi 2:1-5 Mt 12:14-21



Intentions for Mass

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

Sat	07/11	5:00 pm	Paul & Mary Lou Menke
Sun	07/12	7:30 am	For Our Parish
		9:30 am	Syl & Angela Hellman Family
Mon	07/13	8:00 am	Marianne Schimmoeller
Wed	07/15	7:00 pm	Norm Schimmoeller
Thu	07/16	7:00 pm	Jim & Lois McKowen
Fri	07/17	7:55 am	Rev. John Laudick
Sat	07/18	5:00 pm	For Respect for Human Life in all stages
Sun	07/19	7:30 am	For Our Parish
		9:30 am	For the Farmers

Liturgical Ministers: July 18 & 19

Servers:

5:00 pm	Hudson & Jeremy Maag, Iris Tenwalde
7:30 am	Addison Sarka, Christopher Moening, Austin Askins
9:30 am	Brody, Connor & Harper Leis

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm	Bailey Hile, Connor & Christina Hoersten, Sue Knippen, Carla Norbeck
7:30 am	Volunteers needed
9:30 am	Denise Sukup, Teresa Wurst, Madie Anspach, Anita Aldrich, Same Dube', Eva Hill, Julie Fischbach

Lectors:

5:00 pm	Lisa Kaverman
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Penney Gerdeman

Ushers:

5:00 pm	Ralph Knippen, Kevin Leis
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Aaron & Heather Sarka

Weekday Servers:

Mon 7/13- Nash Miller & Jacob Myers

Wed 7/15- Savannah & Abby Gerdeman

Thu 7/16- Liam & Levi Van Bibber

Fri 7/17 - Volunteers Needed

St. Joseph parishioners, thanks to your generous donations we have once again closed out our fiscal year well over our projected budget for offertory donations. May your rewards be great in heaven for your support of the parish and all it's holy works. Thank you!

Baptized as a new member of the Catholic Church on July 5: Anna Grace Knippen daughter of Michael and Jill (Poeppelman) Knippen. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide these parents in sharing the faith with Anna. Best wishes from the Catholic Community in Fort Jennings.

For all those parents whose children will be attending religious education classes this fall, grades K-12, an email was recently sent out with online forms. If you have not yet received or found it in your junk mail please contact Rhonda and she will get one sent to you.

The family and friends of Marianne Schimmoeller would like to thank Fr. Rick, Deacon Larry, Joyce, the choir, the Eucharistic ministers and the servers for the beautiful Mass. A big thank- you to the Friends of hope, the ladies who prepared the delicious luncheon and those who prepared the deserts. Finally, thank-you to the parish for the prayers and support during this difficult time.

Father Tony would like you to help extend a warm welcome to Bethlehem Wood Carvings by Louie after mass on July 18 & 19 Hand crafted, olive wood religious items will be available for purchase from the holy land to help and support the Catholic-Christian mission. Your help ensures that the churches and holy sites remain places of Christian worship to our brothers and sisters in Christ. You can also visit his website, www.stmichaelolivewood.com.

The Country Store is asking for donations of handmade or purchased items to be raffled off at our Annual Parish Festival on Aug. 9. Monetary donations can be given through the collection basket in an envelope marked "country store donation". Please take your items with your name on it to the church basement and place it in the room designated for the Country Store starting July 31 through Aug 8 (the sooner the better). Call or text Lynn Anspach at 419-771-9053 or Mandi Kahle at 419-236-8169 if you have any questions.

WHOEVER HAS EARS

Let them hear!

A look ahead:

Mon. July 13 - 8:00 am
First Monday Morning Mass
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tues. July 14 - NO MASS

Wed. July 15 - 6:00 pm
Adoration & Confession
7:00 pm Mass

Thurs. July 16 - 6:00 pm
Adoration & Confession
7:00 pm Mass

Fri. July 17 - 7:55 am Mass

Tues. July 21 - 6:00 - 6:30 pm
30 Minutes For Mom

Sun. Aug. 9 - Parish Festival

Bulletin Submission deadline:
Monday 10:00 am

Check your Email for Religious Ed registration!

