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:
Tuesday: 7:00 pm
Wednesday: 7:00 pm
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  10  5:00 pm  Krietemeyer & Brickner Families
Sun  11  7:30 am  Urban & Marguerite Wieging
      9:30 am  Bob Meyer Family
Mon 12
Tues 13  7:00 pm  Lois McKowen
Wed 14  7:00 pm  Jim & Janice Kleman
Thurs 15  7:00 pm  Ronald VonLehmden
Fri 16  7:55 am  For the Religious Ed Students
Sat 17  5:00 pm  Francis & Jeanette Fischer
Sun 18  7:30 am  For Souls in Purgatory
      9:30 am  Mary Gerdeman

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Mon 10/12  Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1   Lk 11:29-32
Tues 10/13  Gal 5:1-6   Lk 11:37-41
Wed 10/14  Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
            Gal 5:18-25   Lk 11:42-46
Thu 10/15  Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin
            Eph 1:1-10   Lk 11:47-54
Fri 10/16  Saint Hedwig, Religious
            Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
            Eph 1:11-14   Lk 12:1-7
Sat 10/17  St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
            Eph 1:15-23   Lk 12:8-12

Remembering All Those Who Have Gone Before Us Marked With the Sign of Faith:
The crosses on the wall in the narthex list the names of our parishioners who have died since last All Souls’ Day. The crosses will remain on the wall until our annual Mass for All Souls at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 1st. The crosses will be given to the family at that Mass. Our deceased loved ones are still part of our Communion of Saints and they remain in our prayers as we do in theirs. Their life has not ended, it has changes.

Support Our Retired Priests! Envelopes at the exits of church for the Perpetuate the Gift appeal. Your gift assists our retired diocesan priests. After a priest retires, typically in his 70’s, he is responsible for all his personal expenses: medical, housing, car, clothing and food. All funds contributed between September 19 and December 31; reduces the amount the parish has to pay. Send donations to Perpetuate the Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697 or place in the collection or online by selecting the Give tab at www.toledodiocese.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - October 17 & 18:

SERVERS:
5:00 pm  Ian Howbert
7:30 am  Abby Koester
9:30 am  Eric Wieging

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:
5:00 pm  Kathy Lucas, Alaina Weideman, Mary Maag
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Doris Horstman, Mike Knippen, Roger Luersman

LECTORS:
5:00 pm  Lisa Kaverman
7:30 am  Volunteer Needed
9:30 am  Shirley Hammond

USHERS:
5:00 pm  Todd, Jodi & Reese Von Sossan
7:30 am  Volunteers Needed
9:30 am  Tony & Chad Recker

Please pray for the sick: Cherie Luersman

October 4, 2020:

Collections are down. If you do not come to Mass due to Covid, you can mail in your offertory or drop it off at the FJ Bank, Fort Jennings location.

Thank you for your overwhelming response to our plea for items for the Food Pantry. We served two families this week.

Pope John Paul II was a very kind man with a jolly sense of humor. One day someone asked him how many people worked at the Vatican and he replied, “Half of them.”
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BAPTIZED into the Catholic Faith on October 3, 2020:

MAVERICK CHARLES SCHUERMAN, son of Zach & Jena (Wensole) Schuerman.

LINCOLN MICHAEL SMITH, son of David & Tricia (Honigford) Smith.

May the Holy Spirit guide these parents as they share the faith with Maverick & Lincoln. Best wishes from the Catholic community in Fort Jennings!

Collection is drastically down & we ask that you support your parish during this time. Our employees are still working to coordinate religion classes, clean & disinfect the church & run the parish office. Our expenses are the same as any other time and we depend your support. We ask that you prayerfully consider what you can donate to help your parish. You can drop your donation off at the Fort Jennings State Bank (FJ location), the Parish Office or mail to PO Box 68. God Bless you for your generosity.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Festival ~ Sunday, Oct. 11. Country Store in the St. Anthony School gym 11:00 – 4:30 p.m. 5K sign-in beginning at 11:00 a.m., race at 1:30 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull at 3:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 2:30 p.m. $5.00 per child. There are 3 age groups ~ 4 & 5, 6 & 7 and 8- & 9-years old. Hamburgers, French fries, hot dogs, beer, pop and water will be available for purchase in the church basement from 11:30 to 5:00 p.m. Drawings for the winning tickets for all raffles and Country Store at 5:00 p.m.

