Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 until Noon
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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

Falling in Love with Jesus
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Jennings, Ohio  

Mass Schedule

Intentions

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS - October 24 & 25:

SERVERS:

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 pm John Michel, Carla Norbeck, Rose Ann Vetter
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Tim Luersman, Rachael Luersman, Marilyn Metzger

LECTORS:

5:00 pm Shelly Knippen
7:30 am Volunteer Needed
9:30 am Cheryl Hellman

USHERS:

5:00 pm Kevin & Amanda Kahle
7:30 am Volunteers Needed
9:30 am Bryan & Shelley Hoersten

Pray for the sick: Joyce Gasser & Cherie Luersman

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.

THANK YOU for the overwhelming response to our plea for food! Due to the extreme generosity of our parishioners, we currently do not need any food. The only things needed are toiletries, paper towels and toilet paper. No toothpaste or toothbrushes. We cannot thank you enough for being the hands and feet of Christ to those in need!!

TRICK OR TREAT

Friday, October 30th
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Lion’s Club Costume Contest following immediately after in the old high school gym

October 11, 2020:

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YTD as of October 11 = $60,479.60

YTD Over Budget = $479.60

Thank you for your continued generosity.

THANK YOU to a very generous parishioner that donated $7,000 to the parish. This put us in the black and we are no longer under budget!! You know who you are, we cannot thank you enough for your generosity!
TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY! We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and service of the mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. Thank you for your generosity.

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 an 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.

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.
Did you know you can give donations to our parish through the Diocesan website? At toledodiocese.org/help-your-parish-now you can make a donation to our parish using your credit or debit card! **Parish receives 100% of your donation amount!** After you select the donation amount, designate Fort Jennings, St. Joseph from the drop-down menu.

**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.

Landec St. John the Baptist Church will have their annual “Sausage & Sauerkraut” dinner on Sunday, November 8, 2020. This year, due to COVID 19, we will have drive-thru carry outs only. Cars will line up, heading north on Kill Rd, from 3-7 pm. Volunteers will direct traffic, keeping the flow moving. Dinner includes Homemade Sauerkraut & Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Pancakes, Applesauce and Pie. Adult tickets are $10.00, and Children (8 and under) are $5.00. Tickets can be purchased either pre-sale at the parish office or on the day.

Glandorf St. John’s St. Bonifest October 31st, 2020
Reverse Raffle tickets are available @ $60 each. $7,000, $2,000, 2- 1/8 beef prizes & every 50 drawn $300. Chicken BBQ meal carry out only, tickets for Saturday, October 31 @ $8 per meal. Drive thru at our Glandorf Fire station on October 31 from 5-p.m. BBQ tickets on sale from Fr. Tony, at Your Place, Manufacturer’s Plumbing Supply, Brooky’s, Bombshelter and at the rectory. We will be raffling off 7 quarters of Beef 6 tickets for $20 and 50/50 tickets 6 for $5. If you would like tickets please send a check to St. John’s, Box 48, Glandorf, OH 45848. We will fill out your tickets for you. Everything else will be cancelled for this year. Call rectory 419-538-6928. Thank you all!

Weber Center Offers Live Stream Talk by *Dead Man Walking* Author
Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, author of *Dead Man Walking*, offers a live stream presentation on the death penalty. “Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues” is from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. EST Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

Sister Helen’s 1993 book, *Dead Man Walking*, tells of her experience of journeying with a man on death row. An advocate for the end of the death penalty, she has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on capital punishment and on shaping the Catholic Church’s opposition to all executions.

The cost of the presentation is $15. Register to receive a live stream link. Visit [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org) and click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adiandominicans.org.

**October is a month of fasting for holy families in the Diocese of Toledo.**
We invited you to join in the diocesan-wide initiative to reconnect with our faith and one another during the months of September, October and November. Each month focuses on a pillar of the Christian life with a specific intention from our diocesan prayer.

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.

**Conscience & the Catholic Voter Series** articles 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.
"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 seventh of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This seventh outline will provide an overview of the issue of socialism.

**Socialism**

Pope John XXIII stated in Mater et Magistra ("On Christianity and Social Progress") that "No Catholic could subscribe even to moderate socialism." (Saint John XXIII, Mater et Magistra, 34)

The Church believes that socialism is a grave threat to the social order. Socialism violates the third major principle of Catholic Social Teaching: subsidiarity, or the belief that problems are best handled at the level in which they arise. Subsidiarity insists on limits to States intervention in the affairs of the family and society. As St. John Paul II wrote in Centesimus Annus, Subsidiarity "insists on necessary limits to the State’s intervention... inasmuch as the individual, the family and society are prior to the state, and inasmuch as the State exists in order to protect their rights and not stifle them." (Saint John Paul II, Centesimus Annus, 11)

Socialism, on the other hand, puts ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange of wealth exercised through the government and its officials. This type of power should not reside in the State. As Pope Benedict has taught:

> We do not need a state which regulates and controls everything, but a state which, in accordance with the principles of subsidiarity, generously acknowledges and supports initiatives arising from different social forces and combines spontaneity with closeness to those in need. (Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est, 28)

