



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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A member of the St. George Deanery

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon

NORMAL MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am and 9:30 am

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Thursday: 7:00 pm

Friday: 7:55 am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Saturdays 4:30 pm

Anytime by request

BAPTISMS

Baptisms will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Charles or Deacon Larry. For BAPTISM INSTRUCTION date and time check the bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE

Make arrangements at least six months ahead of time by calling the parish office. Do not set wedding date prior to contacting the parish office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA classes run from September to May. These classes are for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or who wish to join the Church. Call the parish office to register.

FAITH ENRICHMENT

Religious Education Classes for the elementary students from August through May. Classes for the Junior High and High School students run September through March. Adult Enrichment: Bible Study, Spiritual development, missions and retreats. Check the bulletin for details.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY

Visitation and Eucharist will be provided by a Eucharistic Minister. A priest is available if needed. 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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to our St. Joseph Parish Family, please call or visit the parish office to register.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Director of Music & Liturgy Chairperson

Mrs. Joyce Gasser 419-286-2989

Sacristans

Ms. Mary Luersman 419-286-2306

Mr. Dave Luersman 419-286-2489

Youth Minister

Mrs. Julie Fischbach 419-905-8472

Finance Council Chairman

Mr. Larry Schimmoeller 419-286-2170

Maintenance Chairman

Mr. Ted Verhoff 419-286-2480

Friends of Hope and Communion to Homebound

Mrs. Norma Maag 419-286-2265

Cemetery

Mr. Alan Calvelage 419-303-0560

Prayer Line

Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

Maintenance & Hall Manager

Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-236-9564





Intentions

Sat	11	5:00 pm	Elwood & Rita Broecker
Sun	12	7:30 am	Marilyn Ricker
		9:30 am	Elvera Wieging
Mon	13		
Tues	14	7:00 pm	Dan Stechschulte
Wed	15	7:00 pm	Jackie Trenkamp
Thurs	16	7:00 pm	For Our Country
Fri	17	7:55 am	For a Safe Summer
Sat	18	5:00 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sun	19	7:30 am	Bob Heitmeyer
		9:30 am	Jim & Margaret Schimmoeller

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	5/13	Our Lady of Fatima	
		Acts 19:1-8	Jn 16:29-33
Tues	5/14	Saint Matthias, Apostle	
		Acts 1:15-27, 20-26	Jn 15:9-17
Wed	5/15	Saint Isidore	
		Acts 20:28-38	Jn 17:11b-19
Thu	5/16	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11	Jn 17:20-26
Fri	5/17	Acts 25:13b-21	Jn 21:15-19
Sat	5/18	Saint John I, Pope and Martyr	
		Acts 28:16-20, 30-31	Jn 21:20-25

WE NEED YOUR HELP

OUR YOUTH GROUP IS GOING TO THE STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE, this summer on July 12-14! We have several students attending. We are asking our generous parish to consider making a donation to ease the cost. There is a donation board in the Narthex, with more information on the conference and what you would be graciously supporting. Please take an envelope and send your donation in the mail to the parish office or drop it in the collection baskets at any Mass. Feel free to take as many envelopes as you want. Thank you in advance for your generosity and making it possible for our kids to learn more about how to live their faith. Anything given above the amount needed will be reserved for retreats or conferences like this in the future.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues., May 14: Amelia Orwick & Jacob Anspach
 Wed., May 15: Iria Tenwalde & Carder Osting
 Thurs., May 16: Austin Askins & Levi Schroeder
 Fri., May 17: Jase Metzger & Jacob Anspach

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: May 18 & 19:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Ryan Aldrich, Abby & Leah Kahle
 7:30 am Tessa & Waylon Meyer, Sophia Osting
 9:30 am Christopher Moening, Zach Wagoner, Caleb Von Sossan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Nancy Wiechart, Karen Young, Amy Eickholt, Sue Knippen, Adam Luersman
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Sam Dube, Eva Hill, Julie Fischbach, Sarah Horstman, Braden Knippen, Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman

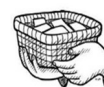
LECTORS:

5:00 pm Dave Luersman
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Andrea Recker

USHERS:

5:00 pm Kevin & Mandi Kahle
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Jerry & Jackie Siefker

Please pray for the sick of the parish



May 5, 2024

Envelopes	\$	2,081.00
Loose	\$	1,472.55
Maintenace	\$	1,137.00
Catholic Communications	\$	10.00
Ascension	\$	10.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$	19.00

YTD as of May 5, 2024 = **\$ 177,550.31**

YTD Over budget = **\$ 5,550.31**

Sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer to have your contributions deducted directly from your bank account. Forms on our parish website or contact the parish office.

BAPTISMS: To arrange a baptism please
Call the Parish Office or Deacon Larry (cell)
(419) 302-2532 or by email larry@fjsb.com.

BAPTISM CLASSES

Contact the Parish Office

**Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class
before your marriage.**

Find Marriage Prep Classes at
<http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org>

Bulletin submissions deadline:
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

UNITED IN HOLY MATRIMONY on April 13:

ADAM HOWBERT and VANESSA WALLENHORST

Adam is the son of Michael & Donna (Kehres)
Howbert; Vanessa is the daughter of Tom & Alison
(Meyer) Wallenhorst. We congratulate Adam &
Vaness and pray the Lord will grant them many
happy, Holy years together.

The Fort Jennings Lions Club is sponsoring our first
Thirsty Thursday of the season on 5/23/24 at
Freedom Square. Zach Diemer will be playing guitar
and singing, Shafer Smoked Meats food truck will be
serving the food, and you can bring your own
drinks. Please come out and socialize with your
friends, neighbors, and community. Additional dates
include 6/14 (Friday), 6/27, 7/25 & 8/22 (Thursdays).

