Saint Joseph Catholic Church
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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 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 Menge 419-286-2504
Mrs. Sue Knippen 419-286-2429

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Meaning:
1. one who puts on a false appearance of virtue or religion
2. one who acts in contradiction to his or her stated beliefs
God teaches us to not talk badly about others or judge others... are you a hypocrite?
Sat  25  5:00 pm For our FJ Youth at College
Sun  26  7:30 am For Souls in Purgatory
       9:30 am Norman Hessling
Mon  27  7:00 pm Prayer Service
Tues  28  7:00 pm For Divorced Families
Wed  29  7:30 am For those with Chronic Medical Conditions
Thurs  30  7:00 pm For Pope Francis
Fri  31  7:55 am For Religious Ed Students
Sat  01  FIRST SATURDAY
      7:00 am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
      8:00 am For the Immaculate Heart of Mary
      5:00 pm Carl & Millie Metzger Richard (Dick) German
Sun  02  7:30 am For those from Fort Jennings Serving in the Military
       9:30 am Bob Meyer In Thanksgiving to St. Jude

THIS WEEK’S READINGS
Mon 01/27 Saint Angela Merici, Virgin & Martyr
    2 Sm 5:1-7, 10  Mk 3:22-30
Tues 01/28 Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest
    2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35
Wed 01/29 2 Sm 7:4-17  Mk 4:1-20
Thu 01/30 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29  Mk 4:21-25
Fri 01/31 Saint John Bosco, Priest
    2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
    Mk 4:26-34
Sat 02/01 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17  Mk 4:35-41

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.

WEEKDAY SERVERS
Tuesday, Jan. 28 & Friday, Jan 31
Madalynn Anspach, Chase German, Anna Menke
Thursday, January 30 & Saturday, February 1
Sidney Ricker, Adelynn Myers, Bailey Hile

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - February 1 & 2:
SERVERS:
5:00 pm  Raylee Clay, Erica Crawford, Tyler Kahle
7:30 am  Kristen Luersman, Kyle Norbeck, Anna Wisner
9:30 am  Carson Kazee, Noah Wittler, Blake Schram

OFFERTORY GIFTS:
5:00 pm  Carl & Millie Metzger Family
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Bob Meyer Family

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
5:00 pm  Carla Norbeck, Eva Von Sossan, Alice Swick, Becky Uphaus, Rose Ann Vetter, Jodi Von Sossan
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Doug Sickels, Rhonda Liebrecht, Denise Sukup, Lisa Wisner, Teresa Wurst, Nicole Wrasman

LECTORS:
5:00 pm  John Michel
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Phil Wurst

USHERS:
5:00 pm  Ray Schmersal, Kevin Ricker
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Darren Beining, Charlie Gerdeman

Please Pray for the Sick: Call to be added

January 19, 2020:
Envelopes $ 2,066.00
Loose $ 757.00
Maintenance $ 75.00
Christmas Envelopes $ 70.00
Initial Offering $ 26.00
YTD as of January 19, 2020 = $117,406.58
YTD Over Budget = $ 5,406.58
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
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.

BAPTIZED as new members of the Catholic Church:
WESTON HAROLD INKROTT, son of Mark & Emily
(Selhorst) Inkrott.

Also BAPTIZED, LAILA JAYE NUSSBAUM,
daughter of Jason & Jamie (Horstman) Nussbaum.

May the Holy Spirit guide these parents in sharing the faith
with Weston & Laila. Best wishes from the Catholic
community in Fort Jennings.

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. 31. Need not be present
to win. For tickets contact Rhonda Liebrecht or Tracey
Lucke.

The 2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES that were not
picked up have been removed from the back of church. If
you wish to have envelopes, contact the Parish Office at
stjoeparishofc@bright.net or by phone (419) 286-2132 and
envelopes will be put out for you.

F.J. FIREMAN’S BREAKFAST
Sunday, February 16th, 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!!

Please pray for those from Fort Jennings currently
serving in the Military:
Jeremy Neidert, Justin Tumlinson,
Alan Fischbach, Austin Weyrauch, Austin Kehres
Please contact the parish office with any others.

