



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon

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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: 7:00 pm

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

**NOW THAT YOUR HUMAN IS SAFELY
IN HEAVEN ... FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE,
DO YOU EVER WISH HE'D DO
SOMETHING STUPID?**





Intentions

Sat	22	5:00 pm	Theodore Wieging
Sun	23	7:30 am	For Souls in Purgatory
		8:30 am	NO MASS
		9:30 am	Walt Hoersten
Mon	24		
Tues	25	7:00 pm	Joanne & Milton Nichols
Wed	26	7:00 pm	For Victims of Sexual Abuse
Thurs	27	7:00 pm	Herman & Vickie Luersman
Fri	28	7:00 pm	For Parishioners Battling Cancer
Sat	29	5:00 pm	Ed & Liz Siebeneck
Sun	30	7:30 am	For Souls in Purgatory
		8:30 am	NO MASS
		9:30 am	George Krietemeyer

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon	08/24	Saint Bartholomew, Apostle	Rv 21:9b-14	Jn 1:45-51
Tues	08/25	Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17	Mt 23:23-26
Wed	08/26	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18	Mt 23:23-26	
Thu	08/27	Saint Monica	1 Cor 1:1-9	Mt 24:42-51
Fri	08/28	Saint Augustine, Bishop	1 Cor 1:17-25	Mt 25:1-13
Sat	08/29	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist	1 Cor 1:26-31	Mk 6:17-29

NO 8:30 a.m. MASSES on Sundays. We are returning to our normal weekend schedule of Saturday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.

PARENTS: Have you sent in your Religious Education Enrollment Form??

It is essential that we receive a registration for ALL students attending class. If you did not receive a registration form, contact Rhonda Liebrecht, Director of Religious Education by email at stjoereled@bright.net or 419-796-9044.

FYI – St. Joseph Religious Education has been working closely with officials and we will be very vigilant in upholding the COVID-19 guidelines put into place by the Health Department. We are going by the same guidelines they have given schools.

Masks will be required for all students to attend Religious Education this year.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - August 29 & 30:

SERVERS:

5:00pm	Volunteer May Be Needed
7:30 am	Haven Knippen
9:30 am	Brook Hellman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm	Elaina Wiedeman, Mary Maag, John Michel
7:30 am	Volunteers Needed
9:30 am	Nicole Wrasman, Anita Aldrich, Monica Bruskotter

LECTORS:

5:00 pm	Shelly Knippen
7:30 am	Volunteers Needed
9:30 am	Phil Wurst

USHERS:

5:00 pm	Ralph Knippen, Rick Horstman
7:30 am	Volunteers Needed
9:30 am	Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman, Adam Luersman

Please pray for the sick: Call to be added to the bulletin



August 16, 2020:

Envelopes	\$ 2,460.00
Loose	\$ 492.00
Maintenance	\$ 205.00
Assumption	\$ 192.00
Initial Offering Envelope	\$ 3.00

YTD as of August 16 = **\$ 22,997.00**

YTD **Under** Budget = **\$ -5,158.00**

RCIA will begin in September!! RCIA is for those discerning a call to enter the Catholic Church as well as for Catholics who, for whatever reason, have not yet received their First Communion and/or Confirmation. If you are interested in joining RCIA, please contact Karan Maenle at 419-286-2877.

Have you ever wondered what the Catholic Church really teaches about the Bible, Mary, the Communion of Saints, Eucharist, Baptism, Marriage, Papal Authority, Confession, Purgatory, the End times, etc.? If so, this inquiry class, known as RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) may be for you!

BAPTISMS: To arrange a baptism please Call the Parish Office or Deacon Larry (cell) (419) 302-2532 or by email 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.

Thanks for all the cards, prayers, food and memorials in George's name. We do understand because of the virus many people did not feel safe to come out. Thanks to Father for the lovely funeral Mass and time spent with us at the hospital; to Deacon Larry for the great homily, to Norma Maag for helping with the funeral planning, to Rose Ann Vetter for setting up the video at the funeral luncheon, to the funeral greeters, Friends of Hope, Lori Menke for singing, Joyce Gasser for playing the organ and all others I may have missed. We appreciate all of you, you are all great. We will remember all of you in our prayers.

Also, I want to thank everyone who sent me birthday cards for my 85th birthday the day before George passed away.

~ Mary Lou Krietemeyer & Family

Update from the Diocese: Due to COVID precautions the faithful are dispensed from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. In substitution for attending Mass in person you are to watch Mass via the internet or on television and make a Spiritual Communion.

A day of Fasting and Prayer for Healing Wounds of Racism to Promote the Human Dignity of Every Person

Join Bishop Daniel Thomas on Tuesday, September 1st, 2020 and all the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo to spend the day in prayer and fasting for the intention of an end to the sin of racism.

