



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

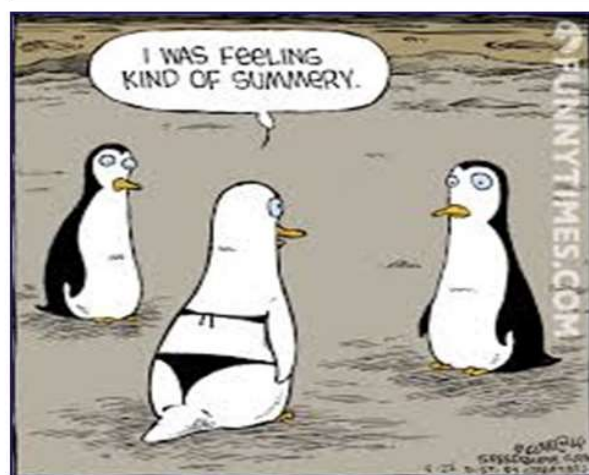
Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

Maintenance & Hall Manager

Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-236-9564





Intentions

Sat	25	5:00 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Sun	26	7:30 am	Krietemeyer & Brickner Families
		9:30 am	For Peace in Ukraine & Gaza
Mon	27		
Tues	28	7:00 pm	For Safe Travels this Summer
Wed	29	7:00 pm	NO MASS
Thurs	30	7:00 pm	Communion Service
Fri	31	7:55 am	Communion Service
Sat	01	5:00 pm	Dan Recker
Sun	02	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Walt Hoersten

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	5/27	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	
		1 Pt 1:3-9	Mk 10:17-24
Tues	5/28	1 Pt 1:10-16	Mk 10:28-31
Wed	5/29	St. Paul Vi, Pope	
		1 Pt 1:18-25	Mk 10:32-45
Thu	5/30	1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12	Mk 10:46-52
Fri	5/31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		Zep 3:14-18a	Lk 1:39-56
Sat	6/01	St. Justin, Martyr	
		June 17, 20b-25	Mk 11:27-33

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.

WEEKDAY SERVERS

Tues., May 28: Iris Tenwalde & Carder Osting
 Wed., May 29: No Mass
 Thurs., May 30: No Mass

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: June 1 & 2:

SERVERS:

5:00 pm Ryan & Andrew Kahle, Alyza Pothast
 7:30 am Brandt, Cal & Stella Menke
 9:30 am Braden & Ava Knippen, Ian Howbert

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm Jodi Von Sossan, Nancy Wiechart,
 Karen Young, Amy Eickholt, Sue Knippen
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Tony & Kelly Recker, Doug Sickels,
 Rhonda Liebrecht, Diane Stennett,
 Kim McCracken, Denise Sukup

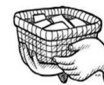
LECTORS:

5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Phil Wurst

USHERS:

5:00 pm Jerry & Jackie Siefker
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed
 9:30 am Zach & Rhonda Liebrecht

Please pray for the sick of the parish



May 19, 2024

Envelopes	\$	2,122.51
Loose	\$	832.00
Maintenance	\$	1,645.00
Ascension	\$	40.00
Catholic Communications	\$	27.00

YTD as of May 19, 2024 = **\$ 184,320.82**

YTD Over budget = **\$ 4,320.82**

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.

THANK YOU for your continued support.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

President – Chad Recker
Vice President – Scott Neidert
Secretary – Lynn Anspach

Members:

Todd Warnecke
Monica Bruskotter
Michelle Menke
Laura Tenwalde
Jenn Gasser
Adam Krietemeyer

It is time for our parish to do a new Pictorial Directory, anyone who would like to head the committee is asked to contact Chad Recker at 419-231-1428.

RAYS OF HOPE CAMP is June 25-27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at Camp Clay in Van Wert. Camp is FREE for children ages 6-17 who've experienced loss from the death of someone close. The death doesn't have to have occurred in the last year. It helps kids understand that they are not alone, and that having fun is a part of healing. Register by June 7 at ComHealthPro.org/event-calendar or call 419-238-9223.

