

HOLY FACE OF JESUS

P A R I S H

We exist to offer the life-giving intimacy of Jesus to the hurried, lonely, and lost.

Temptation of Christ

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First Sunday of Lent - February 22nd, 2026

When Mom Asks

Moms don't ask for much. Moms give themselves selflessly to nourish and support their children. When moms asks for something, it is normally important to take notice. The same could be said about our Mother, the Church. The Church is our mother and she sustains us, nourishes our faith, teaches us about Jesus, and offers us the Sacraments.

Occasionally, the Church asks us to offer something to God. During Lent, we are invited to fast. The Church gives us the bare minimum of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and we abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent. We are asked to do another penance on Fridays throughout the year. Compared to all that God does for us, this isn't much.

Mother Church also asks us to know some parts of the Mass in Latin. Both Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV have repeatedly asked the Church to be more attentive to the documents of the Second Vatican Council. In 1963, the Council stated, "Steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them." Our Mother asks us to know part of the Mass in Latin. This isn't a priest or musician preference; it is what mom asks of us.

Later documents that Mother Church wrote clarified which parts of the Mass we should be able to sing or say. In 2007, the Bishops of the United States stated:

Each worshipping community in the United States, including all age groups and all ethnic groups, should, at a minimum, learn Kyrie XVI, Sanctus XVIII, and Agnus Dei XVIII, all of which are typically included in congregational worship aids. More difficult chants, such as Gloria VIII and settings of the Credo and Pater Noster, might be learned after the easier chants have been mastered. (emphasis added)

The bishops specifically put the burden of teaching these parts of the Mass on pastors (that's me). As we have introduced these to the parish over the last few months, some are excited about learning and singing in Latin. Others are frustrated. A few people have told me that we are going backwards. The intention isn't to pick personal preferences or do what only particular groups of parishioners like.

As far as personal preferences go, I'm somewhere in the middle. I don't have strong preferences about Latin or English settings of this music. I don't mind Latin, but I'm not incredibly passionate about it.

However, I am passionate about doing what my mother asks of me. If mom asks me to fast, I'll fast. If mom asks me to learn music, I'll learn music. If Mother Church is asking us to do something, we should give it our best to try.

There is probably a follow-up question: "Why does mom ask us to do this?" Why does she ask us to know a few pieces of music in Latin and why does she ask us to fast? Those are probably different discussions for a different day. Hopefully, I'll discuss those in a future article.

If we are struggling with not comprehending the Latin words, I could offer something that I discovered during my own days trying to master the Latin parts of the Mass. Worshipping Him with unfamiliar words can remind us of the incomprehensibility of God. God and His ways are incredibly mysterious. We can never fully comprehend God.

We'll continue to practice the chants that our Mother asks us to learn throughout the Lenten season. It is the least we can do for our Mother, the Church, who nourishes our faith, teaches us the truth, and offers us the Sacraments.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Sean Wilson

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Emergency Line: (937)-419-1137 (calls only)

Regular Mass Schedule

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| Saturday Vigils | 4pm Immaculate Conception, 4:30pm St. Joseph |
| Sunday | 8am St. John, 8:30am St. Lawrence, 10am St. Joseph, 10:30am Immaculate Conception |
| Monday | 8am Immaculate Conception |
| Tuesday | 8am St. Joseph |
| Wednesday | 8am St. Lawrence, 8am St. John |
| Thursday | 8am Immaculate Conception, 8am St. Joseph |
| Friday | 8am Immaculate Conception, 8am St. Joseph |
| Saturday | 8am St. John (<i>Anointing of the Sick during 1st Saturday Masses</i>) |

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, February 21st

4:00 p.m. IC L&D Jurosic Family
4:30 p.m. SJ John Poppe

Sunday, February 22nd *First Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m. SJF Mel Behr - *Anniversary*
8:30 a.m. SL Mary & Werner Wischmeyer
10:00 a.m. SJ People of Holy Face of Jesus Parish
10:30 a.m. IC Georgia Brunson

Monday, February 23rd

8:00 a.m. IC Becky Armstrong

Tuesday, February 24th

8:00 a.m. SJ Paul Reigelsperger - *Anniversary*

Wednesday, February 25th

8:00 a.m. SJF Paul Walter
8:00 a.m. SL Doris Bornhorst - *Birthday*

Thursday, February 26th

8:00 a.m. IC L&D Clarence & Marie Behr Family
8:00 a.m. SJ Marge Dabbelt - *Birthday*

