



Alleluia

Holy Face of Jesus | Petersburg Parishes

309 Perry Street, Wapakoneta, OH 45895
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*“The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;
bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you.”*
-Victimae paschali laudes

HAPPY EASTER

May the joy of the Risen Lord fill your life! The power of sin, death, and darkness has lost its sting in Jesus Christ's triumph over the grave. May you and your family experience the joy and peace of the Resurrection.

In our parishes, we focused on silence during our 40-day journey through Lent. Easter would be a great time to meditate on the Resurrection of Jesus from the tomb. Think about what it would be like to sit outside the empty tomb: watching the guards regain consciousness, or listening to the rumor-mill discuss what happened. The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead would have baffled everyone. They actually made conspiracy theories that His body was stolen (Matthew 28:11-15).

The stories of Jesus rising from the dead are marvelous to pray with. They convey the confusion, joy, and confidence of the Resurrection. Finally, death and sin have no power; Christ is the King of victory.

The joy of victory doesn't end today. It continues until the celebration of Pentecost on May 19. Even more immediate is the Octave of Easter. From this Sunday until next Sunday, April 7, we celebrate each day as if it were Easter. This culminates in next Sunday's celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

Since the year 2000, the Sunday after Easter has been celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. In the 1930s, Jesus appeared to a Polish nun named St. Faustina Kowalska and stated:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, are opened all the divine floodgates through

which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy."

This year, we have our Divine Mercy Service at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 7 at St. Joseph Church in Wapakoneta. In the past, the service has been in Botkins, however with the Eclipse, we are anticipating visitors to Wapakoneta for the weekend. Maybe some visitors will come to the service to experience the depth of Christ's mercy.

In regards to the eclipse, our parishes won't be doing much. There were many possibilities discussed: selling parking spots, organizing festivities, and offering hospitality. However, in discussing it with many groups, it didn't seem like anyone wanted to leave their house with the anticipated traffic and there just didn't seem to be a huge desire to pour tons of our time and energy into the eclipse, so we'll be laying low on Monday, April 8. There will be morning Mass at Immaculate Conception, but everything else will be closed including the parish office and the Adoration Chapels.

Finally, last week we announced that Archbishop Schnurr has decreed that our four parishes will be merged into the Holy Face of Jesus Parish. This will take effect on July 1, 2024. This is an exciting step. There are copies of the decree at the doors and more information on the parish website.

Have a blessed Easter!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Sean Wilson

Petersburg Parishes

St. Joseph (SJ): 101 West Pearl Street, Wapakoneta, OH 45895
Immaculate Conception (IC): 116 N Mill Street, Botkins, OH 45306
St. Lawrence (SL): 16053 Botkins Road, Botkins, OH 45306
St. John Fryburg (SJF): 11319 Van Buren Street, Fryburg, OH 45895
Parish Office: 309 Perry Street, Wapakoneta, OH 45895
Office Hours: Mondays-Wednesdays & Fridays 8:30am-5:00pm;
Thursdays 10:30am-5:00pm
Phone: (419)-738-2115; Fax: (419)-738-4525
Emergency Line: (937)-419-1137

www.PetersburgParishes.org

Mass Schedule

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

(Anointing of the Sick during 1st Saturday Masses)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 30th *Holy Saturday*