TEEN BEREAVEMENT GROUP meets on the 4th Saturday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. at CHP Home Care & Hospice, 1159 Westwood Dr., Van Wert. This group is free for teens, ages 13-17, who've experienced a loss. It offers teens a safe place to express their feelings of loss and discover they aren't alone. Teens must be signed up by a parent or guardian – call 419-238-9223 ext. 1169.

St. Joseph Vacation Bible School

July 15th-17th from 6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Location: St. Joseph Fellowship Hall

Basic Registration: 1 child - \$15, 2 - \$25, 3- \$40, 4+ - \$50
Shirts: \$11 each

Money Payable to: St. Joseph Catholic Church
P.O. Box 68, Fort Jennings, OH 45844

Registration DUE by June 1, 2024

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.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of our religion teachers this past year. Your ministry of sharing and teaching our faith to the students in our parish does not go unrecognized. We could not do this without all of you!

K- Melissa Rau, Kelly Stant & Laurie Maag

1st- Meghann Myers

2nd – Lynn Anspach

3rd – Stacy Warnecke

4th – Erica Maenle

5th – Tony Recker

6th – Deena Walsh

7th – Laurie Maag

8th – Heather Sarka

9th – Julie Fischbach

10th – Doug Sickels

11th – Josh & Jenny McElroy

12th- Samantha Recker

CONFIRMATION Retreat 2025 - remember to contact Rhonda Liebrecht- 419-796-9044, with what date your child will be attending the Confirmation retreat. We have several students already signed up for Oct. 11-13. The other date was Sept. 13-15. **Please, let me know by 5/31/2024.**

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.

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!

THANK YOU to Fr. Charles, Friends of Hope Committee, Joyce Gasser & the choir members, and the Funeral Luncheon Committee.

Thanks to all who sent cards, provided food, and prayed for our family. Your kindness was appreciated. Thank You! The Family of Dan Recker

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES on Sunday, May 26 Veterans will meet at the Legion at 11:30 a.m. and head to Memorial Hall for the ceremony at Noon. All others that wish to attend, be at Memorial Hall at Noon. There will be no ceremony at the cemetery this year. There will be refreshments following the Memorial Hall ceremony at Freedom Square.

FORT JENNINGS PARK DRAWING \$300 WINNERS:

7th weekly winner is Kristen Stechschulte.

Save the date! On Tuesday, September 10, Delphos St. John is hosting an event with Catholic speaker **Jason Evert**. Jason has traveled 6 continents and spoken to more than 2 million people. You won't want to miss this event for teens and parents!

BUS TRIP TO THE DO GOOD RESTAURANT in OSGOOD, OHIO - Would you have the courage to follow what you feel the Lord is calling you to do even if it went against all common sense? Karen Homan, founder of the Do Good Restaurant and Ministry in Osgood, Ohio, did just that. The Women of Welcome are sponsoring a bus to Osgood to tour the ministries, hear Karen's amazing faith-filled story and have lunch. The trip is open to all women. Join us on Tuesday, June 11th. Leaving at 10:00 a.m. and returning by 4:00 p.m. Cost of the trip and meal is \$45.00. Tip will be extra for the "Do Good family of the month." Contact Pam Hickey at 567-204-8479 or Sue Sheeran at 419-236-7370 to reserve your spot. Reservations are due by June 4th.

Full-time Director of Music and Worship – Leipsic St. Mary (Diocese of Toledo, OH)

St. Mary Catholic Church, Leipsic, Ohio, is seeking a full-time Director of Music and Worship. The candidate must first and foremost have a love of the Catholic liturgy and a love of people. The candidate must also have knowledge of the Catholic Liturgy, have good communication skills, be skilled on the piano and/or organ, have sufficient vocal skills, and able to provide direction to cantors and a small choir. The position requires being available for Weddings, Funerals, and Weekend Liturgies. A practicing Catholic is preferred.

Salary is competitive and commensurate with education/experience and includes benefits. Position open immediately. Ministry Description and Responsibilities available on request.

To apply: Send Resume and three references to:
Rev. Randy Giesige, 318 State St. Leipsic, OH 45856
Phone: 419-943-2688 Email: rpgiesige@gmail.com