Friday, February 27th

8:00 a.m. IC Larry & Vera Thaman
8:00 a.m. SJ Tom & Carol Manger

Saturday, February 28th

8:00 a.m. SJF Carol Jean Schneider
4:00 p.m. IC L&D Don & Maryann Sommer Family
4:30 p.m. SJ L&D Ken & Rose Krites Family

Sunday, March 1st *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 a.m. SJF Daniel Dietz
8:30 a.m. SL L&D Henry & Mary Hageman Family
10:00 a.m. SJ Eva & Bobbie Oen
10:30 a.m. IC People of Holy Face of Jesus Parish

IC - Immaculate Conception SJF - St. John
SJ - St. Joseph SL - St. Lawrence

Mass Readings

For the Week of February 22nd, 2026

Sunday the 22nd - *First Sunday of Lent*

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19;
Mt 4:1-11

Monday the 23rd - *St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday the 24th

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday the 25th

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday the 26th

Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12

Friday the 27th - *St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of Church*

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday the 28th

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday the 1st - *Second Sunday of Lent*

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are offered after every daily Mass, Monday-Saturday, and:

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| Sunday | 7:15-7:45am St. John |
| | 7:45-8:15am St. Lawrence |
| Monday | 5-6pm St. Joseph |
| Tuesday | 5-6pm St. John |
| Wednesday | 5-6:30pm Immaculate Conception |
| Thursday | 5-6pm St. Lawrence |
| Saturday | 3:15-3:45pm Immaculate Conception |
| | 3:15-4:15pm St. Joseph |

Area Weekday Confessions

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| Tuesday | | |
| Holy Angels (Sidney) | | Confession 5-6pm |
| Wednesday | | |
| Holy Rosary (St. Marys) | Conf. 11:30am, Mass 12:05pm | |
| Holy Angels (Sidney) | | Confession 12-1pm |
| Thursday | | |
| Sacred Heart (McCartyville) | | Confession 6-7pm |

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 22nd

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| 7:15-7:45a | SJF | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 7:45-8:15a | SL | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 10:00 a.m. | SJ | O CIA Dismissal |
| 11:00 a.m. | SJ | Baptism of Annie Elizabeth Jacobs |
| 11:30 a.m. | IC | Baptism of Liam Henry Epperson |
| 4:30 p.m. | SL | Lenten Holy Hour w/Vespers |
| 6:30 p.m. | IC | Gospel of Matthew Workshop |

Monday, February 23rd

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| 6:30 a.m. | SJF | Holy Hour & Morning Prayer |
| 8:40 a.m. | IC | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 10:00 a.m. | IC | Rosary |
| 1:00 p.m. | SJ | Connect Group |
| 4:30 p.m. | IC | CGS Monday Session |
| 5-6 p.m. | SJ | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 5:00 p.m. | Wapak | Spiritual Movement @ First English |
| 6:30 p.m. | SJ | Alpha |
| 6:30 p.m. | SJ | Easter Vigil Choir Rehearsal |
| 6:30 p.m. | SL | Finance Committee Meeting |
| 7:00 p.m. | IC | Litany of Trust Series for Women |

Tuesday, February 24th

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| 6:30 a.m. | SJF | Holy Hour & Morning Prayer |
| 8:40 a.m. | SJ | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 8:40 a.m. | SJ | Holy Face Devotion/Prayers |
| 9a-2p | SJ | Festival Sewing |
| 9:30 a.m. | IC | CGS Tuesday Session |
| 10:00 a.m. | IC | Rosary |
| 5-6 p.m. | SJF | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 6:00 p.m. | IC | Wall Rosary Craft |
| 6:30 p.m. | SL | Schoenstatt Classes |

Wednesday, February 25th

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| 6:30 a.m. | SJF | Holy Hour & Morning Prayer |
| 8:40 a.m. | SJF/SL | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 10:00 a.m. | IC | Rosary |
| 12:00 p.m. | SJ | WAMA Lenten Service & Luncheon |
| 2:45 p.m. | IC | CGS Wednesday Session |
| 4:00 p.m. | IC | Men's Rosary |
| 5-6:30 pm | IC | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 5:00 p.m. | Wapak | Spiritual Movement @ First English |
| 6:30 p.m. | Wapak | Club Joe @ YMCA |
| 6:30 p.m. | SJ | Life Teen |
| 6:45 p.m. | --- | CCD/Edge |

Thursday, February 26th Office opens at 10:30 a.m.

