



# 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

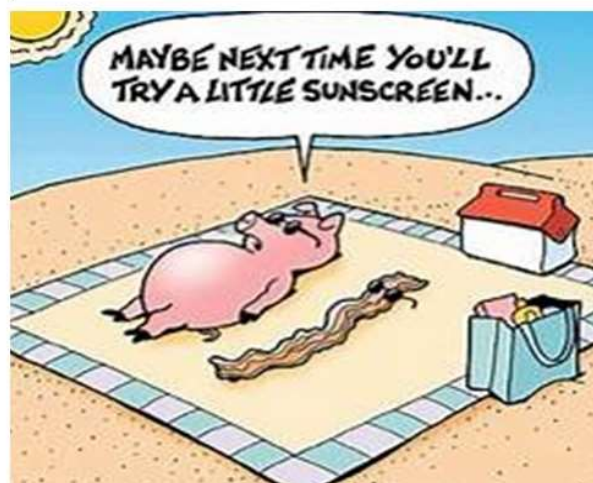
Mrs. Laurie Maag 419-234-6518

## Maintenance & Hall Manager

Mr. Tony Recker 419-286-5100

## Funeral Luncheon Committee

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-236-9564





**MASS SCHEDULE Intentions**

Sat	7/20	5:00 pm	For Souls in Purgatory
Sun	7/21	7:30 am	Dennis Baumgarte
		9:30 am	Dick Ricker
Mon	7/22		
Tues	7/23	7:00 pm	For Our Parish
Wed	7/24	7:00 pm	NO MASS
Thurs	7/25	7:00 pm	Communion Service
Fri	7/26	7:55 am	Communion Service
Sat	7/37	5:00 pm	Richard German
Sun	7/38	7:30 am	Terry Maag
		9:30 am	Yogi & Joann Von Lehmden

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Mon	7/22	Saint Mary Magdalene	
		Sg 3:1-4b	Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Tues	7/23	Saint Bridget, Religious	
		Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Mt 12:46-50
Wed	7/24	Saint Sharbel Makhuf, Priest	
		Jer 1:1, 4-10	Mt 13:1-9
Thu	7/25	Saint James, Apostle	
		2 Cor 4:7-15	Mt 20:20-28
Fri	7/26	Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		Jer 3:14-17	Mt 13:18-23
Sat	7/27	Jer 7:1-11	Mt 13:24-30

**We are looking for couples/individuals to take over the Chairpersons job of the Parish Festival**

Our current festival chairpersons will gladly have you shadow them this year and be there to support you next year. The parish festival is absolutely essential to the financial wellbeing of our parish. Please, prayerfully consider stepping up and taking over this job. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Tina Warnecke at [stjosephparishfestival@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephparishfestival@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office.

**We would like to get updated names of Military Personnel** of our parish families so we may pray for them. "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need." Please email or call the parish office with the name of your loved one in the military.

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

Tues., July 23: Adeline Dube & Carder Osting  
 Wed., July 24: Levi Schroeder & Jacob Anspach  
 Thurs., July 25: Austin Askins & Jase Metzger

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: July 27 & 28:**

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm Maddie & Josie Anspach,  
 Caleb Von Sossan  
 7:30 am Zach Wagoner, Case & Joci German  
 9:30 am Sam & Nolan Dube, Morgan Siefker

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm Adam Luersman, Carla Norbeck,  
 Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter,  
 Jodi Von Sossan  
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed  
 9:30 am Julie Fischbach, Sarah Horstman,  
 Braden Knippen, Mike Knippen,  
 Roger Luersman, Calvin Menke,  
 Marilyn Metzger

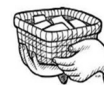
**LECTORS:**

5:00 pm Agnes Krietemeyer  
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed  
 9:30 am Andrea Recker

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm Jerry & Jackie Siefker  
 7:30 am Volunteers Needed  
 9:30 am Tony & Chad Recker

Please pray for the sick: Blake Hellman



**July 14, 2024**

Envelopes	\$	1,980.00
Loose	\$	1,000.00
Maintenance	\$	95.00

YTD as of July 14, 2024 = \$ 5,167.00

YTD **Under** budget = \$ -2,833.00

**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.

**Fort Fest Drawing winner week 16** is Terry Gasser.

**THANK YOU** to everyone that attended, volunteered, and donated to VBS this year! The children look forward to this event every year and it would not be possible without the help of the parishioners. This year the children had a “change wars” to raise money and gently used items for the Heartbeat of Putnam Co. They brought in baby clothes, diapers, food, and toiletries. They also raised \$508.86 to help the families that depend on Heartbeat. **WAY TO GO KIDS!**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP MAKING PIES & DESSERTS for the church festival.** We are asking our parishioners to pitch in and make a pie. or a cake... or cookies... or brownies or any dessert for the Church festival this year. Pie tins are in the brides' room for you to use. All of the donations last year were appreciated, and we are hoping for your continued