St Jennings American Legion Election Day Dinner. Nov. 3rd from 4-6 pm. Drive Thru Carry-out only. $9, includes: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Applesauce & Dessert. Call the Legion 419-286-2100 to reserve your meals, by Wednesday October 28th. If no one answers, let your name & meal count on the answering machine. Limited number of meals available at the door.

Available for ALL St. Joseph parishioners to use and watch. The Toledo Diocese has purchased this program for 2 years, as a way to help families stay connected to and nourish their faith. This is a Netflix type format, with Catholic content and teachings. To sign up you can use your computer, iPad/phone. Go to FORMED.ORG Click “sign up”. Click “I belong to Parish or Organization”. Create a new account. Search our parish by typing in our zip code 45844 - click “St Joseph OH 45844”. Click “next” then type in your name and email address and click “sign up”. It is that easy and from there you watch, learn and listen to whatever you like. There is so much on here from kids shows, movies, pod cast and much more. If you have any questions you can reach out to Rhonda Liebrecht.

MISCARRIAGE AND INFANT LOSS MEMORIAL MASS on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, Kalida. All are welcome at this special Mass, whether your loss was recent or years ago. If you have questions about the Mass or St. Catherine’s Embrace (a new outreach ministry in Putnam County to support families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss), call or text Mary Beth Weisenburger at (419)980-8065, Ruth Gerding at (567)204-1275 or Jill Streicher at (419)796-0637. Check our Website: stjosephfortjennings.org for new Ministry Schedules.

Because the opposition to abortion is an essential aspect of the Catholic faith, Catholics cannot support politicians who advocate for abortion or ‘abortion rights.’ While this does not mean Catholics should only care about the abortion issue, it does mean Catholics cannot excuse or dismiss this grave error in judgment concerning politicians political positioning on this issue.

Single Catholic Women Invited to ’Zoom and See’ Weekend. Ages 19-35. The Adrian Dominican Sisters invite you to their virtual Zoom and See Weekend, October 23-24, 2020, to join other women discerning whether you are called to religious life. The weekend begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 23, 2020, and concludes at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2020. It will include time for prayer, silence, faith-sharing, and fun, as well as conversations about Dominican life and the life of a Sister. register at https://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern. For information, contact Sister Tarianne DeYonker, at tdeyonker@adriandominicans.org or call or text her at 517-920-1395.

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: Wednesday at 10 a.m.
Dinner tickets are now on sale for the Delphos St. John’s 108th Fall Festival on October 17 and 18. Home-cooked chicken and beef dinners with all the trimmings are $10.00 for adults and $7.50 for children (5th grade and younger). **All tickets will be pre-sold.** Carry-out only dinners will be available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. Enter the high school east parking lot by the St Vincent de Paul building. You will not need to get out of your car, the meals will be delivered to you. We will have volunteers there to direct traffic. We will have money raffle tickets and instant bingo tickets available for purchase while you are waiting in line. Get your chance to win part of the $6,000.00 drawing to be held Sunday, October 25 live at 7:00 p.m. on the Parish website. The event is open to the public! You will be helping to support the mission at St. John’s School. **Dinner tickets, and raffle tickets may be purchased at the Ministry Center, high school and elementary school offices. Or mail your check to St John’s Festival, 201 N Pierce St, Delphos, OH 45833.** Specify if you want adult or student tickets and if you want Saturday or Sunday tickets. We will mail you your dinner tickets. We look forward to serving you on October 17 and 18.

40 Days for Life began Wednesday, September 23rd.
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

A huge **THANK YOU** to our parishioners who donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal! Our parish goal was $14,000; we currently have donations totaling $14,890.50 from 145 parish families. We consistently meet our yearly goal. This is a source of pride for our parish. Thank you once again for stepping up and giving financial support to the many worth ministries the ACA funds!

**October is a month of fasting for holy families in the Diocese of Toledo.**
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In October, we will fast for the intention of holy families. More information can be found by visiting ReconnectToledo.org/October on the internet and by scrolling below and reading the insert.

**Save the Dates: 1/28/21 – 1/30/21**
Join us for the March for Life, Washington DC
Thursday, January 28, 2021 - bus pickups from Port Clinton and Sandusky, OH
Friday, January 29, 2021 – The March in DC
Saturday, January 30, 2021 – Return home, with a very special side trip as our treat to you
Registration form is attached – don’t miss the early bird rates!
Space is limited
Questions? Contact Joan at icsjrespectlife@gmail.com

**Conscience & the Catholic Voter Series** articles have been included in the recent bulletins. There are two more articles left in the series. The past and current article are posted on our church website at [www.stjosephfortjennings.org](http://www.stjosephfortjennings.org) at the bottom of the homepage. Please, if you have not already read these articles, go to our website and do so. It is important to educate yourself on the moral teachings of the church on issues that will influence your choice of political candidate.