9:00 p.m. IC People of Petersburg Parishes

Sunday, March 31st *Easter Sunday*

8:00 a.m. SJ L&D K of C Council #1272

8:00 a.m. SJF Josh Butcher

8:30 a.m. IC Floyd Fullenkamp

10:00 a.m. SJ Marjorie Brentlinger - *Anniversary*

10:00 a.m. SL Catherine Schmerge

10:30 a.m. IC People of Petersburg Parishes

Monday, April 1st

8:00 a.m. IC Norma Schmerge - *Birthday*

Tuesday, April 2nd

8:00 a.m. SJ L&D Joseph & Catherine Doorley
Family

Wednesday, April 3rd

8:00 a.m. SL Gene Freisthler

8:00 a.m. SJF Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 4th

8:00 a.m. IC L&D Ray & Armella Zink Family

8:00 a.m. SJ William Roth

Friday, April 5th

8:00 a.m. IC Diana Goettemoeller - *Anniversary*

8:00 a.m. SJ Tom Taubken - *Birthday*

Saturday, April 6th

8:00 a.m. SJF L&D Larry & Sharon Steinke Family

4:00 p.m. IC Judy Steinke - *Birthday*

4:30 p.m. SJ L&D Harold & Lavera Harrison Family

Sunday, April 7th *Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday*

8:00 a.m. SJF People of Petersburg Parishes

8:30 a.m. SL Joe Hageman - *Anniversary*

10:00 a.m. SJ Paul Walter

10:30 a.m. IC Maryann Cotterman

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

Mass Readings

For the Week of March 31st, 2024

Sunday the 31st *Easter Sunday*

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4;
Jn 20:1-9;

Monday the 1st *Monday in the Octave of Easter*

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday the 2nd *Tuesday in the Octave of Easter*

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday the 3rd *Wednesday in the Octave of Easter*

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday the 4th *Thursday in the Octave of Easter*

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday the 5th *Friday in the Octave of Easter*

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday the 6th *Saturday in the Octave of Easter*

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21;
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday the 7th *Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday*

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6;
Jn 20:19-31

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday	After morning Mass at St. John (8:40am) 3:15-3:45pm Immaculate Conception 3:15-4:15pm St. Joseph
Sunday	7:15-7:45am St. John 7:45-8:15am St. Lawrence
Wednesday	5:45-6:30pm Immaculate Conception
Thursday	Before First Friday 4-5pm IC and SJ
Friday	After morning Mass at St. Joseph (8:40am)

Area Weekday Mass & Reconciliation Schedule

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

Parish Information & Events

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 31st Easter Sunday!

Monday, April 1st Office Closed

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
- 1:00 p.m. SJ Connect Group
- 4:15 p.m. SJ Spiritual Movement
- 5:15 p.m. SJ Spiritual Movement
- 6:30 p.m. SJ Alpha
- 6:30 p.m. SJ Two Hearts Prayer Cenacle
- 7:00 p.m. IC RCIA
- 7:00 p.m. IC That Woman Is You

Tuesday, April 2nd

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 8:40 a.m. SJ Holy Face Devotion/Prayers
- 9a-3p SJ Festival Sewing
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
- 6:30 p.m. SL Schoenstatt

Wednesday, April 3rd

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. IC Men's Rosary
- 4:15 p.m. SJ Spiritual Movement
- 5:15 p.m. SJ Spiritual Movement
- 5:45 p.m. IC Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 6:45 p.m. SJ Club JOE

Thursday, April 4th Office opens at 10:30am

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 9a-7p IC All Day Adoration in the Church
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. IC Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 4:00 p.m. SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 7:00 p.m. IC Respect Life Committee Meeting

Friday, April 5th

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 8:40 a.m. SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 10:00 a.m. IC Rosary

Saturday, April 6th

- 6:30 a.m. SJF Holy Hour & Morning Prayer
- 7:30 a.m. SJF First Saturday Rosary
- 8:15 a.m. SJ Spiritual Movement
- 8:40 a.m. SJF Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 8:40 a.m. SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 9:15 a.m. SJ SoulCore
- 1:30 p.m. IC Bergman/Maurer Wedding
- 3:15 p.m. IC Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, April 6th (Cont.)

- 3:15 p.m. SJ Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:00 p.m. IC Baptism of Morgan Elveda Ott
- 5:30 p.m. SJ Baptism of Reid Richard Kaeck

Sunday, April 7th

- 7:15 a.m. SJF Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 7:45 a.m. SL Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 11:00 a.m. SJ Baptism of Lily Ann Roberts
- 3:00 p.m. SJ Divine Mercy Service (*Confessions begin at 2:30pm*)

Adoration Chapel Open Hours

Immaculate Conception Adoration Chapel has an open hour: Sundays 4–5pm.

Please call the office (419)-738-2115 if you are interested in spending this hour with our Lord.

Adoration Chapel Closure

The Adoration Chapels will re-open from the Easter holiday on Tuesday, April 2nd at 8am. The Chapels will close for the eclipse weekend on Thursday, April 4th at 11:59pm and will remain closed through Monday, April 8th. Chapels will re-open on Tuesday, April 9th at 8am.



