SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

“LIKE US ON FACEBOOK—St. Joseph Catholic Church—Fort Jennings”
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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: 7:00 pm (Prayer Service)
Tuesday: 7:00 pm
Wednesday: 7:30 am
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 Schimmoller 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

Solemnty of the
Baptism of the Lord


**Intentions**

Sat  11  5:00 pm Living & Deceased of the Herman & Vickie Luersman Family
Sun  12  7:30 am For Holy Souls in Purgatory
      9:30 am John Gerker
Mon  13  7:00 pm Prayer Service
Tues  14  7:00 pm For those affected by Mental Illness
Wed  15  7:30 am Luke Obinwa
Thurs  16  7:00 pm Dorothy Warnecke
Fri  17  7:55 am For Religious Ed Students
Sat  18  5:00 pm David & Colette Dray
Sun  19  7:30 am For Souls in Purgatory
      9:30 am For Deployed US Soldiers in the Middle East & around the World

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS**

Mon  01/13  Saint Hiliary, Bishop
      1 Sm 1:1-8  Mk 1:14-20
Tues  01/14  1 Sm 1:9-20  Mk 1:21-28
Wed  01/15  1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20  Mk 1:29-39
Thu  01/16  1 Sm 4:1-11  Mk 1:40-45
Fri  01/17  Saint Anthony, Abbot
      1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a  Mk 2:1-12
Sat  01/18  1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1  Mk 2:13-1

**Middle School Gathering:** A retreat focused on grades 6th through 8th will be offered to all middle school youth in St George Deanery February 9th at Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish beginning at 12:30pm & closing at 6:00 pm with Mass for the entire family. The theme “Your Mission - Be Fearless”, is a retreat that gives the middle school youth from Putnam County an opportunity to come together as a large church & make new friendships. It will include fun activities, prayer, food & Mass. **This is highly encouraged for ALL students making their Confirmation in spring of 2021(graduating classes of 2024 & 2025).** The national organization, The Culture Project, will be doing an hour presentation for the youth, & letters about the presentation will be available.

**Ft. Jennings Post Prom HOG RAFFLE Tickets** are available for $10 each. 4 prizes of ½ Hog each and $75.00 paid toward processing at Rodabaugh Bros. Meats – Pandora. Drawing is Friday, Jan. 13. Need not be present to win. For tickets contact Rhonda Liebrecht or Tracey Lucke.

**WEEKDAY SERVERS**

**Tues Jan. 14, Thurs Jan. 16 & Fri Jan 17**

James & Layla Schroeder, Kyle Britton

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - January 18 & 19:**

**SERVERS:**

5:00 pm Carley Von Sossan, Rachael Von Sossan, Ethan Koester
7:30 am Adam Luersman, Owen Dube, Owen Calvelage
9:30 am Braden Knippen, Garrett Hark, Ian Howbert

**OFFERTORY GIFTS:**

5:00 pm Volunteers Needed
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Volunteers Needed

**EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 pm Deena Walsh, Sharon Kleman, Doreen Knippen, Hannah Knippen, Shelly Knippen, Sue Knippen
7:30 am **Volunteers Needed**
9:30 am Tim Luersman, Rachael Luersman, Marilyn Metzger, Jennifer McElroy, Karan Maenle, Trish Moening

**LECTORS:**

5:00 pm Dave Luersman
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Denny Osting

**USHERS:**

5:00 pm Dan & Alice Stechschulte
7:30 am **Volunteers Needed**
9:30 am Karl Schimmoeller, Colin Sickels

Please Pray for the Sick: Call to be added.

**January 5, 2020:**

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**YTD as of January 5, 2020 = $109,737.11**
**YTD Over Budget = $5,737.11**

Thank you for your continued generosity!
THE BAPTISM of the LORD

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
Next Baptismal Class will be in March

Please attend instructions before
the birth of the child.

**Call the Parish Office to register for class**

Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Class before your marriage.
Find Marriage Prep Classes at http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org

Bulletin submissions deadline: Wednesdays at Noon.

Fr. Raymond C. Sheperd, 87, a senior status priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died on December 21, 2019. Please pray for his family and the repose of his soul. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

DEEP on Fire: Adoration, Praise & Worship Music, Preaching, Silent Prayer & Benediction. Join us at St. Peter & Paul Church, Ottawa for an hour of Adoration on Sunday, January 19 from 5-6 p.m. in Church. After Adoration ALL are invited to join us for food and fellowship in the school cafeteria. Please RSVP for food by calling/text Cherie Compton at 419-523-4109.

Holy Communion for the Sick at St. Rita’s – Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy and bringing Holy Communion to people in the hospital is a great way to practice this. St. Rita’s Medical Center is looking for volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to share in the sacrament with patients. The Medical Center would provide orientation and training. If you are interested in service the sick, please contact Matt Etzkorn, Spiritual Care Director at 419-226-9531. Thank you! ~ Fr. Charles & Matt Etzkorn

CHICKEN FRY at the Fort Jennings Legion on Saturday, January 25th from 6 – 10 p.m. All you can eat chicken and assorted sides. Cost is $10 per person. Children 5 and under free, ages 6-11 are $5. Beverages available for purchase, NO beverages to be brought in. Carry-outs available at 4:30 p.m. for $8 each and includes 4 pieces of chicken and choice of 2 sides. Thank you for supporting our Veterans!!

