



# 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 7/27 5:00 pm Richard German  
 Sun 7/28 7:30 am Terry Maag  
 9:30 am Yogi & Joann Von Lehmden

Mon 7/29

Tues 7/30 7:00 pm For Our Parish

Wed 7/31 7:00 pm George Krietemeyer  
 Janice Tenwalde

Thurs 8/01 7:00 pm Albert & Mabel Berelsman

Fri 8/02 7:55 am **FIRST FRIDAY**

**\*Adoration after Mass with Closing at Noon\***

Sat 8/03 5:00 pm Irma Vorst Meyer

Sun 8/04 7:30 am For Souls in Purgatory  
 9:30 am For Our Grandchildren

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Mon 7/29 Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Jer 13:-11 Jn 11:19-27

Tues 7/30 Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop

Jer 14:17-22 Mt 13:36-43

Wed 7/31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Jer 15:10, 16-21 Mt 13:44-46

Thu 8/01 Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop

Jer 18:1-6 Mt 13:47-53

Fri 8/02 Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop

Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest  
 Jer 26:1-9 Mt 13:54-58

Sat 8/03 Jer 26:11-16, 24 Mt 14:1-12

**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 30: Lacey Meyer & Harper Leis

Wed., July 31: Evelyn Neidert & Adeline Dubé

Thurs., Aug 1: Amelia Orwick & Adelyn Moening

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: August 3 & 4:**

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm Andrew & Ryan Kahle, Isabella Heitman

7:30 am Brandt, Cal & Stella Menke

9:30 am Braden & Ava Knippen, Evan Ellerbrock

**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 Jen McElroy, Karan Maenle,  
 Trish Moening, Jamie Saum,  
 Tony, Kelly & Chad Recker

**LECTORS:**

5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman

7:30 am Volunteers Needed

9:30 am Doug Sickels

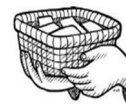
**USHERS:**

5:00 pm Rick Maag & Dan Krietemeyer

7:30 am Volunteers Needed

9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

**Please pray for the sick: Blake Hellman**



**July 21, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 1,980.00

Loose \$ 1,000.00

Maintenance \$ 95.00

YTD as of July 21, 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.**

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

**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.

**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

**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 them to the church basement and place them 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!

**Fort Fest Drawing** winner week 17 is Attley Mistisshen.

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.

**Come to our Meet & Greet for Students for Life,** Jamie Curry, Ohio Regional coordinator and Allison Stump, Toledo Diocese Coordinator. Monday, August 5 at the Ottawa American Legion, starting at 5:30 pm with doors opening at 5:00 pm. All ages are welcome. Any questions, call Chase Maag at 567-376-5382.

**2024 PUTNAM COUNTY SENIOR EXPO**

Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Ottawa Elementary School, 123 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa. Free Community Event – Door Prizes – Exhibitors – Complimentary Breakfast – Health Screenings – Shuttle Service – Free Medication Disposal  
8:30 – 12 p.m. – Visit Vendors & Medication Disposal  
8:30 – 10 a.m. – Breakfast served in the cafeteria  
10:30-11:30 Rusty Ammerman, comedian & magician.

**Fall Prevention Classes Offered at Fort Jennings** by the Council on Aging (COA) will be offering a FREE fall prevention class called "A Matter of Balance" (MOB) at Fort Haven. The program teaches older adults simple steps they can take to reduce their risk for a fall as well as light exercises that will help improve balance, strength and flexibility. **The MOB classes will run for 8 consecutive Friday's starting Sept 6<sup>th</sup> through Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.** There is no charge to attend the classes, but space is limited to the first 12 registrants. Please call the Council on Aging at 419-523-4121 to RSVP or for more information.

**Grab and Go Meal for Putnam County Residents aged 60 years and better from the Ottoville, Fort Jennings, and Rimer areas.** September 10, 2024, drive thru meals between 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. No charge, but donations are accepted. Pick up Meals at Fort Jenning Memorial Hall. Reserve your meal by August 23, 2024. To reserve call The Putnam County Council on Aging at 419-523-4121 or 877-796-1760.

**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 from 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!!

**Leipsic, St. Mary Parish and School will have a part-time Janitor/Maintenance position opening up July 31st.** This position will assist in cleaning our school, parish and PLC as needed. It requires lifting 25-40 lbs. at times and walking up and down steps. There will be some laundry, including washing rags and mop heads. Ordering cleaning supplies for our facilities will also be expected. The schedule is yet to be determined. The pay is dependent on experience. If you are interested, please contact our office at 419-943-2952, or email your interest and resume to [parishoffice@LSMP1.onmicrosoft](mailto:parishoffice@LSMP1.onmicrosoft) or mail your resume in to Leipsic St. Mary Parish Attention Tina Knisley 320 State Street Leipsic, OH 45856

**July 28<sup>th</sup> is the World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly. Hug your Grandparents and visit the elderly today!**

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