

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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A scenic photograph of a sunset over a mountain range. The sun is a bright white circle partially obscured by the mountain peaks, casting a warm orange glow across the sky and the foreground. The foreground is filled with tall, dry grasses that are slightly out of focus, creating a sense of depth. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

*Freely you have
received;*
FREELY GIVE

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 Mrs. Jenn Gasser Mr. Scott Gerdeman
 Mrs. Laura Tenwalde Mr. Todd Warnecke
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Normal Mass Times

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am & 9:30 am
Wednesday	7:00 pm
Thursday	7:00 pm
Friday	7:55 am

BAPTISMS will be celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Ron 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. Ron. 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.

Scripture Readings

Monday	1 Kgs 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday	1 Kgs 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday	2 Kgs 2:1,6-14 Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday	Sir 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15
Friday	2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20 Mt 6:19-23
Saturday	2 Chr 24:17-25 Mt 6:24-34

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MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY Fr. Ron 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.

Save the Date
2026
Homecoming Festival Aug. 9

Intentions for Mass

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MASS INTENTIONS.

Sat 06/13 5:00 pm Bill Warnecke Sr. Family
Sun 06/14 7:30 am For Our Parish
9:30 am Click & Ghnela Schimmoeller
Wed 06/17 7:00 pm Marguerite & Urban Wiegung
Esther Ellerbrock
Thu 06/18 7:00 pm John Gerker
Fri 06/19 7:55 am For Our Church Leaders
Sat 06/20 5:00 pm James Grothouse & Joyce Holden
Sun 06/21 7:30 am For Our Parish
9:30 am For Those Suffering with Mental Illness

Liturgical Ministers: June 20 & 21

Servers:

5:00 pm Abby, Leah & Ryan Kahle
7:30 am Iris Tenwalde, Christopher Moening,
Sophia Osting
9:30 am Brody, Connor & Harper Leis

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Addison Sarka, Tenley Sarka, Becky Uphaus
Rose Ann Vetter, Karen Young
7:30 am Volunteers needed
9:30 am Rhonda Liebrecht, Diane Stennett, Kim
McCracken, Denise Sukup, Teresa Wurst,
Madie Anspach, Anita Aldrich

Lectors:

5:00 pm Lisa Kaverman
7:30 am Volunteer needed
9:30 am Denise Sukup

Ushers:

5:00 pm Jerry Vetter, Kevin Leis
7:30 am Volunteer needed
9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Weekday Servers:

Wed 6/17- Mason Kohls & Henry Brokamp

Thu 6/18 - Logan Krietemeyer & Anden Maenle

A HUGE Thank-You to all who participated in the Y.E.S. retreat this past weekend! Especially to Julie Fischbach for organizing the weekend and making it run smoothly.

Baptized as a new member of the Catholic Church on June 7: Oliver Phillip son of Adam and Erin (Hohlbein) Schimmoeller. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide these parents in sharing the faith with Oliver. Best wishes from the Catholic Community in Fort Jennings.

Mercy Health St. Rita's Medical Center is seeking volunteers for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and for our Spiritual Care Visitors program for those called to provide ministry of presence through listening, compassion, conversation, and support for patient who may be lonely or in need of pastoral care. Training is provided for these ministries. If you are interested or would like more information contact Matt Etzkorn at meetzkorn@mercy.com or call 419-226-9310.

Summer Day with the Saints! This is a fun and educational day for kids to enjoy at the Shrine and learn about the Saints. There will be saint-themed crafts, prayers, activities, and snacks. The same program is offered each day, choose between Mon., Aug. 3, Tues., Aug. 4, or Wed., Aug. 5. Cost is \$10 per child and runs from 1pm until 4pm in the Shrine Courtyard. This event is for children entering 1st through 6th grades. To register, log onto mariasteinshrine.org. Space is limited.

The Ottawa Senior Citizens Center will host Lunch in the Park on June 18, at 1035 E. Third Street, Ottawa. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will feature homemade cheesy potato soup, hot beef sandwiches, brats, hot dogs, assorted desserts, and drinks. Guests may dine in or call 419-523-5593 for carryout orders.

Week 9th & 10th week Fort Fest Winners are Hadley (Tyler) Good & Chad Duling!
Congrats to the winners!

THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL

but the workers are few...



A look ahead:

Wed. June 17 - 6:00 pm
Adoration & Confession
7:00 pm Mass

Thurs. June 18 - 6:00 pm
Adoration & Confession
7:00 pm Mass

Wed. June 24 - NO MASS

Thurs. Jun 25 - NO MASS

Fri. June 26 - NO MASS

Sat. & Sun June 27 & 28 -
Father Ron's Last weekend Masses
Please Join us for his send off!

Wed. July 1 - 6:00 pm
Adoration & Confession with Father
Tony Vera

Mon. July 6 - 8:00 am
First Monday Morning Mass

Wed. July 8 - 6:00 pm
Adoration & Confession
7:00 pm Mass

Thurs. July 9 - 6:00 pm
Adoration & Confession
7:00 pm Mass

Tues. July 21 - 6:00 - 6:30 pm
30 Minutes For Mom

Bulletin Submission deadline:
Monday 10:00 am

Offertory June 2026

Envelopes	\$1,604.00
Loose	\$1,157.47
Maintenance	\$990.00
Needy	\$20.00
Peters Pence	\$20.00
YTD Total:	\$221,687.51
YTD over Budget:	\$33,687.51

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.