Putnam County Right to Life Rally for Life will be held on Sunday, January 12 at 2:00 pm at the American Legion hall in Ottawa.

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast - Sponsored by Ottoville K of C Council 2238 on January 12, 2020, 8:00 a.m. until Noon at Ottoville Parish Center. 5 and under eat free. Sausage, scrambled eggs, all-you-can-eat pancakes, cinnamon roll, juice, milk & coffee.

Travel with Fr. Charles! June 3rd – 13th, 2020 to Portugal (Tour of the city of Lisbon, Our Lady of Fatima); France (Our Lady of Lourdes); Switzerland (Tour of the city of Geneva; St. John Vianney place at Ars-Sur-Formans) & Poland (Auschwitz Concentration Camps & Holocaust Memorial; Lagiewniki: Shrine of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina’s convent; Wadowice: Birthplace of Pope John Paul II; Visit to Our Lady of Czestochowa, Poland’s greatest pilgrimage shrine).

Cost is $4,699.00. For more information and registration, contact: Jennifer Wadsworth at 612-730-2890. Email jennifer@procatholictours.com. Website: www.procatholictours.com.

The 23rd Annual Putnam County Hospice Benefit is scheduled for Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the Ottawa K of C Hall beginning at 5:00pm. This year promises excitement with a Kentucky Derby theme, “Run for the Roses”. Events include Horse Racing, live and silent auctions, raffles and more.

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Kendra Kuhlman at 419-523-4449. Pre-Sale Tickets are on sale for $30 each.

Putnam County Hospice appreciates your continued support of their program, which allows them provide quality end of life care for people in our community.

Pope’s Prayer Intention for January

Promotion of World Peace – We pray that Christians, follower of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

REMINDER: Pray for Priests Calendar is on our church website at www.stjosephfortjennings.org, bottom right of the home page. This calendar gives the name of either a deceased, retired or current Diocesan priest to pray for each day.
Strategic Plan Updates

We are excited to update you on the continued progress of the Diocesan Strategic Plan! In this issue we will share what the pillar teams want to accomplish by the end of this fiscal year.

**Pillar 1 - Supporting the Health of Parishes & Clergy**
- We are currently researching and evaluating "best practices" in "Vibrant / Dynamic Parishes", to identify contents for a database.
- We are currently studying and comparing Minister to Priests position descriptions of other dioceses in view of establishing this ministry to our own diocesan priests.
- Arrangements are being made for the USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations to provide a Consultation Team to review and make recommendations for our Permanent Deacon Candidate Formation Program. This will include an on-site visit, around Spring 2020.
- We are currently studying Intentional Planning Offices and job descriptions from dioceses around the country. The names of these offices vary to include Pastoral Planning and Strategic Planning.
- The office of Diocesan Priestly Vocations created a new website, www.toledopriesthood.org, for those discerning the priesthood along with those who support priestly vocations.
  - The office is also consulting with the formation board and evaluating current vocation events and activities.

**Pillar 3 - Enhancing Lay Leadership**
- We are evaluating and will determine what platform will be used as the infrastructure to store/share training courses for use throughout the diocese.
- We are in the process of determining who we will "partner" with who process training content "off the shelf" in the area of leadership development.

**Pillar 4 - Strengthening Catholic Education**
- We are developing criteria to facilitate the analysis of financial health for all schools.
- We are analyzing current school governance structures.
- We are collecting and summarizing best practices for schools and religious education programs to better leverage family engagement.
- We are piloting a virtual curriculum in several of our schools.
- We are creating a podcast to highlight Catholic education across the diocese entitled Catholic Ed Talks.
- We hosted a faith formation event—Known, Loved, Served—for 750 of our Catholic educators, where we encouraged Catholic school teachers in their vocation.
- We organized the first in a series of school leader and business manager meetings, providing training and best practices for enrollment and scholarships.
- We published a Catholic school marketing guide, covering a year of marketing best-practices.

**Pillar 5 - Growing Catholic Charities Outreach & Advocacy**
- We are evaluating and enhancing resources that provide social services to broaden Catholic Charities footprint throughout the diocese. To do this, we are:
  - Forming an action committee to conduct a needs assessment that will include pastors and community stakeholders input (Lima, Defiance, Napoleon, Bryan) to assess the greatest unmet needs
  - Determine the service and location and consider recommendations.
- Collaborate with other pillar teams on a survey with all Diocesan Parishes to identify and determine most impactful local needs.
- To build and foster a culture of evangelization and social justice in all of our outreach and advocacy efforts we will document the current state of our evangelization efforts and Christ-centered offerings within each Catholic Charities ministry.

**Pillar 6 - Develop Financial Resources**
- We will enhance and strengthen the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) by working with a cross-functional Pastoral Center planning and implementation team who will help, among other things, to create a 'speaker's bureau' of diocesan personnel for parish use, research best practices from other Diocese annual appeals and enhance our ACA materials with compelling impacts of how funds are used.
- We are conducting a Capital Campaign Feasibility Study to determine if a diocesan-wide Capital Campaign should commence, and engage key consultative bodies to share results and obtain feedback.
- We will establish a fully functional Mission Advancement Office for long-term fundraising and support of parishes
  - Implement best practice processes and begin diocesan outreach and relationship building.
  - Determine the best entity/partnership to support more complex planned and donor directed giving.