Saint Joseph Catholic Church
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OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon
E-mail address: stjoe-parishofc@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
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Jennings, Ohio

Intentions

Sat 19 5:00 pm David & Coletta Dray
Sun 20 7:30 am For Souls in Purgatory
                      9:30 am Drew Knippen
                      For Our Country
Mon 21 7:00 pm Prayer Service
Tues 22 7:00 pm For the Legal Protection
                      of Unborn Children
                      Eva Warnecke
                      Paul Menke
Wed 23 7:30 am In Thanksgiving to God
Thur 24 7:00 pm For the Unborn
Fri 25 7:55 am For the Religious Ed Students
Sat 26 5:00 pm For Children with Special Needs
Sun 27 7:30 am For Souls in Purgatory
                      9:30 am Norman Hessling

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Mon 01/21 Saints Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
        Heb 5:1-10    Mk 2:18-22
Tues 01/22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
        of Unborn Children
        Heb 6:10-20   Mk 2:23-28
Wed 01/23 Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
        Heb 7:1-3, 15-17   Mk 3:1-6
Thu 01/24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop
        Heb 7:25-8:6   Mk 3:7-12
Fri 01/25 The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
        Acts 22:3-16    Mk 16:15-18
Sat 01/26 Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops
        2 Tim 1:1-8   Mk 3:20-21

WEEKDAY SERVERS:
Anna Menke, Sidney Ricker, Owen Calvelage

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - January 26 & 27:

SERVERS:
5:00pm  Will Lucas, Chase Neidert,
        Brayden Calvelage
7:30 am  Isabelle Conley, Christine Hubert,
        Elizabeth Meyer
9:30 am  Taylor Liebrecht, Emily Luersman,
        Trent Siefker

OFFERTORY GIFTS:
5:00 pm  Volunteers Needed
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Dan & Kay Meyer

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
5:00 pm  Nancy Wiechart, Jessica Young,
        Karen Young, Rita Beining,
        Don Bonifas, Amy Eickholt
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Norm & Kathy Fischer, Doris Horstman
        Don & Christy Good, Cassie Horstman

LECTORS:
5:00 pm  Dave Luersman
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Andrea Recker

USHERS:
5:00 pm  Jerry Vetter, Roger Trentman
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Please Pray for the Sick:
Penney Gerdeman & Cheryl Maziers

Are you or your loved one age turning 85 or older this year? Father Charles would like to start recognizing our parishioners reaching these milestones. Please email or call the Parish Office and give Kelly the name and birthdate (including birth year) for the parishioner to be honored on their special day.

St. Joseph Cemetery is in need of new board members! If you are interested in serving on this very important ministry, please contact Alan (Butch) Calvelage at 419-303-0560. “Bury the Dead” is one of our Corporal Works of Mercy as Catholics. This includes more than just a simple burial, it includes sending cards to the grieving, praying for the dead, visiting the cemetery, planning your own funeral Mass. Being a Cemetery Board Member certainly falls into this category and your rewards for volunteering will be great in Heaven.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3-16    Mk 16:15-18

January 13, 2019:

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(YTD as of Jan. 13, 2018,) = $110,706.79
YTD Under Budget = $1,293.21

Thank you! Through your generosity, the Diocese of Toledo reached the Annual Catholic Appeal goal for the first time since 2001! The 2018 ACA raised $2,830,034.00 exceeding the goal of $2.8 million.
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**

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.

This Tuesday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. More information: www.usccb.org/january-22

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.

World Day for Consecrated Life, next Sunday. The Church is invited to remember with gratitude 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.

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.

F.J. FIREMAN’S BREAKFAST Sunday, February 17th, 8:00 am to 11 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Dine and carry-outs available. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee - $5.00, preschool and under free. Come support those who keep us safe!!

Just a Little Bit of 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-2 pm. 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.

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 3:00 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 dynamic story!

No-Charge Admission • Free-Will Offering
Time changed to 3 pm due to Super Bowl
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 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 love ten in the Toledo area. Billboards are around $2000 but are worth it for the impact.

If you have any questions or would like to participate, contact Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice, at prange@toledodiocese.org or call 419-214-4933 with questions.

**January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

- Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, no. 100*

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”: “In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.”

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. Call your local diocese or parish to find out what events might be taking place in your area.

**The 22nd Annual Putnam County Hospice Benefit** is scheduled for Saturday, February 16, 2019 at the Ottawa K of C Hall beginning at 5:00pm. This year promises excitement with a Kentucky Derby theme, “Run for the Roses”. If you are interested in making a donation for the Hospice Night Out, please contact the Putnam County Hospice office at 419-523-4449. Pre-Sale Tickets are also on sale for the event for $30 each. Events include Horse Racing, live and silent auctions, raffles and more. Putnam County Hospice appreciates your continued support of their program, which allows them provide quality end of life care for people in our community.

**SOUP, SANDWICH & HOMEMADE ICE CREAM!!**

Landeck, St. John the Baptist Church Homemade Soup and Sandwich dinner, Sunday, February 10, 3:30 to 7 pm in our church basement. Homemade potato, chicken noodle and chili soup, Venedocia Sausage and shredded chicken sandwiches & homemade vanilla ice-cream. Carry outs available. Free will offering. Also, available to purchase will be Venedocia bulk sausage (2lb packages) for $8.00 and homemade ice-cream by the quart for $4.00.

**Have You Looked at Our Parish Website Lately?** There is a new feature on the bottom right of the home page which has the Monthly “Pray for Priests” Calendar. Each day has a Diocesan Priest present or past to pray for. Check it out at [www.stjosephfortjennings.org](http://www.stjosephfortjennings.org) and add it to your daily prayers.

Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday, or Holy Day Masses. Roman Catholics in that region, therefore, are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion. When Mass is cancelled, all other diocesan, parish, or school events in that geographic region are also cancelled.