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: No Mass
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 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
Join Us for A Night of Inspiration, Storytelling, and Humor!

Former Miss Michigan and Miss America Runner-Up KELLY NIETO will be speaking at Fort Jennings St. Joseph on Sunday, February 3rd, at 6:00 PM

Her story is extraordinary: an agnostic entertainer who seemed to have the perfect life on the outside but on the inside spiraled into a deep and dark depression. It was this emptiness that led her to connect with God and change her life in a powerful way. All are welcome to come and hear her share her dynamic story!

No-Charge Admission • Free-Will Offering

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Jennings, Ohio

January 13, 2019

WEEKDAY SERVERS:
Madalynn Anspach, Chase German, Isaac Heitman

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - January 19 & 20:

SERVERS:
5:00 pm  Chase, Casey & Keaton Suever
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Volunteers Needed

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
5:00 pm  Lexie Stant, Alice Swick, Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter, Jodi Von Sossan, Eva Von Sossan
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Lisa Wisner, Gilbert Burgei, Matt Dube, Deb Dulle, Brad Eickholt, Julie Fischbach

LECTORS:
5:00 pm  Shelly Knippen
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Denny Osting

USHERS:
5:00 pm  Kevin & Amanda Kahle
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Jerry & Jackie Siefker

Please Pray for the Sick:
Penney Gerdeman & Cheryl Maziers

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Mon 01/14  Heb 1:1-6  Mk 1:14-20
Tue 01/15  Heb 2:5-12  Mk 1:21-28
Wed 01/16  Heb 2:14-18  Mk 1:29-39
Thu 01/17  Saint Anthony, Abbot
          Heb 3:7-14  Mk 1:40-45
Fri 01/18  Heb 4:1-5. 11  Mk 2:1-12
Sat 01/19  Heb 4:12-16  Mk 2:13-17

January 6, 2019:

Envelopes             $   2,443.00
Loose              $      952.00
Maintenance  $   1,034.00
Christmas Envelope $        50.00
New Year’s Day $        32.00
Initial Offering $        90.00

(YTD as of Jan. 6, 2018,) = $ 108,016.93
YTD Over Budget = $ 16.93

Thank you for your continued generosity!
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 Class will be Tuesday, March 12th. 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.

BAPTIZED as a New Member of the Catholic Church on December 23, 2018:
JASE ADAM SCHMERGE, son of Adam Schmerge and Renee Lahmon. Adam and Renee recently joined our parish and will be married in our church this July. We welcome Adam, Renee and Jase to our Parish family. We Congratulate them on the birth of their baby boy and their upcoming wedding. Welcome to St. Joseph Parish and Fort Jennings!

BAPTIZED as New Members of the Catholic Church on January 6, 2019:
BAYLEE ROSE GRIFFIN (age 8); KAYLEE CHERI ZIMMERMAN (age 6); Amaya Noel Grace Reed (age 2) and Aiden Jeremiah James Spence (7 months). These siblings are new to the Fort Jennings area and the oldest two are attending our Religious Education program and FJ school. We welcome them all to our Parish Family and to Fort Jennings.

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THANK YOU to those of you who donated to this year’s Nigerian Mission. I cannot express my gratitude enough. You have helped the poorest of the poor. May God Bless you for your generous hearts. – Father Charles

Pro-life novena, 9 Days for Life, Monday, January 14 – Tuesday, January 22. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free mobile app or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or texts. (printable version available online.) Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

Purse & Fine Jewelry Bingo on February 8 at the Delphos Eagles. $20 per ticket, reserve a table for a small fee. Contact Stacy Warnecke for tickets. Sponsored by the FJ Women’s Club and Memorial Hall.

CHICKEN FRY at the FJ Legion, Sat. Jan. 26; 6-10 pm. All you can eat for $10. Beverages available for purchase; no beverages to be brought in. Carry-outs begin at 4:30 for $8, includes 4 pcs. & 2 sides. Support our Veterans!

Wade Wehri Family Benefit - Sunday, February 3, 2019 11am-2pm BBQ Chicken Dinners Pre-Sale ONLY $8. To donate a Silent Auction/Raffle item; purchase Dinner tickets, Get-away Raffle tickets, or t-shirts visit our Facebook event page: "Family Fun Day #fightforwade" or stop by The Gentry or The Express Mart, in Ottoville. You may also contact Jackie (Wehri) Kohls 567-242-8335.