**It's time to make noodles** for the church festival again! We will be making noodles Saturday, August 3rd at 8:30 am. Come and help for the morning or just for an hour! We are also in need of noodle machines, drying racks, and fans if you have any we could use. Tony and Tina Grote are donating 60 dozen eggs . Ron and Mary Jean Schweller are donating 17 bags of flour to complete this project. I would like to thank in advance the Grote's, Schweller's and all who help make this project possible! Contact Cheryl Sickels ([419-296-5648](tel:419-296-5648)) with any questions. Please message me to let me know if you are able to help in any way!

**THE COUNTRY STORE** is asking for donations of handmade or purchased items to be raffled off at our Annual Parish Festival. 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 between July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup> if possible. Call Mandi Kahle at 419-236-8169 or Lynn Anspach at 419-771-9053 if you have any questions. Thank You!

**The community needs your help.** The next community clean-up will be **July 24, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM** please meet at the rec club at park and someone there will let you know where and what you will be doing. Thank you in advance for helping out and taking pride in the community. **Again, this is a great opportunity for upcoming Confirmation students.**

**The Fort Jennings Lions Club is sponsoring our next Freedom Square Event on 7/25** from 6-9 pm at Freedom Square. Shafer's Smoked Meats will be serving out of their food truck with music provided by Connor Raines. In addition, there will be a bounce house and the Fire Dept will be hosting Touch a Truck for those of all ages who want to see and learn more about their equipment. All are welcome and feel free to bring your own drinks.

Fort Jennings American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a **Casino Bus Trip to Firekeepers Casino** in Battle Creek Michigan. October 27, 2024 – leave FJ American Legion at 8:00 am; return time approx. 6:00 pm.

\$45.00/person. Receive \$20.00 in free play and an additional \$5 towards food/drink or additional free play. Contact Tricia Halker at 419-615-9588 to reserve your seat.

**St. Anthony of Padua Annual Parish Festival,** Columbus Grove will be held on Saturday, August 3rd and Sunday, August 4th. On Saturday BBQ pork chop, BBQ chicken or spare rib dinners will be available at 5:00 p.m. followed by the annual 5K Run at 7:00 p.m. The Paul Smock Country will also start at 7:00 p.m. Beer Stand, Hamburger Stand and French Fries will also be open on Saturday after the BBQ Dinners. The garage sale will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday enjoy our chicken/beef dinners with all the trimmings from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Carry outs are available 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. with Drive thru carry-out open till 1:00 p.m. The Cafeteria will be open from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Sunday activities include, Bingo, Garage Sale from 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Kids' games, Duck Races, Country Store, Kiddie Tractor Pull for children ages 4-9 and much more. There are also cash prizes totaling \$2,500, a Lottery Tree, a drawing of 3 \$100 Gas Cards and the Chance to win \$20,000 towards a new car or \$15,000 in cash. For more information, call the parish office at 419-659-2263. Come and help us celebrate our parish festival and Thank You!!

You're invited to a **CELEBRATE LIFE BONFIRE** on Friday, July 26, 2024, starting at 4 p.m. at 429 Northland Drive, Kalida. This event is for incoming freshman – young adults. Wear Pro-Life attire!

**Middle School Teacher (Grades 5-6) – Sts. Peter & Paul School, Ottawa** Sts. Peter & Paul School in Ottawa is seeking qualified and enthusiastic candidates for the position of Middle School Teacher (Grades 5-6). All those who hold a bachelor's degree in education and a valid Ohio teaching license, including recent graduates, are encouraged to apply. Email cover letter, resume, and list of 3 professional references to Connie Niese at [cniese@sppsknights.org](mailto:cniese@sppsknights.org) by July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Registration begins soon to secure your spot on the  
Diocese of Toledo Pilgrimage to the

# **2025 National March for Life in Washington DC!**

January 23-25, 2025

\$225 covers 2 nights in hotel, bus, and more!



Please register by July 25, 2024

Contact Julie Fischbach to register at 419-905-8472