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

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 28:1-17 Mt 14:22-36
Tues	Jer 30:1-22 Mt 14:22-36
Wed	Jer 31:1-7 Mt 15:21-28
Thurs	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9
Fri	Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7 Mt 16:24-28
Sat	Hb 1:12-2:4 Mt 17:14-20

Week 18 Fort Fest Winner is Claire Mistisshen

Congrats to the winner!

Intentions for Mass

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

Sat 08/08 5:00 pm Andrew & Barbara Hohlbein Family
Sun 08/09 7:30 am For a Successful Parish Festival
9:30 am Richard & Irma Warnecke Family
Mon 08/10 8:00 am Father Nick Cunningham
Wed 08/12 7:00 pm Matt Michel
Thu 08/13 7:00 pm Marianne Schimmoeller
Fri 08/14 7:55 am For the Safety of the Huey Piolets
Sat 08/15 5:00 pm Marianne Schimmoeller
Sun 08/16 7:30 am For Our Parish
9:30 am For Our Veterans

Liturgical Ministers: Aug. 15 & 16

Servers:

5:00 pm	Hudson & Jeremy Maag, Amelia Orwick
7:30 am	Wyatt Gasser, Addison Sarka, Iris Tenwalde
9:30 am	Christopher Moening, Austin Askins, Lucas Knippen

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm	Alyssa Luersman, Dave Luersman, Kathy Luersman, Addison Sarka, Becky Uphaus
7:30 am	Volunteers needed
9:30 am	Eva Hill, Julie Fischbach, Alex Horstman Ava Knippen, Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman Hudson Maag

Lectors:

5:00 pm	Dave Luersman
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Denny Osting

Ushers:

5:00 pm	Alex Horstman
7:30 am	Volunteer needed
9:30 am	Aarron & Heather Sarka

Weekday Servers:

Mon 8/10- Emma Hedrick & Jacob Myers

Wed 8/12- Liam & Levi Van Bibber

Thu 8/13- Logan Krietemeyer & Mason Kohls

Fri 8/14 - Henry Brokamp & Claire Mistisshen

This month, our parish is honored to host the *Traveling Chalice for Vocations* from the Diocese of Toledo. The chalice, blessed by Bishop Thomas, serves as a reminder of our need to pray for an increase in priestly vocations. Please join us in praying that young men from our parish and diocese will respond generously to God's call to the priesthood.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make noodles for our church festival! We especially want to thank those who donated supplies: Kyle & Sam Rode, Andy & Taylor Schroeder, Brendan & Chelsey Colvin for the eggs and Ron & Mary Jean Schweller for the flour. Although the weather made things a little challenging, everyone persevered. Your dedication and willingness to serve were truly appreciated. A special thank you to Fr. Tony for his enthusiasm and hands-on help! His support and positive spirit meant so much. Thank you all for your time, hard work, and generosity. We couldn't have done it without each of you, and your efforts!. Thank you for being such a blessing to our church community!

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 through Aug. 9 in the church basement!

Support needed for the Fort Fest Biker Escorts on Fri. Aug. 14. Please wear Red, White & Blue and pack the town for the parade! Flags will be available at the bank starting at 4:30.

Son's of the American egion Country Fried Steak Dinner Fri. Aug. 14 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. The meal is $12 menu items include: Country fried steak, mashed potatos, corn, and roll. Chicken strips and fries will be available for $8.

LORD IF IT'S YOU TELL ME
to come to you on the water

A look ahead:

Sat. Aug. 8 - Hamburger Stand is open after 5:00 Mass

Sun. Aug. 9 - Parish Festival

Mon. Aug. 10- 8:00 am Mass

Wed. Aug. 12 - 6:00 pm Adoration & Confession 7:00 pm Mass

Thurs. Aug. 13 - 6:00 pm Adoration & Confession 7:00 pm Mass

Fri. Aug. 14 - 7:55 am Mass

Fri. Aug. 14 - Sun. Aug. 16 - Fort Fest

Mon. Aug. 24 - Mass 8:00 am & First Day of School

Wed. Sept. 16 - High School Religion Kickoff

Sun. Dec. 6 - Father Tony's Installation Mass

Bulletin Submission deadline:
Monday 10:00 AM

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed; but my loving kindness will not depart from you.
Isaiah 54:10

PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS

Hamburger Stand

What: Hamburger Stand

When: Saturday Aug. 8 after 5:00 Mass & Sunday 10:00 am - 7:00

Where: Big Tent

Come visit our Hamburger Stand Saturday & Sunday for a delcious burger & fries.

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.

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.

Fort Jennings Lions Club Annual Golf Scramble

Date: August 29th
Location: Moose Landing
Start Time: 9:00 a.m.
Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Price/team: $280

Meal included after golf • Prizes for winning teams
Proceeds support community projects

Register

Contact Simon Smith:
419-230-1538
simonjs2023@gmail.com

FJ LION'S ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Aug. 29 - Start @ 9 am
Registration: 8:30
$280 /team
Moose Landing

HOMETOWN HANGOUT

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

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

Offertory August 2026

Envelopes	$2,319.00
Loose	$843.00
Maintenance	$1,404.00
YTD Total:	$21,796.85
YTD over Budget:	$796.85

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.