SAVE THE DATE!! March 22, 23, & 24 from
6 – 8 p.m. each evening, our parish will be holding a parish mission. The speaker will be Rich Curran. Rich
is known by his titles…father, husband, disciple, trainer, author & itinerant preacher. By occupation, he
is a national Catholic speaker & ministry coach who addresses over 50,000 youth and adults each year. He is
the Author of We Lack for Nothing, numerous magazine articles & blogs. Rich receives invitations
from dioceses, parishes, & schools across the United States to inspire, teach & train their members. He is a
regular presenter at national, regional & diocesan Catholic conferences, school assemblies, parish
missions & staff leadership days. This is sure to be an informative & exciting event you won’t want to miss.

Ottoville Youth Group Ski Trip is slated for Friday,
February 14 at Mad River Ski Resort. High school and young adults are invited throughout the St George
Deanery at Mad River in Bellefontaine Ohio. A bus is reserved and leaving Ottoville approximately 6pm, for
an 8pm – 12pm ski time. Registration forms are available at Ottoville Parish Office entranceway, in
High School office, and at religious education classes. Contact Renee Kelch 419-236-4006 for more
information. Come join us for a fun night of fellowship and skiing! SPACE IS LIMITED

2020 Fort Jennings Park 10K Giveaway
$20.00 Per Ticket Donation. Twenty- $300.00 Weekly
Winners starting March 30, 2020. (Winning ticket number
must match the Monday evening Ohio Lottery 3-Digit
number). Five - $200.00 Cash Prize Winners August 14,
2020 (Winners must be present) $3,000.00 Grand Prize
Winner ($1,500.00 if not present). Drawing Friday,
August 14, 2020; 9:00 pm at Fort Fest. Visit the Fort
Jennings Park Facebook Page for more information. As
always, we THANK YOU for your continued support!

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, contact
Kendra Kuhlman at 419-523-4449. Pre-Sale Tickets
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.
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 serving the sick, please contact Matt Etzkorn, Spiritual Care Director at 419-226-9531. Thank you! ~ Fr. Charles & Matt Etzkorn

Supporting Our Seniors - Senior Executive Club Meeting at the Meadows of Delphos on Wednesday, January 29, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Speaker is Jenny Conley from Lincare. To RSVP or for more information call Sarah Hellman or Danielle Okuly at 419-692-0590. Senior Executive Club Benefits Include: monthly meetings, rehabilitation screenings, banquet/meeting room usage, blood pressure checks, blood sugar screenings, Medicare/insurance consultations, exercise programs priority admission to our health campus.

Please pray for our Country and its leaders. When discussing a political difference of opinion during these times with such turmoil, do so with respect and dignity. No one has won an argument by screaming at their opponent calling them a moron!

The second issue of Graceful Living, the Diocese of Toledo’s magazine, will be here soon! You may receive it in your mailbox at home. If not, you can get a copy from the Narthex of church, in the first two weeks of February! Can’t wait? You can see the magazine online now! Visit toledodiocese.org.

Ever wonder what it is like to be called to religious life as a Sister, Brother, or Priest? Come join local women and men religious to find out! Let us know if you can attend by February 5, 2020 by contacting Sister Sandy at RUCalled19@gmail.com. For young adults ages 18-39; 6-8:30 PM on Thursday, February 6 at Lourdes University, St. Joseph Hall, Room 110. Use 3rd entrance, follow signs to chapel & park in lot by chapel. Sylvania, Ohio. delicious homemade meal of soup, bread, apples & dessert.

Pilgrimage to Germany & Italy with the Sisters of Notre Dame, 11 days: September 6-16, 2020. Including Coesfeld, Namur, Rome & Assisi & more! If you are interested in this trip and would like to be on the priority mailing list to receive a full color brochure and registration form, contact: Sister Rita Marie Schroeder: rschroeder@toledosnd.org.

REMINDER: Pray for Priests Calendar is on our 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.