



# 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

E-mail address: **stjoeparishofc@bright.net**

## NORMAL MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am and 9:30 am

Monday:

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 will be 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

## Sacristan

Mrs. Kathy Fischer 419-286-2003

## Youth Minister

Mrs. Rhonda Liebrecht 419-286-2019

## 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. Mary Menke 419-286-2504

Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-286-2429





**MASS SCHEDULE** **Intentions**

Sat	23	5:00 pm	Paul & Mary Lou Menke
Sun	24	7:30 am	Dennis Gasser
		9:30 am	Mary Gerdeman
Mon	25		No Mass
Tues	26	7:00 pm	Mary Sergeant
Wed	27	7:00 pm	Hubert & Agnes Horstman
Thurs	28	5:00 pm	Arnold Krietemeyer
Fri	29	7:55 am	Religious Ed Students
Sat	30	5:00 pm	Richard German
Sun	31	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
		9:30 am	Herman & Vickie Luersman

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Mon	01/25	Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle	
		Acts 22:3-16	Mk 16:15-18
Tues	01/26	Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops	
		2 Tim 1:1-8	Mk 3:31-35
Wed	01/27	Saint Angela Merici, Virgin	
		Heb 10:11-19	Mk 4:1-20
Thu	01/28	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest	
		Heb 10:19-25	Mk 4:21-25
Fri	01/29	Heb 10:32-39	Mk 4:26-34
Sat	01/30	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19	Mk 4:35-41

**THANK YOU** to each of you that once again generously supported my Nigerian Mission. The outpouring was amazing! Enough money has been donated to build the widow a new home! I cannot adequately express how overwhelmed with gratitude she was when I called to tell her to find temporary living arrangements while we tear down the mud house currently on the property and build her a new one. You have changed this poor woman's life. Your donations will also help others throughout the year with much needed medicine, food, school fees and other life sustaining necessities. I cannot thank you enough!! I pray that the Lord blesses each of you.

- Fr. Charles

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: January 30 & 31**

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm	Kyle Britton
7:30 am	Calvin Menke
9:30 am	Chase German

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm	Shelly Knippen, Sue Knippen, Kathy Luersman
7:30 am	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
9:30 am	Brad Eickholt, Don & Christy Good

**LECTORS:**

5:00 pm	Jen Neidert
7:30 am	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
9:30 am	Doug Sickels

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm	Kevin & Mandi Kahle
7:30 am	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
9:30 am	Jerry & Jackie Siefker

**Pray for the sick:** Call the parish office to be added.



**January 17, 2021:**

Envelopes	\$ 1,865.88
Loose	\$ 398.00
Maintenance	\$ 215.43
Christmas	\$ 150.00
Initial Offering	\$ 21.58
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.81

YTD as of January 17th = **\$ 115,194.83**

YTD **Over** Budget = **\$ 3,194.83**

A huge **THANK YOU** to those of you who have continued to donate throughout this difficult time.

If you are unable to attend church due to Covid, please, mail your offering to PO Box 68 or drop off at the FJ Bank, FJ Location. Thank you!

**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**

Baptismal Classes are temporarily discontinued due to COVID-19.

**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.

**On Sunday, February 7, 2021, Bishop Daniel Thomas will celebrate the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, to mark the celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.** This is a great occasion to pray for our religious sisters, priests and brothers, as well as to pray that more young people will respond to a vocation to consecrated life. All are invited to attend in person at the Cathedral or to view a livestreamed broadcast of the Mass at [www.facebook.com/diocesetoledo](http://www.facebook.com/diocesetoledo).

**Statement of the Diocese of Toledo Regarding Vandalism at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral, the Death of Officer Brandon Stalker and Christopher Harris:**

With the most profound sorrow we mourn the tragic death of Officer Brandon Stalker, the 24-year-old who was shot and killed in the line of duty while protecting residents from a gunman during a standoff.

We stand in prayerful solidarity with Officer Stalker's family and friends, with Chief George Kral and the family of the Toledo Police Department, and with our entire community.

Together with all people of good will, I am deeply grateful for the selfless generosity of the men and woman in uniform who daily risk their own lives to protect and serve us all. Together, may we all commit ourselves to increased prayer and action to bring about an end to violence and all its underlying causes.

May Officer Brandon Stalker rest in the arms of our loving Father.

In these last days, tragically, we have witnessed the shooting death of a young police officer and the resulting death of a young suspect. Because every life has God-given value and because we are all called to respect the dignity and sanctity of each human life, both of these deaths grieve us deeply. At the 7 a.m. daily Mass at Rosary Cathedral on Monday January 18th, without knowing who had vandalized the Cathedral earlier that morning, I prayed for that individual and asked for healing and forgiveness. Having learned that it was Christopher Harris who was the suspect of the vandalism, I am moved to express my prayers and sorrow for his family, loved ones and those who mourn his loss. May our merciful Father embrace him. Since the Cathedral was vandalized, it has been heartening to receive an outpouring of support and offers to help defray the cost of the damages. Most humbling was the generous offer from Bishop Robert Culp and his congregation at First Church of God, our neighboring church on Collingwood. In light of such troubling recent events, it behooves all of us to strive to identify and to address together the underlying causes which lead to vandalism and violence. May we all commit ourselves to increased prayer and action to genuinely care for each other as brothers and sisters with compassion, understanding and respect.