Putnam County Habitat for Humanity (PCHFH) will begin accepting applications for the 18th partner family with the organization's New Homeownership program. The next enrollment period is August 1 to September 15, 2026, for a new home that will be built in Continental. The home will be completed in 2027. Applications are available to download at www.putnamohhabitat.org. You may also request a printed application by calling 419-523-9621 or by visiting the PCHFH office at 150 N. Oak Street, Ottawa.

Lunch at the Park, Thurs, Aug. 20, at Putnam County Senior Citizens, 1035 E. Third Street Ottawa, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Menu items includes: hamburger, hotdog platter, brat, or fried bologna platters, Chips, Coleslaw, Dessert and Refreshments available. Eat in or call ahead for a carryout at (419)523-5593.

I will take the chalice of salvation and call on the name of the Lord Psalm 116:13

These words are taken from the Psalm Response most often chosen for the Ritual Mass with the Ordination of priests. In fact, it was these very words we prayed this year during the ordination of our three new priests! These words express the sentiments of the psalmist who prays in thanksgiving that the Lord has heard his prayers and supplications. He writes: “Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.” To see Bishop Thomas’s “Leading the Flock” Please visit: https://toledodiocese.org/diocesan-news/

2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE FESTIVALS IN NORTHWEST OHIO

FORT Fest
Fort Jennings
SALUTE TO OUR MILITARY

AUGUST 14-16

FORT FEST KEY

FJ PARK	FOOD
UPTOWN	PARKING
FJ FD	FIRE DEPT
HALL	CHURCH
LEGION	BANK

AMERICAN HUEY 369 MEMBERSHIP "LIVING HISTORY FLIGHT EXPERIENCES" WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC: FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVE AND WEATHER PERMITTING

FRIDAY

- 12-4:30 pm American Huey Membership Flights
- 11-9 pm The Spirit of America's Story - The Wall
- 11-9 pm The Replica Tomb of the Unknown Solder
- 11-9 The Eyes of Freedom: Lima Company Memorial
- 3-9 pm The GoldStars Tribute Wall ™
- 4-10 pm Hometown Heroes Exhibit
- 4:30 pm American Legion Country Fried Steak Dinner
- 5 pm Biker Escort Arrival into Fort Jennings
- 5:45 pm Bell Ringing Ceremony 9/11 Victims
- 5-10 pm Ohio Vietnam POW/MIA Displays
- 5-9 pm War of 1812 Encampment - *River Bank*
- 5-9 pm WWII & Lauer Farms 1944 Displays
- 5-9 pm Wolfhounds/Black Lions Vietnam Displays
- 5-9 pm Barrels & Brews Craft Beer/Wine Tasting
- 5-9 pm Kids Fun Zone Bounce Houses
- 5-8:30 pm Live Entertainment - *Hollywood Strip*
- 5-9 pm Historic Military Vehicle Displays
- 6-8 pm Fort Jennings Firefighter Experience
- 6:30-8:45 FJ Park Giveaway Attendance Drawings
- 8:15 pm War of 1812 Twilight Reenactment/Demo
- 8:45 pm Dunkin's Diamonds Giveaway Drawing
- 9:00 pm FJ Park Giveaway $3000 Grand Prize
- 9:00 pm-12:30 am Live Entertainment - *The Sturdy 30*

SATURDAY

- 9:00 am Morning Colors & 1812 Opening Ceremony
- 9:00 am-1:30 pm Camp Fort Jennings - *Register by 8:30am*
- 9 am-9 pm The Spirit of America's Story - The Wall
- 9 am-9 pm The Replica Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- 9 am-9 pm The Eyes of Freedom: Lima Company Mem.
- 9 am-9 pm The GoldStars Tribute Wall ™
- 9 am-9 pm Ohio Vietnam POW/MIA Displays
- 9 am-9 pm Historic Military Vehicle Displays
- 9:15 am Unknown Soldiers Tribute Ceremony
- 10 am-4 pm American Huey Membership Flights
- 10 am-5 pm WWII & Lauer Farms 1944 Displays
- 10 am-4 pm Wolfhounds/Black Lions Vietnam Display
- 11 am-4 pm Car Show
- 11 am-5 pm Hometown Heroes Exhibit
- 11:30 am Women at War in WWII Demonstration
- 12 pm-3 pm Golf Cart SxS Rally Run - *Register 11am at LEGION*
- *Poker Run Parking (Trucks & Trailers) at Old School*
- 12 pm-4 pm 30 Gun Raffle - *Main Park Pavilion*
- 1 pm-9 pm Kids Fun Zone Bounce Houses
- 1-2:30 pm Antique Tractor Drawn History Tours
- 2:00 pm World War II Live Demonstration - *TBD*
- 3 pm-6:30 pm Live Entertainment - *2 Fat Dads*
- 4:00 pm 1812 Skirmish Reenactment - *Auglaize River*
- 4:30 pm Vietnam Reenactment - *Open Grass Field*
- 6 pm-8:30 pm Antique Tractor Drawn History Tours
- 7pm-11 pm Live Entertainment - *Dean Maag, Luke Rausch*
- 7 pm-11:00 pm Lions Club Famous Duck Races
- 9:00 pm Fort Fest 50/50 Winner Drawing

**** schedule subject to changes ****

SUNDAY

- 8:45 am WWII Morning Colors at Flag Pole
- 9-11 am Ohio POW/MIA Vietnam Displays
- 9:30 am Veteran's Mass - *St. Joseph Catholic Church*
- 11 am-1 pm Hometown Heroes Exhibit
- 10 am-3 pm American Huey Membership Flights

Food available at Park until sold out