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| 6:30 a.m. | SJF | Holy Hour & Morning Prayer |
| 8:40 a.m. | IC/SJ | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 9a-7p | IC | All Day Adoration in the Church |
| 10:00 a.m. | IC | Rosary |
| 4:30 p.m. | IC | CGS Thursday Session |
| 5-6 p.m. | SL | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 7:00 p.m. | SJ | Catholic 101 Class |
| 7:00 p.m. | SJ | Festival Committee Meeting |

Friday, February 27th

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| 6:30 a.m. | SJF | Holy Hour & Morning Prayer |
| 8:40 a.m. | IC/SJ | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 10:00 a.m. | IC | Rosary |
| 7:00 p.m. | SJ | Stations of the Cross |
| 7:30 p.m. | IC | Stations of the Cross |

Saturday, February 28th

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| 6:30 a.m. | SJF | Holy Hour & Morning Prayer |
| 8:15 a.m. | Wapak | Spiritual Movement @ First English |
| 8:40 a.m. | SJF | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 9a-3p | SJ | Engaged Couple's Retreat |
| 9:00 a.m. | SL | Men's Schoenstatt Group |
| 3:15-3:45p | IC | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 3:15-4:15p | SJ | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 5:00 p.m. | IC | Baptism of Harper Margaret-Rose Schnarre |

Sunday, March 1st

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| 7:15-7:45a | SJF | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 7:45-8:15a | SL | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 10:00 a.m. | SJ | O CIA Dismissal |
| 11:00 a.m. | SJ | Baptism of Xavier Allen Shipp |
| 4:30 p.m. | SL | Lenten Holy Hour w/Vespers |



Our Christian sympathy is extended to the families and friends of **Eileen Gaier, Sharlene Merkle, and Mary Ann Rabette**. May the never-ending power of God's love surround them and bring them peace in this difficult time of grief and adjustment.

Hallow

Current Prayer Challenge: Lent Pray40

Join Hallow's Lent Challenge!



Join Holy Face of Jesus Parish Community on Hallow with this QR code or: hallow.com/communities/3045/



1. DOWNLOAD THE HALLOW APP AND CREATE AN ACCOUNT
2. IN THE CHURCH TAB, SEARCH FOR OUR PARISH

PRAY WITH US ON OUR HALLOW PARISH COMMUNITY

Adoration Chapels

Regular Schedule: St. Joseph Adoration Chapel opens at noon on Sunday and closes at midnight on Thursday. Immaculate Conception Adoration Chapel opens at noon on Sunday and closes at 9pm on Friday. All are welcome to stop in and visit our Lord in our adoration chapels.

Open Hours: St. Joseph has an open hour: **Sundays from 6-7pm.** Immaculate Conception has an open hour: **Thursdays 10-11am.** Please call the office (419)-738-2115 if you are interested in spending either of these hours with our Lord!

Ash Wednesday Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe last week! Your donations will help restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

Schoenstatt Covenant of Love Classes Forming

We would like to extend a personal invitation to join us for new Schoenstatt classes! Schoenstatt is a Catholic movement that strives to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the example and guidance of Mary. **Classes:** Tuesdays February 24-April 21, 2026; 6:30-8pm @ St. Lawrence (16053 Botkins Rd. Botkins, OH); **Covenant Day:** April 30, 2026; **Cost:** \$40; **Contact:** Jennifer Morgan: 567-289-0446 or jenniferjamesmorgan@gmail.com; **Learn more:** www.schoenstattfohio.org.

Wall Rosary Making

Wall Rosary Night! **Tuesday, February 24th at 6pm** in the Immaculate Conception Church basement. Have the winter blues? Come join us and create your own wall rosary! So many colors and designs from which to choose. Need a gift for someone? Bring a friend or a little helper! This class is so enjoyable! Many have returned to make another. Space is limited. Please RSVP to Kim Fisher at 419-230-3318.

Easter Vigil Choir

All are invited to join the parish-wide choir that will be singing for the Solemn Easter Vigil (4/4). We are looking especially for young adults 18+ to join. Rehearsals will begin Monday, February 23rd at 6:30pm. If you have questions or are interested in joining, contact Adam Fahnce: adamf@holyfaceparish.org.

