St. Joseph Catholic Church

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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

Effective July 1

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	Hos 2:16,17-18 Mt 9:18-26
Tues	Hos 8:4-7,11-13 Mt 9:32-38
Wed	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Mt 10:1-7
Thurs	Hos 11:1-4,8-9 Mt 10:7-15
Fri	Hos 14:2-10 Mt 10:16-23
Sat	Is 6:1-8 Mt 10:24-33

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

Intentions for Mass

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

Sat 07/04 5:00 pm For Our Country
Sun 07/05 7:30 am For Our Parish
9:30 am For Father Tony Borgia
Mon 07/06 8:00 am For the Faithfully departed of our Parish
Wed 07/08 7:00 pm Dale & Marilyn Ricker & Eva Warnecke Family
Thu 07/09 7:00 pm Vorst Family & Harry Liebrecht
Fri 07/10 7:55 am Bill Ellerbrock
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

Liturgical Ministers: July 11 & 12

Servers:

5:00 pm Nolan & Adeline Dube', Carson Uphaus
7:30 am Reese Hellman, Wyatt Gasser
9:30 am Derek Hark, Cayden Swick, Amelia Orwick

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Addison Sarka, Tenley Sarka, Becky Uphaus, Karen Young, Evan Ellerbrock
7:30 am Volunteers needed
9:30 am Kelly Recker, Doug Sickels, James Schroeder, Layla Schroeder, Diane Stennett, Kim McCracken Rhonda Liebrecht

Lectors:

5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer
7:30 am Volunteer needed
9:30 am Doug Sickels

Ushers:

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

Weekday Servers:

Mon 7/06- Tanner Warnecke-Schroeder & Weston Swick

Wed 7/08- Jordyn Buettner & Katie Anspach

Thu 7/09- Cece Schroeder & Emma Hedrick

Fri 7/09 - Volunteers Needed

WELCOME: Cookies & Donuts after ALL Masses this weekend with Father Tony.

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of Marianne M. Schimmoeller, who passed away at the age of 90. Our deepest condolences to her husband Jacob . Marianne is also survived by sons, Ed (Deb) Schimmoeller, and Ted (Joyce) Schimmoeller both of Ft. Jennings; daughters, Lynn (Chris) Phillips of Kalida, and Lorie (Jeff) Schroeder of Hicksville. May the Lord grant Marianne eternal rest and life in the Kingdom of God.

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.

OFF THE STREETS

Off-the-Streets Findlay DELIVERS HOPE and TRANSFORMS LIVES in and around Hancock County, including PUTNAM COUNTY.

OTSF uses household item donations to help local homeless individuals and families transition into homes.

Donations of furniture, small appliances and large household items greatly appreciated.

When: First Saturday of the Month, 9-10 am Next: July 4

Where: 1206 E. 2nd St, Ottawa
(Former WeatherSeal building by Putnam Co. Fairgrounds). Gate 5, then follow the signs.

What is Accepted:

New and slightly-used furniture and household goods, such as dressers, dining chairs, small dining tables (no glass tops), end tables, coffee tables, nightstands, microwaves, regular sofas, chairs, lamps, vacuums, and coffee makers.

NOTE: mirrors, mattresses, entertainment centers or sleeper sofas are NOT accepted.

Most currently needed: dressers, microwaves, cribs or pack-n-plays, mixers and blenders.

I PRAISE YOU FATHER

Lord of Heaven and earth!

A look ahead:

Mon. July 6 - 8:00 am
First Monday Morning Mass

Tues. July 7 - NO MASS

Wed. July 8 - 6:00 pm
Adoration & Confession
7:00 pm Mass

Thurs. July 9 - 6:00 pm
Adoration & Confession
7:00 pm Mass

Fri. July 10 - 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

Don't forget to register for Morning and Wednesday evening Religious Ed Classes!
Check your email!

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

Week 13 Fort Fest Winner is
Bryan Hoersten
Congrats to the winner!

88th Annual ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH FESTIVAL

Volunteers needed!

Games & Entertainment
11 am - 6 pm

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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

Offertory June 2026

Envelopes	$2,093.00
Loose	$1,439.95
Maintenance	$675.00
Peter's Pence	$142.00
YTD Total:	$231,605.46
YTD over Budget:	$31,605.46

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.

HOMETOWN HANGOUT

July 9 - 6 pm
Food - Little Piggies
Music- FJ Lions DJ

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!

SAINT
OF THE WEEK

ST. ANTHONY MARIA ZACCARIA

A.D. 1502-1539 - JULY 5 - THE POWER OF PROGRESS

ARE YOU MAKING PROGRESS?

IT IS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION TO ASK OURSELVES: "AM I MAKING PROGRESS?" NONE OF US HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE WITH BEING PERFECT, BUT MOST OF US HAVE HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WITH MAKING PROGRESS. PROGRESS ANIMATES US. IT BRINGS US TO LIFE.

THE LIFE OF SAINT ANTONY ZACCARIA ILLUSTRATES THIS IDEA. ALTHOUGH HE GRADUATED FROM A PRESTIGIOUS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT AGE 22 AND BECAME A SUCCESSFUL DOCTOR, HE CONTINUED SEEKING WAYS TO SERVE OTHERS AND GROW. HE CARED FOR THE POOR, BECAME A PRIEST AT 26, WORKED TO REFORM THE CHURCH, FOUNDED THE BARNABITES, PROMOTED SPIRITUAL PRACTICES SUCH AS DAILY COMMUNION AND THE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION, AND LATER BECAME A MISSIONARY. HE DIED AT AGE 36 AFTER A LIFE DEDICATED TO CONTINUAL GROWTH AND SERVICE.

PROGRESS IS CHANGE FOR THE BETTER. PROGRESS IS CHANGE THAT MAKES SOMETHING MORE PERFECTLY ITSELF. PROGRESS IS ANY CHANGE, HOWEVER SMALL, THAT MAKES SOMEONE MORE PERFECTLY HIMSELF OR HERSELF.

ASK YOURSELF WHAT POSITIVE CHANGE YOU CAN MAKE TODAY. THEN, MAKE THAT CHANGE!