Darting Through The Faith

Hosted by Fr. Sean and Julia Monnin, the *Darting Through The Faith* podcast features discussions based around the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

With each episode, Fr. Sean and Julia cover a section from the Catechism and share their reflections. Find it on our website, Youtube, Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and more!

Parish Communications: Flocknote

Want to receive important parish information & updates? Flocknote is one of our primary means of communication, so if you aren't signed up, please do so! Text **PetersburgParish** to **84576** to join Flocknote or visit petersburgparishes.flocknote.com to register! Please enter a valid and working email address & cell number!



Pastoral Council

IC: Travis Russell, Linda Christman, & Kathy Behr
SJF: Mike Ruppert, Ashley Headapohl, & Anita Foor
SJ: Ryan Kremer, Erika Eley, & Barb Harrod
SL: Alan Borchers, Jeanie Bergman, & Colleen Winner

St. Lawrence Windows Project

The graphic below represents the progress of the St. Lawrence Stained Glass Windows Project!

Raised/Date	GOAL	St. Lawrence Church Stained Glass Windows Project
	\$ 334,650	Phase 4 \$ 48,500 Priority #3 Windows 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
	\$ 330,000	
	\$ 320,000	
	\$ 310,000	
	\$ 300,000	
	\$ 290,000	
	\$ 280,000	
	\$ 270,000	
	\$ 260,000	
	\$ 250,000	
	\$ 240,000	Phase 3 \$ 58,300 Priority #2 Windows 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	\$ 230,000	
	\$ 220,000	
	\$ 210,000	
	\$ 200,000	
	\$ 190,000	Phase 2 \$ 62,350 Priority #1 Windows 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
	\$ 180,000	
	\$ 170,000	
	\$ 160,000	
	\$ 150,000	
Partial Savings allotted as of 3/15/2024 \$ 30,000.00 <small>*includes \$10,000 previously donated for windows</small>	\$ 140,000	Phase 1 \$ 165,500 Protective Storm Glass and Face Layer of Mahogany Includes \$10,000 Wood Replacement Allowance <i>Phase 1 projected completion by Dec 2024</i>
Pledged Money (yet to be received) as of 3/15/2024 \$ 15,850.00	\$ 130,000	
Actual Money Received as of 3/15/2024 \$ 113,122.73	\$ 120,000	
TOTAL \$ 158,972.73	\$ 110,000	
	\$ 100,000	
	\$ 90,000	
	\$ 80,000	
	\$ 70,000	
	\$ 60,000	
	\$ 50,000	
	\$ 40,000	Actual money received as of 3/15/2024 \$ 113,122.73
	\$ 30,000	Current pledged money as of 3/15/2024 \$ 15,850.00
	\$ 20,000	Savings allotted towards project \$ 30,000.00
	\$ 10,000	TOTAL \$ 158,972.73
	\$ 0	

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We Got the Joy

HOW TO LIVE JOY IN YOUR MARRIAGE

- ◆ **Mass:** 4:30pm at St. Joseph
- ◆ **Dinner:** 5:30pm in the Parish Life Center (*wine & beer included*)
- ◆ **Speaker:** Be inspired by international speakers Damon & Melanie Owens for a night all about how to ignite joy in your marriage
- ◆ **Cost:** \$75/couple (*space is limited to 88 couples*) - **Tickets available at the parish office!**

"If a man and woman marry in order to be companions on the journey from earth to heaven, then their union will bring great joy to themselves and to others." - St. John Chrysostom

Couples Night!

Attention married couples: we are hosting an evening inviting you to embrace the joy of your marriage! **Tickets are being sold at the parish office for \$75/couple!** Come and get yours! Damon Owens is an international speaker and evangelist with over 20 years of experience. He is passionate about the joy & sanctity of marriage and family life. Don't miss this opportunity!

Congratulations on Your Baptism!

Congratulations to baby Eva (left) and baby Avery (right) and your families! May you grow in love for Jesus Christ and His Church and always know of the Lord's abiding love for you!



We're Hiring!