That much power in the hands of the State dispossesses individuals and families of their autonomy. As Pope Francis has commented: "No actual or established power has the right to deprive peoples of the full exercise of their sovereignty." (Pope Francis, Address to the Second World Meeting of Popular Movements, Bolivia, 9 July 2015)

Furthermore, socialism treats people as groups, not individuals, including denying man his natural law right to private property for the common good. Saint Pope John Paul II, in Centesimus Annus ("The Hundredth Year"), wrote that this error is:

> Anthropological in nature. Socialism considers the individual person simply as an element, a molecule within the social organism, so that the good of the individual is completely subordinated to the functioning of the socio-economic mechanism. (Saint John Paul II, Centesimus Annus, 12)

This is why every Supreme Pontiff, from Pius IX in 1849 through Pope Francis, has opposed socialism. Pope Pius XI, in his encyclical Quadragesimo Anno ("On Reconstruction of the Social Order"), went so far as to say that socialism is "Irreconcilable with true Christianity," and thus "No one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true socialist." (Pope Pius XI, Quadragesimo Anno, 120)

In summation, if socialism is called 'democratic socialism' or 'Christian socialism' it remains, socialism—something the Catholic Church has clearly and forcefully spoken against as it deprives the individual of personal responsibility and attributes power to the State which belong in the hands of families and communities. A Catholic when voting, at every turn, must reject socialism as a legitimate principle of change.

Peter Range, Director, Office for Life and Justice, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo, prange@toledodiocese.org.
“Fratelli tutti”

With these very first words of his third and newest Encyclical Letter, signed by Pope Francis in Assisi and published on October 3rd, the vigil of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Holy Father quotes his namesake in an address to all his brothers and sisters, proposing to them “a way of life marked by the flavor of the Gospel.” In the introduction, the Pope mentions how he has taken his inspiration from the saint of fraternal love, simplicity and joy; how the issues of human fraternity and social friendship have always been a concern of his; and how, in this Encyclical, he has sought to bring together reflections he has spoken of repeatedly and in other contexts, situating them in a broader context of reflection.

This Encyclical represents a summation of the underlying vision that the Holy Father has proclaimed throughout his papacy: “It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Brotherhood between all men and women” (n. 8).

In the current worldwide situation in which we find ourselves, strained by the effects of a pandemic, and the resulting polarization, isolation and division, it is not hard to see why Pope Francis strives to offer a message of concord instead of discord, turning to the Gospel Parable in which Jesus tells of a man assaulted by thieves and lying injured on the wayside. He writes: “The parable eloquently presents the basic decision we need to make in order to rebuild our wounded world. In the face of so much pain and suffering, our only course is to imitate the Good Samaritan. Any other decision would make us either one of the robbers or one of those who walked by without showing compassion for the sufferings of the man on the roadside. The parable shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good. At the same time it warns us about the attitude of those who think only of themselves and fail to shoulder the inevitable responsibilities of life as it is” (n. 67).

It is Pope Francis’ conviction that the practice of social friendship, whether it be between nations, peoples or individuals, is one where each person knows and maintains his or her identity, but is also able to know and respect the
identity of others and work toward “coming up with shared goals that transcend their differences and can thus engage in a common endeavor” (n. 157). Further, the way forward to a new political future based on fraternity and social friendship begins with “moving beyond ourselves” which requires dialogue: “Authentic social dialogue involves the ability to respect the other’s point of view and to admit that it may include legitimate convictions and concerns” (n. 203). And it is religion which can play such a significant role in helping the dialogue of social friendship which leads to a greater sense of fraternity in our political world. Touching as he has before on topics of import in the realm of the Church’s social teaching, Pope Francis highlights that the religions of the world are called to the service of fraternity.

In receiving this new Encyclical Archbishop Jose Gomez, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, wrote: “In analyzing conditions in the world today, the Holy Father provides us with a powerful and urgent vision for the moral renewal of politics and political and economic institutions from the local level to the global level, calling us to build a common future that truly serves the good of the human person. For the Church, the Pope is challenging us to overcome the individualism in our culture and to serve our neighbors in love, seeing Jesus Christ in every person, and seeking a society of justice and mercy. compassion and mutual concern.”

As we receive this new Encyclical, we affirm that among Catholics, among other Christians and those of other religions, “the effort to seek God with a sincere heart, provided it is never sullied by ideological or self-serving aims, helps us to recognize one another as travelling companions, truly brothers and sisters” (n. 274). And we understand more deeply that “The Church has a public role over and above her charitable and educational activities. She works for the advancement of humanity and of universal fraternity. She does not claim to compete with earthly powers, but to offer herself as a family among families, this is the Church, open to bearing witness in today’s world, open to faith, hope and love for the Lord and for those whom he loves with a preferential love. A home with open doors. The Church is a home with open doors, because she is a mother” (n. 276).

In releasing this new Encyclical, the Holy See concluded: “Faced with those injured by the shadows of a closed world and still lying by the roadside, we are invited by Pope Francis to make our own the world’s desire for fraternity, starting with the recognition that we are all ‘Fratelli tutti,’ brothers and sisters all.” May this be the starting point for us all.

The Pope’s Encyclical Letter Fratelli tutti (On Fraternity and Social Friendship) may be found at bit.ly/fraternity2020.

+Daniel Thomas
Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
October 9, 2020