Pro-Life Campaign to reach ProMedica’s Board of Directors Right now, there is a window of opportunity to help move the hearts and minds of ProMedica’s Board of Directors to walk away from their transfer agreement with Capital Care Network, Toledo’s last remaining abortion facility. The agreement will be revisited in the next few weeks with a decision in February.
1. Social Media Campaign: Friday January 11th, 25th and February 8th we will be posting a message from the Respect Life Ministries Facebook Page in the afternoon. Please ‘like’ and share this post on your personal, work or social pages. Our first campaign reached over 11,000 individuals in NW Ohio.
2. Sponsor a Billboard: We have purchased 3 billboards but would ten in the Toledo area. Billboards are around $2000 but are worth it for the impact. Contact Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice, at prange@toledodiocese.org or call 419-214-4933 with questions.

Rally for Life on Sunday, January 20 at 2:00 pm at the American Legion Hall in Ottawa. A representative from Heartbeat will be speaking on the new office in our county. Come for prolife inspiration. Also, our annual Garage and Bake Sale will be held on Wednesday, March 27 & Thursday, March 28 with setup on Tuesday, March 26. All gently used items will be accepted for the garage sale.

Learn Natural Family Planning from Jeff & Bridget Bockey through the Couple to Couple League. Discover a new and better way to manage your fertility and grow in love and holiness in your marriage. Classes starting February 9th in Delphos. Register for the class at www.ccli.org or contact jbockey@gmail.com or 419.233.1600 for more information.
“Behold, I make all things new”

We are only days into this new Year of Grace 2019, and already folks have told me that their well intentioned New Years’ resolutions have fallen by the wayside! Across time and cultures, people make resolutions at the start of the year. They want somehow to catch the spirit of newness a new calendar year brings. It’s not uncommon for people to resolve to lose weight, exercise more, smoke or drink less! But in the end, such resolutions touch only the physical or external appearances. Others resolve to learn a new language or read a book a month. But these seem to touch only on the intellectual. What about the spiritual? “Out with the old and in with the new!” It’s a common phrase we hear at the new year. For many years living and working in Italy, I would marvel at the long-standing custom, in some quarters, of marking the new year by throwing items out of upstairs windows; things that were old, broken, no longer useful or too far gone to repair. They were thrown out as a symbolic gesture of letting go of the past and embracing the future. Of course, if you were walking the streets below those windows you might have to dodge a flying shoe, toaster or plate! But when you think about it, there’s something to that custom: to discard what is not essential, what’s beyond repair, what’s no longer useful, and to look to the new!

As we enter 2019, consider how the Lord wishes you to be made new. What is not essential, what’s broken, what’s no longer truly useful in your life? This year, along with those worthwhile physical or intellectual resolutions, I invite you to consider making spiritual resolutions, to realize how the Lord might wish to make you new in the spiritual or moral realm. He can make us new!

“Out with the old and in with the new!” In these first days of the new year, let’s focus on what needs to be made new in us, what needs to be brought back to life in us and what needs to be transformed in us.

This year, as every year, the Lord wants to show us that He has the power to make all things new. But just as with physical or intellectual resolutions, spiritual and moral resolutions require hard work, commitment and perseverance on our part. This year, with our cooperation, He can accomplish something new in us!

The Lord has the power to breathe new life into a tired spirit or listless prayer life. He has the power to reignite a faith that has grown lukewarm. He has the power to make right a broken relationship. He has the power to overcome that judgmental attitude, perennial lying or foul speech. He has the power to conquer that troubling sinful habit. He has the power to revivify a beleaguered Church and her members and restore integrity and trust. He has the power, if only we resolve to cooperate with His grace!

When I was young, on New Year’s Eve, just after the stroke of midnight, our family went outside onto the porch to make noise, beating household pots and pans with spoons or clanging lids together! We were not alone (or crazy!) in doing this, as all the neighbors did the same. We were welcoming the new year and just having fun. But in fact, across cultures and for centuries, at the dawn of a new year, people have made loud noise to frighten away evil spirits with the hope of keeping them far from the year ahead! This new year, let’s work to cast away and ward against evil not by making loud noise, but by living virtuous lives.

“Out with the old and in with the new!” As we begin 2019, let’s together make the spiritual resolution to “throw out” of ourselves whatever is not of Christ, and to “take on and take in” the newness which is Christ himself!

"Behold, I make all things new" (Rev 21:5).

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
January 6, 2019