Easter Flowers

To provide Easter flowers for our sanctuaries in the name of loved ones living in this life or in eternal life, please contact one of the businesses below. **Please place all orders by 5pm on Wednesday, April 1st, but for best selection, order early!** Flowers will be displayed throughout the Easter season, so please consider ordering ones with a longer bloom life (potted mums, boston ferns, peace lilies, hydrangeas, and azaleas). Finishing Touches: 937-693-3386; Haehn Florist: 419-738-8485; Jenny's Designs: 937-693-4190; Village Green: 419-738-2424

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Archbishop Casey sends his thanks to everyone from Holy Face of Jesus Parish who has supported the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. For more information or to donate online, visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

Gospel of Matthew Workshop

Fr. Sean's Gospel of Matthew Workshop has been **rescheduled to Sunday, February 22nd** at 6:30pm in the Immaculate Conception basement.



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. Could you, or someone you know, benefit from a listening ear? Contact Pam Coon (419)-302-0119, Eric Elsass (419)-234-3029, or scan the QR code for more info about Stephen Ministry.



2/9 Buildings & Grounds Meeting Bullet Points

- St. John Windows: 2 windows are removed, the window over the altar needs to be removed yet, and the storm windows are built. May/June completion date.
- St. Lawrence Windows: There are 3 windows to pull and 2 at the vendor. Scheduled completion is in April.
- St. Lawrence Church: Front doors to be replaced. Moving forward to get on the schedule for this spring.
- St. Lawrence Parking Lot: Proposal to expand the parking lot. Scheduled for this spring.
- Immaculate Conception has sandstone and bricks cracking on the southeast side. Scheduled to repair this spring.
- St. Joseph Faith Center is looking at an early April completion.

CYO CHICKEN DINNER

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH, 11:30AM-2PM

PRE-SALE ONLY! \$12/ticket. Get ticket by 2/25!

Romer's Catering is providing this dinner, which includes ½ BBQ chicken, chips, roll, & chocolate chip cookie

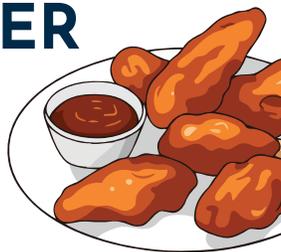
Pickup at Wapakoneta K of C drive-thru window: 614 Dixie Highway

Profits fund league, tournament, and state tournament fees. CYO also donates to the Christmas Jubilee program.

Get your ticket at the parish office or from any of the CYO players or coaches!

Coaches: Gerry & Linda Christman: 937-726-0537; Tony Drexler: 419-796-5502; Jeffrey Poeppelman, Treg Drexler, Dylan Gerstner

Players: Ethan Symonds, Bennett Howell, Brennen Mack, Bryce Berning, Landon Kuck, Elijah Schuller, John Raterman, Cole Aufderhaar, Phil Hall, Hagan Hecht, Ethan Saylor, Brady Schaub, Kagan Zink, Jacob Neidemire, Antwan Theobald, Elijah Mosler, Drew Bailey, CJ Walter, Carson Pummel, Ike Mosler



Serra Club Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, March 7th

5-7pm

St. Remy Hall, Russia

Dine in or carry out

Freewill donations will be accepted for this spaghetti dinner, and all donations go to the Run for the Call fundraiser, which supports archdiocesan seminarians. Meal includes spaghetti with Fr. Fox's sauce (meatless sauce available), garlic Texas Toast, garden salad, and a dessert buffet.

Thank you in advance for supporting our CYO teams!

Youth & Young Adult

Youth Ministry

Weekly Scripture

"At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil."

- Matthew 4:1 (from the First Reading for Sunday, February 22nd)

Weekly Saint Quote

"In the face of my darkness, you are light. In the face of my mortality, you are life."

- St. Gregory of Narek (Feast Day February 27th)

In Need of Life Teen & Edge Core Team Members

We are in need of core team members for our high school program, Life Teen, and our junior high program, Edge. Call Angie if you're interested in helping out!