Bishop Daniel Thomas will celebrate a Eucharistic Holy Hour at 7 pm at St. Thomas More University Parish in Bowling Green. If you are unable to attend, please join in your own parishes for a Eucharistic Holy Hour when it is available.

For more information, email Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice, at prange@toledodiocese.org or call 419-214-4933.

Prayer Vigil for Life – August On Thursday, August 27th, at 6 p.m., join Rev. Eric Schild, of St. Joseph Parish, in Maumee, OH, and the pro-life community of Northwest Ohio for a prayer vigil at Toledo's last remaining abortion facility. The hour prayer vigil will be at Capital Care Network, 1160 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH. Join us as we pray and seek God's grace that one of the 15 children scheduled to be aborted that week might be spared and given the gift of life! For more information, email Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice, at prange@toledodiocese.org or call 419-214-4933.

We received another donation toward of our Annual Catholic Appeal Goal!! Our parishioners have donated \$13,440.50 of our \$14,000 goal. We are currently at 96% of our goal with donations from 135 parish families. If you have not yet donated, PLEASE do so today. Our parish consistently meets our goal and that is something to very proud of! Envelopes for the ACA can be found around church or for more information, visit the Diocesan website at Toledodiocese.org/ACA.

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. The next weekend in our area is September 25-27, 2020.

2020 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries Limited to the first 100 couples registering!!

Congratulations on your milestone wedding anniversary! The Diocese of Toledo will honor you and other couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage at a mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Sunday, October 25th, at 3:00 pm, at Rosary Cathedral, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo. Every registering couple is guaranteed an anniversary certificate. For more information regarding this event and to register please visit www.toledoanniversarymass.org or contact Alice Jacobs ajacobs@toledodiocese.org 419-214-4978.

St. Mary School, Van Wert is looking for Substitute Teachers. Requirements are: Bachelor's Degree, FBI/BCI Background checks within the last calendar year and completion of the Virtus Training Program through the Diocese of Toledo. Please call the school office at (419) 943-2801 for more information. Many times, we know our need in advance! Thank you.

Immaculate Conception has an opening for a part-time Musician. Candidates must have experience playing keyboard and/or organ. Must be good with children and pass background checks. Candidate should be available for weekday morning and Saturday masses as well as for other special occasions and special masses. Send resume to: immac@bright.net or contact the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513.

Chicken BBQ Drive Thru Dinner on September 2nd from 3:30-6:30. Presale only \$8. For tickets, please stop in or contact The Meadows of Kalida at (419) 532-2961.

Putnam County Right to Life is so grateful for the support given to us for our garage & bake sale which we held on August 12 & 13 at the Ottawa K of C hall. We want to thank all those who donated items to us and all those who came and bought items making this our largest sale yet. Thank you to our faithful workers who helped set up, helped with the sale, and those who helped take down after the sale. Thank you to all who helped us advertise the sale. Thank you to the members of Ottawa K of C for use of their hall. And thank you to the volunteers from the Thrift store who took unsold items. We are blessed to live in this prolife county. We appreciate all of your generous support. Thank you!

Please pray for those from Fort Jennings currently serving in the Military:

Jeremy Neidert, Justin Tumlinson, Alan Fischbach,
Austin Weyrauch, Ryan Kraner, Michael Boehmer,
Austin Kehres, Matt Schramm, Andy and Adam Kleman

We would thank our Festival Co-Chairs, Rob & Tina Warnecke and Chad & Andrea Recker. These two couples put in endless hours making our festival a great success. This year was even harder than previous years with all of the changes that had to be made and figuring out how we were going to pull this off, not to mention all of the precautions due to COVID-19. We cannot thank these 4 individuals enough. This year's festival day ran amazingly smooth even with all of the changes that were made. Once again, thank you to all of the workers, without you this would never happen.

A big thank you to the Country Store Chairperson Kelly Recker! Not only did Kelly chair the country store, she also made face masks and gave all of the proceeds from her mask making to the Festival. She donated \$1,000 from her hard work!! Thank you, Kelly!!

Are you grieving from a miscarriage or stillbirth? Are you, or someone you know, in need of prayer support, resources, or someone to listen who has been there before? We would love to "comfort you with the comfort we have received." (2 Cor. 1:4) We know this deep pain that many do not understand. We would love to send you a free care package of helpful resources, meaningful connections and a special gift in memory of your little one. Email us at zelieministry@gmail.com The Zelie Ministry is a miscarriage ministry sponsored by Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. Zelie references St. Zelie Martin who lived in France 1831 - 1877 and lost 4 of her 12 children before the age of 5.

Spiritually adopt an unborn child & pray this for 9 months:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

I love you very much.

**I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby
that I have spiritually adopted
who is in danger of abortion."**

~ Venerable Fulton J. Sheen