Coordinator of Youth Evangelization and Discipleship: Holy Face of Jesus Parishes is hiring a Coordinator of Youth Evangelization and Discipleship. We are located in Auglaize and Shelby Counties. The Coordinator of Youth Evangelization is a full-time, benefits eligible position, reporting to the Director of Evangelization and is a key member of the Evangelization Team. The coordinator is responsible for all efforts of accompanying youth – grades 9–12 (and their families) – through the Process of Evangelization and Discipleship so that youth encounter Christ. Candidates should send their resume and cover letter to Fr. Sean Wilson at frwilson@petersburgparishes.org.

Director of Liturgical Music for St. Lawrence, Rhine, and Immaculate Conception, Botkins: Holy Face of Jesus Parishes is hiring a Director of Music for two of its parishes, St. Lawrence, Rhine and Immaculate Conception, Botkins. The churches are located three miles apart in Shelby County. The position is 12-15 hours a week and includes planning liturgical music and accompanying one Saturday and two Sunday Masses. The Director of Liturgical Music also plays the organ/piano for all weddings (10-15 per year) and funerals (20-25 per year). The congregations are familiar with chanting the ordinary parts of the Mass along with the Communion Antiphons. Finally, Immaculate Conception is beginning the process to replace their current pipe organ. Candidates should send their resume and cover letter to Fr. Sean Wilson at frwilson@petersburgparishes.org.

Full job descriptions for both of these opportunities can be found at petersburgparishes.org/were-hiring/.

Wall Rosary Making

The next Wall Rosary making evening is Thursday, April 18th at 6pm in the Adult Center at St. Joseph. This is a great opportunity to make a Mother's Day gift or bring your mother with you to create one together! Seats are limited. Contact Kim Fisher at 419-230-3318. Looking ahead, there will be another Wall Rosary making evening on Monday, May 6th - same time, same place!

National Eucharistic Congress

We're raffling off a trip for **4 people to the Eucharistic Congress** (July 17–21)! Prize includes four tickets for the 5-day congress in Indianapolis and a VRBO rental that's just a 10-minute walk from the congress! This is a \$2,762.10 value. **Tickets are \$50 each**, and we're only selling 250! Come get yours at the parish office. **Proceeds of the ticket sales will be the 1st deposit in the Holy Face of Jesus Parish bank account!** Learn more about the National Eucharistic Congress at eucharisticcongress.org.

Winning ticket will be drawn during the 10am Mass at St. Joseph on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKET!

JESUS CHRIST

MONDAY – SATURDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

6:30–7:30AM

MORNING PRAYER

7:15AM

HERE

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH
11319 VAN BUREN ST.
WAPAKONETA, OH 45895

The advertisement features a photograph of St. John the Evangelist Church, a white Gothic Revival style church with a prominent steeple. The text is overlaid on the image in various colors and fonts. A large yellow speech bubble with the word 'HERE' in bold black letters points to the church entrance. The background is a clear blue sky.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Weekly Scripture

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."

- Colossians 3:1-2

Weekly Saint Quote

"He has risen. This is the heart of our faith. Mary was a silent witness of all these events. Let us ask her to help us also to receive the fullness of this Easter message."

- St. John Paul II

Steubenville Registration

Registration for Steubenville is open! 2024 conference will be July 12-14! Find registration at petersburgparishes.org/youth.

Freshman Confirmation Classes



Freshman! Reminder that you have Confirmation Class on **Sunday, April 14th, 6:30-8pm** in the Immaculate Conception Convent. These classes are an important part of the Confirmation process for those being confirmed in 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Soules. Thank you!

THANK YOU

- Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the First Communion Retreat.
- Thank you to all of our parents for the sacrifices you make to get your children to CCD, Edge, and Life Teen - you are appreciated.
- Thank you to our wonderful priests for making the faith lives of our students such a priority.

