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	Jer 13:1-11 Mt 13:31-35
Tues	Jer 14:17-22 Mt 13:36-43
Wed	Jer 15:10, 16-21 Jn 11:19-27
Thurs	Jer 18:1-6 Mt 13:47-53
Fri	Jer 26:1-9 Mt 13:54-58
Sat	Jer 26:11-16, 24 Mt 14:1-12

Week 16 Fort Fest Winner is Macy Slattman

Congrats to the winner!

Intentions for Mass

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

Sat 07/25 5:00 pm Richard German
Sun 07/26 7:30 am For Our Parish
9:30 am For the Caregivers of our Parish
Mon 07/27 8:00 am For those who Feel Neglect
Wed 07/29 7:00 pm Harry Liebrecht
Thu 07/30 7:00 pm For our Political Leaders
Fri 07/31 7:55 am For our Church Leaders
Sat 08/01 5:00 pm James McKowen
Sun 08/02 7:30 am For Our Parish
9:30 am Jim & Lois McKowen

Liturgical Ministers: Aug 1 & 2

Servers:

5:00 pm Carder Osting, Jase Metzger, Caleb VonSossan
7:30 am Josie & Jacob Anspach, Ava Knippen
9:30 am Nolan & Adeline Dube', Evelyn Neidert

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Addison Sarka, Tenley Sarka, Karen Young, Evan Ellerbrock, Bailey Hile
7:30 am Volunteers needed
9:30 am Karen Maenle, Trish Moening, Jamie Saum, Chad Recker, Tony Recker, Doug Sickels, Rhonda Liebrecht

Lectors:

5:00 pm Jen Neidert
7:30 am Volunteer needed
9:30 am Mike Knippen

Ushers:

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

Weekday Servers:

Mon 7/27- Henry Brokamp & Ava Maag

Wed 7/29- Aiden Hoersten & Mason Osting

Thu 7/30- Rylen Hoersten & Kinsley Farling

Fri 7/31 - Alivia Wrasman & Quinn Askins

Registration emails were sent out with online forms for Religious Ed. If you have not yet received or found it in your junk mail please contact Rhonda Liebrecht and she will get one sent to you.

It's time to make noodles for the church festival again! We will be making noodles Sat, Aug. 1 at 8:30 am. No experience is necessary! If you would like to help, we gladly give on the job training! Come and help for the morning or just for an hour! We end our morning quality checking the noodles for lunch. We are also in need of noodle machines and fans if you have one we could use. Thank you in advance to all who make this project possible! Contact Cheryl Sickels (419-286-5683 or 419-296-5648) with any questions.

The Country Store is asking for donations of handmade or purchased items for 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 - Aug 8 (the sooner the better). Call or text Lynn Anspach at 419-771-9053..

The Farmer's Market is again asking for donations of homemade baked goods, snacks, canned goods & produce for the Farmers Market stand at the Annual Parish Festival. Items can be put in a room marked for the Country Store in the church basement (clearly marked as Farmers Market) or dropped off the day of the festival at the stand. The past couple of years, the sweets are what sells the best – cookies, pies, pans of cinnamon rolls, brownies, crisps and cobblers as well as breads. Any questions, please contact Marianne Von Sossan, 419-302-6693.

Pie Donations are needed for Church Fest Dinner Homemade or boughten pies & deserts can be dropped off Aug. 7-9 in the church basement!

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, Aug. 6 at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph, Fort Jennings church basement. All women are invited. Contact Laura Tenwalde at (419)303-5752. It is our honor to walk with you!