**BBQ Chicken in the Winter!!** The FJ American Legion is holding a BBQ Chicken carry-out dinner on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Make your reservations by Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. RSVP by phone 49-286-2100, email: [commander@legionpost715.org](mailto:commander@legionpost715.org) or by going to Facebook@legionpost715. Dinner includes ½ chicken, potato salad, green beans, roll & assorted desserts for \$10. Let us support the Legion who is ALWAYS there to support out town!

**FORT JENNINGS FIREMEN'S BREAKFAST on Sunday, February 21, 2021, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.** at the FJ Legion, Drive-thru Carry-out only. \$5 per meal which includes pancakes, sausage, eggs and cinnamon roll.

**Join thousands of Catholics nationwide** in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at [9dayforlife.com](http://9dayforlife.com)!

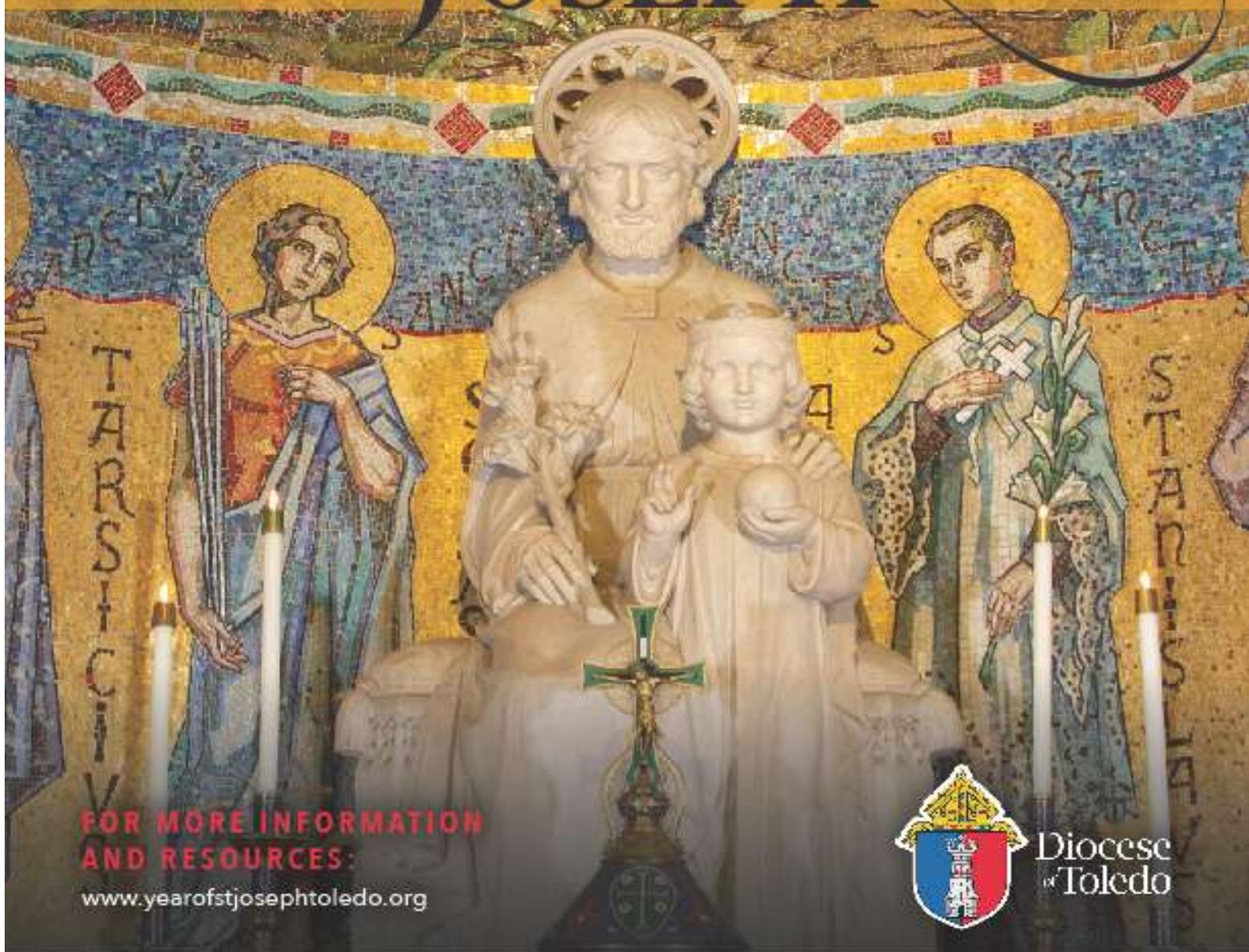
**DUE TO COVID – There will be no Annual Marriage Encounter Mass/Dinner/Dance this year**, which is always in February. Looking forward to next year 2022 when it will be hosted by Ft. Jennings and Ottoville. For more information how to join, please contact Elaine & Bob 419-234-2254 or Turtle & Brian Eickholt 419-615-5917

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: February 7, 2021: Please pray for the women and men who have dedicated their lives in service to the mission of Jesus. We also want to pray that others will hear the call to consecrated life and respond generously.**

DECEMBER 8, 2020 TO DECEMBER 8, 2021

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[www.yearofstjosephtoledo.org](http://www.yearofstjosephtoledo.org)



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*St. Joseph pray for us!*