Sponsor/Confirmandi Retreat, Upcoming Confirmation Class, & Interview Dinners

Retreat: Option 1 - March 7th, 11am-5:30pm at St. Joseph; Option 2 - March 8th, 10am-4:30pm at St. Joseph. Retreats will include lunch and Mass. Each student must bring their sponsor. If their sponsor is unable to attend, the student should bring a non-parent adult.

Confirmation classes: 6:30-8pm in the Immaculate Conception Convent

Freshmen: Sunday, March 15th - *Why Bad Things Happen to Good People*

Sophomore Confirmation Interview Dinners: March 9th and March 15th, 6:30-8pm in the IC Convent; March 22nd, 6:30-8pm in the St. Joseph Adult Room; March 23rd, 6:30-8pm in the St. Joseph Teen Room



ANCHORED

Young Adult Ministry

Anchored is for young adults (ages 18-35) looking to connect with others who share their faith & values. Follow them on Instagram & Facebook to stay up-to-date on events.

UPCOMING EVENT: Sunday Evening Mass & Theology on Tap

March 8th - Mass @ St. Joseph Church @ 6pm & Theology on Tap to follow in St. Joseph Hall

Lenten Faith Formation Opportunity for Women

Litany of Trust Series

with Angie Soules

Mondays during Lent

7-8:15pm @ Immaculate Conception Church Basement

Join Angie Soules and other women in the parish for a study on the Litany of Trust. Registration is not required, but if you'd like a copy of the book on the first night, please call/email Angie at the office to let us know you'll be coming.



St. Joseph Festival

Festival Update: The Festival

Committee held its first meeting of the year and

is pleased to welcome Leo

Munday and Scott Aufderhaar as the new chairmen of the Hamburger Stand.

Our musical lineup for the weekend is confirmed: Blackhoof Creek will open the entertainment on July 3rd, followed by



Chris Brokamp & Friends. On July 4th, we will feature The Staples. We are still seeking chairmen for Bingo, Showdown Poker, and the Pie Stand. Additionally, we would like to introduce new attractions—including inflatable basketball, football, or baseball, and potentially inflatable axe throwing—but we need volunteers to chair these activities. Please prayerfully consider how you can help our parish. If you have questions about any of these positions, please contact Tina at 419-733-4206.

Lent 2026

"By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." (CCC 540)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Days of Grace: No better way to prepare for Easter than to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have 2 Days of Grace, with Adoration & Confessions available from 9am-9pm.

Tuesday, March 17th @ St. Joseph & Wednesday, April 1st @ Immaculate Conception

*A visiting priest will help hear Confessions from 4-8pm on 4/1.

Prayer & Worship

Holy Hours with Morning Prayer: 6:30am each Monday-Saturday at St. John (not just during Lent!). Morning Prayer is prayed at 7:15am. Come for any part of the Holy Hour and start your day with our Lord. On Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (April 2-4), the Holy Hours will be at 7:30am with Morning Prayer at 8:15am and Confessions following at 8:30am.

Lenten Holy Hour with Evening Prayer: Holy Hours with Evening Prayer will be each Sunday of Lent at St. Lawrence from 4:30-5:30pm.

Hallow Lent Pray40 Challenge: Take a journey back home to the Father with *The Brothers Karamazov* and *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Fr. Henri Nouwen. Join our parish community to access this challenge for free: hallow.com/communities/3045/

Stations of the Cross: Fridays, 7pm at St. Joseph and 7:30pm at Immaculate Conception (except Good Friday). Come and retrace the steps of Jesus on the Road to Calvary.

Solemnity of St. Joseph: Mass will be celebrated at 7pm at St. Joseph Church on Thursday, March 19th.

7 Churches Holy Thursday Pilgrimage: Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph, along with 5 other churches in the area, will be participating in the Holy Thursday Pilgrimage. Details to come!

Lenten Noon Services & Luncheon: The Wapakoneta Area Ministerial Association will hold services each Wednesday at noon at St. Joseph followed by a luncheon in the St. Joseph Hall. The 2026 theme is "Attitudes of the Heart."

Almsgiving

Together We Can: Containers are available by all church doors. Please pick one up, fill with your spare change, and return it by Palm Sunday. Proceeds go to Society of the Good Samaritan, God's Storehouse, Mercy Unlimited, and Fish Pond Food Pantry.

Faith Formation

Litany of Trust Series: Join Angie Soules for a study for women on the Litany of Trust, Mondays during Lent 7-8:15pm in the Immaculate Conception basement. Registration is not required, but if you'd like a copy of the book on the first night, please call/email Angie at the office to let us know you'll be coming.