Volunteers needed for Festival
Carry-out shift 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

St. Barbara Parish Festival/Cloverdale - Sunday, July 12th. BBQ Chicken/Pork Dinners (served 10:30 am-until gone). Carry-outs available. Big Ticket Grand Prize-$1,000 (drawing-5:00 pm). Lunch, Beer, Kid's Games, Raffle, Bingo, Cash & Bicycle Drawings & more.

Putnam County Right to Life is very grateful for all the support given to us throughout the year. At this time, we would like to thank all who stopped at our fair booth, all who gave a donation, and all who have helped us spread our message of life. Thank you! God bless you all

HOMETOWN HANGOUT

July 30 - 6 pm
Food - Taco Movil
Music -Conner Raines

August 27 - 6 pm
Food - Pork's Great Lakes Catch and Grill
Music - Zachary Diemer

Come "Hang out" at Freedom Square and enjoy delicious food and entertainment for the entire family!

Offertory July 2026

Envelopes	$1,364.00
Loose	$1,008.00
Maintenance	$1,125.00
Needy	$20.00
YTD Total:	$2,372.00
YTD over Budget:	$1,828.00

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.

30 MINUTES FOR *Mom*

JOIN ME FOR 30 MINUTES OF ADORATION FOR WOMEN!
TUESDAY, JULY 21
FROM 6:00-6:30
IN THE ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL

COME AND GO DURING PRACTICE, BEFORE GAMES OR AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS FOR SOME QUIET TIME WITH JESUS.

88th Annual ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH FESTIVAL

Volunteers needed!

Games & Entertainment
11 am - 6 pm

★★★★★

Bingo

Kids Games & Inflatables

Kiddie Tactor Pull

Homemade ice cream

Farmer's Market

Country Store (100's of prizes)

And More!

Fort Jennings, OH
Sunday, August 9, 2026

☆PRIZES☆

Big Ticket Raffle
Cash Prizes - $1,500 First Prize

Gas & Grocery Raffle
$500 Gas Card & $500 Grocery Gift Card

Country Store Raffle
Over 200 Prizes

☆Food☆

Hamburger Stand
10:30 am - 7:00 pm

Chicken & Beef Dinners
10:30 am - 1:00 pm & 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Dine-in or drive-thru carry-out

SAINT
OF THE WEEK

ST. JOHN GUALBERT

A.D. 999-1073 - JULY 12 - PATRON SAINT OF FORESTERS AND RANGERS

St. John was born in Florence, A.D. 999. Following the profession of arms at that troubled period, he became involved in a blood-feud with a near relative. One Good Friday, as he was riding into Florence accompanied by armed men, he encountered his enemy in a place where neither could avoid the other. John would have slain him; but his adversary, who was totally unprepared to fight, fell upon his knees with his arms stretched out in the form of a cross, and implored him, for the sake of Our Lord's holy Passion, to spare his life. St. John said to his enemy, "I cannot refuse what you ask in Christ's name. I grant you your life, and I give you my friendship. Pray that God may forgive me my sin." Grace triumphed. A humble and changed man, he entered the Church of St. Miniato, which was near; and he prayed, the figure of our crucified Lord, before which he was kneeling, bowed its head toward him as if to ratify his pardon. Abandoning the world, he gave himself up to prayer and penance in the Benedictine Order. Later he was led to found the congregation called of Vallombrosa, from the shady valley a few miles from Florence, where he established his first monastery. Once the enemies of the Saint came to his convent of St. Salvi, plundered it, and set fire to it, and having treated the monks with ignominy, beat them and wounded them. St. John rejoiced. "Now," he said, "you are true monks. Would that I myself had had the honor of being with you when the soldiers came, that I might have had a share in the glory of your crowns! " He fought manfully against simony, and in many ways promoted the interest of the Faith in Italy. After a life of great austerity, he died as the angels were singing round his bed, July 11, 1073.