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

is like a man who sowed good seed…

A look ahead:

Mon. July 27 - 8:00 am Mass

Wed. July 29 - 6:00 pm Adoration & Confession 7:00 pm Mass

Thurs. July 30 - 6:00 pm Adoration & Confession 7:00 pm Mass

Fri. July 31 - 7:55 am Mass

Sun. Aug. 9 - Parish Festival

Bulletin Submission deadline:
FOR AUG. 2 BULLETIN IS THURSDAY, JULY 23, 10:00 am

HOMETOWN HANGOUT

July 30 - 6 pm
TOUCH-A-TRUCK
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	$1,732.00
Loose	$886.00
Maintenance	$1,335.00
YTD Total:	$7,984.85
YTD over Budget:	$4,615.15

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.

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FOCUS Missionary Meet & Greet

July 29, 5-7 PM
The Mustard Seed at St. John's
150 Church Street
(Behind Glandorf St. John's Church)

There are 5 young adults from Putnam and Allen Counties who will be Catholic missionaries on college campuses this year. Stop in to learn more about FOCUS and how FOCUS missionaries help develop Catholic communities on college campuses.

Open to all!
*High school and college age young adults
*Parents and community members
*Anyone who wants to learn more about how FOCUS missionaries share the Catholic faith on college campuses.

Eucharistic Adoration at Glandorf St. John's Church 6:30-8:30
(with worship music from 7:30-8:30)

Putnam County's 4th annual Suicide Awareness Event - A Call to Action! will be held Sun, Sept. 13, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Putnam County Fair Grounds. Every day in Ohio, an average of five people die by suicide. Know the warning signs! Suicide is not just a personal tragedy; its a public health crisis! Register to run/walk or make a donation by Aug. 31. on the website at https://runsignup.com/race/OH/Ottaway/PutnamCountySuicideawarenessprevetion. For more info check out Facebook.

Putnam County Senior Expo – Join us on Fri., Aug. 7, from 8:30–11:30 a.m. at Ottawa Elementary for a free community event featuring health screenings, exhibitors, complimentary breakfast, door prizes, medication disposal, and more. Everyone is welcome!

Diocese of Toledo Family & Youth Day with the Toledo Mud Hens Fri, Aug. 7, 6:00 p.m. at Fifth Third Field, Toledo Gather with parish families, youth groups, and friends for an evening of baseball, fellowship, and fun. Discounted tickets are available for $11.64 per person.

Upcoming Festivals:

St. Anthony's - Columbus Grove
Sat. Aug 1 - 5-11 pm & Sun. 11 am - 10 pm
Hamburger stand, Pork dinners (Sun,)
Kiddie Tractor Pull (Sun 3pm,) Duck races, bounce houses and more. See St. Joseph Facebook for full flyer.

St. Joseph - Monroeville, OH
Sat. Aug 1 - Adult night 6-11 pm
Euchre Tournament
Sun. Aug 2 11am - 7 pm
BBQ Chicken, Rib Dinners, Kids Games, Raffle, Music, Bingo and MORE.

PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS

It's that time of year again where church festival is around the corner and many Volunteers are still needed!

Noodles:

What: Noodle making

When: Aug. 1, 8:30 am

Where: Church basement

No experience needed! Taste testing for lunch!

Give 1 hour or come the entire time! Contact Cheryl Sickels 419-296-5648 with any questions.

Pie Donations

What: Homemade or boughten Pies & Deserts

When: Drop off Aug. 7- Aug. 9

Where: Church basement

Please consider supporting our Festival Dinner! Contact Andrea Recker for info 419-296-0716.

Country Store Donations:

What: Handmade or purchased items

When: Drop off July 31- Aug. 8

Where: Church basement

Please consider supporting our Country Store Raffle! For questions contact Lynn Anspach 419-771-9053.

Drive-Thru Volunteers

What: Volunteer for Church Fest Dri-Thru

When: Aug. 9

Where: In the Tent outside of Father's Garage

Please Contact Erica Maenle 419-979-9892.

Farmer's Market

What: Farmer's Market Donations

When: Aug. 8 -Aug. 9

Where: Church basement (country store room) OR Tent next to the beverage tent!

Please Contact Marianne Von Sossan, 419-302-6693.

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