2024 Century Farm Awards

Catholic Charities is now accepting applications for
Century Farm Awards. This award designation honors
Catholic families who have maintained a farm or
homestead within their family for at least 100 years in the
Diocese of Toledo, emphasizing well-preserved working
farms.

Applicants must submit a registration form, copies of old
deeds, and pictures to support claims. The information
submitted must show family residence and ownership of a
farm for at least 100 years in the Diocese of Toledo.
Applications should be submitted no later than Friday,
October 4, 2024.

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will celebrate a Mass honoring
Century Farm Award recipients at 9:00 a.m. on
Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic
Church, 66 Chapel Street, Monroeville, Ohio 44847.

For more information or to request the registration form,
please contact: Paula J. Kidney at (419) 214-4898 or
email: pkidney@toledodiocese.org

**St. Joseph
Vacation Bible School**



July 15th-17th from 6:00-8:15

Ages: 4 (potty trained) - 11

Location: St. Joseph Fellowship Hall

**Basic Registration: 2- \$40, 1-child \$15, 2- \$25,
Shirts: \$11 each**

**Money payable to: St. Joseph Catholic
P.O. Box 68 Fort Jennings, Oh 45844**

Registration DUE by: June 1, 2023

ONLINE REGISTRATION

<https://tinyurl.com/ybswub5n>



**We are in need of more VBS Volunteers,
contact Riley Dickrede, at 937-638-1348, if
you are interested in helping.**

Y.E.S. – Youth Elect Service Project 2024

The 2024 Y.E.S. project is being held in Ottawa this year and hosted by Sts. Peter and Paul Parish June 6-8 and involves high school youth and adults helping those in need with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or many other tasks that are just too difficult for our area residents to do. The ultimate goal is to spread the love of Christ and His message of Hope to those who need it most.

PARTICIPANTS: Students grade 7 through graduating seniors are encouraged to join us for this weekend service retreat. This will give you opportunities to make new friends from throughout the St. George Deanery and have some great fun, grow in faith and be the hands and feet of Christ in your community! This 3-day rewarding experience will close with 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 8th at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish. Registration forms are available from Julie Fischbach 419-905-8472, located on the tables at the entrance of church, and are due by May 26! Bring your friends because the opportunities are endless, and the reward is eternal!

PROJECT LEADERS NEEDED: Adult team leaders and assistant leaders need to be current college freshmen, up to retirees! Nothing is more rewarding than sharing your time and faith with the Young Church of today! For questions or to sign up contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472.

WORK SITES NEEDED: Need help with painting, cleaning, landscaping, or other tasks that are too difficult for you? If you would like a team of teens & adults on June 7th or 8th, at no cost to you, to help with jobs inside or outside of your home, contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472. **Deadline to submit a request is May 26th.**

DONATIONS NEEDED: Work sites are all over the county and supplies are needed to help. All of the work done is at no cost to those being helped. The youth and adults are asked to contribute a fee to cover the cost of a t-shirt, food, and their supplies. We are asking residents, businesses, and organizations to contribute as you can. If you would like to make a donation of supplies, we can always use cleaning supplies, small tools, water, soda, or snacks. A monetary donation is appreciated as well to help curve the cost of mulch or larger supplies. Please contact Julie Fischbach at 419-905-8472 or the parish office with any questions. Checks may be payable to Sts. Peter and Paul - YES and sent to 307 N. Locust Street Ottawa, Ohio 45875. Thank you for your support of our youth groups and this project that teaches being of service to others offers long term benefits for our parish communities! The rewards are eternal!

YOUNG ADULT LADIES NIGHT GLASS PAINTING on Thursday, May 23rd. 6:30 p.m. Social time – 7:00 p.m. Glass Painting. Cost is \$5. Bring a snack & drink of your choice. Location: The brick house across from the Holy Family Catholic Church in New Cleveland. Come in the side door where the light is on. Park in the church lot. Hosted by Putnam County Catholic Young Adult Ladies. ***RSVP Required by May 21**, RSVP to mwilhelm137@gmail.com.

ANDREW DINNER on June 5 from 6 – 8 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Kalida. Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and other local priests for dinner, prayer, and an opportunity to learn more about the Diocesan priesthood. This free event is for young men who are high school or college aged. Participants should be accompanied by their parish priest. If you are interested in going to this dinner contact Father Charles or the Parish Office.

FORT JENNINGS PARK DRAWING \$300 WINNERS:
6th weekly winner is Kate Strayer.

PUTNAM COUNTY SHRED-A-THON on Monday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Putnam County Council on Aging, 1425 E. Fourth Street, Ottawa. Open to individual community members. In support of Elder Abuse Awareness Day, any individual living in the county is invited to drive-thru and dispose of any personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts, or any other paper material that might contain personal information. We are unable to accommodate shredding for businesses or other commercial use.

FJ CLC CO #88 will be sponsoring a bus trip to SHIPSHEWANA on Wednesday October 9, 2024. Cost is \$100 and that includes: Buffet Dinner & Show at The BLUEGATE Theater, transportation & gratuity & some free time for shopping. Proceeds from the bus trip will benefit those in financial need, in our community/surrounding communities. To make reservations, please contact SHARON CALVELAGE @ 419-306-0367 asap, bus seats are filling fast!!

The Ottawa Senior Citizens Center would like to invite you to: LUNCH IN THE PARK on May 16, 2024, from 11:00 AM– 1:00 PM

Location: 1035 East Third St., Ottawa, Ohio 45875

Carry outs are available by calling 419-523-5593

Save the Dates: LUNCH IN THE PARK: June 20, 2024 - July 18, 2024 - August 15, 2024