THANK YOU to all who donated scholarship funds for our Steubenville trip. We are in awe of the support shown to our teens. We know that each scholarship represents a sacrifice. You will be updated on our trip and invited to our midnight Mass prior to our departure. You are awesome and appreciated.
– Angie Soules

SAVE THE DATE

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT FRESHMEN:

Confirmation will be:

Sunday, April 6, 2025

1:30pm at St. Joseph with Fr. Sean

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

DECADE CHANGERS

St. Joseph

Allison DuBois 40 on 4/11
 Chad Kantner 50 on 4/11
 Brian Schroeder 50 on 4/13
 Mary Reichenbach 60 on 4/6
 Anita Byrne 60 on 4/13
 Glen Camper 60 on 4/14
 Patrick Ewry 60 on 4/15
 Anne Niemeyer 70 on 4/4
 Barb Kohlrieser 70 on 4/10
 Marty Brands 80 on 4/20

Immaculate Conception

Adam Koenig 40 on 4/2
 Katie Geis 40 on 4/26
 Gerald Kempfer 80 on 4/16
 Gale Ambos 80 on 4/30

St. Lawrence

Tina Swiger 50 on 4/1

St. John

Joseph Limbert 40 on 4/5
 Eric Huelsmeyer 40 on 4/29

85 & OVER

St. Joseph

Jim Webb 88 on 4/10
 Sharlene Merkle 88 on 4/20
 Larry Schneider 88 on 4/30
 Kathleen Koenig 89 on 4/13
 Tom Kentner 89 on 4/24
 George Steinke 89 on 4/29
 Tom Fisher 90 on 4/19
 Charles Wobbrock 90 on 4/27
 Pat Kuhn 91 on 4/12
 Helen Larger 93 on 4/7
 Joseph Carter 96 on 4/11
 Mary Schulte 97 on 4/30

Immaculate Conception

Evelyn Schneider 90 on 4/10

St. John

Everett Merrill 94 on 4/22

25 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

St. Joseph

William & Denise Shepline 4/10

40 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

St. Joseph

Kurt & Marcia Katterhenry 4/28
 Ken & Mary Beth Webb 4/28

St. Lawrence

Don & Mary Rosenbeck 4/28

50 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

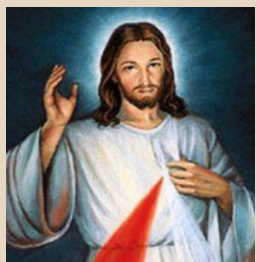
Immaculate Conception

Craig & Doris Ambos 4/20
 John & Jenny Eilerman 4/27

60+ YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

St. Lawrence

Gerald & Linda Schmidt
 60 years on 4/11



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Join us at St. Joseph Church on Sunday, April 7th at 3pm
 Confessions begin at 2:30pm**

“On that day the very depths of My tender Mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy [the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist]. The soul that will go to Confession [beforehand] and receive Holy Communion [on that day] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment...The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness.” – St. Faustina’s *Diary* 699

St. Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter Divine Mercy Sunday and in order that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, enriched it with an indulgence.

Exposition – Confessions – Divine Mercy Chaplet – Benediction

Women's Retreat: My Spirit Rejoices in God My Savior - Opening the Door to Divine Love

A retreat for women sponsored by the Ohio Schoenstatt Women's League will be held on Saturday, April 20th from 8:30am–3pm at St. Lawrence. Presenters will be Sr. M. Deanne Niehaus and Julia Monnin.

The day will begin with 8:30am Mass, followed by registration and refreshments. Lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, and a gift shop will all be included in the day as well. Reach out to Cathy Varno with any questions: (419)-305-1961 or cvarno@nktelco.net.

Registration Please remit completed form with payment to: Jackie Huwer

5040 Hunters Trl
Minster, OH 45865

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Enclosed is:

_____ \$20 prior to April 8

_____ \$25 after April 8

_____ Above amount sent by

Venmo to @Jackie-Huwer



QR Code can be used to complete registration in place of mailing in registration

St. Joseph's Cemetery Association Rededication Ceremony

The community is invited to attend a **Rededication Ceremony at St. Joseph's Cemetery on April 14th at 1pm**, in appreciation of this wonderful community that helped repair the cemetery from the tornado damage April 1st of last year. We will update the progress from the past year, and there will be a blessing of the cemetery. Future projects for the cemetery will also be discussed. For those who are interested, a guided information and history tour will be held at the end of the ceremony. Light refreshments will also be provided. Another note-worthy mentioning, the cemetery will be closed Friday, April 5th–Tuesday, April 9th for the solar eclipse.