30 MINUTES FOR

Mom

JOIN ME FOR 30 MINUTES OF
ADORATION FOR WOMEN!
TUESDAY, JULY 21
FROM 6:00-6:30
IN THE ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL

COME AND GO DURING
PRACTICE, BEFORE GAMES
OR AS YOUR SCHEDULE
ALLOWS FOR SOME QUIET
TIME WITH JESUS.

SUMMER DAY
with the Saints

CHOOSE A DAY
AUGUST 3RD, 4TH OR 5TH
1 PM TO 4 PM
SAME PROGRAM OFFERED EACH DAY

  

TIME: 1 PM - 4 PM
COST: \$10 PER CHILD
REGISTER ONLINE:
mariasteinshrine.org

**A FUN AFTERNOON OF
SAINT-THEMED CRAFTS, SNACKS,**

HOMETOWN HANGOUT

July 9 - 6 pm
Little Piggies
Music- TBD



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

Effective changes

JULY 1, 2026

(FATHER TONY VERA BECOMES OUR NEW PRIEST!)

July Weekday Mass Servers:

(3 Fridays in July - Volunteers needed)

Wed. July 1, 7:00 pm – Rylen Hoersten, Kinsley Farling

Thurs. July 2, 7:00 pm – Alivia Wrasman, Quinn Askins

Fri. July 3, 7:55 am -

Mon. July 6, 8:00 am – Tanner Warnecke-Schroeder,
Weston Swick

Wed. July 8, 7:00 pm – Jordyn Buettner, Katie Anspach

Thurs. July 9, 7:00 pm – Cece Schroeder, Emma Hedrick

Fri. July 10, 7:55 am -

Mon. July 13, 8:00 am – Nash Miller , Jacob Myers

Wed. July 15, 7:00 pm – Savannah & Abby Gerdeman

Thurs. July 16, 7:00 pm – Liam & Levi Van Bibber

Fri. July 17, 7:55 am -

Mon. July 20, 8:00 am – Mason Kohls, Henry Brokamp

Wed. July 22, 7:00 pm – Logan Krietemeyer, Claire Mistisshen

Thurs. July 23, 7:00 pm – Anden Maenle, Olivia Amstutz

Fri. July 24, 7:55 am - Loryn Gasser, Madelyn Neidert

Mon. July 27, 8:00 am – Bishop Bruskotter, Ava Maag

Wed. July 29, 7:00 pm – Aiden Hoersten, Mason Osting

Thurs. July 30, 7:00 pm – Rylen Hoersten, Kinsley Farling

Fri. July 31, 7:55 am – Alivia Wrasman, Quinn Askins

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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

Adoration & Confession

Saturday	Confession 4:00 pm
Wednesday	Adoration & Confession 6:00 pm
Thursday	Adoration & Confession 6:00 pm

Servers, please remember to arrive 10- 15 minutes before Mass. If you are unable to serve on your assigned time, PLEASE try to make an effort to switch. See Full Schedule in your email! Questions call or text Rhonda Liebrecht 419-796-9044.



Dear Friends in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus looks upon the crowds and is moved with compassion because they are "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." Those words could easily describe many people in our world today.

Every day we are confronted with stories of conflict, division, uncertainty, and suffering. Whether it is the violence that continues to plague communities, the tensions that divide nations, or the personal struggles carried quietly by so many families, there are countless people searching for hope, direction, and peace. Many feel overwhelmed by the rapid pace of change and the constant stream of troubling news. Like the crowds in the Gospel, people are longing for someone to guide them, encourage them, and remind them that they are not alone.

Jesus does not respond to the needs of the people with frustration or indifference. Instead, He responds with compassion. He sees beyond the surface and recognizes the deeper needs of the human heart. He then turns to His disciples and tells them that the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.

Those words are just as relevant today as they were two thousand years ago. Christ continues to call ordinary men and women to be laborers in His

vineyard. While some are called to priesthood and religious life, every baptized Christian is called to bring Christ's presence into the world. We do this not necessarily through grand gestures, but through simple acts of kindness, patience, forgiveness, encouragement, and service.

The world often tells us that we must be successful, powerful, or influential to make a difference. The Gospel reminds us that what God asks of us is faithfulness. A listening ear, a helping hand, a word of encouragement, a prayer offered for someone in need—these simple actions can become powerful instruments of God's grace.

As we reflect on this Gospel, perhaps we can ask ourselves: When I look at the people around me, do I see them with the compassion of Christ? Am I willing to be one of the laborers He is calling into the harvest? How can I bring hope to someone who may be struggling today?

Our world does not need more noise. It needs more witnesses to Christ's love. May we be people who help others encounter the Good Shepherd through our words, our actions, and our faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Ron

Don't forget, *You are a Saint in the Making!*