**Pray for Priests Calendar** is on our parish website at [www.stjosephfortjennings.org](http://www.stjosephfortjennings.org). This calendar lists a current or past Diocese of Toledo priest that should be prayed for each day. The calendar is on the bottom right of the website homepage.
CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 6TH OF 8

“In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.”

- Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 13

Since participation in political life is a moral obligation, Catholics need to form their conscience with the mind and heart of the Church on issues of consequence. This outline is the sixth of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This sixth outline will provide an overview of the issue of racism.

Racism

In their November 2018 Pastoral Letter Against Racism, Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, the U.S. Catholic bishops wrote, “Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that … all [humans are] equally made in the image of God.” (p.4) Racism fails to acknowledge the dignity with which God creates each person, and it contributes to a culture of death.

Since the Civil Rights Movement in our nation, the country has moved forward in many positive ways past racial discrimination. Nevertheless, the nation still has a long way to go to reach reconciliation on race, as evident by the nightly news. Thus, it is imperative that especially as members of the body of Christ, we seek to reach out and listen to those whose race and ethnicity is different from our own to create a culture of communication, which may then lead to a culture of communion. As the USCCB states:

We cannot, therefore, look upon the progress against racism in recent decades and conclude that our current situation meets the standard of justice. In fact, God demands what is right and just. As Christians, we are called to listen and know the stories of our brothers and sisters. We must create opportunities to hear, with open hearts, the tragic stories that are deeply imprinted on the lives of our brothers and sisters, if we are to be moved with empathy to promote justice. Many groups, such as the Irish, Italians, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Poles, Jews, Chinese, and Japanese, can attest to having been the target of racial and ethnic prejudice in this country. It is also true that many groups are still experiencing prejudice, including rising anti-Semitism, the discrimination many Hispanics face today, and anti-Muslim sentiment. Especially instructive at this moment, however, are the historical and contemporary experiences of Native and African Americans. (Open Wide Our Hearts, p.10)

It is therefore incumbent upon Catholic Christians to reach outside of our comfort zones to communities different from our own to help rebuild a fractured human family. For while we may not be hurting from the scars of racism, members of our Church and the human family are. Racism ultimately then is an attack on human life and the human family, thus we are called to respond forcefully to it because of its broad range of effects into other areas which effect the dignity of the human person. As the USSCB has written:

The injustice and harm racism causes are an attack on human life. The Church in the United States has spoken out consistently and forcefully against abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, the death penalty, and other forms of violence that threaten human life. It is not a secret that these attacks on human life have severely affected people of color, who are disproportionately affected by poverty, targeted for abortion, have less access to healthcare, have the greatest numbers on death row, and are most likely to feel pressure to end their lives when facing serious illness. (Open Wide Our Hearts, p.30)

In summation, racism is an issue that still exists in our society. As Catholic faithful, we must lead the way in how we speak, act and love each member of our human family. Correspondingly, we should desire candidates that uphold the dignity of every human person, no matter their race or ethnicity.

Peter Range, Director, Office for Life and Justice, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo, prange@toledodiocese.org.
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**HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

**Second Week of October**

You might choose other works of charity or exercises of piety to take the place of fasting and abstinence. This week be extra cheerful during the day, and smile at everyone you meet.

Create a prayerful environment in your home. Does your home reflect your faith? Are prayer materials easily accessible in your home? If not, this fall could be a great opportunity to make the Faith more physically present in your home. We don’t need anything elaborate, but even just placing simple pieces of sacred art around the home or in a “prayer corner” is a fantastic way to center your day and family life on God. We can also place Bibles and Rosaries in a convenient location, to help encourage prayer.

-from FamilyRosary.org

The term “Domestic Church” refers to the family, the smallest body of gathered believers in Christ. John Paul the Great was proud to be a champion of the family and its crucial role in the life of all Christians. Along with the many letters and homilies directed to the family, he also wrote Familiaris Consortio, where he identifies four primary tasks that each family (Domestic Church) should strive to accomplish:

- Forming a community of persons
- Serving Life Participating in the development of society
- Sharing in the life and mission of the Church

For Parents: Discernment of Spirits in Marriage, Ignatian Wisdom for Husbands and Wives, by Fr. Timothy Gallagher
For Kids: The Princess & the Kiss for girls, and The Squire and the Scroll for boys, by Jennie Bishop