Yours in Christ - St. Joseph's Cemetery Board of Trustees

St. John Anniversary Celebration

The 175th anniversary of St. John Church is next year! We are starting to form a committee to make celebration plans for this event. Next year is also the 135th annual Fryburg Homecoming, so we may try to promote that as well as a **big** year for our church to celebrate the goodness of the Lord. If you would like to be a part of this celebration committee, please contact Anita Foor at (419)-204-5885.



Stephen Ministry

Do you know someone carrying a heavy cross in their life and could benefit from a one-to-one Christ-centered, confidential, caring relationship? Contact Pam Coon (419)-302-0119 for information about Stephen Ministry. You can also learn more by scanning this QR code!



Open House Celebration!

All are invited to an Open House on Sunday, April 21st in honor of Tom Fisher's 90th birthday! The celebration will be held in the St. Joseph Adult Center from 2–4pm.

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parishes

Winnie Altenburger, Joyce Anthony, Pat Artman, Bob Ballweg, Esther Ballweg, Bob Bassitt, Janet Bassitt, Mary Berg, Becky Bogden, Alan Borchers, Robin Borchers, Penny Borchers, Mary Angela Brennan, Nancy Burrell, Mark Cisco, Jim Clementz, Tom Cooper, Dan Dietz, Talan DiGiovanni, Alfred Drexler, Gary Fetzer, Darla Finkenbine, Mary Fischer, Emily Fisher, Allie Ganger, Emily Grieves, Linda Hark, Ben Harshbarger, Victoria Henderson, Ashley Holthaus, Jeremiah Holthaus, Geri Howard, Charles Huber, Margaret Hutchinson, Naomi Johnson, Kathie Kentner, Tom Kentner, Anthony Kohnen, Gertrude Kondracki, Amy Kraft, Jean Manuel, Everett Merrill, Nancy Merrill, Grace Miller, Rita Monnin, Peyton Morgan, Sally Naseman, Mary Ann Rabette, Sandy Rosengarten, Brad Ruppert, Evelyn Schneider, Mary Schulte, Jim Smithey, Mary Sosby, Janine Steinke, Linda Baker Steinke, Carmen Tedesco, Beth Thompson, Dave Toller, Richard Verbyke, and Rita Wagner

Scammers Pretending to Be Fr. Sean

Please be aware that scammers are reaching out to parishioners and impersonating Fr. Sean. The scammer may send a text or email that says something like: "Hi, please return my text when you get it. I have a favor to ask. - Fr. Sean Wilson." "Are you available? I have a request for you to manage discreetly. I will appreciate a swift correspondence via email." "I am currently busy in a prayer session, no calls just reply to my email." If you engage with the scammer, they will likely ask for iTunes gift cards. **This is not Fr. Sean. He will never ask for iTunes gift cards or send messages like this. If you're ever questioning a text or email, please call the parish office before responding. If you've been scammed, ignore the message (or report it as a "phishing message") and say a prayer for the scammer.**

Sponsor of the Week



PRAYER FOR OUR ARCHDIOCESE



Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother, present our prayer of thanksgiving to your Son. Beg from Him the graces we need to be faithful disciples who follow Him

with enthusiasm and joy. May our witness to the love of God bear fruit in our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts. Teach us to be God's joyful witnesses, to radiate Christ in all we do, so that all people might know, love, and follow your Son through this life and into the next. Amen.

Current Mass Attendance (by church & total)

Time/Church	Mar. 16-17	Mar. 9-10	Mar. 2-3
4:00pm IC	237	306	290
4:30pm SJ	314	339	329
8:00am SJF	153	148	158
8:30am SL	202	177	209
10:00am SJ	338	350	347
10:30am IC	260	350	334
Total	1,504	1,670	1,667

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

Averages from Previous Years

2021: 1,435; 2022: 1,492; 2023: 1,538

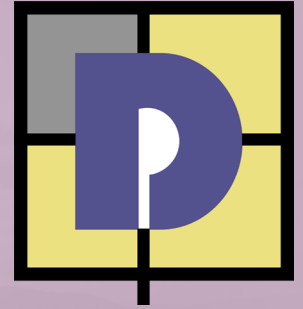
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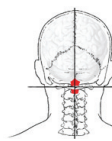
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