Stay tuned for our Holy Week schedule, and learn more at holyfaceparish.org/lent-holy-week/



Catholic 101 Classes are held each Thursday until the end of Lent 7-8:30pm in the St. Joseph Hall. Dates are: 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26. All are welcome!

For more information on Becoming Catholic opportunities, contact Angie Soules: 419-738-2115 or angies@holyfaceparish.org.

MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Decade Changers

Katie Wildermuth 40 on 3/2
 Melissa Meyer 40 on 3/3
 Jessica Schroeder 40 on 3/3
 Eric Schroeder 40 on 3/8
 Alejandro Aguirre 50 on 3/1
 Jacob Hengstler 50 on 3/1
 Heather Buehler 50 on 3/14
 Michael Steinke 60 on 3/7
 Russell Schaub 60 on 3/29
 Dorothy Krieg 70 on 3/1
 Philip Schmidt 70 on 3/5
 Judy Harshbarger 70 on 3/13
 Debra Heitz 70 on 3/27
 Rita Hemmert 70 on 3/31
 Mike Schaub 80 on 3/30

85 & Over

Patricia King 86 on 3/14
 Brenda Geis 86 on 3/22
 Mary Ann Warniment 86 on 3/24
 Paul Ott 89 on 3/4
 Carolyn Steinke 89 on 3/12
 Don Sommer 90 on 3/16
 Dolores Meyer 95 on 3/4
 Esther Dietz 99 on 3/21

25 Year Anniversaries

Charles & Nancy Frueh 3/16
 Thomas & Holly Platfoot 3/24

30 Year Anniversaries

Alfred & Mary Ellen Fry 3/30

50 Year Anniversaries

William & Janice Elkins 3/13

60+ Year Anniversaries

Joe & Evonne Schnippel
 66 years on 3/19

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Esther Ballweg, Bob Bassitt, Janet Bassitt, Mary Berg, Becky Bogden, Penny Borchers, Suzanne Brossart, Rose Brown, Ruth Brown, Nancy Burrell, Tim Butcher, Tom Cooper, Deane Elliott, Darla Finkenbine, Mary Fischer, Agnes Fisher, Sherri Gross, Ben Harshbarger, Dave Hassenauer, Ashley Holthaus, Jeremiah Holthaus, Geri Howard, Charles Huber, Deacon Nick Jurosic, Mike Kentner, Gertrude Kondracki, Amy Kraft, Camille Kramer, Connie Mangen, Jean Manuel, Nancy Merrill, Elaine Metzger, Dolores Meyer, Rita Monnin, Tony Monnin, Peyton Morgan, Sally Naseman, Wanda Nuss, Ken Poplar, Donna Reed, Brian Rodhe, Evelyn Schneider, Joe Schnippel, Mary Schulte, Connie Steinke, Erma Steinke, Janine Steinke, Carmen Tedesco, Paul Tucker, Richard Verbyke, Rita Wagner, and Kaelyn Zwiebel

"In difficult moments, I will fix my gaze upon the silent heart of Jesus, stretched upon the cross..."

St. Faustina

Mass Attendance (by church & total)

| Time/Church | Feb. 7-8 | Jan. 31-Feb. 1 | Jan. 24-25 |
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| 4:00pm IC | 380 | 282 | 450 |
| 4:30pm SJ | 278 | 268 | 424 |
| 8:00am SJF | 141 | 153 | 36 |
| 8:30am SL | 156 | 201 | 66 |
| 10:00am SJ | 360 | 383 | 60 |
| 10:30am IC | 330 | 345 | 78 |
| Total | 1,645 | 1,632 | 1,114 |

Seating Capacities IC: 366; SJF: 197; SJ: 538; SL: 189

October Count from Previous Years

2023: 1,538; 2024: 1,539; 2025: 1,613

Parish Collection

Weekend of Feb. 7-8:

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| Weekly Goal: | \$25,815.00 |
| Week Total: | \$32,820.36 |
| 76 \$100+ Env. | \$17,855.00 |
| 20 \$60-99 Env. | \$1,380.00 |
| 90 \$30-59 Env. | \$3,875.00 |
| 99 \$20-29 Env. | \$2,110.00 |
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